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Pam Lauria, a former candidate for the school committee, urged the board to stay with the 8:30 a.m. start time option. A number of residents spoke in favor of the 8:30 a.m. start time.



Tom "TR" Rimoshytus asked the school committee to consider an 8 a.m. start time at the high school and middle school. Mr. Rimoshytus and others spoke in opposition to the later start times.

## School start time debate heats up

Crowd divided about pushing back high school and middle school start times

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7:45. 8:30. 8:15 — What time should Barrington High School and Middle School students start class in the morning?

The debate over school start times in Barrington continued on Thursday night, when the school committee discussed the most recent option.

Hoping to honor its commitment to a later start time for older students, without investing another \$400,000-plus per year in transportation costs, the school committee presented a new compromise option. They think they can move the middle school and high school start times about 30 minutes later, to 8:15, and spend nothing additional on buses.

The suggestion upset many who believe there is clear evidence that later start times (8:30 or later) are critical to student success, learning and health.

Prior to inviting public comments from the people at the meeting, Barrington School Committee Chairwoman Kate Brody shared her feelings about the start time situation.

Ms. Brody thanked all the people who helped work on the start time plan, including the ad hoc committee. But, she added, much has changed financially since the school committee first voted to move start times to 8:30 a.m. She mentioned an unexpected increase in medical premiums and the loss of state aid to Barrington schools.

Ms. Brody said the committee had not been looking at making a 1 percent increase to the budget that it likely could not sustain year after year. The chairwoman said she did not want to sacrifice the benefits of the start time, but needed to recognize that "the landscape has changed."

Without making a final decision, the school committee then opened up the discussion to the dozens of people who attended the meeting.

Some, including Dr. Lisa Daft, Tom Rimoshytus, Kim Jacobs and Anne Merlino, voiced their support for no change to school start times or a minimal change that would not carry a hefty price tag.

Others, including Erika Sevetson, Pam Lauria, Pete Bilderback and Scott Douglas, urged the school committee to "hold the line" and stay with the 8:30 a.m. start time.

The divisive nature of the conversation also compelled people to speak during the meeting. Many people said they were not happy with how people were treating each other during the debate. Others said they were nervous to share their feelings in the mixed room.

Toward the end of the discussion, one resident who has two teenage daughters said that the real culprit in the lack of sleep is not an early wake-up time, but rather the amount of time high school and middle school students dedicate to their electronics.

"I seriously question how many of these kids have any idea they sacrifice to their electronics. We're just giving them more time to be on their electronics," she said.

## 4 p.m. dismissal at HMS

Part of the proposed plan to push school start times to 8:15 a.m. included shifting the start time at Hampden Meadows School (grades 4 and 5) to 9:30 a.m.

See **START TIME** Page <None>



Erika Sevetson speaks in support of the later school start time.



School committee members (from left to right) Dr. Megan Douglas, Anna Clancy and Kate Brody.



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Dr. Lisa Daft speaks out against the later start times.



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## Independent study will locate source of sewage stink

Barrington will reportedly pay for the third-party analysis

#### BY MIKE REGO

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Barrington and East Providence officials have reportedly reached an agreement concerning an odor issue at a Riverside sewage treatment facility.

East Providence's acting city manager Tim Chapman said the city and Barrington have agreed on a series of actions to attempt to remedy the situation. The municipalities will reportedly hire an independent third-party to analyze the prob-

Mr. Chapman said Barrington will pay for that process, adding that Barrington has also agreed to begin treating the waste at its point of entry for a period of two months.

The issue surfaced at the East Providence council meeting earlier this month. It is the position of East Providence officials that the Riverside treatment facility's stench, created by escaped hydrogen sulfide gases, is being caused because Barrington is not properly treating the waste at the point of entry into the city's system. Barrington's waste is treated in East Providence as a part of a long-standing agreement between the municipalities.

Tom Azevedo, project manager at the wastewater plant for its operator, Suez Environmental, led the council through a brief presentation. He noted the facility



**Tim Chapman** 

was commissioned for use in 1954, upgraded in 1972 to meet federal Environmental Protection Agency mandates, then again in 2010 at a cost of \$52 million.

Mr. Azevado said Barrington's waste is delivered through a forced system via a 24-inch diameter pipe that is three-and-a-half miles long with a retention

time of about seven hours.

The average amount of waste from Barrington entering the system is about a million to a million-and-a-half gallons per day or approximately 18 to 20 percent of the flow coming to the facility. Mr. Azevedo said Barrington could help diffuse the situation by treating its waste as it enters its sewer line. (Barrington Town Manager Jim Cunha has said that they do treat the

At the conclusion of the presentation, Ward 4 councilman Brian Faria, who along with Ward 3 councilman Joe Botelho represents the affected area in Riverside, said the parties involved have acknowledged the same set of facts.

"We met with a state delegation, Bar-



Jim Cunha

rington officials and the DEM (Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management) has agreed on the cause and to the situation," Mr. Faria said, adding DEM associate director for environmental protection Terrence Gray has been involved in the consultations.

When asked if all were in agreement Barring-

ton was the source of the stench, Mr. Chapman said, "We are today."

The manager said DEM will maintain regulatory authority over the situation, adding about the agency "they were pretty adamant, thanks to the pushing of East Providence officials, that this is caused by the Barrington connection."

Mr. Chapman concluded, "I think we're at a resolution and Barrington seems to be on board."



We're read all over

Barrington's David Materne and his daughter Beatrice took along their hometown newspaper during a recent trip to Everglade City, Fla.

## **NEWS BRIEF**

## **Eco-Depot coming to** high school parking lot

Residents are invited to bring their household hazardous waste to the Barrington High School parking lot for an Eco-Depot drop-off on Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Accepted household waste includes oven cleaner, window cleaner, flea collars, pool chemicals, nail polish remover, oil based paint in rusty old paint cans. Household hazardous waste must be not be thrown away with normal household trash. For a full list of household hazardous waste items visit rirrc.org

## **NEWS BRIEF**

## 'Romeo and Juliet' coming to St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's School will present William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet, adapted by Joanne Fayan, arts department head. Set in the present, the production retains the beauty of Shakespeare's poetry while delivering a modern-day punch. The show runs on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. in the McCulloch Center for the Arts. For information, call 246-1230 or visit www.standrews-ri.org. This production is recommended for ages 12 and up. The cast features Kate McNulty as Juliet and Kyle Clark as Romeo, in addition to Barrington residents Rachel Bourk and Carolina Courville. Admission is free to the community. Donations are accepted.

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## Primrose Hill School's fund-raiser is March 4

Primrose Hill School will hold a fund-raiser event on Saturday, March 4 at Hope & Main in Warren. The event, which starts at 7 p.m., will include a live auction and a silent auction. Tickets purchased through Backpack Express or myschoolany-where.com in advance of the event will cost \$25. Tickets purchased at the door are \$30. Hope & Main is located at 691 Main St. in Warren.

## Four town boards have vacancies; deadline looming

The Barrington Town Council is looking for volunteers to serve on the board of assessment review, the energy committee, the housing board of trustees and the senior services advisory board. There are three vacancies on the housing board, and two vacancies on the senior services advisory board. Interested in serving? Résumé forms can be obtained online at www.barrington.ri.gov, at the town clerk's office at the town hall, or at the library. The deadline to submit a résumé to the town clerk's office is Wednesday, March 1.

## Girls invited to softball clinic at Barrington High School

A girls softball clinic will be held at Barrington High School on Saturday, March 4, 11 and 18. The clinic is open to girls ages 7 to 14 and will emphasize individual skills, fundamentals and team strategy. "Focus will be on hitting, outfield, infield play and base running, sliding and much more," stated the release. Applications can be picked up at Barrington High School, Middle School or Hampden Meadows School. The clinic will be conducted by members of the Barrington High School softball team, and is being coordinated by Barrington High School Director of Athletics George Finn, and high school softball coaches Sandy Gorham and Paul Feather. Clinic tuition is \$40.

## MEET DR. MEREDITH TAYLOR: TIVERTON RESIDENT, PATRIOTS FAN, NEW DOCTOR AT BAYSIDE VETERINARY CARE



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Bayside Veterinary Care Associate Veterinarian Dr. Meredith Taylor conducts an examination on a golden retriever. Dr. Taylor started working at Bayside earlier this year.

## New vet has always loved science

BY JOSH BICKFORD

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r. Meredith Taylor loves a challenge.

The new associate veterinarian at Bayside Veterinary Care on Waseca Avenue in Barrington said she enjoys her job, especially when she needs to work "outside the box" to help her clients and their pets. Sometimes that means looking deeper into an animal's case. Other times it means finding a medical solution that fits a client's finances.

"What I like is to get creative," said the 27-year-old native of Fall River, Mass.

Dr. Taylor, who now lives in Tiverton, has been working at Bayside Veterinary Care since July, but she has known the practice's owner, Dr. Jen Trachtman, for much longer. In fact, the two first met when Dr. Taylor was not yet a doctor.

"We met at Pet Partners," said Dr. Trachtman, referring to the non-profit animal welfare organization in Fall River.

Dr. Trachtman added that she could tell then that Meredith would be a good veterinarian.

"I could just tell," said Dr. Trachtman.

**SCHOOL WORK:** Dr. Taylor grew up in Fall River and received her undergraduate degree at Boston College. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, and worked in a rotating internship at Tufts before arriving at Bayside Veterinary Care.

**BACKGROUND:** "I grew up loving science," said Dr. Taylor, whose father taught Advanced Placement Biology at Durfee High School. "I knew I wanted to do something with science."

**EMERGENCIES:** Dr. Taylor said her time at Tufts was filled with emergency work. "I liked the emergency work," she said. At Bayside, more of her time is spent on routine procedures and well-visits, she said.

**TYPICAL DAY:** "Well, a typical day can vary," Dr. Taylor said. "It usually starts around 8... There are surgeries and appointments. It really depends on the day."

**CO-WORKERS:** Dr. Taylor heaped praise onto the staff at Bayside Veterinary Care. "They are amazing — very well-trained," she said, adding that Bayside practices "fear-free medicine."

**TOUGH DECISIONS:** Bayside's new associate veterinarian said one of the most challenging parts of the profession is dealing with animals as they near the ends of their lives. "Knowing when it's time to let go... it's a hard decision," she said.

IF SHE WAS NOT A VETERINARIAN: "I don't know. I guess it would be something in science," said Dr. Taylor. "I wouldn't be a human doctor."

**FREE TIME:** "In the summer I love to go to the beach," she said. "My favorite beach? It's a little beach called Crescent Beach. I grew up going there... I like to spend time with my family... I like to travel." Dr. Taylor added that she and her fiancé had planned a special trip to South Africa.

**PETS:** "I have a cat, Angus. He's two. And I have a dog, Gorton. He came with the name," she said.

**PATRIOTS FAN:** Dr. Taylor said she and her fiancé are fans of the New England Patriots. They had planned to have a Super Bowl party. "I make a pretty good buffalo chicken dip," she said.

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## Civil defense director embodied 'service above self'

Vic Teixeira retires after 42 years on the job

BY JOAN D. WARREN

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After more than 42 years as Barrington's civil defense director, Victor Teixeira has retired.

Mr. Teixeira began as civil defense director in 1974 and served under three different town managers; Bob Schiedler, Dennis Phelan and Peter DeAngelis.

Barrington Fire Chief Gerald Bessette has taken over the position, according to Barrington Town Manager James Cunha.

"The title of civil defense director has been changed to emergency management director to better align with other local, state and federal agencies. The position is being very capably filled by the town's fire chief, Gerry Bessette," Mr. Cunha said.

Those who know Mr. Teixeira will quickly say that he is a humble man, the kind of person who puts others before himself. He has made many contacts in town through his business, Vic's Texaco on Maple Avenue.

His daughter Mary Teixeira said her father has always been a giver and was a natural fit for the job.

"When help was needed in various situations, the town often came to him asking for people to volunteer or assist in some manner so eventually he was asked to be the civil defense director," she said.

She said that when he took the job, he invested in a generator system for the family home because he told his wife that when a hurricane or snowstorm occurred he might not be able to be with the family for



Vic Teixeira has served the town since 1974.

extended periods of time. He wanted to be sure the family would be all right on its own.

"The needs of townspeople came first because that was his duty. It was a prophetic statement and a wise investment," Mary said.

"During the Blizzard of 1978, before the advent of cell phones and emails, his family barely saw him for an entire week," said Mr. Cunha. "A seriously ill boy was airlifted from his home in Barrington to Rhode Island Hospital with the help of Victor and his volunteers. During hurricanes, snowstorms and power outages Vic opened shelters and was a friendly and comforting face for those who needed help."

"Throughout the years, he left his business often to take care of emergency management issues. We, his family, knew we were expected to hold down the fort both at home and at his business to free him up to carry out the duties he had promised he would," Mary said.

It was especially important to be there for the elderly, who often did not have families around and just wanted to be at the shelter to feel that they were safe and not alone during bad weather events. The same faces showed up whenever the need arose to open a shelter and they were always grateful that a friendly face was there to ride out the storm with them.

"It was the perfect route of public service for him," said Mary. "Being the civil defense director was all about putting others first, something he still does today, visiting friends, neighbors and former customers at over 12 nursing homes every Sunday. It was something he enjoyed doing and was always very proud of."

Mr. Teixeira retired from emergency management last November. His wife Dorothy has been deceased for 24 years and he endowed the Dorothy M. Teixeira Memorial Scholarship through Community Scholarship Fund in remembrance of her

Mr. Teixeira has owned his business for 55 years and is still working. Originally from Bristol, he moved to Barrington 60 years ago when he married Dorothy.

"Through his actions over the past 42 years, Vic Teixeira has set an example for service above self. He deserves the gratitude of all members of our community," Mr. Cunha said.

# School begins implementation of strategic plan

Plan has been in the works since Nov. 2015

St. Andrew's School, an independent college preparatory day and boarding school for students in grades 6-12 and a post-graduate year, recently begin implementation of its five-year strategic plan.

In the works since Nov. 2015, the plan identifies long- and short-term initiatives for institutional improvement with a focus on financial sustainability, curriculum and pedagogy, identity, technology, and personnel. It supports and clarifies the institution's vision and goals, and provides a direction and focus that will build upon current academic planning, inform operating plans, and build and strengthen the St. Andrew's community.

"It was in the plan's creation that we discovered ways to grow, become stronger, and truly fulfill the Chapin Tradition that makes this institution so special," said David Tinagero, Headmaster of St. Andrew's.

The Strategic Planning Committee — comprised of faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees — identified both the opportunities available to St. Andrew's and the challenges facing the institution and set forth to develop a dynamic blueprint to ensure the future health and growth of the school.



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Special financial town meeting will ask voters to decide on exceeding 4 percent tax cap

#### BY JOSH BICKFORD

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The superintendent wants to stay positive.

Michael Messore, the top administrator for Barrington schools, said he prefers to think about a "yes" vote at the upcoming special financial town meeting.

It will be at that meeting on March 16 when taxpayers will decide whether to exceed the 4 percent tax cap — a step that school officials say will be necessary in order to afford payments on a \$68.4 million bond to build a new middle school.

Members of the town council already voted "yes" to exceed the cap; some said it was the logical step following a majority vote to approve the school bond back on Nov. 8.

But would school officials *need* a "yes" vote in order to move forward on the project?

Tom "TR" Rimoshytus is not so sure.

Mr. Rimoshytus, a longtime resident of Barrington, said he plans for vote "no" at the special financial town meeting, and believes that school officials need to reduce the price on the middle school project so that it fits within the state-mandated 4 percent tax cap.

"I think there's a little fluff in there," Mr. Rimoshytus said about the middle school plans. "I think they should stay with 4 per-

Mr. Rimoshytus said the price tag hanging on the new middle school project is too expensive and needs to be reduced.

School officials counter, saying that work has been underway to reduce the cost of the project which initially carried an \$80 million estimate. School officials said that earlier this month the building committee authorized the architect, Kaestle Boos Associates, to move out of the schematic design phase into the design development phase because the firm was able to demonstrate that the project can be completed within the budget.

If the project cost remains at \$68.4 mil-

lion, the payments on the bond would total approximately \$3 million each year. School officials said a \$3 million bond payment alone exceeds the 4 percent tax cap, and that is not including raises for teachers and other contractual increases over the current operating budget. It is more likely to expect a tax increase of 8 or 9 percent, said officials at a recent meeting.

Mr. Rimoshytus argues that allowing school officials to exceed the cap would be like giving them an "open checkbook."

Mr. Rimoshytus is not alone in his concerns. Earlier this month, Starbrook Drive resident Peter Clifford wrote a letter to the editor challenging the elimination of the 4 percent tax cap.

"Before voting on the tax cap repeal, the voters need to know if there will be any cap and what it will be," he wrote. "Giving the town a 'blank check' seems fiscally irresponsible. The voters should be allowed to vote on a revised cap that will reasonably accommodate funding of both the middle school project and normal town operations."

Some of the concerns about a "blank check" for the schools are also based in the district's decision to alter start times at the high school and middle school.

The move to later start times at those two schools — it was approved by the school committee about a year ago — will reportedly cost the district more than \$400,000 annually. Recently school officials have been exploring a "more cost neutral" approach to changing start times, but at a workshop earlier this month administrators said the \$419,000 cost could not be further reduced if the schools were to stick with an 8:30 a.m. start time. (On Thursday night, officials shared plans for a possible move to an 8:15 a.m. start time; the high school and middle school currently start at 7:45 and 7:40, respectively.)

A \$3 million annual bond payment, plus an increase of \$419,000 for the start time change, and the contractual increases for teachers and utilities will combine to create staggering tax bills for Barrington residents, said Mr. Rimoshytus.

"It's going to be a lot more money," he said.

## **START TIME:** Issue divides crowd

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That later start — HMS currently begins classes at 8:50 — would push back dismissal to 4 p.m. Barrington school officials said at the meeting on Thursday night that some students might not be getting home until 4:45.

"We can't be dismissing Hampden Meadows kids this late. I'm about safety and this is a safety issue," said Barrington School Committee member Gina Pine, adding that she would have serious concerns about having the district's younger students walking home in the dark.

"That's way too late of a dismissal time." School committee member Dr. Megan Douglas said she too was concerned about the health and wellness of Barrington students. She said health and wellness was the focus of the later start times for high school and middle school students, but contrasting the two issues — the safety of younger students walking home at a later time and the potential health benefits of a later start time for older students — drew some angry comments from the crowd.

"I hope I misunderstood that comment..." said one woman, who challenged that the well-being of one group of students should not be sacrificed for another's.

Barrington resident Nahum Mitnik said he was very concerned about having his children walk home in the dark. He also said school initiatives, such as the change in start times, should benefit all students, not just one group of students.

Ms. Pine also responded to Dr. Douglas's comment, stating that the safety of the district's younger students should be paramount. The statement drew applause from the crowd.

Barrington School Committee Chairwoman Kate Brody asked the crowd to refrain from cheering, and then asked Superintendent Michael Messore if he could look at pairing a 9:15 start at Hampden Meadows with a 3:40 dismissal. Mr. Messore said he would have to examine how those times would impact the amount of instructional time offered at the elementary school.



School committee member Gina Pine shares a comment during the recent meeting

A number of people asked the school committee to honor its previous commitment to the 8:30 a.m. start time. Erika Sevetson said it was important for the committee to stick with the science-based initiative.

Pam Lauria, a former candidate for the school committee, also urged the board to stay with the 8:30 a.m. start time, as did Scott Douglas. Mr. Douglas is the husband of school committee member Megan Douglas (she recused herself when he spoke during the meeting), and he said the costs associated with the start time change were less than other initiatives taken up by the district

Pete Bilderback shared a personal story regarding the start times. He said his teenage son was struggling with getting to bed earlier, despite the family's efforts. He said his son's mind was more active later at night. He added that switching to later bedtimes was a biological change for teenagers.

"He needs a later start time," said Mr. Bilderback.

In addition to concerns raised over a later dismissal, one resident also challenged the district to improve the condition of the snow-covered sidewalks. She said too many students were being forced to walk in the roads because sidewalks were impassable.



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# Opinion

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#### **EDITORIAL**

## Give us a break

nder blazing skies in the late days of August every year, Barrington public school students and teachers re-enter their classrooms, shake off memories of beaches and pools, and get back to the grind.

Nearly four months later in late December they're still at

Nearly four months later, in late December, they're still at it. They've enjoyed their Thanksgiving weekend, but for the most part, the school community has been working hard for a long stretch. Then comes the Christmas/New Year's holiday break — a week to two weeks of well-deserved rest for all.

The holiday break makes sense for everyone, including teachers who need a rest, parents who are also taking time off from work and can spend it with their children, and extended families who re-connect and celebrate annual traditions. By the time it's over, all are ready to return to work and school.

Then a mere six weeks later, comes the dreaded February vacation. Schools close, and students and teachers take off nine days at a time of year when there are no traditions, the weather is cold, and there is not a lot to do.

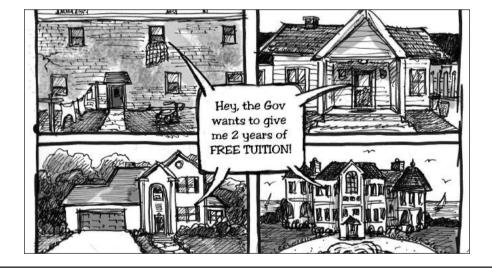
This February vacation week seems beyond useless. For teachers who are moving along and seeing progress in the classroom, it destroys all rhythms. It disrupts school sports teams and after-school activities, like play rehearsals and concert preparations.

For the families who don't travel this week, or can't afford to, most of whom just took off valuable time from work over the holidays, they face long, empty days of trying to entertain kids who are mostly cooped up inside.

Private schools gave up February break a long time ago. Public schools are beginning to. Barrington should too.

This break, combined with snow days, professional development days, April vacation, and regular holidays, makes the second half of the school year fractured and disjointed. It also impacts the school calendar on both ends — contributing to that all-too-soon return to class in late August, and the distracted, wasted final days of school in mid- to late-June.

For everyone's sake, cancel February vacation, get rid of April vacation, close schools for one week in March, and give everyone what they need — a break from too many breaks.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## School board, are you listening?

To the editor:

What if the opinions of students in Barrington were actually valued?

They would be able to make positive change in their school and environment. They would be treated with equal respect as adults, and would be seen as intelligent, educated young adults; not silly or rebellious teenagers. What if student voice had a real and influential impact on the decisions of policymakers, legislators, teachers, and adults in general?

Unfortunately, in the town of Barrington, this is just a fantasy. For the past few years, this town has fought passionately against a change in the school start times of the town's schools

Students, like myself, have specifically been the most vocal. We have tried to make our voices heard. And although we have the support of a vast majority of the town, we are being ignored.

We live in a country where policy is shaped by the views of the majority, and never the minority. And although various student polls, appearances at school committee meetings, and even a show of hands at these meetings have shown that the majority do not want this change, it is still going through. Why?

The only plausible explanation is that the school committee, in fact, does not care what we think about this issue. Although that sounds harsh, it is true. The voice of the students is being ignored, and that is wrong. Teachers and administrators I have spoken

to agree that student voice should be listened to just as much as that of adults.

I am a member of the group Students Against Start Times (SAST), the group that staged a protest outside of the high school on Oct. 14. On Nov. 3, we brought a group of students to the school committee meeting where we, along with many other community members, spoke for over an hour against the start time change. SAST worked hard to ensure that our voices were heard. But now, it is the school committee's turn to listen.

The school committee is not giving students enough credit. We are intelligent, educated young adults. We will no longer be cast aside as silly or rebellious. We cannot be ignored, because our voices and opinions mean just as much as everyone else's. We know what is best for us, and we are not naive. We are fighting against something we know is not be good for us.

It is not the school committee's sports teams that are being affected. It is not the school committee whose rides to school will be affected. It is not the school committee's jobs that are getting affected. It is not the school committee's lives that are being affected.

It's time for the school committee to open their ears and listen. It is time for the people to fight even harder against this unnecessary change, and it is important that the voters do not allow this to pass in next year's budget. Thank you.

> Emilio Cuebas 14 Short Road

## It ain't easy being homeless

To the editor:

When did it become fashionable for us to despise the poor? Who taught us to do that?

At almost every social event, someone brags to me how their father worked two jobs and never asked for a handout. (Of course, the message is that anyone who accepts assistance today is a lesser person that than their noble father.) Or someone huffs about all those people who "live off the system" while they drive a nice car, have a big TV and buy steak with their food stamps. (The message here is that the people who accept help don't deserve it and waste what they get anyway.) Or I hear a diatribe against "entitlements" and how certain people today won't take responsibility for themselves. Ironically, the speaker usually doesn't seem to know what "entitlements" actually are, how they are funded or how they themselves may benefit. (However they do feel entitled to deduct the interest they pay on their mortgage from their income when they calculate taxes. Isn't that the definition of government subsidy?)

Right now, a bill has been filed in the RI House (H5210) which would make it a crime to give money to a person from my car. It is co-sponsored by Democratic Representatives Lima, Ucci, Jacquard and Fellela. In fact, Cranston is actively considering similar legislation. The message here is that people should find somewhere else to be desperate so I don't have to see them and feel uncomfortable. These legislators want to send that message so badly they are willing to deny me

my First Amendment rights to express compassion for another human.

I worked for many years providing housing and support for mentally ill people and got a good look at what it's like to be homeless. Believe me, it ain't easy. I know for sure that the person standing at the intersection holding a sign asking for help believes that there is no better choice out there for him or her. What actual job has tougher working conditions than standing on a street corner, breathing auto exhaust, suffering exposure to the hot sun and cold rain and freezing snow, all while enduring the scorn or indifference of so many of your fellow people?

Most of us get our opinions about poor people from our own imaginations, our acquaintances' imaginations, or the imaginations of the co-hosts on Fox News. We could google "books about homelessness in America" and find many books we could read describing what actual people experience. Wouldn't our opinions be much better informed and our hearts more empathic if we got a little bit of first-hand information? But reading is so hard.

Meanwhile, a bill has been filed in the in the RI Senate (S0179) that would subject people receiving public assistance to random drug screening. It is co-sponsored by Republican Senators Morgan, Kettle and Paolino and Democratic Senators Raptakis and Lombardi. The message here is that people receiving public assistance need it

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## Horseman, pass by!

y first prolonged encounter with the Irish poet, William Butler Yeats (1865-1939), was as a college undergraduate during the early '60s. Ever since then, I have been returning again and again to a select few of his best known poems.

On my multiple readings of "The Second



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Coming" (1919), to take but one example, I have continued to be struck by the prophetic power of the poet's chilling vision. Writing this masterpiece in the immediate aftermath of World War I, Yeats sees the ongoing nightmare of failed peacemaking: "Mere anar-

chy is loosed upon the world,/...The best lack all conviction, while the worst/Are filled with passionate intensity."

Over the years I have drunk deeply from only a few of Yeats' poems; but now that I have been engaged in an adult education course on Irish literature, I have finally begun to familiarize myself with many more of the over 300 poems in his collected works. Recently, I read for the first time the last poem that Yeats had published, "Under Ben Bulben" (Sept. 4, 1938). Ben Bulben is a mountain in northwest Ireland in the county of Sligo that overshadows Yeats' grave in Drumcliff churchyard. Etched on his tombstone are the last three lines of "Under Ben Bulben": "Pass a cold eye/On life, on death/Horseman, pass by!"

"Horseman, pass by!" As soon as my eye set upon these three words, a light emerged out of the darkness of my late adolescence. If memory served me correctly — at age 72, that's a big "if" — those three words concluded a poem about reading Yeats in Lawrence Ferlinghetti's small paperback, "Pictures of the Gone World." That very evening I rummaged through my cluttered shelves of poetry and located the book, Number One in The Pocket Poet Series; Ferlinghetti, still writing at age 97, published a number of books of "Beat" poetry in that series –most notably, Allen Ginsberg's "Howl."

"Pictures of the Gone World" was the first book of poetry I ever purchased; it cost me 75 cents. I was a high school senior at the time, and my AP English teacher had

inspired me to read as much Ferlinghetti as I could get my hands on.

The poem I was looking for was number 26. Though his poem begins with the words, "Reading Yeats," Ferlinghetti immediately tells us that he is not examining the content of Yeats' poetry; rather he is remembering the act of reading Yeats — or trying to read Yeats — in a book he found on the New York City Third Avenue El one hot midsummer day. Ferlinghetti is playing with time: reading Yeats as a thirty-something in San Francisco brings him back to an earlier day a continent away, "back then/reading the copy I found on the Thirdavenue El.

The bulk of the poem recalls what it was like to ride on the El before it was torn down in 1955. For decades the elevated rails darkened a long snake of pavement on the East Side of Manhattan and up into the Bronx: "the El/with its flying fans/and its signs reading/SPITTING IS FORBIDDEN." With a poet's eye, Ferlinghetti catches the characters who populate the tenements crowding both sides of the tracks of "the El/careening thru its thirdstory world/with its thirdstory people/in their third story doors/...an old dame/watering her plant/or a joker in a straw/putting a stickpin in his peppermint tie/and looking just like he had nowhere to go/but coneyisland."

Yeats is almost forgotten in this crowded and careening third story world until the very end of the poem, when Ferlinghetti returns to "that lost book I had/with its blue cover and its white inside/where a pencilhand had written/HORSEMAN PASS BY!"

For the past 55 years, these concluding three words, "HORSEMAN, PASS BY!," have for the most part remained buried in my late adolescence; but on those rare occasions that they have risen to the surface, I have viewed them as an expression of Ferlinghetti's sense of humor, written to play games with me, to keep me guessing, to undermine my quest for solidity of meaning. But now I know that these words, written in "pencilhand on a lost volume of Yeats' poetry," are far more than a token of Ferlinghetti's playfulness; they are the last published words of one of the greatest Englishspeaking poets of the Twentieth Century words not merely scribbled in "pencilhand" but literally etched in stone.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Please take the time to finish that article

Mr. Bickford, I appreciate your honesty about your own limited tendency to read long-form stories. It certainly has gotten much more difficult to do this in our quick cut, 24/7 world. Our attention spans have become increasingly shortened and as a result we are making knee-jerk decisions on the basis of inadequate information and undigested facts. Even our president responds to complex issues with foreshortened inaccurate tweets and socalled "alternative facts."

Having said this I encourage you to go back to the Sports Illustrated article and finish it. It was worth every word, particularly for a sports enthusiast such as your-

> Stephen E. Glinick MD 19 Henry Drive

## **LETTER:** Bills target homeless people

From **FACING PAGE** 

because they are drug addicts. Or maybe the message is that if only these people didn't use drugs they would have the initiative to take control of their lives and earn more money.

Several states have already proven that these drug tests are a giant waste of time and money. How many of us realize that most people receiving public assistance need the help because they can't work as they are elderly or disabled? Or that they DO work, but because their low-wage job with parttime hours and no benefits lands them

among the working poor? The Reagan era myth of the lazy, undeserving welfare queen just won't die, no matter how often actual data is trotted out for us to ignore. (Shall we take a moment to notice that this invidious cultural icon, the welfare queen, is understood to be both woman and black?)

Yes, there should not be so many panhandlers on street corners. But the problem is not how to punish panhandlers or how to force them to go somewhere else. Instead, we should figure out how to stop creating people who must beg to survive.

> Tim Mize 30 Bay Road

## **COLUMN**

## My tooth fairy's name is Bob

nder my pillow were two items: a tooth and a note.

The tooth was one of my wisdom teeth. It had become loose and was slow-

ly but steadily working its way out of my mouth. My dentist hurried the process along, pulling it free after a half-hour of numbing and about three seconds of yanking. (It is odd that a tooth

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would work its way loose from one's gums and

migrate toward freedom, but I have come to accept that odd things happen to my body at a far greater rate the older I get.)

My dentist packed up the tooth inside a small, clear plastic case — probably intended for a child's baby tooth — and sent me home with it.

I showed the tooth to people in my office. Some cringed or looked away and a few brave souls looked closely at it and then questioned its coloration. The root had started to darken; I am guessing it was the result of growing loose and then dying a slow death inside my mouth.

I took the tooth home and showed my

children. My son quickly handed the case back to me: "Ugh, Dad, that looks gross,"

My daughter did not want to hold the case, but seemed otherwise fascinated. She has not lost any of her baby teeth yet, but understands that when she does, she should put them under her pillow while she sleeps so that the tooth fairy can take the tooth and leave her a little bit of money.

She asked if I planned to leave my tooth — a browning crag that came complete with a filling — under my pillow.

I shrugged.

"Gee, I'm not sure. I suppose I could do that," I said.

Then we became distracted and never hid the tooth. But recently, my daughter re-discovered the tooth inside my desk (I have no idea why I had not thrown it out yet) and decided to put it under my pil-

A day later when I found the tooth, it was still sitting under my pillow but had a small piece of folded paper next to it.

I unfolded the note and quickly recognized my son's handwriting. It read: "From the tooth fairy, Your tooth is very horrible and we can't take it for money. From Bob, your tooth fairy.'

## **NEWS BRIEF**

## **Baseball coaches needed at BHS**

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Advertising unwanted in schools

#### To the editor:

In 2017, Rhode Island lawmakers will once again receive the opportunity to promote the health of Rhode Island children by supporting legislation which will enforce the advertising and marketing of only healthy foods and beverages on school property.

Opportunities will also arise for the creation and revision of ordinances which will corroborate satisfactory healthcare for those touched by cancer.

Owing to the leadership of the general assembly, Rhode Island was one of the first states to adopt school nutrition standards and has acted as a national leader in this area. However, one loophole remains: the advertising and marketing of unhealthy foods and beverages which contain large quantities of calories, fat, sugar and sodium.

The premise of this legislation is very simple — if a substance cannot be sold in schools because it does not meet federal and state nutrition standards, then it should not be advertised or marketed there.

By supporting this legislation, lawmakers hold the chance to highlight the benefits of healthy sustenance through advertising and can limit students' exposure to unhealthy foods within schools.

As Congress also considers the future of the Affordable Care Act, it is critical that cancer patients, survivors, and those at risk of the disease do not face any gap in coverage of prevention and treatment.

American Cancer Society research has shown that the uninsured and underin-

sured are more likely than those with insurance to be diagnosed with cancer at its more advanced stages, when treatment is more expensive and patients are more likely to die due to the disease.

More than 20 million people, including many cancer patients and survivors, now own insurance by dint of the current law. Any replacement plan should stabilize and hopefully increase the number of insured Americans.

As a cancer research and funding advocate, I wish to remind Sen. Coyne and Rep. Hearn that Rhode Islanders are depending upon them to take a stand by supporting what works to prevent cancer.

One such course of action is entrenching the prohibition of unhealthy food and beverage advertising in 100 percent of Rhode Island school buildings, on school grounds and buses, and in school publications.

Another is ensuring continuous access to meaningful health insurance for men and women affected by cancer. Congressman Cicilline, thank you for taking cancer patients, survivors and their families into account whilst you consider proposals to repeal and replace the current health care law.

In the coming days and weeks, I hope you all will urge your colleagues in Congress to do the same.

Anticipating commendatory change,

**Venus Tian** 261 Middle Highway

Venus is a volunteer with American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.



## We're read all over

The Barrington Community School recently led a trip to Costa Rica. Shown here at Sea Turtle Conservancy in Tortuguero, Costa Rica, are (from left to right) Caroline Butterfield of Barrington, Pamila Haas of Barrington and Vermont, Elizabeth Brinkerhoff of Westport, Jane Gordon Brayton of Westport and Florida, Diane Henderson of Barrington, and Ellie and Mike Pickering of Bristol, formerly of Barrington.

## Are you interested in volunteering?

#### To the editor:

The Barrington Republican Town Committee would like to thank all who attended the celebration held Feb. 1 honoring Mr. Patrick "Buzz" Guida.

It was a wonderful event attended by community members near and far. We were able to thank Buzz for his 20 years of service and it was entertaining to hear stories his colleagues shared with those in attendance. Mr. Guida requested proceeds from the evening be donated to BEF and Barrington Boosters. We were excited donate \$258 to each of these local organizations.

The community is always in need of volunteers looking to serve on behalf of Barrington at both the local and state level. There are many opportunities to get involved or to simply attend informational meetings.

If you would like to learn more about what is happening in Barrington or at the state level please consider attending the next BRTC meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Barrington Senior Center.

**Lisa Daft** 5 Robbins Drive

Dr. Daft is co-vice chair of the Barrington Republican Town Committee. She wrote this letter on behalf of the committee.





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## School resource officer earns gold star from officials

Officer Josh Melo says he could do even more if position was full-time

BY JOSH BICKFORD

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"I'm a big fan of yours."

"I'm thrilled with the investment we made in this position."

"This is one of the best decisions we've made."

These are some of the quotes shared by Barrington school officials about the district's school resource officer, Josh Melo, during a recent school committee meet-

During a brief review of the position, school committee members and central office administrators shared plenty of kind words with Officer Melo, who has served as the district's SRO for the last year and a half.



SRO Josh Melo

Officer Melo answered questions from the committee members and shared some insight into his role and experiences while spending time at Barrington's six public schools. Officer Melo also told school committee members that he believes the school resource officer position in Barrington

should be full-time.

Currently, the local officer spends some of his time working at the schools and the rest of his work-week with the detectives division at the Barrington Police Depart-

While officials seemed to support the idea of a full-time school resource officer, the initial proposed budget for local schools does not include additional funding for an increased role for the SRO.

"Not yet," added Barrington Superintendent of Schools Michael Messore during a followup interview.

The top school official said more work needs to be done to explore an expanded role for the school resource officer.

Officer Melo told school committee members that with more time, he could offer more support to Barrington students and spend more time focusing on making schools safer. But even without full-time status, Officer Melo still received plenty of praise for his work.

Barrington School Committee Chairwoman Kate Brody said she was thrilled with the district's "investment" and ques-

## Change of attitude

During the recent Barrington School Committee meeting, school resource officer Josh Melo told board members that his time in the schools has helped change the relationship between local young people and the Barrington Police Department. He shared a quick story about how students used to react when Barrington Police Chief John LaCross visited the high school, "They all had their heads down," he said. Now it's different, he said, adding that students will take the time to say hello to the chief.

tioned if Officer Melo could spend more time doing outreach. Officials said the SRO has done a good job responding to the schools even when it is not during school hours. In addition, Officer Melo has attended parent teacher organization meetings to speak with parents.

School committee member John Alessandro said he was very happy to have Officer Melo working in Barrington schools, in part because he is a good role model for students. Mr. Alessandro said the work Officer Melo does for the district was "so important."

The school committee member also asked Officer Melo what issues students discuss with him. The school resource officer said students are often dealing with social media-related problems. He suggested local parents spend more time monitoring their children's social media involvement.

"It's all about monitoring," he added.

The SRO was also asked whether the law change in Massachusetts regarding marijuana has had an impact on local schools – whether he had seen a rise in marijuana-related incidents.

Officer Melo said he had not seen an increase, but added that if he was able to spend more time at the schools he could better research the subject.

Toward the end of the discussion, Mr. Messore offered praise to Officer Melo. He said that simply adding an SRO to a school district does not automatically result in positive results — much of the success of the position depends on the individual officer. Mr. Messore said Officer Melo has made the extra effort to work with local students and school staff and done an exemplary job.

"Josh has been great," he said.

## Man's wallet stolen from his car

#### Monday, Feb. 13

POLICE REPORT

A Christine Drive resident contacted police to report snow-plow damage — a plow had reportedly struck a wall on the resident's property.

A resident told the police a snow plow had damaged his vehicle while he was driving on Maple Avenue. The resident said truck pushed snow and debris against his car, causing dents and chips.

A Christine Drive resident contacted police seeking advice about her son's ex-girlfriend. The resident said she does not want the girl inside her home, but the girl is seeking to collect some of her belongings. The resident eventually decided to leave the items on the curb.

An Elton Road resident told police someone had used their personal information to file a fraudulent tax return with the IRS.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 14

A man contacted police after his wallet was allegedly stolen from his vehicle. The man had parked his car outside the Bayside YMCA at about 7:30 a.m. and left his wallet in the unlocked vehicle. When he returned at 8:30 he realized the wallet was missing. He returned home and contacted police; by 9 a.m. the man's debit card which had been inside the wallet had already been used a number of times.

A Promenade Street resident told police her 13year-old daughter had been the victim of harassing phone calls and messages on her cell phone. The victim said she did not recognize the caller's voice. Police are investigating.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 15

Two Barrington town employees filed reports after they realized their personal information had been

used to file fraudulent tax returns with the IRS.

The Rhode Island Department of Health contacted police after they learned a man had been bitten by a dog while working at a Briarfield Road residence. It was unclear whether the dog was up to date on its vaccinations.

#### Thursday, Feb. 16

Police responded to a domestic situation involving a Lamson Road resident and his adult grown children. The children had been fighting over their parents' estate.

A Manning Drive resident told police her adult grandson had used her credit cards without her permission. Police contacted the man, who said he had used the cards to pay for rides to his job.

#### Friday, Feb. 17

Police responded to a parking lot at Haines Park after a vehicle had become stuck on the ice. The driver told police she was trying to find a dog, which had gotten loose, and was exiting the lot when she became distracted and slid off the road and into the gate. The vehicle was stuck on a rock and ice.

#### Saturday, Feb. 18

A coon hound was found at about 2:22 p.m. in the area of the East Bay Bike Path and New Meadow Road. The animal was brought to an area shelter. Police have been trying to locate the dog's owner.

#### Monday, Feb. 20

Police responded to an auto repair shop near the corner of Bay Spring Avenue and Washington Road after someone found a smoking pipe inside a broken soda machine. The pipe had been used to smoke tobacco.

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# Sports

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Barrington freshman Claire Grover attempts to clear the bar during the high jump at the state track meet. Claire cleared 4 feet 10 inches and finished ninth in the event.

## BHS athletes run at track states

Boys finish seventh, girls tied for 15th

A number of Barrington High School track and field student-athletes participated in the RI Interscholastic League State Track Championship last weekend.

The Barrington boys' team finished in seventh place, led by Mars Bishop's two second-place finishes. The Barrington girls' team finished tied for 15th, led by Noelle Cooke's fourth-place finish in the long jump and Katie Zitzmann's two topsix finishes in long-distance running events.

#### **Boys' results**

Mars Bishop scored 16 of Barrington's 19 team points, as he powered to a second place finish in the 1,000 and a second place finish in the 1,500. Mars clocked a 2:34.06 in the 1,000 and a 4:02.86 in the 1,500. Hayden Ivatts also ran in the 1,500, finishing 11th with a time of 4:20.91.

Barrington's relay teams also ran well at the state meet. The 4x400 team of Troy Prebenda, George Wicker, Ivatts and Bishop pushed to a fifth place finish with a time 3:35.67. The 4x800 team of Wicker, Jamie Gunness, Calvin Hennessey and Eli Mitnick ran to a sixth place finish with a time of 8:26.65. The 4x200 relay team of Ryan Brady, Josh Meranda, Prebenda and Sam

Read finished ninth.

In the 3,000 meter race, Eliot Laidlaw finished seventh with a time of 9:15.97. Jack Dunn was 14th in the weight throw with a distance of 56 feet, and Sam Read was 15th in the 300.

## Girls' results

Noelle Cooke finished fourth in the long jump with a top distance of 16 feet, 5.5 inches.

Katie Zitzmann finished sixth in the 1,000 meter race, with a time of 3:10.42, and sixth in the 1,500 with a time of 5:00.61. Teá Bishop finished sixth in the 600 meter race with a time of 1:41.68. In the same event, Riley Kloc was 11th with a time of 1:48.09. Lily Gagliano finished 13th in the 1,500 and Lily Sefranek was 12th in the 3,000 meter race.

Barrington's 4x800 relay team finished sixth. The team is comprised of Bishop, Kloc, Gagliano and Sefranek. Also, Barrington's 4x400 relay team if Bishop, Zitzmann, Cooke and Jillian Walter was seventh, and the Eagles' 4x800 relay team of Erin Abbott, Cooke, Claire Grover and Walter finished ninth.

Grover finished ninth in the high jump, clearing the bar at 4 feet, 10 inches, while Faith Polando was 16th in the shot put. Annika Kelly finished seventh in the weight throw with a distance of 47 feet, 9 inches and Sydney Polando was one spot back



Faith Polando releases the hammer while competing in the weight throw finals.

with a distance of 47 feet, 8.5 inches. Faith Polando was 15th in the weight throw with a distance of 42 feet, 6.5 inches.



Michael Marra hauls in a pass during his days as an Eagle.

# New BHS hall inductees announced

Class includes 1956 basketball team, 1982 field hockey

Barrington High School and the Barrington Booster Club announce that tickets are now on sale for an awards dinner to honor the sixth class of the Barrington High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 8 at 5 p.m. (dinner at 6 p.m.) at the Rhode Island Country Club on 150 Nayatt Road. Tickets to the event are on sale now for \$50 and are limited so those interested are encouraged to order as soon as possible.

The evening promises to be a memorable one as nine athletes, two teams and two coaches will be inducted.

The 13 inductees are: athletes Michael Aaronson '65, Katie Baker '89, Michael Gabarra '66, Michael Marra '80, Mary Jean "MJ" Miniati '79, Thomas Pine '76, Andrew Robinson '85, Steven Ruggieri '79 and Jonathan Tobey '44; the 1956 Basketball Team and the 1982 Field Hockey Team; and Coach Michael Gabarra and Coach Robert Gourley.

Nominations for the BHS Athletic Hall of Fame were requested from the public this past spring, summer and fall and the Hall of Fame Committee reviewed the nomination forms received and made its final selections in December.

"Like the first five BHS Athletic Hall of Fame classes, this is an extremely strong group which will include for the first time someone being inducted two times in one night as both an athlete and a coach," said TR Rimoshytus, president of the Barrington Booster Club.

Checks to the awards dinner can be made out to the "Barrington Booster Club" and sent, with an order form located on the BHS Athletics website (downloadable at www.barringtonhigh.org) to Barrington Booster Club, Attn: Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 232, Barrington, RI 02806.

## This Barrington family loves basketball

The Raffas coach, play and love hoops

#### BY MANUEL C. "MANNY" CORREIRA

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Known for their basketball prowess, the Raffa family of Barrington has certainly left their mark on the sport over the years.

Starting with venerable grandfather, Michael John Raffa, and continuing with son, Michael James Raffa, and now, grandsons, Michael Patrick Raffa and Matthew John Raffa, this proud clan has been immersed in a deep hoop tradition, unlike most athletic families in the area.

"I'm still young enough to still enjoy all of this," says the 71-year-old senior Raffa, who began his outstanding basketball odyssey as a standout point guard on Barrington High's great basketball teams of the early 1960s. "Basketball is my passion. It keeps me young and engaged."

And, don't let his snow white hair fool you. Michael Raffa is still young at heart and full of vim and vigor. Now that he's retired, he still stops by his old stomping grounds at St. Andrew's School and chit chats with good friend and Saint's head basketball coach, Mike Hart. There's hardly anyone in Barrington who doesn't recognize Mr. Raffa...in or out of basketball.

Following his success as a high school player, the elder Raffa took his talents to nearby Barrington College, where he starred for the Warriors both as a player and coach. He also served as athletic director and head boys' basketball coach at St. Andrew's School, and head coach of men's basketball at Roger Williams University and Salve Regina University. He was also town of Barrington recreation director from 1980 to 2008. Along the way, he received many coaching honors, too numerous to mention

Nowadays, Mr. Raffa, who lives in Warren, spends time watching his two grandsons play basketball for the Barrington Middle School boys' team.

Mr. Raffa remembers when his own son would follow him to games at a very early

"Michael has been coming to games since he was five years old," he said. "He understood the game at a very young age."



PHOTO BY MANUEL C. "MANNY" CORREIRA

Raffa family members include (from left to right) Michael James Raffa, Michael Patrick Raffa, Matthew John Raffa, and Michael John Raffa.

Today, Michael James Raffa is the assistant boys' basketball coach at the Barrington Middle School, and thoroughly enjoys watching his own sons' progress.

"My boys are different," he explained. "Michael is a shooting guard, while Matthew is a point guard who can score. Basketball is in our blood. It's in the family. My dad taught me a lot. I try to make my own kids better with everything my dad taught me. The life's lessons I taught them is with the game we all love."

Coach Raffa, like his dad, is an exemplary student of the game. He lettered for three years at Barrington High, graduating in 1989. He's been the assistant coach of the boys' team at the Barrington Middle School the past two seasons.

Previously, he coached the men's basketball team at Salve Regina (1993 to 1999)

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under his father, and later (1999 to 2002) was the assistant men's basketball coach at Roger Williams University under Tom Sienkiewicz.

"I've been the head coach for Michael's Barrington Youth Basketball travel program team, since October of 2012," noted. "We started together when the boys were in fourth grade and have stayed together through this current season."

He's been the assistant coach for Matt's Barrington Youth Basketball travel program since October of 2014. Both teams play in the very competitive Metro West League, which is headquartered in Mansfield.

For two years in the mid-90's, Coach Raffa worked and ran The Playerz Edge Skills Academy, which was for individual improvement for those in grades 3 thru 9 at the West Warwick Civic Center.

Barrington Middle School boys' basketball head coach Bill St. Vincent said it's been a pleasure having both Michael and Matthew Raffa on the team this season, as well as coach Raffa.

"Michael is an 8th grader and is probably our best shooter with 3-point range," he

said. "His small size presents a problem versus bigger, aggressive players. He is looking for that real strong growth spurt. He makes up for his size with hustle and basketball knowledge. He also is a good teammate, always smiling and talking. He just loves being in the gym and seems confident and

Coach St. Vincent is also high on younger brother, Matthew Raffa.

"Matt is a 6th grader about whom you can already say is 'a player,'" he noted. "He is much quieter than his older brother but exudes a tangible confidence you do not see often in such a young kid. His basketball I.Q. is off the charts compared to players of almost any age. He knows where to be, how to get there, and what to do when he is there. Then, he has the skills to be successful. As with most 6th graders playing vs 8th graders, there are physical size obstacles, but Matt never backs down. He is not afraid to compete. I believe he is going to be a 'special' player. But like his brother Mike, he is already a special kid."

Speaking on behalf of assistant coach Michael Raffa, Coach St. Vincent knows having a knowledgeable assistant by his side is a real plus.

"Mike is a 'basketball lifer," he said, "a real junkie. He cannot get enough of the game. He and I get along great and aim to teach the game so it is played the right way and it is respected. Unfortunately for Mike, working and making a living gets in the way of his preference for basketball 24/7. As for the middle school team, Mike handles many of the Xs and Os. He plots out what the other team is doing and enthusiastically conveys it to the team. The players know and respect him because he is on their side trying to make them better so they can play in high school. Mike does all the things that an assistant coach does. He suggests substitutions, makes sure I know the timeout situation, will often take over the discussion during the timeout, and talks to substituted players about how to handle particular things that are happening on the court.

Coach St. Vincent concluded, "Having Mike allows us to use practice to concentrate on individual skills improvement and specifically lets me teach the finer points of basketball skills which I think is my strength. At times, I think Mike would be the better head coach. I haven't known him a long time, but I can see that he generally bleeds basketball, but most assuredly, he bleeds Barrington basketball. In summary, I've never been involved with a nicer family and that includes mom, Megan."



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## Hockey team celebrates senior night with victory

Barrington defeats Coventry, 5-1

On Saturday, the Barrington High School boys' hockey team celebrated its senior night with a 5-1 win against Coventry.

In the first period, Josh Roy scored, assisted by Dominic Robidoux. Then Kyle Shuman scored an unassisted goal.

In the second period, the Eagles scored three more goals. Michael Grieve scored with an assist from Luke Rudman. Jonny Fay scored with assists from Roy and Robidoux. The last goal was scored by TJ Hall assisted by Grieve.

Coventry scored its lone goal in the third period.

Goalie Josh Cabral made 14 saves and Coventry's goalie made 19 saves.

On Feb. 15, Barrington defeated South Kingstown 9-4.

In the first period, Brendan Ridlon scored, assisted by Jake Andreozzi and Nick Bernardo. Next, Josh Roy scored assisted by Jonny Fay and Bernardo. South Kingston scored, then Roy scored another goal assisted by Dominic Robidoux and Fay. SK scored at the end of the first.

The second period started with a goal from SK. TJ Hall scored for Barrington assisted by Michael Grieve and Kyle Shuman. After, Grieve scored assisted by Shuman and Hall. Roy scored again with assists from Fay and Brett Turgeon. Grieve scored again assisted by Hall. South Kingston scored its last goal at the end of the second period.

In the third period, Barrington scored two more goals. Roy scored with assists from Fay and Bernardo, then Grieve scored assisted by Hall and Shuman.

## Girls' hockey

East Bay skated to a 7-2 victory over Smithfield/Coventry on Thursday, Feb. 16. The victory improves the Barrington/Mt. Hope/Portsmouth co-op team's record to 11-4

## Girls' basketball

The Barrington High School girls' basket-ball team moved its record to 16-1 after winning three games last week. The Eagles defeated Coventry 72-34 on Wednesday, Feb. 15, then beat Chariho 66-29 a day later, and finished with a 51-46 victory over South Kingstown on Monday night, Feb. 20.

Grace Coutu scored 15 points and Olivia Middleton finished with 14 to lead the Eagles past a tough South Kingstown team. The Eagles, who held a 29-24 halftime lead, picked up 11 points from Glory Ellison and 7 from Andrea Kubas-Meyer.

Barrington pulled away to a 34-19 first half lead rolled comfortably to the lopsided win over Coventry. Kubas-Meyer finished with 19 and Ellison had 17 to lead Barrington, while Coutu scored 14 and had 11 rebounds.

Barrington sits atop the Division I Central standings.

## Boys' basketball

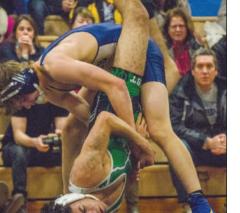
The Eagles won twice last week and improved to 7-10 in Division II.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, Barrington defeated Juanita Sanchez 66-53. Mike Coogan knocked down 4 three-point baskets and finished the game with 24 points to lead all scorers. Ben Silvia added 14 points while Deven Connors and William Rywolt each finished with 9.

The Eagles stormed back from a two-



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## Eagles battle Bolts

ABOVE: Barrington High School senior Jacob Mosby tries to pin his Cranston East opponent. LEFT: Barrington's Ryan Hellmann takes control of his foe during a match. RIGHT: Barrington's Zach Leonard is shown during the Senior Night showdown.



point halftime deficit to knock off Middletown 59-53 in a league game on Friday, Feb.

Coogan again led Barrington in the points column, finishing with 20. Rywolt dropped in 16 while Connors had eight and Silvia finished with seven.

#### Wrestling

BHS lost to Cranston East 49-21 on Senior Night. Barrington's Nick Rimoshytus



remained undefeated through the regular season with a victory at 285. The loss came a few days after the Eagles' 42-30 win over

Mt. Pleasant High School. Barrington's record stands at 5-10 in Division II-B.



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## 'Music Mondays,' floral topiaries, tax help are at the senior center

The Barrington Senior Center, 281 County Road, has a variety of activities planned and is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. For more information, or to sign up, call 247-1926. For Barrington residents, there is no annual fee. For out-of-town participants, the annual fee is \$12 to participate in any of the programs offered at the center (except for the lunch program, which is exempt).

iPad basics will be taught by Ben Hanley, digital services/reference librarian at the library, in cooperation with the senior center, on Friday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m. The class is limited to six. Register in person at the library reference desk, at www.barringtonli brary.org or call 247-1920, ext. 2.

"Flowers for Everyone" with Sally Gruber is on Friday, Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. with "Timeless Topiaries." Explore the practical and aesthetic design of topiary, used both indoors and out. Create a topiary floral arrangement. Each student will get a terra cotta pot and an abundance of fresh, pastel flowers. Satin ribbon and other accents will round out the piece. The cost is \$17. Call the center to sign up.

"Music Mondays" is on Monday, Feb. 27, at 1 p.m. with Joanne Lurgio, who combines a gifted voice and guitar for a program of country, folk, rhythm and blues, and gospel. Call for a reservation is you want to have lunch before the program.

A St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day Celebration is Wednesday, March 15, at 11:30 a.m. at The Wharf Tavern in Warren. There will be a luncheon and entertainment. Lunch choices are corned beef and cabbage, baked scrod or chicken parmesan, all served with salad, strawberry shortcake, and coffee or tea. Transportation from the senior center will be available. Tickets are \$20. Call for reservations early.

AARP tax assistance is available on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. through April 13. See volunteers on a first come, first served basis. Bring all current documents, last year's tax return, Social Security card, driver's license or picture ID.

The senior center's newly renovated fitness room is available to all seniors (60+). Membership in the senior center is required, as well as a release from a physician stating you are able to exercise and a one-hour free training session with the center's trainer. For more information, or to schedule a training session, call the center.

The senior center will be closed whenever the East Bay Community Action Program cancels lunch. If meals are being served, the center will be open, even if Barrington schools are closed. Cancellations will be on Channels 12, 10 and 6 and local radio stations and will read "Barrington Senior Center Closed- Meal Site Closed." Cancellations of the meal site are also heard on WPRO-AM. Or, call East Bay CAP at 437-1000, ext. 121, after 9 a.m. for an update on meal site closings.

The center van brings Barrington seniors grocery shopping to Shaw's on Wednesdays starting at 11:30 a.m. Reservations for shopping must be made by 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

The senior center is WiFi accessible. Bring your personal laptop computer, iPhone, PDA or other WiFi-enabled device and take advantage of this free service.

Anyone over age 60 with income at or below the gross income shown below, may be eligible for SNAP (formerly food stamps): household of one, \$1,670 monthly gross income; and household of two, \$2,247 monthly gross income. Call the senior center for a referral.

On Wednesdays, knitting and line dancing is at 10 a.m., and men's bridge is at 12:30 p.m. Dance music is at 1 p.m.

Free blood pressure screenings are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays. All seniors are welcome.

On Thursdays, bingo is at 1 p.m.

Janet Holmes is available on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. She is a Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) specialist and can offer information and assistance with health insurance concerns to seniors and Medicare beneficiaries. She also can help with your medical bills. Call the center for an appoint-

On Fridays, the scrabble club meets from 10 a.m. to noon. Yoga is at 1 p.m. with instructors from the Bayside YMCA. Come try it, it's free. All are welcome.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, chair yoga is at 9 a.m. at the town council chamber on the second floor of Town Hall.

On Mondays, mah jongg and ladies' bridge is at 12:30 p.m., and duplicate bridge is at 6:30 p.m. (except on holidays).

A free notary public service is available at the center on Tuesdays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Senior strength training I is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m., with strength training II at 10 a.m.

Fun and games are on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Play board games and socialize with friends. There is a puzzle and Wii for those who like more action. They welcome suggestions for your favorite board game.

## AT THE LIBRARY

## Family programs planned during February

The library is offering family programs in February that are free to residents in all surrounding communities.

A Family Bingo Night is on Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the senior center (lower level). Gather the family and compete for prizes. All bingo game supplies will be provided, along with a professional bingo caller.

Light refreshments will be served. It is free and open to all ages; but, seating is limited and registration is required. Visit the website for registration information. This school vacation week event is sponsored by the library, Barrington Recreation Department and the Barrington Senior Center.

"Bubbleology" with Keith Michael Johnson is on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m. in the auditorium on the second floor. Witness unique bubble creations and wacky inventions.

Audiences are enchanted and entertained while learning interesting scientific facts that are guaranteed to feed curious little minds. The program is recommended for children 5 years and older. Registration

"Wintertime Celebrations" with Christopher "Kavi" Carbone is on Friday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m. in the auditorium on the second floor. Come in from the cold, gather around and participate in songs, dancing and more with Kavi Carbone, the musical troubadour of light and warmth. Recommended for families with children birth to 5 years. It is free, and registration is not required.

## **Author to speak** about her new book

Meet local author Loretta H. Marion as she talks about her debut novel, "The Fool's Truth," on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. It is free and open to all. Books will be available for sale and signing by the author.

"The Fool's Truth," published in 2016 by Time at Last Books, follows a desperate woman on the run, taking the reader on a reckless detour to backwoods Maine, where dark and dangerous secrets lurk. Cordelia Richmond's dream for a new life quickly turns into a nightmare when she and her toddler daughter become stranded on a secluded farm with a witch-like hermit living off the grid.

The book received an honorable mention from the New England Book Festival in the fiction category for 2016 and was selected as a Pitch Perfect Pick in December by

Underground Book Reviews for promising new book releases.

Loretta Marion

Though a native Midwesterner, Ms. Marion has fallen in love with New England and has made it the setting for much of her writing. She lives in Bristol with her husband, Geoffrey, and their dog.



All are invited to discuss the Reading Across Rhode Island 2017 selection, "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson, on Monday, March 13, at 7 p.m. Limited copies are available at the library.

Call or visit the website to register.

## Teen programs are at the library each month

Programs for teens take place on a regular

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basis at the library.

The Lego Robotics Club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. Learn coding and more. Help make a robot for the Teen Room. New members are wel-

Dungeons & Dragons meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, March 7, at 7 p.m. New members are welcome.

## Tech help available by appointment only

The Tech Help Desk offers appointmentonly sessions on Wednesdays. Patrons are limited to one 30-minute one-on-one session. Visit www.bpltechhelp.setmore.com for more information on what kind of technology assistance is offered and to sign up for a session. Or, call the reference desk at 247-1920, ext. 2, during regular library hours.

Barrington Public Library is at 281 County Road. Winter hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, call 247-1920 or visit www.barringtonlibrary. org. The library will provide accommodations to ensure equal participation in all meetings and programs. Requests can be made in writing to the library director by voice at 247-1920, ext. 305, or at 711 "relay" if using TDY or TDD.

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## BCS is offering SAT prep, Chinese and Indian cooking, calligraphy

High school students planning to take the May 6 Scholastic Aptitude Test can register for Barrington Community School's "Preparing for the SAT," which begins Tuesday, March 7. The eight-week course, which meets from 7 to 9 p.m. at Barrington High School, is co-sponsored by BHS.

Instructors are Lawrence Byrne, math coach and former BHS director of guidance, and Tanya Bernier, AP English teacher at Dartmouth Rehoboth High School. The course is designed for 11th-graders. Tuition is \$225 and includes course tuition, the required text and test materials.

A six-week "Chinese Cooking" course with Vinkey Zhou begins Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to noon at Barrington High School. Learn to make dumplings, stir-fry, vegetables and meat pie, fried rice, stews and special desserts, along with Chinese cooking methods, instructions and recipes. The

fee is \$84. \$74 BCS members

A course on Indian cooking will meet on three Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting March 8 at Barrington High School. Bindu Mallick will demonstrate a new entrée each week, with some hands-on cooking, and a sampling of the dishes — aloo channa masala (chick peas and sweet potatoes in onion tomato gravy) and flavored rice on March 8, chicken korma/hyderabadi lamb (chick and lamb marinated in yogurt and Indian spices) and Indian bread on March 15, and saag chicken and saag paneer (spinach cooked with spices in tomato onion gravy, cashew nuts and cheese) with flavored rice on March 30.

Classes can be taken separately or as a three-week course. The fee is \$58 for one or \$160 for all three.

"Calligraphy Tribute Poem" is a two-hour workshop on Tuesday, March 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Barrington Middle School. Do you have a favorite poem or saying? Do you collect memorable sayings that mean something to you? Find a picture that you would like to use, and with colored pencils, make a sketch of the picture. Over the sketch, using calligraphy, students will write the poem tribute. This could be a special person, poet, scene, or other personal choice. Participants will take home a one-of-a-kind keepsake. The fee is \$48; \$40 BCS members, which includes tuition and supply fee of \$12.

For those over 65, a \$5 reduction in fees is available on courses.

## In trip new ...

Late registrants can sign up for the annual overnight trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show until March 6.

BCS, which also offers a wide variety of day trips, overnight getaways and both domestic and international tours, will hold a Collette Travel Night led by a Collette representative on Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at the middle school.

It will focus on a few Collette tours BCS is sponsoring this year, including "Maritimes Coastal Wonders featuring the Cabot Trail" Aug. 7 to 17, "Discover Poland" Oct. 5 to 16, "America's Music Cities Holiday" Dec. 3 to 10 and "A Taste of Vietnam" Jan. 25 to Feb. 8, 2018. Reservations are requested, but not required. Call 245-0432.

There is still space on the Sunday, March 12, trip to New Haven's Long Wharf Theatre which features "Napoli/Brooklyn," a beautiful and poetic play set in 1960s Brooklyn. The women of the Muscolino family are desperate to find a life beyond their four walls, hiding dreams, loves and longings. The play is a touching presentation about sisterhood, freedom

and forgiveness. Before the performance, the group will enjoy an Italian menu served family-style at Brazi's, just steps from the theater.

There are openings in all BCS winter/spring courses and trips except the Aug. 13 trip to New York to see "Hello, Dolly."

A March 31 day trip is to New Haven for a full day to visit the Yale Art Gallery and the Yale Museum for British Art, enjoying some of the art world's most important works from America and abroad. The return visit to the Yale Art Gallery is planned to coincide with the special exhibition, "It Was a New Century: Reflections on Modern America."

For more information on the winter/spring schedule of courses and trips or to obtain itineraries and details, call 245-0432, e-mail barrcomm@bcs.necoxmail.com or visit www.barrcommschool.com.

#### AROUND TOWN

## Plein air exhibit at Temple Habonim

The January/February show in the Gallery at Temple Habonim features works by *plein air* artists, all members of the summer LLC (Lifelong Learning Collaborative) *plein air* class.

The show, which exhibits the work of the summer of 2016, includes oils, acrylics, watercolor, pastels, pencil and ink.

The gallery is at 165 New Meadow Road. Hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment through March 2. For information, call 245-6536 or email gallery@templehabonim.org.

## Weekly ballroom and Latin classes and socials

Weekly ballroom and Latin dancing classes and socials are from 7 to 11 p.m. on Fridays at the Democratic Club, 186 Roffee St. No partner is needed to learn — singles and couples are welcome. Absolute beginners are welcome. On the first Friday of every month, there is music by K&S.

A beginner dance lesson by Nelia Lawton is from 7 to 8 p.m., with social dancing from 8 to 11. Two dances are taught each

Admission at the door is \$15 for adults and \$8 for teens, with complimentary hot pizza, salad, dessert, coffee and tea. There is a cash bar. Call 245-1119 or visit www.DanceNelia.com for more information.

## Elks and Broadway Merrill raffles continue

Once again, the Bristol County Elks will hold their winter to spring raffles at the Broadway Merrill to raise funds for the lodge's charitable causes.

Raffles are open to the public from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays through March 18 at the Broadway Merrill, 535 North Broadway, East Providence. There are chances to win great prizes like meat trays, giant lobsters, flat screen TVs, generators and cash.

Funds raised benefit causes in the community, such as the Bristol Elks East Bay Cares Food Distribution Program, scholarships, veterans and other charitable causes.

## East Bay Bone Builders offers classes each week

The East Bay Bone Builders exercise classes meet at St. Matthew & Mark Episcopal Church, 5 Chapel Road. Regular classes are from 11 a.m. to noon on Mondays and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

New participants are welcome. A \$2 donation for each class per participant defrays the cost of insurance and heating the facility.

Angelika Baker is a certified Bone Builder instructor. See the BoneBuilders of RI Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bone build ersri. For more information, call 474-7962.

## Duplicate Bridge Club to meet on Monday

The Barrington Duplicate Bridge Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Barrington Senior Center at 281 County Road. All bridge players are welcome.

## Annual 'Men Who Cook' dinner on Tuesday

The annual "Men Who Cook" dinner is on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Barrington Presbyterian Church, 400 County Road.

Mardi Gras Creole cooking with shrimp scampi, dirty rice and many entrees, salads, bread, drinks, and a wide assortment of home-baked desserts will fill the Graybill Room for diners.

Adult tickets are \$15 each and children 6 to 12 are \$7.50. Tickets usually sell out. All are welcome. Proceeds will benefit Tapin and Mobile Loaves and Fishes. For tickets, call Deb at 253-3541.

## Rotary Club meets every Tuesday evening

The Warren Barrington Rotary Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at The Wharf Tavern, Water Street, Warren. Presented are interesting speakers and programs. Interested parties are welcome. A full-course dinner is \$16.

Want to make a difference in the community? For more information, call J. Metaxas at 254-3927 or e-mail jametaxas@hotmail.com.

## Lions Club meetings; new members welcome

Are you looking to give back to the community? The Bristol County Lions meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month. For more information, call 297-0392.

## Parkinson's support group to meet next week

Those with Parkinson's disease and similar movement disorders, their caregivers and families are invited to a meeting of the East Bay support group at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, at Atria Bay Spring Village, 147 Bay Spring Ave.

The meeting is an opportunity for discussion and questions about the disorder, symptoms and problems, and how to cope with them or care for one who has it. A presentation by Maryellen Thibodeau, RN, state coordinator of the American Parkinson's Disease Association, will include information on current developments including the availability of med-

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ical equipment to Parkinson's patients on a loan basis.

The support group is a program of the R.I. Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association. Information on the association, the support group and other activities is available at www.riapda.org.

## Barrington Women's Club to meet next Wednesday

The Barrington Women's Club will meet on Wednesday, March 1, at St. John's parish hall at noon. They continue to invite interested guests who can learn what the club is about and the charities and activities in which they are involved.

People interested in attending and joining the club are asked to contact Pat Chick (245-5888).

On March 1, the program is a speaker from the Consumer Protection Unit of the attorney general's office who will talk about "Scams & Identity Theft." Brochures will be distributed to attendees.

Club members are planning for a major fund-raiser, "Tulip Time," on Wednesday, April 19, at Rhode Island Country Club. Tickets are \$30 for the luncheon and can be purchased at the March 1 meeting or by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Ann Greene, 8 Chapel Road, Barrington 02806. Seating is assigned, so include seatmates when sending a check payable to Barrington Women's Club. The deadline is April 12 for those wishing to attend. There will be many raffles and surprises.

#### To Submit Community News

#### **BY E-MAIL (PREFERRED):**

lrego@eastbaynewspapers.com

**BY MAIL:** Barrington Times, Community News, P.O. Box 90, Bristol, RI 02809

**BY FAX:** 401/253-6055

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

401/253-6000, ext. 107

Or stop by our office at 1 Bradford St., Bristol.

Photos are encouraged but cannot be

returned, unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. Milestone events, such as births, wed-

Milestone events, such as births, weddings, engagements, etc., must be submitted within the year following the event.

DEADLINE: 9 a.m. on Monday

## East Bay AARP to have St. Pat's luncheon

East Bay (R.I.) AARP Chapter 1302 will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon, in lieu of the March meeting, on Thursday, March 9, at noon at Davenport's Restaurant, 1925 Pawtucket Ave., East Providence.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include a corned beef and cabbage entree, dessert and coffee and soda. The cut-off for reservations is March 1.

For tickets and/or information, contact Ken Gagner at 437-2289 or email kagagner@yahoo.com.

Women's Club. The deadline is
April 12 for those wishing to
attend. There will be many raffles
and surprises

The March board meeting is on
Thursday, March 16, at 1:30 p.m.
at the East Providence Senior Center



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#### AT THE YMCA

The Bayside YMCA offers a variety of programs for all ages at the Y at 70 West St., Barrington. Stop by or call 245-2444 for more information or to register. Online registration is available for YMCA members at www.gpymca.org.

Programs may be canceled due to lack of enrollment, so register as soon as possible. Financial assistance is available for many programs.

## Families play free

From Wednesday to Sunday, Feb. 22 to 26, families play free at the Y. Bring your family in to try the Y for free. Check out the group exercise classes, family swim and much more.

Family swim is open to all. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Children 7 years and under and all beginner swimmers must be accompanied by an adult in the water. Check the aquatic schedule for family swim times.

While your kids are swimming or playing basketball, meet a Member Navigator and find out what the Y has to offer you.

For more information or the complete schedule, visit the website or call. Registration is not required; but, participants are asked to complete and sign a waiver form and supply a photo ID.

## Fitness Fridays

Fitness Fridays are from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Each week, a different program is highlighted. It's a good time to try a new class or an old one you forgot about.

Learn about form and technique. Get back to basics. Coming up is "Intro to Indoor Cycling" on Feb. 24.



## Register now!

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 8am to 4pm Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI

## Rhode Island's First Weight + Wellness Summit

Convening community resources to create a Rhode Island where healthful, affordable choices in food and physical activity are the natural daily default for all.

Who should attend? Healthcare professionals, policy makers, health advocates, educators, producers and purveyors of wholesome foods, nutritionists, community leaders, urban planners and everyone who has an interest in making regular exercise and sound nutrition convenient and affordable for all Rhode Islanders.

Attendance is free, but registration is required.

Exhibitor space available (some with scholarships)

For more information contact Catherine Norton at the Rhode Island Medical Society: 401-443-2386 or cnorton@rimed.ord

Please share this with those you think would benefit from attending.











## **Kids' Night Out**

Kids' Night Out for ages 5 to 12 is every even Friday, Feb. 24, from 5:45 to 8:45 p.m. It's an opportunity for parents to enjoy a worry-free night while children have fun.

Kids enjoy gym time or a special activity of their choice. The pool will not be available this Friday for Kids' Night Out. There is pizza for dinner, and the night wraps up with a movie.

A photo ID is required at dropoff and pick-up. Children are released only to the person who signed the child in or to the person listed under special instructions. For the safety of the children, there are no exceptions.

Registration closes at 5 p.m. on the day of the program. Early bird registration by Thursday is \$15 first child/\$10 members, plus \$5 each additional child from the same household.

Day of program registration is \$25/\$20 members and \$15 each additional child.

For more information, call Greg Wright at 245-2444.

## **'Creative Corner'**

"Creative Corner," an activity for children 3 to 5 years of age, is a fun, engaging class for preschoolers on Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. They will explore colors, shapes, textures and more.

Each week, the group will focus on a theme including science, art or math to help the kids express themselves while learning something new. The fee is \$55; \$32 for members. Registration is now open.

## **Beginner youth chess**

The YMCA is offering a beginners' chess class taught by a chess master. Chess can help students

## develop skills in concentration, logic, decision-making, planning and self-discipline.

Chess is a time-proven game for all ages. The class will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It is for youth ages 6 to 12. The fee is \$120; \$60 for members. Registration is now open.

## **Program registration**

March and April program registration is open. Check out the new group exercise schedule, a weight loss challenge, swim lessons and much more.

Visit the website, stop by or call for more information. Financial assistance is available.

## **Bricks for Kids'**

"Bricks for Kids" is a new, fourweek program in March for ages 6 to 12 on The program focuses on simple Lego challenges to encourage children to use their creative thinking, skill building and team work.

Each week, the children will work together on an exciting and enriching challenge. The fee is \$55; \$32 for members. Registration is now open.

## Water walking, balance

An aquatic recreational program is for adults who have physical challenges due to a medical conditions such as Parkinson's disease, MS or who are recovering from a stroke. It is designed to improve balance and strength and is based on research conducted in collaboration with URI.

The class will meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Space is limited. Registration is required. The fee for the month is \$68; \$45 for members. Visit the welcome center for more information.

## **New running program**

A new, 12-week running program is designed for all levels. Whether you've never run before or you are an avid runner, join this fun program for overall improve-

Coaches will help you reach that next level of running through a program specifically created for all levels. Gain the speed you're aiming for, learn how to strength train for running, how to fuel the body before, after and during a run, prevent injuries, prepare for a race and more.

A kick-off meeting and orientation is on Thursday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. The program is from March 5 to May 21. The fee is \$240 or \$20 per week. Registration is now open.

## Students named to Northeastern dean's list

Barrington students were named to the fall semester dean's list at Northeastern University.

Included are Stephanie Cohn, a journalism major; Lauren Farrell, a nursing major; Allison Bloom, a physical therapy major; Laura Culligan, a bioengineering major; Andrew Bowser, a mechanical engineering major; Samyukta Mallick, a biochemistry major; and Matthew Lamontagne, an economics/mathematics major.

Samyukta and Matthew also are members of the University Honors Program.

#### AT THE EAST BAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Women's networking

The Women's Empowerment and Business Owners' Networking Development (WEBOND) is a women-only networking group of the East Bay Chamber. The group meets every Tuesday at noon at the Chamber office, Suite 102, bringing life-balance, education and resources to women in business and career professionals in the East Bay.

There is a different 20-minute speaker each week and networking. On Feb. 28, Sarah Araujo will talk about how to "Take Control of Your Financial Future."

The cost is \$5 for non-members. Learn more details at www.meetup.com/webond.

## Wednesday workshops

The Chamber of Commerce is

offering a series of workshops on alternate Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office. Attendees are invited to bring their lunch.

The topic is "Get Google Analytics" on March 1. Are you tracking your website visitors? If you don't have Google Analytics for your business, attend this workshop with your laptop. They will teach you the basics.

The cost is \$5 per workshop; free for Chamber members. To register, email Suzanne Munroe at info@eastbaychamberri.org or call 245-0750. Workshops will be canceled if the minimum attendance has not been met.

The East Bay Chamber of Commerce office is at 16 Cutler St., Warren. Visit the website at www.EastBayChamberRI.org or call the office at 245-0750.

## ON THE MOVE

The medical staff of Rhode Island Hospital recently honored LEONARD MERMEL, D.O., Sc.M., of Barrington, with the 2016

annual Milton Hamolsky Outstanding Physician Award. It is presented each year to a doctor who has made exceptional contributions to patient care and leadership. Dr. Mermel, an

internationally noted expert in infectious diseases and infection control, is the medical director of Rhode Island Hospital's Department of Epidemiology & Infection Control. He joined the Rhode Island Hospital staff in 1991. "Dr. Mermel is a world leader in epidemiology of hospital-acquired infections ... He has a remarkable background with more than 100 peer-reviewed publications... (and) has represented the hospital and Brown University faculty in myriad national and international meetings," said Jorge Albina, M.D., who nominated Dr. Mermel for the award. He added that Dr. Mermel was a tremendous resource to Rhode Island Hospital and the entire Lifespan system on issues related to H1N1, Ebola and C. difficile, among other issues. Dr. Mermel is also a professor of medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and adjunct clinical professor in the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy. He has served in expert advisory capacities for numerous state, national and global organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Drug Administration and NASA, as well as national bodies in Switzerland, Ireland, Israel, Germany and the United Kingdom. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America. After training as a doctor of osteopathy at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences, he completed his residency in internal medicine at St. Louis University Hospitals and a fellowship in infectious disease at University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics. He also holds a master of science degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

ABDULLAH ALMUWAYSHIR of Barrington received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Roger Williams University in December.

JOSEPH MASINO of Barrington received a master of public administration degree from Roger Williams University in December.

LINNEA HENRY of Barrington received a master of science degree in healthcare administra-

tion from the University of New Haven on Dec. 18.

RYAN BROWN of Barrington was named to the fall semester dean's list at Husson University, where he is a sophomore majoring in communications technology with a concentration.

MICHAEL CAIZZI and EMMA NEWCITY of Barrington were named to the fall semester dean's list at Hofstra University. OSCAR A. WILKERSON V of Barrington was named to the fall semester dean's list at St. Lawrence University. He is a member of the Class of 2020 and attended Barrington High School.

CHLOE MAYHEW of Barrington received high honors on the fall semester dean's list at Connecticut College, where she is a member of the Class of 2019.

## Barrington High names students to first-semester honor roll

Students were named to the first-semester honor roll at Barrington High School.

#### **Highest Honors**

Grade 12: Erin Abbott, Mikaela Boone, Youvin Chung, Noelle Cooke, Nathaniel Davis, Kerry Eller, Lily Gagliano, Lauren Grove, Ingrid Kenyon, Wanqing Li, Molly Littman, Eli Mitnick, Troy Prebenda, Lucas Sahar, Elena Serrano, Tara Stein, Jack Troiano, Anna Wilson-Wuestefeld and Naomi Zeltzer.

Grade 11: Alexis Anderson, Ryan Brady, Alexander Chan-Zervas, Louise Chanfrau, Zoe Collins, Andreea Dan, Emilia Dell'Antonio, Anna Downes, Julia Ducharme, Katherine Faulkner, Jane Freiman, Allyson Grant, Courtney Howarth, David Jarret, Andrea Kubas-Meyer, Eliot Laidlaw, Michael Lamontagne, Conor Mc Gartoll, Clara McBride, Jessica Nassau, Madison Palmieri, Hope Robertson, Emily Sancomb, Christopher Sarli, Ian Smith, Benjamin Vesey and Molly West.

Grade 10: Neelia Abadi, Alexander Bazyk, Zahra Beers, Emerson Berriman, Alexy Carolan, Yevin Chung, Isabella Conner, Madelyn Cox, Matthew Culligan, Katherine Davis, Brian Donahue, Gabrielle Ellicott, Sydney Hoover, Shiyuan Huang, Cole Jarret, Henry Johnson, Josephine Kuo, Claire Martel, Christina Medeiros, Victoria Mueller, Sophia Mysak, Amelia Pappas-Horri, Sydney Polando, Haidyn Redmond, Kiera Roche, Daniel Sheinberg, Samuel Soares, Maile Somera, Kamryn Voutes, Abigail Wilhelm, James Winner, Samuel Wohlever and Jonathan Zhang.

Grade 9: Lila Ackley, Lorelei Alverson, Aila Bally, Lucie Banks, Anusha Bhatia, Anika Breker, Jack Cheng, Amanda Colby, Ariadne Dulchinos, Grace Faulkner, Carolina Garcia, Hayley Gasbarro, Andrew Gerstenblatt, Margaret Giordano, Eytan Goldstein, Logan Graham, Claire Grover, Clement Hilty, Julia Howarth, Rachel Kovach-Fuentes, Alivia Lanoue, Madelyn Lauria, Caroline Livingston, Kara Moran, Margaret Nozaki, Jordynn Palethorpe, Sophie Piette, Nina Polumbo, Karma Rappleye, Sidney Searles, Elana Sheinkopf, Sara Starecheski, Eve

Stockwell, Emily Swintak, Jessica Wan, Elizabeth Wang, Anna Wilkerson, Britta Wilkerson, Eleanor Wind, Amy Zhao and Kevin Zhu.

#### **High Honors**

Grade 12: Maret Baker-Hayes, Flora Baldwin, Izabele Bauzyte, Richard Carolan, Giovanni Cicione, Laura Clancy, Josef Cohen, Matthew Collyer, Caroline Connelly, Lindsay Daugherty, Talia DeLuca, Nicole Demopoulos, Madeline Durkin, Shannon Farrell, Danielle Gibalerio, Isabelle Giuttari, Scott Goltsos, Paige Greenberg, Leah Hirsch, Forester Hobbs, Lilly Howell, Maxwell Johnson, Emma Katzen, Haotian Lu. Lila Medeiros, Ian Mellen, Kelsey Mercer, Jack Miniati, Arianne Motte, Thomas Murray, Isaac Nestell, Katherine O'Keefe, Adam Portugali, Cassandra Smith, Danielle Thompson, Elizabeth Tisler, Elesa Turner, Katharine Turner, Heidi Uri, Madeline Uri, Abby Voigt, Nina Ward, Dennis Wei, Ricky Yao and Daniel Zawatsky

Grade 11: Caroline Adamson, Pimvara Akkharakamonsit, Ethan Ames, Benjamin Bazyk, Elaina Beaulieu, Ann Berkery, Max Blane, Alyssa Borden, AnnaLeigh Bowser, Zachary Brennan, Anna Brousseau, Sara Caskey, Isabella Ceseretti, Matthew Child, Andrew Conaty, Deven Connors, Andrew Cooke, Emilio Cuebas, Emma Daft, Olivia Deaton, Jack DeLuca, MaryKate DeRiso, John Dunn, Elizabeth Enos, Keith Francis, Clare Gaffney, Thomas Gardiner, Owen Gordon, Emily Gray, Lindsey Hands, Katherine Hilty, Emma Holmes, Elizabeth Hutchings, Dylan Ingham, Grace Inman, Jared Jageler, Samuel Jurgeleit, Abigail Kaplan, Aidan Lane, Kyle Machado, Megan Mahoney, Andrew Marra, Timothy Nolan, Benjamin Noonan, Christian Odjakjian, Heather Osman, Camille Palm, Leigh Payne, Anthony Pitts, Evan Pomfret, Tobias Rein, Maya Sheff, William Short, Jonathan Sullivan, Cassandra Taylor, Alexandra Teitz, Amanda Vesey, Izabella Voshchullo, Katherine Wind, Mathew Zeleznik and Kathleen Zitzmann.

Grade 10: Courtney Andreozzi, Gabriel Arriagada, Alyssa Barroso, Alexander Bellanti-Diehl, Christian Black, Matthew Bloom, Matthew Buller, Brendan Chalue-Feeney,

Caitlin Cook, Nora Copple, Christina Wright and Madhri Yehiya. Curran, Emmanuel Despines, Alexandra Drimbarean, Robert Dubel, Caileigh Durkin, Kayla Duvel, Erin Faucher, James Fay, Rylan Hastings, Katherine Hoag, Siena Johnson, William Kaon, Meredith Kaplan, Connor Kelly, Ashley Lawrence, Elizabeth Lewis, Inys Maness, Alexandra Marinelli, Gabriela Martin, Audrey McCarthy, Grace McDermott, Olivia Middleton, Sophia Monti, Ethan O'Connor, Patrick O'Mahony, Jenna Park, Lily Piette, Collin Prebenda, Cecily Rea, Camden Reed, Isabella Richardson, Matthew Richardson, Malood Saeed, Lily Sefranek, Benjamin Silvia, Antonia Simmons, Morgan Spears, Melanie Sztulman, Connor Troiano, Kyle Villella, Callan Whitney, Lucas Wilson-Wuestefeld, Amanda Woodard, Samuel Yuan,

Timmy Zhou and Julia Zulker. Grade 9: Charles Ames, Tess Andrews, Rian Berlinsky, Amit Bhatia, Willis Bilderback, Matthew Bowman, Kathryn Brennan, Alexis Brenner, Matthew Brenner, Camille Brousseau, Joseph Caito, Lucia Campomanes Gonzalez, Christina Cerezo, Stephanie Chun, Tess Collins, Brendan Conaty, Renee Cullman, Olivia Darling, Liam Davis, Katelyn DeAngelis, Sofia Denise, Nathaniel Dirksen, Harrison Dunn, Liam Egan, Hugh Elliott, Dara Elgadi, Lucian Fairbrother, Helen Faulkner, Meaghan Feeney, Katherine Fitzhugh, Alaina Ford, Kayle Furtado, Jaya Gottlieb, Ellizabeth Grover, Brenna Hadad, Maeve Harrington, Sarah Hughes, Caitlin Igoe, Walter Joachim-Delpoio, Violet Johnson, Kelly Kaon, Tor Anders Kenyon, Anna Lackie, John Lamere, Grace Lardner, Joshua Leadem, Cailyn Lu, Sudiksha Mallick, Clio McBride, Elizabeth McConaghy, Douglas Meeker, Katherine Noonan, Malina O'Brien, Lauren O'Cain, Aidan O'Neill, Maggie Ouhrabka, Sally Park, Payton Prete, Adeline Quas, Sarah Quinlan, Jenna Scarella, Emma Scheibl, Gabrielle Schirber, Charles Shapiro, Sara Skadberg, Meghan Spaight, Owen Voigt, Mia Webster, Sabina

## Local students receive 2017 R.I. Scholastic Art Awards

Students in Barrington schools received R.I. Scholastic Art Awards for 2017.

At Barrington High School, Noelle Cooke and Luisa Solley received a Gold Key in art (mixed media) and Ingrid Kenyon received a Silver Key in art (painting).

At Barrington Christian Academy, Natalie Chan, Daniel Mariorenzi and Caitlyn Zimberlin received a Gold Key for art (ceramics and glass) and Grace Harrington received a Gold Key for art (drawing and illustration).

At St. Andrew's School, Jodie Wang received a Gold Key for art (printmaking) and Oumar Sokhna received a Silver Key for art (ceramics and glass).

## Barrington students were named to the second-quarter

honor roll at Bishop Hendricken High School. Grade 12: Nicholas Salvadore,

high honors; and Andrew Flint and Robert Merlino, honors.

Grade 11: Nicholas Amoroso, president's list; Ian Crowe, high honors; and Patrick Fitzhugh, honors.

Grade 10: Tucker Flint, Kevin Gower and William Panarello,

## Students named to fall dean's list at BCC

Barrington students were named to the fall dean's list at Bristol Community College.

Included are Michael P. Aylward, Jan Krishnam Bonifaz, Elise Crellin, Hieu X. Ngo, Mark F. Payton and Sarah Zucker.

## Honors

Grade 12: Shaye Anis, John Armstrong, Angus Banks, Johnathan Block, Isabel Cooperman, Abigael Craun, Camerson Crisco, Bryelle Davis, Kieran Egan, William Greene, William Guglietti, Sabrina Hackett, Timothy Hecker, Jiayu Huang, Justin Kanterman, Cailin MacGillivray, Daniel Melvin, Joshua Meranda, Alex Nicholson, Galen Nordhoff, Erin Piper, Caleb Shea, James Smith, Caleb Sun, Brett Turgeon, Abigail Tutt, Mackenzie Whittaker, Noah Wilbur and Lindsay Wright.

Grade 11: Riddhi Adhiya, Ashley Anderson, Matthew Block, Noah Block, Tyler Child, Paige Concannon, Michael Coogan, Erin Cowden, Mary Cowden, Lena Crist, Rachel Cross, Alexis DeMarco, Lillyanne Dunphy, Kaylee Feather, Eric FitzGerald, Abigail Foster, Aidan Gasbarro, Lilllie Gazeryan, Madeline Gravelle, Millie Harris, Brooke Harrop, Jack Hoder, Katrina Kelley, Parker Kirkwood, Riley Kloc, Claudia Kriz, Henry Locke, Sapha Mabrouk, Cristina Martinez Baltar, Dallas Mashburn, Robley McGarry, Conor McQueary, Benjamin Medeiros, Rayna Mishra, Michael Pfeffer, Faith Polando, Dominic Portelli, Isabel Portugali, Dominic Robidoux, Matthew Scarella, Nathaniel Singer, Lindsay Skadberg, Maya Striuli, Kaley Swintak, Jillian Walter, Liam Warner, Axel Weber, Bernhard Weigel and Evan Weinstein.

Grade 10: Theodore Adams, Alana Ainsworth, Benjamin Almstrom, Jane Amendolara, Kayla Andreozzi, Ryan Andreozzi, Jonathan Baer, Melanie Baker, Samuel Baldwin, Petra Bertoncini, Tea Bishop, Cameron Buffum, Nathan Cai, Catherine Callaghan, Ian Campanini, Patricia Ceseretti, Samuel Chavez, Daniel Connor, Ava Cullman, William Dreier, Foster Egan, Emma Freel, Brooke Galbraith, Nicholas Goltsos, Emily Gorman, Aidan Grant, Calvin Hennessey, Merle

Huef, Annika Kelly, Jackson Killilea, Perry LaBelle, Kristin Laliberte, Luke LaMontagne, William LaMotte, Calvin Li, Nicholas Li, Benjamin Lisle, Nicholas Loew, Catherine Lonardo, Matthew Macaluso, Dulce Mann, Matthew McGhee, Noah Mendonca, Jacob Milman, Kaleigh Morgan, Alex Morrissette, Christian Navarro, Grace Noey, Jacob Nutter, Elizabeth Obel-Omia, Alexander Perugini, Jack Perugini, Nicholas Perugini, Ava Piacentini, Matthew Pirraglia, Eric Ruckert, Alden Sadovnikoff, Anja Schneider, Oskar Schnippering, Ryan Silva, Adam Smith, Natalie Tisler, Ian Vaughan, Stephanie Wang and Noah Werbel.

Grade 9: Jonathan Adamson, Fiona Ainsworth, Samantha Alexander, Graciana Angelini, Dahlia Ardizzone Matthew Bates, Elizabeth Berkery, Laughlin Billingsley-Murrin, Owen Brady, Lars Brieger, Nina Brown, William Burbine, Nathaniel Camera, James Cannon, Joseph Carroll, Frank Castello, William Cauley, Lana Chehab, Janice Cheng, Olivia Clyne, Isabella Cole, Anna Coogan, Julia Curry, Sean DeLuca, Sydni Diehl, Emily Dolan, Megan Donahue, Corinne Dougherty, Colin Douglas, Christina Ducharme, Ryan Edwards, Nolan Fletcher, Benjamin Freiman, Willem Hawthorne, Cary Heterick, Logan Jackson, Caio Jardim, Lauren Jay, Elias Kelley, Brent Lawrence, Zoe Lefebvre, William Lisle, Ethan Major, Alexis Malnerich, Ruby McAloon, William McKibbin, Marcus Nicholson, Hunter Norris, Michael Oliveira, Caroline Orchard, Neel Patel, Matthew Peecher, Douglas Perron, Haley Pine, Kayleigh Putnam, Juncheng Quan, Caroline Rickerman, Oliver Roberts, Roman Sequeira, Ashleigh Shuman, Brandon Silveira, Colby Silveira, Jacob Soares, Hannah Solley, Jordan Sullivan, Zoe Sweeting, Phoebe Szosz, Owen Thurston, Ethan Tutt, Olivia Tutt, Owen Valentine, Hannah Weinstein, Charles West, Joseph Wicker, Michael Zeleznik and Hayden Zim-

## Celebrate 20 Years of NEA's Read Across America

Grab Your Hat & Read with the Cat!

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Warwick Mall (center court) Saturday, March 4 10am-4pm Visit www.neari.org

for a full list of readers or call 401-463-9630 for more information.

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## Call for high school student artists

The Collaborative, an all-volunteer, nonprofit arts organization in Warren, has issued a call for submissions for an all-student autobiographical art exhibition. The exhibit, centered on the theme of "Self," will showcase finished work from high school artists from all over Rhode Island.

Any high school student in Rhode Island can submit up to two pieces. Students must download and fill out the submission form on The Collaborative website at http://thecollaborative 02885.org/student-artist/self and send pictures of their work by Friday, March 10, in order to be considered for the exhibition. Applications will be reviewed by the board of directors.

As an added bonus, one to two student artists will be selected to become honorary members of The Collaborative, having their work in the gallery for the entire month of April. They will also have the opportunity to have their portfolios reviewed by the state's leading arts educators and professional artists.

An opening reception for the exhibit is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, and will coincide with Collaborative's one-year anniversary.

For more information, visit www.thecollaborative.org/stu dent-artist/self or contact Uriah Donnelly at info@thecollabora tive02885.org.

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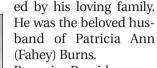
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#### **OBITUARIES**

## Robert J. 'Bob' Burns

#### Owned M. Burns Trucking Co., leaves family in town

Robert J. "Bob" Burns, 84, of Starbrook Drive, died peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2017 surround-



Born in Providence, a son of the late John and Ethel (Thomas) Burns, he lived in Barrington since 1960.

Mr. Burns was the owner & operator of M. Burns Trucking Co. for 48 years

before retiring in 2003.

Robert was a communicant of St. Luke Church and a member of the Rhode Island Red's Heritage Society. He was a former youth hockey coach in East Providence and Barrington and a former Barrington Little League coach.

Mr. Burns was a graduate of LaSalle Academy Class of 1950 and the University of Rhode Island Class of 1954. He was a United States Army veteran.

Besides his wife of 57 years, he is survived by a daughter, Kelly A. Burns of Warwick; a son, Kevin R. Burns and his wife Louise of Barrington; a brother, Donald T. Burns of Smithfield and three grandchildren, Patrick, Michaela and Ainsley Burns. He was the brother of the late Joan Burns.

His funeral was held on Monday, Feb. 20, from the W. Raymond Watson Funeral Home, 350 Willett Avenue, Riverside with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Luke Church, Washington Road, Barrington. Burial will be held in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Contributions in Bob's memory to St. Luke Church, 108 Washington Road, Barrington, RI, 02806 would be deeply appreciated.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BARRINGTON 283 COUNTY ROAD BARRINGTON, RI 02806

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT PHASE II STORM WATER ANNUAL REPORT PREPRAPRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (RIPDES) PROGRAM GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARTATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS AND FROM INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY AT ELIGIBLE FACILITIEIS OPERATED BY REGULATED SMALL MS4S.

DATE OF NOTICE: February 22, 2017

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RIR040022

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF SMALL MS4 OPERATOR:

Town of Barrington 283 County Road Barrington, RI 02806

Pursuant to the requirements established in the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharge from Small MS4s and from Industrial Activity at Eligible Facilities Operated by Regulated Small MS4s (General Permit), the Town of Barrington submitted an application package, including a Notice of Intent and Storm Water Management Program Plan (SWMPP) to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) for authorization of the storm water discharges from the Town of Barrington MS4. In accordance with Part IV.E of the General Permit, the operator must annually evaluate the compliance of the SWMPP with the conditions of the permit, as well as the appropriateness of the selected Best Management Practices and efforts towards achieving the Measurable Goals. An annual report prepared in accordance with Part IV.G of the General Permit must be submitted to RIDEM by March 10th of each year after the permit is issued. Notice is hereby given of the intent to receive public comment and to hold a public hearing, if requested, on the Town of Barrington Phase II Storm Water Annual

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT:

Copies of the Phase II Storm Water Annual Report may be obtained at no cost by visiting, writing or calling the Department of Public Works as noted below:

> Joseph Piccerelli Director of Public Works 84 Upland Way Barrington, RI 02806 (401) 247-1907

The administrative record containing all documents is on file and may be inspected, by appointment, at the office mentioned above between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Pursuant to the requirements of the General Permit, a public hearing has been tentatively scheduled to consider the Town of Barrington Phase II Storm Water Annual Report, if requested. Requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted in writing to the attention of Joseph Piccerelli at the address indicated above. Notice should be taken that if the Town of Barrington receives a request from twenty five (25) people, a governmental agency or subdivision, or an association having no less than twenty five (25) members on or before 3:30 PM February 27, 2017 that a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

February 28, 2017 at 12:30 PM Town Council Chambers Barrington Town Hall 283 County Road

Interested persons should contact the Town of Barrington in advance to confirm if a hearing will be held at

the time and location noted above.

Interested parties may submit comments on the draft Annual Report and amendments to the SWMPP and PM on February 28, 2017. Interested parties may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements.

If, during the public comment period, significant comments are received concerning the draft Annual Report or amendments to the SWMPP, the Town of Barrington will provide a written response to comments to all persons that submitted comments and all members of the public that request a copy of the response. The response will include a final Annual Report and identify what changes to the SWMPP have been made, if any FINAL ANNUAL REPORT AND AMENDMENTS TO THE SWMPP:

Pursuant to the Phase II Small MS4 General Permit, the Town of Barrington will submit the final Annual Report and a copy of amendments to the SWMPP to the RIDEM. All records relating to this permit are available for review by the public. The public may view the records during normal business hours at the Department of Public Works on Upland Way at address indicated earlier in this notice. Changes adding (but not subtracting or replacing) components of the SMWPP may be implemented immediately upon written notification to RIDEM. Unless denied, changes replacing ineffective or infeasible six minimum measure best management practices specifically identified in the SWMPP shall be deemed approved and may be implemented within sixty (60) days from submittal of the request. Changes replacing ineffective or infeasible storm water controls specifically identified in the SWMPP or in an approved scope of work intended to meet the requirements of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) or other Water Quality Determination may be implemented only upon receipt of written approval from RIDEM.

## **Joan Greene**

#### Athlete, landlord and construction company owner

Joan Greene, 87, of 115 Aaron Ave., Bristol, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017. She was the daughter of Donat and Gertrude

Goloskie LaFerriere of Warren. She was the sister of the late Claire LaFerriere of Warren and

Connie Daly of River-

side.

In 1946 she worked for the Converse Rubber Company and then in the 1950s for the Providence Washington Insurance Company,

where she was promoted to the head of the Department of Indemnity.

Later in life she was a landlord, using her mother's estate for seed money. She started a company called J&C Construction (Joan and Charlie) with her husband, Captain Charles Greene, US Navy (retired), and had her very own successful stock portfo-

Joan was an avid gardener, figure skater and baseball player. She played baseball for the Burr's Hill women's team in Warren and also for the Providence Washington Insurance Company team. Her other interests were badminton, tennis, swimming, water skiing, bike riding (she rode her bike from Warren to Boston, returning the same day) and sailing. She was a lifeguard at the Warren Town Beach and saved a neighborhood kid from drowning in front of her house. She spent countless hours teaching her grandchildren how to read and swim. She was a supporter of several animal welfare groups.

She leaves her husband Charles, to whom she was married for 62 years; a daughter, Erica Greene Medley of Portsmouth; a son, Jonathan Greene of Bristol; seven grandchildren, Jason, Alexander, Benjamin and Abigail Greene, and Grace, Nicholas and Katherine Medley; and two great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Feb. 22, in St. Mary of the Bay Church in War-

## **Elaine Doris Taylor**

#### Voracious reader, occasional writer and painter, and keen observer

Elaine Doris (Tucker) Taylor, 87, of Barrington, died peacefully at home Friday, Feb. 17, 2017. She grew up in Brookline, Mass., daughter of the late Carle Thornton and Adeline (Brownell) Tucker. Her only sibling was a sister, Barbara Tucker, who died in 1928, aged 3, a year before Elaine was born.

Elaine graduated from Radcliffe College in 1951, and was married to Marvin Hunter Taylor from 1955 until his death in 2014. She lived in Cambridge, then Lexington, Mass., before moving to Barrington in 1984.

Before the birth of her first son she worked at the Dewey & Almy Chemical Company in Cambridge. In the 1980s, after her sons had grown, she worked for the American Society of Plant Physiology at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., and returned to school, earning a certificate of advanced study in history from Harvard University in 1986.

Throughout her life Elaine was a voracious reader, occasional writer and painter, and keen observer.

She is survived by her two sons, Marvin Hunter Taylor of Gelsenkirchen, Germany, and Nathaniel Lane Taylor of Barrington, daughter-in-law Julie Scott Taylor, and four grandchildren, Cassandra, Harrison, Amelia, and Simon Taylor, all of Barrington, with whom she had lived since 2011.

Please visit smithmason.com for online condolences.

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PROBATE COURT OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON NOTICE OF MATTERS PENDING AND FOR **HEARING** IN SAID COURT

The Court will be in session at the Barrington Town Hall on the dates specified in notices below at 9:00 a.m. for hearing said matters.

Cole, Richard D. Jr a/k/a Cole, Richard Dewey Jr. - Petition for Probate of Will for hearing on March 6,

Coleman, Jacob M. a/k/a Coleman Jake - Petition for Limited Guardianship or Guardianship for hearing on March 6, 2017.

Connors, Joseph L. Sr. a/k/a Connors, Joseph L. Petition to Sell Real Estate for hearing on March 6,

Kee, Isabelle a/k/a Kee, Isabel - Thomas C. Kee of Barrington, RI appointed Executor. Creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning February 15, 2017.

Robertson, Anna, Estate - Petition for Guardianship for hearing on March 6, 2017

Vendituoli, William J.; Estate - Elizabeth Vendituoli of Bristol, RI appointed Executrix. Creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning February 15,

By Order of The Honorable Marvin Homonoff, Judge

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**NEWS BRIEF** 

## Fire department offering free CPR training

Being recognized by the State of Rhode Island as a HeartSafe community, the Barrington Fire Department will offer free CPR training to Barrington residents. The fire department is providing CPR on Monday. March 27, at 6:15 p.m. free of charge to the first 30 residents who apply. Additional courses will be scheduled for overflow if necessary. To enroll or for more information, contact Capt. Scott Carroll or Firefighter David Paull at 437-3940 or scarroll@barrington.ri.gov. The Heartsafe Communities program promotes survival from sudden out of hospital cardiac arrest. One of the criteria for The HeartSafe community is offering CPR classes for its citizens.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF BARRINGTON CEMETERIES**

Notice is hereby given that, with the exception of a decrease in pricing of Prince's Hill columbarium niche space, pricing for burial space & services in Barrington cemeteries has increased due to the increase in perpetual care cost and operating expenses. New fee schedules are available at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall and on the website at www.barrington.ri.gov .

By order of the Barrington Cemetery Commission February 1, 2017

February 22, 2017

## Lawmakers wary of marijuana legalization bill

Though they say they are withholding judgment for now, several said they fear for defense industry here

#### BY TED HAYES

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Three months after Massachusetts legalized the recreational use of marijuana, East Bay legislators are giving a cool reception to a similar measure expected to be introduced by Providence and Cranston law-makers.

Rep. Scott Slater of Providence and Cranston Senator Joshua Miller are expected to introduce the "Cannabis Regulation, Control and Taxation Act" by Sunday, Feb. 19. The legislation would allow Rhode Islanders over 21 to possess up to an ounce of marijuana and grow one plant in their home. The sponsors say the legislation, if passed, would allow Rhode Island to tax the drug and compete with Massachusetts or tax and consumers' dollars.

"Eight states have passed laws to regulate and tax cannabis for adult use," Rep. Slater said in an interview. "This legislation represents a sensible policy reform that has been shown to work successfully in other states." While proponents believe legalizing marijuana would be a cash boon for the state, some legislators in Bristol and Warren say they're not yet convinced, and worry that legalizing the Schedule I drug would harm Rhode Island's economy and particular, its defense sector.

"I oppose legalization on a lot of grounds," said District 11 Senator James Seveny. "Rhode Island is number three in the nation for substance abuse issues; I don't see how we are helping our youngsters by legalizing. As far as losing (revenue) to Massachusetss ... our substance abuse issues are of a higher priority."

Like many of his East Bay colleagues, Sen. Seveney said he is also concerned with Rhode Island's \$1 billion defense industry, which employs thousands.

"If you go to apply for a job (for a federal contractor) many if not most of those jobs require a security clearance," he said. "The very first thing you do for that is take a drug test."

"Are we going to lose out?"

Others agree. While District 68 Rep. Kenneth Marshall said he has not yet made up his mind on the legislation, he too worries about the defense industry and whether legalizing marijuana would damage the

Ocean State's economy.

"All we hear is that (defense-related) employers can't find quality workers. But they require drug testing and you can't get hired if you have THC (the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana) in your blood-stream," he said.

"If we do allow (legalization), are we in jeopardy of potentially losing more of our economy to another state where it isn't legal?"

District 10 Sen. Walter Felag is an employee of General Dynamics in Newport, and said he knows many people in the defense industry. He too worries about what impact legalizing the drug would have.

"Right now, I have an open mind on the issue and I'm looking forward to hearing the merits of the bill," he said.

However, "we have to dot the Is and cross the Ts and look at the impact and the numbers; more importantly, is it going to have an impact on our defense industry? It's an industry that is close to me,and there's a lot of defense money on the line."

Several legislators had other issues, as well. When asked how she would vote on the legislation, District 69 Rep. Susan Donovan said she has not yet decided, but has many questions.

"First I want to listen to all the testimony and all the pros and cons," she said. "I think what the concern is for everybody is that this is happening in Massachusetts, and what that effect will be be on us, whether we'll inherit all the problems (of Massachusetts) and not have the resources to fight it."

Employment is a big option for her as well, she said:

"We also have a big defense industry, and (what about the trades)? The plumbers' unions and electricians' unions, they all having trouble getting apprentices. That's a big issue, getting people into the work force. How will this impact it? I don't know the answers. I want to sit down and ask those questions."

"My position is the same as it was" during his campaign, added District 67 Rep. Jason Knight.

"I think it's a fact of life that it's going to come to Rhode Island eventually. I want to make sure that when it does, it does with the appropriate safeguards."

Though he hasn't yet read the bill (it must be introduced by Feb. 19) Rep. Knight said he has heard about parts of it.

"I'm taking a wait and see approach," he said

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## High Praise for Bristol's Lori Gardiner, Realtor

Lori Gardiner had been a real estate agent since 2006, following a 15-year career as an administrative assistant for an engineering firm. Add to this, successfully raising a family and volunteering in the community and the occasional golf game, and you can tell this is a woman who is on top of things, a critical requirement for a successful agent in the busy and competitive environment of the East Bay and nearby Massachusetts area. "I love what I do, working with people and making their dreams come true," says the friendly, outgoing and resourceful Lori. And it shows in the high praise heaped on her by her clients.

Take Lori Wood, a Tiverton resident who, with her husband Rob, recently maneuvered three real estate transactions in their foray into the rental house market. "She took us every step of the way, going way above and beyond a typical realtor's role in some challenging transactions," she says.

"Our first house was a real fixer upper in Portsmouth, an estate sale that had been vacant for several years, says Lori Wood. "We would-

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n't have known where to start, but Lori led us through the finance company's requirements, arranged estimates from the necessary tradesmen and scheduled them to update and do needed repairs. It went very smoothly, thanks to her, and when it was finished we all thought it was amazing and appraised at a really good price.

"So that led us to our second real estate transaction with Lori – selling rather than renting. Lori did all the marketing, arranging the open house, taking care of the many details. At the end of the first weekend, we had a signed sales agreement from the first person who looked at the house" says Lori.

Transaction number three took the young entrepreneurs back into their original rental house concept. "Lori found us an ideal two-family rental property in Bristol in November 2016, guided us through a tricky closing and once again helped us find the right people to do renovations to the property. She also gave us great ideas on rentals.



Lori Gardiner, a successful and highly recommended realtor in the East Bay area, goes above and beyond what's needed to help those buying or selling properties.

The first floor is now rented. The second floor renovation is almost complete and ready to rent," says the happy rental property owner, who has high respect for the real estate profession because of Lori's efforts.

"I can't recommend Lori Gardiner enough," she says. "She really knows her stuff."

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## BEF 'circle' focuses on importance of the arts

Barrington Education Foundation re-imagining extraordinary education

#### BY JOAN D. WARREN

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The arts served as a focal point during a recent BEF "circle of conversation."

A group of eight people from varying backgrounds spent time discussing the importance of arts in education and how it helps students grow and excel. The conversation was part of a new initiative from the Barrington Education Foundation.

In celebrating 25 years of championing extraordinary educational opportunities in the Barrington public schools, BEF hosted a variety of activities to re-imagine extraordinary education and continued growth of the public school system. The circles are intended to spark ideas, insights and dreams about Barrington public school education as BEF moves into the next 25 years.

Recently BEF sponsored a series of inspired "circles of conversation" including one titled: The Role of the Performing Arts in the 21st Century.

About a dozen people attended the arts-based circle. It was held at Barrington Middle School and led by W. Peter Bilderback, PhD. and president of the board of directors of Arts Alive! Barrington.

The panel included Lindsay Daugherty, Dena Davis, Ian Dell'Antonio, David Lauria, Kelly McCabe, Phillip Viall and Rachel Warren.

The overwhelming consensus from the panel was the collaborative nature of performing arts and the importance of self expression.



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Mr. Dell'Antonio, who works as a professor in the department of physics at Brown University, said that collaboration brings out the best in others.

"In the performing arts, you work towards a goal and have a set agendas with different skills to get to that goal," he said. "It is working interactively to bring out the best in others."

Ms. Daugherty, a senior at Barrington High School, agreed. As founder of the unified theater program at the high school, she sees the performing arts as a way to bring together students of all abilities.

"The purpose of unified theater is to engage students in deeper inclusion. It integrated students in a common purpose," she said.

Ms. Warren, a resident artist at Trinity Repertory Company in Providence, said that the performing arts help everyone involved in that everyone has a valuable role.

"There are no small actors," she said.
"Everyone has varying abilities and experiences working together."

Ms. Davis, the co-founder of Arts Alive!

Barrington, said the importance of keeping the arts in the schools is in teaching communication skills. Arts Alive! Barrington is a non-profit that partners with PTOs to bring musical theatre into Barrington schools.

"Learning how to connect with an audience and learning patience and a work ethic translates in to anything you do in the future," she said.

The panel agreed that the arts teaches patience and gives participants self-confidence and character building skills.

Ms. McCabe, who serves as the executive artistic director for Barrington Community Theater, said that in her experience, she sees theater as a way for students to find themselves. "It gives something to relate to — connections. Knowing you are not alone is incredibly valuable," she said. "There is no test value but hugely important in a personal growth value."

Mr. Viall, a professor of computer engineering at UMass Dartmouth and stage manager for Arts Alive!, said that participating in the performing arts can include more than performers.

## Meet the panel:

- Lindsay Daugherty: A member of the Barrington High School class of 2017 and founder of the BHS chapter of Unified Theater. Unified Theater brings together young people with and without disabilities, where they come together as equals to put on theatrical productions.
- Dena Davis: Artistic director and cofounder of Arts Alive!, a non-profit that partners with PTOs to bring musical theatre into Barrington Schools. She's worked professionally in theatre education and as an actress for over 20 years. To date she has directed 21 plays in the Barrington public school district.
- Ian Dell'Antonio: Professor in the department of physics at Brown University, where he employs a variety of astrophysical techniques to address fundamental issues of cosmology, including explaining what kinds of materials comprise the universe, and why the universe is accelerating its expansion.
- David Lauria: Choral and music technology teacher at Mt. Hope High School. He is also the youth orchestra director at Barrington's St. Luke's Church. He recently wrote, produced, and engineered material for the self-titled album from Listen Above.
- Kelly McCabe: Executive artistic director for Barrington Community Theater. She has been working with children and teens in theater for 11 years. She also works as the scenic designer and a STEAMM Educator for the Center for Dynamic Learning.
- Phillip Viall: Stage manager for Arts Alive!, and professor of computer engineering at UMass Dartmouth.
- Rachael Warren: A resident artist at Trinity Repertory Company in Providence. Since starting at Trinity in 1999, she has appeared as an actress in more than 30 productions.



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The Cast of 'Urinetown' features (I-r) Derek Smith of Woonsocket, Abby Moore of Portsmouth, John Silveira of Swansea, Nathan Molina of New Bedford, Robin daSilveira of North Attleboro, Liam Bullard of Bristol, Courtney Contente of East Providence, Ellie Knapman of Bristol, Olivia Vezina of Bristol, and R.J. Lima of Bristol.

# Bristol Theatre Company set to make a splash with latest production

Lampooning everything from the legal system, bureaucracy, corporate management, and politics — to musical theater itself — 'Urinetown' has been called 'musical theater at its best.'

#### BY CHRISTY NADALIN

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"I have to admit, the timing is good," said director Christopher Crider about the Bristol Theatre Company's upcoming production of Urinetown, a satirical send-up of municipal politics, bureaucratic mismanagement and corporate greed. It's a show that seems tailor-made for the current tumultuous political climate.

But Urintown has been around for a while. It played on Broadway from 2001-2004, where it won 3 Tony Awards, 3 Outer Critics Circle Awards, and 2 Obie Awards. Crider, a recent graduate of Stonehill College with a degree in theater and arts management, pitched the show to BTC back in August, well before the election.

"It definitely has political overtones," he said, "and it brings up lots of questions about what happens when government is subservient to corporations. No matter who won the election, it was going to be relevant."

Urinetown is set in small town, USA, where a 20-year drought has caused a water shortage so terrible that the government enforces a ban on the use of private toilets throughout the city, and citizens must now pay to use public facilities which are monopolized by one all-controlling corporation.

"I won't spoil the ending, but there are a lot of laughs and a lot of hopeful idealism," said Crider. "But things don't always work out."

The cast of mostly adults with a handful of high school students comes from as far away as Woonsocket — not surprising given the popularity of this musical among performers, according to Marie Knapman, Chairperson of the BTC Board of Directors. In addition to Crider, the cast is ably managed by music director Mario Sasso, stage

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Courtney Contente, John Silveira, and Derek Smith rehearse a scene in front of a grafitti backdrop painted by Roger Williams University student Nicholas Valenti.

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## High style, local talent headlining Fashion Week RI

Fashion Week RI, four nights of fashion, entertainment, music and art celebrating local talent, designers, boutiques and artisans from around New England, returns Thursday, Feb. 23 through Sunday, Feb 26. Events on Friday and Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon, will be held at The Mint Gallery, 433 Hope St., Bristol.

Held twice a year, FWRI brings together designers, boutiques, non-profit organizations and the local fashion community to cross promote industry related products and services, and stimulate commerce while supporting pre-selected local causes. The Woman's Resource Center is the chosen beneficiary of a portion of the proceeds from each night of Fashion Week RI hosted at The Mint Gallery. According to gallery owner Ethan Tucker, the gallery will also be chipping in with proceeds from any art sales during the event.

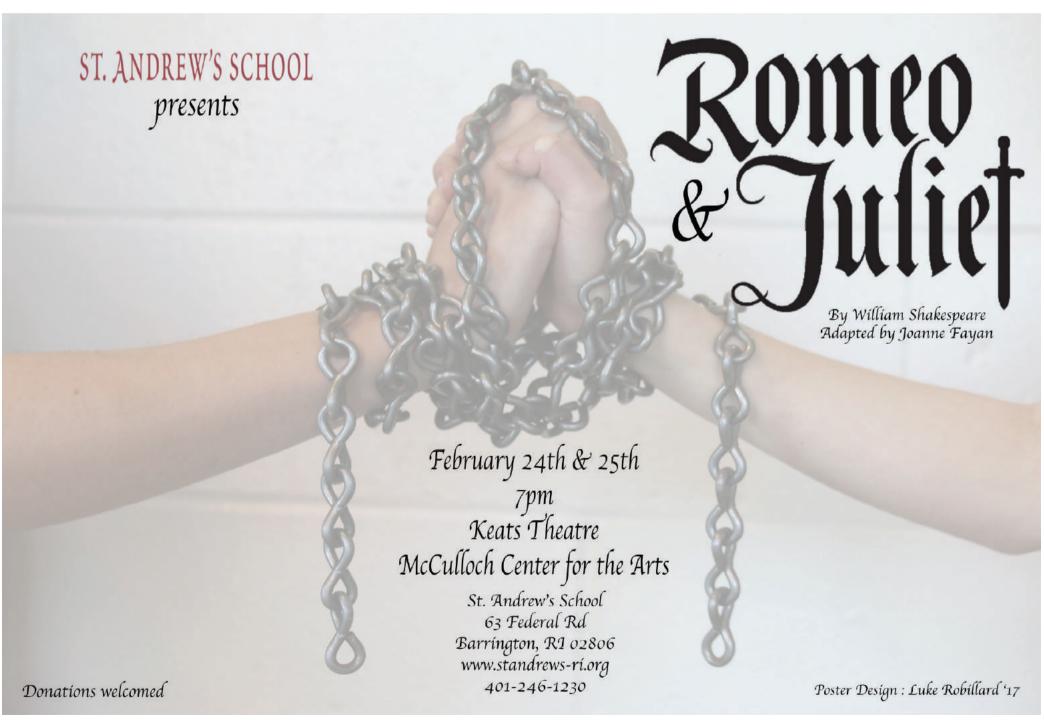
FWRI is also the culmination of Beauty Week 2017, a celebration of all things beauty and the local industry that supports it. From Feb. 17 through 26, Beauty Week will be highlighting local stylists, salons and spas through a series of events and special offers. For more information visit beautyweek-ri.com.

Please visit FashionWeekRI.com to purchase tickets and see the complete schedule of designers, performers, and vendors.



RICHARD W. DIONNE JR

Ruby McAloon, a Barrington High School freshman who recently appeared as a contestant on Lifetime's Project Runway Junior will be one of the featured designers. She's shown here working on a piece while her mother, Robin, displays some of Ruby's creations.



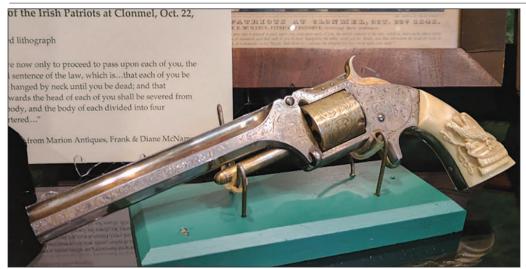


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Smith and Wesson 32 caliber 6-shot, Presentation revolver, 1864. Metal and elephant ivory. This revolver engraved; "Presented / to / Capt. Edwin Dews / By Co. B 3rd Mass." And "1881" According to the donor, Captain Dews was one of the soldiers sent in pursuit of John Wilkes Booth who killed Abraham Lincoln.

## Presidential objects at New Bedford Whaling Museum bear witness to history

Blood-spattered cloth from assassination of Abraham Lincoln among collection of historical items with presidential ties

New Bedford Whaling Museum has an impressive collection of presidential objects on permanent display, but

without doubt, the most poignant is a relic. It is a small piece of silk fabric that bears witness to one of the most infamous incidents in American history. The fabric's delicate floral design is marred by dried blood stains belonging to President Abraham Lincoln. The swatch is from the dress worn by actress Laura Keene, the British stage actress who played a leading role in Our American Cousin at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C., which was attended by President Lincoln on the evening of his assassination. Just below the swatch of silk is an 1864 Smith and Wesson revolver, which according to the donor, belonged to one of the soldiers sent in pursuit of John Wilkes Booth, the President's assassin. The revolver and scrap of cloth are on display on the Museum's main level in the exhibition Famine, Friends & Fenians.

Across the gallery, an 1864 lithograph of Lincoln, taken from a sitting done the year before, drawn by Francis B. Carpenter and given by the artist to Senator Sumner of Massachusetts, is on display. Lincoln counted among his friends Joseph Grinnell, a member of the great Grinnell & Minturn shipping firm. In September 1848, while still a relatively unknown Congressman from Illinois, Lincoln visited Grinnell in New Bedford and spoke at Liberty Hall. Diarist Samuel Rodman, Jr. was not impressed, noting, "In the evening went to the Whig meeting, which was addressed by Mr. Lincoln...was a pretty sound, but not a tasteful speech." The Morning Mercury disagreed, writing the crowd "fired off three lusty cheers for Mr. Lincoln."

Above the portrait is a mirror used by Lincoln. It hung in Lincoln's private stateroom on board the steamship River Queen, a sidewheel steamer that operated as a ferry between Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. She was chartered by the U.S. Department of War and was used for an unsuccessful peace conference during the last year of the Civil War. Lincoln met with General William T. Sherman, rear Admiral David Dixon Porter, and General Grant aboard the River Queen during the conference.

In the Braitmayer Gallery is a Resolute Desk, one of three made from the timbers of the HMS Resolute, a British Royal Navy barque sent to the Arctic to locate and rescue the lost Franklin expedition, but abandoned



JFK, Jr. peeking out FDR's panel in the Resolute desk in 1962. Three desks were made from the timbers of the HMS Resolute; one is in the collection at the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

after being trapped in the ice. In 1854 an American whaleman recovered the HMS Resolute, which was returned to Queen Victoria in 1856 after a prominent New Bedford businessman, Henry Grinnell, offered to buy the ship from the salvager on behalf of the US Congress. It was Grinnell who proposed that the ship be restored and returned to the Queen as a gesture of good faith. This action is widely seen as one of the first great acts of diplomacy between the two nations, which had been tense since the War of 1812.

When the HMS Resolute was retired. Oueen Victoria ordered that the oak from the ship be fashioned into three beautiful desks. Presented as a gift to President Rutherford B. Hayes, the first desk has graced the Oval Office since 1880. A second was kept for many years in Buckingham Palace, but is now on loan to the Royal Naval Museum in Portsmouth, England. The third desk was presented as a gift to Henry Grinnell's widow and was passed down in his family for years until it was donated to the Whaling Museum in 1983. It stands as a quiet reminder of what can come from good diplomacy.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is at 18 Johnny Cake Hill. Museum hours January through March: Tuesday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free for museum members and children aged three and under; adults \$16, seniors (65+) \$14, students (19+) \$9, child and youth \$6. For more information, visit whalingmuseum.



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Coggeshall Farm Museum Interim Executive Director Casey Duckett and Interpreter Jeromy Foberg tend to the fire at at the living history farm's annual maple camp in Bristol.

# Sap and cider flow in Bristol

Maple sugaring is underway at Coggeshall Farm Museum

For the next month or so, visitors to Bristol's Coggeshall Farm are invited to bundle up and join staff as they showcase historic methods of maple sugaring. After visitors learn how to tap trees, gather sap, and process it in Coggeshall's maple sugaring camp, they can warm up by the hearth and enjoy hot cider and authentic johnnycakes. All the while, visitors can learn about how this centuriesold task ties into a variety of topics, from abolition to international shipping.

"This is a chance to get your hands dirty and learn how people used to make maple sugar at the birth of our nation" says Interim Executive Director Casey Duckett. "Visitors can help tap trees, collect sap, cut and collect firewood, and

learn about the routine of a sugar camp." Maple sugaring is a decade-long tradition at Coggeshall and is their first major event of the year. The museum expects a large turnout of guests looking for a taste of this New England experience. In addition to demonstrations, the Coggeshall Museum Store will be selling honey from the hives on their property and maple syrup made with sap tapped from the maple trees along Colt Drive.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 21-26, March 4-5, 11-12, & 18-19. This event is free for Coggeshall Members. Memberships can be purchased online or at the museum. The living history farm is located at 1 Colt Drive, Bristol, off Poppasquash Road and adjacent to Colt State Park. For more information, please visit coggeshallfarm.org.

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Wednesday, February 22	4:43 (3.3)	5:03 (3.0)	10:40	10:28	6:27	5:29
Thursday, February 23	5:31 (3.6)	5:50 (3.4)	11:21	11:14	6:25	5:30
Friday, February 24	6:14 (3.9)	6:32 (3.7)	_	12:00/11	:58 6:24	5:31
Saturday, February 25	6:54 (4.2)	7:14 (4.1)	_	12:37	6:22	5:33
Sunday, February 26	7:35 (4.4)	7:56 (4.4)	12:41	1:13	6:21	5:34
Monday, February 27	8:18 (4.6)	8:40 (4.6)	1:25	1:50	6:19	5:35
Tuesday, February 28	9:02 (4.6)	9:25 (4.6)	2:08	2:26	6:18	5:36
Wednesday, March 1	9:49 (4.5)	10:14 (4.6)	2:51	3:04	6:16	5:37
Thursday, March 2	10:40 (4.3)	11:06 (4.6)	3:35	3:45	6:14	5:39

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\* Information is based on tides in Bristol Harbor.

## Books can offer pleasant surprises, tempting mysteries, old favorites reborn

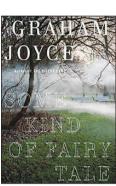
BY LYNDA REGO

Book reviewing is a bit of a dance. I want to provide enough information so you can decide if it's a book you want to read. But, I don't want to give too much of the plot away. I hate that.

Too many reviewers today (of books and movies) lay the plot out in detail. I like being surprised. Maybe as you get older, it's harder to be surprised so it's pleasant when it happens. I find that book club books are often a surprise because I usually didn't pick the book. That's probably why we like mysteries and thrillers so much. Who knows what might happen next? Or, who did it?

### "Some Kind of Fairy Tale"

"Some Kind of Fairy Tale" (2012) by Gra-



ham Joyce is an interesting look at people, how they change and what we do to, and for, those we love. When Tara Martin disappears from the woods near her home in England. It has serious ramifications for her parents, her brother Peter and his best friend and Tara's boy-

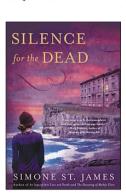
friend, Richie, who the police suspect of killing her.

But, life moves on, and when Tara reappears 20 years later, not looking much older than when she left, with an unbelievable story about where she's been, it will cause upheaval for those who loved her all over again. This is a book where I don't want to

of the matter: "Twenty years is, after all, a long time. We are not the same people we were. Old friends, lovers, even family members ... are strangers who happen to wear a familiar face."

#### "Silence for the Dead"

"Silence for the Dead" (2014) by Simone St. James. I liked "The Haunting of Maddy



Clare," so searched out another book by St. James. This one has ghosts, too, and is set at Portis House, a big mansion near the marshes on the coast in England. It's 1919, and the house is a hospital for men who have come back from the war shellshocked or mentally unfit.

In those days it was a disgrace to be a "coward," which these men were considered to be. Kitty Weekes is on the run from her past and takes a job at the remote Portis House pretending to be a nurse. But, she will find new ghosts to join those from her past – only these are real ghosts and the patients are getting worse. Can Kitty, with the help of one special patient, solve the mystery and save all the inhabitants?

#### "The Darcys of Pemberley"

"The Darcys of Pemberley" (2011) by Shannon Winslow is a continuation of "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen. Yes, I know. The first reaction is "Another one?" But, I enjoyed this one. It's pretty laid back for the first half and simply a picture of Lizzy and Darcy's life at Pemberley a year

give too much away. Joyce gets to the heart into their marriage. Jane and Bingley move



closer, Lizzy's mother is mostly missing (thank goodness), and Lydia and Wickham don't cause problems until the final quarter of the novel. But, you knew that was coming, didn't you? And, everything ends satisfactorily. Winslow really has a feel for the period and Aus-

ten's language. An enjoyable read.

#### "The Lake House"

"The Lake House" (2015) by Kate Morton is a mystery that shuttles back and forth



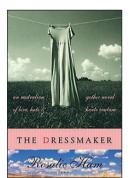
between the 1930s and 70 years later. What happened at the Edevanes' lake house in Cornwall on Midsummer Night's Eve in 1933 when their 2-yearold son disappeared never to be seen again?

The story follows members of the Edevane family back

and forth in time, along with Sadie Sparrow, a London police detective who finds herself in Cornwall on an enforced leave and becomes obsessed with the cold case. It's a nice mix of mystery (actually two mysteries), romance, history and character psychology, with some interesting twists. This is Kate Morton's best book yet.

## "The Dressmaker"

"The Dressmaker" (2015) by Rosalie



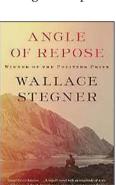
Ham. When Tilly Dunnage returns to her hometown of Dungatar in Australia, your first reaction is "Why?" Why would a beautiful, talented designer and seamstress want to leave Paris for a town of hateful, narrow-minded jerks? But, despite the awful things she

endured there, Tilly wants to check on her mother. Rosalie Ham has created a quirky, satirical town, from the butcher, Reginald Blood, and Sgt. Farrat, who knows almost as much about fashion as Tilly, to Councilor Evan Pettyman, a sexual deviant.

There's a slapstick quality to some of the humor - from Miss Dimm, the teacher who refuses to wear her glasses, tumbling down the hill on which Tilly and her mother Mad Molly live, to Mr. Almanac, the chemist, whose advancing Parkinson's disease causes him to totter around, bouncing off people and furniture like a pinball. This is a difficult book to categorize (it's got romance, revenge, gorgeous fashions), and you can quibble about some of the plot points, but it's eminently enjoyable, especially for a first novel. And, the characters' names are such a hoot.

#### "Angle of Repose"

"Angle of Repose" (1971) by Wallace Steg-



ner is a novel as big (over 500 pages) as the West Stegner writes about. This one is about three marriages – in the past and the present (1970). Lyman Ward, a historian and professor who is partially paralyzed after an amputation, has retreated to the California home of his

grandparents', Oliver and Susan Ward. There, he is researching and writing their story. Oliver was a civil engineer who worked on mines in the West, and Susan was an author and illustrator for magazines on the East Coast. When she gives up the culture and civilization of New York City and her family in Massachusetts to go West with Oliver, how will it work out? The story alternates between Lyman's life and research and Oliver and Susan's life, as told through letters to her best friend Augusta in New York City. Stegner has a firm picture of the West, its complex people and its rhythms. And, he makes it come alive for the reader.

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## Are school grades de-grading?

here is a movement afoot to eliminate grades for students, particularly in the middle schools. The argument goes as follows: Giving grades cause stress for some



Arlene **VIOLET** 

students. Students particularly in the middle grades face a number of social, academic, and emotional changes, so giving grades adds to the anxiety.

Parents get anxious, so some teachers will inflate grades, either through awarding "bonus" points

or by skewing grades to the higher end of the spectrum in order to avoid awkward conversations with these parents.

Letter grades in middle school have no bearing on future high school transcripts so acceptance into colleges is not jeopardized.

Grades can be subjective based on the

teacher's bias.

Giving grades snuff out the love of learning.

At least some of these reasons were behind the recent decision of the Barrington School Committee to ditch the honor roll for pupils in the middle school. Citing years of study of the issue and research, its members have jettisoned the listing from this point forward. Citing an undefined method of recognizing excellence in the future, the committee opined that year end recognition ceremony(ies) would be implemented.

So, just how do having awards for excellence at the end of the school year somehow disperse anxiety about grades? To be sure, there is research that does support the argument that grades can make kids crazy because their parents are obsessed. How would, "Johnny "or "Mary", however, make up his work at the end of the school year when his parents learn, "Whoops", he didn't get the les-

sons? Sending a child to summer school would also be an endangered practice under the same rationale since the ego of the student would be damaged.

Advocates of no grades usually argue that narratives are the way to 'grade' students because the narrative is more explicit. What isn't explained, however, is why such a narrative isn't just as subjective as the teacher's grades. It still is an opinion and avoids none of the problems of parent-teacher tension where grades are not up to par.

A sidebar issue, of course, is that eliminating grading also shields a teacher and his/her skills in conveying the content of the course. No longer would there be any standard to judge whether "Mrs. Smith" actually taught the subject during the entire time in middle school. With the effort of teacher unions and state governors and educational leaders like Governor Gina Raimondo and RI Commissioner of Education Ken Wagner, objective

tests like the core curriculum exams or similar "regent's tests" are being indefinitely postponed. Whether or not it is intended, this is another elimination of ascertaining whether a teacher is effective in the classroom since there are no objective tests to find out how a student stands in comparison to others at the same grade level.

No doubt there will be uproar over this column for its position that no viable alternative to dropping grades has been proposed for true evaluation of what a student learns. We can all wax poetically about not dousing a student's love of learning by giving a grade just like we did for the craze about sports and not keeping score. Just like everybody got a trophy, now it's apparently time to put a ribbon on narratives which can be mealy mouthed. Good grief! What has happened to us?

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

## **AGING WISELY**

## 5 estate planning tips for the non-traditional family (which probably means yours)

s your family of the "Leave It to Beaver" variety—opposite-gender parents, first marriage for each, one or more kids? If so, your estate plan will probably be straightforward. But if



**HJERPE** 

, first marriage for each, kids? If so, your estate plan be straightforward. But if not, you have a lot of company and your estate plan will likely involve complications.

Certainly, the Cleavers' estate plan would be much less complicated than planning for my clients, who often have been married more than once. According to U.S.

News, in 2014, 40 percent of all new marriages involve a person who has been married before. Remarriage, some report, is actually on the rise.

In 2014, the National Center For Health Statistics reported that approximately 40 percent of babies were born to unmarried women. If you are in a relationship, but not married, or if you have been married more than once or have children by more than one partner, then it is critical that you do estate planning. Here are a few tips to consider:

Give your partner rights. The so-called "intestacy laws" provide that, when a person dies without a will, the person's property will pass to spouses and/or children, or to parents if someone dies without a spouse or children. But no laws protect unmarried partners or unadopted children. As a result, if an unmarried partner becomes incapacitated or dies without wills, trusts or powers of attorneys, the partner will be left without protection under the law. Perhaps the unmarried partner could

petition a court for a determination of common-law marriage, but that is expensive and difficult to prove. Common law marriage must be established by "clear and convincing" evidence, a very high legal standard.

■ But carefully consider giving the new spouse too many rights. All too often, despite the best intentions, when parents remarry the new family fails to bond. The children from prior relationships don't grow close to one another or with the new spouse. Frequently, whether intentional or not, the death of one spouse results in the assets of both families residing with the surviving spouse, ultimately passing to his or her children, leaving the children of the first spouse hurt and resentful. Frank discussions with an estate planning attorney about what the couple wants can prevent misunderstandings and unintended consequences. Again, wills, trusts and powers of attorney can permit the new couple to choose the outcome they prefer, rather than just letting life, death and resentment happen.

■ Don't be afraid of pre-nuptial agreements. While most people enter a first marriage without children and assets, this is not the case with a second or third marriage. Before remarrying, the couple needs to discuss whether they plan to financially support one another and/or their children from prior relationships. Then the couple needs to document their agreement to ensure it is followed and enforced. If circumstances change, the couple can always modify their agreement. The couple also needs to consider that the government will ignore pre-nuptial agreements when a spouse requests Medicaid benefits for long term care. For this reason, when my married clients wish to keep their assets separate, I advise them to consider long term care insurance.

■ Use trusts. Unlike wills, trusts can facilitate more long range planning for a couple and their assets. For example, a trust can permit a widow to live in her husband's home for her lifetime but ultimately pass the home to the husband's children and grandchildren. Alternatively, a couple can pool their resources into a joint trust for their benefit during their lives with any remaining funds distributing equally to the children of either spouse.

■ Goals first, planning second. Anyone considering planning, whether in a traditional or non-traditional relationship, needs to start by with goals. Is your primary concern to provide for yourself? What about your partner/spouse? Is it important to leave an inheritance to children? Grandchildren? Do you want to provide for just your children or for the children of your spouse, too? Discuss with an estate planning attorney whether all goals are achievable or if

goals need to be prioritized. Ultimately, the estate plan should reflect the couple's goals and priorities. While this is true for anyone doing estate planning, it is more important for couples with children from different unions because the plan must balance and prioritize more interests.

The bottom line is that our laws for distribution of property and rights upon incapacity are based on a vision of a marriage between one woman and one man with children. Since this view of "family" is much less the norm today, planning is more important and difficult. Don't put it off. Make a resolution to complete a comprehensive estate plan.

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## Local reviewer releases new book

Editor's note: Donna DeLeo Bruno, who writes book reviews for this paper, has released her first compilation, "One Who Reads Is Always Booked." She recently took the time to answer some questions about her inspirations, her process, and some of her favorite titles.

have been writing book reviews for the East Bay newspapers for a number of years now, as well as a publication in Pompano Beach, Florida. I have also been published in Gooseriver Press Anthology (2015 and 2016), as well as The Sun-Sentinel in Florida and



Donna DeLeo **BRUNO** 

The Providence Journal. Readers stop me downtown at the Bristol post office or library, as well as here in Ft. Lauderdale where I spend my winters. They tell me that they very much enjoy and look forward to my recommendations, so I decided to compile this

source of reviews of the best books of the last two or three years.

Most of the books I review are recent, but sometimes I encounter a book that is so excellent, where the author is such a superb writer, that I have included those as well. For example, "Stoner" by John Williams, "Citizens of London" by Lynne Olsen, or "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese. All truly outstanding works. Some of the reviews in my book are those that have appeared in the East Bay newspapers, but there are many more.

I have an extensive background in writing and literature, having taught that course for 35 very gratifying years at Barrington High School, a wonderful experience. Many of my students went into writing for a career — some in the magazine industry, a number as freelance writers, some in newspaper, one an accomplished novelist. In addition, all my college study, both graduate and undergraduate, was in British, American, and contemporary literature at Rhode Island College, University of RI, Providence College, Salve Regina, and Roger Williams University. In fact, at RIC, with a major and minor in English and Speech and Theater, I exhausted all the English courses they offered at that

I have been an avid reader since

childhood, devouring books of all kinds. I'm not sure that it is essential to always be reading the classics or renowned writers. More significant and valuable is that one enjoys reading, and I hope I imparted that to my students. However, certain courses served me well. A course at Providence College in Robert Browning's poetry, particularly the dramatic monologue, served me well since my next book contains some of my own dramatic monologues. Also, a course at Roger Williams in adolescent psychology made me more aware of the subliminal messages contained in children's books.

I have another book on the way: "Odysseys" will be available in midspring, it is a collection of my own short stories and poetry. One was inspired by a Mediterranean cruise I took with my husband. One of the stops was Sicily where I heard of a very wealthy American woman being kidnapped and held for ransom high up in the caves of the island's rugged terrain. This was followed by a stop in Corsica where I visited a small, ancient village of 50 inhabitants, which became the setting for my short story "Kidnap in Corsica" which can found in my second book.

"One Who Reads Is Always Booked" can be purchased at Barrington Books, on Amazon.com, or StillwaterPress.com. "Odysseys" will be available through the same sources.

In addition to reading and writing reviews, I give book reviews and presentations at the local library in Ft. Lauderdale, and also to garden clubs, women's groups, and American Association of University Women through which we raise funds for girls' scholarships. I've even busy, but I relish anything related to books and writing. Like Thomas Jefferson, "I could not live without books"; and like Sinclair Lewis, "A cup of tea is never big enough nor a book long enough" to satisfy my love of both.

Donna DeLeo Bruno is a native Bristolian and a retired teacher of writing and literature. She now splits her time between Bristol and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where she gives book reviews at the local library as well as at book clubs and women's clubs. Her book "One Who Reads Is Always Booked" is scheduled to be released in February 2017, followed by her second book, "Odysseys."

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## **Taste of Warren 2017**

Featured restaurants with tasting tables will include Chomp, Perella's, The Čountry Inn, Cafe Water Street, The Old Grist Mill, Balasco's, Edible Arrangements, Simone's, The Wharf Tavern, Bywater, Revival, and Lauren's, along with complimentary fine wines and spirits provided by Malik's Liquors. The price to sample all of the above eateries is only \$25, and all proceeds will benefit the continuing restoration of Warren's historic Armory. Thursday, March 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Armory Hall on 11 Jefferson Street in Warren. You can purchase tickets at Don's Art Shop, Tap Printing, Malik's Liquors, or by calling Ed Theberge at 401/529-7269.

## **Learn to cook Chinese cuisine**

Beginning Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to noon, instructor Vinkey Zhou, will teach, over a 6-week period, how to cook healthy and tasty meals, and how to make vegetables more appealing to children using the wisdom of Chinese Cooking while discovering how to make dumplings, stirfry, vegetables and meat pie, fried rice, stews and special desserts. Six courses offer six Chinese cooking methods with instructions and recipes. The course fee of \$74 for Barrington Community School Members and \$84 for Non-Members includes tuition and food supply fee. Classes will be held at Barrington High School. Call the BCS office at 401/245-0432 or visit the website, barrcommschool.com, for more information.

## Spice up your life in Barrington!

If you missed BinduMalik's fall offering, Spice up Your Life with Indian Cuisine, here is the opportunity to take it now. Journey with the instructor as she unlocks the secrets to an ancient treasure trove of Indian spices, and transforms basic ingredients into gastronomical delights, using mostly organic foods. Following an introduction to the spices frequently used in this cuisine, Bindu will demonstrate a new entrée in each of the three classes; there will be some hands-on cooking, and, of course, everyone will sample these dishes. Course #1 will be held on Wednesday, March 8 where Bindu will make Aloo Channa Masala (chick peas and sweet potatoes in onion tomato gravy)



and whole Indian spice flavored rice. Course #2, held on Wednesday, March 15 will feature Chicken Korma/hyderabadi lamb (chick and lamb marinated in yogurt and Indian spices) and Indian bread. On Thursday, March 30, Course #3, discover a classic dish, Saag Chicken and Saag Paneer (spinach cooked with spices in tomato onion gravy, cashew nuts, and paneer (Indian cheese), with flavored rice.) Don't miss this adventure into Indian cuisine, and discover for yourself that it's not just curry! Each class is a 2-hour session and costs \$58, which includes the supply fee; or, take all 3 for \$160. Call the BCS office at 401/2450432 or visit the website, barrcommschool. com, for more information.

#### **Community cooking classes in Dartmouth**

The Dartmouth Grange will offer community cooking classes at its shared-use kitchen at 1133 Fisher Road. There will be a variety of ongoing cooking classes, farm tour cooking classes, and kitchen-related lectures, taught by local chefs and experienced, artisan food producers. Classes will be announced online at www.dartmouthgrange.org. For more information, or to be added to the cooking class e-mail list, contact Beth Gallo, kitchen manager, at beth@

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## Try an exercise 'snack'; eat clean with almond-crusted chicken

Let ver feel like there is not enough time in the day to exercise? With busy schedules, fitting in exercise can be tough. That's where the idea of exercise "snacks" came from. If you can't



set aside a large amount of time for exercise, take five minutes a few times per day to reach your health goals. Aim to do 3 to 5 of the ideas listed below each day.

Emily **DELCONTE** 

- 50 jumping jacks
- 50 squats
- Walk around your office building or house 2 to 4 times
- Walk up and down the stairs 5 times in a
- 30 lunges with each leg
- Jump rope for 3 minutes
- Jog in place for 4 minutes
- 60 sit-ups or crunches
- Walk quickly up and down the street or in your office hallway for 5 minutes
- 25 calf raises
- 40 wall push-ups
- 20 overhead presses with a book or weight
- 20 triceps extensions with each arm
- Play tag with your kids
- 30 biceps curls with each arm using a full water bottle, water filled milk jug, can, or a light weight

#### **Almond Crusted Chicken**

Servings: 4

- 4 chicken breasts (about 12 ounces total)
- 1/2 cup almond meal
- 3 tablespoons ground flaxseed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 tablespoon almond butter



- 2.5 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, divided
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon fresh parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme
- 1 tablespoon onion, finely chopped
- 20 cherry tomatoes, halved
- Dash of salt and black pepper
- 2 small scallions, sliced

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Pound all four chicken breasts evenly.
- 3. Pour almond meal and ground flax into a small bowl and stir to mix evenly.
- 4. In another small bowl, combine 1 table-spoon olive oil, almond butter, 1/2 tablespoon lemon juice, and all the spices and herbs. Mix in a small food processor or by hand. Once combined, add the chicken breasts to this mixture.
- 5. Remove chicken breasts from marinade bowl and place on baking tray. Sprinkle the almond/flax mixture evenly across both sides of all four chicken breasts.
- 6. Bake chicken for 20-30 minutes.
- 7. Make tomato salad while chicken in baking.

Place cut tomatoes in a medium bowl. Sprinkle with a dash of salt and black pepper.

- 8. Add scallions, rest of lemon juice and olive oil. Mix well and set aside.
- 9. Plate chicken with a spoonful of tomato salad over the breasts. Garnish with lemon wedge and enjoy!

Serving Size: 1 chicken breast with tomato salad

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## Love at first bite

Building relationships with grocers, consumers, begins with a great taste

Minnie Luong has her own commercial kitchen, two part time staffers, and dozens of orders to fill each week for her popular kimchi brand, Chi Kitchen. But she still makes time to prop up a folding table at her local grocery store and hand out free samples. Sampling, as it is known, is how food entrepreneurs like Luong connect with customers and entice new ones. And that is exactly what she — and a handful of other producers - did at a recent Hope & Main sampling event at University Heights Whole Foods Market.

"Tastings are an opportunity to connect one-on-one with guests and receive candid feedback"

ALAN ALBERTO MESA FRESCA CO-FOUNDER

While dishing out free bites may appear a humble act for brands eager to sell their product, sampling evokes the deeply personal relationships that are actually the sign of a successful food business. "It really is about the relationships with the people," said Luong, who looks forward to returning to the first Whole Foods store she signed with. By chance, it is also her regular grocery store. When she shops, she makes sure to visit her aisle and straighten her kimchi

Luong launched Chi Kitchen at Hope & Main, relying on the staff's technical expertise to sail through licensing, testing, scaling, and making good use of their commercial kitchens to produce



Michael Mangasarian of The Backyard Food Company at the Hope & Main Whole Foods sampling event at University Heights.



Louby Sukkar of The Backyard Food Company offers samples at a tasting at Hope & Main.

her tangy and crunchy product. Just as important were the intangible benefits of her Hope & Main membership: landing a meeting with a premier caterer after running into him in the hallway; scooping up tips from fellow entrepreneurs; and proudly receiving a certificate of graduation from the team at Hope & Main that believed in her from day one.

"In thinking about how to market a new product, you need to recognize that food is a 'two sell buy,' said Lisa Raiola, Hope & Main's Founder and President.

"By that I mean that in order to get into eater's hand, you need to get onto the retailer's shelf. That can be an enormous challenge for a novice producer, and it's one of the areas where Hope & Main offers the most assistance."

Hope & Main hosted Whole Foods Supplier Summit in September of 2015, shortly after opening its doors. The connection with Whole Foods and their team of Local Foragers has proved particularly successful. The first time Louby Sukkar and Matt McClelland from The Backyard

Food Company sampled their product to the public, at Whole Foods University Heights, they sold out. Within six months, they were in 33 Whole Foods stores.

"It was astronomical," Sukkar said. "Whole Foods gave us a platform to reach other consumers." Now, The Backyard Food Company is selling in nearly 300 grocery stores across New England and New Jersey. They credit Whole Foods with much of their success.

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Minnie Luong's Chi Kitchen offers both traditional and vegan kimchi.

## **SAMPLES:** 'It's about the relationship with the people'

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Fostering relationships both with eaters through the onsite markets and retailers through a buyer/distributor network is a unique component of Hope & Main's signature incubation program. These connections help pave the way for

more Hope & Main members to sign with Whole Foods, like up-and-comer Mesa Fresca, which makes authentic chimichurri.

Mesa Fresca built a loyal customer following through Hope & Main's Schoolyard Market where, for a whole summer co-founder Alan Alberto sampled his product while perfecting their recipe. Alan relishes sampling days because

"nobody knows your brand and your product better than you do." For Alan and his sister and Mesa Fresca co-founder Nathalie, validation is when a taster buys a jar. "Tastings are an opportunity to connect one-on-one with guests and receive candid feedback," Alan said. "You never know who the tasting will reach and where the product will go, which was our case with Whole Foods.

**THEATRE:** 'It's like a family'

From Page B1

manager Audrey Crawley, and choreographer Diane Campagna.

After directing Suessical for the BTC this summer, and having fun with his first-ever experience directing kids, Crider is enjoying this opportunity to work with adults. "With adults you can be more of a true director, and let every actor bring his own twist to their part." Fun is clearly the key for everyone involved — even as rehearsals push into the later hours on these dark February nights, the BTC space at Reynolds is filled with song, and when this crew isn't singing, they are laughing.

Bristol Theatre Company may feel new, but it's not — Bristol has had a community theatre for some 35 years, traditionally performing for 2 consecutive weekends in August at the barn at Roger Williams University. But work on the barn and expansion of the university's theater program several years ago left BTC looking for a new home, which they found at the Reynolds School on High Street, where they are currently midway through a 5-year lease. With a somewhat "permanent" home, they have been able to put together a handful of productions each year, along with a spring cabaretstyle fundraiser. Ideally, proceeds from each finances the next.

Still, expenses can mount, with Knapman citing licensing rights, theater lighting, and in summer, the cost of renting an air conditioning unit large enough to make the Reynolds space comfortable for patrons. But as long as ends are met and the next



From (I-r) Nathan Molina (behind flag), R. J. Lima, Robin daSilveira, Abby Moore, Olivia Vezina, Ellie Knapman, and Liam Bullard.

show can go on, that's all that matters to Knapman and the all-volunteer board, cast and crew of BTC. "You don't get involved in this for the money," said Knapman, laugh-

For Crider, who also acts with other local theater companies in the Providence and Boston areas, he hopes that Seussical and Urinetown are just the beginning of an ongoing creative collaboration. "I love BTC," he said. "It's like a family."

Urinetown will be performed Thursday, through Saturday, March 2-4, at 7:30 p.m. The theater is at 235 High St. in Bristol, and tickets, which cost \$15 or \$10 for students and seniors, are available online at at btc-urinetown.brownpapertickets. com. For more information on the BTC, visit bristoltheatrecompany.org.

# Weekender

A weath of additional event listings can be found under the East Bay Life header at EastBayRI.com, accessible to both subscribers and non-subscribers. Updated daily, our new online calendar is simple to use, and community members are free to post their own events in an easy-to-navigate online form.

Any questions?

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#### TOP PICKS THIS WEEKEND IN THE EAST BAY



## Occidental Gypsy at Bristol's Stone Church

ccidental Gypsy plays an exhilarating blend of gypsy swing, jazz and world music that enraptures the listener with a complex acoustic sound, burnished by smooth vocals reminiscent of the first era of swing. Occidental Gypsy's sound is appealing to a

Gypsy wide spectrum of people, and their fans include musicians who enjoy the sophisticated compositions and masterful play, but most folks just come to enjoy the music. The band has found a unique beat and brings to every show a dynamic mix of original vocal and instrumental pieces —

WHERE: Stone Church Coffee House, The First Congregational Church, 300 High St., Bristol WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 25; 7:30 p.m. COST: \$15, students are half price, children 5 and under are free

MORE INFO: 401/253-4813 or 401/253-7288

and a few memorable standards – in fun, exhilarating performances.

## Concerts at the Point to feature the Claremont Trio

oncerts at the Point will present the Claremont Trio in a program featuring piano trios of Beethoven, Smetana and contemporary American composer Sean Shepherd, three true masters of the form, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26 at the Westport Point United Methodist Church. Formed in 1999, the Claremont Trio consists of twins Emily Bruskin, violin, and Julia Bruskin, cello, and Australian pianist Andrea Lam. Their career as a trio has been meteoric, with critical acclaim coming for performances worldwide, and recordings that include Beethoven's Triple Concerto and Trio Op. 1 Nr. 1, Mendelssohn Trios, Shostakovich and Arensky Trios, American Trios as well as a collaborative disc with clarinetist Jonathan Cohler.

WHERE: Westport Point United Methodist Church, Westport WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 26; 3 p.m. • COST: \$25, \$10 for students MORE INFO: 508-636-0698; concertsathepoint.org



## 'World's naughtiest magic show' in town

he Naked Magicians, the world's naughtiest and funniest magic show strips away the top hats and capes to promise full-frontal illusions when the show appears in Providence on Saturday, Feb. 25. Starring the clever and seductive Mike Tyler and Christopher Wayne, two of Australia's most famous magicians, The Naked Magicians combine magic and muscles with riotous laughs that take magic to a whole new level. "Good magicians don't need sleeves and great magicians don't need pants," says Tyler.

"Being on stage doing magic without relying on pockets or sleeves does add that extra challenge and ups our game," Wayne says. "When we say 'abracadabra,' the audience isn't always looking at our hands," Tyler jokes.

WHERE: The Vets, One Avenue of the Arts, Providence WHEN: Saturday, Feb 25; 8 p.m. • COST: \$49-\$69 MORE INFO: TheVetsRI.com; 401/421-2787



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## Newport winter festival: 10 days of music, food, and fun!

"New England's Largest Winter Extravaganza," the annual Winter Festival will take place February 17-26 throughout Newport and Newport County. Featuring over 150 events, the Festival offers a unique winter experience combining food, festivities, music, and fun for all ages. Melt away your winter blues with all the Newport Winter Festival has to offer. Highlighted events include the Children's Fair, Chili Cook-Off, Princess Party and exciting, fun concerts by the Jimmy Buffett tribute band, Changes in Latitudes and more!

WHERE: Locations throughout Aquidneck

WHEN: Friday, Feb. 17 through Sunday, Feb.

**COST**: Varies

MORE INFO: 401/847-7666; Newportwinterfestival.com

## Children's Film Festival returns to Providence

The 8th annual Providence Children's Film Festival takes place February 17 through 26 at multiple venues within walking distance of downtown Providence and at satellite locations around Rhode Island, with screenings, filmmaking workshops, and free activities, along with post-film conversations that help deepen the film-watching experience. Audiences of all ages will enjoy over 100 featurelength and short films including live-action, documentary, and animation made by filmmakers from around the world. For complete details about Festival, venues, and ticketing, visit

WHERE: Locations newer down town Providence

**WHEN:** Friday, Feb. 17 through Sunday, Feb. 26

**COST**: Varies

MORE INFO: pcffri.org

## **Family entertainment**

## with Keith Munslow

Munslow is an award-winning performer and wildly funny guy who combines rock solid funky piano playing, soulful singing, hilarious stories, and lightning fast cartooning - all in one show!

**WHERE**: Weaver Library, 41 Grove Ave., East Providence

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 23; 1 p.m.

COST: Free

MORE INFO: 401/434-2453

## Folk singer Joyce Katzberg in Warren

Joyce Katzberg will be presenting a benefit concert of love songs in honor of and appreciation for the George Hail Library: "An Evening of Love Songs for the Library". If you D the George Hail Library, come with your heart on your sleeve (but please, no perfume — this is a fragrance free event.) Whenever Joyce performs, it is a very special and magical night.

WHERE: George Hail Free Library, 530 Main St., Warren

**WHEN**: Thursday Feb. 23; 7 p.m. **COST**: Suggested donation \$10

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**MORE INFO:** 401/245-7686; georgehail.org

## Gabriel García Márquez and One Hundred Years of Solitude' at RWU

As part of the 17th Annual Professor John Howard Birss, Jr. Memorial Lecture Series celebrating the 50th anniversary of Gabriel García Márquez's "One Hundred Years of Solitude," a special library exhibition will be open daily during library hours through March 31. Featured in the exhibition is a facsimile of the author's original typewritten manuscript, several first editions of the novel published in English translation, as well as correspondence between the author and President Bill Clinton, renowned author Salman Rushdie, and others.

**WHERE**: Roger Williams University, 1 Old Ferry Road, Bristol

WHEN: Through Friday, March 31

COST: Free

# East Bay Real Estate

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## MEET ANTHONY SAVIANO: Realtor, house flipper, who lives by the golden rule

BY JOAN D. WARREN

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Born in Providence, Anthony Saviano is the youngest of six children and grew up in Warren. He attended St. Luke's School in Barrington, then LaSalle Academy for high school. He moved to Federal Hill and attended CCRI and Rhode Island College and earned both a general studies degree and business management degree. He moved back to his hometown six years ago, and is the owner of SAVI Homes, LLC, which renovates and restores residential real estate properties. He is a full-time Realtor with Albert Realtors in Cranston.

WHAT DID YOU DO BEFORE REAL ESTATE? "I've had very few jobs, as I usually love what I do or I wouldn't be doing it. Before I became a Realtor, I was a valet parking cars on Federal Hill in Providence for seven years. Before that I worked at Frerichs Farm from ages 8 to 18. Both of these jobs taught me how top-notch customer service is crucial to any business, and that has helped contribute to make me the realtor and man that I am today."

WHY REAL ESTATE AS A CAREER? "Selling real estate is perfect for me for so many reasons. I need variety in my life, and being a Realtor I am in new and exciting, different places every single day. I absolutely love working with new people, and it allows me to have a somewhat flexible schedule. But don't underestimate this career choice. It

could not be more true that we get out of it what we put into it, which often results in long hours and no days off, but nonetheless,

> I wouldn't change what I do for the world."

> FAVORITE SEA-SON: "Although I adore spring and fall here in Rhode Island, I would have to say my absolute favorite season would have to be summer. From enjoying a nice cold Del's Lemonade while riding down path the bike through Colt State Park or on the hot sand of Narragansett Beach to eating

some fresh seafood at nearby Iggy's Clam Shack outside, I'm so in love with Lil' Rhody and all that this small state has to offer.'

HOBBIES: "Besides selling real estate, I also love flipping houses. There is not much more of a gratifying feeling than taking a rundown piece of property and making it beautiful again — it certainly is a labor of love for me. Not only does it look great when finished, but it contributes to improving the looks and boosting the value of the entire neighborhood, which all the neighbors love, too. When I'm not selling or flipping homes, I enjoy spending time with my girlfriend and her family, my friends and family, riding my motorcycle or anything outdoors for that

DESCRIBE A PERFECT FAMILY DAY: "A perfect family day for me would be summer time loading my beautiful girlfriend and her two handsome young boys into my truck and grabbing an awesome breakfast at Eli's Kitchen and then heading to Roger Williams Park and Zoo to go see all the animals. After that just maybe take a nice cruise around the state, windows down, enjoying the weather and beautiful scenery."

BEST ADVICE: "The best advice I've ever received would be from my father, John Saviano, who has always taught me that timing is truly everything and also instilled in me the golden rule, to treat others as I would like to be treated. He also taught me that attitude is everything and that you can achieve anything with the right attitude. My father is an amazing man and my absolute greatest role model. If I can be half the father he has been, then I will consider myself a success.'

BEST PLACE FOR LUNCH LOCALLY: "One of my favorite places for lunch locally would be Blount Clam Shack in Warren during the summer season. They have an awesome Water Street location right on the water and their 'Lobsta' rolls are to die for! For a great year-round lunch experience I also love the Beehive Café in Bristol."

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES: "Although I haven't volunteered there in the last couple of years because life has been so hectic for me, for many years my parents and myself volunteer on Thanksgiving and Christmas mornings to prepare meals at St. Thomas Church in Warren and then deliver them throughout Warren and Bristol to the elderly and less fortunate. My family and I also volunteered for many years with the 'SHARE' and 'SERVE' programs, also put on by Judith Fardig at the American Legion Auxilary, Post 11, assisting less fortunate families with food and groceries. Both my parents have always taught me that giving back to our local community is a huge part of being successful and it could not be more true."

MARKET PREDICTIONS: "The Rhode Island and local market is doing some amazing things right now. There are a lot of Millennial buyers flooding the market looking to purchase their first homes and not enough properties for them all, so normal supply and demand rules apply, which forces sales prices up due to the stiff competition. This in turn helps homeowners by making their property values appreciate, which gives them more home equity and also reduces the amount of distressed properties, so we are seeing far fewer foreclosures and short sales, which is a wonderful thing and a great economic indicator."





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The home, at 2,156 square feet of living space, has a gleaming white kitchen that opens to a generous dining area.

There are plenty of character and details throughput, with walls of shelves in the living room flanking a fireplace, hardwood floors and a bonus room with lots of storage space that would make a perfect office.

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room off the pool area is the perfect location for taking casual meals and extending the pool area for poolside gatherings.

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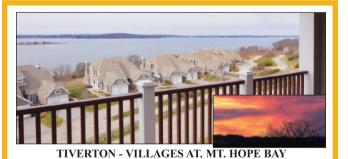


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50 Oliver St	Susan Piette	Richard J. Piette	\$335,000
24 1st School St	James R. Pauly	Kerry and Erin O'Brien	\$225,000
16 Charlotte Dr	Kerry and Erin O'Brien	Frank and Lucy Vento	\$290,000
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467 Poppasquash Rd	George Dixon and Helen Hardy	Dixon Family LP	\$1,604,366
29 Prospect St	Louis Sousa and Catherine Splaine-Sousa	Cizaltina Defaria and Maria Pimentel	\$330,000
18 Butterworth Ave	NCD Developers Inc	Cox T. 1999 and Edward J. Cox	\$350,000 \$150,000
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33 Chauncey Ave	John and Patricia Koziol	Jiyong Zhang and Rui Liu	\$223,000
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27 Lottie Dr	Donna M. Caprio	Teamwork LLC	\$220,000
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		Ashley and Helia Jamiel	\$175,000 \$227,500
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17 Westminster St	Anthony Calci and Lesley Duarte-Calci	17 Westminster Street LLC	\$250,000
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21 Lakeshore Rd	HFPG LLP	Saint Annes CU Of FR	\$60,000
1 Have A Look Ln	Rebecca Eaton and Steven Ashley	Joshua and Erika Goldberg	\$1,725,000
29 Windsor Dr #29	Mello FT and Diane Mello	Renato L & M C Furtado IRT and Renato Furtado	\$347,500
Jo Anns Way #5	Christopher and Kerri Carreiro	Old County Estates LLC	\$165,000
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45 Bouchard Ave.	Saturday, Feb 25	10 am-12 pm	Other	3	3.5	\$1,200,000	Welchman Real Estate Group	Renee Welchman	401-649-1915
250 West Main Road	I Saturday, Feb 25	11 am-1 pm	Colonial	4	3.5	\$799,000 \	Welchman Real Estate Group	Amanda Nickerson Toste	401-835-8967
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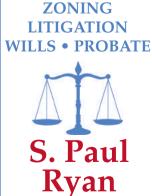
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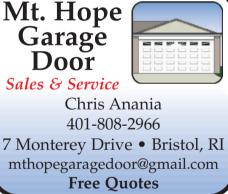
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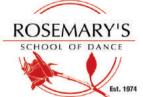
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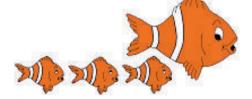
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