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## Malik's Liquor changing ownership after 40 years

*Jan Malik looks to a new life of retirement following a storied private, public career*

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One of the town of Warren's most well-known businesses will be changing hands come Feb. 1. Even still, according to its owner, Jan Malik, the memories of Malik's Fine Wine and Spirits will last long after he steps away from this Market Street establishment.

Having spent 40 years in the business with his adoring wife, Mary, and daughter, Melissa, along with a number of other part-time personnel, Jan Malik was ready to call it quits and enjoy life to the fullest.

"We'll probably do a little more traveling, including visiting our son Mike and granddaughter, Kaia, who live in Florida," said Jan. "I really didn't want to deal with this business anymore."

As Jan explained, the new owner, Besho Fareez of Westport, Mass., will be taking over the business, and hopefully will enjoy dealing with local customers as much he did.

Malik's Fine Wine & Spirits began as a package store in 1982 on Metacom Avenue in Warren next to a CVS. A year later, Jan bought their



MANNY CORREIRA

Jan, Mary, and Melissa Malik are wrapping things up at Malik's Fine Wine & Spirits after a successful 40-year run.

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## Can Warren avoid a catastrophic tax increase?

*Former town manager warns a 7-10% tax increase is possible if prudent action not taken*

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The Warren Town Council and the Town's new finance director will need to sharpen their pencils as budget season kicks into gear, otherwise residents might experience a tax increase sticker shock this year unlike any in recent memory.

That was the general message coming from Michael Abbruzzi, former Town Manager and Finance Director and current Director of the Warren Housing Authority, when he provided testimony ahead of the Town Council's first budgetary hearing for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) last week.

Abbruzzi said that without making major cuts to the budget — by his calculations at least \$1.2 million — the Town could require an

override to the 4% tax levy increase maximum set by state law, and the actual tax increase could approach 7 to 10% if action is not taken.

"That's the reality," he said. "I'm sorry I don't have better news."

Much of the math to get to that conclusion is straightforward, and Abbruzzi showed his work clearly in a document that he shared with the council. The document shows the past four years of budgets and the two most recent years of actual, audited financial data.

Abbruzzi was also up front that his projections involve some unknown variables (such as how much of an increase the school department will ask for this year, and how much the Town will generate in revenue for the remainder of FY24). Further complicating the situation is that the Town has not been able to reconcile their finances since Fung Chan left as finance director back in October. While newly-hired finance director Dave Burlingame (see our feature on him inside) has expressed he is



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Warren's former Town Manager and Finance Director Michael Abbruzzi, seen here at the Warren Senior Center over the summer, presented a series of hard facts to the Warren Town Council during their meeting last week.

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Warren's new finance director has a big job to do. So who is he?

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# Meet Dave Burlingame, Warren's new Finance Director

*Bristol resident worked at the Pentagon, and State Department of Administration*

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A 22-year veteran of the Army, Burlingame finished his military career working in financial roles at the Pentagon.

tion for a few Virginia-based law firms for the next 26 years, with his last role in that capacity ending in 2018.

Burlingame then briefly flirted with retirement, but "that didn't work out," he said.

"I needed something to do, and I wanted to move back to Rhode Island," he said. "So I took a job with the State as the associate director of financial management with the Department of Administration."

He spent three years in that role, which he had mixed feelings about.

"I liked the people I worked with, but I had three immediate bosses in three years," he said. "It always seemed like a lot of turnover going on."

After a brief stint as the business manager for Rocky Hill Country Day School in East Greenwich, which ended with his position being terminated amidst financial woes faced by the school, Burlingame, a Bristol resident, saw the opening in Warren as a great opportunity.

"I live a mile and a half from Town Hall, in Bristol. I come to Warren all the time. Some of my favorite restaurants are here. In fact, my best friend of 50 years, from freshman year at URI until he passed away a few years ago, was from Warren. I'm very familiar with the place," he said. "I went from a 32-mile commute to a mile and a half commute. That alone was worth taking the job."

As for facing the significant challenge ahead of him in shoring up Warren's financial future, Burlingame was brief but assured.

"I've walked into difficult situations before," he said.

Filling a void that opened with the departure of Fung Chan in October of last year, as well as her short-term replacement, Michael Nolette, who left less than a month after taking the job, Dave Burlingame officially took over as Warren's Finance Director on Dec. 21, 2023.

It could be seen from the outside looking in as a less than desirable position to take on, considering Warren's ongoing financial conundrum that is the subject of this week's other front-page story.

But in an interview last week, Burlingame displayed a calm readiness to address the matter at hand, which largely involves trying to catch up on financial duties that had been going unaddressed since the departure of Chan and former Town Manager Kate Michaud late last year.

"There's been significant turnover here at both the Town Manager and the Director of Finance levels," he said. "The last really functioning finance director left in October, and there's been a lot of things undone since then, and we're trying to catch up right now."

From an experiential standpoint, at least on paper, Burlingame has more than enough ink on his resume to back up his matter-of-fact assessment of the difficult situation.

After graduating from Cranston West High School and receiving his BA in Economics from the University of Rhode Island, Burlin-

game joined the United States Army at 21 years old. He began as a junior officer with the 82nd Airborne before going to Europe with the 1st Armored Division. He went on to get his MBA from San Francisco State University while stationed there, working for the Army Reserve and National Guard, and then went on to get an MS in Accounting from Georgetown University.

His career would take him to the Pentagon, where he spent several years working in finan-

cial management roles, including within the office of the Secretary of the Army.

"I worked with some really terrific folks. The atmosphere at that time was good," he said of his time at the Pentagon. "It was before all the wars in the Middle East, so it was pretty calm. It was nice, interesting work, good people, good facilities."

After retiring from the military as a Lieutenant Colonel, Burlingame worked as a financial administrator and business manager for litiga-

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**LEFT:** Emily Moran attempts to put back a rebound, while teammate Maddy Butterworth cheers her on. **RIGHT:** Lily DaSilveira drives the lane for a basket.

# Huskies clobber Cranston East 53-39

*DaSilveira scores 17, White, Moran each score 15*

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY RICHARD W. DIONNE, JR.**

Lily DaSilveira scored 17 points and Elsa White and Emily Moran each scored 15 points as Mt. Hope defeated Cranston East 53-39 in a Division II home game on Thursday night. The win boosts Mt. Hope's record to 5-6.

"Lily had a strong first half for us," said head coach Katie Kline.

DaSilveira kept the Huskies afloat, scoring 10 of her 17 points in the first half. Mt. Hope

held a 9-8 edge after the first quarter. But East evened the score 17-17 at halftime.

"Lily can score from everywhere. She is hard to guard," Kline said.

DaSilveira, a sophomore, moved from guard to forward this season and the move has paid off for her and the Huskies.

"Her confidence is way up this season," said Kline. "She is getting more looks closer to the basket. She sees that she can do it and she just keeps doing it."

**Moran, White take care of business in third and fourth**

Mt. Hope nearly equaled their first half score by putting up 16 points in the third quar-

ter to take a 33-26 lead. Moran, the Huskies junior center was on target, netting 11 of her 15 points.

"Cranston's best player, Mya Jimenez, was guarding Lily in the third quarter," said Kline. "So we put Emily on the inside and she got a lot of good looks."

The junior captain capitalized and took control of the boards. She drove the lane, put back rebounds and hit jumpers. White sank one of her 3-pointers in the quarter. Then caught fire in the fourth. The senior guard, drained four more 3-pointers, Maddy Butterworth scored 5 points and Sofia Haberman knocked down a foul shot as the Huskies put up 20 points on the Thunderbolts in the

fourth quarter.

"Elsa has been hot," said Kline. "We had three games last week and she scored five 3's in every game. She is really finding her groove."

And if the Huskies trio can keep scoring, it could help them earn a spot in the playoffs.

"We should be very competitive in our next few games," said Kline. "As long as we show up and play."

Butterworth has been playing well defensively, said Coach Kline. And Sofia Haberman as filled in nicely for injured Hailey Ferreira.

Next up: Mt. Hope travels to Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday at 6 p.m. (after press time) and hosts Cumberland on Thursday at 5 p.m.

# Mt. Hope eSports Team is powering up

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Formed in 2022, the Mt. Hope eSports team is still new, but growing.

Organized through the Rhode Island Interscholastic League, Mt. Hope competes in a wide field against 16 other high schools across the state. The school fields a junior varsity and varsity squad, with 10 members in the JV group. eSports teams compete in a variety of video games against other players. Mt. Hope has players in tournaments playing Super Smash Bros. and Mario Kart, two long-beloved game franchises from Nintendo.

The varsity team just won their latest match 2-0 against Lincoln High School.

"Our team is strong this season and I have all the faith we can make it to playoffs," said Sarah Griffin, youth services librarian at the Rogers Free Library in Bristol, and the eSports

coach for Mt. Hope.

While it may cause some to scratch their heads in confusion, e-Sports is actually one of the fastest growing team-based student activities in the country.

"eSports is great for many reasons, but it gives students who may not be on a team otherwise the opportunity to get the team experience, make friends, and potentially win scholarship money doing something they love," said Griffin. "eSports is growing in popularity at an insane rate, with many career opportunities stemming from that. Roger Williams currently has an eSports team. In February, we will be speaking to the eSports team and students from Emerson College who are minor-ing in eSports, so our team can learn about what it is like to compete at a collegiate level, and what career opportunities are out there for them."



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The Mt. Hope eSports team competes against Lincoln High School in a Mario Kart tournament.

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# BUDGET: Warren has increased its budget \$1.6M over last three years

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up to the task, the Town's exact financial situation for the current fiscal year still remains unknown.

"Unfortunately your financial records are not up to date," Abbruzzi said. "Until that information is available, you can't use that system to make real-time decisions for your next year's budget. So you're going to have to look back at the previous two years of actuals, because you don't have accurate, current financial information."

However, even utilizing conservative estimates for these variables, the fixed and known costs ahead display a grim financial picture that he argued cannot be ignored.

Abbruzzi pointed out that the Town had created a \$405,000 structural deficit heading into this budget cycle due to its use of non-recurring revenue. That includes \$225,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money and \$180,000 from its unrestricted fund balance to balance last year's budget.

"So before you even put a pen to a paper to start your budget, you're looking at a ... 1.4% tax increase because of those structural budget deficits," Abbruzzi said.

On top of that, the Town has been increasing spending over the past few budgets without having a corresponding increase to revenues to balance that spending.

"Over the last three years, the budget has increased by \$1.6 million," Abbruzzi said. "This excludes debt service and it excludes education. This is just town expenditures."

Factoring in the first \$1 million settlement payment which comes due on July 30, 2025 from an \$8 million lawsuit that the Town had to settle back in December — the first of

three payments that will have to be paid over the next three years — the money they will have to pay to the school department, and contractual increases to employees and healthcare, Abbruzzi's bottom line was that the Town could see a necessary tax increase in the neighborhood of 10% if no action is taken to cut spending and expenses.

## Proposed solutions

As far as avoiding that worst-case scenario, Abbruzzi said the Council would have to look at departments where spending has increased year over year. If the Town restores its budgetary expenses to levels similar to two years ago, and can find \$1.2 million in cuts, Abbruzzi said the tax increase required this year could be closer to 2.4%.

But the only way to get to that solution, Abbruzzi said, was to make immediate, significant cuts to the budget, and to immediately stop utilizing non-recurring revenues to fill budgetary gaps and make capital purchases.

Abbruzzi noted that over the last three years, the Town had allocated around \$3.7 million of the unrestricted fund balance in order to fund capital purchases, which include things like new Town vehicles and maintenance on the Town's wastewater management plant.

Not all of the \$3.7 million in proposed capital expenditures has been spent, Abbruzzi said, but it is currently unknown exactly how much has been spent, either, until the Town's financial data has been brought up to date. And while Abbruzzi said that using fund balance to finance one-time capital expenditures, as opposed to going out to bond for those purchases, is not necessarily a

bad financial decision, the Town's current financial situation should preclude such action until they can better assess how much money they have in their savings.

Council President John Hanley said that all capital project spending had been frozen until the financial picture becomes clear. The Council also acted to de-allocate any ARPA funds that had been allocated but not spent yet. However, it wasn't immediately apparent if the Town would be able to utilize the ARPA money to supplement their budget.

## How did Abbruzzi get involved?

Abbruzzi said he was asked by interim Town Manager Roy Borges to volunteer his financial skills to assist the town as it navigates a perilous budget season that has been colored by a lawsuit settlement amounting to \$8 million, which was announced last month. The actual lawsuit amount was higher, but the Town's insurance group (The Rhode Island Interlocal Trust) paid its maximum coverage amount of \$5 million.

That Town's portion of the settlement will be paid through one \$5 million lump sum, which has already been paid out of the town's unrestricted fund balance, and three, one-time \$1 million payments in the coming three budget cycles. The Town had a little less than \$8 million in its unrestricted fund balance as of the last completed audit by the state.

It was somewhat fitting that Abbruzzi would be the one to delegate over the steps necessary to take to prevent a worst-case scenario for taxpayers. Under his leadership as Town Manager, he set aside funds each year as a precaution while the Town sued the state over how much money they should be required to contribute to the Bristol Warren School District. When the Town emerged successful in that litigation, that money that had been set aside became the large surplus that has enabled the Town to pay the settlement.

But now, with that cushion gone, Abbruzzi made it clear that the council could no longer lean on their savings account to balance budgets moving forward.

"You can't continue to pull from your savings anymore because at this point, your savings have been depleted," he stated. "Now you have to figure out how you're going to balance your budget without using savings to offset your deficit."

## Some council reaction

Asked about Abbruzzi's presentation and the overall fiscal outlook of the town, Councilman Joe DePasquale recognized the difficult situation they were in, but also said he was hopeful.

"My outlook is hopeful. This isn't a situation of a continued wrongdoing or something that was intentionally done," he said, adding that no municipality could prepare for such a large lawsuit settlement. "Once we have the actual numbers, we're going to have the leanest budget and there's going to be cuts made. We're going to hope it's going to have the least impact as possible on the taxpayers. But the sad reality is this financial situation can only be resolved by cutting the budget and a tax increase. We're going to try to make that impact as small as possible. That's our goal, and we will get through this."

Councilwoman Keri Cronin said the presentation helped put things in perspective of the work that needs to be done ahead.

"I have great respect and appreciation for the time Michael took to put that sort of thing together in a very understandable way that made it very clear where we're at, where we were and where we need to go," she said. "It was sobering for sure. I think that Michael did a really generous thing and has been really helpful to explaining where things kind of went off the rails. But when we were in it, we thought the budgetary decisions we were making were the right ones at the time, or were prudent at the very least."



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Jan Malik speaks at the Warren Town Council in April of 2022 shortly after retiring from his role as Director of the Town's Department of Public Works.

## MALIKS: The store began in 1982 on Metacom Ave before moving to Market Street

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current business property at 254 Market St., which included a pizza restaurant next door, but there was a brief setback.

In early 2001, a fire broke out and destroyed everything in the plaza, but Jan was steadfast in his approach to rebuild, and the business successfully reopened several months later.

The saga of Jan Malik is quite interesting, aside from the wine and spirits business. He was a standout athlete in his native town, excelling in high school football, basketball and baseball, and later on as a softball player. He played for and with some great athletes, including Hall of Fame football coach Pat Abbruzzi and local star athletes Kenny Medeiros and "Butch" Lombardi, to name a few.

"Those were great years," Jan pointed out, "but graduating with the former Mary Sarasin in Warren High's Class of 1974, who later became my wife, was the best thing that ever happened to me."

Said Warren native and State Senator Walter

S. Felag Jr., "Jan was fortunate to have my childhood neighbor and friend Mary Malik as his front person and counsel of Malik's Liquors. I wish Jan and Mary best health in retirement."

"Jan is one of the most valuable, hard-working, community servants in our town," Felag continued. "He has diligently served the community as the Warren Little League president, Zoning Board member, member of Rough 'n Ready Volunteer Fire Department, longtime state representative, and Highway Department director, along with operating Malik's Liquors for over 40 years. He truly loves the town and has made many donations to various charities and provided expertise for the betterment of this town."

"I'm going to relax now," Jan said. "I'll miss this business, but I can tell you that I'll remember all the wonderful people who supported me down through the years here at the liquor store. I have a lot of great friends. I can't thank them enough for their dedication and support. Because of that, I can step away from all of this now and look back on a career totally fulfilled."



ALISSA SURKONT

Rockwell third graders create shapes in medium and high levels.

## Elementary students explore creative movement

Third grade students at Colt-Andrews, Guiteras, Hugh Cole and Rockwell Schools are hosting professional dance teachers from the Extensions School of Dance for a creative movement mini-residency throughout the month of January.

Following the in-school residency, students will attend a live ballet performance of "Are the Crayons Quitting?" performed by the Newport Contemporary Ballet in March.

Each third grade class is meeting with a dance teacher from the Extensions School of Dance once a week for five consecutive weeks in January. During the lessons, stu-

dents are exploring basic concepts of dance, such as shape, level and tempo. In preparation for their field trip to the ballet, "Are the Crayons Quitting?" students will also create movement with a social emotional learning theme, such as teamwork, empathy, or perseverance.

This project, which has fostered collaboration between the Extensions School of Dance teachers, third grade students, music teachers, physical education teachers, and third grade teachers, has been fully sponsored by a grant from the Bristol Warren Educational Foundation.

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# Opinion

## OP-ED

### Building hunger awareness in Rhode Island

BY ANDREW SCHIFF

Hunger is largely an invisible problem. Unless you experience hunger yourself, or volunteer at a food pantry or meal site and see the long lines of people seeking help, it's hidden from view.

To bring the problem to light, the Food Bank annually produces the Status Report on Hunger in Rhode Island. In 2023, we showed that nearly 3 in 10 households were food insecure and at-risk of hunger because they could not afford adequate food. Families with children and communities of color demonstrated even higher rates of food insecurity.

For context, Warren ranks at #22 of the 30 cities and towns who have Food Bank member agencies. Warren's single member agencies served just over 6,100 people between January through November of 2023, averaging 559 per month. This is an increase of 45% over the same time period the previous year.

Low-income households have been burdened by high food and rent costs and the loss of critical resources that they relied on during the pandemic. Emergency SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits ended in March 2023 and free school meals for all students ended in June 2022.

Now, over 80,000 people receive food assistance each month through the Food Bank's statewide network of 143 partner organizations. In response to the growing need, the Rhode Island General Assembly allocated \$3 million in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to the Food Bank, which made it possible for us to increase food distribution from 12 million (pre-pandemic) to 18 million pounds of food per year.

We are very grateful for this needed funding, but these one-time ARPA funds will be fully expended by June 2024.

When we ensure that no one goes hungry, the entire community benefits. Children learn better, senior adults live healthier lives, and workers are more productive. We bolster our long-term investments in education, healthcare, and workforce development by giving everyone access to nutritious food.

As the legislative session gets underway, it's time to advocate for higher SNAP benefits, free school meals for all students, and an increase in annual state funding for the Food Bank.

On Jan. 30, supporters of the Food Bank will gather at the State House for Food Insecurity Awareness Day. We will remind our elected leaders that thousands of Rhode Island households remain on the brink of hunger and in need of food assistance.

You are invited to join us at the State House. Help us build the public will to end hunger in Rhode Island.

*Andrew Schiff is CEO of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Warren could see 7 percent tax increase if nothing is done

#### To the editor:

I just viewed the Jan. 9, 2024 Warren Town Council Meeting and was struck by the statements made by a respected member of the community. Former Town Manager, Finance Director and current HUD Housing Director Michael Abbruzzi advised the Council that, "Over the past three years the budget has increased by \$1.6 million dollars in Town expenditures, this excludes debt service and excludes education..."

Having volunteered to help with the Town's financial condition, he continued "...you would like to use '23-'24 actual data for the last 6-months, but unfortunately that data is not up to date," Mr. Abbruzzi explained "...you have a \$405,000. Dollar structural deficit ..." and the result of this will be a 1.4 percent tax

increase to start with the '24-'25 budget process.

Mr. Abbruzzi concluded by basically advising the Council members the property owners in Warren could be facing at least a 7 percent increase in the property tax if nothing proactive is done in this budget cycle.

Of course RI Statute (44-5-2) generally disallows cities and towns in RI to raise property tax above 4 percent, however, there are four narrow provisions within that statute which do allow an increase above that point.

This presentation caused me to research the RI Division of Municipal Finance website. The data comparing 39 cities and towns for tax levy growth, this does not include motor vehicle taxes, or sewer use

fees.

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2021: 3.93 percent increase (4th highest increase in RI)

2022: 3.90 percent increase (3rd highest increase in RI)

2023: 3.81 percent increase (13th highest increase in RI)

I'm sure there is much more financial information involved as the Town's budgeting process begins. I am aware that the Town has recently paid out a multi-million dollar legal settlement from the Unassigned Reserve account (surplus).

I've read in recent annual audit reports as to the health of Unfunded Reserve (Surplus) account. I hope the savings account is not empty.

**Thomas D. Gordon**  
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## COMMENTARY

### Roam

BY FREDERICK MASSIE

Preserved tracks in the sand.  
Marking a seabird flock's footprints captured in time.

Until the incoming tide washes them away.

Heirs of the dinosaurs.

Evolutionary remnants of long-gone giants. Feathered reptiles.

Becoming beautiful and graceful over eons to now.

Connections to our finned kin who left the water to live on earth.

Companions on our journey.

Offering a perspective on our past. And a sense of our shared future.

If today's apex animals act accordingly.

As we roam around the world.



**POLICE REPORT**

# Police make four arrests, two for DUI

**Monday, Jan. 8**

Damage to a mailbox was reported on Barton Avenue at 9:31 a.m.

A road rage incident was reported on Joyce Street at 10:13 a.m. but an area check for the alleged offender came up negative.

A rescue vehicle reported that they had struck a deer while transporting a patient near Seymour and Main Streets at 5:45 p.m. They were uncertain if the deer was deceased, and a check for the animal in the area came up negative.

An accident near Metacome Avenue and Seymour Street was reported at 7:27 p.m. One person was transported to the hospital as a result.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9**

A lost or stolen license plate was reported on Market Street at 9:29 a.m.

Police restored the peace on Main Street at 10:25 a.m. after they were asked to disperse an unruly person.

A caller on Child Street reported a neighbor that plays the drums "non-stop" and that it has been an ongoing issue that hasn't been resolved.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10**

Flooding was reported in early morning in the area of Market, Child and Redmond Streets, as well as Arlington Avenue as a result of the storm.

DPW was alerted of a large branch that had fallen on Locust Terrace that was partially blocking the road at 6:21 a.m.

A Barden Lane resident reported a past act of vandalism at 12:57 p.m.

Police responded to a verbal argument among six people on Railroad Avenue at 2:29 p.m. All went on their own ways without further incident.

**Thursday, Jan. 11**

Damage to a vehicle was reported on Metacom Avenue at 10:25 a.m.

A caller reported a vehicle as suspicious on Market Street at 2:52 p.m. because

the car was driving door to door. The police found out it was just an Amazon delivery driver.

Several chickens were reported to be in the road near Main and Vernon Streets at 3:03 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 12**

A Main Street resident had the police called on them after someone saw them on a camera and thought they were defacing property at 2:38 a.m. Police reported he was cleaning trash off the steps.

**Romaine A. Myers**, 43, of 187 Vermont Ave., Providence, turned himself in on a warrant at 7:12 a.m. He was charged with the violation of a protective order and was transported to court later that morning.

Police received a report of a vehicle being vandalized on Metacom Avenue at 9:55 a.m.

Graffiti in the bathroom of a Child Street building was reported at 10:10 a.m.

A vehicle was reportedly vandalized on Main Street at 11:58 a.m.

A caller reported that a delivery driver was bitten by a dog on Market Street at 7:12 p.m. They refused a ride to the hospital.

**Keith W. Buteau**, 50, of 11 Munro Ave., Warren, was arrested following a report that someone had exited a vehicle after driving erratically and assaulted another motorist. Police found the vehicle near Central Avenue and Warren Boulevard and placed Buteau under arrest at 8:21 p.m. He was charged with DUI of liquor (BAC unknown, first offense), and refusal to submit to a breathalyzer. He was arraigned and released later that evening.

**Saturday, Jan. 13**

Police conducted a series of tobacco compliance checks along Market Street, Metacom Avenue, Child Street, and Main Street in the afternoon hours.

**Sunday, Jan. 14**

**Gary R. Drolet**, 58, of 195 Market St.,

Apt. #1FL, Warren, was arrested following a motor vehicle stop near Child and Everett Streets at 2:13 a.m. He was charged with DUI of liquor (BAC unknown, first offense), and refusal to submit to a breathalyzer. He was arraigned and released later that morning.

Police dispersed a man who was sitting on a fire escape on the second floor of a building on Main Street at 12:24 p.m.

A caller reported that a property on Long Lane had been splattered with paintballs at 1:49 p.m.

DPW removed a Christmas tree from the road on Ellis Avenue at 7:53 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 15**

**Duarte M. Furtado**, 53, of 66 Norton St., Apt. #3FL, Pawtucket, was arrested on Luther Street at 12:31 a.m. following a call for a suspicious vehicle. He was charged with one count of possession of a Schedule I-V substance, first offense.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

## Gen. Flynn deserves R.I. Hall of Fame induction

**To the editor:**

I am responding to David Schoorens's letter ("Induction of Flynn to R.I. Heritage Hall of Fame a travesty") in your recent edition.

Mr. Schoorens knowingly or unknowingly leaves out the key facts regarding Gen. Flynn's unlawful prosecution.

1. On May 7, 2020, the DOJ (U.S. Department of Justice) moved to dismiss the criminal information that had been filed against Gen. Flynn on Nov. 30, 2017, charging him with one count of willfully and knowingly making false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements. In this motion the DOJ admitted that the interview conducted was not conducted with a legitimate investigative basis and therefore does not believe his statements were material even if untrue.

2. This is an admission from the DOJ that they never should have brought the prosecution against Gen. Flynn.

3. Therefore, agents and agencies of the U.S. government (DOJ, FBI, and SCO), utilized their official positions to initiate a baseless investigation, keep the investigation open, undertake illegitimate investigative steps, and bring unjustified criminal charges to maliciously prosecute Gen. Flynn.

All the above are from court filings from the DOJ. It is all factual and facts are a stubborn thing.

The U.S. government illegally persecuted Gen. Flynn simply because he served a president that they did not like. The damages both financially and to his impeccable reputation were devastating.

Gen. Flynn served this country so people like Mr. Schoorens could enjoy our many freedoms, including free speech.

We should all be grateful for his service.

**Thomas Berg**  
Portsmouth

**NEWS BRIEF**

### Legislators to hold community conversation Saturday

On Saturday, January 20 at 11 a.m., Sen. Wally Felag and Reps. Jason Knight and June Speakman will hold a community conversation in the meeting room on the lower level of Warren Town Hall. All are welcome.

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# Student leaders speak out on the year ahead

*Thoughts on the school bond, voting in their first election, and the future*

**BY ETHAN HARTLEY**

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Arden Wilkes



Skyla Silvia



Lucien Chidester

With the start of a new year, we thought it would be interesting to reach out to some of the leaders among the student body at Mt. Hope High School to get their thoughts on a couple of pressing issues happening in the community and beyond.

We reached out to members of the Class of 2024 student council, and got responses from Vice President, Skyla Silvia; Treasurer, Lucien Chidester; and Secretary, Arden Wilkes.

The prompts and responses will be copied below:

**Voters approved a \$200M school bond in November to fix up school buildings throughout the district, and eventually build a new high school. Although you'll be long graduated before the new high school is completed, what are your thoughts on the state of the school district in Bristol/Warren as you look ahead to your senior year? Do you feel more or less hopeful for the future than you did going into 2023?**

**Silvia:** In the past the district has definitely had its issues, but I'm very optimistic about the school bond regarding its importance to Bristol/Warren and incoming students. Personally, I feel more hopeful going into this year than I did in 2023 knowing graduation and college lay ahead for me. In terms of the community, I am confident in what the new school means for improvements to public education and the futures of rising students. Looking ahead to senior year, it's definitely sad to know the place where we've built so many memories will be gone, but it's a necessary change.

**Chidester:** I think the state of the district is

looking up, at least compared to last year. Covid hurt a lot of programs in the district, especially in the arts, and unfortunately I think it will take some more time for them to fully recover. I'm hoping we can start to build back up some of the things that have been cut. I'm also hopeful about the school bond project, the current high school has some significant issues that definitely need to be addressed in the new plan, and that I think will be based on what I've seen.

**Wilkes:** I'm very excited that voters approved the bond to repair and upgrade our current school buildings, and I believe that the repairs and new high school are much needed. Currently, I feel as though the environment at Mt. Hope is far from perfect, and hopefully this legislation will update the physical environment and climate of the school. Ideally, these updates in the building will help

improve the morale of the school; one can only hope. I do feel more hopeful, but a lot of change still needs to be made.

**2024 is a presidential election year. By November, I can assume some or all of you will be 18 years old. Will you be voting in the election, and what issues are most important to you as a young voter in 2024?**

**Silvia:** As a young voter in 2024, affordable education, climate change, healthcare access, and social justice are extremely important issues to me. I definitely plan on voting and each of these topics have a large influence over the future of Americans as well as the opportunities available for our generation. As a new voter, I believe it's essential to look at the values of current candidates and consider the benefits or consequences their opinions about these issues could have on the population.

**Chidester:** I will absolutely be voting in the 2024 election! I think voting is an important responsibility, and one that I fully intend to exercise. One of the most important issues in my mind is climate change. As a young person, I will be one of those inheriting the world from the people currently in power, and I think it is imperative that we fight against climate change to keep that world safe. Over time the issue will only get worse, so we need to start taking action now.

**Wilkes:** Yes, I do plan on voting in the 2024 election. Although the topics are very controversial, women's reproductive rights and gun control are very important to me. When making a decision on who to vote for, these issues, along with the politicians personal belief systems and their plans for their term, will be the

deciding factor for me. Looking at our state specifically, I hope to vote for representatives who will protect Rhode Island's beautiful environment, and those who will be outspoken in support of RI citizens and our values.

**What are you most looking forward to in the year ahead? Do you have a bold prediction for something that will happen in the coming year? That could be locally, nationally, or globally.**

**Silvia:** I am most looking forward to enjoying my last Summer before college this year and entering a new school environment. As college begins, I'm excited to begin the first steps in my academic journey to become a nurse practitioner. At the rate technology and society is advancing I honestly don't have any specific predictions for the new year, but anything is possible and I'm glad I'll be able to witness it.

**Chidester:** I am looking forward to finishing high school on a strong note. It's been a good few years, and I'm excited to begin my college journey. Outside of that, I'm mostly just interested to see how the state of society develops, both nationally and internationally. We live in an especially fast-paced world, a lot can change in only a few months and I can't really imagine what will happen next. One thing I would predict (hope) is that at least some of the conflicts going on around the world finally come to an end.

**Wilkes:** I am looking forward to graduating in June, and subsequently starting college in September. I don't have too many bold predictions, but hopefully the Bruins will win the Stanley Cup!

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# Become a vernal pool monitor, take a walk or a class



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"Ducks of Sachuest Point" is for teens and adults on Saturday morning, Jan. 20, at Sachuest Point Wildlife Refuge in Middletown. Join an Audubon naturalist to survey the ducks and other waterfowl found along the coast of the refuge. Pictured is a long-tailed duck.

bring binoculars if you have them. The guide will have a spotting scope to share. The walk is about 2.5 miles along an even grade with benches along the way. Restrooms are available at the Visitor Center. The fee is \$20; \$15 for members. Register online.

■ **"Discovering Moths: Nighttime Jewels in Your Own Backyard,"** a lecture and book signing with author John Himmelman, is on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. It is for teens and adults. Meet the beautiful, fascinating and under-appreciated cousins of the butterflies. Less than 1 percent of the over 11,000 moth species in North America are considered pests. The rest show an amazing variety of color, shape and behavior missed by many of us, as we tend to be indoors at night when most (not all) are active.

Learn about a couple of the pests and how they got here, but mostly celebrate the vast array of bewitching and beneficial species with whom we share our yards. Himmelman is the author, photographer and illustrator of the book bearing the title of this program. He will

be selling signed copies. The lecture is \$14; \$12 for members. Register online.

■ **"Native Seed Starting"** for ages 15 and older is on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Are you thinking about starting a native garden this year for pollinators and other wildlife? At this workshop, gain hands-on experience with winter sowing, learn about the importance of native plants, and walk away with your own pollinator-friendly wildflower seeds. It is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children; \$10/\$5 for members. Register online.

■ **"Paper Beads for Beginners"** for ages 16 and older is on Sunday, Jan. 21, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Join an Audubon naturalist to learn how to make beads out of paper. It's a great way to get crafty at home with a few simple materials. These beads are customizable to color and size. It is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children; \$10/\$5 for members. Register online.

■ **Morning bird walks** are offered for ages 14 and older from 9 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday in January. The walks are in small groups with naturalist Laura Carberry. Each week a

new birding destination is chosen.

Advance registration is required. Locations are determined weekly. The fee is \$10; \$5 members. Register through the events calendar at asri.org.

■ **A full moon hike** for ages 12 and older is on Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Audubon's Caratunk Wildlife Refuge in Seekonk. As the sun goes down, nature comes to life. Walk the trails under the light of the full moon. An Audubon naturalist will be your guide looking for nocturnal wildlife and listening for the calls of owls.

Dress for the weather and wear warm, comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots. It is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children; \$10/\$5 for members. Register online.

■ **Owl prowls** will be offered at Caratunk Wildlife Refuge in Seekonk this winter on Thursday, Jan. 25, and Saturday, Feb. 24, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Walk the trails of Caratunk at night, to look and listen for resident owls.

Learn about these amazing birds, their unique calls, and the behaviors that make them so mysterious.

Dress for the weather, wear sturdy walking shoes, and bring a flashlight. Advance registration is required. The programs are designed for families with children ages 10 and up. The fee is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children; \$10/\$5 for members. Register online.

■ **"Seals and Society," a new traveling exhibit,** is open through March 1 during regular hours. Dive into the world of harbor and grey seals, two local and abundant species in our region.

The temporary exhibit, created by the New Bedford Whaling Museum, includes multiple pop-up screens, stunning photographs, and up-to-date research that brings you into the seals' watery world.

Learn how different people and cultures relate to seals, how these mammals forage, sense their world, where they travel, and more. It is free with admission.

January is the perfect time to head outside in the frosty air and have some fun at the Audubon Society of Rhode Island's Nature Center and Aquarium at 1401 Hope St., on the Warren/Bristol town line and at other Audubon locations.

The Nature Center and Aquarium in Bristol is open to the public daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The trails and pollinator garden remain open from dawn to dusk.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for ages 4 to 12, and free for children under 4 and members.

Unless noted, registration is required for all programs. Register online and view a complete listing of programs around the state through the events calendar at [www.asri.org/calendar](http://www.asri.org/calendar).

■ **Become an Audubon vernal pool monitor** in a community science opportunity. Two virtual training sessions will be offered for volunteers on Thursday, Jan. 18, or Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Have you ever wondered about those pools of water that show up in natural areas in spring? Have you noticed frogs and egg masses in them? These are vernal pools, home to frogs, salamanders and even turtles.

These pools of water are important for the amphibians and reptiles who use them as breeding grounds. Audubon is looking for volunteers interested in volunteering. To learn more about the project, email Nathan Archer at [narcher@asri.org](mailto:narcher@asri.org) or Ethan Paiva at [epaiva@asri.org](mailto:epaiva@asri.org). Register online through the events calendar at [www.asri.org/calendar](http://www.asri.org/calendar).

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Dress warmly, wear sturdy footwear, and

## SENIORS

### Talk on hot topics in health, birthday lunch

The Warren Senior Center is at 20 Libby Lane. Visit the center on Tuesdays to Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 247-1930.

Membership is open to anyone 55 years of age or older or those disabled at a cost of \$7 a year. Membership fees help to support the many programs and classes held at the center. For a membership application, or more information, contact Kyra at 247-1930.

Look into joining some of the center's weekly classes in the new year. They have multiple fitness offerings, cribbage, cards, 500 Rummy, mah jongg, coloring, crafts, ceramics, knitting/crocheting, and beading. If you have an interest and would like to lead a class, call Kyra in the office.

"Hot Topics" is on Friday, Jan. 19, at 10:30 a.m. Join the team from URI as they give a presentation on some of the hot topics we face in health today. Learn about the newest trends and how you can be prepared. No sign-up is necessary.

A ukulele course is on Fridays at 2 p.m. beginning Jan. 19. Otis Read, instructor, will continue with ukulele lessons for all levels. Playing an instrument has health benefits including eye-hand coordination and improved brain function and it's fun!

Join in for the performances if you wish or learn on your own in the class setting. It is \$20 for the five-week course. Payment is due prior to or at the first class.

The birthday celebration luncheon is on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 11:30 a.m. Celebrate all those with a birthday in January. On the menu is kale and bean soup, pot roast, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, Jello and decaf coffee

or tea. Suggested donation is \$3. Sign up by Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 11 a.m.

Book Talk, a reading/discussion group, takes place on the last Wednesday of each month, Jan. 31, at 10 a.m.

This month's selection is "The Lake House" by Kate Morton. Books are available to borrow from George Hail Library. New readers are always welcome.

AARP tax preparation will be held at the Warren Senior Center on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Feb. 1. Appointments are now available. Call Betty or Pat at 237-0551 to schedule an appointment. No walk-ins.

A trip to Newport Playhouse is on Thursday, March 14. Take a bus to Newport for lunch, a play, and a cabaret during dessert. It is \$75 per member (all fees included).

Bus space is limited. Once full, you will need to carpool or make your own ride arrangements. (Take \$5 off the price if not taking the bus). Sign up with Kyra in the office. A deposit of \$25 is due at sign-up and final payments is due no later than Feb. 28.

Information on storm-related closings will be posted on the local news stations. And, there will be an outgoing message by 8:30 a.m. if they are closed for the day at 247-1930.

The dining room is open with hot lunches on Monday to Friday. The suggested donation is \$3. Lunch reservations can be made between 9 and 11 a.m. daily.

Senior bus transportation is available Monday to Friday at no cost to Warren residents 60 and older for shopping, medical appointments, pharmacy visits and transportation to the senior center for lunch and activities. For more information, or a schedule, call Kyra at 247-1930.

Senior Health Insurance Counseling (SHIP) is available at the center by appointment with a

qualified SHIP counselor who offers assistance with health insurance options, prescription drug plans, prescription assistance programs and eligibility. Call Maria at 261-0550 or Gerry at 450-6962 for an appointment.

The Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) provides extra help to purchase food. To see if you qualify, complete an application, or for more information, call the center for an appointment.

Check out the monthly newsletter (available at the center, the library or online at [www.townofwarren-ri.gov](http://www.townofwarren-ri.gov) or <http://www.oursenior-center.com>).

### Ongoing events

Recreational bowling is at Dudek's Bowling Alley on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. It is \$4 per member, which includes three games of bowling and shoes. Sign up with Kyra.

Bingo is on Fridays at 1 p.m. with a variety of games with cash prizes (\$20-40) and refreshments. Arrive by 12:30 p.m.

Coloring is at 1 p.m. on Fridays.

The Walk With Ease group is on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Join them for some stretches and a fun group walk now through Nov. 20.

Functional Fitness classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Classes are offered to members for \$1.50 a class.

Ceramics is at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Knitting/crocheting is at 1 p.m. Tuesdays.

Mah jongg is played at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays. New players welcome.

Play Rummy 500 at 1 p.m. Tuesdays, high-low-jack at 9 a.m. Thursdays and cribbage at 1 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. Fridays.

Crafts are with Joan Allen on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. No experience necessary. Sign up with

Kyra.

Chair yoga is at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesdays with Patricia Fox. It is \$1.50 a class for members.

David Jameson is available to help seniors in need of smart phone or computer assistance on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call David at 617/800-3379.

Strength training and balance is on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. It is \$1.50 a class for members.

### Bingo on Wednesdays at Tenants Association

Bingo is played from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday at the Kickemuit Tenants Association, 20 Libby Lane. Doors open at noon.

### Food packages for low-income elderly

The food pantry at St. Mary of the Bay Church at 645 Main St. works with the R.I. Community Food Bank to offer the USDA's Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) to qualified seniors.

The program works to improve the health of low-income persons at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with a monthly box of nutritious USDA foods.

If you are interested in receiving this free box of food for yourself or a member of your family, call the food pantry at 245-7000, ext. 19, or come to the pantry to fill out an application during their working hours on Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. downstairs in the church hall. The program is open to all Rhode Island residents who qualify based on age and income.



## AT THE LIBRARY

### Dungeons and Dragons

Ages 11 and up are invited to play Dungeons and Dragons. Players of any experience are welcome.

Ages 11 to 13 meet at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays (except when there is a Monday holiday, then they meet on Saturday at 1 p.m.).

Ages 14 to 20 meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Registration is required. Sign up at the library or call to request a spot.

### Thursday Tech Help

Weekly Tech Help is back from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays. To make an appointment, call 245-7686 or mail [reference@georgehail.org](mailto:reference@georgehail.org) using the subject heading "Tech Help Appointment."

Include a brief description of what you'd like to cover during your appointment. If they are unable to help with your problem, they will send you off with a referral.

### Knitting group

A knitting group meets in the Reading Room every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. No registration or skill required.

### Preschool event

Preschool Science is on Friday, Jan. 19, at 11 a.m. Join them for some hands-on early STEAM learning. This month, learn about sound waves through several fun experiments. Online registration is open.

### Pokémon Club

The Pokémon Club will meet on Monday, Jan. 22, at 4 p.m. Included are crafts, activities and discussions all about Pokémon. Bring your cards to trade or battle with other club members. Best for ages 6 to 12.

### Junior Chess Club

The Junior Chess Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 4 p.m. The club is open to anyone interested in chess, from brand new players to those on their way to Grand Master status.

Members will learn from and sharpen their skills via a variety of sources including the youth services librarian, videos, other club members and experienced chess players.

The club meets every other Thursday.

No registration required. For kids ages 7 to 13.

### Daily book sale

A daily book sale is in the back entrance with a variety of adult and children's titles. Sales are by donation only.

Space is limited. If you wish to make a book donation, check with a librarian first.

### Museum open Thursdays

The Charles Whipple Greene Museum is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

## AT THE SCHOOLS

### Students enjoying a mini-dance residency

Third-grade students at Colt-Andrews, Guiteras, Hugh Cole and Rockwell schools are hosting professional dance teachers from the Extensions School of Dance for a creative movement mini-residency throughout the month of January. Following the in-school residency, students will attend a live ballet performance of "Are the Crayons Quitting?" performed by the Newport Contemporary Ballet in March.

*George Hail Library is at 530 Main St. Hours are Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have a disability and need special accommodations, contact the library 24 hours prior to an event so they can assist you. For more information, call 245-7686 or visit [www.georgehail.org](http://www.georgehail.org). The library is a member of the Ocean State Library Consortium.*

Each third-grade class is meeting with a dance teacher once a week. During lessons, students are exploring basic concepts of dance. In preparation for their field trip to the ballet, students also will create movement with a social emotional learning theme, such as teamwork, empathy or perseverance. The project, which has fostered collaboration between the dance teachers, third-graders, and music, physical education and third-grade teachers, has been sponsored by a grant from the Bristol Warren Educational Foundation.

## Roger Williams University names fall dean's list

Warren students were named to the fall semester dean's list at Roger Williams University.

Included are Kali Atkins, Kaylee Callahan, Damon Castigliero, James Depasquale, Spencer Francis, Zoe Gorman, Abby Heroux, Logan Justa, Lauren MacDonald, Myah Melucci, Rachel Rodrigues, Ashley Russ and Brady Thibaudeau.

## Students named to Bay View honor roll

St. Mary Academy-Bay View has named Warren students to the honor roll for the fall semester.

Receiving highest honors were Lauren Kiley, Madisyn Teixeira and Mary Elizabeth Teixeira, Grade 7.

Receiving honors were Ava Ellette Sousa, Maya Lavey and Olivia Dufresne, Grade 11.

## AROUND TOWN

### 'The Big Show' on exhibit at Imago

Imago Foundation for the Arts (IFA) announces "The Big Show," an open community exhibit, open through Feb. 4 at Imago Gallery, 36 Market St.

As part of IFA's ongoing celebration of its 20th anniversary, BankNewport is sponsoring cash awards, with selections to be made by guest juror Michael Rich, a Rhode Island artist and professor of visual arts at Roger Williams University.

This year, the exhibit exceeded past community exhibitions by attracting 103 artists and 232 artworks representing a wide array of media, styles and subject matter.

Regular gallery hours are Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m., Friday and Saturday noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

IFA is a nonprofit organization run by artists for artists.

### The Collaborative has new exhibits, classes

The Collaborative, an arts nonprofit, is open at 4 Market St. Hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, from 3 to 9 p.m. Saturdays and from 3 to 6 p.m. Sundays.

An exhibition, the ninth year show, features the eclectic work of The Collaborative's 12 artists members, along with featured artist Charlotte Collins.

An exhibition and opening features youth artist Xueer Zhao, a R.I. School of Design student, on Thursday, Jan. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be light snacks at the opening reception, provided by arc[hive] book + snackery, along with a cash bar.

An artist talk with Charlotte Collins, featured artist of the month, is on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 2 to 3 p.m. Collins (she/they) combines traditional and digital processes by using physical collage and applications such as Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator to create compositions that she then turns into acrylic or oil paintings. Her current work explores the theory that Do-It-Yourself (DIY) culture is a form of quiet resistance to consumerism. Discover more about her process and her passion to the DIY culture.

"Art From Scratch," free workshops for grownups, are on Sundays through Feb. 4 from 2 to 5 p.m. at The Collaborative - Annex at 30 Cutler St., Suite 220A. Novice and intermediate level creatives are invited to learn the basics of artistic mediums taught by professional artists. Registration is required for all

four workshops and all materials needed to participate will be provided.

Topics are printmaking and photographing on Jan. 21, framing and matting on Jan. 28, and drawing on Feb. 4.

The free program is made possible thanks to grant funding from the R.I. Foundation and support from Makers. Email [gaby@thecollaborative02885.org](mailto:gaby@thecollaborative02885.org) with questions about the program.

Established in 2016, The Collaborative is an unjuried and uncensored creative space where visual artists, musicians, writers, poets and storytellers can exhibit and share their talents. For more information, visit <https://thecollaborative02885.com>.

### Sixth-grade beginning band concert Thursday

The Kickemuit Middle School Music Department will offer the sixth-grade beginning band concert, showcasing the instrumental talents of its students, on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. in the KMS auditorium, Child Street.

Directed by Susan Winterbottom-Shadday and Lily Pavao Dion, students will make their debut as a band. Selections will include "Hot Cross Buns," "Merrily We Roll Along," "Lightly Row" and other familiar tunes.

Doors will open to the general public at 6:45 p.m. Donations to support the KMS music program will be accepted at the door.

### Concert by Community String Project students

Community. String Project will present a winter concert that concludes session one lessons. On Friday, Jan. 19, the elementary school students and youth ensembles will play at 6:30 p.m. in the Mount Hope High School auditorium, Chestnut Street, Bristol. Doors open at 6.

A raffle for a free 15-week CSP session of string instrument lessons will be held during the concert. Raffle tickets will be available at the door.

The concert is free and open to the public. Community String Project is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization providing affordable and attainable string instrument lessons for the past 14 years. For more information, visit [communitystringproject.org](http://communitystringproject.org) or call Vicki Boyle, program director, at 787-6578.

### Duckpin bowlers needed for Sundays

A mixed duckpin bowling league is in need

### To Submit Community News

**BY EMAIL (PREFERRED):** [lrego@eastbaymediagroup.com](mailto:lrego@eastbaymediagroup.com)

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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** 401/253-6000, ext. 107

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

Photos are encouraged. Email a high-resolution jpg or tif and send it as an attachment.

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

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of a few more bowlers on Sundays at 6 p.m. at Dudek Lanes in Warren. It's a fun night out with cash prizes, special monthly events and bonus cash prizes during the year.

They also have a banquet at the end of the season. Call Dave at 254-9779 for more information.

### Food pantry open at St. Mary of the Bay

The St. Mary of the Bay Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. downstairs in the church hall at 645 Main St.

They offer Client Choice, where guests can choose their own food items. They also have meat and dairy items, fresh produce, bread and pastries, as well as non-food items, such as toiletries or paper goods.

They also offer pet food every other week.

If you or someone you know needs food, come by or call them at 245-7000, ext. 19. The only qualification is your need for food. The church hall can be accessed by the ramp on the left side of the church.

### Domestic violence support services offered

The Women's Resource Center has free and confidential domestic violence support services every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 624 Main St., Warren. Just drop in. Or, call the 24-hour hotline at 800/494-8100.

### Scary stories of Warren walking tour

Bristol Haunted Walking Tours is presenting "Scary Stories of Warren," a walking tour of about one hour around the downtown area. Warren is the Sowams area for the Native Pokanoket Wampanoag tribe. Burial grounds and battles from King Philip's War are preva-

lent in Warren. Hear the stories, see the architecture and maybe see a ghost.

Tours run nightly and reservations are required. Call 286-1209. Spend the night with Joan, a historian and paranormal researcher who appeared on the Travel Channel's "Kindred Spirits" show.

### Blood center urgently needs donations now

The R.I. Blood Center is in need of blood and platelet donations. Local drives are sparse; but, the donor centers around the state are open and you can make an appointment to donate blood at your convenience.

All types are needed; but, there is an additional need for blood types O, O-, A-, B-, AB-.

To find a blood drive near you and/or to schedule an appointment, visit [donate.ribc.org](http://donate.ribc.org) or call 453-8360. The closest center in the East Bay is the Aquidneck Donor Center in Middletown.

### Meals are available; volunteer drivers sought

Each weekday, Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island provides a nutritious meal, well-being check and social visit to 1,500 homebound seniors statewide.

For more information about the meal program or how to volunteer to deliver meals, visit [www.rimeals.org](http://www.rimeals.org) or call 351-6700.

### County Lions Club continuing its mission

The Bristol County Lions Club is a nonprofit organization for Bristol County where men and woman help raise money for their local community.

If you are interested in more information, call Lion member JoAnn Silva at 439-8861.



**OBITUARY**

**Edward J. "Ed" Gagne, III**

Edward J. "Ed" Gagne, III, age 59, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024 in Charlton Memorial Hospital.



Born in Fall River, the son of Shirley Mae (Fuller) Gagne of Warren and the late Edward J. Gagne, Jr., he was a longtime resident of Covington, Ohio.

A graduate of Warren High School, he attended the Sawyer School and obtained his CDL license from New England Tractor Trailer School. A hard worker, he began working alongside his father at their family business "Ed's Saw & Mower" for a few years before

beginning a 37-year career on the road driving tractor-trailers.

In addition to his mother, Shirley, he is survived by one sister, Donna Gagne of Riverside; his many cousins, particularly from the Cirillo and Fuller families, and many close friends, especially Andrew Jones and John Marsh.

His Funeral Service will be held on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, at noon, with visiting hours prior from 10 a.m. to noon in the Wilbur-Romano Funeral Home, 615 Main St., Warren. Contributions in his honor may be made to Dialysis Patient Citizens, 1001 Connecticut Ave., NW Suite 1230, Washington, DC 20036 (www.dialysispatients.org). Burial will be private. For tributes and directions, www.wilbur-romano.com.



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**Rains flood Market Street again**

What has become a new normal happened again over the weekend as heavy rains caused a washout and flooding along the Market Street corridor in the low-lying area of town on Saturday. **ABOVE:** Market Street was under water again this weekend. The area near JJ's Cleansers was impassible for a good portion of the morning. **BELOW:** Jamiel Park's parking lot was inundated as well.



**LEGAL NOTICE**

**TOWN OF WARREN PROBATE COURT**  
514 MAIN STREET 9:30 A.M.  
**PROBATE JUDGE, ANTHONY DESISTO**  
**PROBATE CLERK, SANDREA J. SPERONI, CMC**

**Szeliga, Ruby K.**  
**Szeliga, Ruby Kai Est. #23-66**  
Petition for Name Change to Samuel Szeliga was granted on December 28, 2023  
January 3, 10 & 17, 2024

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. 245-7340 or "via RI Relay 1-800-745-5555" (TTY).

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**TOWN OF WARREN, RI**  
**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

The Town Council of the Town of Warren hereby ordains the amendments to the Warren Town Code:

Chapter 9-Garbage, Trash and Refuse, Article III. Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling, Section 9-59. Leaf, lawn, and garden matter.

The proposed Ordinance can be reviewed on the Town Website [www.townofwarren-ri.gov](http://www.townofwarren-ri.gov) or at the Town Clerk's Office, 514 Main Street Monday - Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Per Warren Town Council  
Sandrea J. Speroni, CMC  
Town Clerk  
January 17, 2024

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**THE TOWN OF WARREN BOARD VACANCIES**

The Warren Town Council is seeking applications for the following Boards. Applications may be obtained in the Town Clerk's Office or on the Town Website [www.townofwarren-ri.gov](http://www.townofwarren-ri.gov). Applications must be filed in the Town Clerk's Office, 514 Main Street, Warren, RI, no later than Friday, February 2, 2023, by 4:00 PM.

Interviews will be held at the Town Council Meeting on February 13, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

**Bristol Warren Regional Joint Finance Committee**

**Conservation Commission**

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# Self Defense Training Center's commitment to children's martial arts

In a world that demands resilience and self-assurance, the importance of instilling confidence and strength in our children cannot be overstated. At the forefront of this mission is the Self Defense Training Center, where Daniel DaRocha, a seasoned and dedicated instructor, is shaping young minds through the art of self-defense.

Mr. Dan, as his students call him, a name synonymous with expertise in martial arts instruction, believes in cultivating students who are physically strong and mentally resilient. The Self Defense Training Center has operated under his instruction for 30 years. The Self Defense Training Center is not just a place for learning kicks and punches; it is a sanctuary where young individuals build self-discipline, confidence, and gain the skills necessary to defend themselves effectively.

The core philosophy at Self Defense Training Center revolves around bridging the gap between traditional martial arts and practical self-defense. One of its key goals is teaching children how to defend and escape to safety. "The world can sometimes be unpredictable," says DaRocha "The programs we offer go beyond routine martial arts drills, emphasizing situational awareness, quick decision-making, and the importance of staying focused under pressure."



"Self-defense is not just about physical strength; it's about mental fortitude and strategic thinking," DaRocha asserts. "We want our students to feel secure, knowing they have the tools to protect themselves and, at the same time, the ability to avoid unnecessary conflicts in the first place."

Parents who enroll their children at the Self Defense Training Center often witness

remarkable transformations. Not only do the kids become physically fit and skilled in self-defense, but they also develop a heightened sense of confidence and self-esteem. These qualities extend beyond the training center, positively impacting their academic and social lives. "Our goal is to nurture well-rounded individuals who are not only capable of defending themselves but are also equipped with the tools for success in various aspects of life," says DaRocha.

In a world where challenges can arise

unexpectedly, the Self Defense Training Center stands as a beacon of empowerment for children. Mr. Dan's unwavering commitment to building stronger, more resilient individuals resonates through every class.

In addition to martial arts, Self Defense Training Center is home to The Ninja Tank, a popular ninja warrior type training program for kids. They also offer children's day camps and a wide range of adult martial arts and self-defense programs.

Contact Dan@SelfDefenseRI.com for more information.

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## An 'old school' eatery, and a Hollywood legend

*Spaghetti Lane pays homage to Barrington's Italian heritage*

BY MICHAEL KHOURI

In the late 1800's, Italy suffered a deep economic depression, ravaging the country, prompting thousands of Italian citizens and their families to migrate to America in search of employment, new opportunities and the prospect of a better life. Thousands of these migrants settled in Rhode Island and hundreds made Barrington their new home, finding steady work at two competing, bustling businesses in town - The Narragansett Brick Company and The New England Steam Brick Corporation - both prospering for nearly 100 years due to the extensive clay deposits discovered in the Brickyard Pond area.

Like most immigrants in those days, be them the Portuguese, the Swedish and so many other Europeans, the Italians settled and lived close to one another for familiarity, safety and convenience. From the "Old Country" they imported and shared, in their new close-knit neighborhoods, their rich traditions of food, hospitality, friendship, romantic language, and most of all, La Familia.

The most prominent of said neighborhoods encompassed the whole of Maple Avenue. Quickly recognized as the "Italian Section" of town, descendants from the original wave of Italians flooded that area. The town grew and slowly morphed into a suburban environment due to the construction of the then railroad that ran between Bristol to Providence.

Maple Avenue grew as well and was eventually, lovingly nicknamed "Little Italy" by the neighborhood residents themselves as a moniker of ethnic dignity. But some outsiders, in an attempt to poke fun and mock a togetherness that they may not have fully understood, dubbed it disparagingly, "Spaghetti Lane."

When Michael St. Angelo and his fiancé, Mary Beth Ryder, embarked to launch a new restaurant in town, they decided, with profound pride, to adopt and adapt the "Spaghetti Lane" sobriquet as a positive. These two restaurateurs showcase a gathering place where old-world sensibilities are intact, bringing that culture of food, love, laughter and community to a modern-day table and dining experience.

"I grew up in Barrington off of Maple Avenue, behind the high school on Foote Street," said St. Angelo. "I got involved in the restaurant business when I was about 28. I'm 57 now. I did this small restaurant within the Touisset Country Club. I had a gentleman named Glen Matouse who worked for me there. He also worked for Camille's in Providence. Actually, his grandmother owned Camille's. He was knowledgeable about the business and showed me a lot of what he knew. A lot of his great recipes and insight."

"My father was a very good cook. He did all the cooking in the house. On Sunday I'd watch him make the meatballs and the sauce. The pasta, the sausage, pork, the pizza," said St. Angelo. "He would go behind the YMCA in Barrington to pick mushrooms. He knew which ones were edible and safe. And he'd go out in the yard and pull dandelions to make dandelion salad. He had his own garden for



**ABOVE:** Mary Beth Ryder, Michael St. Angelo and screen legend Barbara Eden, now 92 years old, pose inside Spaghetti Lane after the actress visited for dinner. **BELOW:** Barbara Eden was best known for her role in the 1960s sitcom, "I Dream of Jeannie."

vegetables, growing tomatoes for his fresh sauce. Completely old school. He was also involved in a community garden as well with neighbors, where they grew everything and shared. We would all help jar his tomatoes for the season to have them all through the winter."

### A family focus

Giving, sharing and benevolence towards friends as well as strangers was an integral part of St. Angelo's heritage and upbringing. His grandparents came from Italy and lived on Maple Avenue. The family settled comfortably in the neighborhood. Large families were the norm in those days. His mother was one of 11 and his father was one of eight boys, four of whom were adopted.

There was a tragic fire in Boston that dominated the news at the time, shocking the region and the nation. A young mother and father had perished in a fire, leaving four young boys as orphans with nothing and no one. It was a major story. St. Angelo's grandmother read about the tragedy and did what her heart compelled her to do - she legally adopted all four boys.

"Michael has a big heart," said Ryder. "It's in his lineage, in his background. He makes you feel that you are part of his family. It's in his smile, in his personality. He loves to welcome and feed patrons, friends and strangers alike. People who come into the restaurant say they

**"She was lovely and so sweet. Anytime anyone told her that she was beautiful she'd say, 'and you're beautiful also'."**

■ MARY BETH RYDER





# SPAGHETTI: Family restaurant got a thrill from a screen star's visit

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feel at home, and that's because of Michael."

Mary Beth said community and neighborhood folks alike love to come and visit the restaurant, but she is seeing more and more customers from out of town. Folks in town traditionally would drive to Cranston or Providence for dinner but now there's a reverse trend where people from those areas are traveling into Barrington to dine.

"Spaghetti Lane is starting to bring people into town to have dinner from areas outside of Barrington," said St. Angelo. "This has been very good for our restaurant, café and bakery business, but also, it's good for all the other restaurants here as well as in the community and town as a whole. It's a good thing."

The restaurant embodies the family culture. Ryder does much of the baking for the café. She makes lemon squares that are so loved that some patrons buy a box of them before they sit down to dinner, so they don't miss out.

"I had four sisters," St. Angelo said. "My sister Linda passed away. She was here in the beginning and she was a big part of who we are now. My sister Carol makes the meatballs, Debbie makes the lasagna and Patty works the lunch. We also reached out to the high school for help with busing tables, phone orders and even help in the kitchen. It's a family and community affair. It's a lot of work and we love it."

## A Hollywood legend

And then of course there's the story of cooking for, serving and feeding a real live 'Jeannie' in a Bottle.

"There are two brothers who frequent Spaghetti Lane when they are in town," said Ryder. "The Edwards brothers. They are performers in Las Vegas who do a successful impersonation act. They are originally from Bristol, and I believe their parents still live in Bristol."

"One night the brothers came in for dinner with their parents," said St. Angelo. "After they ate, they approached me and said they were good friends of Barbara Eden and that she was coming to Providence for Comicon in November. They said that they would love to bring her here for dinner. They asked that we keep it on the down low, so we didn't mention it to anyone. They told me this in July. They gave me a date that they wanted to come and as the date got closer Barbara Eden's agent called a couple days before to make sure that the table for five would be available for her. And then sure enough, to our delight, on one November evening Barbara Eden visited Spaghetti Lane with her party and sat down for dinner."

"When she walked in, we all just went about our business because we didn't want her to feel like a spectacle," said Ryder. "She came in with the Edwards brothers, her best friend and her agent. They sat down and had a very nice dinner (Ms. Eden had the veal and drank water). She very much appreciated that we didn't make a big fuss and allowed her and her party to enjoy a peaceful, relaxing dinner."

After dinner, Ms. Eden offered that anyone in the restaurant that would like to meet her and take a picture with her was welcome, to do so.

"Everyone took pictures with her and got to talk to her. The kids that work in the café called their parents - all big fans - and they came down also. All the folks from the café came in. It was quite a night. She stayed a couple of hours. She thanked us and said the food was amazing and she really enjoyed it and her visit," said St. Angelo. "She was such a nice lady. I'm a big Elvis fan and knew that she had made a couple movies with Elvis. I asked about Elvis and what it was like to work with him. She said that he was a wonderful, kind man. A gentleman who was brought up the right way."

During her visit, after dinner, St. Angelo found the "I Dream of Jeannie" television

theme music on Spotify and played it in the background, much to Ms. Eden's delight. "She got a great kick out of it. She was such a good sport," said St. Angelo.

"She was lovely and so sweet. Anytime anyone told her that she was beautiful she'd say, 'and you're beautiful also,'" said Ryder. "She was gracious and kind. And she IS beautiful. She looks years younger than her age (she's 92). She loved the food. The brothers said she ate just about the whole plate (Michael gave her double the amount of a veal order) and they said she traditionally doesn't eat a lot. In fact, she had a small piece of veal left and liked it so much she asked if she could take it back to

the hotel and asked Michael for reheating instructions."

It was a visit St. Angelo and Ryder will always remember. When a mysterious, bejeweled decanter washed up on the shores of a barren South Pacific island, it set the stage for the iconic 1960s sitcom, 'I Dream of Jeannie.' And in a comedic happenstance, the "Jeannie" was unknowingly let out of the bottle by an adrift, slightly nervous astronaut and straight into television history via the hearts and minds of adoring fans all over the world.

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Barbara Eden was co-star with Elvis Presley in the movie "Flaming Star."

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## TALKING POLITICS

## The legislators are back, and so are familiar fiscal worries

**STORY OF THE WEEK:** The Rhode Island General Assembly returned to business last week, with the usual feeling of something akin to students returning to the classroom for the first day



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of school. House Speaker Joe Shekarchi and Senate President Dominick Ruggerio used their opening day speeches to take a few victory laps (no recession here, a new tax exemption that will benefit 75% of businesses in the state, etc.) and they pointed to some of the state's fundamental challenges, including creating more housing and strengthening the local healthcare landscape. But if there's an overarching theme as Rhode Island marches into 2024, it's that the state's fiscal climate is returning to a familiar pattern marked by deficits and austerity.

A gusher of federal COVID aid made for unusually easy budgets and uncharacteristic surpluses in recent years, and the long-term disparity between revenue and expenses was cut significantly. Now, though, it seems a matter of time before annual budget deficits (which have to be wiped out before the start of a new fiscal year) once again become the norm, hindering investment in things that would promote growth.

Shekarchi is enthusiastic about plans for the RI Life Sciences Hub, with former RI Foundation CEO Neil Steinberg poised to lead that effort. But Rhode Island is late to that game, and behind more established sectors in Boston and Worcester. Back in 2021, when Gina Raimondo passed the gubernatorial baton to Dan McKee, she contended RI's economy was stronger than when she came into office, but the state still faced familiar economic challenges. As URI economic professor Leonard Lardardo (who coined the pithy phrase "Rhode Island and Sisyphus Plantations") told me at the time, "We don't really have well-defined engines of growth." That lack of productive new sectors remains with us today, posing an important and ongoing test for Rhode Island's current elected officials.

**PROVIDENCE:** The 43-year career of Patrolman Frank Moody of the Providence Police Department spanned 10 different police chiefs and five elected mayors – Buddy Cianci, Joe Paolino, Angel Taveras, Jorge Elorza, and Brett Smiley. He goes back to when Providence officers wore brown uniforms. Moody was in the PPD for the tough times during Buddy II and the improvements ushered in by Dean Esserman. He's caught fugitives, unraveled a 1990 plot to kidnap Mob associate Blaise Marfeo, and was once ordered by Cianci to salute while Moody was cuffing a suspect outside PPAC.

I spent a few hours with Patrolman Moody ahead of his last shift on Dec. 30, and you can listen to or read my story on our website at [thepublicsradio.org](http://thepublicsradio.org).

**NEW YEAR:** My friend and former colleague Scott MacKay is fond of saying that you can leave Rhode Island and walk back into the same conversation 20 years later. It's true, and as noted in the first item of this column, many of this state's challenges are awfully persistent: underperforming schools, underfunded pensions, an economy in search of itself. But sometimes change does come to Rhode Island, and here's a case in point: the General Assembly is considerably more diverse than it was even 10 years ago, the Providence City Council much more closely reflects the demographic makeup of the capital city,

and the two largest law enforcement groups in the state, Providence police and State Police, are led by men of color.

**BRAIN DRAIN:** State Sen. Jake Bissailon, who grew up on the North Shore of Massachusetts, is a counterexample to the long-bemoaned trend of young Rhode Islanders leaving the state for better opportunities elsewhere. In his case, he was able to become chief of staff for the Providence City Council at age 24. Providence was more affordable than Boston, and salaries were about equal in his field.

Bissailon, a 2009 graduate of Providence College, added during a Political Roundtable interview, "Right now, we have a workforce that is in crisis, that we need to fill jobs, particularly our care economy: nurses, CNAs, teachers. I think if we can build out pipelines, not only that train those folks up through school, affordable education that's accessible, but also make it more affordable on the back end once they start working in our public schools, at our hospitals, that that can be an attractive model for them. And I think as you talk about Rhode Island College, that may be an institution that's primarily trying to regain its footing in some sense. And it's in the higher ed space. I think that's a real potential for growth and purpose for that institution."

**TAKES OF THE WEEK – a mix of views from a range of Rhode Islanders.**

**JESUS SOLORIO, executive director of the RI GOP:** "Rhode Island is at an inflection point. Unfortunately, the Ocean State has been under one-party rule for over eight decades, which has led the state to grapple with numerous ongoing challenges. Chief among these issues are the burden of high taxes, a struggling educational system, crumbling infrastructure, and a lack of transparency. That's why we are working tirelessly on making significant gains in legislative races this year. We have to elect strong Republicans to local, state, and federal positions to ensure that we have balance and begin to turn the tide.

"Central to our strategy is the recruitment and support of candidates who authentically represent the communities across Rhode Island. We are prioritizing equipping these candidates with extensive and comprehensive training, amplifying their ability to address the state's challenges effectively. Simultaneously, we're intensifying our efforts to fortify the structure and influence of our city and town committees, recognizing them as the backbone of our grassroots movement. Furthermore, expanding our committed volunteer base remains a primary focus. We understand that change is a gradual process. The growing extremism within Rhode Island's Democratic Party emphasizes the urgent need to elect commonsense Republicans dedicated to delivering solutions for the hardworking people of Rhode Island."

**ALISHA PINA, entrepreneur, community leader and ProJo alum:** "Happy New Year! 2024 can be a year of growth and needed change for our state and country, or one that continues (or worsens) the rife inequities and added, unjustified scrutiny toward people of color. If you desire the former, repeat these five \*\*New Year, New You\*\* resolutions and affirmations after me: 1) I will lead, speak and act with love rather than hatred; courage rather than fear; and compassion rather than judgment; 2) I will do my part to break the cycle and stronghold of systems of injustice, oppression and inequity even if long hours of my time are needed to move forward together; 3) I will earnestly examine the root causes of racism to better understand and improve myself and my commu-

nity, state and country as a whole because I know diversity makes us great; 4) I will intentionally reflect on what voices aren't at the tables I sit at, and invite them and/or diligently work to get them a seat; 5) In uncomfortable situations and discussions regarding inequities, I will look at it as an opportunity to learn and listen for ways to help instead of dismiss, shift topics and/or take what's said as a personal attack.

"If we ALL take these steps, 2024 CAN be the pivotal shift from favoritism, bias, sexism, racism (all the -isms), micro-aggressions, denial, decisions made from fear/loss of power and whites-only sentiments to a country that waves its red, white and blue flag proudly because all its flavors, colors and residents feel, see and know they are represented, valued, embraced and celebrated."

**MEDIA:** G. Wayne Miller's recent Q&A with Tim White at Ocean State Stories is a good read. Excerpt: "For budding journalists, understand what a noble profession it is, and – despite what others may say – know that it is a cornerstone of a free society. The last time I checked, a free press was one of the Five Freedoms of the First Amendment. It's not always the easiest job (and certainly not the most lucrative), but it's immensely important. Good journalists help people cut through all the noise. To do that, you have to be a good writer, and that goes for print, broadcast, digital – any medium you pick. You could be the best reporter in the world – digging up critical information that is vitally important for the public to know – but if you can't effectively communicate your findings, what good is it? To be a good writer, you need to read good writers, emulate them."

**MEDIA II:** If you want an example of the vital role played by community newspapers, consider that recent changes at the RI Resource Recovery Corp., aka the state landfill agency, might have gone unreported were it not for Rory Schuler of Beacon Communications. First, Rory reported on the exit of RIRC head Joseph Reposo, whose annual salary was at least \$245,000 and who was due to get a \$25,000 bonus on the way out. ("During his tenure as head of the 'quasi-public agency' he refused Johnston Sun Rise requests for interviews. Reposo declined to comment on his next move.") In a follow-up, Rory detailed how Reposo landed as the CEO of J.R. Vinagro Corp., and he's filed a number of records requests in a search for more details.

**FISH STORY:** The City of New Bedford has outlined a process to create a statue of Herman Melville, whose 18-month voyage on a whaling ship from NB launched in 1841 inspired the classic "Moby-Dick."

"New Bedford is the setting for what is arguably the preeminent work of American literature," Mayor Jon Mitchell said in a statement. "The novel has had a profound influence on artists the world over and on American culture itself. As it was until recently with Frederick Douglass, honoring Melville with a statue in New Bedford is long overdue." Plans call for a mix of public and private funds to pay for the statue.

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DIG-IN

# La Cocina Povera/The Poor Kitchen – Homage to the Legume

*This is the second feature in a series of cultural meals aimed to highlight history, nutrition and simplicity.*

As I reflect on cultural meals that showcase the heart of a poor kitchen, the bean is front and center of my mind for its significance in history.

Beans come from a long line of cousins originating from the plant family Legumes.

These plants have been on our planet longer than humans and have a direct connection to our evolution. They've been a food staple for millennia and the oldest cultivated. Legumes have survived and evolved everywhere on our planet except the high Arctic and Antarctica. The world gene banks currently hold about 40,000 bean varieties.

We've established quite a symbiotic relationship between its species and ours. No wonder they're the basis of plant-based foods of yesterday and today.

Legumes often get a bad wrap when we weigh in on the gas they produce, but their melodic toots are actually a good sign for having a healthy gut. They are a rich source of protein, fiber, calcium and vitamins A and B.

As the saying goes – "The more you toot the better you feel." Eat beans with every meal.

Legumes have graced the tables of every culture in the world, making their debut in extraordinary ways. I invite you to name the legumes featured in these dishes - Succotash, Dahl, Tofu, Hoppin John, Cherokee Bean Bread, Soissons soup, Cassoulet, Hummus, Sweet Bao Buns, Peanut Butter, Soy Milk and Veggie Burgers.

In addition to being versatile, they are easy on the pocket.

A 12-ounce package of split green peas or lentils priced under \$2 makes a delicious soup in less than 30 minutes and can serve six people. Simply add onion, garlic, olive oil, water and spices.

Two cups of black beans, a cup of rice, chopped onion, spices and water will happily serve four people, creating another nutritious dish under \$2. Add bacon or ham hocks for added flavor, bringing your meal to \$5.

In my Italian kitchen, beans are always on hand, giving way to comfort foods, including Pasta e Fagioli or Pasta and Beans. A hearty vegetarian meal can use any kind of dry bean you have on hand, but I believe the cannellini beans are best.

### A recipe for home

Soak beans overnight. The next day, drain and rinse and set aside. Sauté onion, celery, garlic and olive oil in a large soup pot until soft. Add beans, tomatoes, water/broth, herbs and crushed red pepper, and cook for an hour or so until the beans become the texture you like.

In a separate pot, cook small shaped pasta, like shells, elbows or orzo, as directed. To serve, fill individual bowls with the bean soup and add a cup of the cooked pasta, and then sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese, salt and pepper.

(Note: If you add the pasta into the bean pot, it will become mushy as the pasta absorbs all the broth. Some folks prefer it this way.)

You can also use the same recipe by replacing the pasta with greens. This humble soup of beans and greens packs a powerful punch of protein, calcium and iron.

Consider ribbons of swiss chard, dandeli-



The world gene banks currently hold about 40,000 bean varieties.

on, kale, spinach, beet greens and/or shungiku, aka spring chrysanthemum. I like to use mustard greens for their spicy flavor profile.

Serve with a bruschetta made of mashed cannellini beans, crushed garlic, chopped thyme and olive oil. A heavenly meal!

As you begin to enjoy more beans and greens, you may decide to grow them in your garden.

Legumes can grow along any crops, including their own family of beans and peas. They

do not require crop rotation, they grow well with others, including greens. They're great soil enhancers, as their roots add nitrogen to soil and when allowed to mature and die naturally, they can be returned to any soil as excellent compost.

What a glorious species! Praise to legumes!

*Patricia Bailey is a horticulturist who retired the spade and picked up the pen. She shares her love of gardening, food and storytelling.*



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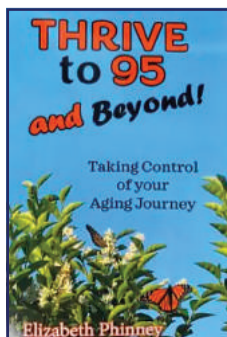
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BOOK REVIEW

# A President who cared more about the Presidency than the self

**'The Trials of Harry S. Truman – The Extraordinary Presidency of an Ordinary Man, 1945-1953'**  
By Jeffrey Frank

Of all U.S. Presidents, Missourian Harry Truman may have been the least likely of men to attain the highest office in the land. For one thing, he had never been to college; for another he had failed at his previous endeavors, farming and business.



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Because he did not feel he could support a wife, he married rather late in life his beloved "Bess," whom he had admired from their earliest school days.

For ten years, Truman served as a senator until he became FDR's choice for running mate. When Roosevelt died at the beginning of his fourth term in 1945, Truman succeeded him, although one aide described the former VP as owning a "wholesome sense of inadequacy."

Although both intelligent, shrewd, and extremely well-read, Harry felt he lacked knowledge in both domestic and foreign affairs. As a result, he tended to rely on the counsel of military men, like Gen. George Marshall, whose judgment he trusted implicitly.

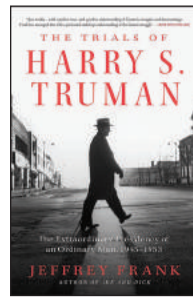
However, when necessary, he could be strong, brisk, and decisive himself, as when a Russian ambassador to Stalin was being disingenuous, the newly elected Truman brusquely cut him off, declaring that he was not interested in propaganda. In the "cold war" that was just beginning, he considered Russia as a "country inhabited by semi-primitives, incapable of advanced thought." He believed a strong military was the best protection against aggression and focused on accomplishing that goal.

Some Americans, accustomed to the sonorous voice of FDR, could not get used to the flat, nasal, clipped Midwestern accent of the new commander-in-chief. However, when told that Stalin did not like him, Truman's speech was very clear when he replied it was because he was "the first one who had ever said no to anything Stalin asked."

Although his provincial background led him to use the "n" word when referring to blacks, he made every effort to overcome his ancestral and local biases. When informed of violence against them, he found himself championing the rights of African Americans. In 1948, Truman sent Congress a civil rights program including the Federal Fair Employment Practices Act, anti-lynching laws, an anti-poll tax bill, and an end to segregated interstate travel.

In his decision regarding race, he would say, "Two persons are sitting at this desk. One is Harry Truman, and the other is the President of the United States, and I must be sure that Harry remembers on all occasions that the President is there too." Believing he was the leader of all Americans, he signed orders to desegregate the federal government and the military. However, when questioned about the possibility of inter-racial marriage becoming more common, he replied, "I hope not."

The author delves into Truman's personal relationships with various notables. Showing him the least respect was probably the revered commander Gen. MacArthur, with whom he had an on-going feud. In one encounter, the vainglorious general did not salute the President, but shook hands as equals, which was against protocol. Moreover, at a meeting of nine leaders, MacArthur dominated, the transcript indicating the General speaking more than all other participants involved, including the President, with 54 lines compared to MacArthur's 243. Eventually, when the General exceeded his authority, Truman decided he



had to go for repeatedly refusing to obey orders.

Another leader with whom Harry had issues was Dwight D. Eisenhower, for whom the "mere mention of Truman's name brought fast flashes of antipathy." At his inauguration, Eisenhower was overheard wondering aloud if he could bear sit-

ting next to him.

Despite Eisenhower's rancor and other criticism that Harry was an uninspiring leader, a dismal orator, and the one charged with the decision to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, history has been kind to Truman. He oversaw the end of wars in Europe and the Pacific and oversaw the Marshall Plan to rebuild a demolished Europe after World War II.

According to Eleanor Roosevelt, "With every decision he grew until to the entire world he was a towering figure ... no man had ever been placed so abruptly in such a seat of responsibility ... but the decisions he made have shaped the very world we live in today." He was ahead of his time in talking about a national health insurance program, a precursor of our current Medicare. He oversaw the founding of the United Nations and the recognitions of Israel.

One aspect of his personality that made Harry popular and likeable was his self-deprecating humor. He told a college audience, "Missouri has had its number of notorious characters, the most notorious being Mark Twain, Jesse James, and me." He was in awe that someone like him, born in a four-room farmhouse next to a mule barn, could rise to the heights he did. He respected the office he held and the awesome responsibility that

came with it.

Although the definitive biography of our 33rd President is David McCullough's "Truman," this book, as the title suggests, catalogues the many fronts of conflict, as well as historical figures, with whom Truman had to engage. The author does a comprehensive job: Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin, Gen. MacArthur, Omar Bradley, Dean Acheson, J. Edgar Hoover, Averill Harriman, Clark Clifford, John Foster Dulles, Adlai Stevenson, Lyndon Johnson, to name only a few.

I might also mention artist Pablo Picasso, whom he met in Cannes when he was heard to express belief that anyone could like his work. In his opinion, they were "God awful."

This well-researched book highlights the accomplishments of Pres. Harry Truman and provides glimpses into the grave decisions that were only his to make. It focuses on a little-known, little-traveled, rather provincial Midwesterner who found himself abruptly in the Oval Office, feeling ill-prepared. In his four months as FDR's VP, never once had Roosevelt ever shared with him the existence of the atom bomb, whose awesome use would be the most momentous and difficult to face an unknown neophyte. It was such an incredibly untenable position, but Truman believed in his heart that its employment would end the killing of more and more victims.

This book is an attempt to understand this very decent, likeable, approachable man, a most "diligent student of the presidency" and the reasons for his official choices. An aide described Truman as the least self-important individual who didn't ask "what he ought to do, but what the President should do."

*Donna Bruno is a prizewinning author and poet recently recognized with four awards by National League of American Pen Women.*

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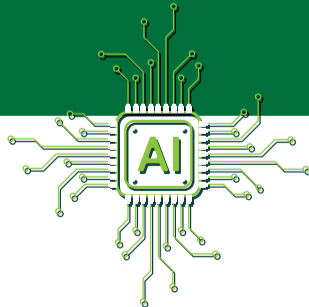
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# Aquarium renews call for actions to protect Right Whales

*Image of injured calf spurs researchers to seek more protections for endangered whales*



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The injured North Atlantic right whale calf of "Juno" (Catalog #1612) seen with injuries on the head, mouth, and left lip consistent with vessel strike.

The New England Aquarium is reacting to news that a North Atlantic right whale calf, first spotted off the coast of South Carolina in November, suffered a serious injury consistent with a vessel strike.

Images of the newborn calf from Jan. 3 show several propeller wounds on the head, mouth, and left lip. In its release, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said the whale will likely die as a result of its injury.

The calf, the eighth born to mother "Juno" (Catalog #1612), is one of nine documented in the Southeast United States this calving season. The mother-calf pair was first seen on Nov. 28 off Georgetown, South Carolina. Researchers last sighted them healthy on Dec. 9 off Amelia Island, Fla.

This represents the 14th known vessel strike in U.S. waters since 2008 that has led to either a mortality or a serious injury from which the whale is not likely to survive. The New England Aquarium assisted in identifying the mother-calf pair and is assessing the calf's injuries.

"This devastating case brings a height-

ened sense of urgency to address the significant challenges North Atlantic right

whales are facing. It is crucial to act now to implement enhanced regulations to pro-

tect this critically endangered species along the U.S. East Coast," said Amy Knowlton, senior scientist in the Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life at the New England Aquarium.

North Atlantic right whales are one of the most endangered large whale species in the world, with an estimated population of less than 360 individuals. Most vessels over 65 feet long must travel at 10 knots or less in seasonal management areas along the Southeast and mid-Atlantic from November into April. NOAA is currently considering modifications to the existing vessel speed rule to better protect right whales. Proposed changes to the federal vessel speed rule include expanding the size of and time period for areas with seasonal speed restrictions, extending restrictions to most vessels measuring 35 to 65 feet in length, and implementing mandatory speed restrictions in dynamic speed zones, which are established when whales are observed.

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# Right Whale Management Area now in effect

**N**OAA Fisheries announced recently the annual opening of a Seasonal Management Area (SMA) in Cape Cod Bay to protect North Atlantic right whales, starting on Jan. 1, 2024.

All vessels 65 feet or longer must travel at 10 knots or less in this area to reduce the threat of vessel collisions with these endangered whales. The Cape Cod Bay SMA is in effect through May 15, 2024.

Because vessels of all sizes can strike and injure a right whale, NOAA Fisheries also encourages vessels less than 65 feet in length to

slow down to 10 knots or less within active SMAs.

The Cape Cod Bay SMA includes all waters of Cape Cod Bay, with Northern Boundary of 42°04'56.5"N, 070°12'W to 42°12'N, 070°12'W,

then due west back to shore.

All boaters from Maine to Virginia, or interested parties, can sign up for email or text notifications about the latest Right Whale Slow Zones at NOAA Fisheries - Stay up to date with Right Whale Slow Zone notifications (govdelivery.com). You can also follow NOAA Fisheries on Facebook (@NOAAFisheriesNEMA) and Twitter (@NOAAFish\_GARFO) for announcements.

### Norton man produces video on his Canal striper season

One of the highlights of my week was getting an email and a link to a striped bass video from angler Robert Pesa of Norton, Mass. Robert is a surfcaster who fishes from the banks of the Cape Cod Canal.

This year was a particularly good year for Robert, who caught 174 striped bass. Some over the present slot of 28" to < 31", many under the slot, but enough fish fell into the

slot size, affording him 15 great striped bass dinners this season.

In addition to being a great angler, Robert is a pretty good video producer too. Here is a link to the video he posted on YouTube that highlights the ups and downs of his striped bass season on the Canal. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88k47YiX8f8>.

### Where's the bite?

Freshwater fishing in stocked ponds for trout and salmon continues to be very good, with a decent largemouth and smallmouth bass bite. For a complete list of trout stocked ponds in Massachusetts visit Mass Wildlife at Trout stocking report | Mass.gov and in Rhode Island visit [www.dem.ri.gov/fishing](http://www.dem.ri.gov/fishing), or call 401-789-0281 or 401-539-0019 for more information on trout stocking.

Saltwater. The tautog and black sea bass seasons closed Dec 31. Anglers have now turned their attention to cod fishing, striped

bass fishing in holdover areas, with many switching off to fresh water fishing. For the past couple of years striped bass fishing in salt ponds has been outstanding, with anglers catching fish to 35 inches. Most striped bass holdovers are small school size bass. If you want to try your hand at cod fishing, call ahead to make a party boat reservation; vessels generally sail between 5 and 7 a.m. and return in the afternoon. Visit [www.islandcurrent.com](http://www.islandcurrent.com) and [www.francesfleet.com](http://www.francesfleet.com).

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



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## Stock the Box Fly Tying Expo in Newport

The Saltwater Edge in Middletown will host a two-day exposition solely dedicated to the art of fly-tying. There will be workshops, classes, and flies from their originators. Attendees will learn tips from the masters of fly-tying, including Blane Chocklett, Ben Whalley (pictured), Joe Calcavecchia, Joe Cordeiro, Jay Foss and many more.



WHAT: Fly-tying expo  
WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20 and 21  
WHERE: The Newport Hotel & Marina  
COST: Prices and full schedule on website  
MORE INFO: <https://saltwateredge.com>

The Tides*	HiAM	HiPM	LoAM	LoPM	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday, Jan. 17	12:19 (4.4)	12:41 (3.9)	5:50	5:51	7:06	4:43
Thursday, Jan. 18	1:16 (4.3)	1:38 (3.6)	7:41	6:50	7:06	4:44
Friday, Jan. 19	2:15 (4.2)	2:39 (3.3)	9:11	7:56	7:05	4:45
Saturday, Jan. 20	3:19 (4.1)	3:45 (3.2)	10:16	9:02	7:05	4:47
Sunday, Jan. 21	4:26 (4.1)	4:50 (3.3)	11:09	10:00	7:04	4:48
Monday, Jan. 22	5:27 (4.1)	5:46 (3.4)	11:55	10:49	7:04	4:49
Tuesday, Jan. 23	6:19 (4.2)	6:36 (3.6)	12:36pm	11:34	7:03	4:50
Wednesday, Jan. 24	7:05 (4.2)	7:20 (3.7)	--	1:10	7:02	4:52
Thursday, Jan. 25	7:46 (4.2)	8:02 (3.8)	12:18	1:40	7:01	4:53

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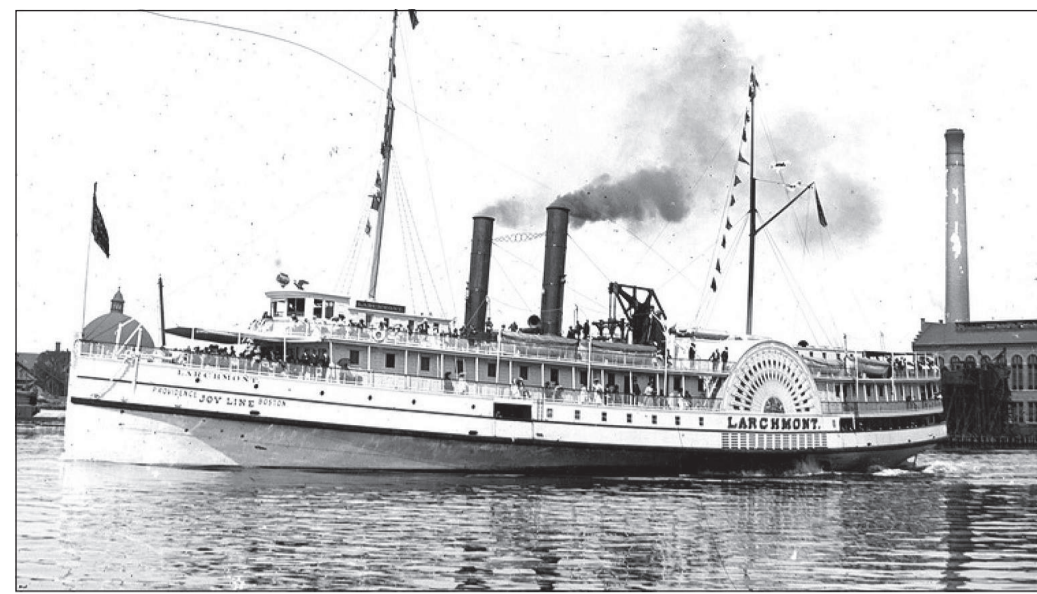


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WHAT: Lecture on Larchmont  
 WHEN: Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 6:30 p.m.  
 WHERE: Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road  
 COST: Free and open to the public  
 MORE INFO: This is a hybrid program with options to attend in-person or online via Zoom. Call 247-1920, ext. 7, to register.



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WHAT: "A Day in the Life of a Whaler"  
 WHEN: Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 6:30 p.m.  
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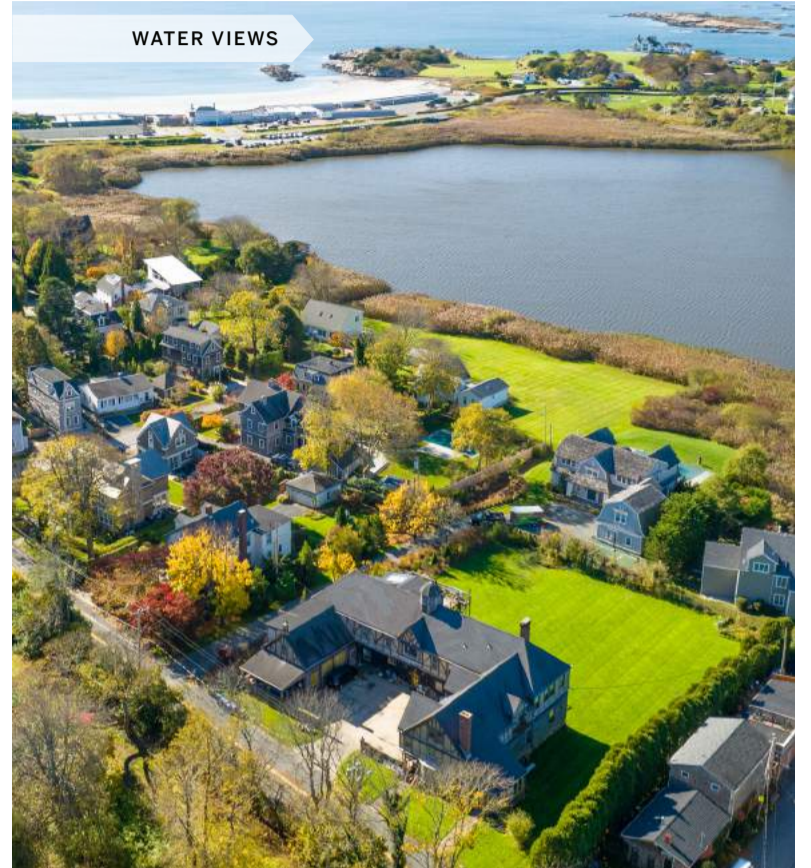
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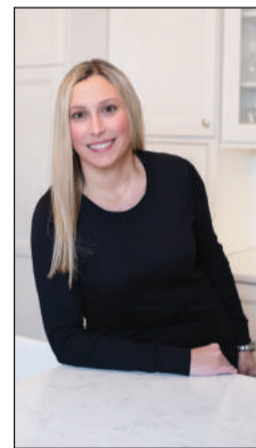
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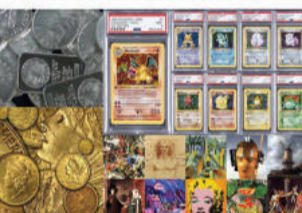
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