

Another institution for sale

Feud between Longplex, Town of Tiverton simmers over

Owner Jim Long believes he is being treated unfairly; some town officials disagree

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A long simmering feud between the Town of Tiverton and Jim Long, owner of the Longplex Family & Sports Center, escalated Monday night when the town council delayed taking action on two special events planned for the facility in April.

Longplex/Tiverton Recreation LLC intends to host a two-day home and garden show and a three-day children's consignment sale at its massive facility in coming weeks, despite the council's contention that such activities are not permitted under current zoning laws.

Long, however, believes the Longplex has the legal right to offer such events in part because of rulings in his favor by the Zoning Board of Appeals in January and by a Superior Court judge just last Friday.

He and his attorney, Daniel Reilly, say the town council's decision to not consider licensing of the special events at its recent meeting is an example of the barriers they typically face in dealing with town officials.

"The Town of Tiverton has been extremely difficult to work with, to put it lightly," Reilly said in an e-mailed statement sent on behalf of Long. "Every attempt at following every process...has seemingly led to issues."

Town officials, however, say they have valid reasons for their objections.

In an e-mail, Town Administrator Chris Cotta said Longplex was holding functions that were not what the town considered indoor recreation, which is what the company was permitted for when it opened.

Cotta said the special events were "nothing more than rental functions to Longplex and the events themselves were commercial transaction-based versus recreation. In other words, you went to look at and ultimately buy as a retail consumer an item you might use recreationally versus participating in a sporting/recreational event offered [at the] venue."



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Simmons' has been in business since 1840.

Simmons has been around since first store opened in 1840

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An unexpected sight has replaced the crowded bulletin board that hangs over the porch of Simmons Market and Cafe -- a 'For Sale' sign.

The listing of the cafe and market, previously and perhaps more commonly known as Simmons General Store, marks the second major establishment up for sale in Adamsville in the past four months. The other, Gray's Grist Mill and the Daily Grind coffee shop, sold last December to a Fairhaven couple after being owned by the Guild family since 1980.

Located at 78 Crandall Road, Simmons had been owned and operated by Jennifer Holewka and Ralph Borden for nearly 15 years before they sold it to Westport resident Jennifer Marshall Grantham in 2014. Under Grantham's ownership, Simmons Market and Cafe branded itself as a 'reinvention' of the original F.A. Simmons Store that had been a landmark in the area since the 1800s. Over the nine years she owned it, the landmark became home to locally sourced products and a diverse menu of prepared food.

Adamsville's intimate sense of community was a big part of Grantham's initial

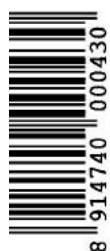


RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Jennifer Marshall Grantham, who has owned landmark Adamsville property since 2014, smiles for the camera soon after purchasing Simmons nine years ago.

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Endangered saltmarshes

Brown professor will talk about modern challenges to saltmarshes around the globe

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SIMMONS: Westport resident purchased property in 2014

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pull to Simmons — she wanted to keep the history of the store alive but elevate it with a “modern twist,” she said. And despite her love for the challenge of owning a business, raising a family has not left her the time she believes the business needs — “I’m trusting myself to know to let it go for now,” she said. “We revitalized the café and brought it to the next level. We’re excited to see what the next owner will do.”

Learning from the legacy

In its nine years of life, the cafe became the stage for many local artisans and lively events, frequently hosting dozens of friendly faces in the back garden to enjoy live music or a dinner. According to Grantham, there were many successes.

“We built from scratch an organic food co-op where we delivered weekly groceries to 150 families across several towns,” she said of the business during COVID-19. “Our employees stayed to serve the community. We all learned so much and feel that Simmons has been an incredible resource for the community, so I will forever be proud of that.”

Community landmark

Since its founding in 1840, Simmons Store has been a pillar for the community, sometimes becoming synonymous with the village itself. One of the Little Compton Historical Society’s books, “Remembering Adamsville,” expresses the deep love that town residents felt for the establishment.

“We always shopped in Adamsville,”

wrote Caroline Wilkie Wordell. “My fondest memory of Simmons is, of course, the penny candy.”

Gracie Simmons McKivergan, the granddaughter of F.A. Simmons, looked back on her childhood in the village. “I remember going with [my grandfather] on the Tiverton Four Corners route,” she said of the store’s old delivery service. “Mrs. Cory always had a molasses cookie for me.”

According to McKivergan, Simmons was a small country grocery store and, unlike other stores such as Wilbur’s or Manchester’s, wasn’t the type to sell every little thing. Flour and meal were scooped out of big barrels and weighed out in paper bags for each customer. Barrels of molasses and kerosene sat in the basement for the same cause. Fruit came in bulk and the famed penny candy was counted out piece by piece at the customer’s request.

Now, the property is listed by Keller Williams Coastal for \$985,000, and includes a detached house and one-car garage situated alongside the store, bringing its total square footage up at around 4,500. The cafe houses a full prep kitchen, and the two-level dwelling has three bedrooms and one and a half baths.

LITTLE COMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Grace Simmons McKivergan and her mother Billie in front of the store decades ago. Courtesy of the Little Compton Historical Society and Grace Simmons McKivergan



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LONGPLEX: Judge denies town a stay on all event applications

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The origins of a zoning dispute

The town views non-sporting special events, such as the children's consignment sale which has been held numerous times at the Longplex in recent years, as a violation of the zoning ordinance because they are retail in nature and more appropriate for a convention center, which is not a permitted use.

Late last year, the town's Building and Zoning Officer, John Hoyle, Jr., issued Longplex a notice of violation and a cease-and-desist order which blocked the company from running any event that did not fall strictly within its current zoned category of "indoor recreational facility."

Long appealed the action and after presenting his case to the Zoning Board of Appeals, its members, in a 3-2 vote, reversed Hoyle's notice of violation. That vote, presumably, would have allowed Long to continue to sponsor non-sporting special events.

However, in a move that surprised Long and his attorneys, the town and Hoyle filed an appeal of the zoning board's decision with Newport County Superior Court. Additionally, the town hired outside counsel, Attorney Richard Boren, to represent the Zoning Board of Appeals in the matter.

The town submitted to the court a motion for a stay on any Longplex event applications while the appeal was being heard, argued and resolved. If approved, the stay would have negated the Zoning Board of Appeals' decision and Long would have been back to where he was when Hoyle's cease-and-desist order was originally issued.

On Friday, March 24, the judge in the case denied the request for a stay.

Asked if this represented a victory for Long, one of his attorneys, Matthew Fabisch, said "This is absolutely a victory for us. But it's a battle we shouldn't be fighting."

Following the court hearing, Long's attorneys learned that the pending event applications would not be on the March 27 town



TED HAYES

Longplex owner Jim Long (right) and Rhode Island Gov. Dan McKee go over original blueprints from the complex's construction, at a tour of the Tiverton facility last month.

council agenda. Nonetheless, Long, his attorneys, the event applicants, and a group of 10 or so supporters, turned out for Monday's meeting.

When questioned by Reilly during public comment about the council's rationale for not including the applications on the agenda, council president Denise deMedeiros said the agenda had been set prior to the court's decision and she as well as three others involved at the agenda meeting decided to postpone con-

sideration of the applications until the council's April 10 meeting.

Reilly suggested a more reasonable approach would have been to add the items to the agenda and table them if the court had not issued a ruling by Monday night. He said the council's action left the event applicants in an untenable position in terms of planning and marketing.

"The closer we push this out to the actual date of the event, the less tenable these events

will be. And that hurts my client's business, and that hurts the applicants' business."

In describing the next steps in the town's legal action, Reilly said briefs will be filed by both sides and then a hearing will be held on the arguments.

"The town is proposing a 45-day briefing, meaning each side gets 45 days to reply to each other, so this is going to be a drawn out and expensive process."

TIVERTON POLICE REPORT

Monday, March 20

Geoffrey Garcia, 60, of 121 N. Christopher Ave., was charged with five counts of domestic criminal violation of a restraining order after a report was made at 8:34 a.m.

A juvenile was charged with simple assault and/or battery and disorderly conduct, after a Cottrell Road caller reported an assault at 2:28 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21

Larceny was reported at the Tiverton Casino Hotel at 2:15 p.m.

Adolfo F. Barbosa, 43, of 58 Main Road, third floor, was charged with disorderly conduct after a Hooper Street resident reported a neighbor dispute at 2:45 p.m.

A Terrace Avenue filed an animal complaint at 5:25 p.m.

A Crandall Road fire was extinguished after a 911 call at 8:17 p.m.

A Fogland Road fire was extinguished after a 911 call at 9:12 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22

An Adelard Avenue resident reported a scam at 12:16 p.m.

Thursday, March 23

Larceny was reported at the Tiverton Casino Hotel at 1:51 a.m.

A Neck Road resident reported property damage at their home at 8:26 a.m.

A neighbor dispute on Preservation Way was reported at 11 a.m.

Harassment and/or threats were reported at a

Main Road restaurant at 2 p.m.

A caller reported erratic driving at the Town Farm at 4:53 p.m.

Friday, March 24

A road rage incident on North Christopher Avenue was reported by a caller at 9:31 a.m. The report was deemed unfounded by police.

A Main Road resident reported erratic driving on Stafford Road at 5:28 p.m.

Corwin J. Etienne, 34, of 311 Bay Drive, Apt. 311, Randolph, MA., was arrested on a warrant after police pulled him over on Route 24 at 10:50 p.m.

Saturday, March 25

A caller reported a disorderly person on Industrial Way at 2:38 p.m.

A caller reported erratic driving on Crandall Road at 5:49 p.m.

Sunday, March 26

A noise complaint was reported from Heritage Park at 7:08 a.m.

A caller reported erratic driving on Warren Avenue at 5:58 p.m.

A caller filed an animal complaint on East Road at 6:23 p.m.

A disturbance on Kearns Avenue was investigated after a caller reported the incident at 7:39 p.m.

Monday, March 27

A caller filed an animal complaint on King Road at 10:03 a.m.

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Little Compton close to hiring new solicitor

Anthony DeSisto gets council nod, official hiring comes to vote Thursday

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Little Compton could soon have a new town solicitor, after town council members voted 4-1 last week, with Paul Golembeske opposed, to negotiate a contract with Anthony DeSisto of Anthony DeSisto Law Associates in Providence. Andrew Iriarte-Moore made the motion to negotiate with DeSisto.

The council is expected to finalize and formally vote on DeSisto's appointment Thursday.

If it is approved, he will replace solicitor Richard Humphrey, who has served the town for more than 30 years.

DeSisto, of Barrington, has long worked in municipal law. Currently the town solicitor for Warren and Lincoln, he is also legal counsel for the state Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) and is Warren's probate court judge.

DeSisto was one of three finalists for the solicitor post. The other two included Humphrey and Per Vaage and Steve Sypole, both of Gidley, Sarli & Marusak. Sypole was formerly Warren's municipal court judge.

The council voted 3-1 in November to seek applicants for the position, with Golembeske casting the lone 'nay' vote. The decision to advertise came weeks after Iriarte-Moore said at a public candidates' forum that the time had come to look for new legal representation.

"One of the areas of our budget that really has ballooned over the last few years is our legal budget and our town solicitor budget," he said. "When I was elected in 2018 ... one of my first motions on the council was to put out a notice that the town was hiring a solicitor, and asked applicants to come forward with letters of interest. The council received three applicants for the position, including the current solicitor, and I proposed that we move on to an interview phase. But my three Republican colleagues voted against that, and moved to hire the current solicitor. When I was elected in 2020, I was defeated in suggesting that we even post a position for a new applicant."

"I think it's time that we conduct a full and thorough search for a new applicant for the solicitor position," he said. "I've tried unsuccessfully two times to do this but my Republican col-



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Anthony DeSisto, during a Warren Town Council meeting in 2020.



Little Compton solicitor Richard Humphrey at a recent town council meeting.

leagues have blocked the thorough process for finding a new solicitor."

On Tuesday, Iriarte-Moore said he hopes DeSisto's expected hiring will "bring down our legal bills a little bit."

DeSisto charges a flat across the board \$125 hourly rate, while Humphrey's hourly rate has fluctuated between \$185 to \$225 per hour over the past several years.

The town's legal services budget is \$129,000, with \$54,960 going to the solicitor's annual stipend and the balance, \$74,040, for "other legal services and litigation."

Iriarte-Moore said that Humphrey's practice has been to collect the stipend for general town council and town business, and then bill separately out of the "other legal services" line item for work relating to the planning and zoning boards, as well as litigation.

"We found during our interviews that most solicitors include planning and zoning as part of their general services and don't bill those at a different rate," Iriarte-Moore said.

Humphrey, who practices law out of Tiverton, has been in Little Compton's employ since 1990 and specializes in civil and criminal proceedings including injury claims, construction litigation, malpractice and DUI or OUI cases.

In November, he said he hoped to continue his service to the town:

"I've always enjoyed working for the town, for the past 33 years, and I look forward to serving in the future," he said. "It's a great town council, they're very forward-thinking, very inclusive, very smart, and always have the best interests of the town at heart. It's a great group of people to work for, and I hope they look favorably upon my application."

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Little Compton preps for 350th birthday party

Anniversary is still two years off, but organizers are getting ready

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As Little Compton's 350th birthday (slowly) approaches, volunteer residents are eager to throw a birthday party that no one will forget.

LC350, the committee appointed to the cause, is led by Caroline Wordell and currently consists of 16 people inspired by the success of the town's tricentennial celebration in 1975, at which Wordell also volunteered.

Although the event is still two years off, Wordell says that people should start getting excited. "People should be waiting by the phone," she joked.

Planned for the summer of 2025, the celebration will attempt to measure up to the tricentennial, which consisted of two weeks of festivities including a parade, a chicken barbecue, a colonial ball, and an antique car show. On this party's docket? Much of the same, a farmers' day, a fishers' day, and tons of children's activities, but with new things to look forward to as

well, like a clambake and a larger focus on local businesses.

"It's going to be more down-home than it was in 1975," Wordell said, expressing her wishes for the town's local engagement. "We are looking for lots of local businesses to step it up."

The town consisted of only around 2,000 people at the celebration 50 years ago. Now, the last census counts 3,616 year-round residents. All the better, according to the committee.

"We're gonna need a lot of people to help out."

Another vital part of the "upcoming" celebration is the unearthing of a time capsule buried at Pike's Peak by Jane Cabot and George Medeiros on behalf of the town back in August of 1975. Wordell said that after the capsule is opened, a new one will be buried for another 50 years.

The organizers of the event urge town residents to keep their eyes peeled for announcements here and on social media. In the meantime, the Facebook group 'Remembering Little Compton's Tricentennial' is home to countless photos from the town's last anniversary.



Lorraine Goulart cuts the cake at Little Compton's 300th birthday party in 1975.

Tiverton Lions recognize local heroes

Twelve Tiverton and Little Compton residents were honored at annual gala earlier this month

BY RUTH RASMUSSEN

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The Tiverton Lions Club recently recognized 12 Sakonnet public servants for their contributions to the Tiverton and Little Compton communities.

The club's 2023 Recognition Night, held March 11 at White's of Westport, brought together 170 community members, including the honored guests, their family members, friends, and co-workers, as well as state and local officials.

Honorees received state citations from Rep. John G. "Jay" Edwards (D-District 70) and Senator Walter S. Felag Jr. (D-District 10) and Lions Club plaques from club president Rosemary Bowers and vice president Dawn Cabral Quimby.

Honored this year were:

- Joe Perry, the 2023 Heart of a Lion recipient, was recognized for his longstanding commitment to the Town of Tiverton, including 53 years of volunteer work serving as a mentor and guide to young athletes through his work with the Tiverton Youth Basketball League. Perry is a retired Tiverton firefighter who initially joined the fire department as a volunteer and then served as a full-time employee for more than 30 years. Currently he is in his fourth consecutive term as a member of the Tiverton Town Council.

- Judith Ferreira was named 2023 Citizen of the Year in recognition of her dedication to the community and to the Tiverton Fire Department, where she has worked for nearly 23 years. Ferreira is the administrative assistant



Honored Tiverton and Little Compton teachers (from left) Samantha Reimels, Kim Smith, Carla Woodhouse, Lee Cusumano, Shana Roper, Jill Godbout and Christine Kraus pose for a photo at the recent Lions Club celebration.

to both the fire chief and the fire marshal and serves as personnel resources assistant to the entire department. She has been actively involved in fund-raising, fire department open

houses, and public safety days and played a critical role in the operation of multiple COVID clinics for the town during the pandemic.

- Jonathan Bednarz, a member of the Little

Compton Fire Department since May 2020, and Little Compton Police Sgt. Ryan LeClaire, were named the Little Compton Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year, respectively.

- Lt. Christopher Dyson was named Tiverton Police Officer of the Year. Dyson who has worked in law enforcement for 30 years, joined the Tiverton force in 2014.

- Kim Smith and Carla Woodhouse of the Wilbur & McMahon School, were named Little Compton Educators of the Year.

- Christine Kraus of Fort Barton Elementary School, Samatha Reimels of the Ranger Elementary School, Jill Godbout of Pocasset Elementary, Shana Roper of Tiverton Middle School and Lee Cusumano of Tiverton High School, were named Tiverton Educators of the Year.

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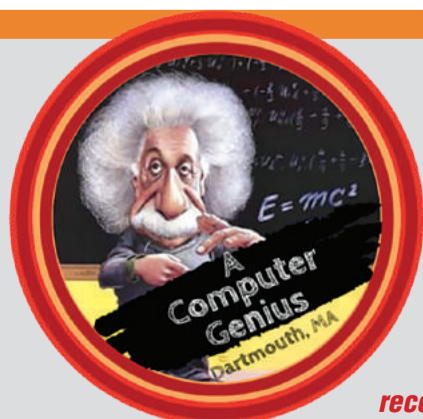
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

O'Dell missed the mark on housing cost letter

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Ms. O'Dell's Letter last week regarding affordable housing here in Little Compton.

I was truly jaw dropped by reading her editorial. I had no idea that people moved to Little Compton because it was such a great tax haven! To those of us who have lived here for 30-plus years, the low taxes are simply a side benefit — that is not why we are here. We are here to raise our families in a community of sharing and consideration for all. I moved here in 1993 as a single mother to raise my three children, then 4 ½, 2 ½ and 3 months old. I was poor and needed to NOT live with my parents (who had lived here since 1974). I was very fortunate to receive Section 8 housing, right here in Little Compton, and it helped me get back on my feet following a very difficult time. I was able to raise my children here and get amazing support from the community. But now, even if they wanted to, my kids could not afford to live here. That is not right. Shouldn't children who have spent most of their life somewhere be able to live there?

Local businesses cannot find enough help, especially our farmers, because we are so far away and

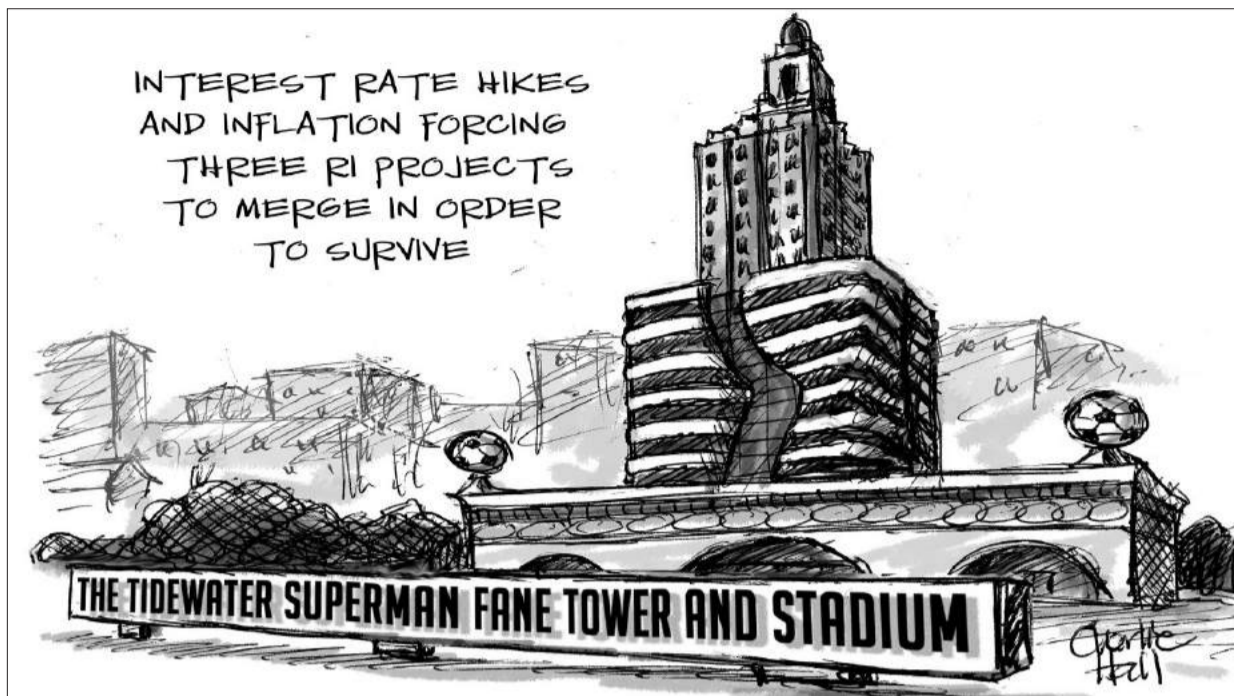
it is too expensive to live here!

Our schools are dwindling in population because young families cannot afford to buy a home here. I could be wrong, but I think I heard that the lowest price of a house recently was just under a half million dollars. Most young couples raising children cannot afford that, even with both parents working.

It is my understanding that EVERY town in the state is REQUIRED a minimum of affordable housing and we don't even come close to that.

Do we just want to be a community of people who can afford to live here? Or, do we want to be a community of people who supports everyone, regardless of their financial status, because they are working here or want to raise another generation here. THAT is what community is. I am afraid the NIMBY approach to affordable housing is selfish and exclusive — is that where you want to live? Perhaps a more productive approach is to participate in the town meetings so that you can better understand the reasons the town is looking into affordable housing at all and the various approaches being researched to satisfy that end.

Bonnie Phinney
Little Compton



Casino workers deserve fresh air

To the editor:

My name is Vanessa Baker and I've been working in the casino business since 1992. Back then smoking was accepted almost everywhere. Thirty years later, casino workers are the only people left to deal with the hazards of secondhand smoke.

I never thought that years of exposure to secondhand smoke could cause so much damage to my body. Covid restrictions were a blessing in disguise because smoking wasn't allowed inside the casinos. Two years later, smoking returned and now I'm dealing with chronic illnesses because of the constant exposure to the smoke.

There is proven science that second-hand smoke harms the people around it, the government has a duty to protect all citizens. The CDC (Centers of Disease Control) and the WHO (World Health Organization) state even brief exposure can cause serious health problems.

Rhode Island's Public Health and Workplace Safety Act of 2004, eliminated indoor smoking in all state businesses. This law discriminated against casino frontline workers by exempting casinos. (General Assembly bills) SB438/HB5237 will close the smoking loophole left open in that Act.

It's been 19 years that we have

been waiting to be considered equals in Rhode Island's workplace safety Act. So why can't the state afford to protect us? Many casinos have gone smoke-free and are thriving.

I am reaching out to the public for help to ask that they please support Rhode Island casino workers by contacting their district representative and senators to ask that they pass SB438/HB5237. This bill will bring health and dignity back to the casino workers.

Respectfully,
Vanessa Baker
Portsmouth

'Take' authorizations prove NOAA is lying about whale deaths

To the editor:

The marine science community knows this much for certain: The high-resolution geophysical (HRG) surveys used to site offshore wind turbines and transmission cabling causes harm and mortality to marine mammals. They know the intense noise of pounding thousands of monopiles deep into the seabed, along with an exponential increase of vessel traffic during construction and for maintenance afterwards will do the same—disturb, injure, and kill marine life.

Here's the proof: As of mid-March 2023, NOAA Fisheries has handed out 15 marine mammal Incidental Take Authorizations (ITAs) to offshore wind projects from NC to MA. These will allow companies to "take" 111,817 whales, dolphins and seals. The harassment, injury, and killing of marine mammals are referred to as "takes."

The 111,817 figure is the tally of 118 "Level A" and 111,699 "Level B" takes. Level A includes permanent hearing loss and other bodily injury. Level B harassment includes behavioral disturbance (such as frightening an animal from its normal feeding area) and temporary hearing loss. A deaf-

ened whale fleeing into a shipping channel is likely a dead whale.

It is illegal to take any federally listed animal, that is, unless one applies for and is granted an ITA. An "incidental" take is defined as, "an unintentional, but not unexpected taking of a protected species."

NOAA is in the final stages of approving an additional 1,272 Level A and 477,285 Level B takes of marine mammals for another 11 wind projects. Soon the approved ITA count will permit wind companies to disturb, injure or cause the death of 590,374 marine mammals. These figures were compiled by carefully searching 26 individual wind project ITA requests. NOAA either does not have or will not share cumulative take numbers.

The data reveals that NOAA has either granted or is in the final stages of granting Level B takes for 915 critically endangered North Atlantic right whales, of which there are only 334 remaining animals alive. Either this means NOAA and the wind companies expect repeated harassment (including recurrent hearing impairment) of numerous right whales, or they have not taken the trouble to realize they have granted more

"takes" than the number of live whales who exist today.

A total of 387 A and 21,704 B takes have been or are close to being approved for whales. These numbers include the taking of five species of endangered whales. For eight dolphin species A takes total 140; B takes total 474,605. A takes total 658 for harbor porpoise; B takes total 24,122 porpoises. A takes total 205 harbor, grey, and harp seals; B takes total 68,553 seals.

The numbers of "not unexpected" harassment and injury of marine mammals are staggering.

NOAA states in its February posting of Sunrise Wind's ITA request (NOAA-NMFS-2023-0012): "Project activities likely to result in incidental take include pile driving...and vessel-based site assessment surveys using HRG equipment."

Still NOAA has only one answer to the question being asked by thousands of coastal residents as to whether wind companies' recent seismic testing might be related to the highly unusual number of whale strandings: NO.

Why are they lying?
Constance Gee
Westport

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OBITUARIES

Barry E. Folger

Was a mechanic

Barry E. Folger, 62, of Tiverton, R.I. passed away on March 26. Born in Fall River, Mass., he was the son of Mildred (Vaz) Folger and the late Robert Folger.

He had worked as a mechanic in the automotive industry. In addition to his mother, he leaves a brother, Robert Folger, and a sister, Sharon Combra, along with a nephew, Dylan Combra. He was predeceased by a brother Mark Folger. He enjoyed listening to Evangelist broadcasts, watching westerns and criminal shows. His funeral will be held on Friday,



March 31, with a visitation prior from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Pocasset Memorial Funeral Home 462 Main Rd., Tiverton, R.I., with services to commence at 11 a.m. Burial at Pocasset Hill Cemetery. www.almeida-pocasset.com

In lie of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or ASPCA in his memory.

Patricia P. Gauthier

Kindergarten teacher, she was active in her community

Patricia P. "Patty" Gauthier passed away Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Massachusetts General Hospital comforted by her family. She was the wife of Maurice E. Gauthier, to whom she was married for 65 years.

Born in Little Compton, a daughter of the late Drs. Francis J. and Othilia (Vieira) Petrone, she was a longtime resident of Tiverton.

A graduate of Sacred Heart Academy, Class of 1954, she earned a bachelor's degree from University of Rhode Island and a master's degree in English from Bridgewater State College. Mrs. Gauthier was a kindergarten teacher in the Fall River school system prior to dedicating herself to her family.

Active in her community, she volunteered at the local polling station and at the Charlton Memorial Hospital gift shop and was the treasurer for the Tiverton Garden Club for many years. She enjoyed playing tennis and duplicate bridge and especially cooking gourmet

meals with Maurice.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Melissa Prete and her spouse Darren Meyers; one sister, Natalie Hackett and her husband Jack; three grandsons, Kevin Forkin, Mark Gauthier II, Peter Gauthier and his partner Tina Silva; and two great-grandchildren, Desirae and Silas Gauthier, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was the mother of the late Mark Gauthier and sister of the late Edwina Powers and Francis Petrone.

Her funeral service will be held on Friday, March 31, 2023, at 9 a.m. from the Waring-Sullivan Home at Cherry Place, 178 Winter St., Fall River, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Theresa's Church, 265 Stafford Road, Tiverton. Burial will be in St. Catherine's Cemetery, Little Compton. Relatives and friends are invited. Visiting hours will be Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. Contributions in her honor may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society @ www.lls.org. For directions and tributes, www.waring-sullivan.com



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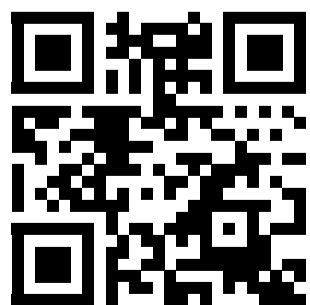
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Churches are celebrating Holy Week with palms, vigils and music

SAKONNET AREA — Christians are celebrating Holy Week through Easter Sunday, April 9. The week begins with Palm Sunday and features special services, music and vigils in preparation for commemorating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, an ecumenical sunrise service with the United Congregational Church of Little Compton and St. Andrew's by-the-Sea is at 6:15 a.m. at Town Landing, Little Compton.

Tiverton

Amicable Congregational United Church of Christ
The Rev. Nancy Hamlin
Soukup, interim minister
3736 Main Road
624-4611

www.amicablechurch.org

A Palm Sunday service is at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 2.

On Saturday, April 8, the Easter vigil is at 7 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, the service is at 10 a.m.

Bliss Four Corners Congregational Church
Pastor William McPherson
1264 Stafford Road
624-4113

www.blissfourcornerschurch.org

On Palm Sunday, April 2, worship is at 10 a.m. with distribution of palms.

On Maundy Thursday, April 6, a special evening service is at 6 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, a sunrise service is at 6:30 a.m. in the Peter Farias Reflection Garden behind the church; follow the path. A breakfast will be open to the public from 7 to 9 a.m. with a free will offering. The worship service is at 10 a.m.

First Baptist (Old Stone) Church
The Rev. Patrick Crough
7 Old Stone Church Road
624-4155

firstbaptistchurchintiverton.org
Holy Ghost Church
The Rev. Jay A. Finelli
316 Judson St.
624-8131
www.holyghostcc.org

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
The Rev. John E. Higginbotham, rector
1956 Main Road
624-4759

On Palm Sunday weekend, services are at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, and at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 2. The 10 a.m. service is a choral Eucharist, and the procession with palms begins at 9:45 a.m.

On Maundy Thursday, April 6, the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 7 p.m.

On Good Friday, April 7, the Good Friday Ecumenical Walk begins at noon at Holy Trinity Church. Youth lead the 14 Stations of the Cross through Tiverton. All ages are welcome. A light luncheon follows in the parish hall. The 14 Stations of the Cross are also observed at 3 p.m. inside the church.

On Holy Saturday, April 8, the Easter Vigil is at 7 p.m. It is a choral Eucharist.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. The 10 a.m. service is a choral Eucharist.

Catholic Faith Communities of St. Theresa Parish
265 Stafford Road
624-8746

St. Christopher Parish
1554 Main Road
624-6644

The Rev. Przemyslaw Lepak
https://standtivistiverton.org

St. Madeleine Sophie Church
The Rev. Stephan Silipigni
The Rev. Emmanuel Rutangusa
35 Lake Road
624-4226

Palm Sunday Masses are on Saturday, April 1, at 4 p.m. and on Sunday,

April 2, at 9 a.m.
On Easter Sunday, April 9, the Resurrection of the Lord is at 9 a.m.

Little Compton

St. Andrew's by-the-Sea
The Rev. Virginia Army, priest-in-charge
182 Willow Ave.
635-2452
www.standrewslc.org

St. Catherine of Siena Church
The Rev. Stephan Silipigni
74 Simmons Road
635-4420

www.saintcatherinesiena.com
Palm Sunday Masses are on Saturday, April 1, at 5 p.m. and on Sunday, April 2, at 8 and 10 a.m.

On Holy Thursday, April 6, a Mass of the Lord's Supper is at 7 p.m.

On Good Friday, April 7, Stations of the Cross is at 3 p.m., with Passion of the Lord at 7 p.m.

On Holy Saturday, April 8, the Great Easter Vigil is at 7 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, the Resurrection of the Lord is at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

United Congregational Church
The Rev. Rebecca Floyd Marshall
1 Commons
635-8472

www.ucclittlecompton.org

On Palm Sunday, April 2, worship is at 10 a.m. with distribution of palms.

On Maundy Thursday, April 6, gather in the church sanctuary at



7:30 p.m. for the traditional candle-light service.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, an ecumenical sunrise service with St. Andrew's by-the-Sea is at 6:15 a.m. at Town Landing.

An Easter service at the church is at 10 a.m. This is a celebration of New Life. Everyone is welcome. Childcare will be available up to age 3.

Westport

Acoaxet Free Chapel
Steve and Sarah Terrell, co-pastors
36 Howland Road
635-4857

www.acoaxetchapel.org

On Maundy Thursday, April 6, a service is in conjunction with Westport Point United Methodist Church and Pacific Union Congregational Church at Pacific Union, 526 Old County Road. Supper is at 5 p.m., with a service to follow.

Churches invited to send Easter schedules

The Sakonnet Times will list Holy Week and Easter services again in next week's issue. Local congregations are invited to send us their schedules. Send them to Lynda Rego at lrego@eastbaymediagroup.com.

On Good Friday, April 7, the service will also be in conjunction with Pacific Union Congregational Church and Westport Point United Methodist Church. The service is at Westport Point UMC, 1912 Main Road, at 7 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, a sunrise service is at East Beach at 6:15 a.m.

An Easter service at the chapel is at 9:30 a.m.

Free AARP Tax Aide offered at various sites

The AARP Tax Aide program is offering free tax preparation help at sites in Newport County. It is not necessary to be an AARP member to use these services. Help is free to low- and moderate-income people of all ages.

All tax preparers pass an IRS certification test each year. Counselors are qualified to handle most common IRS schedules and forms. R.I. and some other state forms can also be prepared. Complex returns should be taken to paid preparers.

All returns will be electronically filed for fast refund.

Due to Covid restrictions, in-person contact is limited, with most sites requiring appointments and drop off of tax information. Masks are required. Limited walk-ins are allowed in Middletown. Pre-appointment packets are available at some sites. Pick up and complete the packet before your appointment.

The following sites will be open, with contact information noted.

- Portsmouth Senior Center. Contact: 683-4106 or email pmpsc110@pmpsc.necoxmail.com for instructions.

- Tiverton Public Library. Call 835-4285 Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for an appointment and

instructions.

- Middletown Library on Mondays from noon to 3 p.m., Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Contact: 684-1754 or 100615462@aarpfoundation.org. Limited walk-ins accepted, but same day completion not guaranteed.

- Middletown Senior Center on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact: 684-0159 or 10054503@aarpfoundation.org. Limited walk-ins accepted, but same day completion not guaranteed.

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Calendar of events:
www.rihistoriccemeteries.org/events.aspx

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AROUND TOWN

Historical society has self-guided tours

LITTLE COMPTON — The Little Compton Historical Society invites visitors of all ages to enjoy self-guided visits to two exhibitions and a variety of outbuildings, including a thatched-roofed art studio and a one-room schoolhouse.

Self-guided tours of the exhibits, grounds, and outbuildings are available year-round on Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last admission is at 4:30.

The Wilbor House Museum, 548 West Main Road, one of Rhode Island's few surviving 17th century buildings and Little Compton's only museum, interprets three time periods in the lives of the Wilbor family who lived in the house from the 1690s to the 1920s.

Self-guided exhibitions include "Everyone Was a Farmer" (the new permanent exhibit, explores local agriculture from the 17th century to the present day) and "Terra Nova, Vida Nova," which pays tribute to Little Compton's Açorean immigrants and their descendants.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6 to 13, and free for members and children 5 and under.

Check the website at littlecompton.org or to call 635-4035 before your visit.

Trinity Trader open Thursdays, Saturdays

TIVERTON — The Trinity Trader Thrift Shop, 1956 Main Road, is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays and

Saturdays. All proceeds benefit Holy Trinity Church.

Thrift shop open Thursdays, Saturdays

TIVERTON — The Amicable Church Thrift Shop (ACTS) at 3736 Main Road is open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The shop has all new spring items and clothing.

Masks are required in the shop. Donation bins are outside the lower and upper church entrances. All proceeds support the church.

Open house Saturday at Medicine Horse farm

TIVERTON — Medicine Horse will host an open house on Saturday, April 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Silva Spirit Farm, 1600 Eagleville Road, in conjunction with 401 Gives. The rainedate is April 2.

Medicine Horse provides equine assisted psychotherapy and personal development at the farm. To register for the free event and to find out more information, follow them on their Facebook page (medicine horse tiverton) or webpage at medicine-horse.com.

Farmers' market on Sundays at middle school

TIVERTON — The Tiverton Farmers' Market is on Sundays from 10

a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Tiverton Middle School gymnasium (door 2), 10 Quintal Drive.

A special Easter Market is on Sunday, April 2. Specialty markets are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visit www.tivertonfarmersmarket.com for events, details and the weekly vendor line-up.

Open house at local farm animal sanctuary

TIVERTON — Local nonprofit West Place Animal Sanctuary invites adults and students in high school or college to attend a volunteer open house on Sunday, April 2, from noon to 3 p.m. Guests will have opportunities to learn more about a variety of volunteer openings that support more than 70 farm animals rescued from cruelty, abuse and neglect.

Students seeking hands-on farm experience will learn more about West Place's educational internship programs, which run throughout the school year and during the summer months. No registration is required and more information can be found at www.westplace.org/volunteer-open-house.

West Place operates seven days a week, 365 days a year, and has a variety of roles available. Potential volunteers will learn about duties and responsibilities for positions in direct animal care, gardening, food cultivation, landscaping, handy work, IT support, marketing, fundraising, videography, grant writing,

content creation, social media, blog writing, podcasting, audio engineering, musicianship and more.

Thursday Thrift Shop will accept donations

LITTLE COMPTON — The Thursday Thrift Shop of the United Congregational Church on the Commons will start accepting donations and consignments on Monday, April 3.

Consignment and donation hours are Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 635-2519 for an appointment.

Sales will start on Saturday, May 6.

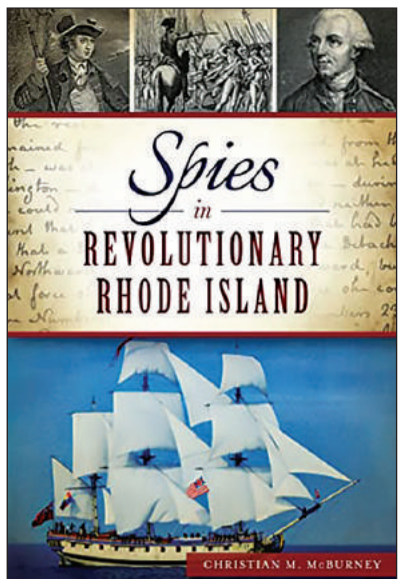
Author to talk of Revolutionary War spies

LITTLE COMPTON — The Battle of Rhode Island Association is collaborating with the Little Compton Historical Society to bring noted Rhode Island author and historian Christian McBurney to the United Congregational Church on the Commons on Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m.

McBurney's talk will focus on "Spies in Revolutionary Rhode Island." The presentation will also be available via Zoom.

Register at <https://littlecompton.org/event/spies-in-revolutionary-rhode-island>.

The historical society notes "Espionage played a vital role in the American revolution in Rhode



A talk by Rhode Island author and historian Christian McBurney is on Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. at the United Congregational Church on the Little Compton Commons (or online via Zoom). His talk will focus on "Spies in Revolutionary Rhode Island."

Island. The British and the Americans both employed spies to discover the secrets, plans and positions of their enemy. Little Compton played a key role in the spy game. American spies gathered and conveyed key information about the British occupation of Aquidneck Island just across the Sakonnet."

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America's offshore wind revolution started in Rhode Island. And we're not stopping.

Rhode Island's offshore wind revolution is bringing clean, reliable energy to local homes, schools, businesses, and communities. With every turbine, we're creating family-sustaining jobs, improving supply chains, boosting energy security, and taking climate action for all Rhode Islanders.



Join the revolution

SENIORS

Senior center has Craft Fair, Art for Your Mind

TIVERTON — The Tiverton Senior Center at 207 Canonicus St. is open on Mondays to Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Class fees are doubled for non-members.

Hot lunches are served each day the center is open. Meals are \$3 each and must be ordered at least 24 hours in advance. For more information, call the office at 625-6790.

The next Craft Fair is on Saturday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hundreds of items for sale. Support the center's knitters and quilters.

Art for Your Mind with local art historian Jill Sanford is on Thursday, April 6, at 10:15 a.m. The topic is "Social Realism of America's 1930s." Explore the daring visual critiques of American society around the time of the Great Depression and World War II. This selection of powerful

images portrays America's harsh realities in thought-provoking ways. The engaging, educational, art observation experience is designed to broaden your mind. Programs are for people of all backgrounds - artists and non-artists alike. Visit artforyourmind.com for more information.

Bingo will be played on Thursdays, April 6 to 27, at 1 p.m.

The book group will meet on Tuesday, April 18, at 10:15 a.m. The book this month is "The Guest List" by Lucy Foley. New members are welcome at any time. Suggestions on authors and books are gladly accepted. The club meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Large print books are available in the office.

Chris Perry is the new bus driver. He provides bus service for Tiverton seniors on Tuesdays to Thursdays. (Later start on Thursdays for folks to

attend bingo). Call 625-6790 to reserve a spot. Bus trips are not individualized. Shopping bags are limited to four bags per person. The bus also provides transportation to and from the center.

A large variety of medical equipment is available for free loan through the senior center. Check with them before you buy.

Ongoing

Members pay \$3 for classes; non-members pay \$6. Become a member for \$5 a year.

Exercise with Deb is on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. in the game room.

Quilting for charity meets Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A Pitch League, Hi, Lo, Jack, meets Mondays at 12:30 p.m.

Chair yoga with Shirley is on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. It is \$3.

Mahjongg is at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Drums Alive! with Jessica Shea is on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. It is \$3.

Chorus meets in the lounge at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Cribbage is on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Live music is every Wednesday beginning at noon. Come two-step along with the tunes by the talented JamBalaya Jammers.

Balance class with Jess is on Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Bingo is on most Thursdays at 1 p.m. sharp.

Knitters for Charity meet on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Zumba with Jessica is on Fridays at 8:45 a.m. It is \$3.

Game Day is on Fridays from noon to 3 p.m.

Enjoy lunch indoors or continue to get it to go

LITTLE COMPTON — Those attending the senior luncheon program at the Little Compton Community Center can choose to sit inside or get their lunch to go.

Tables are set Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, and self-serve coffee and tea are available.

To learn more about the senior luncheon program or to register, contact the community center at 635-2400 or lccc@lcccenter.com. All new senior luncheon guests are asked to fill out a guest information and release form. Meal delivery is available to those who are homebound.

AROUND TOWN

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Christian McBurney is a historian, author and lecturer. He was raised in Kingston and graduated from Brown University in 1981. He embarked on a career as an attorney and now lives in Washington, D.C. He has a second home in West Kingston and frequently lectures in Rhode Island. He has written six books on the American Revolution. His latest book is "Dark Voyage: An American Privateer's War on Britain's African Slave Trade."

He is also the publisher and editor-in-chief of a leading Rhode

Island history blog, The Online Review of Rhode Island History at www.smallstatebighistory.com.

Learn about care, maintenance of trees

LITTLE COMPTON — The Sogkonate Garden Club will present "Treating Trees" with Larry Hindle of Evergreen Tree & Landscape on Wednesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. (membership meeting at 6:30) at the Little Compton Community Center on the Commons.

The program is about the care and maintenance of trees, including

pruning, fertilizing and treatment for diseases. It is free and open to all. For more information, visit www.sogkonate.org.

Women's club to meet on Wednesday

SAKONNET AREA — The Woman's Club of Newport County will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 5, at noon at St. Theresa's hall, 265 Stafford Road, Tiverton.

The speaker is Lauren Parmelee from the R.I. Audubon Society. New members and guests are very welcome.

Hands-on craft workshop on crochet

LITTLE COMPTON — The Little Compton Historical Society's theme for 2023 is "Inspired Craft." Learn traditional craft techniques in their workshop series.

A class on crocheting basics for ages 10 and older is on Thursday, April 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Wilbor House Museum. Join Jeannie Davoll Flowers to learn the basics. Begin a scarf that uses a variety of stitches and techniques. Limited to 12. The fee is \$20; \$10 for members. Register at littlecompton.org or call 635-4035.

Annual Easter Spree at Veterans' Field April 8

LITTLE COMPTON — The Little Compton Community Center will hold its annual Easter Spree on Saturday, April 8, with a free Easter egg hunt at Veterans' Field starting promptly at 10 a.m. rain or shine

Children ages 5 to 13 will disperse around the playground and recreation area with printed clue sheets. Children 5 and under will stay at Veterans' Field and hunt for candy (not allergy friendly).

No registration required. Call 635-2400 or visit lcccenter.com for more information.

Community center Trivia (Pub) Night set

LITTLE COMPTON — A night of pub food and entertainment by Gary Farias is on Friday, April 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Little Compton Community Center, 34 Commons. There is a cash bar (\$4 beer/wine, \$2 soft drinks).

It is \$10 entry; \$8 for members. Cash, check and credit cards accepted. Sponsored by Trimworking. Call 635-2400 or visit lcccenter.com for more information.

Arkins Construction sponsored the March Trivia (Pub) Night.

Opening Day Trout Tournament on April 8

LITTLE COMPTON — The Little Compton Game Club will hold its second annual Opening Day Trout Tournament on Saturday, April 8. All fishermen are welcome. The entry fee is \$10. Kids under 15 compete for free.

Weigh-in is from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Little Compton Game Club, 88 John Dyer Road. A cookout and refreshments will be provided.

Sign up at Main Bait, 2599 South Main St., Fall River, during business hours or at the Little Compton Game Club on Friday, April 7, from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information, call Gary DeCosta at 774/696-3928.

There are cash prizes in the adult division (15 and over) for total weight of three largest trout. Prizes will be based on number of participants. In the youth division, first, second and third place will be awarded for the largest individual trout weighed.

Upcoming show seeks crafters, artisans

SAKONNET AREA — Crafters and artisans are sought for an upcoming show, "Craft Garden & Botanical Show," on Saturday, June 10, at the Elks Lodge in Newport. Photography, glass, pottery, quilts, candles, wood, bakery items, clothing, etc. For more information, email laded-art@gmail.com or call 683-3447.

Meals are available; volunteer drivers sought

SAKONNET AREA — Each week-day, 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 or call 351-6700.



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Scholarships available for local students from several organizations

A variety of scholarships are being offered for local students.

Awashonks scholarship

A \$500 Awashonks scholarship is offered by Little Compton Grange 32 to a 2023 graduate of any high school who is a Little Compton resident or a member of Little Compton Grange or a family member, and who has been accepted for admission by a school of higher learning.

Applications are available at Portsmouth High School Wilbur McMahon School and Brownell Library.

Scholarship Little Compton

Scholarship Little Compton has applications for the 2023-24 year available at the Portsmouth High School Guidance Department, Brownell Library and Wilbur-McMahon School or they can be downloaded and printed from scholarshiplittlecompton.org.

Students residing in Little Compton and attending college or trade school are eligible to

apply for four undergraduate years. Completed applications must be received by April 20.

Tinney art scholarship

The Arts & Cultural Alliance (ACA) of Newport County is accepting applications for the Tinney Family Art Scholarship, a \$2,000 award given each May to a high school senior who lives in Newport County and who has demonstrated artistic talent and the ambition to strive for excellence.

Applicants must have been accepted to a post-secondary arts program. The deadline for submission is May 12.

Scholarship requirements, application information, and a list of previous awardees can be found on the ACA website at www.newportarts.org.

Watershed alliance

The Westport River Watershed Alliance (WRWA) is offering a \$2,000 scholarship for graduating seniors living in the Westport River watershed communities of Fall River, Dart-

mouth, Freetown, Westport, Little Compton and Tiverton.

The award was made possible by the generosity of the late Margot C. Boote, and by Bill Heath in memory of his parents Ruth and Bill Heath. The merit award applications are available on the WRWA website at www.westport-watershed.org or call the office at 508/636-3016. Guidance departments in local high schools also have applications.

All applications are due into the WRWA office no later than April 1.

The merit awards offer WRWA an opportunity to honor students who have demonstrated interest in protecting the Westport River.

Nursing student scholarship

The Michele Gizzi Nursing Scholarship, established in memory of Michele Lynch Gizzi, a dedicated nurse, is open to permanent residents of Aquidneck Island who are pursuing a career in nursing.

A \$1,000 scholarship is granted for study toward a degree in nursing at an accredited

school of nursing. The applicant may be a high school senior or a current college student. High school seniors can obtain an application from their guidance office. College students can request an application from Paula Morris at paulamorris1@msn.com.

The deadline to apply is April 30.

Credit union group

People's Credit Union is offering graduating high school seniors planning to attend college in 2023-24 the opportunity to apply for a \$1,500 scholarship from the Cooperative Credit Union Association.

The scholarship program is supported by credit unions across Rhode Island with their Better Values - Better Banking campaign and will fund three \$1,500 scholarships to high school graduates.

Scholarship applications are available at any People's Credit Union branch office. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 7.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PROBATE COURT OF THE TOWN OF
TIVERTON, RI
TIVERTON TOWN HALL
343 HIGHLAND ROAD

on the dates specified in notices below at
8:30 a.m. for hearing of said matters.

APRIL 7, 2023

Estate of LAURETTA T. MICHAUD. Petition for First and Final Account. Hearing scheduled for April 7, 2023.

Estate of TINA FROST. Petition for Adult Guardianship. Hearing scheduled for April 7, 2023.

Estate of DONALD RUSSELL BAILEY. Petition for First and Final Account. Hearing scheduled for April 7, 2023.

Estate of MAXIMIN C. COTE. Petition for Administration. Hearing scheduled for April 7, 2023.

Estate of DONALD R. BENTO. Petition for Probate of Will. Hearing scheduled for April 7, 2023.

Estate of ROBERT M. BRAGA. Second and Final Account. Hearing scheduled for April 7, 2023.

Estate of JESSICA SARTINI. Guardian's Account. Hearing scheduled for April 7, 2023.

Estate of NICHOLAS A. SILVIA. Guardian's Account. Hearing scheduled for April 7, 2023.

Estate of MARY ROIES. Notice is hereby given that Cynthia M. Dubreuil f/k/a Cynthia Roies has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of MARY ROIES. Creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time permitted by law beginning March 23, 2023.

Estate of ABEL ROIES. Notice is hereby given that Cynthia M. Dubreuil f/k/a Cynthia Roies has qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of ABEL ROIES. Creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time permitted by law beginning March 23, 2023.

Estate of HELEN VIRGINIA BOUSQUET. Notice is hereby given that Dianne M. Reardon has qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of HELEN VIRGINIA BOUSQUET. Creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time permitted by law beginning March 23, 2023.

Estate of NANCY B. FALES. Notice is hereby given that Covahne F. Michaels has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of NANCY B. FALES. Creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time permitted by law beginning March 23, 2023.

Estate of DOROTHY MONIZ a/k/a DORTHEA MONIZ. Notice is hereby given that Jeffrey J. Moniz has qualified as Executor of the Estate of DOROTHY MONIZ a/k/a DORTHEA MONIZ. Creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time permitted by law beginning March 23, 2023.

Estate of LAWRENCE TAVARES. Notice is hereby given that Darlene Frates has qualified as Guardian of the Person and the Estate of LAWRENCE TAVARES. Creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time permitted by law beginning March 23, 2023.

Richard P. D'Addario, Esq., Judge of Probate Court
Joan B. Chabot, Probate Clerk

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JohnnytheK entertains at Wilbur & McMahon

BY MARJORIE LEARY

On Feb. 16, students and teachers at Wilbur & McMahon School were treated to an extravagant, colorful and inspiring performance by award-winning teacher and musician JohnnytheK.

Sponsored by Up With School Arts, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing music and art to local schools, JohnnytheK's visit was one the students will remember.

The kindergarten to Grade 4 students gathered in front of Johnny and were met with his guitar, covered in stickers ranging from "Hugs

Not Drugs" and "Teach Peace" to "Character Counts."

His opening song, a rendition of "Happy Birthday," was certainly entertaining, but many children's eyes were drawn behind him, to a tall tower of eccentric hats. A cheese hat, an eyeball hat, a rainbow hat, and animal hats, which Johnny proceeded to wear throughout the course of his act. He played songs on his guitar, some about diversity and acceptance, others about equality, and some about respect for others and the planet.

He played classic oldies like "Sweet Caro-

line," "Respect" and "Stand by Me."

Each song centered around his message: kindness, respect and positivity. He had the audience laughing, clapping and dancing along with him.

As his performance came to an end, Johnny left the kids with one last message: "The most important part of the hat is the person wearing it."

Marjorie is an eight-grade student at Wilbur & McMahon School.

audience with your poem, and develop different forms of poetry. Space is limited; registration is required.

- The weekly watercolor group meets on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Whether you are still learning or are a seasoned pro, drop in and work on your own watercolor painting projects while socializing with fellow enthusiasts. You must bring your own projects and supplies.

- "Money Smart: Keeping Your Identity Safe" is on Tuesday, April 4, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cybercrimes — including hacking, phishing and malware — aim to access your sensitive personal financial information in order to steal money from you or in your name. Join Lucy Rebelo and Jay Moniz from Baycoast Bank for a seminar to explore some simple ways to keep your information and your money safe from online criminals.

- Crafters Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the community room. It meets on the first Wednesday of every month. Knitters, quilters and crafters are invited to socialize with fellow crafters, get project ideas, ask questions, and share tips and advice. You must bring your own projects and supplies.

- The library Book Group will meet on Friday, April 14, at 10:30 a.m. or on Wednesday, April 19, at 6 p.m. for a discussion of "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. All are welcome. The group offers discussions on the second Friday and the third Wednesday of the month. Copies of the book are available at the library for check-out.

- Bajah's Book Club is on Monday, April 17, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Join fellow cat fans and feline friends in the cat room at Bajah's Cat Cafe, 137 Main Road. This month, they will read "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Copies of the book are available at the library and Bajah's Cat Cafe. All are welcome.

- The Union Public Library Book Group will meet on Thursday, April 20, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Tiverton Public Library Learning Center. The group will discuss "True Biz" by Sara Novic. Copies of the book are available at both

libraries for checkout. All are welcome.

Brownell events, services

LITTLE COMPTON — The Brownell Library is open Monday and Wednesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday from noon to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

They offer curbside pickup for those who prefer it. For more information, contact the library at 635-8562 or info@brownell-library.org.

Here is what's happening this winter —

- Tech Help is on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Stop by with your device, passwords and questions to this first come, first served drop-in program. Get your technological life in order.

- A drop-in playtime is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

- Storytime is every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.
- They have museum passes available. Stop by and see what they have.

- Check out the Library of Things. Borrow snowshoes, an electric drill, socket set, laser level, metal detector, food dehydrator, cake pans — the list goes on and on.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

The Court will be in session at
32 Commons – first floor

On the dates specified in notices below at
3:00 PM for hearing said matters

LYONS, FRANCIS, aka FRANCIS J. LYONS aka FRANK LYONS, estate. Probate of will; for hearing April 18, 2023.

GARDELLA, DONNA LYNNE, aka DONNA LYNN GARDELLA, estate. Probate of will; for hearing April 18, 2023.

Richard P. D'Addario, Esq
Judge of Probate Court

March 30, April 6 & 13, 2023

AT THE LIBRARY

Tiverton services

TIVERTON — Tiverton Public Library, 34 Roosevelt Ave., is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Union Public Library, 3832 Main Road, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Available services at both libraries include materials pickup and dropoff, collection browsing, and public computer use.

For more information, to check your library account, or for details on services and events, visit tivertonlibrary.org.

Registration is encouraged, but not required by visiting tivertonlibrary.org.

Programs for adults

TIVERTON — There are programs for adults during April at Tiverton Public Library, 34 Roosevelt Ave. Visit tivertonlibrary.org or call 625-6796 to learn more and to register.

- Tech help is available to anyone who'd like to learn more about their computers and mobile devices — even if you've never used a computer before. To make an appointment, call Kristin at 625-6796, ext. 8, or book a spot at tivertonlibrary.org.

They also offer drop-in sessions on Saturdays, April 1, 15 and 29, for quick troubleshooting. Check the website for drop-in hours.

- A Spring Book Walk & Talk is on Mondays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Bulgarmarsh Park. Meet by the picnic tables for a leisurely walk around the path and a chat about what you've been reading and watching lately. The program is weather-dependent. Check the library's Facebook page for updates and cancellations.

- The monthly poetry workshop is on Monday, April 3, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Beginning and intermediate poets will learn how to increase your chances of getting published, prepare a poetry submission, develop your poetry's power, use the Internet to help your poetry, avoid common mistakes, move an

— Focus on Business —

Five truths of dating after loss



We all enter marriage with a forever mindset. Many relationships end because of either divorce or loss of a spouse through death. We are all made for relationship, and our physical and mental health improve dramatically when we share our life with a special someone.

Isolation and loneliness come with health risks that affect your immune system, depression and stress.

1. Admit to yourself that you are prepared to start dating again. Give yourself time to grieve the loss of a spouse, but also know when it is the right time for you to take the first step forward.

2. This is a time to reacquaint yourself with fun activities you used to enjoy and the opportunity to try something new.

3. Be prepared to bring someone new into your life. Think about introducing the new person to your children, family and friends. Make sure you have a strong support system that will encourage you and lend an ear when needed.

4. Continue to take time for yourself. Practice self care such as exercise, meditation and a healthy diet.

5. You can enjoy your life and grieve the loss of a loved one simultaneously. Give yourself permission to do this. Realize that moving forward will include times when you move both forward and backwards. Be kind to yourself and take adequate time to heal.

Get Ready To Date introduces clients over 40 who are looking for a second chance for love. This is an easy, effective way to meet relationship minded, financially stable single adults. Debra offers a complimentary consultation to her clients. Services include relationship coaching, an image consultation as well as matchmaking.

Clients meet the first time at a high end restaurant and spend time getting to know each other. As a boutique matchmaker, Debra takes time to learn what each client is looking for in their next relationship.

Rosie and Jay are two such clients, both in their seventies. Their first date was at

Pizzico on the East Side of Providence. They were as nervous as high school kids on a first date.

After a three-hour dinner they started dating, and seven months later are deliriously in love. They celebrate every 28th of the month, the date of their first meeting. They take time to surprise and delight each other with dining at an exotic eatery, en-

joying a Broadway show, or a horse-drawn carriage through Central Park.

Both were ready to let love enter their lives again and are experiencing a new level of joy and happiness.

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Endangered species: saltmarshes (and what to do about it)



The Ming Nie Global Change and Ecosystem Lab in Shanghai invited Mark Bertness (center) to study saltmarsh degradation in their region.

Brown professor and saltmarsh expert will talk about modern challenges to saltmarshes around the globe

The Barrington Land Conservation Trust kicks off its 2023 Land Trust Learning Series on Monday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation on saltmarsh degradation by Mark Bertness at the Barrington Public Library. Dr. Bertness is the Robert P. Brown Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Emeritus at Brown University.

The event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Reserve a seat at: www.blct.org/events. The event will be held in the library's Salem Family Auditorium. If you prefer to attend virtually, email cindyelder@blct.org to get on the livestream list.

Dr. Bertness will bring the challenge of saltmarsh degradation into focus. Coastal saltmarshes are one of the most valuable ecosystems on the Earth in terms of the services they provide humanity. Historically, however, marshes have been extensively ditched, drained and developed, motivating the conservation and restoration of remaining marshes.

Conservation of the surviving local marshes is not an easy task, since the most severe current threats are not local, but global. Eutrophication, invasive species, sea level rise and overfishing lead to trophic collapse. These large-scale problems impact coastal wetlands across the globe.

Dr. Bertness will examine how these factors, individually and collectively, are leading to rapid degradation of Narragansett Bay marshes and the entire East Coast of North America.

Mark Bertness grew up beach combing on the shores of the Salish Sea in Washington



Mark Bertness (right), with a research team from Brown University, studying saltmarsh degradation in Narragansett Bay.

State, where he developed a passion for shoreline ecology. His research has taken him to Panama, the Netherlands, Sardinia, Argentina, Chile, China — and Barrington, Rhode Island. He has authored several books on marine ecology, one of which he wrote while sitting in the Barrington Public Library.

Founded in 1979, the Barrington Land Conservation Trust is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization that has preserved nearly 300 acres of open space in perpetuity for the benefit of the public. For more information on the Land Trust and its properties, visit www.blct.org.

CITIZEN SCIENCE

Welcome to Citizen Science Month – see what a difference you can make

BY NORMAN DUDZIAK, P.E., I.M.

April is Citizen Science Month! You can join a growing community of “citizen scientists” who help to expand our body of scientific knowledge by crowdsourcing data collection. “Citizen” in this context is shorthand for “Citizen of the World” and does not relate to legal status.

Spring has arrived and you may be itching to get outside — citizen science projects may provide the perfect activity. That is the motivation for Citizen Science Month, which is supported by the National Library of Medicine and led by SciStarter and Arizona State University.

SciStarter.org is a hub where more than 3,000 projects from all over the world have been organized and made searchable. Developed under a grant from the National Science Foundation, SciStarter.org is growing quickly and has more than 150,000 registered citizen scientists and millions of other site visitors.

Projects listed within SciStarter.org cover virtually anything you can imagine. The site's Project Finder tool lets you look for projects based on many criteria, such as a discipline, from astronomy to zoology. You can search for projects you can work on while you are at the beach, at school, taking a hike, or enjoying your lunch break. Many projects can be done completely online, such as providing classifications of objects in aerial or astronomical photographs. You can choose an age range or search a key word that helps you find a topic of interest to you.

Some projects involve millions of people, while other more esoteric projects have been joined by only a handful of people — you could become one of them! You may have heard of some of the big ones, like “iNaturalist.org,” which has 3.2 million users. iNaturalist is often used as an aid in other projects. However, you might never encounter the little ones without the SciStarter.org tool. Let's start by exploring one of the smaller projects, as an example.

The search for tiny spiders

A few years ago, I was working on a Beech Leaf Disease project for Cleveland Metroparks. I wondered if it was listed in SciStarter.org, so I searched on “beech.” That project was not listed, but something called “The Search for Neodietrichia” popped up. That project involved using sticky traps to capture dwarf tree spiders of a particular genus that was known in only two states.

Because of their preferred habitat and small size (only 2 to 3 millimeters), it was thought there could be more species unknown to science in this genus that had gone undetected. The project was designed to gather many more specimens from other states, then send them

CITIZEN SCIENCE: Author helps write the book on a tiny spider

From Page 1



Norman Dudziak photographed this *Tusukuru hartlandianus* dwarf tree spider during "The Search for *Neodietrichia*" citizen science project. This is now the iconic photo for this species on iNaturalist.

failure. Rather, it showed just how hard it is to collect members of this genus. For me, it means I now have a scientific relationship with an arachnologist who welcomes me to send him specimens for as long as I want.

I urge you to check SciStarter.org and create a free account for yourself. Projects can range from one-time participation to a daily routine observation, with everything in between. All of the work is volunteer, so you only have to do it for as long as you want.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about citizen science, please email Barrington Land Conservation Trust Executive Director Cindy Elder at cindyelder@blct.org.

About the author: Norman Dudziak is a retired environmental engineer and the Science Liaison for the Barrington Land Conservation Trust. Mr. Dudziak has been a member of the Land Trust's Stewardship Committee for many years and has served on the Land Trust's Board. In his current role, he communicates directly with scientists who wish to use Land Trust properties for studies or for educational purposes and he encourages people to take part in citizen science. All views expressed in his columns are his own and are not intended to represent the Land Trust.

in for analysis.

I don't like large spiders, but this project involved dwarf spiders that would probably be dead, so I figured I could handle that! Also, this project seemed really obscure, so my participation could make a significant difference. I had the possibility of finding a new species, maybe even having a say in naming it.

I jumped in, got my collection kit, and placed some traps in my own small patch of woods and in the adjacent Barrington Land Conservation Trust property, with permission. I harvested my first batch of traps in April 2021 and others subsequently. I captured dozens of small spiders in total, but none of the target genus.

A new discovery

However, on my first try, I did capture four females of species *Tusukuru hartlandianus*. When you get into this realm, creatures don't have common names, only Latin ones. The project director, arachnologist Dr. Marc Milne of the University of Indianapolis, told me that these were the first spiders of this species known to have been collected in Rhode Island, so this counted as an expansion of known range.

Along with my other finds, I posted my photos of these four specimens on iNaturalist. These just happened to be the first photos of this species posted to iNaturalist, so I was informed that I could choose the iconic photo that people would see when they clicked on that name.

I am not telling you about this project to say

how special I am, but to provide an example of how someone who knows nothing about a subject can put in some hours of effort and actually make an incremental contribution to science.

By the way, "The Search for *Neodietrichia*" is a completed project, which did not find any of the target species. This was not considered a

'Easter Specialty Market' is Sunday in Tiverton

The Tiverton Farmers Market is celebrating its third annual Easter Specialty Farmers Market this Sunday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be no market on Easter Sunday, April 9. During the winter months, the market takes places indoors at Tiverton Middle School, 10 Quintal Drive, Tiverton.

The market includes more than 50 vendors, featuring seafood and meats, artisanal foods, Ethiopian dishes, empanadas and pizza, prepared meals, vegetables, fruits and herbs, baked goods, chocolates, pottery, jewelry, linens, pet foods and treats, outdoor furniture, garden art and more.

This Sunday, there will be an Easter Scramble activity for children. Visitors can gather eggs from vendor tables with paper letters inside and spell out "Joyful Rabbit" at the market table to receive a small grab bag full of candy and treats.

The event is free and open to the public and includes live music.

Visit the website at www.tivertonfarmersmarket.com for more events, details and more information about vendors.



A customer chats with Kohei Ishihara (right), founder of Movement Ground Farm in Tiverton, at the Tiverton Farmers' Market.

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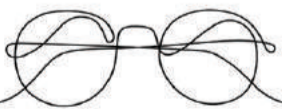
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Trout fishing is the ticket this month

Rhode Island lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams designated as trout-stocked waters are currently closed for fishing. However, the season opens Saturday, April 8, and runs through Feb. 29, 2024. More to come next week on Opening Day in Rhode Island.



Capt. Dave MONTI

For licenses and trout/salmon waterway stocking information in Rhode Island visit www.dem.ri.gov/fishing, and in Massachusetts www.mass.gov/service-details/trout-stocking-report.

Trout fishing dates are different in Massachusetts. Fishing opened at most Southeastern Massachusetts lakes and ponds on Jan. 1. And this week, the Division of Fish and Wildlife stocked additional ponds. So, the fishing is very good at all stocked ponds.

To fish for trout in Massachusetts you need a license. For license information, regulations and up to date trout stocking reports visit: www.mass.gov/freshwater-fishing.

Anglers donate \$21,000

The West Bay Anglers, a fishing club in Warwick, contributed \$7,000 to each of three Rhode Island non-profit organizations, including Veteran Angler Charters of Bristol with other locations coastwide, Impossible Dream of Warwick and the Dare to Dream Ranch in Foster, R.I.

Pam Tameo, lobster raffle chairperson and past president of the West Bay Anglers said, "We raised \$21,000 this year, the second highest amount ever, thanks to the 100 percent commitment from our volunteers to run the Meat & Lobster Raffles and the hundreds of donors who contribute each week."

For eighteen Saturdays the West Bay Anglers raffled off tables of meat, lobster and other food items, consumer electronics, fishing gear and a host of other items. Each Saturday event would last more than two hours.

Tameo said, "It was great to see the expression on the faces of the executive directors of the three charities once they learned the amount of donations."

Capt. Randy Bagwell of River Rebel Charters, Bristol, who takes wounded veterans fishing on his charter boat on behalf of Veteran Anglers Charters, said, "This is the tenth year we received a major donation from the West Bay Anglers. They are committed to veterans in many ways, and we thank them for helping us to take members of the military fishing."

Capt. Kathy Granfield, a member of the Veteran Angler Charters Board, said, "The organization offers free, small-group charter fishing trips to injured and recovering veterans. Our mission is to provide veterans with recreational rehabilitation and therapeutic support."

The second charity receiving a \$7,000 donation was imPOSSIBLE Dream of Warwick. Executive Director Diane Penza co-founded the organization 40 years ago with her father, John Florio. The imPOSSIBLE DREAM Playground was Rhode Island's first integrated playground, offering an environment that is play friendly for children of all physical abilities in a clean and safe environment.

The third charity to receive \$7,000 was Dare to Dream Ranch. "This is the third year they received an award," said Tameo. The organization, represented by executive director Karen Dalton at the event, offers alternative therapy programs for service members, veterans and their families.

Fisheries Council meets to consider regulations

The Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council



Veterans often charter River Rebel Charters of Bristol to fish for free as part of the Veteran Angler Charters program.



Pam Tameo, of the West Bay Anglers, with one of the Lobster Raffle prizes. The club raised \$21,000 for charities, including one delivering programs in Bristol.

will meet to consider 2023 recreational and many commercial regulations at an in-person and online hybrid meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 3, at the URI Graduate School of Oceanography Bay Campus, Coreless Auditorium, 215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett.

The Council makes fishing regulation recommendations to DEM, with Terrance Gray, DEM director, generally approving 95 percent of the council's regulation recommendations.

Issues before the council on April 3 that impact recreational anglers include regulations for black sea bass and scup, as well as commercial Atlantic menhaden measures in the Bay. The Rhode Island special management area in the Bay has been a model for such national programs. The program includes weekly (sometimes daily) aerial stock assessments to determine whether the Bay is open or closed to commercial fishing.

There are a number of commercial fishing industry proposals being considered at the Council meeting that would in effect dismantle the program to allow more Atlantic men-

haden to be taken in the bay.

For years anglers have advocated for ecosystem-based management for the species to provide enough bio bass in the bay, not only to sustain the fishery but to serve the ecological needs of fish and birds, such as striped bass, bluefish, whales, osprey, etc.

The meeting can be joined in person or by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83805326029?pwd=eFFTem12NUVveVBD.dGhiTys3cUFRUT09>. Meeting ID: 838 0532 6029. Passcode: 282613. Dial-in 1-929-205-6099

For agenda details with support documents on the meeting, visit <https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/marine-fisheries/calendar>.

Where's the bite?

Freshwater: Connor Swartz of Red Top Sporting Goods, Buzzards Bay, said, "Freshwater fishing is picking up at ponds that have been stocked with trout. Long Pond in Plymouth is producing well for anglers."

Tom Giddings of the Tackle Box, Warwick, said, "Fishing in Warwick Pond and Gorton Pond is spotty, but they are producing large-mouth bass for customers. The white perch bite has been very good. Everyone is getting ready for Opening Day. We are fully stocked and will open Friday, April 7, at 5 a.m. and stay open all night until Saturday, April 8, at 7 p.m."

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stocking information in Rhode Island visit www.dem.ri.gov/fishing, and in Massachusetts www.mass.gov/service-details/trout-stocking-report.

Stripers, herring, pogies

"Striped bass holdovers are being caught in the upper Providence River. We have also received reports of herring starting to appear in our waterways early, as it is warm. The bass season this year should be strong and early," said Tom Giddings of the Tackle Box.

John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle of Riverside, R.I., said, "Anglers fishing the upper Seekonk River in downtown Pawtucket this weekend found the river loaded with 3- to 5-inch pogies (Atlantic menhaden). They were fishing for school bass but couldn't make a cast without snagging a pogie. These fish wintered here and once they are joined with new arrivals, the upper bay and rivers should be loaded with Atlantic menhaden and striped bass."

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

The Tides*

	HiAM	HiPM	LoAM	LoPM	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday, March 29	2:43 (3.3)	3:10 (2.9)	9:21	8:01	6:31	7:08
Thursday, March 30	3:46 (3.1)	4:13 (2.9)	10:26	9:31	6:30	7:09
Friday, March 31	4:56 (3.1)	5:16 (3.1)	11:09	10:42	6:28	7:10
Saturday, April 1	5:54 (3.2)	6:08 (3.3)	11:44	11:32	6:26	7:11
Sunday, April 2	6:37 (3.4)	6:51 (3.6)	—	12:15	6:25	7:12
Monday, April 3	7:12 (3.6)	7:28 (3.9)	12:15	12:45	6:23	7:13
Tuesday, April 4	7:44 (3.8)	8:02 (4.2)	12:56	1:14	6:21	7:14
Wednesday, April 5	8:17 (3.9)	8:36 (4.4)	1:37	1:45	6:20	7:15
Thursday, April 6	8:53 (4.0)	9:12 (4.5)	2:16	2:15	6:18	7:16

New Moon April 20 — Full Moon April 6

* Information is based on tides in Bristol Harbor.

BOOK REVIEW

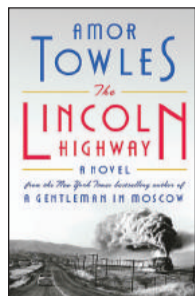
Some ideas for your spring reading lists

BY LYNDA REGO

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I've been bingeing books lately. As the weather warms and the yard and garden call, reading will take a backseat for a month or two, so I'm trying to catch up on my reading list. Here some ideas for yours.

"The Lincoln Highway" (2021) by Amor Towles



is, as you can tell from the title, a book about travel — by car, cab, truck, train and foot — physically and psychologically. It's a coming of age story set in 1954. Emmet Watson is released from the Salina juvenile reform program (where he was sent due to "the ugly side of chance") several

months early because of his father's death. He returns home to their Nebraska farm, which is in foreclosure, and his 8-year-old brother, Billy. His plan is to head to Texas and use his carpentry skills to create a new life for them. But, Billy wants to go to San Francisco to seek out their mother and to follow the Lincoln Highway (the route their mother took when she left them) to get there.

But, fate has other plans. When Duchess and Woolly, Emmet's bunkmates from Salina, show up, a simple trip West will become a more complicated and fraught adventure, with lots of fascinating characters, good and bad, along the way.

It's a wonderful story of dreams, hope, friendship, family and love. Chapters are alternately told by Billy, Emmet, Woolly and Duchess, along with Sally, the Watsons' neighbor. There are wonderful tidbits, such as the book Billy lugs along, "Professor Abacus Abernath's Compendium of Heroes, Adven-

turers and Other Intrepid Travelers," Duchess' stories, and Sally's take on men and Jesus' feelings on women. It has lots of humor and heart, and you never quite know what will happen next. As Woolly and then Billy sum it up best, it's "an escapade." One you will most definitely want to tag along on.

"Next Year in Havana" (2018) by Chanel Cleeton



Cleeton. Cleeton grew up on stories of how her family fled Cuba after the revolution and Castro's ascension. She studied politics and history and it shows in this fascinating look at the revolution, the realities of war, exile, and the longing for a place to call home.

We see this from the point of view of Elisa Perez experiencing the revolution in 1958-59 and her granddaughter Marisol Ferrera, who visits Cuba when the U.S. reopens relations with the government in 2017.

The Perez family is part of Cuba's elite, Elisa's father a sugar baron with ties to Batista. But, she falls in love with a revolutionary and begins to question everything she knows.

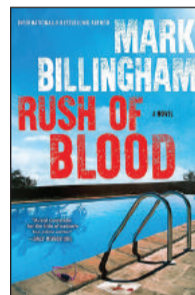
Marisol was brought up by her grandmother in Florida and grew up hearing Elisa's reminiscences of life in Havana, the sweeping 5-mile Malecón seawall, the Perez estate and gardens in Miramar, the music, the food, the seaside house for vacations. When Elisa dies, she asks in her will that Marisol scatter her ashes in Cuba. Marisol collects possible places important to Elisa from her aunts and is invited to stay with Ana Rodriguez, Elisa's best friend in Havana before the family fled.

Marisol is there to write a story on tourism for a travel magazine, but then she meets and is attracted to Ana's grandson, Luis, a profes-

sor of history at the University of Havana. Cuba is not what she expected. Beneath the colorful buildings and big, classic 1950s cars, is a country of people who struggle to get by. Ana's family runs a *paladar* (a restaurant for tourists) in their house, at least the part of it they are allowed to live in, to make ends meet. Now generals and high-ranking officials live in the big estates in Miramar, with a Russian diplomat in the Perez home.

As Marisol spends time with Luis, visiting sites for her article, she will also learn about Cuban history and its present and will discover family secrets that improve her understanding of her grandmother and change her own life, too.

"Rush of Blood" (2012) by Mark Billingham



A mystery author I like recommended this author and this thriller is suspenseful and really keeps you guessing. Three couples from England meet while vacationing in Siesta Key in Sarasota, Florida, and strike up a "vacation" friendship. But, the day they are due to fly home, a 13-year-old mentally handicapped girl goes missing from the

resort where they are staying. Once home, one couple invites the others to dinner. Two more return dinners will follow. One of the women is interested in the case and keeps up with news of it on the Internet. The girl's body was discovered in a mangrove swamp. We learn more about the couples and their marriages and pasts. Some of it not pleasant.

The American police questioned them in Florida and are checking with any tourists who stayed at the resort that week. They then contact the English police and ask them to follow up with the three couples. A gung-ho trainee detective constable gets the job and she thinks there's something strange about the couples, going above and beyond to dig up information. Then, another girl goes missing in England and things really heat up. I loved the way the book is plotted with alternating chapters about the couples (and some

by the murderer). And, I didn't see the end coming at all.

"Book Lovers" (2022) by Emily Henry



This smart, funny romance novel and its snappy dialogue is a fun read. Henry wrote it because she loves Hallmark movies and was fascinated by the trope that sends a high-powered city man to a small town to take over a business, save a business, etc., and then he falls in love with a

country girl nothing like his girlfriend back in the city ("designer-wearing, stiletto-donning, red pen-wielding, salad-eating women"). She wanted to know who those women were and "what a happy ending might look like" for one of them.

So successful literary agent Nora Stephens (called The Shark behind her back) is enticed by her sister Libby to vacation in the small town in North Carolina where one of Nora's best-selling books was set. Libby has created a bucket list for them to accomplish and is determined Nora will date some locals and have a "small-town romance novel experience" and step outside her comfort zone.

But, who should she run into there but Charlie Lastra, an editor from New York City, who passed on one of her favorite authors, the one who penned the book set in Sunshine Falls. Apparently, that's where Lastra is actually from. His parents own the local bookstore and he's come home to help his parents after his father had a stroke. It's pretty simple to see where all this is heading, but it's done so beautifully, with a loving, but complicated relationship between the sisters and a fiery attraction between Nora and Charlie. And, all the fun of small-town life. Emily Henry is a new author on my reading list.

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Emily DELCONTE

- Hemp seeds: 9 grams of protein per oz. Example: Sprinkle on toast with nut butter.

- Pumpkin seeds: 8.5 grams of protein per oz.

Example: Add to a bowl of oatmeal.

- Peanuts: 6.9 grams of protein per oz.

Example: Combine with other nuts and dried fruit to make trail mix.

- Almonds: 6 grams of protein per oz.

Example: Add sliced almonds to salad.

- Pistachios: 6 grams of protein per oz.

Example: Pair with cheese and crackers on a snack plate.

- Flaxseeds: 5.2 grams of protein per oz.

Example: Add in to a smoothie.

- 1/2 cup sliced strawberries
- 1/2 cup mango, diced
- 1 tablespoon flaxseed
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin seeds

Directions

1. Place 1/2 cup cottage cheese in a bowl/glass.
2. Sprinkle with 1/2 tablespoon of flaxseed and 1/2 tablespoon of pumpkin seed.
3. Add 1/4 cup sliced strawberries.
4. Top with 1/4 of the diced mango. Here is an easy way to dice mango: cut the mango in half with a sharp knife, about 1/4 inch off center to miss the flat seed in the middle. With a sharp paring knife, cut parallel slices being careful not to cut through the skin. Turn and cut parallel slices to make cubes. Turn the mango inside out and gently cut out the cubes.
5. Repeat layers with cottage cheese, flaxseed, pumpkin seeds, strawberries and mango.
6. Enjoy!

Recipe makes: 1 serving

Nutrition Information: We believe focusing on numbers can harm our relationship with food. If your medical condition requires you to know of specific nutrition information, please contact us at info@evolutionrd.com.

Recipe adapted from:

<https://cookeatshare.com/recipes/cottage-cheese-mango-strawberry-salad-with-flaxseed-822153>

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R.I. Historical Cemetery Awareness and Preservation Weeks (R.I. Cemetery Weeks) will feature dozens of free programs in April and May. The public is invited to participate in tours, cleanups, demonstrations, talks and other programs at and about historic cemeteries around the state.

The event is organized by the R.I. Advisory Commission on Historical Cemeteries and R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission in collaboration with individual and organizational partners.

There will be walking tours of historically significant cemeteries, including God's Little Acre in Newport, America's oldest documented and extant burying ground for people of African heritage, along with lesser known but significant sites around the state.

They welcome volunteers who can help with raking, trash pickup, light brush cutting,



Jay Manning leads a "Birds and Burials" tour at Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown.

weed trimming and other activities.

Demonstrations include stone conservation workshops, gravestone cleanings, and a ground-penetrating radar demonstration.

Archaeologists and historians will offer presentations on Rhode Island cemeteries and the laws that govern them.

Visit www.preservation.ri.gov/ricw for more

information on events listed below and a full calendar of events around the state.

East Bay events

- April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29: Tour, Trinity Church Graveyard, Newport
- April 4 and 20: Tour, Norman Bird Sanctuary, Middletown
- April 5: Talk, Portsmouth Free Library, Portsmouth
- April 15 and 29: Tour, God's Little Acre, Newport
- April 15: Tour, Lawton Valley Cemeteries, Portsmouth
- April 22: Cleanup, North Burial Ground and Kickemuit Cemetery, Warren
- May 6: Tours, Fort Adams Cemetery, Newport
- May 6 and 13: Tour, Trinity Church Graveyard, Newport
- May 13: Tour, Coddington Burial Ground, Newport
- May 13: Tour, Burr's Hill Park, Warren

NIBBLES

Fish and chips and more

The Santo Cristo Committee of Saint Elizabeth's parish is selling fish and chips and more in the parish hall, 577 Wood St., Bristol. Take-out or dine-in meals are from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31.

On the menu are fish and chips, shrimp Mozambique, hake, chicharros (stickleback) and clam chowder. You can place an order ahead of time by calling João Medeiros at 401/749-0109 or John Cordeiro at 401/662-6112.

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Baked fish dinners for Lent

The Knights of Columbus Council 3618 is serving baked fish dinners for Lent starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 31, at the St. Barnabas social hall, 1697 East Main Road, Portsmouth. The menu includes New England clam chowder, baked Atlantic cod, coleslaw, rice or mashed potatoes, roll with butter, dessert, water, soda, coffee or tea. Take-out is available.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children 6 to 12 and free for children under 6. Tickets in advance only up to 2 p.m. on the Thursday before each dinner. Tickets are at St. Barnabas and St. Anthony's office and at the Portsmouth Senior Center.

Clamcakes and chowder

A clamcake and chowder dinner is on Friday, April 14, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wood Street, Bristol. Enjoy clamcakes by Jimmy Campagna and Chef Chris McGovern with a cup of New England clam chowder and crackers. And, there will be raffles to support the youth mission trip to Hazlet, N.J.

It is \$15 for each dinner (children under 5 eat free). Tickets are on sale at the parish office at 401/253-3300 or email stmarysreception-bri@gmail.com. Sponsors are Amaral's Fish & Chips, Sunshine Fuels, Tony's Seafood and Blount's Fine Foods.

Pasta and meatball dinner

St. Alexander Church, 221 Main St., Warren, will serve a pasta dinner on Saturday, April 15, from 4 to 8 p.m., eat-in or take-out (containers provided).

The menu includes antipasto, pasta (all you can eat) meatballs, Italian bread and coffee. Extras available for purchase are soft drinks, wine (by the glass or the bottle), extra meatballs and desserts.

The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under, and free for 5 and under. Take a chance on some of the raffles being held, too. For tickets, call Pat Dugan at 401/245-3134.

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A Rhode Island guitar festival

Night of the Living Guitars XVII, a Rhode Island guitar festival that has taken place for 17 years, will be sponsored by Mt. Hope High this year. Featured will be players from elementary school through adult including Lillian Feinstein Elementary School, The Providence Youth Guitar Ensemble, Mt. Hope High School, Community String Project, University of Rhode

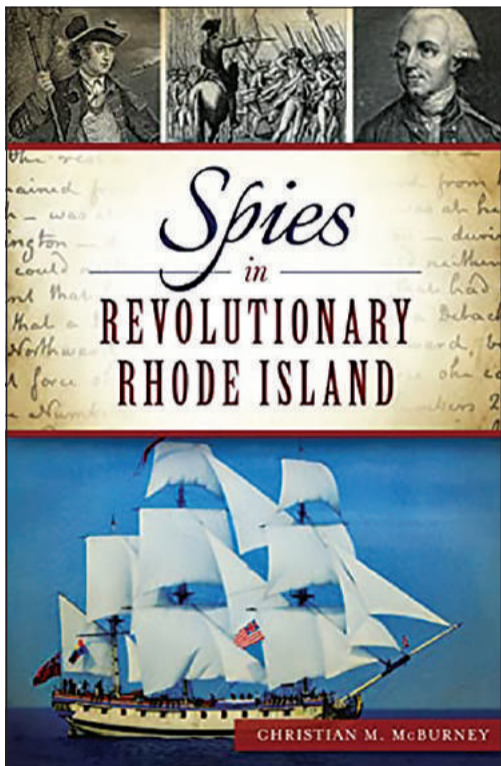
WHAT: Night of the Living Guitars XVII
 WHEN: Friday, March 31, at 6 p.m.
 WHERE: Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut St., Bristol
 MORE INFO: Free and open to the public

Island, Rhode Island College and special guest Ceili Connors.

Camouflaged Easter egg hunt

The annual camouflaged Easter egg hunt is for children ages 3 to 10 is a fun alternative to the same old Easter egg hunt. Children hunt for brown eggs in a natural setting and quickly learn how well the eggs camouflage. Prizes are awarded to all children, with grand prizes given to the finders of the "golden eggs." Bring a basket.

WHAT: Camouflaged egg hunt
 WHEN: Saturday, April 1, rain or shine. Check-in 9:30 a.m., hunt at 10.
 WHERE: Audubon Society of Rhode Island's Nature Center, 1401 Hope St., Warren/Bristol town line
 COST: \$7 per child; \$5 member children
 MORE INFO: Register at www.asri.org/calendar



Hear about spies in Revolutionary War

The Battle of Rhode Island Association is collaborating with the Little Compton Historical Society to host Rhode Island author and historian Christian McBurney, author of "Spies in Revolutionary Rhode Island." Espionage played a vital role in the American revolution in Rhode Island. The British and the Americans both employed spies to discover secrets, plans and positions of their enemy.

WHAT: Lecture
 WHEN: Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m.
 WHERE: United Congregational Church, 1 Commons, Little Compton
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TALKING POLITICS

The train is rolling toward the Primary

STORY OF THE WEEK: If the election to succeed David Cicilline in the 1st Congressional District was held last Friday, the favorites were Lt. Gov. Sabina Matos and state Sen. Sandra Cano (D-Pawtucket). Both have a record of winning elections; Cano got the most votes as a Biden delegate in CD1 in 2020, while Matos was the top Biden delegate choice in CD2.



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Matos won statewide in November, while Cano has traditionally been a top choice for voters in her community, as a city councilor and state lawmaker. The presence of (at least) two Latinas in the CD1 race reflects the maturation of Latino politics in Rhode Island. Neither candidate was swimming in campaign cash as of the last state filing: Cano had about \$28,000 and Matos less than \$500. But that was then and this is now. Cano and Matos can expect to have labor support, with education unions favoring Cano, and trade unions preferring Matos – an especially significant factor in what is shaping up as a large field of candidates.

Since this column posted online last Friday, state Rep. Stephen Casey of Woonsocket and Ward 1 Providence City Councilor John Gonçalves have joined the CD1 race, making for at least seven

Democrats (including Rep. Nathan Biah of Providence, former Raimondo staffer Nick Autiello, and former Republican Allen Waters), with House Speaker Joe Shekarchi and former gov candidate Helena Foulkes ruling out a run.

A number of potential candidates remain on the sidelines, including Pawtucket Mayor Don Grebien, White House staffer Gabe Amo, a Pawtucket native (unlike current officeholders, he would have to leave his job to pursue a run), and renewable energy investor Don Carlson of Jamestown. The array of other possible candidates extends from House Finance Chairman Marvin Abney of Newport to Central Falls Mayor Maria Rivera and other aspirants. The primary election in either August or September is likely to be decisive, given the Democratic lean of CD1. For those on the sidelines time is passing fast, since candidates are moving quickly to build up behind-the-scenes support. As former NEARI executive director Robert A. Walsh Jr. puts it, “The train is leaving the station.”

SLOWDOWN: The May revenue estimating conference will reveal whether a state budget surplus once estimated in the neighborhood of \$600 million has taken a big hit. As it stands, the effect of higher interest rates is already evident in Rhode Island, with a delay in issuing bonds for the Pawtucket soccer stadium project and questions about how the Superman revitalization may be affected. As this column noted last week, it remains unclear if the Fed’s management of the economy, with super-low interest rates for a very long stretch, may usher in an extended downturn.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: State lawmakers in Rhode Island typically treat one another, during sharp debates and routine matters alike, with courtesy and respect. But the usual course of dialogue blew up when Rep. Robert Quattrocchi (R-Scituate), during a recent committee hearing, asked Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D-Providence) – a lesbian woman – if she is a pedophile. This came during discussion of a Kislak proposal to view the impact of proposed legislation through an equity lens. Quattrocchi asked if the impact would be assessed on Satanists and pedophiles.

As a result of the remarks, House Speaker Joe Shekarchi this week removed Quattrocchi (R-Scituate) from the Committee on State Government and Elections. Republicans cried foul, saying Democrats made too much of the matter and they see inconsistency in how discipline gets meted out. In his own remarks on the House floor, Quattrocchi described receiv-

ing threatening and offensive messages. Democrats, meanwhile, said some response was needed to restore decorum.

PAYDAY: Advocates are once again trying to change Rhode Island’s dubious distinction as a place that allows payday lenders to charge the equivalent of triple-digit interest on loans. Legislative leaders have for years been unwilling of tackling this issue, as I reported in 2021. Attorney General Peter Neronha this week called the status quo “indefensible,” and his Democratic colleagues have called out the payday lending industry. It remains to be seen whether advocates will muster the kind of effort needed to make a change.

REPUBLICAN THUNDER: Joe Powers, who lost a race for state Senate in Cranston last year, won election last weekend as the new RI GOP chair. Here is a brief Q&A.

What is your vision for the RI GOP?

Powers: “A more unified, structured and well-funded party. Our goal is to fundraise to allow for us to build an infrastructure to support the right candidates for the General Assembly and support all 39 city and town committees across the state.”

What should Republicans do differently to win more General Assembly seats?

Powers: “Communication is key to the party’s success, and not just within the party but with the constituents of Rhode Island. We need to be the party that lets the constituents know who we are and what we actually stand [for] and not allow others to do so. We also need to devise a plan to leverage the election tools available to us, in order to win the seats, in order to effect change for Rhode Island.

Who is your preferred choice for president next year?

Powers: “Right now, my focus is on the RI GOP Chair and then the special election for CD1. With that being said, it’s going to be an interesting race for sure and I am looking forward to seeing who all of the candidates will be for us to choose from. Regardless of who it is, I’m certain the Republican Party will have a candidate that will get the country heading in a better direction than it has seen with the current administration.”

Political hero?

Powers: “Ronald Reagan – The Great Communicator.”

Favorite restaurant?

Powers: “Marchetti’s Restaurant in Knightsville. Amazing food, atmosphere and family-owned business for over 40 years.”

TO HELL WITH POVERTY: Sociologist Matthew Desmond is generating some buzz with his new book calling for the abolition of poverty. Here’s an excerpt from his interview with Fresh Air on NPR: “This one statistic that I calculated just blew me away. So a recent study was published and it showed that if the top 1% of Americans just paid the taxes they owed, not paid more taxes ... we as a nation could raise an additional \$175 billion every year. That is just about enough to pull everyone out of poverty, every parent, every child, every grandparent. So we clearly have the resources to do this. It is not hard. This is a rough estimate.

“I arrive at this number by looking at everyone under the poverty line, calculating the average it would take to just bring them over the poverty line and adding that all up. It’s pretty equivalent to what we could earn by just enforcing fair taxes at the very top of the market. What else could we do with \$175 billion? We could more than double our investment in affordable housing. We could reestablish the extended child tax credit that we rolled out during COVID. ... [That] was basically a check for middle and low-income families with kids. That’s all it was. And that simple intervention cut child poverty almost in half in six months. We could bring that back again with \$175 billion and still have money left over.”

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Extraordinary, renovated home overlooks the ocean



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The view from the kitchen facing out to the water.

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The first floor was designed with a new family room and sitting area, a

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Designed to maximize privacy and to allow the owner to age in place, the home provides an elevator and two bedrooms and 2.1 baths on the first floor that include a gracious primary

with a new bathroom boasting a Dorn Bracht shower and faucets.

The reimagined second floor offers four ensuite bedrooms and access to two decks with incredible views. The finished lower level provides a bedroom, a full bath, a new laundry room addition, and a rec. room that walks out to the backyard.

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DET 1:10	TB 6:40	TB 6:40	TB 6:40	TB 1:10	LAA 1:10	LAA 4:10
LAA 1:35	LAA 7:10	MIN 7:10	MIN 1:35	MIN 1:35	MIL 8:10	MIL 7:10
MIL 2:10	BAL 6:35	BAL 6:35	BAL 1:05		CLE 7:10	CLE 4:10
CLE 1:35						

MAY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	TOR 7:10	TOR 7:10	TOR 7:10	TOR 6:10	PHI 7:15	PHI 7:15
PHI 1:35	ATL 7:20	ATL 7:20		STL 7:10	STL 4:10	
STL 1:35	SEA 7:10	SEA 7:10	SEA 7:10		SD 9:40	SD 10:10
SD 4:10	LAA 9:38	LAA 9:38	LAA 9:38		AZ 9:40	AZ 7:15
AZ 4:10		CIN 7:10	CIN 7:10			

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				CIN 7:10	TB 7:10	TB 6:10
TB 1:35		CLE 7:10	CLE 7:10	CLE 7:10	NYN 7:05	NYN 7:35
NYN 1:35	COL 7:10	COL 7:10	COL 7:10		NYN 7:10	NYN 7:15
NYN 1:35	MIN 7:40	MIN 7:40	MIN 7:40	MIN 7:10	CWS 8:10	CWS 4:10
CWS 2:10	MIA 7:10	MIA 7:10	MIA 6:10	TOR 7:07		

JULY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						TOR 8:07
TOR 1:37		TEX 1:35	TEX 7:10	TEX 7:10	OAK 7:10	OAK 4:10
OAK 1:35		★ ALL-STAR BREAK ★		CHC 8:05	CHC 2:20	
CHC 2:20	OAK 9:40	OAK 9:40	OAK 3:37		NYM 7:10	NYM 4:10
NYM 1:35		ATL 7:10	ATL 7:10		SF 10:15	SF 7:15
SF 4:05	SEA 9:40					

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		SEA 9:40	SEA 4:10		TOR 7:10	TOR 4:10
TOR 1:35	KC 7:10	KC 7:10	KC 7:10	KC 7:10	DET 7:10	DET 4:10
DET 12:05		WSH 7:05	WSH 7:05	WSH 4:05	NYN 7:05	NYN 1:05
NYN 1:35	HOU 8:10	HOU 8:10	HOU 8:10	HOU 2:10	LAD 7:10	LAD 4:10
LAD 7:10						

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						KC 8:10
KC 2:10	TB 4:10	TB 6:40	TB 6:40		BAL 7:10	BAL 4:10
BAL 1:35	NYN 7:10	NYN 7:10	NYN 7:10	NYN 7:15	TOR 7:07	TOR 3:07
TOR 1:37	TEX 8:05	TEX 8:05	TEX 2:05		CWS 7:10	CWS 4:10
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