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Council: Pillar signs are coming down

Town will pause before installing additional way-finding signs

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The signs are coming down.

The Barrington Town Council voted Monday night, June 5, to have the two pillar signs that are located downtown removed.

The town installed the signs a little more than a month ago and residents wasted very little time criticizing the them. People said they were not attractive and looked like they belonged in a city - they said they looked like signs for a metro or subway and were out of place in Barrington.

Most Council members agreed and appeared poised to order the signs down at the May meeting, but Councilor Rob Humm suggested the town leave them up for a bit and see if people felt differently after some additional time.

On Monday night, Humm said it was clear that most people do not like the signs. He said the response from the public has been overwhelming: Most residents and non-residents do not like the signs. Humm said it was not unanimous, but overwhelming.

After a short discussion, Council President Carl Kustell made a motion to have the town manager order the removal of the signs. Humm supported the motion, but Council Braxton Cloutier voted against it. Cloutier's opposition appeared to focus on the cost of removing the signs - he had asked Town Manager Phil Hervey how much it would cost to have the signs taken down. Hervey said he had not received a quote for that work but guessed it would be in the thousands, maybe

Barrington resident Mark Hanchar later dis-

In the end, the Council voted 2-1 to remove the signs. Annelise Conway and Kate Berard were not at the meeting.

Council members also voted to pause the installation of additional way-finding signs. Officials said they wanted to post a photo of the way-finding signs on the town website so the public would have a chance to see what they looked like before they were installed, apparently hoping to avoid a repeat of the public's reaction to the pillar signs.

\$5,000 or \$10,000.

puted that estimate. He said the Barrington Department of Public Works could have those signs down first thing in the morning.



Members of the Barrington High School Class of 2023 throw their caps into the air following Sunday's graduation ceremony.

The picture of perseverance

Barrington High School celebrates Class of 2023

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Normally, people attending a Barrington High School graduation ceremony in early June are greeted with bright sunshine and warm temperatures.

That was not the case this year.

On Sunday, June 4, members of the Class of 2023 gathered on Victory Field as temperatures hovered in the 50s, dark clouds filled the sky, and a cold wind blew in from the northeast.

But the fall-like weather did little to dampen the spirits of this year's graduates. And as BHS Principal Chris Ashley noted in his speech, the Class of 2023 has overcome plenty of challenges.

"Beginning freshman year, it would have been impossible to predict the trajectory of

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BHS Assistant Principal Ed Daft (left) poses for a photo with Mo Cissokho during Sunday's graduation ceremony.

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POLICE REPORT

Police charge Newport woman with shoplifting, obstruction

Tuesday, May 30

A resident called police at about 10 a.m. after finding a knife left on a swing at the Kids Kove Playground. The resident turned in the knife at the library and a police officer later seized the knife.

DCYF conducted an investigation in town and shared the report with law enforcement. Police said the nature of the incident did not rise to the level of a crime. No one was charged.

A dog bit a person inside a local business.

A resident stopped into the station to speak with police regarding a family member. Police later requested EMTs transport the individual in question to a hospital for detox.

Someone vandalized a RIPTA bus stop on County Road, smashing a glass case that held a poster. Police notified RIP-TA.

Wednesday, May 31

Two vehicles collided near the intersection of County Road and Federal Road. No one was injured.

A large truck struck a parked car near the intersection of Washington Road and Bittersweet.

A Narragansett Avenue resident

requested that her son and his girlfriend leave the property. Police assisted.

Police received a 911 call for an accident on County Road near Police Cove Park. No one was injured.

A Hilltop Avenue resident stopped into the station to file a report for fraud. The resident said she believed she made a payment to a contractor to have her windows replaced. Later, she discovered that she had sent the payment to someone who was pretending to be a wellknown contractor in the area.

A Sowams Road resident told police someone was going door-to-door trying to sell solar panels. The resident said the salesperson did not have the proper permits to sell in town.

Police responded to a County Road restaurant after three men attempted to leave before paying their bill. Police said the men eventually agreed to go back inside the restaurant and pay their tab. No one was charged. Police issued all three men no trespassing orders for the Barrington restaurant.

Thursday, June 1

A Barrington resident told police he had left some tennis rackets, a racket bag, and \$150 in cash at the middle school tennis courts overnight and when he returned two days later the items were gone. The school resource officer investigated an alleged assault that took place at the high school. Police said one student pantsed another student outside the cafeteria. Police said school officials suspended the student who pantsed the other student. The parents of the victim wanted to make sure that their child was not the target of retaliation.

A Nayatt Road resident told police that someone had used their personal information in an attempt to get a shortterm paycheck loan. Police said the transaction did not go through.

Two vehicles collided in the area of County Road and Mathewson Road. No one was injured.

A motorist stopped into the station to report a past accident. Police said no one was injured in that accident.

Friday, June 2

A Warren man filed a complaint against a Barrington business. Police said there was no evidence supporting the man's claim.

Police charged **Lauren E. Ibbotson**, *37*, of Newport, with shoplifting, obstructing officer in execution of duty, and arrested her on a warrant or capias from any district court. Police said Ibbotson shoplifted \$149 worth of items from the Shaw's Supermarket. She also allegedly created a scene inside the Starbucks coffeeshop, and

when police arrived, Ibbotson gave a fake name. Police said they located some items on Ibbotson that appeared to be narcotics. Police have sent the items to the lab; if they test positive for narcotics, Ibbotson could face additional charges.

Two vehicles collided on Barton Avenue. No one was injured.

A Roffee Street resident told police his neighbor had cut trees and thrown the branches on his property. The neighbor denied the claim, police said. No one was charged.

Police charged **Mark E. Koehler**, 55, of 83 Middle Highway, with DUI of liquorblood alcohol concentration unknownfirst offense, and refusal to submit to a chemical test-first offense. Police ordered Koehler's vehicle to the side of the road for an alleged laned roadways violation. Police said Koehler appeared to be intoxicated and later failed a field sobriety test.

Saturday, June 3

A resident called police after a downed tree pulled down overhead wires. Police notified the utility company.

A Harbour Road resident told police someone egged his house.

Police responded to a Massasoit Avenue home for a domestic dispute. No one was charged. The argument was verbal

only.

Two vehicles collided on Old County Road. No one was injured.

A Burr Avenue resident told police his neighbor's dog keeps getting loose and ending up on his property.

Sunday, June 4

Two vehicles collided in the area of Middle Highway and Western Avenue. No one was injured.

A Barrington resident told police her estranged grandmother showed up at the BHS graduation and hugged her. The girl said she had not invited her grandmother. Police said the incident did not rise to the level of a crime.

A Meadowbrook Drive resident stopped into the station and requested a no trespass order against a neighbor.

Police spotted a vehicle parked in the YMCA lot late at night and spoke to the driver. The teenage driver said he was just hanging out. Police allegedly seized vape pens from the teen.

A caller told police a Nayatt Road resident had shined a laser at her son while he was fishing on Nayatt Point. Police spoke to the resident, who admitted to shining the laser, but said the fisherman had first shined a light in his home. No one was charged.









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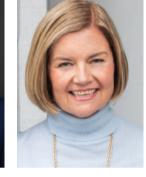
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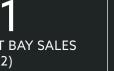
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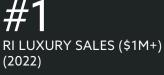
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events you experienced over the next four years," he said. "When you were thrust into virtual learning the spring of your freshman year, you persevered through the challenges of staying connected to continue learning and remain safe.

"You remained resilient during your sophomore and junior years with the uncertainties of COVID protocols and changing schedules to continue working hard and stay focused on your academics.

"And as your senior year started, you were finally able to enjoy the traditions, activities and milestones of your final year at BHS..."

Earlier in his speech, Ashley thanked many people including the staff and maintenance team which helped organize and execute Sunday's commencement.

Families of graduating seniors worried that the inclement weather might force the ceremony indoors, as it did with the Friendship Service on Saturday. An inside graduation ceremony would have limited each student to just three tickets for their friends and family members.

But by mid-morning on Sunday, Ashley had emailed the high school community with good news: BHS graduation would take place outside on Victory Field.

Families began arriving before 1 o'clock for the 2 p.m. ceremony, and by the time the band



PHOTOS BY RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Willow Rathbone waves to the crowd during Sunday's graduation ceremony.

began playing "Pomp and Circumstance," the bleachers at Victory Field were filled. A large crowd gathered around the fence bordering the track.

BHS Senior Class President Stella Densley offered a welcome address, reminding this

year's graduates that it was important to keep on trying, keep on attempting, even if the results were sometimes embarrassing.

"Simply being 'embarrassing' has opened up so many opportunities, it's allowed for freedom where I didn't think it was possible, and just brought on a lighter experience during such a stressful time," she said.

"I urge you all to embrace the embarrassing. It's not as bad as you may think."

Graduating senior Anna Saal shared her essay with the large crowd at Victory Field on Sunday afternoon. She compared the school's mascot, the eagle, with the spirit of this year's graduates. She said eagles are a symbol of freedom, power and resilience.

"Over the past four years, we have faced many challenges, from difficult classes to extracurricular activities to personal struggles. But through it all, we have learned the power of perseverance, hard work, and determination," she said. "We have learned that success is not just about achieving our own goals, but also about supporting and uplifting those around us."

Senior Morgan Medeiros shared her essay as well, reminding her classmates that graduation was just the beginning.

"We are standing at the start of a new phase in our lives, and the choices we make now will shape our future," she said.

"Although the process of high school may be over, our learning journey is about to completely change as some of us go off to college, the work force, or pursue our passions. The most important thing to remember is that we have the ability to take on whatever challenges come our way."

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Bense Lukacsy receives his diploma and a handshake from BHS Assistant Principal Ed Daft.

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Warren Lightbown, Gavin Lesk and Daniel Lemos (from left to right) cheer during Sunday's graduation ceremony at Barrington High School.

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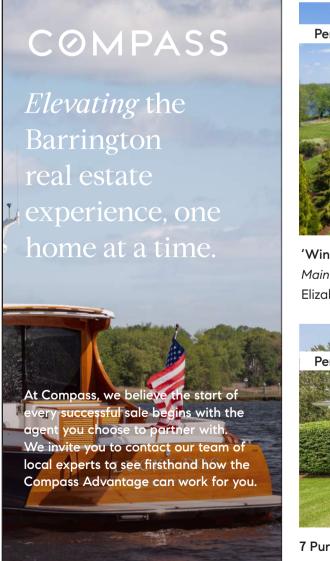
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EDITORIAL

Best practices in government

Year ago, no one could have imagined that the Barrington School Committee would quickly become the model for openness in government.

For much of the past five years, that board was mired in controversy. In a series of one highly contentious issue after another, it agitated parents and alienated faculty. Many of its meetings turned nasty, with the angry and perturbed lining up to vent, question or cajole.

Half a year later, so much has changed. Under new leadership, things have quieted down, and its meetings are entirely different. The board today operates as well as any local board could, following many of the best practices for government in 2023.

Many of the practices were in place before last fall's election, but others have been added since. Today the Barrington School Committee sends email reminders of its meetings to everyone in the community, with a link to its agenda. The agenda itself includes links to backup materials, like reports, memos and presentations.

They live-stream their meetings, and the public is welcome to join the public comment sessions via Zoom. According to an audit by the Rhode Island ACLU (see East Bay Life section), Barrington and Portsmouth are the only school committees in the state allowing this level of access. Importantly, Barrington anchored the timing of its public comment session, so visitors don't have to guess when they might be allowed to speak they can plan on 6:30 p.m. the night of the meeting.

Finally, Barrington posts and archives the recordings of its meetings. Everything is there for see, logged into an historical record.

Many of the local boards in this community and others are doing some of the things mentioned above, but few are doing all. The Portsmouth Town Council and Middletown Town Council are two of the few. Along with the Barrington School Committee, they are setting an example of how government today can be open, flexible and accommodating to the people it serves.

Under the duress of a pandemic and with advances in technology, government learned it can open itself to the public in a multitude of ways. Using the tools of virtual communication, it can allow busy parents to follow and join the decision-making process without sacrificing four hours to sit in a public chamber on a crowded week night. It can allow those recovering from a surgery, or those temporarily or permanently disabled, to be part of the process from the comfort of their home. It can allow those without means, those with no car, to feel part of their community, to be better-informed citizens.

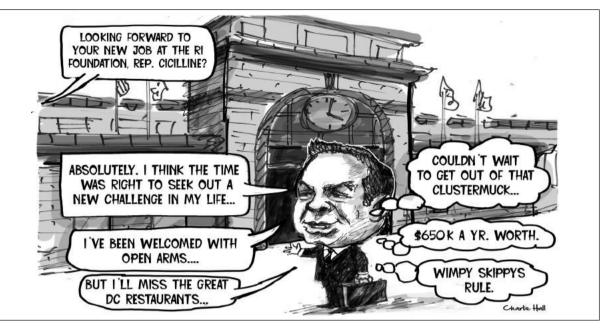
The local boards and commissions not following these best practices should audit themselves and ask why not, and what more they could do. Let the Barrington School Committee be a role model. They made their meetings more open and more flexible, and as a result, they made their meetings better.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Massive cars are the problem, not e-bikes

To the editor:

Recently, a reader shared their concerns that e-bikes will make the bike path dangerous, demanding that they be banned to protect the safety of all.

As someone who grew up walking and biking to Hampden Meadows and Barrington Middle School on the bike path, and who now owns a class II e-bike, I felt compelled to respond.

I purchased my e-bike at the beginning of my sophomore year of college, so that instead of relying on friends with cars, I could easily purchase groceries and travel short distances with ease. Unlike a car, my bike is speed-restricted at 20 miles per hour, meaning the motor shuts off when I reach that speed. In fact, while traveling the bike path on my e-bike, I'm routinely passed by the racing cyclists (without a motor) everyone seems to dislike. Simply put, the motor on my bike doesn't make the path any more dangerous than it used to be. Instead, it allows me to travel farther and use an e-bike instead of a car for transportation.

I'm incredibly sympathetic to those looking to protect the bike path.

Over the years, it's become the one place East Bay residents can escape the danger of intersections and reckless drivers. However, instead of e-bikes being the, as Mr. Brigidi put it, "obvious threat to human life," the real threat is in the driveway.

In 1992, the year the bike path was completed, the best-selling vehicle in America was the Taurus. Today, it's the F-150. As vehicles have grown exponentially in size and speed, our streets have shrunk for the thousands of students, shoppers, joggers, and cyclists that rely on them. Unsurprisingly, pedestrian deaths have followed. After hitting a low in 2009, pedestrian deaths have grown by 80 percent from 4,092 to 7,388 in 2021. Facing increasingly dangerous streets, more and more have changed their route to the crowded bike path.

Although I'm glad the e-bike debate has reminded the town how crucial the bike path is, we're looking at it the wrong way: our massive cars, not my 20 mph e-bike, are the problem. Instead of limiting the bike path's use, we should focus our energy on building more pedestrian infrastructure, including bike paths and protected bike lanes.

> **Owen Crain** Cranston

Owen Crain is a graduate of Barrington High School, Class of 2021.

Leaf blower rebate was poorly thought out

To the editor:

I was astonished to see that Barrington passed, after a proposal made late at the end of the May 24th financial town meeting, \$25,000 to be set aside for residents who replace their gas-powered left blowers with battery-run ones. These monies were immediately approved by a voice vote. Excuse me? Where were the public notices and discussions?

It is proven that gas-powered leaf blowers, and lawn mowers for the record, are negatively impacting the environment by polluting the air, but far greater is the impact caused by all leaf blowers in destroying pollinators. In short, they literally rip them apart and kill them. Long term, if we continue to reduce the pollinator population, our planet is going to die.

But hey, didn't our lawns look great before we got there?

The manicured lawns phenomenon that so many prize stems from France's Louis XIV who, in 1661, renovated the gardens at Versailles. English royal eventually followed suit. These ostentatious displays of wealth were meant to awe. They existed because royalty had the financial means and cheap labor to create and maintain them. Marketing created today's industries of lawn chemicals and endless rounds of mowing and natural debris removal. Those industries are making profits off of artificial standards of beauty. That is one form of "keeping up with the Joneses" that we do not need.

The high-maintenance, highprofit landscaping industry through its elimination and eradication of natural debris has had a profoundly negative impact on pollinators. "No Mow May" originated in England by Plantlife, a conversation group, to ensure that natural habitats exist so that insects, such as bees and butterflies, can thrive.

Has anyone noticed that the firefly population has been greatly diminished? I remember them being everywhere when I was growing up in Hampden Meadows, back when Hampden Meadows actually had meadows. Fireflies need the moist environment that leaf litter provides. Let your dead leaves stay over winter and chances are, you will see fireflies the next summer.

Barrington is now willing to pay \$250 for anyone providing a receipt proving that they bought an electric leaf blower? How poorly thought out is that? What about residents who are willing to simply turn in their gas-powered leaf blowers and give up leaf blowing all together? Or turn in their gas-



Crews cut down about a half-dozen large shade trees as part of the road construction project.

State clears the way for new turning lane near middle school

Project calls for improved traffic signal equipment

BY JOSH BICKFORD jbickford@eastbaymediagroup.com

The state recently broke ground on a new road construction project near Barrington Middle School.

A spokesman for the state Department of Transportation said the plan is to add a turning lane on Lincoln Avenue at the intersection with Middle Highway.

Charles St. Martin said the additional lane on Lincoln will be dedicated to traffic turning north onto Middle Highway. St. Martin said crews will also make improvements to sidewalks at the intersection.

"We also are upgrading the traffic signal equipment, which will have new pedestrian crossing features and ADA-complaint ramps," St. Martin said. "The new signal will stop all directions of travel while a pedestrian crossing phase is activated."

The intersection work in Barrington is part of a multi-town project — intersections in Warwick and Narragansett are also being improved. The project will cost taxpayers \$3.2 million. St. Martin said the work will be 90 percent funded by the federal government and 10 percent from the state.

So far, crews in Barrington have placed erosion control measures at the construction site. They will also install foundations and complete the necessary electrical work to prepare for the new traffic signals.

The first phase of the work in Barrington also included cutting down about a half-dozen large shade trees that lined the northern edge of the middle school property.

St. Martin said the trees needed to be removed to allow for the installation of a stormwater treatment system. He said the system will improve drainage and provide "better treatment of stormwater which eventually enters tributaries flowing into nearby Echo Lake."

St. Martin said the road work fell outside of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's perimeter for wetlands, so no DEM permit was required.

St. Martin said the state DOT has been in constant communication with town officials (Town Manager Phil Hervey, Town Planner Teresa Crean and DPW Director Alan Corvi) regarding the planned road construction. He said the local officials approve of the plan.

"The town also has approved a construction and maintenance agreement for maintenance of new trees and sidewalks," St. Martin said.

The DOT has agreed to plant two new trees for every tree that was cut down at the site.

"The news trees are scheduled to be planted this fall," St. Martin said.

More work is scheduled to take place this summer: the contractor will pour new sidewalks, mill and then pave the intersection, and complete the pavement striping. Later, crews will install and program the new traffic signals.

LETTER: Rebate was poorly thoughtout

From **FACING PAGE**

powered lawn mowers for push ones?

If Barrington has \$25,000 to spend, I'd rather see it spent on education. Reward those who are willing to forego landscaping efforts that contribute to the destruction of our environment. Provide information on how humans can better cohabitate with pollinators.

The Rhode Island Wild Plant Society | Welcome (riwps.org), will happily send speakers to explain the benefits of native plants. They even provide a directory of natural landscapers. One resource specializes in "developing biodiverse native plant communities in urban

and country settings," while another resource states that "spaces planned to improve soil and clean water increases the resiliency of life around us." I have a grandson due in September. It is the perpetuation of a viable world for him which is important to me, not the shortsighted reimbursement for the type of leaf how blowers that homeowners use.

Our environment needs protection and conservation. It absolutely does not need another version of destruction. Shame on the financial town meeting quickly passing such as myopic, ill-considered proposal. Barrington can do better.

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Sports

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Barrington golfers grab silver at states

Strong second day gives LaSalle the title

The Barrington High School golf team saved some of its best for performances for the state championship, but the impressive scores would not be enough.

The Eagles held the lead after the first day of the two-day competition, and were still ahead of LaSalle Academy about half-way through there second day. But the Rams put together an impressive finish and captured the title. LaSalle carded a 596, while Barrington finished in second place, 10 shots back at 606.

East Greenwich, North Kingstown and Moses Brown rounded out the top five.

Cole Vieira finished at 149 — the Barrington High School senior had a 75 on the first day and a 74 on the second.

Freshman AJ Colonna played very well on the first day, firing a 72. He tallied an 80 on the second day to finish at 152.

Barrington High School junior Adam Gorman had a 77 on the first day of the tournament and a 76 on the second day. His 153 was strong enough for third-best on the Eagles.

Lily Dessel carded a 78 on the first day and a



Barrington High School's Adam Gorman hits a putt at the state golf tournament.

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77 on the second day for a total of 155. Dessel finished third in the girls tournament.

Christian Vieira tallied a 156 — he scored a 79 on the first day and a 77 on the second. Sean Bonneau had a day one total of 78 and an 82 on day two for a total of 160.

Claire McTaggart finished fifth in the girls tournament with a two-day total of 167.

Barrington High School golfers who missed the cut:

Ryan O'Connell — 81 Ian McTaggart — 84

- Nolan Leonard 85
- Connor Hayes 86

Isabelle Chen — 92

JV standouts

Connor Hayes — Boys JV State Champion (37)

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Andre Gil — T-10th Boys JV State Championship (44)

Henry Kelsey - T-10th Boys JV State Championship(44)

Eagles prep for playoffs with win over EP

Barrington volleyball team hosts Lincoln on Wednesday night

The Barrington High School boys volleyball team clinched the Division II title for the first time since 2012, after defeating East Providence on Friday, May 26.

Playing at home on senior night against East Providence, the Eagles swept the Town-

ies, 3-0, with games scores 27-25, 25-19, 30-28.

"The seniors came in that night ready to play," said Barrington Coach Christian Lambert.

Senior co-captain Immanuel Alcindor had a big defensive showing with five blocks and contributed on offense with 12 attacks.

Senior Nolan Sheehan was strong from the service line with 85 percent, including one ace. And Senior Jake Juutilainen had a big offensive night with 11 kills on 26 attempts, three aces on 12 attempts, and eight digs.

"Our bench is deep and the guys trust that any player can sub in and contribute to our success. I'm very proud of these seniors and admire their dedication to the program," said Coach Lambert.

The Eagles had a first round bye last Thursday night and are now poised to face a surg-

hospital.

ing Lincoln Lions team. The Eagles swept the Lions in their first meeting. However, the Lions have been coming on strong in the last weeks of the season and took the Eagles to five sets on May 8.

The Division II semifinals match will be held at Barrington High School on Wednesday, June 7 at 6 p.m.

"Come out and pack the gym to support the Eagles," Coach Lambert said.



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Eagles lose to Rams in state finals

Barrington boys tennis falls, 4-2, in D-I finals

As the regular season drew to a close, the Barrington High School boys tennis team picked up an impressive win over LaSalle Academy.

The victory propelled Barrington as it headed into the playoffs, and on Saturday, the two teams met again with the Division I state championship hanging in the balance.

This time, LaSalle won 4-2.

"The win we had late in the season and the state final were both close matches," said Barrington High School Coach Story Salit. "[The] State final was probably even closer with five of the matches going to three sets, which is unheard of."

Barrington won team points with victories at first doubles and third singles. Gabe Anderson and Bryce Kupperman remained undefeated for the season.

Jeremy Kuo won his match at third singles, and Barrington's number one singles player Luke Sapolsky was on his way to winning his match when LaSalle secured victories at second and fourth singles, and second and third doubles.

"They flipped second and third doubles," Salit said. "Their guys played well and executed at the end, and we struggled to have a steady rhythm in those two matches."

Salit said his team was great to work all season.

"Top to bottom, the guys were very coachable and our team is full of talent," Salit said. "Our depth and also togetherness is outstanding."



No. 1 singles player, Luke Sapolsky, hits the ball back over the net while rallying with his LaSalle opponent.

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No. 3 singles player, Jeremy Kuo rallies with a LaSalle opponent during the Division I finals, Saturday.

Eagles blank Mounties, 4-0, in semifinals

The Eagles punched their ticket to the state finals with a 4-0 win over Mount St. Charles in the semifinals. Barrington won three singles matches and one doubles match to lock up the victory.

Bielecki, 6-1, 6-2. Charlie Martin defeated Nick Zinno, 6-2, 6-1, and Vineet Abbineni defeated Peter Burke, 6-2, 6-3.

Barrington's number one doubles team of Gabe Anderson and Bryce Kupperman defeated Nick Dimino and Sam Elkerton, 6-1, 6-0.

In singles matches, Barrington's Luke Sapolsky defeated the Mount's Ted

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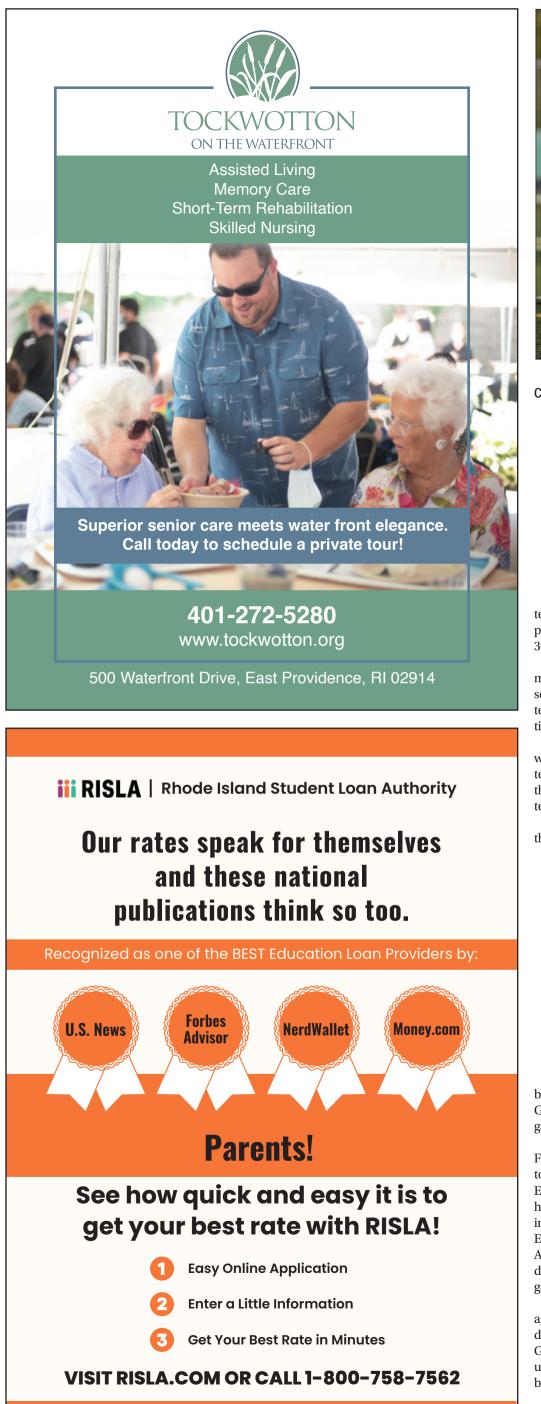
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Colin Hope uses his shoulder to push a defender away while trying to reach the net.

Eagles stumble in third quarter, eliminated from playoffs

Barrington loses to Moses Brown, 15-7, in boys lacrosse semis

The Barrington High School boys lacrosse team lost to Moses Brown, 15-7, in a Division I playoff semifinal match-up on Tuesday, May 30.

The Eagles entered the game with a determined effort and battled closely the secondseeded Quakers throughout the first two quarters. Barrington trailed by two goals at halftime.

"Down 7-5 at the half, we felt good about where we were," stated a press release from the team. "Unfortunately, we stumbled in the third quarter, and you can't stumble against a team of Moses Brown's caliber."

The Quakers expanded their lead in the third and kept Barrington at-bay in the fourth. Nick Spaight led the Eagles' scoring with three goals, while Jake Ignall, Ben Parylak, Chase Squires, and Colin Hope each added single goals. Squires won 18 of 26 face-offs, and Barrington goalkeeper Ryan Valentine recorded 14 saves.

JULIE FURTADO

"Despite the ultimate 15-7 loss, there is a ton to be celebrated by this team," stated the release. "Our 10-4 league record was team's first winning season since 2018. This group embraced the work and the team concept from day one. The coaches couldn't be more proud, and the greater Barrington lacrosse community's support was a constant source of motivation."

The coaching staff wished the graduating seniors the best of luck in the future, adding that they will always be part of the Eagles lacrosse family.

"The parting sentiment from our younger guys as we left the bus was that they are hungry to get back after it next season."

Eagles take aim at Avengers in baseball playoffs

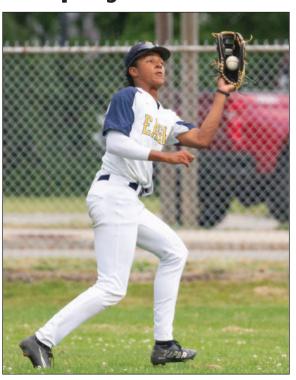
Barrington will play East Greenwich on Wednesday

The Barrington High School baseball team will square off against East Greenwich in a Division II playoff game on Wednesday, June 7.

Barrington opened the playoffs on Friday with an 8-4 win against Middletown. Harrison Cooley pitched for the Eagles, while Eli Terrell delivered a key hit. The victory propelled Barrington into the winner's bracket final against East Greenwich on Saturday. The Avengers won that game 6-2, and dropped Barrington into a must-win game against Middletown on Monday.

The Eagles scored early and often against the Islanders, and strong defensive plays late in the game by Gabe Tanous and Trevor Snow locked up the win. Quinn Murphy crushed a ball deep to right field for a triple.

Barrington will play at East Greenwich on Wednesday, June 7, at 5 p.m.



RICHARD W. DIONNE JR. Right fielder Miles Fontaine ranges back to make a catch during Friday's game.

Eagles place at states; boys sprint to fourth place

Barrington hurdler brings is tops in RI

The Barrington High School boys and girls track teams scored top-10 finishes at the state track championship on Saturday, June 3.

The boys team scored 46 points and finished fourth, while the girls team scored 38 points and finished eighth.

Boys meet

Ethan Knight won the 110-meter hurdles at states. Knight finished with a time of 15.04 seconds.

Chucky Potter soared to a third place finish in the pole vault. Potter cleared the bar at 11 feet, six inches. Ryan Martin finished in eighth place with a height of 11 feet.

Fritz Muehlbauer, Knight, Will DiGiacomo and Iain DeBoth teamed up to finish third in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:31.71. DiGiacomo ran the third leg and clocked the fastest time for any Barrington runner at 51.4 seconds.

Michael Fay scored key points for Barrington — the senior finished fourth in the javelin and fifth in the hammer throw. Freshman Caleb





PHOTOS BY RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

LEFT: Barrington's Michael Fay finished fifth in the hammer throw at states. RIGHT: Barrington's Ellie Noonan clears the bar in the pole vault event at states.

DeBoth finished fourth in the 4x100-meter

relay.

Girls meet

Ellie Noonan stole the show for the Barrington High School girls track team. Competing in the pole vault, Noonan set a new school record of 10 feet and finished second overall. Noonan and another girl battled in a "jump off" as the two athletes jumped the same height.

Sophia Ford also set a new school record in the triple jump. Ford jumped 35 feet, 2.5 inches and finished third overall. The junior standout also placed third in the long jump with a distance of 16 feet, 11.5 inches.

In addition, Ford ran the anchor leg for the Eagles' 4x100-meter relay team that placed fifth. Ford teamed up with Chelsea Duncan, Isys Dunphy and Maddie Gill.

Olivia Johnson, Sara Chang, Indie Lamb and Caroline Reznik finished fourth in the 4x800meter relay event.

Jordan Roskiewicz placed fifth in the 100-meter hurdles and came back to place eighth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Eva Garofano finished sixth in the discus, and Lily Cregan placed eighth in the hammer.

As a team, Barrington had 19 athletes compete. Twelve of them scored points for the Eagles.



JULIE FURTADO

Alexandra Hope races toward the goal after taking possession on the first draw.

Eagles lose to Avengers in lacrosse semifinals, 13-11

Barrington's bid for state title comes up just short

Violet Gagliano and Emma Johnson each scored four goals, but it would not be enough as the Barrington High School girls lacrosse team lost to East Greenwich 13-11 in the Division I semifinals on Thursday night, June 1.

Gagliano finished the game with four goals, two assists, seven draw controls, three ground balls and one caused turnover in her final high school game. Johnson found the back of the Avengers' net four times, and BHS junior Anna Lombardi scored two goals, had one assist, four draw controls and one caused turnover.

Kate McAdams stopped four East Greenwich shots.

For the Avengers, Mila Rowe had four goals and Lily Peters finished with three goals and one assist. Fiona Baxter played well in net for East Greenwich and Helena Dunwoody had a goal and two assists.

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Satisfield finished fifth in the high jump, and DeBoth was sixth in the 200.

Charly Potter, Alex McClelland, Knight and

relay, while Charlie Stockwell, Daniel Chun, Marius Bonard and Muehlbauer teamed up for a seventh-place finish in the 4x800-meter

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If you want to let everyone know that you (or your child) is graduating, now is the time to get the information to the Barrington Times. Some colleges and universities don't include majors, honors received, parents' names or employment plans.

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We will begin running the notices on June 21 as space permits and print all the students from each university or college together when we receive the list from the college (so, please be patient).

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CSP students earn high scores at state festival

On May 20, Community String Project students participated in the R.I. Music Educators Solo & Ensemble Festival at Ponaganset High School. The festival is open to Rhode Island students, elementary through high school, looking for an opportunity to receive feedback on a musical performance and a rating from a

professional adjudicator.

Among the CSP students who received "Superior" and "Excellent" ratings is Nicolas Solar, a student at Barrington High Schoo.

To learn more about the Community String Project, visit communitystringproject.org. **ALLY MAHONEY** of Barrington was named to the spring semester dean's list at Lasell University.

HEIDI GROVE, CAITLIN CUM-MINGS and **WILLIAM RYWOLT** of Barrington were named to the spring dean's list at Stonehill College.

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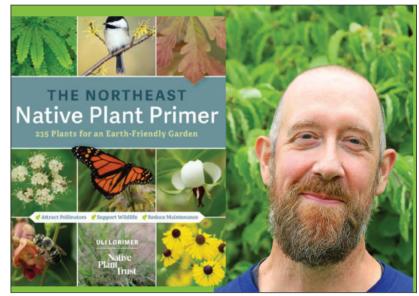
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Uli Lorimer, author of "The Northeast Plant Primer: 235 Plants for an Earth-Friendly Garden," will help you identify the perfect native plants for your garden. The free presentation is on Tuesday, June 13, at 7 p.m. in the Salem Family Auditorium at Barrington Public Library on County Road.

The event is free and open to the public. Advance registration is required due to limited space. Reserve a seat at https://www.blct. org/event/uli-lorimer. A virtual option is available.

The presentation will last about one hour.

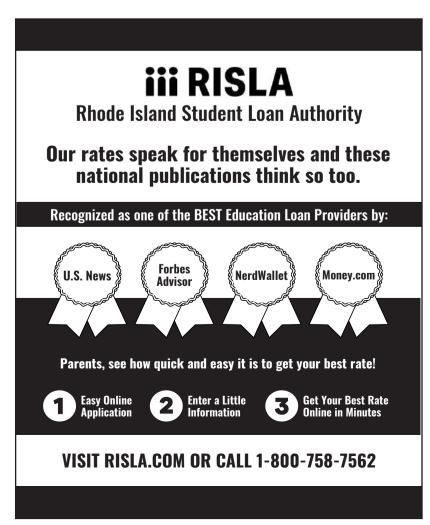
A Delaware native, Lorimer grew up with an interest in all things green. He's transformed that passion into a career. His new sourcebook includes 235 recommended native trees, shrubs, vines, ferns, wildflowers, grasses, sedges and annuals.

He is director of horticulture at the New England Wild Flower Society and oversees Garden in the Woods, the society's botanic garden in Framingham, Mass., and Nasami Farm in western Massachusetts, a nursery focused on propagation of and research about New England native plants.

He was curator of the native flora garden at Brooklyn Botanic Garden for 15 years before joining the New England Wild Flower Society.

The presentation is part of the 2023 Land Trust Learning Series organized by the Barrington Land Conservation Trust in partnership with Barrington Public Library.

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Indigenous perspective on native plants tonight

Explore the meaning and uses of native plants in the traditional life ways of the Narragansett People with one of Rhode Island's most recognized and acclaimed Indigenous leaders, Lorén M. Spears, executive director of Tomaquag Museum.

The presentation is on Wednesday, June 7, at 7 p.m. in the Salem Family Auditorium at Barrington Public Library on County Road. It is part of the 2023 Land Trust Learning Series organized by the Barrington Land Conservation Trust in partnership with the library.

Spears' talk is about 1 hour and will be followed by a short reception. The event is free and open to the public. Advance registration is required due to limited space. Reserve a seat at https://www.blct. org/event/lorenspears. A virtual option is available.

Spears holds a master's in education and a doctor of humane letters, honoris causa, from the University of Rhode Island and doctor of education, honoris causa, from Roger Williams University.

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Scavenger Hunt by **Barrington Lions Club**

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The hunt begins on Friday, June 9, at 5 p.m. and ends on Sunday, June 11, during the Barrington Street Fair. Complete a task list for prizes and bragging rights. The \$25 team entry fee benefits the club's community service projects and scholarship fund.

Register online at BarringtonRI LionsClub.org.

Dance party on Friday features a samba lesson

Friday night dance parties are hosted twice a month by Nelia Lawton. The next is on Friday, June 9, at 186 Roffee St.

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their bikes maintained and working

The Barrington Lions Club will

give away (and properly size/fit)

bike helmets for kids (while supplies

last) and there will be plenty of other

fun prizes and bike safety educa-

Once you have a handle on bike

safety, take a spin around a bike

obstacle course where you can prac-

tice maneuvers, avoiding rocks and

other hazards, hand signals, and

stopping and braking. The Bar-

rington Police will answer any safety

questions and educate kids on the

There will be an ice cream truck

and look at them together.

over 36 years.

signals, and more.

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tional materials.

rules of the road.

from 8 to 11 p.m. New this year is a ballroom line dance lesson at 9 p.m. to match the dance taught at 7:30.

All are welcome. Cocktail attire. Admission is \$20 and includes dance lesson, hot pizza, salad, dessert, coffee and tea. There is a cash bar. Call or text Nelia at 245-1119 or email dancenelia@aol.com.

Tap-In celebrating 40th with an open house

Tap-In (Touch a Person in Need) is celebrating its 40th anniversary of serving the East Bay community with an open house on Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tap-In, 281 County Road, Barrington.

Come see how Tap-In is helping the community. Refreshments will be served. Bring your children, visit the library and enjoy the playground.

The all-volunteer organization serves people in need in East Providence, Warren, Bristol and Barrington. There is a distribution area, a client-choice pantry on the first floor, and handicapped access. The nonprofit agency accepts donations of seasonal children's clothing and household items, including small appliances, pots and pans, bed linens, blankets and comforters. All donations are tax-deductible.

Tap-In is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 247-1444 or visit www.tapinri.org.

Vigil for peace and justice is each month

A vigil for peace and justice is held

on the second Saturday of each month, June 10, from 11 a.m. to noon in front of the Bristol post office, Hope Street.

It is sponsored by East Bay Citizens for Peace. All are welcome. For more information, email info@eastbaycitizens4peace.org or visit www. eastbaycitizens4peace.org.

Visit Barrington Village booth at the Street Fair

Barrington Village is a community of volunteers working together to enhance the experience of growing older in town. They invite everyone to visit their booth at the Sunday, June 11, Street Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wood Street next to the Santander parking lot.

The booth will feature two challenging games, and if you can meet either challenge you will win a prize from a local merchant. Prizes have been donated by Sweet Lorraine's, Piezoni's, Pita Pocket, Brickyard Pizza, Nacho Mama's, Thrive Tribe and Prince Ali's Kebab.

Challenge 1 is to identify 10 out of 12 photos of locations in Barrington. The photos have been cropped to make identification more difficult, but every picture should be familiar.

Challenge 2 involves the popular game cornhole. A cornhole board will be set up, and your challenge is

AT THE YMCA

The Bayside YMCA offers a variety of programs at 70 West St., Barrington. For more information on any of these activities, call the Y at 245-2444 or visit www.ymcagreater providence.org.

to Aug. 25. Registration is filling up, so call or visit the website soon for information.

• Summer camps will run June 26

• A Squash Camp will be at St.

Andrew's School from July 7 to 14.

• Two new classes are being offered. Yoga is from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. in the remodeled spin studio. And, Mastery Martial Arts for kids ages 5 to 6 and 7 to 12 is offered.

• The new cycle studio at the Y will host a ribbon cutting event with the Champlin Foundation to inaugurate the new space on Wednesday, June 21.

Longbridge

for a cool treat after all that riding. All are welcome, and families are encouraged to ride their bikes if possible.

Police Cove Park is located on County Road right on the East Bay Bike Path. Limited on-site parking is available.

Giveaways and prizes are firstcome, first-served.

Book talk and signing

Barrington Books, in partnership with the Barrington Public Library, presents New York Times best-selling author Patrick Radden Keefe for a book discussion and signing to follow at the Salem Family Auditorium on Saturday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m.

The event celebrates the paperback release of "Rogues: True Stories of Grifters, Killers, Rebels and Crooks," a collection of 12 New Yorker stories, covering a dozen years, most of them about people behaving badly

This is a ticketed event. General admission for the presentation only is free. Presentation and book signing tickets include a copy of the paperback book and admission to the signing line after the presentation.

Books will be available to purchase at the event as well.

Barrington Public Library at 281 County Road is open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more info: 247-1920 or visit www.barring tonlibrary.org.

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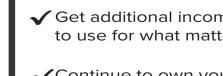
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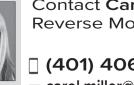


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to throw four bean bags and have

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board. To win a super prize you will need to "bag the hole" at least once. The booth will also have lots of information about Barrington Vil-

them land and stay on the cornhole

Retired Teachers to hold spring luncheon

lage. too.

The East Bay Retired Teachers Association will host a spring luncheon on Thursday, June 15, at the Grist Mill in Seekonk. It will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by the scholarship raffle.

The luncheon is an open menu with individual checks to each participant. They need a count, so email Anne Laderer at eprov106@gmail. com or call 433-4959 by June 8.

The program features Anna Ambrosino, who will explain the progress of revamping the pension hybrid system and the group's association with Ted Seidel helping to reinstate COLAs.

Our Project will make monetary donations to the scholarship fund. Remember to bring your new raffle items to support the scholarship program, which has been resumed this year. It provides two scholarships to deserving high school seniors from East Providence High School and Mt. Hope High School.

OBITUARIES

Mary Louise Ryan

Known for her sparkling, funny, kind and adventurous personality

Mary Lou (Foster) Ryan passed away peacefully on Monday, May 15, 2023, surrounded by her loving family at home. She was the beloved



whom she shared 60 years of marriage. Born in New Bedford, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Dr. Gilbert and Mary (Clancy) Foster.

wife of Maury Ryan, with

Mary Lou met Maury in New York City. After they married, they moved to

Rochester, N.Y. They settled down in Barrington, R.I., in 1970, where Mary Lou helped to form and direct the Children's Theater, and starred on stage in the Barrington Players' Cole Porter and other shows. She was a talented singer and performer.

Mary Lou attended the Newton College of the Sacred Heart, and later obtained a master's degree in Social Work from Boston College. She then worked for many years as a social worker for West Bay and Woonsocket Head Start. It was her nature to take others under her wing, and she was known to help the underprivileged get back on their feet.

Mary Lou was a Master Gardener and belonged to the Rhode Island Botanic Center, where she helped organize Fairy Days and Christmas Wreath Decorating events, among others. She was also a member of the R.I. Orchid Society and the Edgewood Gardening Club.

She was known for her sparkling, funny, kind and adventurous personality, and she made everyone feel welcome in her presence. She was blessed to be always surrounded by many friends, with whom she shared a "sisterhood."

Mary Lou was the loving mother of Maury Foster Ryan, Sara Louise Ryan, Matthew Vincent Ryan and Yooja Hillary Ryan; grandmother of Liam Rvan and Logan Rvan-Bartone.

She will be missed dearly by all who knew and loved her.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather with the family for visitation on Saturday, June 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Thomas and Walter Quinn Funeral Home, 2435 Warwick Ave., Warwick, RI. There will be a short Memorial Service to follow, starting at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions to The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA), 290 Turnpike Rd., Suite 5-315, Westborough, MA 01581 are greatly appreciated.

Benjamin Wooding

September 30,1935 - May 23, 2023 (age 87)

Benjamin E. Wooding, 87, of 173 Alps Road, Branford, Conn., died peacefully at The Connecticut Hospice in Branford, Conn., on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

He was the beloved husband of the late Lucille R. Wooding for 60 years.

Born in New Haven, Conn., he was the son of the late Edward N. and Miriam (Addis) Wooding and the brother of Harvey M. Wooding of Redding, Conn.

He was a longtime resident of Barrington (56 years) with Lucille until moving to Con-

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BARRINGTON COLLECTOR'S SALE OF

ESTATES FOR TAXES AND/OR ASSESSMENTS

DUE AND UNPAID

The undersigned, Finance Director, of the Town of Barrington, hereby gives notice that she will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Barrington Town Hall at 283 County Road, Barrington, Rhode Island, 02806 on the 14th of June. 2023 at 9:00 A.M. Local Time, the following described parcels of real estate (for the levy upon which notice is hereby given) or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the real estate taxes and/ or assessments which constitute a lien thereon as set forth in the original advertisement of the 24th day of May, 2023 in the Barrington Times Newspaper to which reference is hereby made.

Be advised that if your property in which you have a substantial interest is sold at tax sale, then you have one year to redeem it through the Collector's Office or through the tax sale purchaser by tendering the real estate taxes, sewer and/or assessments paid, plus a ten percent penalty on the tax sale amount, plus one percent interest on the tax sale amount per month from the seventh month onward.

After the passage of one year, you may exercise your right to redeem through the tax sale purchaser or his attorney, or, if a petition to foreclose your right of redemption has been filed in Superior Court, you may redeem through the Court until a final decree is entered forever foreclosing your right of redemption.

Property, upon which taxes have been paid since the advertisement first appeared, will not, of course, be included in the sale.

TERMS: CASH OR BANK CHECK ONLY Kathy Raposa, CPA, Finance Director Town of Barrington 401-247-1900

necticut in 2018.

Ben graduated from Williams College (Williamstown, Mass.) in 1957.

He worked in sales for 10 years after college before settling on a career in advertising. He worked at various agencies in Boston, Mass., before opening his own agency in Providence, R.I. He worked there until his retirement. In his retirement, he enjoyed doing his own investing/day trading and did extensive traveling with Lucille.

Ben is survived by his brother, Harvey M. Wooding of Redding, Conn., his daughter, Catherine (Wooding) Kinsella of Guilford, Conn., and three grandchildren, Carrie Kinsella of New Haven, Conn., Christina Kinsella of Herndon, Va., and Patrick Kinsella of Branford. Conn.

There will be a private burial at a later date in Wallingford, Conn.

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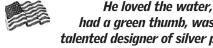
BY MAIL: Barrington Times, Community News, P.O. Box 90, Bristol, RI 02809 **BY FAX:** 401/253-6055

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

Or stop by our office at 1 Bradford St., Bristol. Photos are encouraged. Email us a high-resolution jpg or tif and send it as an attachment. Milestone events, such as births, weddings, engagements, etc., must be submitted within the year following the event.

DEADLINE: 9 a.m. on Monday

Photos of events, people, etc. available for purchase eastbayri.com



had a green thumb, was a talented designer of silver pieces Burr A. Sebring (95), of Bar-

rington, R.I., passed away peacefully with his family by his side on

June 1, 2023. He was

born on February 6,

1928, to William and



Claribel Sebring in Altay, N.Y. Burr grew up on a small family farm in rural upstate New York, thus instilling his lifelong work ethic. Throughout high

school, he was an enthusiastic sportsman, a varsity athlete in baseball, basketball, and football. Burr was a proud graduate of Dundee Central High School, class of 1945.

Burr served in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. from 1950 to1952. While in the Army, he married his beautiful wife and best friend, Mary Catherine "Kit" Cowley, on July 11, 1951, in Corning, N.Y. After his two years in the service, Burr's short-lived sporting career peaked in 1952 when he pitched for the then-Philadelphia A's AAA baseball team for one season.

He graduated with honors from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1958, later being recognized as a distinguished alumnus in 1976. Upon graduating, he was immediately hired by Gorham Manufacturing Co. in Providence, R.I., which brought Burr and Kit to their forever home in Barrington. While at Gorham, he worked with distinction for 25 years, first as a designer and then as Director of Design. During his time at Gorham, he designed and crafted many nationally recognized flatware sets

A true California beauty, known for her love of life

Laura Belle Lupton Swain, or "Lolly" to her friends and associates, died peacefully Wednesday at her home in Barrington, R.I,



years, predeceased her in 2011. A true California beauty, known for her love of life, her laugh, charm, and old-school "gumption," Laura was loved by everyone who

with her family at her

side. She was 96. Herbert

Woodward Swain, her

beloved husband of 68

had the good fortune of knowing her. She was creative in her kitchen, her garden and her lovely home.

Laura's children, in-laws, grandchildren and great-grandchildren all adored her, always looking forward to visiting "Howie" at her home on the Barrington River. She loved golf and tennis and was always ready for a sing-along at a piano. An excellent storyteller and raconteuse, Laura taught her family to stay positive, and enjoy life to the fullest. no matter what cards they were dealt.

Born in McAllister, OK in 1926, the daughter of Purcell and Dorothy Lupton, Laura grew up in San Bernardino, Calif. While on a high school weekend trip to Laguna Beach. Cali., in 1943, she met Capt. Herb Swain, a Marine pilot from Dartmouth, stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro. So began a lifelong love affair. They married just before Herb was called to duty in the Pacific. Their first child Sandra was born a year after.

Burr A. Sebring

and silver pieces, some being featured in museums across the country.

After leaving Gorham, his silversmithing career hit its stride as he worked independently at Burr Sebring Designs Ltd., where he continued designing and creating silver pieces until his death.

Burr enjoyed spending his summers with his family and extended family at their cottage on Keuka Lake in upstate New York. Burr's love for the water grew when he began teaching himself to sail on Narragansett Bay. He was an avid sailor at the Barrington Yacht Club, winning several awards. He and his wife had a green thumb, working endlessly together in their garden where they enjoyed hosting many parties with lifelong friends.

He is survived by his son, Burr Peter Sebring (Mellissa Brightman) of Bristol, R.I., and daughter, Catherine Anne Glazzard of Barrington, R.I. He was the beloved grandfather of Benjamin Sebring, Chase Glazzard, and Cole Glazzard. An admired uncle to several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Mary Catherine, his brothers, W. Cole and J. Clarence Sebring, and his nephew, John "Jack" Cole Sebring.

He was an extraordinary person who will be honored and missed by all.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 16, 2023, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington, R.I.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Burr's memory may be made to Visiting Nurse Home & Hospice. Donations can be made online at visitingnursehh.org/giving/

For online condolences, please visit: www.wilbur-romano.com

Laura B. Swain

Following World War II, Laura and Herb briefly resided in La Jolla before moving East to Plainfield, N.J. They made many moves around the country given Herb's career in the retail business, and Laura made friends wherever they went. They finally settled in Barrington, R.I. in 1975 where Herb was a Company Principal at Cherry & Webb.

Professionally, Laura had various business interests in southern New England. She was also a member of the Rhode Island Country Club, the Junior League, the Barrington Garden Club, and the Handicraft Club of Rhode Island. She and Herb were parishioners at Saint John's Episcopal Church in Barrington. Later when Herb renewed his pilot's license, Laura helped him "navigate" his Piper Cherokee with her children and grandchildren up and down the East Coast.

Laura is survived by her son Herbert W. Jr. "Woody" (Marjorie Gregg) of New York City, daughter Laura Ladd of Hillsborough, N.C. (Jay), and son Thomas Lupton (Kerima) of Walnut Creek, Calif. Her grandchildren are Jessica Lupton Heywood (Greg Kaufman) of Washington, D.C., Samuel Swain Heywood (Molly) of Portland, Ore., Edward Wyatt Swain (Eliza) of Rye, N.Y., James Wyatt Ladd of New York City, Kailen and Cody Swain of San Francisco, and five great-grandchildren.

Laura was predeceased by her husband, her daughter Sandra Lupton, her brother Purcell Lupton and sister Nancy Lupton. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hope Hospice of RI, Rhode Island SPCA or St. John's Episcopal Church of Barrington, RI.

Please visit www.smithmason.com for online condolences.

Marion Bean

Professor and department Chair for many years at Barrington College, then Gordon College

Marion T. Bean, 96, peacefully entered her heavenly home on Monday, May 22, 2023, at Hope Health Hulitar Hospice Center in Providence, R.I. She lived in Riverside, R.I. and Barrington, R.I., before moving to Anchor Bay



Assisted Living in East Providence, R.I. She was born in Sidney, Maine, on October 24, 1926, to the late Harold T. and Mabelle

A. (Freeman) Bean. Marion graduated from Cony High School in 1943 at the age of 16. She worked for two years to fund her college education (and to

buy her first car so she could go home to Maine). In the fall of 1945 Marion arrived at Providence Bible College, graduating in 1948. She went on to receive her B.A. from Barrington College in 1950. She studied at Bryant College and the University of Rhode Island before obtaining her M.Ed. at Boston University in 1959 and the Ed.D. in 1974. In 1977 her doctoral research was one of three selected in the USA for presentation at the National Business Education Conference.

A long career in Christian Education began as a member of the staff at Barrington College until she was granted the rank of Full Professor in 1956. She taught at her Alma Mater until 1985, when Barrington College merged with Gordon College. She continued with the College until her retirement in 1991. During her tenure at Barrington, Dr. Bean was Director and Professor of Business/Economics as well as Chairperson, Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences and then Media Specialist and Professor of Education at Gordon. In 1999 Dr. Bean was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award at Gordon College for a lifetime of service to the College, its community and mission

Marion's heart for ministry extended beyond academia. She was a founding member of the Barrington Baptist Church. She served as Treasurer for the church for over 50 years and was considered a visionary in supporting the development of the Barrington Christian Academy, the Life Enrichment Counseling Center, and the Wee Care Day Care Center. After her official retirement in 2007, Marion continued her ministry by encouraging others and visiting with the elderly and infirm.

In her free time, she enjoyed her frequent trips to Maine, where she tended to her flowers and yard.

Marion loved her extended family of 11 nephews and nieces, 30 great-nephews and nieces, 50 great-great-nephews and nieces, and 3 great-great-nephews and nieces. She always enjoyed attending family events and rejoiced when there was a new addition to this ever-growing group.

In addition to her parents, Marion is predeceased by her two brothers, Clarence (Marguerite) and Charles (Sarah), and her sister, Carolyn (Louis) Uttaro.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at Anchor Bay who lovingly cared for Marion and supported her independent spirit during her final years.

A funeral service will be held on June 9, 2023 at 2pm at West Sidney Baptist Church, 51 Pond Road, Sidney, Maine. Burial will follow at the Bean Cemetery, Route 27 Sidney.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the West Sidney Baptist Church, 51 Pond Road, Sidney, Maine 04330.

Arrangements are in the care of the Knowlton and Hewins Funeral Home, 1 Church Street, Augusta where condolences and memories may be shared with the family on the obituary page of the funeral home website by visiting www.khrfuneralhomes.com

James B. Durkin

Barrington native, he worked in the entertainment industry in California

James B. Durkin, 59, formerly of Barrington, died unexpectedly on Friday Jan. 27, 2023, in Studio City, Calif.

Born in Schenectady, N.Y., a son of William T. Durkin of Barrington and the late Anne M. (Deakin) Durkin, he lived in Barrington and Studio City, Calif.



Barrington High School, Class of 1981, and Berklee College of Music, Boston, Class of 1985. He moved to Los Angeles after graduation to work in the entertainment Industry and he was very dedicated to his work.

Besides his father, he is survived by his

brothers and sister, William T. Durkin Jr. MD and his wife Patricia of Escondido, Calif., George D. Durkin and his wife Sheryl of Las Vegas, Nev., Marita Durkin Gray, Esq. and her husband Wayne of Swansea, Mass., Thomas J. Durkin and his wife Celia of Swansea, Mass., and Brian J. Durkin and his wife Kimberly of Barrington; and his nieces and nephews, Andrew Durkin, Patrick Durkin, Lauren Durkin, Madeline Durkin, Caileigh Durkin, Bennett Durkin and Charles Durkin.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial in Holy Angels Church, Maple Avenue, Barrington on Friday, June 16, 2023, at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in Forest Chapel Cemetery, Nayatt Road, Barrington. Arrangements are by the W. RAY-MOND WATSON FUNERAL HOME, Riverside. For online condolences please visit wrwatsonfuneralhome.com

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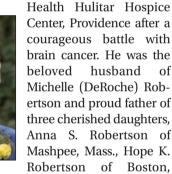


Alexander P. Robertson III MD

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Gifted athlete and surgeon, beloved doctor, devoted father

Alexander P. Robertson III MD, 54, of Barrington, RI passed away on May 24, 2023, surrounded by his loving family at the Hope-



Mashpee, Mass., Hope K. Robertson of Boston, Mass., and Katherine T. Robertson of Bar-

rington, R.I. Alex was born December 1, 1968, in Albany, N.Y., the son of Prudence (Prescott) Robertson of Vero Beach, Fla., and Dublin, N.H., and the late Russell W. Robertson, MD. He is also survived by his two sisters, Katherine R. Tarrant of Darien, Conn., and Elizabeth R. Sheehan (and husband William) of Fairfield, Conn., as well as three nieces, Lily P. Tarrant, Louise P. Sheehan, Katherine M. Sheehan, and nephew, Russell R. Tarrant. In addition to the unconditional love and support from his family, Alex was supported by many close and compassionate friends throughout his illness.

Alex spent his childhood in West Hartford, Conn., where he was introduced to the medical field at an early age by his father, Russell, who was an Ear, Nose and Throat surgeon at Hartford Hospital. Alex shared his father's passion for healthcare and chose to care for those in need above all else. Alex attended high school at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor. Conn., where he excelled academically and athletically, graduating Cum Laude in 1987, serving as a member of the varsity soccer and lacrosse teams and as a nationally ranked squash player. Following high school, he completed his undergraduate degree at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., graduating in 1991, where he played varsity lacrosse and squash, was a member of the Chi Herot fraternity, and graduated Cum Laude. Before entering medical school, he spent a year working on the ski slopes in Telluride, CO.

Alex earned his medical degree at the University of Virginia in 1997 before completing his residency and Trauma Fellowship in orthopedic surgery at Brown University in Provi-

dence, R.I., in 2002. He furthered his medical training at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, where he completed a fellowship in

Spine. Alex joined University Orthopedics in 2004 as an Orthopedic Spine Surgeon. He was the recipient of the 2022 Excellence in Teaching Award at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University Department of Orthopedics. He also won the award in 2015; this recognition underscores his exceptional dedication to teaching and mentorship. He was a beloved and attentive doctor and took great pride in trying to restore a better quality of life to all of his patients.

In spite of all of his medical success, he was most proud of his three daughters. A devoted father, he was always there for his girls, coaching them all in numerous sports over the years and attending every one of their events and games. He was also a loving son and brother who cherished family traditions such as the annual Robertson Thanksgiving soccer tournament.

He was adventurous and had a deep love of the outdoors. As a young boy he traveled all over the world with his father, while developing a passion for fishing. In addition, he enjoyed skiing, mountain biking, kayaking, and hiking, especially with his wife Michelle and beloved dogs, Clyde and Dublin. He also enjoyed all racquet sports, including tennis, paddle tennis and squash.

It is with profound gratitude that the family would like to thank the staff at HopeHealth Hulitar Hospice for their care and compassion.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Barrington Congregational Church, 461 County Road, Barrington on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 11 a.m. Calling hours and flowers are respectfully omitted. Contributions in Alex's memory to the Special Olympics (https://support.specialolympics.org) and the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) (https://give.abta. org/give/261975/#!/donation/checkout) (ABTA) 8550 W Bryn Mawr Ave, Ste 550 Chicago, IL 60631 would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements are by the W.RAYMOND WAT-SON FUNERAL HOME, Riverside. For online condolences please visit www.wrwatsonfuneralhome.com

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Police officer, Army Reservist, Court baliff, active in his church

Joseph E. "Joe" Pine, Jr., aged 77, of Barrington, died unexpect-

edly on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at his



home. A son of the late Joseph E. Pine Sr. and Gilda (Proto) Pine, he grew up in Bristol and spent most of his life in Barrington. He was the loving husband of Judy (DeSpirito) Pine, to whom he was married for 22 years. After serving his

Joseph E. Pine Jr.

country in the Army Reserve, Joe joined the Barrington Police Department, where he dedicated 27 years to working as a patrolman and senior citizen liaison officer before retiring in 2002. He went on to be employed as a security guard at Twin River Casino and was honored to be appointed the position of bailiff for the Barrington Municipal Court. Deeply rooted in faith and kindness, Joe was a faithful and valued church community member of Holy Angels Parish in Barrington, who eagerly volunteered at church functions and always lent a helping hand whenever needed.

Ioe was a member of the Massasoit Gun Club and Barrington United Veterans Coalition who was known for his exceptional culinary talents and enjoyed the

simple pleasures of life - taking leisurely drives, relaxing in his yard, tending his garden, practicing his guitar, and playing card games, as well as joining his fellow retired police officers for breakfast. Above all, Joe cherished his family and treasured the time they spent together on holidays, birthdays, and other occasions.

Besides his beloved wife, Joe is survived by his daughter, Jo-Ann Lemay, and her husband Jeff of Providence, his son, Joseph E. Pine III of Woonsocket, and his two stepsons, Eric and Shawn DeHart, both of Barrington. He was the brother of Mary Cabral of Bristol, and grandfather of Ronald Pelletier III of Barrington, along with being a brother-in-law, uncle, and great-uncle.

Visitation at Smith Funeral & Memorial Services, 8 Schoolhouse Road, Warren, was Sunday. June 4, 2023, from 3 to 6 p.m. A Funeral Service was held on Monday, June 5, 2023, followed immediately by a Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Angels Catholic Church, 341 Maple Ave., Barrington. Interment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 550 Wampanoag Trail, Riverside.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Joe's memory to Holy Angels Church Social Outreach Ministry, whose mission is to provide for those in need, would be deeply appreciated.

For directions or tributes, please visit www.wjsmithfh.com.

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Also, Dr. Asaro performs surgeries such as simple extractions, surgical and wisdom teeth extractions, and periodontal treatments. He plans for one appointment to be set aside every day for emergency situations and gives his cell phone number to all his patients. He can suggest a payment plan program, "Care Credit", for patients who don't have access to dental insurance. For those who apply for at his office, 90% are approved within minutes!

He also understands the need to ease children, fragile, or elderly patients gradually into the dental setting. He suggests a child's first appointment be an introduction to his staff, dental office and equipment with "a ride" in the dental chair! For an elderly patient or those with anxiety problems, he can offer advice and gentle understanding.

Dr. Asaro is a lifelong Barrington resident and supporter of the local schools, Little League, and the Bermuda Sailing Races. He grew up in Barrington, attending local schools, and graduated from Temple University in 1986. He played in Little League as a child and sponsors the local Little League "The Extractor Team" yearly. His daughter attends the Barrington Middle School, and his wife is an educator at URI. In the summer, Dr. Asaro loves to sail and recently completed his 12th Bermuda Race.

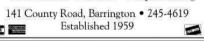
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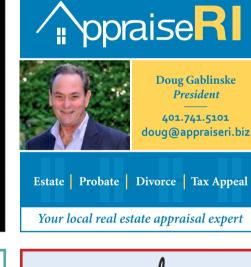
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How open is your government?

A minority of local bodies are following the ACLU's recommended best practices for good government in 2023

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In the early days of Covid, everything changed. From mild adaptions to radical reinventions, schools, restaurants, retailers and medical facilities all changed.

Government did too.

The immediate shift away from public gatherings put all levels of government into a state of flux. Unable to meet in person, and certainly not with an audience, they quickly reconvened online. Zoom became the dominant host of all things government, as town councils, school committees, zoning boards and more all continued "virtually," barely skipping a beat.

There were bumps along the way, with an array of Zoom "bombers" and embarrassingly open mics, not to mention the stumbling spectacle of people learning for the first time how to turn their cameras on or off, or aim it somewhere other than their foreheads or private parts. Plus, everyone got to see what vases the school committee chairwoman had in her hutch, and which lounge chair the town councilor preferred while fighting to stay awake during a long discussion.

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PATRICK MCCRANN, BARRINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

All these virtual meetings were made possible by state executive orders overriding standard operating procedures codified in state law, which requires that public bodies meet in person, in public. The executive orders have expired, and Rhode Island government agencies are now operating under the same law that was in place pre-Covid. They have no obligation to continue with any of the pandemic-induced adaptations — but many are.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Rhode Island recently completed an audit of the current practices of all city or town councils and all school committees in the Ocean State. They assessed four key areas of what they consider to be good government practices in 2023:

1. Does the public body post the backup materials, such as consultant reports, memos, presentations, etc., that accompany its agenda?

2. Are they livestreaming their meetings, so people can watch from home or elsewhere?

3. Are they allowing the public to actually participate in the meeting remotely, for example commenting during a public forum while watching from home?





Barrington School Committee Chairman Patrick McCrann (left) makes a point during a meeting last month, with fellow committee members Dr. Megan Douglas and Amanda Regino Base (right) looking on. Theirs is the only school committee in Rhode Island that is currently posting backup materials along with its agendas, live-streaming its meetings, allowing remote participation during the meetings and posting and archiving the recordings. McCrann said the new format has actually made their role easier, and their meetings better.

4. Are they posting and archiving their meetings, so people can watch them after they've happened?

Few local government bodies are doing all four. On the municipal side, nine out of 39 cities and towns are posting their materials ahead of time, livestreaming their meetings, letting the public join virtually, and archiving footage of the meetings. In the East Bay, only Portsmouth and Middletown are doing all of the above.

A perfect score in Barrington

On the school side, only one school committee in the state is doing all four of the best practices — Barrington. Many groups are livestreaming and posting their meeting footage, but the Barrington School Committee is

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KEVIN AGUIAR, PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

one of only two in Rhode Island allowing remote participation (Portsmouth is the other), and it is the only one also posting its backup materials before the meeting (Portsmouth is not). Watching via Zoom, Barrington parents, taxpayers and others can view all the backup reports and memos while the meeting is taking place, click in to the Zoom feed, join the public comment portion of the meeting, and then continue on with their evenings. They have those options because of a deliberate choice made by leadership and members of the Barrington School Committee, which seems to have had surprising consequences.

"Before November, we would get 10 to 20 emails a week. Since November, I've received 20 emails total from the public," said Patrick McCrann, chairman of the committee. McCrann became chairman in November, after he and two newly elected board members formed a new majority and immediately began making small changes to how the committee operates. Barrington now emails to its entire community notices of every public

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GOVERNMENT: Most local boards are not allowing remote participation from the public

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meeting, with a link to the agenda. The agenda itself has links to the backup materials. They include the live-streaming and Zoom links. And the committee placed its Public Comment session at the lead of every meeting, giving the public certainty of when they will have a chance to speak.

"It has fundamentally changed how we operate as a committee, because everything is happening in the way it should be, in front of the committee," McCrann said.

The changes are deliberate, part of a philosophy aimed at being accommodating to the public. "There are a healthy percentage of people in our community who cannot attend meetings when we hold meetings," McCrann said. "We moved public comment to the beginning of our agenda, so you know there is always a public comment at 6:30 p.m. You know you can show up at 6:30, or you can log in at 6:30, and you can say your peace."

McCrann strongly believes that making things easier for the public has made things easier for the committee. "Giving people the space to talk is actually disarming," he said. "And the public comment we get now is better. People know exactly what we're talking about — it's so much better."

He said volunteering on the school committee has become easier since the changes.

"Before the election, we had tons of contentious issues. We got lots of emails. I spent a couple hours a week answering emails ... Now, I actually got to the point where I thought I had done something to my email. I thought it wasn't working. It's just not the same energy," McCrann said. "This has been a massive positive for me."

Commenting from home

To be clear, none of the government bodies are required by law to do any of the four activities assessed in the ACLU study. If they are doing so, they are choosing to do so.

Yet most of the groups, including the majority in the East Bay, are following three of the identified best practices. The most common exception is "remote participation." Whether because of the fresh scars from disruptive Zoomers, a technology barrier, or a philosophical choice, only 13 of the 73 government bodies in the ACLU study, or 18 percent, are allowing people to join the conversation from home.

The Portsmouth Town Council is one of them. Its chairman, Kevin Aguiar, said he and his colleagues believe it's the best form of gov-

Open Government (or not) in the East Bay

MUNICIPALITY	PACKET ONLINE	LIVESTREAM	REMOTE PARTICIPATION	VIDEO ARCHIVED	SCORE
COUNCILS					
Portsmouth Town Council	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Middletown Town Council	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
East Providence City Council	Y	Y	Ν	Y	3
Bristol Town Council	Y	Y	Ν	Y	3
Warren Town Council	Y	Y	Ν	Y	3
Little Compton Town Council	Y	Y	Ν	Y	3
Barrington Town Council	Y	Ν	Ν	Y	2
Tiverton Town Council	N	Y	Ν	Y	2
Westport Town Council	Ν	Y*	N	Y	2
SCHOOL COMMITTEES					
Barrington School Committee	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Bristol-Warren School Committee	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Little Compton School Committee	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Portsmouth School Committee	N	Y	Y	Y	3
Tiverton School Committee	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Westport School Committee	Y	Y*	N	Y	3
East Providence School Committee	N	Y	N	Y	2
Middletown School Committee	Y**	N	Ν	Ν	1

* Meetings are broadcast on local cable access TV.

** Supporting documents are not available at the school website but can be found through the Town Council website after some searching.

The ACLU of Rhode Island audited every town or city council and every school committee in Rhode Island to see how they are handling public meetings in 2023. The study reveals whether the government body is (left to right) making its backup materials available to the public at the time of the meeting, live-streaming its meetings, allowing remote participation in the meetings and archiving and posting the recordings of the meetings. A few are doing all four, such as the Portsmouth Town Council and Barrington School Committee. East Bay Media Group added the Westport bodies to this study.

ernment today. "This is the evolution, in my opinion, of how government should be run," Aguiar said.

He believes that remote participation (Portsmouth uses Zoom) creates the greatest flexibility for the public. "It opens up opportunities for citizens who couldn't physically be at town hall, or for people who can't be there in the room for three hours when they're really interested in only 10 or 15 minutes of the meeting," Aguiar said.

He acknowledges the potential negatives of allowing people to sit home in their pajamas, or on the couch with a second glass of wine, and join the public discussions of the top administrative body in town. Of the potential for disruptive speakers, Aguiar said: "You just have to deal with it. It's going to happen. But having said that, it really hasn't been an issue for us. I can't think of any incidents where a remote participant got far off tropic or off track."

Aguiar touted one other advantage that is

unique to Portsmouth. Because the municipality includes residents living year-round on Prudence Island, livestreaming and remote participation create great new opportunities for the public. Instead of hopping on a boat to attend their council meetings, Prudence residents can click a mouse and join within seconds.

Resistance to remote access

The Bristol Town Council is one of many that is doing all-of-the-above good government strategies except remote participation. To join the discussion, a resident must still go to Town Hall and wait in the audience to be called upon. Call him "old school," but council Chairman Nathan Calouro believes there are intangible benefits to in-person communication. "I don't know the exact percentage cited in research studies," Calouro said, "but let's say that 80% of human communication is through body language." The way someone positions their body, their facial expressions, their hand gestures — all deliver information during spoken communication.

"You do not get those things through a remote format. You miss the body movements, the visual cues, that we're all not able to see when someone is remote ... I think those are invaluable," Calouro said. Cautious to point out that he was expressing only his own opinions, not necessarily those of his colleagues, Calouro also said he has experienced the negative sides of remote participation. "Everyone has been part of a meeting when a verbal grenade has been thrown that probably would not have been part of the meeting if that speaker was there with you inperson," he said. "I think people feel more emboldened when they're at home, or when they have their camera off ... and maybe they express an opinion that they might not if they were in public."

Calouro made sure to say that he and his fellow councilors are as welcoming to the public as they can be in their current format. "I can't think of a time when we haven't allowed the public to speak. We are open. We are engaging," he said. In Bristol, they just believe that participation should be in-person. "You miss so much when it's online."

A few miles away, in Portsmouth, they seem committed to the new format.

"Remote participation gives them the flexibility to attend a meeting that they wouldn't otherwise attend," said council president Aguiar. "They can multitask and pay attention when they want to ... I think it's the right thing to do, to allow for greater participation from citizens."





Advocating for change in government

While auditing the current practices of 73 local government agencies in Rhode Island, the ACLU also issued recommendations for best practices in 2023. They advocate that all government bodies, such as town councils and school committees, take the necessary steps to, at the very least:

Post meeting materials before the actual meeting;

■ Livestream their meetings;

Post and archive the recordings.

The ACLU also urges that these bodies allow remote participation for the public, and if they lack the technology for remote participation, to invest as necessary, possibly with the state's assistance. Following are excerpts from the ACLU

report: "As a result of the open meetings lessons spurred by the pandemic, more parents were able to monitor school board meetings without having to find childcare; elderly residents could watch evening town council meetings without having to drive in the dark; and harried individuals with two jobs often had an opportunity to watch an important governmental meeting on their own schedule. Major public bodies that have not continued with those opportunities for remote public involvement should do so ...

"There is simply no reason for any city or town council or school committee to fail to livestream their meetings, record them for future reference, and provide links to agenda item documents online. We urge every city and town council and every school committee to begin doing so if they are not already. There is no need to wait for the passage of a law to take these actions in the interests of transparency and accountabili-

ty ... "Access to the democratic process should no longer hinge on a person's physical mobility or their ability to afford a car, get

time off work, or find a childcare provider. If municipal councils and school committees positively address the access issues analyzed in this report, they will be taking important steps in further promoting the Open Meetings Act's goal of having 'public business be performed in an open and public manner.'

A bill introduced to the Rhode Island Senate this year would codify many of these recommended best practices, making them the legal standard for public meetings in the state, but that bill has not been voted out of committee and there is no matching bill in the House of Representatives.

Mackubin Owens to speak on reaffirming the Declaration of Independence

How the progressive view has led to problems with government today will be the subject of an address by Mackubin Owens on Thursday, June 15, at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post #237 (850 Hope St.) in Bristol. The event is free and open to the public.

Hosted by the Bristol County Concerned Citizens, Dr. Owens is a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. The title of his address is "Do We Still 'Hold These Truths'?: The Eternal Meaning of the Declaration of Independence."

In a close scrutiny of the thinking behind our country's foundation as a republican form of government, Dr. Owens underscores the importance of reaffirming the founders' original intention in crafting the Declaration of Independence.

In a republican form of government, the power is held by the people through their elected representatives within the confines of the Constitution and with strict adherence to the rule of law.

Dr. Owens notes that President Abraham Lincoln also recognized the importance of preserving this republican form of government. "He contended that this was the real thing to be preserved, because only republican government is capable of protecting the rights and liberties of the people," Dr. Owens said.

"But the founders' view — as well as that of Lincoln — is today largely ignored, if not demeaned," Dr. Owens said, "the result of the revolution in political thought effected by progressives in the latter part of the 19th and early part of the 20th centuries."

"Progressives have effectively replaced liberty with 'efficiency' and the concept of 'rights' with prescriptive entitlements," he said.

Dr. Owens said his address is especially significant this time of year. "What do Americans celebrate on the Fourth of July?" he asked.



Mackubin Owens

"The anniversary of declaring our independence from Great Britain, of course, but there is something deeper, the Constitution as the means for implementing a republic based on the equality and consent of a self-governing people."

Previously editor of "Orbis: FPRI's Journal of World Affairs," Dr. Owens was dean of academic affairs and professor at the Institute of World Politics in Washington, D.C., professor of National Security Affairs at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, editor-in-chief of the quarterly defense journal Strategic Review and adjunct professor of international relations at Boston University.

Dr. Owens is the author of numerous books on Abraham Lincoln, U.S. military and foreign policy. He is co-editor of the textbook, "Strategy and Force Planning," now in its fourth edition. He is a regular contributor to the Wall Street Journal and GoLocalProv.

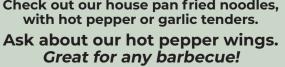
Dr. Owens is also a Marine Corps veteran of

Vietnam, where as an infantry platoon and company commander in 1968-1969, he was wounded twice and awarded the Silver Star medal. He retired as a Colonel in 1994.

He earned his Ph.D. in Politics from the University of Dallas, a Master of Arts in Economics from Oklahoma University, and his BA from

the University of California at Santa Barbara. He has taught at the University of Rhode Island, the University of Dallas, Catholic University, Ashland University of Ohio, and the Marine Corps' School of Advanced Warfighting (SAW).





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BOOK REVIEW

A woman of science who was overshadowed and overlooked

'Her Hidden Genius' By Marie Benedict

Once again, novelist Marie Benedict focuses her narrative on a brilliant, but overlooked woman, as she did in her earlier novels, "The



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Other Einstein," about Albert's wife Mileva, and "The Only Woman in the Room," about film star Heddy Lamaar. Both of those books portrayed extremely capable scientists who were overshadowed by male counterparts.

In this book, the subject

is Rosalind Franklin, another female researcher who worked to discover the very nature of our DNA. As with the other two, Benedict conducted intense historical research to unearth the significant role Franklin played in the scientific world. In choosing molecular biology as a career, Rosalind ran into conflict with her father, a wealthy Jewish philanthropist who believed women should use their talents for the betterment of mankind through charity, good works, and a suitable marriage, rather than a salaried position.

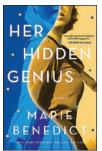
She further antagonized him by declaring

she did not believe in God or the afterlife, but in science. Moreover, in her chosen field of research, she encountered blatant misogyny as a woman in a man's world. At Cambridge she was the only woman in a laboratory full of aloof men.

In 1947, after commenting at a meeting at the Royal Institution in London where she was booed by two scientists who yelled "women should know their place," she relocated to Paris to study x-ray crystallography. Although holding the opinion that marriage and motherhood were incompatible with a career, she fell in love with her mentor, Jacques Mering, who omitted telling her that he was married.

Upon this shocking disappointment, she returned to England in 1951 to work at King's College on a fellowship. Her work was to unlock the question of how DNA can store vast quantities of genetic information and then transmit and create more genetic information. The purpose of her research was to find out how life itself replicates in endless, observable permutations.

In this British lab she was able to make more progress than other scientists there had been capable of and learned there were two forms of DNA, a revolutionary finding. However, the assistant director there, Maurice



Wilkins, stole her preliminary data and presented them as his own at a conference.

It was Rosalind who discovered there were two distinct forms of DNA, an A and a B form that had the structure of helices. She personally made the correct calculations, which were usurped.

While she, more than anyone else, was responsible for this world-changing, invaluable contribution to humanity, fellow scientists James Watson, Francis Crick, and Maurice Wilkins were awarded the Nobel Prize in 1962 for papers and findings based on Rosalind's research. In the end she actually gave her life literally to science, as she succumbed at age 36 to the cumulative damage of exposure to radiation.

The author first became intrigued with Rosalind's story and her role in the discovery of DNA by the publication of Anne Sayer's "Rosalind Franklin and DNA." In "Her Hidden Genius," the author attempts to give Rosalind her due for her incredible discoveries.

As in her earlier historical novels, author

Marie Benedict highlights a brilliant woman and celebrates her innovative methods and achievements in an extremely competitive and male dominated field.

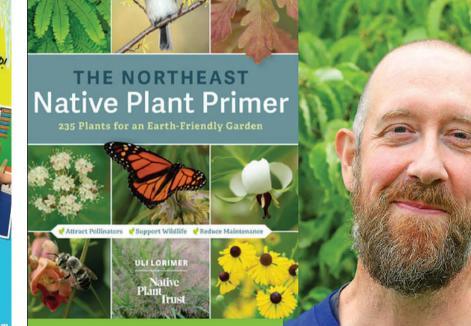
Although replete with scientific terms and data – such as isomorphic replacement, the Ehrenberg-Spear tube, and electromagnetic beam – which may be difficult for the layman to understand, the book provides insight into the rivalry existing in the scientific community to be the first to discover some breakthrough.

At the end of her life, Franklin had begun research to unlock the secrets of RNA, along with the hidden workings of the tobacco mosaic virus. It has taken years for Franklin to become a legend in her field, partly because she was cast in a negative light for her perceived lack of femininity, her refusal to act as a subordinate to Wilkins, in addition to Watson's portrayal of her as hostile, unattractive, obstinate, and narrow-minded.

After careful investigation, the author was determined to correct these inaccurate stereotypes created by biased competitors who were bitter at being bested by a female.

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





Learn about native plants for your garden

Uli Lorimer, author of "The Northeast Plant Primer: 235 Plants for an Earth-Friendly Garden," will help you identify the perfect native plants for your garden. The free presentation is by the Barrington Land Conservation Trust and Barrington Public Library. Lorimer is director of horticulture at the New England Wild Flower Society and oversees Garden in the Woods, the society's botanic garden in WHAT: Talk on native plants WHEN: Tuesday, June 13, at 7 p.m. WHERE: Barrington Public Library's Salem Family Auditorium, 281 County Road COST: Free and open to the public; but, reserve a seat at

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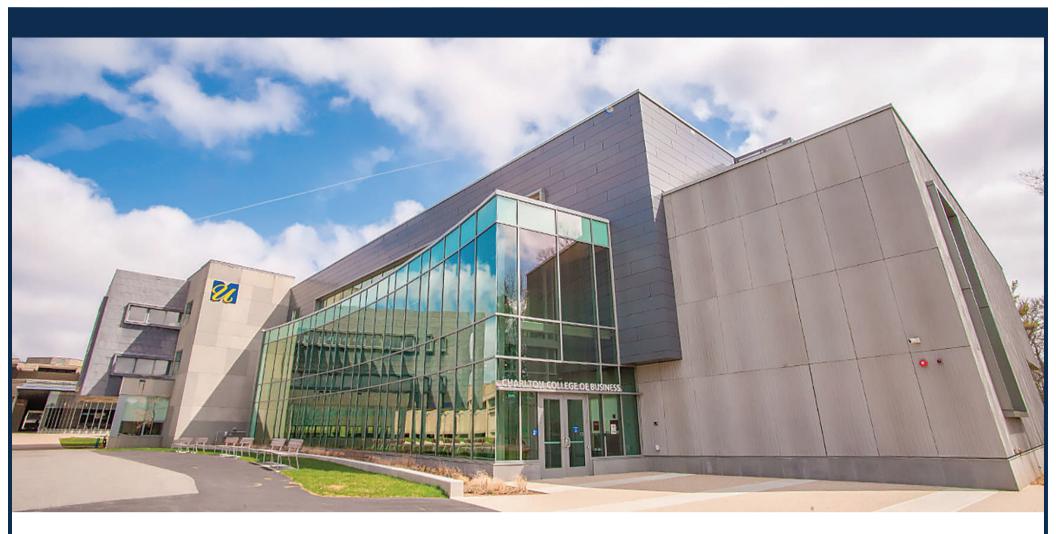


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Block Island Tournament grows with partner tackle shops

The Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament doubled the number of participants with tackle shop partners last year and added a fly fishing shore and

boat division," said Capt. Chris Willi of Block



Island Fish Works, a bait & tackle shop/charter fishing business on Block Island. This year the Tournament starts Saturday, July 22, at 5:30 a.m. and ends Sunday, July 23, at noon.

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There will be an 'After Party at Capt. Nick's Rock & Roll Bar, Block Island on Sunday, July 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. with a brief Tourna-

ment awards ceremony.

"This is a length only (catch & release optional) Tournament. When registering, online participants download our Tournament app on their smartphone. When they want to make a Tournament entry they take a photo of their catch up against the Tournament supplied ruler and send their entry into the Tournament electronically," said Capt. Willi.

Where's the bite

Striped bass and bluefish: Fishing for striped bass and bluefish in Narragansett Bay has been very good but often times anglers are having to hunt for them. Tim Rounds of Idaho caught a 38" striped bass last week just off Popasquash Point, Bristol.

On Tuesday, we caught keeper bass (28" to less than 31") and large bluefish north of Conimicut Point using light tackle with tube & worm with Bob Donald of North Kingstown catching bass to 33" Thursday.

Dave Henault of Ocean State Bait & Tackle said, "The striped bass and bluefish bite continues to be great north of Conimicut Light,

all the way up to Providence, as this past week there has been an influx of pogies."

"I landed nine very nice size striped bass at Narrow River last week and dropped three others. Most of the bass were in the 18" to 20" range. Four bass on my hot pink fly and then changed to my brown one the rest of the time," said Ed Lombardo, fly fishing expert and guide.

Mike Swain of Coventry, a large bass fishing expert, said, "We caught our largest bass of the season this weekend live lining a pogie in the upper reaches of the Providence River. The striped bass was 30 pounds."

East End Eddie Doherty, Cape Cod Canal fishing expert and author said, "There was a four-hour bite west of the Bourne Bridge that produced eight striped bass last week for Blackstone's Mike Deryck, two in the mid-20pound range and one that was well over 30, all on a large Green Mac Savage."

Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown said, "The bass bite out front around the island and up in the bay has been great this past week, with some aggressive surface feeding going on at times. The bass are chasing sand eels, bunker, and squid. There has also been good action for bass back in the salt ponds, and there has been a few small hatches this week. Bass in the salt ponds have been pretty finicky, but customers are still able to get some by switching to smaller profile baits or throwing eels in the evening. There are still some big bluefish around, especially around Point Judith and the Breachways."

Scup, black sea bass and summer flounder Angler Dariusz Kolodziejczak said, "Last week outside the center wall of Point Judith I caught a 10.17-pound summer flounder

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Angler Bob Donald of North Kingstown caught bass to 33" trolling tube & worm north of Conimicut Light. An influx of pogies enhanced the striper bite last week.

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ABOVE: Mike Swain of Coventry, an expert large striped bass angler, caught and released this **30-pound striper last** weekend in the upper Providence River, using a live Atlantic menhaden (pogie) as bait. LEFT: The Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament will include fluke, black sea bass, striped bass, bluefish, boat, shore, fly fishing, youth, team and wind farm photo contest divisions

Annual Antique Car Show

The Little Compton Republican Town Committee will host the third annual Antique Car Show on Sunday. There will be food, drinks and September Surprise Raffle Calendars for purchase, and complimentary coffee and doughnuts. This year, a silent auction, antique tractors and heavy equipment have been add-

WHAT: Annual Antique Car Show WHEN: Sunday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. WHERE: Veterans Field, 15 Meeting House Lane COST: Suggested admission is non-perishable food items, which will be donated to the Little Compton Food Bank.

ed. The raindate is Sunday, June 25.

Images that amuse and inspire reflection

An exhibit featuring artist Carl Keitner and guest artists Polly Seip and Chryssa Udvardy is at the Imago Gallery. Inspired by Man Ray, who was reported to say he wanted "to make images that could amuse, inspire reflection not arouse admiration for any technical excellence," Keitner set about to make images with Lili, his step-granddaughter, at an auto graveyard in Bristol.

WHAT: Group art exhibit WHEN: June 8 to July 16; opening reception Saturday, June 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. WHERE: Imago Gallery, 36 Market St., Warren COST: Free and open to the public







Anglers are finding it easier to find fluke, scup, black sea bass

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(fluke). The big fluke hit my buck tail tipped with gulp."

"Fluke fishing is hit or miss, but definitely picking up. Some anglers doing very well and others still struggling to find the fish. The best reports for fluke seem to be coming from 40-plus feet of water. Scup are starting to show up in better numbers and there were reports of a few black sea bass caught last week," said Declan O'Donnell of Breachway

Bait & Tackle.

Neil Hayes of Quaker Lane said, "Anglers are starting to catch scup, keeper black sea bass and the fluke bite continues to improve both in the Bay particularly around the bridges, in front of Wickford and off our coastal shores."

Dave Monti holds a captain's master license and charter fishing license. Forward fishing news and photos to dmontifish@verizon.net or visit www.noflukefishing.com.

The Tides*	HiAM	HiPM	LoAM	LoPM	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday, June 7	11:24 (5.0)	11:48 (5.0)	4:40	4:26	5:10	8:18
Thursday, June 8		12:21 (4.3)	5:30	5:22	5:09	8:18
Friday, June 9	12:46 (4.8)	1:20 (4.4)	6:28	6:31	5:09	8:19
Saturday, June 10	1:43 (4.5)	2:18 (4.5)	7:38	8:17	5:09	8:20
Sunday, June 11	2:40 (4.3)	3:16 (4.6)	8:43	9:51	5:09	8:20
Monday, June 12	3:39 (4.1)	4:16 (4.7)	9:35	10:55	5:09	8:21
Tuesday, June 13	4:40 (3.9)	5:17 (4.8)	10:18	11:47	5:09	8:21
Wednesday, June 14	5:41 (3.9)	6:13 (4.9)	10:57		5:09	8:22
Thursday, June 15	6:36 (3.9)	7:04 (4.9)	12:33	11:35	5:09	8:22

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TALKING POLITICS

RIPEC sends a strong warning about state spending

S TORY OF THE WEEK: It has been clear for a while that the sugar high of consecutive budget surpluses in Rhode Island – a rare occurrence in a state usually dogged by perennial deficits -- is headed to a crash. Now, the business-



backed Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council has put its imprimatur on that view with a report issued just days before a House Finance Committee vote on the spending plan. In part, RIPEC found that

Gov. Dan McKee's proposed

\$13.8 billion budget for

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2023-24 represents a significant increase over where total spending (\$9.5B) and state general revenue (\$3.9B) spending were just five years ago. "Policymakers have had a relatively easy time managing expenditures, but the state is now entering a period in which pandemic-related federal funding will be running out and state general revenue growth will be considerably more constrained," warned RIPEC President/CEO Michael DiBiase. "Policymakers will need to avoid unsustainable spending commitments and be prepared to curtail the level of spending growth."

Revenue growth is projected to climb through FY28 at 2.5%, one point behind the trendline from 2014-2018 and considerably less than the 6.6% growth from FY19 through FY23. RIPEC's recommendations on how to respond include bolstering the rainy-day fund, improving the business climate, paying close attention to transportation funding, and focusing on health and human services delivery "since spending demands in this area likely will present the most challenging issue for the FY 2025 budget."

CD1: Of the 16 or so Democrats running for the seat vacated by David Cicilline, Don Carlson may have the broadest range of experience. He's been a trial lawyer, a congressional legislative director, a renewable energy investor, a volunteer EMT, an instructor in leadership and he's worked on Wall Street. But Carlson's name-recognition, at least for now, pales in comparison to some of the better-known candidates in CD1. Carlson tells me he will likely start airing TV commercials later this month and he plans on spending close to \$1 million during his campaign. Here are some excerpts (edited for length) from my Political Roundtable interview with Carlson, a 62-yearold Jamestown resident.

HOW WILL HE SEPARATE HIMSELF FROM THE PACK: "I think Rhode Island needs a new economic engine. And I think that engine can be offshore wind, and I think that's right in front of us, implementing a strategy to try to put Rhode Island really at the center of the renewable energy revolution, and



especially in offshore wind would be a big part of it, I think that'll get a lot of attention. And I think people get excited about the idea of really good high-paying, high-skilled jobs created right here in Rhode Island."

WHAT RI NEEDS TO DO DIFFERENTLY TO CAPITALIZE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY:

Policy-wise, I think we need to really understand what resources are available through the new legislation, the Infrastructure Act, the Chips Act and the Inflation Reduction Act at the federal level. That's where a congressman can really play a key role in figuring out, how do we leverage those dollars? The other thing, I think, is to leverage the power of the private sector. Too often we just say this should be a government solution. And government's going to solve this problem. I think that we can harness the creativity and the innovative power of the private sector. That is how our system works. And I think it's really important for Rhode Islanders to understand that there are business opportunities here and it's okay for people to come in, in a for-profit context, in the private sector, and to develop new businesses that will provide really good, high-paying, long-term, high-skilled jobs for Rhode Island citizens."

ROCKY PAST: Lacking the money to hire a Statehouse lobbyist? You can still buy a piece of leftover marble from the stash used by a Worcester firm (!) to construct RI's Capitol back in the 1890s. The marble was discovered in Providence's Valley neighborhood, buried beneath the new home of Farm Fresh RI. The nonprofit, which promotes sustainable agriculture, is staging a sale of the rediscovered to benefit its efforts, June 9-11.

HOUSING: Over time, support has shifted the view that it's better and more cost-effective to provide permanent housing for the unhoused than to respond with shelters and emergency housing. My colleague Olivia Ebertz reports on one local nonprofit, Amos House, which has acquired 375 units through a landlord incentive program, most of them since Albert Schiavone, a landlord and businessman himself, started on the case for Amos House last year. Still, while the initiative is making a difference, it's a Band-Aid and some say the public sector should remain the main force in addressing homelessness.

HOSPITALS: Attorney General Peter Neronha and the state Health Department, the two agencies that oversee hospital conversions, have found that an initial submission by the Centurion Foundation and Prospect Medical Holdings, for Centurion's proposed acquisition of ChaterCARE, does not meet the requirements of RI's Hospital Conversion Act. In a statement this week, the two departments say the application will be reviewed once it is considered complete. ChaterCARE's bestknown holdings are Roger Williams Medical Center in Providence and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital in North Providence. Back in 2021. Neronha signed off on the ownership change involving Prospect Medical Holdings only after it agreed to provide \$80 million in escrow that the AG called necessary to ensure the future of the two hospitals.

COMING & GOING: Best wishes to Matt Fidel, comms director for U.S. Rep. Seth Magaziner, as he heads off to Harvard Law School. Fidel will be succeeded by Hawaiian native James Kwon, most recently a staffer with U.S. Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-CA).

TAKES OF THE WEEK: various views from a mix of Rhode Islanders

RI Senate GOP Leader JESSICA DE LA CRUZ of North Smithfield: "In the 2021-2022 legislative session, the Senate witnessed a remarkable shift in the Senate Oversight Committee's approach towards the executive branch and quasi-public agencies. This departure from its previously lackluster performance is a testament to serving the people of Rhode Island better and achieving greater reforms. It may seem unusual for a party with a supermajority to conduct oversight on the executive branch who they've largely supported, but it was both proper and just to ensure genuine accountability for all Rhode Islanders. Some may argue that oversight does not bring about significant changes, but I strongly disagree. I attribute saving Zambarano Hospital to the diligent oversight carried out by Senate Oversight. Change comes about by holding those in power accountable for their actions and inactions. Good government can only come from strong and vigorous oversight. I remain hopeful that we will soon witness a return to meaningful oversight hearings even after the legislature adjourns in the next few weeks."

Consultant LIANA CASSAR, a former state rep from Barrington: "As Pride Month kicks off this week, we're seeing rainbows everywhere. The public awareness and embracing of LGBTQIA rights and experiences is heartwarming, especially in light of the anti-trans legislation and rhetoric that is creating a dangerous and hostile environment for many people, disregarding the basic principles of a democratic society. While RI has managed to avoid succumbing to the wave of hateful and harmful anti-trans legislation, that's not enough to assure that LGBTQIA people have safety and economic stability. Research shows that LGBTQIA people, especially people of color, face stigma and discrimination that contributes to higher rates of poverty and higher rates of homelessness than their straight and cisgender counterparts.

"This Pride Month, let's celebrate Pride while also making a commitment to addressing the barriers facing our LGBTQIA neighbors, family members and friends, especially our trans youth, so that we can create the conditions for thriving and assure them that RI is not only a safe place for them to live, but a community that will help them thrive, starting with safe and stable housing."

ROBERT A. WALSH JR., former executive director of the National Education Association Rhode Island: "Occasionally, I ponder how I would approach some of the significant votes in Congress. This week, of course, the big vote, and the last significant vote of outgoing Congressman David Cicilline, was on the debt ceiling. I often describe myself in presidential politics as a 'fall in love in the primary, fall in line in the general election' Democrat. In many ways that same logic applies to votes of this significance. Fight hard for the best legislation possible and then recognize the greater good (or the lesser of two evils.)

"I suspect I would very much have wanted to vote 'no' but out of respect for the rest of our small delegation and the work and negotiating skill of President Biden, I likely would've voted 'yes.' To be fair, I don't know if that answer would've been the same when I ran for Congress half a lifetime ago. And, of course, congratulations to David Cicilline for a lifetime of public service as he embarks on his new adventure."

CORTNEY NICOLATO, president/CEO of the United Way of Rhode Island: "Without innovation, there is no change, and to create positive, transformative change requires listening and learning, and taking inventory of our own actions and systems. Less than 30 months ago, United Way said we would commit \$100 million over five years to build racial equity in Rhode Island and we have not strayed. With our latest \$10 million in community investments, contributions toward that goal top \$70 million. But how these resources are dispersed and, as a result, what they allow for can be the real game-changer for our state. Overhauling our grants program removed barriers to funding and enables our nonprofits the flexibility to be more innovative with their mission-driven

work, which will lead to the progress, movement, and impact Rhode Island needs.

"Nonprofits are businesses for social good and yet have had to live by a scarcity mentality born from restrictions placed by funders and others. The time is now to be bold and innovative. This is how to create real change, and this is what we'll continue to do for the greater good of our state. Join us."

JASON ROIAS, campaign manager in CD1 for state Sen. Ana Quezada: "In Providence, the sexiest label a political candidate can apply to oneself is being a 'product of Providence Public Schools.' As graduation season quickly approaches, when students are eager to change the trajectory of their families' lives, I feel it's appropriate to delve deeper into the crown jewel of PPSD: Classical High School. A drum that I have been beating even before I graduated from Hope HS is the equity around the entrance exam. The exam administered by Classical poses a sink or swim challenge for our 12/13-year-olds transitioning from middle school, serving either as a moment of opportunity or inequality. Classical stands apart from other schools by offering Latin, a robust Advanced Placement (AP) program, and an exciting travel program known as 'Classical Travels!' However, even if a student passes the entrance exam, his or her enrollment at Classical is not guaranteed. This means that despite their qualifications, some students may still not have the opportunity to walk through those purple doors in September.

"So, what's my beef? It's time for the school board to seriously consider removing the entrance exam requirement at Classical High School or to establish a gifted program in each high school for academically inclined students (like the one at Nathanael Greene Middle School) This change would engender greater equity, inclusivity, and diversity within our educational system, ensuring that every student has a fair opportunity to excel and succeed."

WORKING: A growing number of states, including Massachusetts, are contemplating proposals to institute a four-day work week. Supporters say pilot efforts have demonstrated positive results, including making it easier for some employers to attract workers. Still, the 40-hour work week is deeply ingrained in American culture, so it's unlikely to fade away quickly.

THE LONG RUN: According to MIT Technology Review, Rhode Island is getting some consideration as a longevity state: "a state that prioritizes doing something about aging." The story reports that Nathan Cheng, who leads the Longevity Biotech Fellowship and spoke at a recent conference in Montenegro, "has his sights set on Rhode Island. It's close to Boston, a well-established biotech hub. And it has a small population. If enough people who believed in his moral philosophy moved there, they could have enough voting power to influence mayoral and state elections, he said. 'Five to ten thousand people — that's all we need,' he told the attendees."

KICKER: Technologists have for years kicked around the concept known as "the Singularity" – the time when artificial intelligence exceeds human intelligence, with potentially disastrous results for the flesh-and-blood crowd. Now, with the rapid growth of AI, these dystopian thoughts are not just the stuff of scifi movies. Some scoff at the worst-case scenario, pointing to how AI might be most widely used to imitate art or for personalized shopping. There's an upside, too, with significant potential in medical research, for example. For now, the Air Force is saying someone misspoke while describing how, during a test, an AI-enabled drone attacked its human operator.

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A view of the kitchen

the space. Covered decks offer the perfect setting

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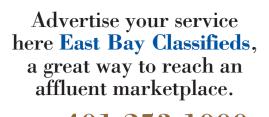
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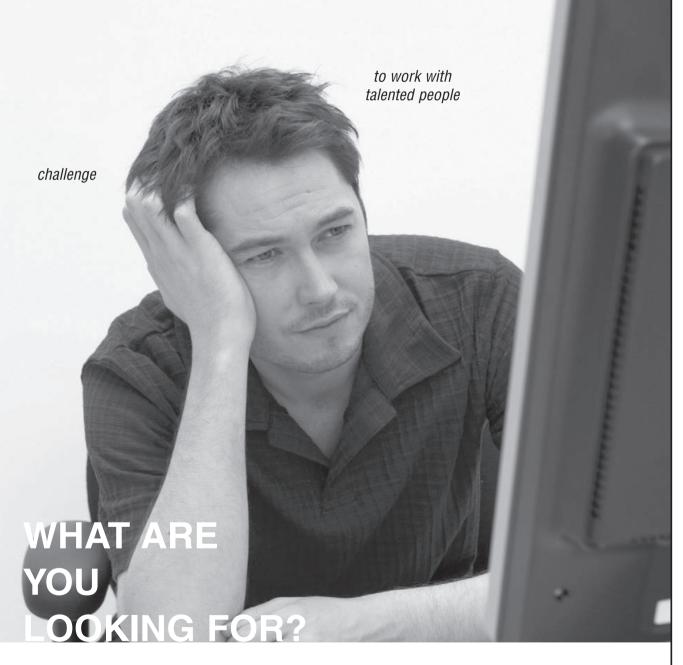
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