

Cold, hard facts



Ex-prisoners deliver strong dose of reality to Johnston's eighth-graders

By RORY SCHULER

Alex Snow loomed large in the prison yard. On a recent Friday morning, he looked even bigger in the Johnston High School auditorium.

In prison, Snow cultivated the friends he needed to watch his back. His size helped to make him popular among his fellow inmates, but it also made him a target.

One year, deep into a long sentence, visiting day rolled back around and Snow walked into the Adult Correctional Institutions (ACI) visiting room in Cranston. His mom was in the building.

"I'm dapping my boys up; I'm hugging their mothers," Snow told the audience of Johnston eighth-graders gathered in the high school auditorium for a three-hour assembly. "I get to my table, and my mother says to me, 'Where the hell do you think you are?' She said, 'You had football, martial arts, you had boxing. I worked three jobs; I had holes in my shoes. But you and your brothers had new shoes. And my reward from you is you're the most popular person in hell.'"

Suddenly, a pin fell, striking the auditorium floor like a thunderclap.

"Make no mistake about it ... that building in Cranston ... is hell."

Snow spoke and the kids were listening.

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JUST THE FACTS: Led by Johnston native Christopher B. Frenier, Probation & Parole Supervisor for the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (DOC), the FACT (Fostering Alternative Choices and Thinking) program has been going strong for close to a decade. They spoke to Johnston eighth-graders two weeks ago, and Cranston West high schoolers last week. (Beacon Communications photos by Rory Schuler)



SITE WORK: The construction site off Atwood Avenue behind Johnston High School is a busy mess. Soon, the mess should give way to a brand new Elementary Center, and eventually, a new High School. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

'Quarter of a billion dollars on brand new schools'

As site-work progresses, JSBC awards \$40M in contracts for new building

By RORY SCHULER

The Johnston School Building Committee has so far awarded more than \$40 million in contracts to Rhode Island firms for the construction the town's new elementary center.

"This is pretty exciting," said School Building Committee Chairman Joseph Rotella. "We're getting to the point where things will start getting delivered to the site."

On Tuesday, March 26, the committee met to award bid packages for integral contracts like plumbing, HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) and

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PETE FONTAINE 1946-2024

Ink in his veins, heart on his sleeve

By RORY SCHULER

Pete Fontaine died an hour after deadline last week.

Although he had submitted his final byline several weeks earlier, the Johnston Sun Rise's faithful freelancer held on until the last pages of the paper were on the presses. The man had ink in his veins.

Pete could be a feisty, cantankerous pain in the butt. He was unapologetic and authoritative. His writing was packed with adjectives and superlatives. He owned his beat and defended territory with ferocity (though defining that beat would prove impossible).

And we loved him for it.

"Pete was a GREAT Journalist who always reported the truth and never embellished his stories," former Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisen Sr. wrote after hearing of Pete's death. "Pete loved working for the Johnston Sun Rise and loved the Town of Johnston. His dedication to Johnston was unmatched."

Pete's beat covered most of Polisen's 16 years in office.

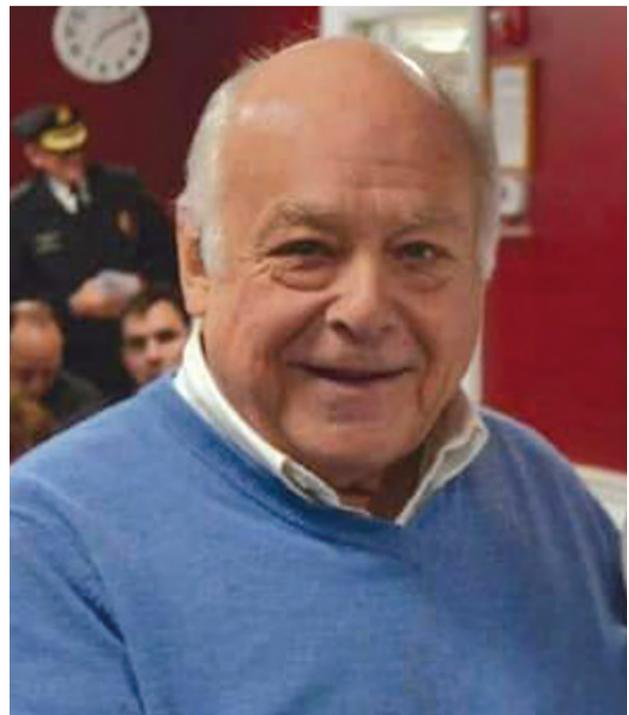
"He will be missed by all the citizens of Johnston," Polisen declared. "It is truly a sad day for the Sun Rise and the Town of Johnston. May he rest in peace."

The current Sun Rise editor often feared Pete's feedback (and wrath) more than the mayor's. When something pissed him off, he let you know it.

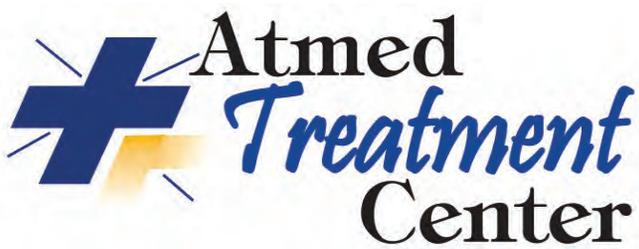
Anthony J. Ursillo, trustee of the Johnston Historical Society and owner of Shang Bailey's Roadhouse, wrote to the Sun Rise last Tuesday, the day before we lost Pete. He noticed fewer Pete Fontaine bylines in recent editions.

He asked if Pete had retired.

Pete knew a lot of words. "Retirement" wasn't one of them.



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JHS Panther of the Week



POTW: This week's Panther of the Week is Jake Carr. Jake is a senior at Johnston High, who is an honor roll student and a member of the football team. Jake took the opportunity to sign up for Johnston High's brand new Electrical class and has shown great potential in the trade. He was recently nominated by his Electrical teacher, Mr. Lou Petrucci, for the "Roger Williams Chapter Tool Kit" and received the award. Mr. Petrucci said, "Jacob is an energetic student that shows the type of ethics that an electrical contractor would want in an individual that they would bring onto their team. Jacob shows a great interest in the electrical trade by the work he has performed on projects in the school's workshop. He understands the makeup of our electrical projects and completes them with ease. His understanding of electrical circuits will prove to be an asset once he is employed into the field." (Photo submitted by Matt Velino, Johnston High School Principal)

Editor's Note: This is the newest installment of an ongoing weekly series highlighting Johnston's amazing students. Staff at Johnston High School will be nominating students and submitting a caption and a photo for publication. You'll find each week's winning Panther within the pages of the Johnston Sun Rise.

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Johnston Senior Center Highlights

From the JSC Staff

Our Senior Center gives our all, to make our members feel welcome and enjoy the time they spend here. Along with the activities, Lunch is served daily. Bingo is every Thursday and Friday at 2 p.m.

Weekly Fun

- Monday — Arts and Crafts
- Monday & Wednesday — Hi Lo Jack
- Tuesday — Quilting
- Wednesday — Poker
- Thursday — Mar Jong
- Thursday & Friday — Bingo

Upcoming Activities

- Mondays — Walk away the pounds, 9-9:30 a.m.; Arts & Crafts, 10:30 a.m.; Hi Lo Jack, 12:30 p.m.; Yoga & Pilates w/Fran, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday — Walk away the pounds, 9-9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday — Walk away the pounds, 9-9:30 a.m.; Quilting, 9:30 a.m.; Zumba, 10 a.m.; Fit & Strong -Chair, 11 a.m.
- Thursday — Walk away the pounds, 9-9:30 a.m.; Mahjong, 9:30 a.m.; Chair Yoga, 10 a.m.; Bone Builders, 11 a.m.
- Friday — Walk away the pounds, 9-9:30 a.m.; Line Dancing, 10 a.m.; Fit & Strong-Chair, 11 a.m.

Trips & Events

- Tuesday, April 9, Ballroom Dancing, 1-3 p.m. Come join the fun
- Tuesday, April 9, Class w/Deb, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 10, Class w/Deb, 2 p.m.
- Thursday, April 11, Capital Ridge Cooking w/ Lucy, 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 16, The Drum Group, 1-2 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 17, Rhode Island Legal Services, 1 p.m.
- Saturday, April 20, The Follies w/Fran, 12-4 p.m., Lunch & Show (\$25 per person)
- Monday, April 22, Phantom Farms, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 30, Book club w/Mary, 10 a.m., Convent of Water by Abraham Verges

More at Mohr Library

Yoga for Preschoolers is offered, April 10 at 10:30 a.m. Yoga for Children ages 5 to 12, is Saturdays at 9:30 a.m/ and Thursday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Pauline will guide participants into gentle movements and simple breathing techniques. Yoga programs are sponsored by The Tri-County Community Action Agency, Health Equity Zone. Please register at mohrlibrary.org

Mohr Library is the one and only public library of Johnston, and is structured and staffed to help connect people with books, media, and other resources for information, culture, and enjoyment.

Meet an owl at a presentation from the Audubon Society. Register starting April 10 for a program Wednesday, April 17 at 10 a.m. For ages 3 and up.

Kids can gather to play with Legos, Monday, Tuesday and Friday, April 15, 16 and 19, between 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. For ages 3 and up.

Meet Skippy the Therapy Dog on Tuesday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m. Listen to a story, do an activity, and if you like take a turn reading to Skippy.

Art Smart, Wednesday, April 17, from 4 to 5 p.m. — Join Ms Melyssa for a fun art project. Ages 5 and up.

STEAM Challenge, Thursday, April 18 at 5 p.m.— bring your curiosity and join Ms Melyssa for a hands-on project that mixes art and science. Ages 5 and up.

See more programs at mohrlibrary.org, where you can also sign up for our email list, or call 401-231-4980. The Library is at 1 Memorial Ave. in Johnston.

Senior 'Spotlite'



CONFIRMATION: This week's Johnston Senior Center Spotlite shines on Donna Fenner, who has been coming to the Center for about five years. She concurs the JSC is the "most beautiful (Senior Center) in the state." (Photo courtesy Richard J. Delfino Jr.)

Warwick woman confirms that yes, in fact, Johnston's Senior Center is RI's 'most beautiful'

By **RICHARD J. DELFINO JR.**
Special to the Sun Rise

The Johnston Senior Center Spotlite this week shines on Donna Fenner, who has been coming to the Center for about five years, after hearing from a friend that it may be the Ocean State's most beautiful center.

Living in Warwick the past 48 years, and having lived many years in North Carolina, after Donna visited the center, she confirmed it as one of "the most beautiful in the state." Now she visits three time per week.

She is a regular at the Bingo ta-

bles, securing her place early in the morning, enjoying coffee and our offerings, preparing for Bingo, and socializing with friends. She worked as a bus monitor and in restaurants most of her life.

Donna was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) about seven years ago, and manages her way around the Center with the assistance of a walker.

Donna has not allowed this terrible disease to "defeat her." Her motto is "don't ever give up" no matter what difficulties you experience.

Donna is driven by her "will-power to live." She says she "loves life" and is the Center's example of

not letting any debilitating experience interrupt your quest for enjoying the things that bring you happiness.

Many of our members face challenges, we here at the Johnston Senior Center can help you manage them and strive to assist you in a realizing a life fulfilled.

Editor's Note: Richard J. Delfino Jr. serves as Executive Director of the Johnston Senior Center, at 1291 Hartford Ave., Johnston. The Johnston Sun Rise regularly publishes a senior profile, called "Senior Spotlite," submitted by the senior center.

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DRAGONS & Mythical Creatures

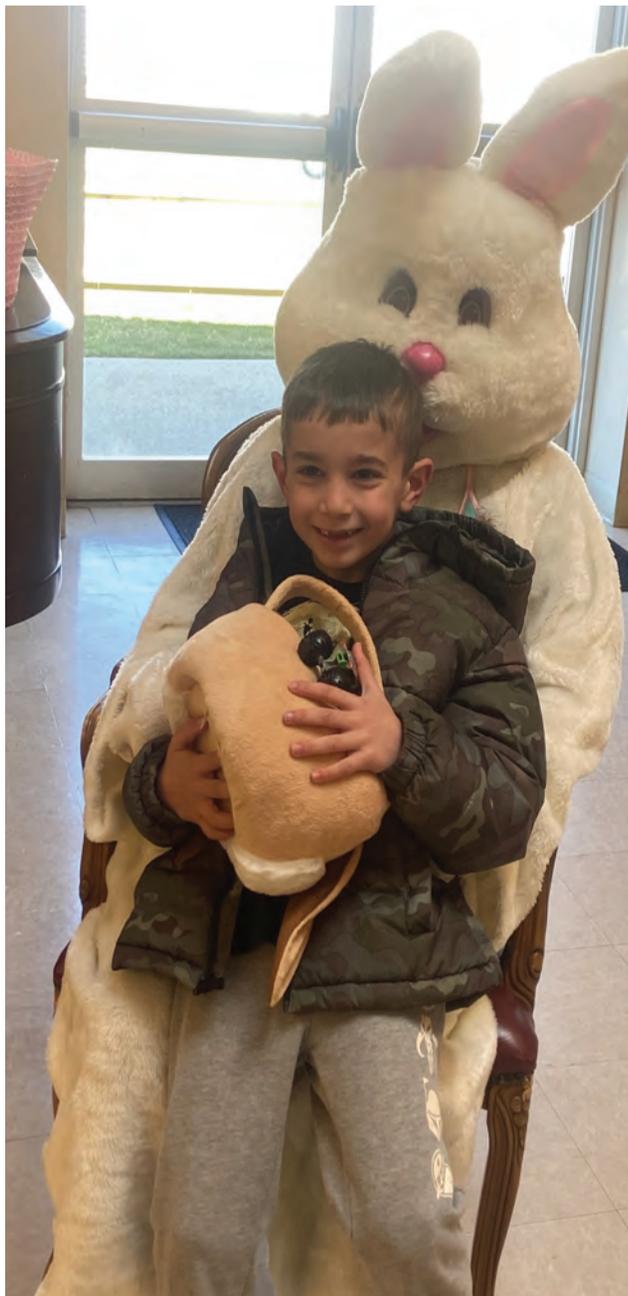
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An Easter visit

THIS BUNNY LAYS EGGS:

On Sunday, Easter, Johnston held its ninth annual meet and greet with the Easter bunny at the Senior Center. "I have to shine the spotlight on Nicole Cournoyer and the Johnston Recreation Department," wrote photographer Danielle Sparadeo. "I have literally watched Nicole give her entire life to this recreation department over the last few years (plus) and the growth that I've witnessed is amazing." According to Sparadeo, the turnout was "huge" and local sponsors (including Burger King, Raising Cane's, Corner Market, Girl Scouts of New England, and the Johnston Senior Center) dropped off "tons of donations." "Nicole," Sparadeo wrote on social media. "Keep shining. You're doing fantastic work for this town and you really pulled together a great event...Happy Easter everyone!"

(Photos courtesy Danielle Sparadeo)





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GROUND BROKE: Heavy equipment works away, down the bank from the athletic fields behind the Johnston Indoor Recreation Center off Atwood Avenue, preparing the site for the new Johnston Elementary Center. A groundbreaking ceremony may be planned for the near future and school officials say the project's really about to take shape. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)

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electrical services at the site.

Crews have cleared the site of trees and may be ready to start the foundation soon.

Justin Bernard, Senior Project Manager with Colliers Project Leaders, told the committee that they had "very important recommendations to reward" on Tuesday night. The committee had begun accepting major bids about a week earlier, but was informed they'd need to gather again to approve a second list of bid packages.

The school has roughly \$80 million on hand, the first chunk of a \$215 million voter-approved school construction bond.

"All of these have been scrutinized; competitively bid; scope reviews performed with Colliers, the design team, and Gilbane, the construction manager, before a selection was made," Bernard told the committee.

The evening's first bid package was for "miscellaneous metals (steel)," at which was awarded to Capco Steel Erection Co., of Providence (the \$485,000 bid package came in at \$471,676 under budget).

"We're saving money," Rotella told the committee. "Something else I noticed; these are all Rhode Island companies that we're awarding tonight. It's really nice to know that Rhode Island companies are getting Rhode Island work."

Bernard recommended awarding Delta Mechanical Contractors, LLC, of Warwick, the project's plumbing bid package for \$2,412,300 (nearly \$400,000 under budget).

"This one was incredibly competitive," Bernard said.

Rotella noted that only \$8,200 separated the two best bids.

"We know we definitely got the right price on this one," Bernard said.

The HVAC contract was also awarded to Delta Mechanical Contractors, for \$7,415,4000 (\$1,716,056 under budget).

The biggest contract of the night, for Electrical/Tel Data & Audio Visual Systems & Security, was awarded to Rossi Electric Co., LLC, of Cranston, for \$9,194,500 (\$307,064 over budget).

Bid contracts awarded previously included: cast in place concrete, \$3,430,100 to Marguerite Concrete, Inc. of Hopedale, Massachusetts (\$374,215 under budget); structural steel, \$4,267,000 to Shepard Steel Co., Inc., of Hartford, Connecticut (\$1,210,687 under budget); spray fire-proofing, \$395,630 to H. Carr & Sons, LLC, of Providence (\$154 under budget); food service equipment, \$755,025 to Johnston-Lancaster and Associates Inc., of Taunton, Mass. (\$20,542 under budget); fire protection, \$900,000 to Aero Mechanical, Inc., of Johnston (\$100,562 under budget); and site work, \$10,550,000 to DiGregorio Corporation, of Smithfield (\$1,552,863 over budget).

"Overall, the project is doing extremely well as it relates to the original budget," Bernard said. "I can't stress enough that we're very lucky that we're on to construction now. We're going to have some difficulties, and we're looking at the high school next year."

The town still hopes to build a new Johnston High School. Current plans call for maintain the school's gymnasium, and constructing a new high school between the indoor gym and the football field (then razing the old school).

"There's going to be, probably, a billion or more dollars in construction going on in 2025 being awarded just in K-12 schools," Bernard said. "We'll cross that bridge when we get there."

Although the ground has already been broken, school and town officials hope to soon schedule a "ground-breaking ceremony" at the site of the new elementary school. The date has yet to be announced.

"This is such a huge thing," Rotella said. Rotella serves as chairman of the School Building Committee and Vice-Chairman of the town's School Committee. "It's a quarter billion dollars we're going to spend on new schools in this town. I don't think people really grasp how unbelievable that is. A quarter of a billion dollars on brand new schools ... We're so excited to see these things go up ... It's really an exciting time."

DATE TBD: Johnston's School Building Committee is eager to set a date for a groundbreaking ceremony.



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CALLED OUT: Alex Snow broke his mother's heart when he went to prison. When he finally got out, he eventually founded Instinctive Choices Outreach Mentorship. Now he works to inspire kids and tries to help them make better decisions. Two weeks ago, he spoke during the FACT (Fostering Alternative Choices and Thinking) program, held at Johnston High School, for Ferri Middle School eighth-graders. During the assembly, he took a couple students under his wing.

■ FACT

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Called Out

A small group of four eighth-graders had been separated from the rest of the group earlier in the morning, at the start of the assembly. They were giggling, laughing, showing off a little, like eighth-graders sometimes do — especially cool eighth-graders. These boys were especially cool.

Snow had spent most of the past two hours sitting with these segregated trouble-makers in the front row of the auditorium.

Snow knew the boys. Maybe not by name, but Snow knew them well. He was once them. He once had the same brash chip on his shoulder.

As Snow spoke, all four boys watched silently. When Snow mentioned his mother, each boy bowed his head slightly.

Suddenly, Snow recalled, after visiting day, his stature had slipped. He lost his prison optimism. Despite his physical prowess, Snow realized he was powerless behind bars.

"I cried myself to sleep over 3,000 nights," Snow recalled.

And then, just weeks after visiting day, Snow lost his mother.

Prison officials coldly delivered the news. He was strip-searched and transported to the funeral home.

Snow's brother, a state trooper, watched on with embarrassment as prison guards escorted the black sheep — the sibling inmate — to the casket to pay his final respects.

Snow said he came to realize he must have never loved his mother.

No doubt, he cared for his mother. But he never really loved her.

If he loved her, wouldn't he have made better choices? If he loved his mother, wouldn't he have treated her better?

When Snow broke free of prison-life, and the cycle that landed him there, he knew he wanted to work with kids. He eventually founded Instinctive Choices Outreach Mentorship.

Back, before prison, Snow thought he loved his mother. But it took visiting day behind bars to make him realize the truth. Now, he wants to wake up as many kids as possible before they break their mothers' hearts.

FACT Over Fiction

Years later, on this side of the bars, Snow's now one of a small group of former inmates who speak to Ocean State students, delivering a strong dose of reality.

Led by Johnston native Christopher B. Frenier, Probation & Parole Supervisor for the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (DOC), the FACT (Fostering Alternative Choices and Thinking) program has been going strong for close to a decade.

Bernier started the presentation by asking the students to "summon (their) inner adult."

"I've had a few things happen to me lately and I'm in no mood for bullshit," Frenier said, waking them up.

Spines straightened row by row. "You're going to hear some serious things," Frenier warned the kids. "I'm going to pour my heart out to you. These people are going to pour their hearts out to you ... I want you guys to be adults and give us three hours of your attention. And then do whatever you want ... Just sit there and listen ... Just be in the moment."

Brother John Doe

Frenier's brother, an addict, unwittingly inspired the FACT program.

"He died in 2013," Frenier told the eight-graders. "He died of a heroin overdose in a hotel room."

Frenier asked the students a few quick, sobering questions.

"What happens when you die and you don't have an ID on you? Does anyone know? What do they call you?"

A few whispers in the audience quietly guessed the answer.

"John or Jane Doe," Frenier repeated the correct answer. "Exactly."

After his brother died the authorities identified his body through fingerprint analysis.

"He had an extensive criminal record," Frenier recalled. "They matched his fingerprints ... That's the first thing they do. Second thing — they need eyes on the body."

It was a Friday. Frenier was about to take his children on a vacation.

"It's a call that I was expecting," he remembered. "Why? Because my brother started screwing around at your age."

Frenier thought back to his childhood; to his brother's adolescence.

"He didn't just start doing drugs," Frenier recalled. "It was his attitude. Screwing around ... giving the teachers a hard time. Giving my mom a hard time. Lying. Cheating. Stealing. Smoking weed. Smoking cigarettes. Started drinking early ..."

That's about when the group of four eighth grade boys were called out and separated at the assembly. Frenier never stopped talking. The boys were moved up front and off to the side. Snow had words with them. They each, eventually, fell into line, listening silently to the morning's life lesson.

"Yeah, It's a joke," Frenier told the students. "It's a joke when you're young. You think you're invincible ... Some of you are doing the same thing ... You know who you are. We're not here to scare you or anything like that. You guys are soon to be adults. You know what the right and wrong choices are. We're just telling you what could happen if you go down that path."

'Open For Business'

"I work at the ACI," Frenier told the kids. "We're open for business. If we don't have enough beds for you, we'll make more. Or we'll just pack you in with 1,000 people. We don't care. Our doors are open for everyone. White."

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Black. Red. Blue. Woman. Man. Both. Who knows? We take everyone."

"Right Alex?" He asked Snow. Snow, seated with the four boys, nodded in agreement. He nodded and looked down at the boys. The boys looked down at their hands.

"We take the sick," Frenier said. "Healthy. Wheelchairs. One arm. No arms. We'll take you."

Frenier's brother first went to jail for beating a homeless man.

"My whole life, up until the point when he died, (was spent) worrying that I was going to get a call in the middle of the night that he was dead," Frenier recalled. "I wished he was dead. I told him, 'Why don't you just get it over with? You're killing my mom.'"

Frenier's brother sold their mother's car for drugs in Holyoke, Massachusetts.

"That was a wonderful moment for me," he remembered with sarcasm. "He was the best man at my wedding and decided to get so drunk that he could barely give the speech, and made an ass of himself. Every moment of my life was marred by him doing something, but yet I loved him. He was my brother. The same brother I loved, I wished dead."

Cruel Wishes

Frenier's brother had a long rap sheet. His stretches behind bars were punctuated by brief rehab stints.

"He went to jail and then convinced the judge to let him (go) to another rehab facility — probably his 18th he never finished — instead of locking him up," Frenier recalled from his brother's final stretch in jail. "I'll never forgive the judge for doing that. I think he needed to drink gutter water at a state prison."

Instead, his brother was granted yet another reprieve.

"He went to a facility ... in Holyoke, Mass.," Frenier said. "My mom dropped him off. He signed in. Five minutes later, he left. He got a hooker, some cocaine and a hotel room ... He died, and whoever was with him left him there. They found him two days later."

The kids listened. Some took turns walking out, taking bathroom breaks. Eventually, the morning's speakers asked them to limit their trips to the toilet. The opening and closing of auditorium doors were starting to distract from the stories spilling out on the stage.

"This story is the reason I created this program," Frenier admitted. "I was all banged up from this. I had anger. Rage. Guilt. Sadness. Everything wrapped into one. I mean, there was 25 years of him screwing up; 25 years of him ripping my mother's heart out. I wanted to make his legacy — not a dead junkie, a John Doe ... The only way that I could think of is talk to kids your age, which is about the age where he started going wrong, that he started making the wrong choices."

As a Matter of FACT

For the past five years, Nicholas A. Ferri Middle School Assistant Principal Freddie Skipworth has been helping to ensure the FACT presentation hits home for his students.

He introduced the morning's speakers.

"Eighth grade, listen up please," he told the students. "We are here for a good portion of the morning." He called the assembly, "probably one of the most powerful things we do here at the school."

"All of these individuals have taken time out of their day to speak to you so I hope, well I expect that you'll give them the respect that they deserve," Skipworth told the students. "That includes keeping your phone (away) ... and paying attention ... If you don't, every one of them has no problem calling you right out. This is serious. There are some hard-hitting things that are gonna come up."

Skipworth was right. The speakers helped the faculty keep the kids in line. Sitting still for three hours can be a "tough ask" for most adults. If the content was less than riveting, they probably would have lost all the kids during the first hour.

"It was so much better than in year's past because the presenters had a full venue and more time," Skipworth said after the assembly. "In the past we have used our cafeteria and the distractions and time constraints have not made it as impactful. Since, we have received a number of commendations from parents about their child's response to the presentation."

Ferri hosts an annual HERO (Helping, Encouraging, and Respecting Others) month, "to provide our students with real-world experiences that will promote healthy decision-making, and provide first-hand knowledge of mental health struggles, relationship boundaries, substance use, the power of kindness, and other significant topics," according to Skipworth. Throughout the month of March, the school had hoped to welcome guest speakers in to meet the students and share their life experiences.

The FACT presentation was the most impactful event scheduled for this year's HERO month. HERO month has been going strong at Ferri since 2019.

"Each year we have welcomed returning and new speakers to share their life journeys and unique perspectives with our students in an attempt to share real world experiences our students can fathom outside of the classroom," according to Skipworth. "We have witnessed immense success year after year as our facilitators empower our students to reflect and enable change within themselves to reach their full potential."

Parents had the opportunity to opt their children out of the assembly, if they didn't want them to attend the FACT presentation. Few took that option. Almost the entire eighth grade walked from Ferri, across Atwood Avenue, to the high school.

Both Snow and Frenier noted the precarious times in which our children live.

Warnings to kids about "smoking reefer" used to be a past-time packed with hyperbole. But now, with the scary prospect of commonplace fentanyl-laced recreational drugs, the very real possibility of overdose may be buried within that first joint.

"This is no time to experiment guys," Frenier told the students. "Your experiment could be the last experiment you ever have. That's not anecdotal. That's not a scare tactic."

ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE:



best COMEDY LUNCH/DINNER SHOWS

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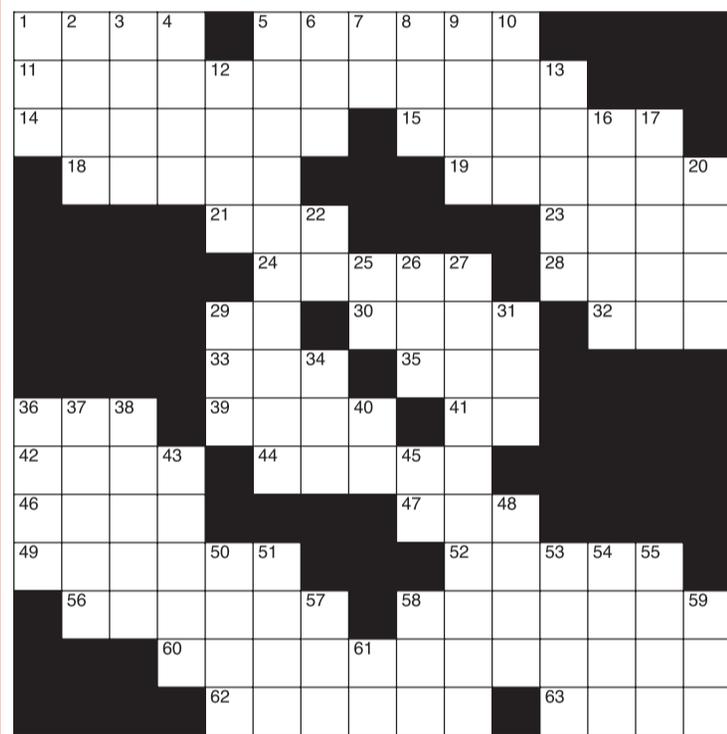
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE CORNER



CLUES ACROSS

1. A minute amount (British)
5. Mystical or magical
11. Shortening
14. More satisfying
15. Other side
18. Philippine island
19. More unnatural
21. Mutual savings bank
23. Famed designer Chanel
24. Makes less wild
28. At some prior time
29. The cops who investigate the cops
30. Immune system response
32. Distress signal
33. Engine additive
35. "No Scrubs" trio
36. Very fast airplane
39. A reward (archaic)
41. Commercial
42. Spots where golfers start
44. Polite form of address (Indian)
46. French river
47. Reduce the light

CLUES DOWN

1. Possesses
2. American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
3. Ancient Syrian city
4. Clip
5. In a way, misleads
6. Human gene
7. The Golden State (abbr.)
8. Lizard genus
9. Parasites that invade the skin
10. Took apart
12. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
13. S. California town
16. Suffix plural
17. Painting technique
20. Small Eurasian deer
22. Mr. T character
25. Microsoft
26. Shock therapy
27. Able to be sold
29. A doctrine
31. These three follow A
34. Pulse
36. Quantitative fact
37. Doctor ___: children's book author
38. Hebrew calendar month
40. Designated hitter
43. Norther Poland village
45. A passport is one form
48. Hand (Spanish)
50. Hit with the open hand
51. Actor Idris
53. Shakespeare's nickname "The ___"
54. Northern U.S. lake
55. Marvin and Horsley are two
57. Soak
58. Partner to cheese
59. Expression of disappointment
61. College dorm employee



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SUN RISE SCOOPS

Sun Rise Staff Reports

April 5 Love Bash for Animals

The Potter League has scheduled its Premiere Spring Fundraiser, "Love Bash for Animals." The event will be held on Friday, April 5, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., at the Windham Newport Hotel, 240 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown, for an unforgettable celebration. Prepare for an enchanting evening filled with a cocktail reception, seated dinner, thrilling silent and live auctions, and a firsthand look at the life-saving programs and services provided by the Potter League. Get ready to Sit, Stay, Bid! Our mobile silent auction is already underway, offering exclusive items and experiences until Friday, April 5.

Show your love and support by adding a loved one or pet's name to our Tree of Love for just \$15. Each heart-shaped tag, beautifully inscribed, becomes a symbol of compassion and commitment to animals in need. And remember, you don't have to attend to purchase a heart. Tickets are priced at \$150 each, with tables of 10 available for \$1,500. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.LoveBashforAnimals.com or call 401-846-0592. Cocktail attire is recommended, and complimentary parking will be provided. Please note that this event is exclusively for humans.

April 13 Gridiron Girls Camp

The First Gridiron Girls Camp in RI will be offered on Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Johnston High School, 345 Cherry Hill Road, Johnston. Dr. Jennifer Welter, the first woman to have coached in the NFL with the Arizona Cardinals football team, will be hosting her famous all girls football camp. This is an opportunity to explore a new avenue in sports for our young ladies. It is free! Participants must register! Be a part of history! Registration at: www.jenwelter.com or text/call Randy Phillips at 401-339-8511, coach1randy@gmail.com with any questions.

April 13 Scitua-istory Program

The Hope Historical Society is hosting an open forum/Scituate and Memorabilia and Artifacts Program on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m., at the Howland Barn, 35 Ryefield Road, Hope. The Hope Historical Society invites the community to participate in the "Scituate Memorabilia and Artifacts" meeting celebrating all things Scituate. HHS invites members and guests to display, discuss, and share their memorabilia and artifacts.

The HHS will also provide a preview of the Scituate Historic Signage Project; "The Scituate Heritage Trail". Intrigued by the topic but cannot attend "Scituate Memorabilia and Artifacts"? You can still share by posting a picture and/or story on our Facebook page "Hope Historical Society, Hope, RI". Pictures and stories must be posted at least 48 hours before the meeting to be included in the Open Forum. Not a Facebook user? Pictures or stories can be emailed to the HHS at hopehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

April 14 Lost Villages Tour

Author Ray Wolf will lead a luxury bus tour featuring the Lost Village of Rockland (the title of his newest book), which will focus on more than 25 points of interest. Wolf has decided this will be his last year of giving bus tours, and he said this may be your last chance to join a tour. The 90-minute tours will leave rain or shine from Hope School Playground, 391 North Road (Route 116), in Hope, on Sunday, April 14. Wolf planned at least two tours (and as of earlier this week, one was sold out and only a few seats remained for the second). Call 401-821-0016 or email thewolf@cox.net to book a seat. Seats are \$59 per person, in advance. No food or drinks are allowed on the bus (bottled water only). For more information, go to www.raywolfbooks.com and go to "TOURS."

April 20 Fishing Derby

The Johnston Parks & Recreation Department will hold its 2024 Fishing Derby for children ages 4-12 on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Johnston Memorial Park. The derby will include awards for individual achievement and will be free to enter. Johnston Rec reminds participants: "Please remember this derby is meant for the kids ... let the kids do all the fishing. You can help cast and release the fish if necessary."

Derby organizers ask that participants bring bait and fishing poles, and "most of all, have fun!"

April 20 Cemetery Cleanup

On Saturday, April 20, the Johnston Historical Society will be hosting a cemetery clean-up as part of the statewide "Historical Cemetery Awareness Event." This event is sponsored by the State Historical Cemetery Commission in collaboration with the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission. The Society will be cleaning Johnston Historical Cemetery #21, the Governor King / Borden Lot. The cemetery is located at the corner of Hartford Avenue and Winfield Road, in the vicinity of Winsor Hill School. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers should take rakes and gloves. For any further information, please contact the Society at 231-3380.

May 4 St. Rocco 60th

St. Rocco School, 931 Atwood Ave, will host a 60th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 4. Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. A reception will follow in Café Rocco after Mass. Looking for alumni, family and friends to join us in celebrating 60 years! For more information, call St. Rocco school office at 401-944-2993. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

May 5 Victorian Tea

The Johnston Historical Society will host a Victorian Tea at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 5.

The location for the Victorian Tea will be the picturesque Historic Andrew Harris House yard and garden at 216 Morgan Ave., Johnston.

Tickets are \$35 per person, and there's limited seating. All proceeds will benefit the Johnston Historical Society.

Price of admission includes three different "teas," finger sandwiches, mini pastries and much more. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Anthony Ursillo at 401-764-5901 or e-mail aursillo401@gmail.com.

The event will be held rain or shine (no refunds for tickets). Victorian attire is optional.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

United in our charitable efforts

Few things have inspired as much optimism and hope regarding our fellow Rhode Islanders as 401Gives, a still-relatively-new day of charitable giving started by The United Way of Rhode Island during the very beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Initially, the onset of the pandemic caused a moment of caution; should the initiative be pushed off while people navigated these uncertain financial waters? Instead, it became apparent just how much more crucial it would be to ask members of the community to step up to help the nonprofits around them who dedicate countless hours and resources to helping those in need throughout the state.

That first day of giving, despite all the uncertainty and fear and concern over individual checking accounts, raised an impressive \$1.3 million, benefiting 366 nonprofits.

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The wave of giving has only gotten more heartwarming since that day.

In 2021, 401Gives dem-

olished its first year's numbers, jumping up 75% in total donations to \$2.29 million when all was said and counted. That number was reached from 12,000 individual donors. In 2022, they eclipsed \$3 million in donations going to 507 organizations, and did so with just under 13,000 donors. In 2023, again, the number grew, to \$3.4 million total raised, benefiting 546 different nonprofits.

This past Monday marked 2024's Day of Giving, and as of writing this, the group did not eclipse its prior year donation total for the first time in its four-year history, raising just around \$2.9 million. However, that money also went to more organizations than any year prior, with just shy of 600 groups receiving some money from over 13,500 donors.

While this might mean that economic times are a bit tougher for charitable Rhode Islanders, more of us are giving as more become aware of this worthwhile endeavor, which is full of so many good causes that, mathematically, at least one should hit close to home and inspire even a small donation.

Seeing this type of concentrated good will in one place makes us proud to be Rhode Islanders and provides a sense of balance to the negative things we see happening around the world at the moment. Think of the impact we could make if the number of donors — already a small fraction of Rhode Island's overall population — were to increase next year by just 10 percent. How many more people could be helped through hard times?

At a time when many people are struggling with the cost of housing, of food, of daycare, and of education, we know it's a tough thing to be asked to give any of your limited disposable income to others. But every little bit does help, and should you find yourself in the position one day where you rely on the support of one of these wonderful nonprofits, you'd certainly hope for them to be well funded.

Go to 401gives.org for more information.

LETTERS

Planning board chose solar developer over residents

Dear fellow residents,
Thank you all for your attendance at the Johnston Planning Board meeting last night.

While Green Development came before the board again thanks to a state law that says they have the right to present their master plan for an extension for an industrial solar array in a 350 acre residential space, we were curious.

So many had attended so many meetings before the Johnston Zoning Board, which denied the plan twice. We were told it was a formality.

Before the board announced their decision, one at a time residents asked the same question. Just because it was brought forward by law, there is nothing in the law that said it had to be granted.

The board members took the stance that, as taxpayers, they did not want to be sued by the developer. Funny because the developer has already taken the denials to court.

I asked where it was stated that the law said it must be granted. Then others asked the same questions. How could they not consider the Zoning Board's decisions? How could they not consider the residents?

Counsel for the Board said the developer had the right

to request this extension.
Yes, everyone read the law. And law is always subject to interpretation.

Aristotle said, "the purpose of government is to foster a good life for its citizens."

This is not the case here. They could have denied the master plan extension and stood up for all of us, the residents of Johnston.

They chose the side of the developer. When the motion was made, the board member read a scripted statement. This was already decided. It is looking like the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing. So the fight to save people's homes and quality of life will continue.

On another note, you should all know that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Johnston Municipal Court Building. This one is for a revision on the tax agreement with Amazon. Long story short, if this ordinance is adopted, Amazon will be getting a TAX BREAK. Please, stand up for yourselves and each other. The bill will come due, and the we, the residents, will be left paying the tab.

Thanks for all your support. We need to make Johnston better.

Karen Cappelli Chadwick, of Johnston

JRTC: Town needs public servants who will advocate for constituents

So, who is sick and tired of the high costs of living the past few years? Is anyone getting ahead anymore? Johnston residents are hard-working people. We raise our families, know and help our neighbors, and support our community. We plan the best we can for our future, but are falling short.

The past few years have been expensive for us. Costs increased greatly in electricity, gasoline and home heating fuel, food, and services. Everything has gone up except many of our salaries haven't been able to keep up.

But does anyone recognize that our cost of living going up has to do with policies being made by those we elected? We need representation that will effectively advocate for the residents of Johnston.

RI Mandates to start driving Electric Vehicles by 2035 will be in place. Do our Democratic representatives even read the bills they pass? They will make all of us broke and drive residents to move out of the state! Not to mention the forced Covid vaccine mandates and masks that messed up our schools and businesses!

Then we have local issues, fighting against solar fields, wind turbines, affordable housing vs. low-income hous-

ing, flooding, and the landfill. Now Amazon wants to renegotiate the Tax Stabilization agreement and they have yet to move in! No matter what was being sold to the residents, it turns in favor of profit for the town. But that doesn't mean the residents have seen a tax break. We are all discussing kitchen table issues and that is our wallets.

Johnston needs some representatives with common sense and fiscal responsibility as our advocates. We need leaders to recognize that RI needs to respect small businesses, school choice, and our second amendment rights. Republicans stand for Strong Family Values, Patriotism, Honor the Constitution, Freedom of Speech, and Freedom of Religion.

Local politics is just as important as national. If you are a Johnston Conservative and would like to run for local office, please email info@johnstonri.gop for more information. No seat should go unchallenged. Now is the time that we need candidates to announce their run for office!

Sandra Taylor,

Johnston Republican Town Committee Chair



VFW: Don't feed the 'claim sharks'

There's a new breed of predatory business operating in the Ocean State. They are called "claim sharks."

They are for-profit companies, based in other states, that seek to illegally gain financially from providing "consulting" services to a veteran or a veterans survivor by "assisting" them in the preparation of their initial benefit claims with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or VA. Like a "Loan Shark," once you're in, you can't get out, and may be subject to new and hidden fees whenever you get a new VA disability rating, no matter who does the work.

These "claim shark" companies do not employ VA-accredited individuals. They are not affiliated with VA-accredited and Congressionally-chartered Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs), like the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW). They are not VA-accredited VSO representatives that provide free assistance to veterans and survivors in the preparation of their VA benefit claims. They are not VA-accredited claims agents or attorneys whose fees are capped by law and who are required to adhere to ethical guidelines of the VA and the legal profession. These claim sharks do not receive the extensive, annual, training by the VA on current law and changes to VA regulations.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is leading a legislative effort to defeat "claim sharks" here in Rhode Island. Leg-

islation (S. 2700 (Felag)/H. 7609 (Azzinaro)) has been introduced into the Rhode Island General Assembly which would put the "claim sharks" out of business. When enacted, this law would not affect claims services provided by VA-accredited VSO representatives, claims agents, or attorneys. This law is needed now to protect the over 54,000 veterans living in our state. Our goal is to have Governor McKee sign this legislation into law this year.

If you believe that Rhode Island veterans and their survivors should be protected against these "claim sharks," then I ask you to let your voice be heard by emailing the members of the Senate Special Legislation and Veteran Affairs Committee at Slegislation@rilegislature.gov and House Corporations Committee at House-Corporations@rilegislature.gov to let them know that you want S. 2700/H. 7609 moved out of committee and sent to the Senate/House floors for immediate passage.

This legislative effort is supported by the member organizations of the United Veterans Council of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island AFL-CIO.

For more information about "claim sharks," please visit dontfeedthesharks.org.

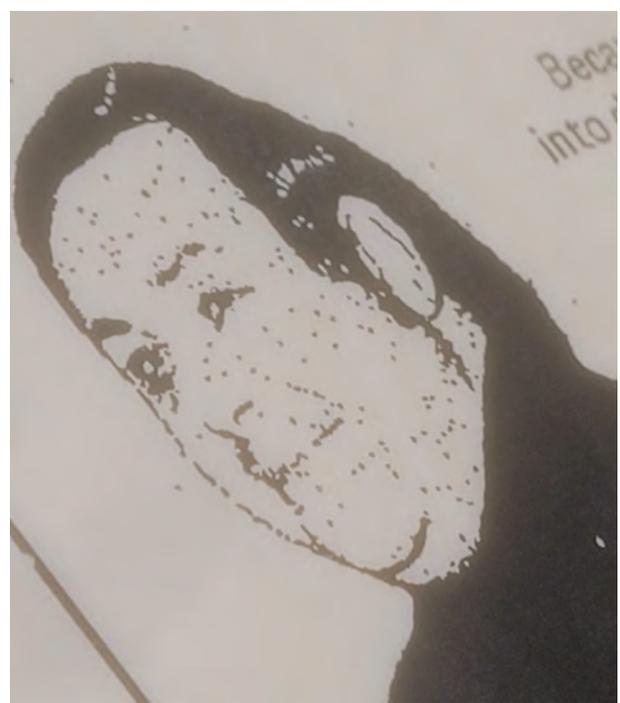
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LEAN & LANKY: On X, the platform formerly known as Twitter (Pete Fontaine had no interest in Twitter, X, Facebook or any of that "garbage nonsense"), a poster "Art UVALDE" (@Turbineguru) posted a pair of beautiful, classic "Pete Fontaine tear sheets" and this message: "He was an icon in South County in the early 1970s, everybody's favorite writer."



WHATTA MUG: Dr. Patrick Conley, president of the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame, came up with a program book produced by the 1976 Bicentennial Commission. Inside, this mug shot was next to Pete's bio. He was listed as the commission's sports information director.



THE BIGGER THEY ARE, the harder they......the "lean and lanky" player-coach of the South County Media Madmen, Pete Fontaine, sports editor of the Narragansett Times and North Kingstown Standard-Times, was pushed to the floor last Friday night during a jump ball with Donna Fuller of the North Kingstown High girls' basketball team, which overcame many physical weaknesses and edged the newspaper quintet, 70-67.

To the 'Superscribes'

Wha hoppedend?

We wuz robbed!" cheating last Sunday by using their superior shooting ability and better all-around basketball talent, a sneaky Jamestown School faculty blue-pencilled the South County "Media Madmen", 97-76, in a benefit performance at the Island school gym.

The gauntlet was thrown and the challenge accepted a week ago, and the Island "Bookworms" proved that the "Superscribes" should stick to the print and electronic media by turning the game into a rout after the first two minutes and then coasting to their third victory of the season.

Played before a partisan crowd of 200 enthusiastic rooters for both sides, the "Supergame" had shades of the Palestra and Madison Square Garden, as the fans intoned numerous chants and hung huge banners for the "Bookworms".

Pete Fontaine, sports editor of the North Kingstown Standard-Times and the Narragansett Times, couldn't believe the results and accused the faculty of sneaking into the Madmen's training camp in the Slocum wilderness. "How did they know we were going to use the broken-wing offense and pillbox defense?" he asked suspiciously.

A week of secretive training and preparation went down the drain for the superscribes, all of whom were fined various amounts by Coach Fontaine for their insipid performances.

The game, which netted more than \$50 toward the purchase of additional backboards at the school gym, was billed as a tune-up for the superscribes who were scheduled to take on the Russian Olympic team

which will tour the United States later this month.

But Coach Fontaine said his general manager had decided to postpone the game with the Russians for at least another year and to train the team in ping-pong, instead. When the news was broken to the "Media Madmen" the fatigued hoopsters were disappointed, but bought an atlas and looked up China on the map.

With School Principal Roger Chase leading the way, the Islanders roared off to a 24-8 first period lead as the "Superscribes" had trouble running up and down the enormous gymnasium. Some of them had trouble running anywhere. Chase was the game's high scorer with 23 points.

In the second period Rick Wilson, Ron Winslow and Bob Sirhal, all of the "Media Madmen", set the pace as they cut the Islanders' lead to 45-37 at the long-awaited intermission.

The closest the "Media Madmen" came was within five points in the third period, with Sirhal and Wilson scoring on long-range shots. Sirhal, playing for the Narragansett Times, was the club's leading scorer with 21 points.

In addition to Chase, other Jamestown players in double figures were Bob Anderson with 20, Joe Evangelista and Jim Reynolds with 14 each, and Dave Bentley with 13. Ed Laughlin chipped in with eight points and Jay Black came up with five.

Black, a reserve guard for the Islanders, proved to be the most genial host to the Media Madmen as he scored a basket on a brilliant hook shot in the third period. The unique factor

there, however, was that Black shot at the wrong basket.

Official scorer Robert O'Neil credited the basket to the Superscribes lanky coach Fontaine, who said afterward, "I needed all the scoring help I could get."

While Fontaine scored four points, Wilson came up with 15 and Winslow added 14.

Other members of the Superscribes were Airborne Angelo Cataldi of the Narragansett Times, Jumpin' Jay Anthony of the North Kingstown Standard-Times, Ron Winslow and Bill Bryant of the South County Bureau, Providence Journal-Bulletin, Ron Hickman and Steve Bosquet of Radio Station WKFD and Keith Gibbs from the URI Five-Cent Cigar.

The "Media Madmen" will play the Islanders later this season, and will also schedule games with other school faculty teams in South County.

SUPERGAME BOX SCORE

| S.C. MEDIA MADMEN (76) | | G | F | Pts |
|------------------------|--|-----------|----------|-----------|
| R. Hickman | | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| P. Fontaine | | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| R. Wilson | | 7 | 1 | 15 |
| J. Anthony | | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| B. Bryant | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| R. Winslow | | 6 | 2 | 14 |
| S. Bosquet | | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| K. Gibbs | | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| A. Cataldi | | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| B. Sirhal | | 10 | 1 | 21 |
| TOTALS | | 34 | 8 | 76 |

JAMESTOWN BOOKWORMS (97)

| JAMESTOWN BOOKWORMS (97) | | G | F | Pts |
|--------------------------|--|-----------|----------|-----------|
| B. Anderson | | 9 | 3 | 20 |
| R. Chase | | 9 | 5 | 23 |
| E. Laughlin | | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| D. Bentley | | 6 | 1 | 13 |
| J. Evangelista | | 7 | 0 | 14 |
| J. Black | | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| J. Reynolds | | 7 | 0 | 14 |
| TOTALS | | 44 | 9 | 97 |



LEAN AND LANKY guard for the newly-formed South County Media Madmen is Pete Fontaine, sports editor of the Standard-Times and the Narragansett Times, shown heading toward the basket during Sunday's benefit tilt. He proved to be a heavy favorite with the crowd of more than 200 onlookers.

Celts extend string in island league

Paced by Rick Zinser and John Furtado, the Celtics extended their unbeaten string to three last Thursday in the Jamestown Recreation Department's High School Basketball League, as they posted a 57-53 victory over the previously undefeated Bucks.

Zinser, who also played for the North Kingstown junior varsity this season, was the game's high scorer with 21 points while Furtado chipped in with 20. Jack Caswell paced the Bucks with 20 points and Jeff Clarke added 16.

The Celtics now lead the league with a 3-0 record while the Bucks are a game behind with a 2-1 mark.

varsity, led the Warriors attack with 15 points and Steve Crowe came up with 13.

While the victory was the first in three outings for the Bullets, the loss was the third straight for the Warriors.

In the junior high league, played Monday night at the Jamestown Junior High, Mark Matos led all scorers with 25 points, as he paced the Bucks to a resounding 61-18 victory over the Knicks. Peter Blake added 11 for the winners.

Dave Hickman had six points for the Knicks, who are winless in two outings. The Bulls evened their divisional mark at 1-1.

The Lakers upped their record to 2-0 Monday night as



CONGRATULATIONS PETE:

In this 2017 file photo, Pete Fontaine was presented with a special commendation by Town Councilman Robert Civetti. He was recognized for doing a "great job for the Town of Johnston and the athletes of the town at all levels," he was honored for his coverage of events of all kinds. That same year, Fontaine was inducted into the Johnston High School Hall of Fame. (Johnston Sun Rise FILE photo)

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Community was Pete Fontaine's family

As soon as I saw Pete Fontaine open the office door, a smile spread across his face, I knew he was up to something.

It was the day before Thanksgiving and everyone was pressing to meet deadline and get home.

Pete knew the routine from countless deadlines. Nonetheless, he wanted to chat and at least wish people a happy Thanksgiving. He usually focused on how many people would be around the table and what kind of pies would follow the turkey. He'd make the rounds, stopping at the sales department, trading stories with reporters, talking sports with the sports editor and dropping in to bookkeeping where he would pick up his check for his freelance work covering the Town of Johnston for the Johnston Sun Rise newspaper.

Although he lived in Warwick and worked for many years covering sports for the Pawtuxet Valley Daily Times in West Warwick, Johnston was his turf and his home after retiring from the Times. He knew the politicians, the cops, the school principals, the old timers and the regulars. He was at civic events and ceremonies, snapping photos with his

This Side Up



by JOHN HOWELL

pocket digital camera, trading hellos with dignitaries and often lingering as the crowd broke up to hobnob with friends. He took pride in knowing what was happening in town.

On holiday eves, Pete would visit one of his favorite haunts in Warwick, Antonio's Bakery.

"You wouldn't believe the line, it was out the door and into the parking lot," he'd excitedly report on customers waiting to buy Zeppole on St. Joseph's Day. Food was Pete's way of saying thank you.

"You'll find a little something on your front seat," he'd say as I downloaded his photos and he'd summarize stories planned for that week's Sun Rise. The first time that happened, I didn't know what to expect. I had forgotten what he said by the time I was locking the office door six

hours later to head home for dinner. There, as he said, was a white paper bag with a carefully wrapped apple turnover from Antonio's.

On holidays he went all out with pies.

By no means did Pete limit his coverage to Johnston. He was a parishioner at St. Barnabas Church in Apponaug and a regular at the Tri-City Elks on West Shore Road. The coverage he gave to organizations was extensive. He was there for the car shows, kids fishing derbies, installation ceremonies, Easter egg hunts and outings.

Sometimes he was so into promoting an event or organization, he would tell the story three times - once to let readers know the "biggest ever" bazaar was coming up; then coverage from the event and the follow up mentioning all the workers and how successful it was. Few adjectives were spared to let you know the event was over the top.

A favorite of his was the Greek Festival held in September at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Cranston. His affection for the festival was understandable, Pete's companion of 32 years, Georgia Pappas, is a member of the church and Pete wanted to ensure the community

knew it was happening. Last year's festival was hit with heavy rain on Sunday causing the cancellation of outdoor attractions but that didn't stop Pete from shining a light on the positive.

"Nonetheless, the Festival's popularity extended into late Sunday afternoon and until the 8 p.m. closing time as countless numbers of people came back to enjoy and purchase pastry and the mouthwatering Greek food and pastry even though Oaklawn Avenue was flooded," he reported.

Following the New Year, we saw less and less of Pete. Medical issues limited his ability to get around. There was the occasional phone call and then about four weeks ago he went silent. We learned he was in the hospital.

Then came the news Thursday that he had died.

Patrick Quinn of Quinn Funeral Home was one of the first to call. He was looking for Pete's next of kin and background on Pete. At some point, I had heard Pete might be a nominee for the RI Heritage Hall of Fame. That wasn't the case, however. Dr. Patrick Conley president of the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame came up with a program

book produced by the 1976 Bicentennial Commission. Pete served as sports information director for the commission. The book listed Pete's work as a journalist and sports editor. I learned he directed the largest ever New England Senior Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament at the time and was credited with expanding the RI Senior Babe Ruth Baseball program from five to 48 teams. That was only a sampling. More information was forthcoming and is included in his obituary.

From Patrick Quinn, who was looking to contact family members, I learned that Pete was the adopted son of a couple who had likewise been adopted. Both are deceased.

That revelation answered a lot for me.

While I never asked Pete, it explained why he never talked about family or family gatherings at Christmas and other special occasions. I'd ask what he would be doing for the holiday and he would be visiting Georgia's family or they would be going out for dinner.

"He had no one," Georgia said Friday as we talked about the service planned for Tuesday at St. Barnabas Church. Of course, there's more to the story.

His lack of kin explained why Pete so valued connecting with others and why he visited Antonio's on special holidays. Warwick and Johnston were more than his home. They were his family.

OBITUARIES

Peter C. Fontaine

Peter C. Fontaine, 77, award winning sports columnist died Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Born in North Kingstown, he was a son of the late Alphonse C. and Anna L. (Raitano) Fontaine. Pete was a graduate of North Kingstown High School where he had earned all-league football and baseball honors.

In the early 70s, he served as sports editor for two of New England's prized newspapers and covered area college, high school and amateur sports. Pete's former sports sections were continuously cited for excellence by the New England Press Association and was honored by the 6th State Group of Writing Excellence. He also served as Vice President of Words Unlimited, an organization for sports writers and announcers. He had at one time his own daily radio program which featured sports commentary.

Pete also had success as both administrator and coach in youth sports. Pete had directed New England's Babe Ruth tournaments and founded the South County Junior Football Club. He also coached his former basketball team to 3 state and divisional championships. Pete was also named coach of the year in DeMolay basketball and fastpitch softball. For the past several years, he continued as a sports writer for the Narragansett Times, Kent County Daily Times and Beacon Communications.

He is survived by his longtime companion, Georgia J. Pappas.

Relatives and friends were invited to his funeral service Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 9am in St. Barnabas Church, 3257 Post Rd, Warwick. Visiting hours were respectfully omitted. In his memory, donations to St. Barnabas Church or your favorite charity will be appreciated. For information and condolences visit www.TheQuinn-FuneralHome.com



Pete (Continued from page 1)

The next day, informed of Pete's death, Ursillo wrote: "On behalf of the Johnston Historical Society (JHS) we wish to express our deepest sympathy to all who knew Pete. Over the many years, Pete has advanced the 'goal' of the JHS by writing numerous articles in reference to the importance of history and preservation, especially in the town of Johnston and beyond."

Pete left lasting impressions on the town's institutions. He offered fledgling community groups a voice.

"He was a unique and colorful character and his knowledge of writing a fascinating story was an asset to his accomplishments," Ursillo wrote. "On a personal note, Pete was always just a phone call away. I will always be grateful to him for his numerous articles in reference to one of Johnson's historical landmarks, Shang Bailey's Roadhouse."

Ursillo also lives in Shang Bailey's Roadhouse. "Pete put Shang Bailey's on the 'map' of notoriety," Ursillo remembered. "His articles gave us all a great 'vision' of the history surrounding this grand ole mansion. His legacy will always be known throughout Johnston and now Pete is part of history. God Bless and may he rest in peace."

Pete slowed down a bit recently. He turned 77 last summer and it was a pain keeping fresh tennis balls on his walker. That made covering certain events trickier each week.

But Pete still covered what he could. We posted news of Pete's passing on our Johnston Sun Rise social media accounts.

Members of the town's business community and those Pete met over the years replied with notes of sympathy and remembrances.

"What a great guy," wrote Raffi Derderian. "I always enjoyed his company when he covered events at our karate school."

"Pete was absolutely amazing," wrote Maria DaSilva Evangelista. "When I first opened my business 12 years ago he helped me so much with articles in the paper."

"Pete made such an impact on our community and enjoyed highlighting local events and success stories," wrote Gina Brown Schino. "He will be missed by all."

"So sad," wrote Tracy Lynn Ackert. "Such a sweet man."

"He was a Johnston staple who always was at Winsor Hill for everything we had going on," wrote Don-

na Villella Pingitore. "We will miss him."

"He always wanted to put my kids in the paper," wrote Bill Geribo. "Very nice guy."

Angela Brasil: "Rest in peace Mr. Pete. It was a pleasure knowing you!"

Ed Duffy: "Pete was such a good soul."

RI Self-Defense Center: "Pete was such a great guy and funny. Always covered local stories and took care of the local businesses and Johnston Little League. What a personality. He will be missed!"

"I have known Pete since he started covering the Town of Johnston," recalled Richard DelFino Jr., past chairman of the Johnston Democratic Party, administrator of the Municipal Court, and now Executive Director of the Johnston Senior Center. "He was always looking for a human interest story that profiled the people of the Town of Johnston. Pete was a good man with a huge heart who will be missed by all of us who appreciated him and his craft."

Briarcliffe RI: "So missed ... you made everyone a local hero. Really it was you, the local hero."

Stefany Reed and Akshay Talwar from Briarcliffe campus in Johnston, shared more in a separate post.

"With a larger than life personality, Pete knew everyone!" They wrote. "He never forgot anyone and was quite the local character."

The hero thing was real. Pete's stories were packed with heroes (but not one cape).

"He always believed in making any one person he wrote about a hometown hero," Reed wrote. "If you wronged him, he made sure the world knew you were a schnook."

Pete's been on a lot of our minds lately. He had been in and out of the hospital, unable to communicate at times, and it was tough tracking him down the last few weeks of his life.

"Just this week Pete popped into my head and I made a mental note to give him a call and then saw this," Reed said, referring to the Sun Rise post about Pete's death. "Now I'm certain he popped into my head for a reason ... You too are a hometown hero and it's been a pleasure."

Perhaps Arnie Vecchione summed it up best: "One in a million."

We all probably took Pete a bit for granted. Such a cruel twist in life that we rarely fully appreciate people before they're gone.

My last conversation with Pete was on deadline, two weeks prior. The call was too brief. He was in the hospital but told me not to tell anyone. That was very "Pete Fontaine."

The man's become an adjective. A newsroom legend.

Obituaries

In your time of need, the *Johnston Sun Rise* will print your loved one's full obituary for a small charge. The paper also places the obituary on our website, johnstonsunrise.net.

Should you desire our services, kindly inform your funeral director, or call (401) 732-3100 or email Obits@rhodybeat.com for additional information. Obituary prices start at \$60. You may include the obituary in any of our other newspapers for half price.

- Thank you

High School musicians run Mattress Sale & Clothing Drive

By Sun Rise Staff Reports

With the busiest portion of the school year just under way, Johnston High School's musicians are preparing to run their final two fundraisers. On Saturday, April 6, the high school will be transformed into a mattress and bedding showroom open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Over 25 styles will be on display with everything from mattress protectors, sheets, and pillows to high-quality bean-bags and adjustable beds.

Directors Ron Lamoureux and Matthew Gingras have been working with Jason Glander of Custom Fundraising Solutions (CFS) for several years now.

"We were a bit skeptical about how successful the event could be when Jason approached us years ago but decided to give it a try," said Lamoureux. "Since then we look forward to the sale each year; it's brought in thousands of much-needed funds and CFS has always treated us like we are their most important client."

The group will also use the date in conjunction with another annual initiative — their Saver's FUNDdrive. They are asking friends of the music program to drop off gently used "soft goods."

"We are looking for men's, women's, & chil-

dren's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.," said Gingras. The Johnston School Music Association (JSMA) is collecting these goods now and is hoping for a really big turn-out on the 6th to help meet their very ambitious goal.

"In each of the past two years," said Gingras. "We have turned in almost exactly two tons of goods. This year we are hoping to hit 5,000 pounds."

Besides helping the music department present concerts and represent the town in parades and community events, the JSMA helps provide for student travel, scholarships, and participation in honors ensembles like the Rhode Island Music Education Association (RIMEA) All-State Festivals. (JHS had 20 students accepted into the prestigious all-state ensembles this year, a really impressive accomplishment).

"I could not be more proud of our kids or be more thankful to the JSMA for their efforts," said Lamoureux. "The JSMA's support and the immense generosity of the Johnston community keeps our program moving forward each year."

Clothing can be dropped at the high school on Saturday or any day until April 10. Pick-up can be arranged by contacting Ron Lamoureux via email, RLamoureux@johnstonschools.org

TO THE MATTRESSES:
Jonathan Guilmette and Gerson Cabrera don mattress costumes at last year's sale. (Photos by Ron Lamoureux)



SIGNS OF THE TIMES:
Edwina Argueta and Daniela Noriega Garcia hold the signs they'll be placing to advertise the upcoming music fundraisers.



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■ Scoops
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May 11
JHS Yard Sale

On Saturday, May 11, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., the Johnston Historical Society will host a Yard Sale at the JHS Museum, 101 Putnam Pike, Johnston. Please, no early birds.

May 14- June 5
ASL Drivers Ed

Rhode Island School for the Deaf is taking registration now for RI Driver Education Course and will meet Mon. thru Fri., 3:15 to 5:15 p.m., with one Fri., May 31, at 2:15 - 5:15 p.m., at RI School for the Deaf, 1 Corliss Park, Providence. Course fee is \$100 plus \$10 registration fee = \$110. Total: 33 hours and **MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES!** On-line registration is available on the RISD site with a credit card. Make sure to use the class ID #5643. Or register and pay in full through CCRI. Walk-in registration with payment of either cash, check or money order (payable to CCRI) accepted at one of the CWCE (Center for workforce & Community Education) in Lincoln, Providence or Warwick. Text-book required: New "How to Drive: Making Driver Education Fun and Easy!" 15th edition before the first-class meeting. Cost: \$26.95. Available at CCRI Bookstore and AAA. Bookstore does not accept checks as payment: Cash or credit card only. Refund Policy: Must notify at least 48 hours before the start of class. Attendees are responsible for their own transportation.

NAMI-RI Family Support Groups

The RI chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI-RI) offers free support groups for families and friends of loved ones who are struggling with their mental health. The groups are led by trained facilitators who also have lived experience as family members themselves. The group meetings last about 1.5 hours, and everyone who participates in the meeting gets a chance to share. The other members of the group try to offer help and resources, when appropriate, based on their own experiences. More information and full schedule can be found at namirhodeisland.org, or call 401-331-3060. No pre-registration for these monthly groups is necessary.

First Thurs. at 6 p.m. IN PERSON ONLY at the Ro-

chambeau Library in the Community Room, Rochambeau Library, 708 Hope Street, Providence (NEW-starts Aug.)

Second Tues. at 5 p.m. IN PERSON ONLY at the Middletown Public Library in the Community Room. Middletown Library, 700 West Main Road, Middletown.

Third Tues. at 6:30 p.m. MEETS VIA ZOOM ONLY Please call 401-331-3060 or email info@namirhodeisland.org for the Zoom link

Fourth Wed. at 6 p.m. IN PERSON ONLY at the Hope Valley Grange, #71116 Main Street, Hope Valley.

Soul of '71 Scholarship Fund

In 2021, the Johnston High School Class of 1971 established The Soul of 1971 Scholarship Fund at The Rhode Island Foundation. The Class of '71 is the first class in the history of the Johnston School System to establish a permanent Fund. The Fund currently stands at \$23,031. Scholarships have been awarded in 2022 and 2023 to deserving JHS seniors. For additional information or to donate, contact Harold J. Hemberger at hembergerharold@gmail.com. All funds on deposit are managed by The Rhode Island Foundation.

Help OSDRI restock the pantry!

Operation Stand Down Rhode Island needs your help. Their food pantry needs a major restocking. See a list of needed non-perishable items in the photo.

Like many people, OSDRI's clients have been faced with some real obstacles these past couple of years. With your help, they pledge to always be there to give a hand up for veterans and their families in need.

Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at OSDRI's main office, 1010 Hartford Ave., Johnston. If you have any questions or would like more information, call the OSDRI office at 401-383-4730.

Johnston Recreation Department

T-Ball

Registration is now open for T-ball through the Johnston Recreation Department. Boys and girls ages 5-6 (as of May 1, 2024) are invited to come learn fundamentals, become comfortable with the ball, develop skills and physical dexterity through catching, throwing, swing-

ing the bat, and having fun! Mini games will be played towards the end of the season. Games and practices held in one-hour long sessions on Saturday mornings. The fee is \$70 for individuals and \$50 for each additional sibling. Checks or money orders accepted; made payable to JYSA. To register, visit johnstonrec.com or visit the Johnston Recreation Office Monday - Friday; 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Youth Track & Field

Registration is now open now for Youth Track and Field through the Johnston Recreation Department for boys and girls grades 1-8. The fee is \$70 for individuals and \$50 for each additional sibling. Checks or money orders accepted; made payable to JYSA. Volunteers, coaches, and sponsors also needed! To register, visit johnstonrec.com or visit the Johnston Recreation Office Monday - Friday; 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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SCOOP OF THE WEEK

An Afternoon of Italian Heritage Honoring
WJAR Journalist, Alison Bologna
and
Master Chef, Walter Potenza

Sunday, April 28, 2024
1:00pm - 4:00pm
Tomaselli's at The Rosario
17 Rosario Drive ~ Providence RI

Menu:
Choice of Boneless Stuffed Chicken or Baked Scrod
both served with oven roasted potato and vegetable,
family style chicken escarole soup, tossed salad, pasta marinara, bread and
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Amie Lytle, Daria Montaquila, and Melissa Penick as three of the five Betties. (Photo courtesy of Burbage Theatre)

Burbage's "Collective Rage" pushes the envelope

Theatre Review
by DON FOWLER

Remember the controversy over "The Vagina Monologues"?

Burbage Theatre Company brings us the Rhode Island Premiere of Jen Silverman's "Collective Rage: A Play in 5 Betties," which uses the slang term for the female body part ad nauseum while carrying the conversation to

extremes.

I sat among a young, mostly female, audience that laughed loudly and often in response to the plethora of one-liners and tall tales relating to sex and the female anatomy.

Beneath the bawdiness lies the common themes of loneliness and lack of self-worth experienced by five young ladies of various sexual persuasions.

When the five Betties get together

to put on a play based on the play within a play in Shakespeare's "A Midsummers Nights Dream," their journeys to discover more about themselves spurt out in a variety of ways.

Betty 1 (Melissa Penick) responds to her unhappy marriage with rage.

Betty 2 (Amie Lytle) is in a sexless marriage with no friends to share her unhappiness.

Betty 3 (Daria-Lyric Montaquila) is in a lesbian relationship and wants to be somebody.

Betty 4 (Nina Giselle) loves her truck and her girlfriend.

Betty 5 (Anna Basile) is the gender-neutral owner of a boxing gym.

Put them all together and you have a nuclear bomb to explode.

Act 1 of this 90 minute 2-act play sets the scene for the explosion. At times a bit too talky and striving for bawdy laughs (which they got), the dialogue cries out with their unhappiness and insecurity at every turn.

Act 2 brings it all together with the 5 Betties experiencing this "Queer and occasionally hazardous exploration" which is resolved in a powerful conclusion.

The acting is excellent and fast paced. The language is R rated, and this senior white heterosexual male, though feeling a bit uncomfortable among most of his audience members, got an education into how many young women view their roles in society today.

At Burbage Theatre Company, 59 Blackstone Ave., Pawtucket through April 21. Call 484-0565 for reservations.



Anna Basile as Betty 5 in Burbage's "Collective Rage: A Play in 5 Betties." (Photo courtesy of Burbage Theatre)

Facebook shopping... and beware

Like many, I enjoy browsing through Facebook. Also, like most people, I enjoy shopping, and Facebook provides many opportunities to do so.

Finding a bathing suit to fit my older, sagging body has been a real challenge. Several times I passed over the Facebook ad for a bathing suit that comes with shorts and a larger top which can be worn in public while shopping or out to eat. It appeared to perfect for me, as the top is listed as "sports bra" type, providing lots of "support". My credit card just slid out of my wallet, eager to purchase such a perfect swimsuit. I had almost forgotten it had been ordered because it did not arrive in my mailbox until 2 months later. When the sloppily wrapped package was opened, squished inside was NOT the bathing suit of my dreams, but a pile of unrecognizable pieces of cloth. The "bra" part was simply cloth cut out to resemble a bra, but no elasticity to hold it in place. The "shorts" were unevenly hemmed, and also unwearable. The cover-up part resembled a large, square piece of cloth with a hole cut out for the head, to be worn as a poncho, I surmised. I had been scammed!

It was incredulous to me that a Facebook ad could be dishonest, but carefully reading through the other ads it was apparent that the swimsuit was not the only con. The ad for USPS Forever Stamps had previously caught my eye, but because stamps are no longer needed in my computerized world, they were of no previous interest to me. Looking at it more closely now, the sale is for 100 packs at \$29.92, usually \$63. What a bargain! The USPS logo was at the top of the ad, instilling familiar confidence. Elsewhere, the United States Postal Service has reported that ALL online stamp "sales" are fraud as it is illegal to sell stamps at a reduced rate.

There was a Walmart ad for a remote control, folding scooter that only weighs 30 pounds. It easily folds up to put into a trunk, and it caught my eye as an alternative to my scooter suitcase. The Walmart logo promoted this a special sales event for only \$38.49! What a steal! What a scam! A similar ad touted the QVC logo with a similar scooter at a similar price, only they advertised buy one, get one free! Visions of Hubby and Iscootering through the mall flashed through my head, alas, this ad was also a lie.

The Vera Bradley Outlet ad caught my eye because I love the Vera Bradley brand and currently use their colorfully patterned computer case and wallet. In the ad, piles of various colorful items were

Life Matters



with LINDA PETERSEN

stacked up on a vast array of tables, and a matching notebook caught my eye for only \$1.99. Vera Bradley, whoever she is, would not scam me, would she? It turns out that Vera Bradley has worked hard to have these fake ads taken down, but as soon as one is taken down, another one appears, making it a vicious cycle.

The Salomon Outlet Sale showcases hiking shoes and other hiking apparel to be 90% off. Wow! I never liked to hike before, but, being a miser, I might want to start because the shoes are such a bargain! Bloom ChiC apparel flashed a sale of \$1.99 for all tops and shorts for larger sized women, a very large population to which this ad is marketed, (including me.) Keppal does them one better, and advertises two piece collections for \$1.99. Even the Chico Outlet advertises tops for \$1.99. The Lyx-way site offers four pairs of comfortable pants for \$24.95. At least their price is higher and more believable, even though it is still fictitious.

Hubby likes to watch "Inside Airport Lost and Found" on the National Geographic channel, which shows people purchasing luggage which had been left behind. On Facebook, an ad for Atlanta Airport Sale promotes the purchase of unclaimed luggage for only \$9.95 each, showing hundreds of high end suitcases just sitting there for the taking. Certainly more than \$10 worth of treasures lay inside, if the luggage were ever delivered after the order, or not.

The Tomalove site advertises iPads for \$47.98, and it is "buy one, get one free". Everyone must know that iPads could not possibly be sold for such a cheap price, yet I suspect many people might succumb to this possibility. An ad with the Walmart logo entices shoppers to purchase a new iPhone for only \$69.95.

All of these ads were on my Facebook today where hardly a legitimate ad could be found. A sucker is born every minute. If the price is too good to be true, it is not true. It appears that Facebook willingly allows all types of scam ads on their website. They are not concerned about their reputation, but more dependent upon the revenue these ads provide. Buyer beware!

Got something to sell???
Advertise in the Classifieds – Call 732-3100 today!

Magnificent Dragons & Mythical Marvels at Roger Williams Park Zoo

Dragons, mermaids, Loch Ness monster, griffins and unicorns... were they real or imagined? Guests can visit the Dragons & Mythical Creatures exhibit at the Roger Williams Park Zoo and decide for themselves.

Opening April 7th and running through August 11th, visitors to the Zoo will embark on a mythical journey where folklore meets reality as they encounter 60 life-size dragons and other creatures that exist somewhere between science and imagination. They will immerse themselves in the excitement of witnessing these animatronic mythical creatures in action—watching as these beasts move, roar, and even breathe smoke.

Legends of dragons and other creatures are ubiquitous globally, spanning historical and contemporary periods. These mythical creatures serve as symbols, highlighting the shared elements and diverse and distinct expressions within global cultures.

From fire-breathing beasts of destruction in Western myths to the majestic symbols of fortune and harmony in Chi-



nese legends, dragons offer a fascinating glimpse into the diversity of cultural interpretations. Tales of mermaids weaves

through diverse cultures globally, ranging from coastal communities in Ireland to the Karoo desert in South Africa. Or

take the Kraken, rooted in Scandinavian folklore and portrayed as a menacing cephalopod capable of destroying ships and dragging sailors to their doom—this is a prevalent theme in seafaring myths worldwide.

Dragons & Mythical Creatures is more than just an exhibit; it's a passport to imagination. So, gather your courage, spark your curiosity, and prepare to be amazed; this exhibit will leave you feeling like a true adventurer. Visit the Roger Williams Park Zoo and step into a world where myths and legends collide.

Key Highlights: Encounter over 60 life-size animatronic mythical creatures; Explore interactive exhibits delving into global folklore; Witness creatures move, roar, and even breathe smoke!; Spark your imagination and embark on an unforgettable adventure

Add-On Experience Pricing (general zoo admission ticket is needed for non-members): Dragon Admission (2 and older) \$9; RWPZ Member Admission \$7; Toddlers 1 and under FREE.

Story of the guitar, 'A Musical Journey'

April 13 at Warwick Center for the Arts



MYCHAL GENDRON

Classical guitarist Mychal Gendron, a Rhode Island native who grew up in Gaspee Point, will give a solo performance at the Warwick Center for the Arts in Apponaug Saturday, April 13 at 1p.m.

After beginning classical guitar lessons with Hibbard Perry in Providence, where he gave his first performances as a teenager, Mychal continued his studies at the North Carolina School of the Arts and at New England Conservatory in Boston, earning degrees in Music Performance at both schools.

His performance will feature music from the European tradition for classical guitar plus newer works from Asia, Latin American countries and the U.S.

The first half of the program – Guitar in the Age of Enlightenment – traces the repertoire of the guitar from the 1500s through the middle of the 19th century, and includes Renaissance dance works, music of J.S. Bach and Classical/Romantic works from the time of Mozart and Beethoven.

The second half of the program – New Expressions for Guitar – features 20th century music from Brazil, Cuba, Japan and America plus contemporary European works for guitar. There will be a short intermission between the two program segments.

Mychal has been active as a performer, appearing solo as well as in both small and large ensembles. For many years he presented recitals with his wife, Susan Thomas, who was Principal Flute with the RI Philharmonic Orchestra for 26 years.

Mychal has toured Brazil as a soloist under the aegis of Partners of the Americas, performing in music festivals and on television in that country. He participated in chamber music recitals at the Fete di Limans in France and has performed at Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico. In the U.S., Mychal has presented solo guitar recitals on concert series throughout the country, including all six New England States.

In the New England area, Mychal has performed concertos with the Vermont Symphony, the Cape Ann Symphony, the RI Philharmonic Community Orchestra, the Ocean State Chamber Orchestra and the Fall River Symphony.

Local solo and ensemble performances include Blithewold Mansion and Gardens, the Lippit House Museum, the First Baptist Church in America and the Rhode Island School of Design Museum, plus appearances on college concert series at Brown University, University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College.

Mychal is the Chair of the Suzuki Program at the RI Philharmonic Music School and teaches guitar in that program. He is also a Teaching Associate in Classical Guitar at Brown University. Please visit www.mychalgendronguitar.com for audio files and more information.

Mychal will include information about the composers, history and culture, plus the music itself as part of his presentation. His program is dedicated to the memory of his wife, Susan Thomas, who passed away in 2021. Admission is free.

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Sports

Champs roll to win in opener

JHS boys volleyball sweeps Times2

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Johnston boys volleyball team looked primed to defend its Division III title when it swept host Times2 Academy 3-0 on Monday afternoon in Providence.

The Panthers haven't lost a match since 2022 as they look to remain atop the standings. Johnston graduated all six of its starters from last season and is looking for answers as it gets its regular season started.

"It was good to win our first game. We have good teamwork, we talk a lot, and it was good that the whole team got it done. We just have to work hard," said Balla Marone, Coach (Greta Lalli) has brought us together and we just need to work hard," said Balla Marone, who figures to be a key piece to the lineup this season and pushes back on the notion that the Panthers are inexperienced. "We are hard workers and



READY TO DEFEND: Johnston's Balla Marone (left) and Michael Carlino (right) on Monday. (Photos by Alex Sponseller)

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Saying farewell to RI's bearer of good news

Last Wednesday, Beacon Communications lost one of its longest-tenured contributors as freelancer Pete Fontaine passed away at 77 years old.

Pete was a staple in Rhode Island sports journalism for many years, covering the southern part of the state as an editor at multiple publications before spending the later part of his career in central RI. His final years were spent at Beacon Communications, where he covered news and sports events, primarily for our Johnston publication.

Pete had been in the hospital for

a bit prior to his passing as he dealt with complications. We were unsure of which direction his health would go, and unfortunately, he passed on Wednesday and we learned of the news Thursday.

The thing that I will remember the most about Pete was his devotion to the towns and cities that he covered, especially Johnston.

From the moment he got up each morning to the time his head hit the pillow at night, all he cared about was the next story. Pete's network of contacts throughout the state was immense and only continued to grow to the time that he died.

My pitch



by ALEX SPONSELLER
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Pete loved people and his passion was telling their stories and making

them feel like a million bucks in the paper. He lived for it.

In the six years I knew Pete, he wrote hundreds of stories between sports and news and there was one thing that was consistent in each one ... the subjects were special people, celebrating special events, for special purposes.

As journalists, we are required to tell the facts, black and white, good and bad. Pete used to always tell me that those days were over for him after decades in the business. As a freelance writer, he got to choose the stories he covered, and he made sure to spend his final

years recognizing the good news in the community rather than delivering the bad news. No one could make someone feel like they were the talk of the town the way Pete did.

In the past two years, Pete continued to stay busy even as his health declined. Between reporting on a weekly basis, being a devoted member of the Tri-City Elks and heading their annual golf tournament, to simply beeping around town socially, Pete had a ton of energy for someone of his age that was also on a walker to-

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AT THE NET: Daniel Jin looks to block a shot.



BOUNCE BACK: Santo DiRaimo returns a shot.

Champs

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everyone's mentality is great. We want to win a championship, we have experience with five guys returning."

Joining the mix is senior Michael Carlino, who won a championship with the basketball team last year while also helping the football team reach the semifinals this past fall.

Although it is his first year on the volleyball court, he is confident that his big-

game experience in the two other sports will allow him to contribute and lead right away.

"I wanted to try it out because I figured it was something I could do good at, something that could be fun. I've been in very tough situations in big games so I'm going to bring that to the volleyball court and see how it goes," Carlino said. "Leadership is pretty big. I'm a senior now and it's my first year, so I have to step up and be a captain."

The Panthers improved to 1-0 with the win and are scheduled to face Portsmouth at home on Thursday night.



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Ocean State Grand National returns for 42nd year

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The 42nd annual Ocean State Grand National Karate Championship is set to go down this weekend at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, and will once again host some of the top competitors throughout the world over a three-day span.

It is set to be the biggest event yet with over 800 participants estimated, spanning across 10 countries. Seven local hotels have been booked solid with out-of-towners making the trip. It is one of 12 stops on the North American Sport Karate World Tour that happens each year, and this stop has been headed – as always – by Don and Christine Rodrigues of Warwick's Don Rodrigues Karate Academy. More than 30 of its own students are expected to compete.

"The who's who will be here, it's very special. The talent of competitors coming in is incredible," said Don Rodrigues.

The event will hand out \$35,000 in prize money to both men and women competing in the four major grand championship categories – Super Fights, Form, Weapons and Sparring.

Rodrigues was appreciative of the sponsors that helped raise the funds for the cash, including the City of Warwick, Paul Mitchell (who sponsors the Don Rodrigues team), Century Martial Arts and Ocean State Collision.

Another special sponsor was the Tori Lynn Andreozzi Foundation, which focuses on drunk driving awareness as Tori Lynn Andreozzi was stuck by a drunk driver that caused traumatic brain injury when she was 12 years old. Tori was a student of Don Rodrigues.

Playing a major role in the promotion of the women's categories was Maggie Messina, who runs Female Fighters Matter Too and also serves as a sponsor.

"We wanted to make sure we gave the money back to the competitors. It's a lot of work and without them, and my wife

Christine, we wouldn't be able to do it," Don Rodrigues said.

Some other events will be the annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony, which this year includes Dawn Kempf, Eric Rudolph, Ronnie Presley, John Palitti, Dante Rodrigues, Warwick Mayor Frank Picozzi, Keirston "Peaches" Costabile and Reid Presley as inductees.

Other awards to be handed out will be the Veterans Award, recognizing military service, as well as the Kevin Thompson MVP Awards.

Each year, the tournament hosts a special guest which in years past has included names such as Chuck Norris and Andre Tippett. This year's guest will be 10-time WAKO World Champion Zsolt Moradi, a former student of Don Rodrigues that was the Paul Mitchell team's first-ever European competitor.

"It was a different style of fighting, but once he figured it out, he beat everybody," said Don Rodrigues of Moradi's introduction to North American karate years ago. "He's a special fighter, one that only comes around once in awhile. He's not just an incredible fighter, but an incredible guy."

Rodrigues also thanked all of his valuable volunteers that lend a hand each year, many of which have been around for decades, as well as the DRKA community for making the event an annual success.

"I thought by this time I wouldn't be excited to do it, but I am. The reward is worth the challenge. This is hard, but thanks to Christine, my black belts, all of our volunteers, we make it happen. A family that kicks together sticks together," said Rodrigues. "It's a machine."

The tournament will begin on Friday with black belt competitors which and will finish on Saturday night. The under belts will go at it on Sunday to wrap up the event. For more information, visit Oceanstategrandnational.net or email DRKA111@aol.com



RUNNING THE SHOW: Don Rodrigues shows off a trophy that will resemble the ones that will be handed out at this year's event. (Photo by Alex Sponseller)

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RIC Roundup: Frezza qualifies for NE Championships

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Freshman Andrew Frezza (Johnson, R.I.) and three additional Anchormen posted qualifying times/efforts for the N.E. Div. III Championships as the Rhode Island College men's track and field team kicked off the outdoor portion of their schedule at Bryant's Black and Gold Invitational on Friday and Saturday afternoon.

Frezza finished 15th in the 10,000m (32:20.79).

Freshman Gabriel Dosunmu (Providence, R.I.) finished fifth in both the 4x100m relay (44.71) and long jump (6.55m) and 29th in the 200m (24.44). He qualified for the New England with his effort in the long jump.

Sophomore Brandon Mota (West Warwick, R.I.) finished 11th in the hammer (46.96m) to qualify for the N.E. Championships, 17th in the discus (38.25m) and 18th in the shot (9.44m).

Sophomore Shamus Culhane (North Kingstown, R.I.) finished sixth in the hammer (52.16m) to qualify for the N.E. Championships.

Junior Garrett Jones (Beacon Falls, Conn.) finished fifth in the triple jump (12.55m) and 14th in the long jump (5.94m).

Freshman Will Schiller (Smithfield, R.I.) finished fifth in the 4x100m relay (44.71), 10th in the 400m (51.32) and 20th in the 200m (23.61).

Sophomore Izaiah Karweh (Providence, R.I.) finished fifth in the 4x100m relay (44.71) and 32nd in the 100m (11.61).

Sophomore Isiah Briggs (Providence, R.I.) finished fifth in the 4x100m relay (44.71), 20th in the long jump (5.78m) and 35th in the 100m (11.77).

Senior Christopher McCarthy (Cranston, R.I.) finished 15th in the hammer (42.82m).

Freshman Trevor Morgan (Smithfield, R.I.) finished 17th in the hammer (42.05m).

Freshman Shane Marshall (Newport, R.I.) finished 20th in the shot (8.75m).

Freshman Antonello Lucchetti (Cranston, R.I.) finished 25th in the 200m (24.06) and 34th in the 100m (11.77).

Sophomore Benjamin Lockwood (Saunderstown, R.I.) finished 27th in the 800m (2:03.96).

RIC sweeps weekly awards

Rhode Island College junior pitcher Abby Kidd (Granby, Conn.), senior center fielder Avery Katz (Brookfield, Conn.) and freshman catcher Brianna Bailey (Windsor, Conn.) were recognized by the Little East for their respective performances in a 6-0 week for the Anchormen.

Kidd was named the Little East Softball Pitcher of the Week. It is the second time this season that she has received this award.

She appeared in four games, starting three of them. Kidd was 3-0 with one

save, a perfect 0.00 ERA and 31 strikeouts in 21.0 innings pitched. She allowed just two hits and struck out six in a 9-0 win over Salve Regina on March 26. Kidd struck out 14 and allowed just two hits in a 2-1 win over Roger Williams on March 27. She earned a win and a save in a doubleheader sweep vs. Western Connecticut on March 30.

For the season, she has appeared in nine games, starting eight of them. Kidd is 8-0 with one save, a .065 ERA and 84 strikeouts in 54.0 innings pitched.

Katz was named the Little East Softball Player of the Week. It is the second time this season that she has received this award.

She played in six games, starting all of them. Katz batted .400 (8-for-20) with seven runs scored, one double, one homer, six RBI and four stolen bases. She went 3-for-7 with three runs scored, a double and a homer in a doubleheader sweep at Salve Regina on March 26. Katz went 3-for-7 with three runs scored in a sweep at Roger Williams on March 27. She went 2-for-6 with two runs scored in a sweep vs. Western Connecticut on March 30.

For the season, she has played in 14 games, starting all of them. Katz is batting .489 (22-for-45) with 21 runs scored, two doubles, three triples, two home runs, 19 RBI and 14 stolen bases. She owns a .800 slugging percentage, .554 on-base percentage and a 1.000 fielding percentage.

Bailey was named the Little East Softball Rookie of the Week. Bailey played in four games and batted .455 (5-for-11) with two runs scored, two home runs and five RBI. She went 2-for-3 with a run scored, a homer and a pair of RBI in a win at Salve Regina on March 26. Bailey went 3-for-6 with a run scored, a homer and three RBI in a twinbill sweep vs. Western Connecticut on March 30.

For the season, she has played in 13 games, starting nine of them. Bailey is batting .333 (7-for-21) with five runs

scored, one double, two home runs and six RBI. She owns a .625 slugging percentage, .448 on-base percentage and a .960 fielding percentage.

Head Coach Mary Holt-Kelsch's team is currently 14-2 overall and 2-0 in the Little East. RIC is currently on a 12-game win streak.

In upcoming action, Rhode Island College will host Albertus Magnus (DH) on Tuesday, April 2 (2 p.m.)

Oliver, Morin grab weekly awards

Rhode Island College sophomore Haley Oliver (Coventry, R.I.) was named the Little East Women's Track Athlete of the Week for her performance at Bryant's Black and Gold Invitational on Saturday, March 30.

Oliver finished third in the 10,000m (37:04.83) and 11th in the 1,500m (4:48.72). She qualified for the N.E. Championship in the 1,500m and her effort in the 10,000m is a new program record. The mark was previously set in 1984.

RIC finished 13th (15 teams) with a team score of 8.0. Bryant won the meet with a team score of 192.5.

In upcoming action, Rhode Island College will compete at the Coast Guard Invitational on Saturday, April 6 (11 a.m.).

Rhode Island College junior Noah Morin (Smithfield, R.I.) was named the Little East Men's Tennis Player of the Week for his performance in a 1-0 week for the Anchormen. It is the second consecutive week this spring that Morin has earned this honor.

Morin earned a hard-fought (6-4, 4-6, 11-9) win at No. 1 singles and paired with classmate Elijah Gouin (Glocester, R.I.) for an 8-3 victory at No. 2 doubles as RIC opened Little East play with a 7-2 over Salem State on March 30.

For the season, Morin is 2-3 at No. 1 singles and 4-1 at No. 2 doubles.

Head Coach Adam Spring's team is 4-1 overall and 1-0 in the Little East on the season.

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PEOPLE PERSON: Pete Fontaine (sitting) with a few of his friends from the Tri-City Elks at this past season's annual golf outing. (Sun Rise photo by Alex Sponseller)

■ Pitch

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ward the end. He always pushed through the pain and made it happen.

Like it often goes, his death happened quickly. In a matter of a few weeks he went from doing his usual routine to being gone. Although I was aware that he was in a tough spot in the days leading up to his death, it definitely took me a bit to process the news considering how resilient he always was in times of poor health. I guess there is only so many times a person can bounce back.

I swung by Don Rodrigues' karate school off Airport Road in Warwick on

Thursday to speak with him regarding his upcoming Ocean State Grand Nationals tournament, which hosts practitioners from all around the world at the Crowne Plaza.

Our interview began about an hour after I received the news of Pete's passing, so it is fair to say that I was still very much in that processing phase. Toward the end of our sit down, I shifted our discussion toward the general sport of karate and its beautiful history. As always, Don gave me some fascinating insight, but told me a story that really resonated with me, especially on that day.

He spoke about a time he was with a friend years back. When his friend asked him, 'What is the most important

thing in life?' Don responded, 'Family? Health?'

His friend's answer? Time.

The most important thing in life is time, because it goes by fast and you only have so much of it. Every second that you're on this earth is one fewer that you have, and you need to make the most of every moment that you're here.

That sentiment reflected Pete wonderfully. Pete did what he loved every second of every day and he did it until he could not do it anymore.

I always considered Pete to be Rhode Island's bearer of good news, a title that he would have happily assumed.

Rest in peace, Pete.

Ten favorite places to catch spring striped bass

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

The spring migration run of striped bass will soon be underway. The water temperatures off Narragansett at press time was 41 degrees. Traditionally 55 degrees is the temperature when the fish are here in abundance.

When the striped bass arrive (generally in April or early May), here are ten of my favorite places to fish for them. Often, I am fishing in water six to twelve feet adjacent to deeper water which means I am generally close to shore, up on a ledge or fishing the transition area of a channel.

Greenwich Cove, East Greenwich and Warwick, RI. This is the first place I ever caught a striped bass. Menhaden find their way to the cove early. And it is surrounded with vegetation with plenty of insects to start a feeding chain reaction that ultimately leads to striped bass. This is because the bass feed on small bait fish that are feeding around the perimeter of the Cove. I have caught bass at the end, middle and mouth of the Cove near Chepibanoxet Point in Warwick depending on the location of bait fish in the Cove. My favorite baits are hard plastic lures (both surface and swimming) as well as soft plastics early in the season and once they arrive, menhaden chucked or live.

The East Passage of Narragansett Bay between Popasquash Point, Bristol and Bear Point Prudence Island. I have caught many large fish in this area, particularly trolling with tube and worm. Many anglers fish this area with menhaden (live or chunked). I have particularly good luck fishing the pad or bank areas of the shipping channel.

The West Wall of the Harbor of Refuge, South Kingstown. This area provides shore anglers (and boat anglers) with one of the best first Rhode Island striped bass opportunities as the bass make their run past the Connecticut coastline to Rhode Island. Anglers like to use soft plastic lures at the start of the season at the West Wall.

Buttonwoods section of Greenwich Bay, Warwick, RI. The area from Oakland Beach to Apponaug Cove in Warwick has been a good area for early spring striped bass area. Many fish have been caught with soft plastic lures, surface poppers as well as swimming lures. Most fish have been caught up against



SPRING BASS: Steve Brustein of Warwick with a early spring striped bass caught in Greenwich Cove. (Submitted photo)

the shore. As spring progresses, trolling with lures or tube and worm is productive. Trolling is most productive close to shore or at the water depth breaks one to two hundred yards off shore.

Providence River in the cities of Providence, East Providence, Barrington, Cranston and Warwick. The area from the Hurricane Barrier in Providence to Conimicut Point and south to Bristol has been a very fruitful fishing area in early spring. The most popular method is live lining menhaden as the shipping channel in the East Passage acts as a fish highway bringing Atlantic menhaden (a form of herring) up the Bay to spawn in our estuary rivers. And, in the spring migrating striped bass and bluefish follow them. In fact, some of the largest striped bass caught in early spring in New England have been caught in downtown Providence.

The Hurricane Barrier down to Save the Bay on Fields Point in Providence is a great area to fish. Anglers have caught thousands of bass in the Fox Point and

the Hurricane Barrier area. Many fish 50-inch and over have been caught in this area.

The Save the Bay, Fields Point, Providence area is good too. Shore anglers have access to this land courtesy of Save the Bay.

The shoreline in Warwick, Cranston just north of Conimicut point has been good in the spring too. Fishing the lower water along the shore to Green Island, which is usually submerged, has proven beneficial when Atlantic menhaden are in the area.

The East Providence shoreline south to Nayatt Point and Barrington Beach is another good area to fish in the spring.

Hog Island, Bristol, RI. Fishing the depth break two hundred yards off Hog Island on the west side has been good for early spring bass. I have trolled this depth break in spring and seldom get skunked. Two areas of high ground or mounds appear on the west side of the Island. Fishing over these areas or trolling over them produces fish too.

Mt. Hope Bay is right around the corner from Hog Island. Fishing right where the Bay is joined by the Sakonnet River has traditionally been good spot to fish for spring bass.

The aim in spring is to be ready to travel to find the striped bass and be ready to deploy a number of strategies to catch fish. Live lining or chunky fresh Atlantic menhaden, soft plastic and hard plastic lures of all types, trolling lures and tube and worm, are all strategies that work in the spring.

Where's the bite?

Freshwater fishing. Trout season in RI opens Saturday, April 13, Opening Day, however, many trout ponds are open for fishing in Massachusetts. Ian Lumsden of Red Top Sporting Goods, Buzzards Bay, said, "The largemouth bass bite has been good with one customer catching a 5.5 pound fish this week. And, the trout fishing in stocked ponds has been outstanding. Long Pond, Plymouth, MA and Peters Pond, Mashpee, MA are producing trout for customers."

Mike Wade of Watch Hill Outfitters, Westerly, said, "Anglers are catching largemouth and salmon and in the Pawcatuck where we have brackish water anglers are catching cat fish, which they have done this time of year in the past."

For freshwater fishing information and licenses in Massachusetts visit Freshwater Fishing | Mass.gov; and in Rhode Island www.dem.ri.gov/fishing.

Saltwater. Anglers continue to find holdover school striped bass in estuaries. "We have a few customers that are targeting winter flounder and doing well, but as far as migrating striped bass the water is still cold," said Mike Wade of Watch Hill Outfitters.

"Fishing for holdover stripers in our estuaries had been very good with the warm weather we have been having and the Tautog season opens April 1 with anglers hoping for a good spring season," said Ian Lumsden of Red Top Sporting Goods.

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

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| 27 Newwood Dr | Mary Marchetti RET and Marchetti, William E | Harvey, Kelly and Tessier, Nathan | 3/14 | \$425,000 |
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| 101 Oberlin Dr | Rossi, Robert P and Gardiner, Muriel A | Ferreira, Suzanne and Ferreira, David | 3/15 | \$330,000 |
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| 299 Post Rd | King, Carl | Vieira Jr, Patrick S and Vieira Sr, Eduardo | 3/12 | \$360,000 |
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Trinity revisits 'Fences' after 32 years



Kelvin Roston Jr. as Troy Maxson and Jackie Davis as Rose in "Fences" at Trinity Rep. (Photo by Marisa Lenardson courtesy of Trinity Rep)

Theatre Review by Don Fowler

We were at Trinity Rep when they presented August Wilson's classic American drama, "Fences" to a 1992 audience.

We watched the movie starring Rhode Island's own Viola Davis as Rose.

And we were there last week when Trinity revisited the gut-wrenching, hard-hitting American classic.

All three were worthy representatives of the American Theatre.

Directed by Christopher Windom, Trinity's 2024 version has a strong cast, with Jackie Davis leading the way as Rose, the patient, loving wife of Troy (Kelvin Roston, Jr.) the ex-Negro league ball player who supports his family as a sanitation worker in Pittsburgh back in 1957.

Troy spends most of the first act telling tall tales about his past, with his best friend Bono (Dereks Thomas) listening patiently, and refusing to give his older son any money.

Troy is a strong-willed, pig-headed tyrant when it comes to controlling his wife and son, Cory

(Nicholas Byers).

Cory wants to play football. Troy wants him to help build a fence, to do his chores and work at the A & P. He turns away a college recruiter and smashes his son's dreams.

While the first act is a bit wordy, it sets up the confrontation of the family members for an emotional roller coaster second act.

Troy crosses the line with Rose when he reveals an indiscretion that will change their lives forever. It will also push Rose to her limits.

My one problem with the production is the decision to make the set simplistic, modernistic, and whitewashed. Admittedly, it does put the focus on the characters, but it takes away from the realism of their place in society during fifties.

Rodney Witherspoon II as Troy's older son and Martinez Napoleon as Troy's mentally handicapped relative both give strong support to the play.

If you have never seen "Fences," where have you been?

If you have, it is well worth your time to see Trinity's latest version.

At Trinity Rep through April 28. Call 351-4242 for reservations.

Girl survives unexplained attack with deadly chisel

It was almost 6:00 in the evening and 13-year-old Gertrude White was bored with making castles in the sand pile near Harvey's Boiler Shop in Johnston. She suggested to her two-year-old sister Florence and her 10-year-old friend Sadie Ann Longbottom that they do something else.

"Let's make believe it's snowing and throw the sand up in the air and let it fall on us," she said. It was July 30, 1891, a beautiful summer day and months away from any real snowfall so all three girls liked the idea. They began scooping up sand as 18-year-old English native William Fielding walked by. He suddenly stopped and looked at Gertrude.

"What did you just say to me?" he demanded in a pronounced English accent.

"Nothing," Gertrude replied. "You're a liar," William

charged. He then looked at Sadie. "What did she just say to me?" he asked. "Repeat it."

Sadie explained that Gertrude had simply said something to her about the game they were playing.

Certain that he'd heard Gertrude insult him, he kicked her. All three girls got up and began running. William pulled a long carpenter's chisel from his pocket and raced after Gertrude, finally plunging the tool into her back.

She continued to run, following Sadie and Florence who were screaming and racing toward the boiler shop. William escaped into the nearby woods.

Before reaching the shop, Gertrude fell to the ground bleeding heavily, the chisel still embedded in her back. As she lay screaming, a man named William Watts approached and she told him she'd been stabbed.

Back in the Day



by
KELLY SULLIVAN

He carefully placed her in his wagon and sped to the nearest location where a doctor might be - Schofield & Company Undertakers.

Gertrude, who lived on the Waterman homestead on Hartford Avenue with her parents, Alfred and Gertrude (Kee), described the man who had attacked her. The chisel was so deeply lodged in the muscular tissue just below her left shoulder blade that it took all the doctor's strength to pull it free with both of his hands. The chisel was about an inch and a half wide and extremely sharp. It had penetrated her ribs and angled downward, causing severe lacerations. After examining the wound, the doctor announced that Gertrude probably wouldn't survive.

Because her parents were away on a Knights of Pythias outing, Gertrude was taken to the Plainfield Street home of family friend Isaac Howland. While the police made a professional search for the attacker, the men of Johnston formed their own search parties, determined that justice was going to be served in a different way.

In the midst of the search that evening, police learned that a fight was in progress on the Budlong farm in Cranston. William, who lived with his father at 192 Manton Avenue and had been employed by Budlong for about a week, had instigated a brawl with Budlong's son by picking up a board and smashing the boy over the head with it.

The morning after William was arrested, his father called the judge and asked him to please be lenient and give William one more chance. Mr. Fielding was an invalid and much-liked by everyone in town. The judge told him he'd consider it.

However, not long after, two boys arrived at the police station and reported that they'd seen a man breaking into Thomas Harvey's shop and stealing tools. When they described the man, police knew they already had him in custody.

At noon on the day Gertrude was attacked, 11-year-old Emma Hoar was taking lunch to her father Thomas, who worked as a canvasser, when a strange man began speaking to her and following her as she neared Union Bridge on Lowe's Avenue. She ignored him and walked faster but he caught up to her and knocked her down. Tearing her clothing and shoving a large rock into her mouth, he violently attacked her until she began to lose consciousness. Upon seeing two people approach, the man ran off. He wore dark clothing and a derby hat and carried a whip.

Police took William to the Hoar home on North Road in Johnston, and asked Emma if this was the man who attacked her. She said it was and that he was simply wearing a different hat.

Word spread fast and about 700 local men lined up in front of the courthouse brandishing shovels and pickaxes. Every available police officer was called to ensure the safety of the accused as he was led into the courthouse to go before the judge. His father soon arrived.

"Did you do this thing?" Mr. Fielding asked.

William dropped his gaze to the floor and didn't answer.

"Did you do this awful thing?" his father repeated.

When still no answer came, his father began to cry.

"If you did, even though you

are my son, you ought to be killed."

Mr. Fielding then exited the courthouse.

William first answered to the charge of battery upon Mr. Budlong's son. Then he was taken to the White home.

"Do you know this man?" Gertrude was asked.

She turned to face him.

"Yes. That is the man who stabbed me in the back."

"What do you have to say to that?" the officer asked William.

"The girl tells the truth. I did stab her," he answered.

"Why did you do it?"

"I don't know," he said.

During the trial, William demonstrated with both hands how he plunged the chisel into Gertrude's back. His attorney asked the judge to be lenient and claimed the charges were exaggerated. He explained that William had already spent time in an English reform school.

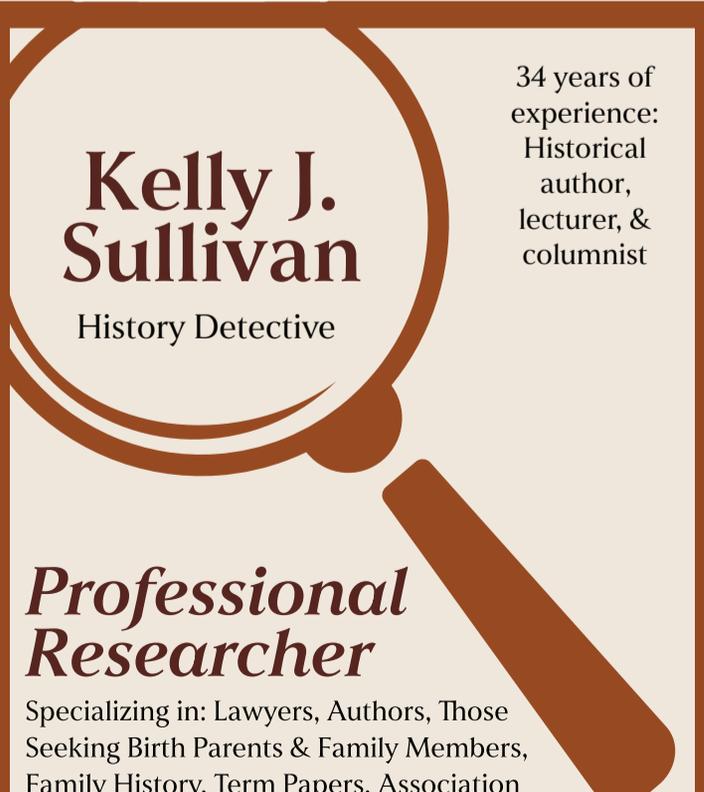
Those called to testify included a man who bought a whip from William on July 30. He stated that William had told him that he'd just assaulted a little girl.

Facing three charges; two for assault with intent to rape and one for breaking, entering and larceny, William's attorney told the judge that he would plead nolo to all three if the 'intent to rape' clause was removed and if it was agreed that he would only face sentencing for the attack on Gertrude. The offer was accepted.

William was therefore found guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon and sentenced to serve two years in prison. He was incarcerated while Gertrude lay waiting to die. Only she didn't.

The White family returned to their home state of Maine after only having been residents of RI a short time. Gertrude worked at a rubber factory and married twice. She died in Los Angeles on June 10, 1965 at age 87.

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Always Remember to Check Your Change

One thing that took me a long time to realize is what is common knowledge to one person can be mind blowing to another. Today's topic is one I feel fits that description perfectly. You would be surprised how much monetary value there is in your spare change if you pay attention.

For example, did you know any American pre-1964 dime, quarter, half dollar, or dollar coin is 90% silver? The other 10% was made of a mix of copper, nickel, and/or zinc to strengthen the coin and make it durable to withstand circulation through time. After 1964, the US Mint

switched to using larger combinations of cheaper metals to create coins. If you're wondering about nickels, they are made of a copper and nickel combination; however, there is a small exception to this. Nickels minted between 1942 and 1945 actually do contain silver, 35% to be exact. The silver was used to save nickel metal for the war effort - but the value of these nickels are small potatoes compared to the other coins.

The key thing to remember here is "pre-1964" and "dimes, quarters, half dollars, and dollar coins". If you can remember those two basic guidelines, you'll be surprised how much money



By Travis Landry
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you can save in a year. While the value of silver is always changing, it does always hold value!

Here is a basic breakdown using simple numbers, just to give



you an idea of a silver coin's worth. Excluding the factors of rare dates, errors etc., let's analyze your standard 1960 Washington quarter:

In the last few months, the value of pure silver per ounce has averaged \$24.00 per troy ounce. This is the top peak value where it trades as a commodity at refineries, ETFs, etc. As an individual it is impossible to achieve 100% value; if you get between 80% and 88% you are doing good. At \$24.00 per troy ounce, that means one ounce of 90%-coin silver is worth \$21.60. Your standard 1960 Washington quarter weighs roughly 6.25 grams (there are 31 grams in a troy ounce). So, at \$21.60 per 31 grams, a standard silver quarter is worth roughly \$4.35 per 25-cents face value, \$17.40 per

dollar! You can do this math for every denomination - the point is it's a lot of money!

If you didn't know this before now, I bet within a month you'll find a silver coin in your change. So, the next time you are grabbing a coffee or getting change at a restaurant always make sure to double check - You never know when you'll find it!



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7 Steps to Help Your Teen Deal with Bullying

Navigating the terrain of teen hood can be tumultuous. In this digital era, the complexities of the teenage years are compounded by evolving forms of harassment - from the traditional schoolyard taunts to the world of cyberbullying.

Parenting a teen who is being bullied is challenging and can feel overwhelming. Here are seven steps to take and strategies to empower both you and your teen in the face of adversity.

STEP 1: *Approach and Ask*

While it's important to check in with your teen, there is a right way and a wrong way to approach the situation.

Do approach and ask a question that could open dialogue in a non-judgmental way.

Do not use language that sounds like it could lead to a parental lecture.

Depending on your child's age, the relationship you have at different points of their development, and the degree to which they confide in you - some may find approaching and asking questions easier than others. If you have any reservations about how your child may respond, don't let it stop you from trying. Better to ask than to avoid. Keep your questions simple and free of language that could be considered the start of a lecture.

Say: "Seems like something is up... do you want to talk?"

Don't say: "You didn't do your chores like you usually do and your tone is off today. What's going on?"

If your teen is unwilling to share with you, keep the door open for future conversations but also let them know you will be checking in from time to time to see if they change their mind about talking. You can also offer suggestions of people they may consider speaking with if they are not comfortable speaking with you.

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It's also important to manage the understandable feelings you will have if your child withholds information. Do not take it personally, and don't share your feelings about that with your child.

You can say: "I understand you don't want to share. I am going to trust you have a handle on things but if there is a point where you want to share or you feel like you need some help, I am always here. I will probably check in with you sometime soon, but I'll respect your boundary here."

STEP 2:

Seek to Understand

It's a whole new world in which the teens of today are living. Most parents didn't have to deal with cyberbullying. So, it's important to learn what your teen is going through.

Do ask your child what the bullying has been like for them and LISTEN.

Do not assume you know what they are feeling and thinking or that it is the same as any experience you may have had in your past.

Children experience bullying in different ways. It's important to ask what it has been like for your child specifically so are not making assumptions. Assumptions can lead to misinterpreting the severity of the situation (either missing something more serious or exaggerating something less severe).

Provide a listening ear if they are willing to share. Ask clarifying questions if your child will allow. Spend time simply listening and learning about their experiences.

Say: "I can't imagine what it has been like for you in the halls at school. Walk me through it."

Don't say: "I'm sure you feel targeted in the halls."

STEP 3:

Validate

Bullying can be a torturous and confusing experience for a child. It can leave children questioning everything about themselves.

Do validate each feeling and thought your child identifies.

Do not tell a child they shouldn't feel a certain way to relieve them of the negative feelings/thoughts.

Spend time validating your child's feelings. Fight the urge to discount the facts of the bullying and do not move too quickly towards solutions.

As parents or caretakers, we tend to want to fix things for our kids and fix them fast. That gut urge to protect our kids can cause many parents or caretakers to skip this very vital step of validation and at times even cause us to accidentally invalidate our kids.

Say: "I can see how you would think you are ugly when you are hearing so much of that from these girls."

Don't say: "Those girls do not know what they are talking about. You are not ugly. Look at yourself."

STEP 4:

Acknowledgement and Thanks

Acknowledge how hard it might have been for them to share with you and thank them for taking that risk. Recognize that it is not always easy for kids to share how they feel, especially with their parents.

Let your child know that you are thankful they took the risk to be open with you and that you are impressed with how they were able to share it.

Say: "You shared some tough stuff with me today. I appreciate you trusting me with this."

STEP 5:

Relate If You Can

It may be helpful for your child to hear that you have also endured bullying in your past, however, if and how you share these experiences makes all the difference.

If you have ever been bullied, you likely find those memories easy to recall.

Do offer to share personal experiences (briefly/age-appropriate) if applicable.

Do not insist on sharing your story if your child does not want to hear it.

Do not make comparisons between your experience and what your child is going through.

Offer to share your experience with your child and allow them the option to decline. Keep in mind that bullying has evolved since you were a child. Additionally, remember people experience bullying in different ways. There is a fine line between relating to your child and invalidating them in this circumstance. Be very careful not to compare

your situation to theirs as being either more or less difficult.

Say: "Did you know that I was bullied once? It was different than what you are going through but would you want to hear about my experience?"

STEP 6:

Offer Realistic Reassurance and Hope

Ask your teen what they might want to do about the bullying regarding the next steps.

Do tell your child it will get better.

Do not sugarcoat the reality that it could take time and is not an easy thing to deal with.

Do ask what your child is comfortable doing as far as the next steps and propose options.

Do not move forward forcefully and independently with solutions.

Some teens will want to act, and others will not. Offer ideas of what can be done with the goal being to stop the bullying. If your child is not comfortable taking any action, you will need to decide as a family about how to proceed with your child's safety being the driving factor.

If you choose to move forward with something your child is not comfortable with, listen to their fears and try to understand. You do not want your teen to think decisions will be made without their input because this could prevent them from coming to you with difficult stuff in the future. The reality is that your child's safety trumps everything - so a solution is imperative. However, giving your teen as much control as possible will go a long way.

STEP 7:

Get Your Teen Professional Help

It is easy to fall into the mindset that things are better once bullying has stopped, however, keep in mind there is often a negative impact on self-esteem and confidence that can occur.

Do offer to get your teen professional help.

Do not assume the support you are providing is enough to overcome the damage that bullying can do to a teen.

A therapist can help your teen learn how to cope with bullying, how to stand up for themselves, and how to combat negative self-talk that is often a result of bullying.

Finding outpatient providers for a teen can be a challenge considering how mental health help is in high demand. Butler Hospital offers a 24/7 intake line, 1-844-401-0111, where you can find out what type of help might be needed for your teen. Clinicians are ready to listen and help you determine the appropriate treatment options.

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