

Renowned Chef Cooking Up Community and Connection at Senior Center

By BARBARA POLICHETTI

Richard DelFino, executive director of the Johnston Senior Center, knows that when new guests and clients arrive, they almost all have rich life stories to tell. He also knows that while many are looking for a comfortable community place where they can receive services they need, most are also longing to use their own talents and passions to give something back to the community.



MASTER CHEF
WALTER POTENZA

Therefore, it didn't take DelFino more than a minute or two to realize he was looking at a win-win situation recently when renowned Rhode Island Chef Walter Potenza walked through the door of the senior center.

"He was seeking to become a member and to check out our center," DelFino said. "Little did he know

that his willingness to give back to the community would result in lengthy discussions on how to best serve Johnston's senior community"

Potenza – who in 2014 was named one of the top 10 Italian Master Chefs in the World – soon found himself in a breakfast meeting with DelFino and his staff, talking about cuisine, nutrition, and ideas for programs to whet the appetites of senior center clients.

DelFino said that Potenza offered to hold some cooking classes at the center and give talks about food, food traditions, and the importance of staying healthy by eating well. The chef even broached the idea of leading some culinary trips – here, and perhaps someday, abroad.

"Our planning committee is already underway as we believe there are endless possibilities of what we might be able to offer the public by partnering with Chef Walter," DelFino said.

It's a rewarding situation that DelFino says he is fortunate enough to see time and again in his job. He makes it a point to meet each new client and most often finds that people have had diverse and dynamic careers, and they want to share their knowledge.

"I find over and over again that even at a later age, people are still interested in giving back, and there are so many people here at the center with so many talents."

DelFino said he learned this lesson not long after taking on the job of Senior Center Director about two years ago. He said he saw an unassuming woman sitting quietly by herself, but once he engaged her in conversation, he learned that she had worked in a detention center in the heart of Chicago and still had the desire to help inspire people to live better lives.

A former employee of the Department of Corrections who worked in probation and parole, DelFino said he knows how important it is that people continue to feel valued. "I make it a point to get to know everyone here," he said, "and the stories I hear are amazing. People have so much to offer, and they are appreciated."

A graduate of Rhode Island College, Potenza is not only a master chef. He is restaurateur, lecturer, teacher, and more. He began to change the culinary landscape in Rhode Island decades ago when he opened the Sunflower Café in Cranston and La Locanda del Coccio on Federal Hill in Providence.

Potenza has won multiple awards including several prestigious ones from Italy. =

DelFino said he is excited to ask people to stay tuned to see what programs will result from the chef's partnership with the senior center.



Perfect Attendance

A standing ovation is in order for the 174 remarkable students at Thornton Elementary School who achieved *perfect attendance* in the month of December. These young scholars, too many to fit in one photograph, proved their dedication to learning by showing up every single day, even during the bustling holiday season. Their commitment reflects the heart and spirit of the Thornton community. To celebrate their achievement, the school presented each student with a certificate of recognition, proudly displaying their names. Congratulations to these shining stars! For more pictures of the students' celebration, visit www.johnstonsunrise.net. (Submitted photo)

RIPTA Accommodates Amazon Employees

People who work at the new Amazon Fulfillment Center in Johnston now have more commuting options – and possible assistance with transportation costs from their employer.

The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) this week started new service on Route 10X and Route 28 directly to the Amazon Facility on Hartford Avenue. In the same press release, Amazon announced that it will purchase \$90,000 in passes and other fare products every year for the next 10 years to assist employees with transportation costs and help allevi-

ate traffic congestion.

"Expanding public transit access to our Johnston fulfillment center is about more than just getting people to work – it's about opening doors to opportunity," said Jonathan Greeley, Amazon's Economic Development Policy Lead for New England. "This new extension of RIPTA service will connect more Rhode Islanders with the good-paying jobs and comprehensive benefits that Amazon offers."

"We believe that by improving accessibility, we're fostering a more inclusive economy and helping to

build a stronger, more resilient workforce in Rhode Island," he said.

Amazon's 3.8-million-square-foot Johnston facility sits on a hilltop site set back from the road. It opened in November and, at capacity, will employ about 1,500 people.

RIPTA officials said the transit authority is committed to providing Amazon employees with convenient, reliable, and affordable travel options, and that the new service options underscore RIPTA's mission to expand access to employment centers across the state. That commitment is outlined in Transit Forward RI 2040, Rhode Island's comprehensive transit master plan.

Christopher Durand, RIPTA's Chief Executive Officer, said that the service expansion for Amazon represents "RIPTA's continued efforts to address workforce mobility."

"Amazon is a major employer, and we want to ensure that its employees have efficient and affordable access to work," he said.

RIPTA said it initially launched Route 10X service to Amazon as a pilot in October 2024. The pilot program was monitored for ridership trends and feedback to evaluate its effectiveness and determine the need for any schedule changes.

As of this week, the express service to and from Amazon on Route 10X will be offered during key shift change times at Amazon. This will



RIPTA announces additional service which provides more commuting options for employees at the Amazon Fulfillment Center. (Submitted photo courtesy of RIPTA)



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Meet the new boss, same as the old boss

Hello. Again.

Six years ago, following a six-year career here, I stood up from the editor's chair at the *Johnston Sun Rise* for what I thought was the last time.

I was off to work for the Johnston Police Department. There, I would first serve as a civilian in a dual role of a floater – capable of filling non-sworn positions at the station in case of absence, such as a dispatcher or the records clerk – as well as the department's assistant public information officer. I went on to become the accreditation manager. In that role, I helped ensure that the JPD complied with established standards and best practices to achieve and maintain official accreditation. I also assisted the Lincoln Police Department with their reaccreditation process last year.

My service with these agencies provided invaluable insights into the inner workings of towns and police departments, their challenges and their successes. It was an honor to work with our dedicated public servants, witness firsthand the resilience of the police department and our community, and contribute to initiatives that made and will make Johnston a better place to live.

Now, I'm back in newsroom, eager to apply that experience to my work at the *Sun Rise*. The time away has strengthened my commitment to providing accurate, insightful and compelling coverage of the issues that matter to the community. As a former resident, a Johnston Senior High School graduate and a Troop 20 Johnston Eagle Scout who was awarded the key to the town, I'm passionate about this community and its stories – stories that reflect the heart and soul of our state.

It's my firm belief that the role of a local newspaper is more critical than ever. In an age of instant misinformation and attention-grabbing headlines, our mission remains as it always has: to inform, engage and connect. Our team will work



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to ensure that the *Sun Rise* continues to shine a light on the issues that shape Johnston, from political meetings and local events, sports and lifestyles, to the stories of neighbors who inspire us.

For the trust placed in me by the *Sun Rise* team and the Johnston community, I am most appreciative. When I last left, I wrote a farewell in which I said it was 'time to turn the page.' Together, let's use these pages to write a new chapter for Johnston, one that celebrates successes, addresses challenges head on and strengthens the ties that make Johnston...Johnston.

I look forward to hearing from our readers. Your voices, concerns and shared ideas are the only way I'll be able to fill this paper. Feel free to reach out, whether to share a story idea, provide feedback or say hello. Again.

Tim Forsberg, Editor

POLICE LOG

CREDIT CARD FRAUD

On Jan. 9 at about 9:06 p.m., Officer Matthew Murphy observed a silver Ford F-250 pickup truck traveling northbound at an allegedly excessive rate of speed, which he measured by laser at 38 mph. Additionally, the officer did not observe a valid inspection sticker affixed to the vehicle.

A traffic stop was conducted, and contact made with Michael Crum, 54, of 85 Highland Avenue in Johnston. Background checks of Crum were made, which revealed an arrest warrant from the Johnston Police Department for fraudulent use of credit cards. Crum was then taken into custody and taken to police headquarters.

Crum was issued a summons for speeding 1 to 10 miles in excess of the posted speed limit. He was arraigned and released on \$1,000 personal recognizance with a Third District Court date of Jan. 24.

DUI

Francis Rossi, 39, of 72 Woonasquatucket Avenue, Apt. 4 in North Providence, was arrested for driving under the influence following the results of a traffic stop at about 9:25 p.m. on Jan. 3.

Police say Rossi was observed passing a police officer stationed at a fixed post on Killingly Street. While passing, the officer reported observing Rossi make a gesture of throwing up his hands and appeared to be laughing. His vehicle then decreased its speed suddenly and made a right hand turn on Traver Avenue without using a turn signal. A traffic stop was then initiated near Traver and Hedley avenues.

During the stop, Ricci advised officers that he was traveling from an unknown pub in Cranston and was returning

home. While Ricci was speaking, the officer reported an overwhelming odor of alcohol emanating from within the vehicle while Ricci displayed signs of impairment.

A series of standardized sobriety tests were then initiated by officers, who stated that during the tests, Ricci reportedly said 'Even sober I couldn't do this.' An emptied nip bottle of vodka was also found in a search of the vehicle. Ricci was taken into custody and brought to police headquarters. There, a breathalyzer test was performed twice, which produced blood alcohol readings of .113 and .114.

Ricci was issued a Johnston Municipal Court summons for turn signal required, and driving under the influence, first offense. He was arraigned at headquarters and released on \$1,000 personal recognizance with a Third District Court date of Jan. 10.

SUSPENDED LICENSE

While on a fixed post on Atwood Avenue on Jan. 8 around 7:50 p.m., Officer Nicholas Defelice observed a vehicle traveling north with a dark window tint. He conducted a motor vehicle stop and made contact with the driver, identified as Jonathan Rodriguez, 37, of 131 Valley Street, Apt. 2 in Central Falls.

Checks of Rodriguez's license revealed it to be suspended, and also discovered three prior convictions for operating a vehicle with a suspended license. Rodriguez was arrested and cited for unlawful installation of window or windshield material, and charged with driving with a suspended license, fourth offense. He was later released with a Third District Court summons to appear for arraignment on Jan. 24.

A Winter Wonderland in Johnston

Residents embraced the first significant snowfall of 2025 with enthusiasm, turning the town into a picturesque winter scene. While the storm wasn't one for the record books, it was more than enough to inspire some outdoor fun. Families bundled up and sled down neighborhood hills while kids, kids at heart, and even furry friends joined in the excitement of the fresh blanket of snow. Local hotspots like Johnston War Memorial Park and the Recreation Center came alive as residents explored and created lasting memories. *See more photos on page 17.*



The Vasconcelos kids decided to try their luck sledding at the Recreation Center.



Desmond C took on a steep hill with his dad.



Donovan C. enjoyed his snowday.



James Carnevale, Age 9, enjoying his sled his backyard hill.



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Parent Academy

Thrilled students and their parents recently gathered at Thornton Elementary School for an exciting Parent Academy, an event designed to strengthen the bond between families and educators. This vibrant gathering offered a variety of interactive workshops and activities, equipping parents with valuable tools to champion their children's academic and emotional growth. Parents and children collaborated in hands-on activities while celebrating student achievements in a festive atmosphere. The Parent Academy emphasized the vital role of parental involvement in education, inspiring families to actively shape their child's success inside the classroom and beyond. *(Submitted photos from Thornton Elementary)*



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EDITORIAL

Disagreement without disrespect

On a day when we marked the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., we watched a peaceful transfer of power as President Donald J. Trump was sworn into office for a second term.

We hope this is a moment on the national level to put aside the pettiness of politics.

The work ahead is too great to waste a single moment on political distraction and grandstanding. On the national level, the issues can seem overwhelming and too great to solve: war, inequality, the economy, the climate.

While these deserve our attention and advocacy, let's also keep our focus on the actions taken by our local leaders.

Here at home, across our city halls and school departments, we also can't waste time on politics. Our mayors

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are preparing their budgets, which are their priorities for our schools, infrastructure and quality of life.

Warwick and Johnston are already facing financial shortfalls and Cranston is on the hunt for professionals to run department of public works, engineering and planning – key positions that help maintain our community and sustain its growth.

During the first few weeks of the year, we witnessed new council and school committee members take their oaths, along with the mayors of Cranston and Warwick. Amidst words of congratulations, there were mentions of setting aside partisanship to work together for the good of the communities we love. We hope this sentiment carries through the upcoming local budget season.

In her remarks heralding the beginning of a new legislative season as president of the Cranston City Council, Jessica Marino may have best captured the need to revive civility in the arenas of debate:

"If we all want better then we need to take responsibility in doing better ... we need to practice what we preach. We need to spend more time being thoughtful and taking pause. Disagreement when done right is healthy and it's absolutely normal and essential in a civilized and prosperous society.

"What is not healthy and should not be tolerable is exhibiting hostility with insults or violence..."

"We should refuse to accept the notion that the word 'differences' is to be synonymous with what is wrong in this world ..."

Her call to action is worth considering across every community. We must do better for one another. The times demand it. And said more eloquently, in the words of Martin Luther King Jr.: "The time is always right to do what is right."



House ready to tackle challenges of new session

By K. JOSEPH SHEKARCHI

The Rhode Island House of Representatives officially opened its 2025 legislative session this month, and it's shaping up to be a busy – and challenging – year. In the face of great need, we anticipate a sizeable budget deficit, estimated at more than \$300 million.

We have been extremely strategic with our resources in recent years, passing five balanced budgets with no broad-based tax increases. In fact, we provided tax relief that affects virtually every Rhode Islander: families with children, seniors, military retirees and small businesses, and we eliminated the car tax permanently.

Along with the projected budget shortfall, there is immense pressure on some of our most critical systems: housing, health care and our workforce, which are experiencing dire shortages. We have been laser-focused on these areas over the last four years and have already made substantial investments and critical policy initiatives to improve them.

Rhode Island's housing crisis affects every community. Both housing prices and rents exceed what is affordable for households earning the state's median income, and the price of a home in Rhode Island has nearly doubled in the last five years. There is not a single municipality where a family with a household income under \$100,000 can affordably purchase a home.

The legislature has enacted almost 50 new housing laws, created Rhode Island's first-ever permanent funding stream for housing development, and passed the largest-ever state housing bond of \$120 million. We also invested about one-third of our state's federal State Fiscal Recovery Funds – \$332 million – in affordable-housing initiatives.

During this session, we will focus on ensuring that these significant investments in housing are executed in a way that delivers maximum benefit in the least amount of time. We will also monitor progress made by our



K. JOSEPH SHEKARCHI

state Housing Department, which has yet to become the driver of consistent housing policy.

In particular, I am deeply concerned that resources directed to address homelessness have not been deployed as quickly or effectively as I intended. The Housing Department's new secretary recently appeared before our Housing Affordability Commission, and I hope she will make the needed adjustments to achieve the department's mission.

Another area of focus and concern across the country is health care. To help address our challenges, the state budget included funding for many health care programs and initiatives, including more than \$160 million for rate increases for home- and community-based behavioral health care and children's services.

As the son of a doctor, I realize we need to build on this foundation to address critical shortages in the health care system, particularly the looming shortfall of primary care physicians.

We must ensure that access to quality medical care is protected for every Rhode Islander, and we will work with our partners in health care – hospitals, insurers and providers – to chart the path ahead. Our attorney general has been doing an excellent

job in ensuring oversight of hospital conversions, and our colleagues in the Senate have also made health care issues a priority. I look forward to continuing to work with them on efforts to reform health care.

The House will continue to utilize its power of oversight into the management of some immediate crises, such as the reconstruction of the Washington Bridge, which will require immense resources. The effectiveness of the state's response to this crisis impacts so many Rhode Islanders, and they deserve timely and accurate information. Our oversight committee will be asking tough questions as the state embarks upon rebuilding this vital thoroughfare, and it will also scrutinize the large-scale cyberattack that impacted some of our most vulnerable residents.

The good news is that Rhode Island has a unique ability to connect and collaborate. Our small size is one of our greatest assets. We are nimble and have the ability to move quickly, which has helped us retain some of our industry leaders. Last year, Citizens Bank had concerns about Rhode Island's tax structure making us less competitive compared with those of our neighbors. We listened, acted quickly, passed legislation and kept Citizens within our borders.

Here, companies have direct access to government leaders, and our partners in government enjoy an extremely collaborative working relationship. As the past several legislative sessions have demonstrated, the boat moves much faster when we are all rowing in the same direction.

In the House, we will tackle today's issues collaboratively, and with commitment, creativity and compassion. We welcome the input of the public and encourage the participation of all Rhode Islanders as we begin this new session.

Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi is a Democrat representing House District 23 in Warwick

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Homelessness is a public health crisis; McKee has misspoken

By KIMBERLY SIMMONS

Never before has there been such a need for an urgent response from our elected and government officials in Rhode Island concerning homelessness. Instead, the governor presented the homelessness issue as almost a nonissue for the state. He claimed in a recent media interview that there “is a shelter provider whose occupancy is at 66% and that there was a surplus of beds.”

But in fact, at the time of Gov. Dan McKee’s statement there were only three available beds for adults and two available beds that are designated for transitional-age youth only.

Rhode Island has the second-highest rate of chronic homelessness in the nation. In the last year, 54 homeless residents have died, and that does not include those who have come out of homelessness and succumbed to the diseases and illnesses that they acquired while being homeless.

Service providers and other advocates are wondering where is the outrage, the sense of urgency to help our most vulnerable neighbors? This should not be a political football. The fact that there are over 650 human beings of all ages living

outside in the harsh winter elements every day should be appalling to everyone. This number has increased by 100 people from last year.

Any other epidemic that critically impacts a population’s health and continues to negatively affect the community, stresses out its health care system and shows an increase in fatalities would ordinarily rise to the declaration of a public health emergency.

This week, those who will be on the ground doing their best to keep people alive during what is to be a polar vortex in Rhode Island – with temperatures expected to approach the single digits with Arctic winds – sadly will have no options to provide shelter for all of our unhoused neighbors. We certainly can expect there to be more deaths as a result.

There is no room for distortion, misrepresentation or lying when it has to do with these realities.

If the governor declared homelessness to be a public health crisis, it would immediately make resources available and set in motion a coordinated response by government agencies and health care facilities. It also would trigger emergency protocols and additional funding to respond to the crisis.

Rhode Island needs to take a page from some other states where this has indeed made a significant difference in saving lives.

The Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness works collaboratively with advocates, providers and faith-based organizations to create and advance lasting solutions to prevent and end homelessness. Notably, the Coalition, alongside advocates and constituents, lobbied for and successfully passed the country’s first Homeless Bill of Rights in June 2012.

Day to day the coalition runs lead on the state’s Homeless Management Information System and the permanent housing placement end of the Coordinated Entry System, as well as the call center (available 365 days). We want to be crystal clear that our commitment to our unhoused friends has always been to provide comprehensive services with the resources that we have.

Kimberly Simmons is executive director of the RI Coalition to End Homelessness

LETTERS

The Same Old Music – Let us all Change the Tune

To the Editor,

I listen to all the radio shows on homelessness. Not one radio show knows how to solve it. A lot of finger-pointing on these radio shows.

One wonderful person did take action and it was not a political stunt. Most homeless people do not have radios and do not listen to radio shows. They are trying to stay alive.

There should be a community digital board outside at the Providence public library, directing people to all shelters. All community resource officers have to report their encounters with a homeless person to the governor’s office, and if they do not then fire them immediately.

All community resource officers have to give the homeless person a card on where the shelters are, and the homeless person gets free bus service when they

show this card and the social worker should help them at the shelter.

According to the Providence journal article on January 11, 2025 *Lawmakers to Mr. McKee declare public health emergency over homelessness*. This article said that in the past year 54 Rhode Islanders have died because they resided outside in the elements.

Also check on the social workers to see if they are doing their job. Forget about the pallet shelters just open up more shelters. I am blaming the community resource officers who need to do a better job on speaking to our homeless community. And a community resource officer should be paid the same as a police officer because they are putting their life in harm’s way.

Carol Pisani
Johnston

LEGAL NOTICES



Town of Johnston Notice of Public Hearing

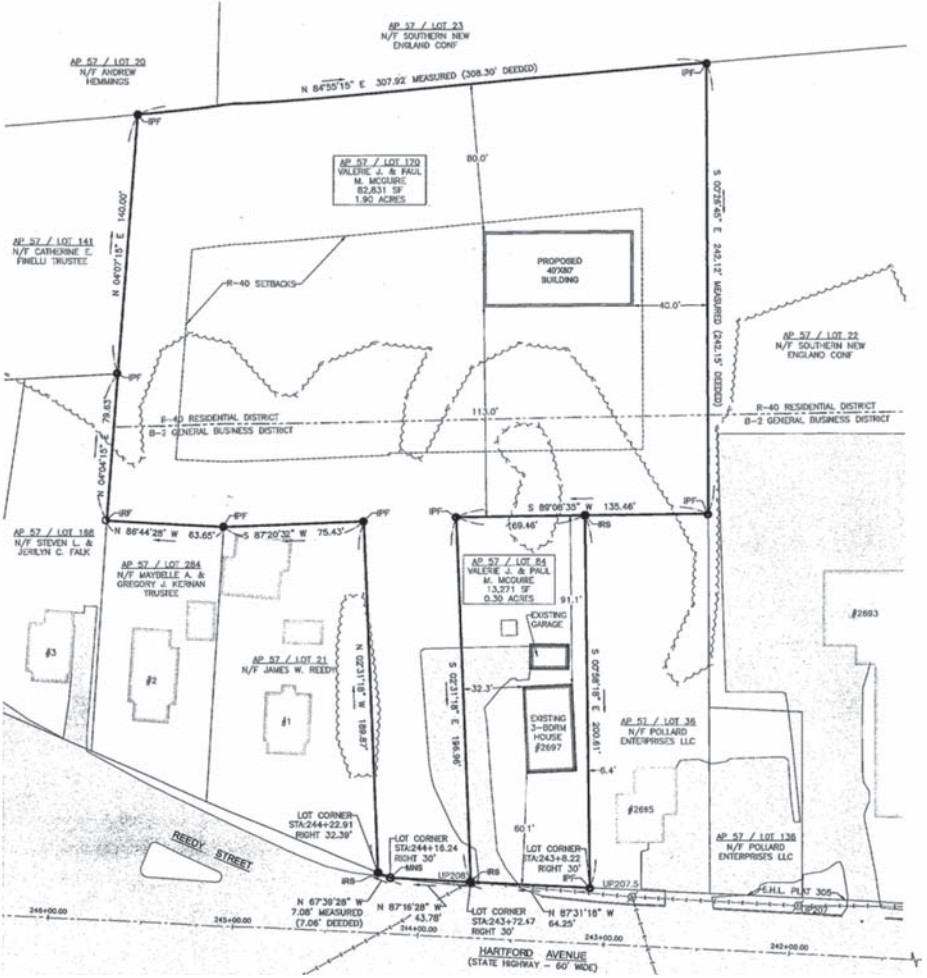
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 45-24-53 that the Johnston Town Council will hold a Public Hearing **February 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Johnston Municipal Court, located at 1600 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider proposed **Ordinance 2025-3 (formerly 2024-CP-158)** to amend the Zoning Ordinance and the Official Zoning Map, as summarized here.

Applicant:	Valerie J. McGuire
Assessor’s Plat:	57
Assessor’s Lots	170
Present Classification:	B-2 & R-40
Proposed Change to:	B-2
Said lot being located on:	Hartford Avenue

The proposed Ordinance may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Said proposed Ordinance is available at the office of the Town Clerk for examination. Any alteration or amendment will be presented for comment in the course of the hearing. All persons interested in the above application are requested to attend said meeting and be heard. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Office of the Town Clerk seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date.

Per Order: Robert V. Russo Johnston Town Council	Attest: Vincent P. Baccari, Jr. Town Clerk
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Town of Johnston

Notice is given pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 3-5-17 that the Johnston Town Council, sitting as the Liquor Licensing Commission under Title 3 Chapter 5 of the Rhode Island General Laws of 1956, as amended, shall hold a Public Hearing on **February 10th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Johnston Municipal Court Building, 1600 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, RI.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the following application for a liquor license.

Applicant: Ever Barillas
Business Name: Casa Noble, LLC d/b/a Casa Noble Restaurant
Location: 761 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919
License Type: Class BV-Full - Liquor License-

Remonstrants are entitled to be heard before the granting of the license.

Individuals requesting interpreter service for the hearing impaired must notify the Office of the Town Clerk seventy-two hours in advance of the meeting date.

Per Order:
Johnston Town Council
Robert V. Russo, Council President

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TOWN OF JOHNSTON Notice of Public Hearing

DATE: **March 4, 2025 — 6:00 p.m.**
PLACE: **Johnston Senior Center**
1291 Hartford Ave.
Johnston, RI 02919

Pursuant to the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharge from Small

MS4s and from Industrial Activity at Eligible Facilities Operated by Regulated Small MS4s(General Permit), a public hearing will be held at the Johnston Senior Center on March 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM to discuss the Johnston PHASE II STORMWATER ANNUAL REPORT.

Name and mailing address of Small MS4 Operator: Town of Johnston, 1385 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, Rhode Island 02919; RIPDES PERMIT #RIR040

In accordance with Part IV-E of the RIPDES GENERAL PERMIT, the operator must annually evaluate their compliance with the Storm Water Management Program Plan (SWMPP) and the conditions of the GENERAL PERMIT, as well as the appropriateness of the selected Best Management Practices and efforts toward achieving the measurable goals.

This NOTICE is hereby given of the best intent to receive public comment and to hold a public hearing regarding the Towns Phase II Storm Water Annual Report. Interested parties may submit comments on the draft annual report to the Department of Public Works by the close of public comment period.

Written responses to significant comments received will be provided to those persons that submitted said comments and all persons that request a copy of the responses. The responses will include a final Annual Report and identify what changes to the SWMPP have been made, if any.

The Annual Report (Final Version), any proposed amendments to the SWMPP, and all public comments will be submitted to RIDEM.

Copies of the proposed Phase II Storm Water Annual Report may be viewed at the Johnston Town Hall (1385 Hartford Avenue, Town Clerks Office), Department of Public Works, or Towns Website.

Availability of Information

The proposal and accompanying documents are available for public review during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) at the Johnston Zoning Office, 100 Irons Avenue.

All persons interested in the proposal are requested to be present at the time and place to be heard thereon. Representation may be by an attorney or other party; advice may be obtained on particular aspects of the application process and legal procedures, and recourses after Zoning

Board hearing and decision.

Facilities are accessible to the handicapped—special accommodations may be requested from the Zoning Office, (401) 231–4000 ext 4068, at least 48 hours before meetings. Persons using TDD equipment may contact the Town through “Relay Rhode Island” at 1 (800) 745–5555.

Per Order of the Johnston Department of Development and Public Service

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Town of Johnston Planning Board REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Tuesday, February 4th, 2025
6:00 P.M.**
**Johnston Senior Center,
1291 Hartford Ave.
Johnston, RI 02919**

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. OLD BUSINESS

PB 24-42 - Forest Drive Solar. A Vote to Continue from the February 4th Meeting to the March 4th Meeting. AP 46 Lots 103, 171, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212 and 213- Zoned R-40. Owner:- Shore Holdings, LLC. Applicant -Revity Energy.

PB 24-41 - Johnston Asphalt, LLC. A Public Meeting on remand from Superior Court for: Advisory Opinion to Zoning/ Building Official on Site Plan Review waiver (340-12) & Site Plan review/approval pursuant to 340-27 (3) Planning Board Waiver (340-27(3). 100 Allendale Avenue. AP 36 Lot 77. Zoned – Industrial. Applicant/Owner: Johnston Asphalt, LLC.

IV. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

V. ADJOURNMENT

- The Planning Board Agenda and Minutes are available for review at <https://clerkshq.com/johnston-ri> or Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Planning Office, 100 Irons Avenue, Johnston.
- Items not heard by 9:00 p.m. may be continued to the next Regular Meeting or a special meeting at the discretion of the Board.
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1/23, 1/30/25

Crime-lab firearms ID can miss the mark

What does a senseless murder more than 30 years ago in Rockford, Illinois, have to do with recent events at the Toolmark Analysis/Firearms Identification Section of the Rhode Island State Crime Laboratory? More than you might think...

First of two parts

In what can best be described as a robbery gone horribly wrong, Andrew Asher was shot to death in Rockford, Illinois, on April 2, 1993, at approximately 10 a.m., while sitting in a car with his girlfriend.

The murder remained unsolved until June 10, 1993, when – based on a Crime Stopper report – the Rockford police set up a surveillance of the apartment that Patrick Anthony Pursley shared with his girlfriend, Samanatha Crabtree. Shortly after the surveillance began, the two left the apartment. A car chase ensued, and they were apprehended.

Later, the police executed a search warrant of their apartment and found a 9mm Taurus model gun that Crabtree purchased in February 1993, and a 9mm Beretta. After being held for two weeks on an unrelated robbery charge, Crabtree gave a statement implicating Pursley in the murder, which later helped secure a murder indictment against him. The police also seized a spent bullet from the car and spent casings from the scene, and secured a bullet fragment from the victim’s shoulder obtained by the medical examiner.

Firearm and toolmark analysis is a forensic science discipline that involves examining marks and impressions left on firearms, tools and ammunition components to identify their origin or link them to a specific crime scene. Samples of unknown origin are compared to those of

known origin.

In the Pursley case, the unknown samples (spent bullet from the car, spent casings from the scene and bullet fragment from the victim’s shoulder) were compared to known samples (spent bullets and casings test fired from the weapons seized from the Crabtree apartment) by Daniel Gunnell, a firearms and toolmark expert employed by the Illinois State Police Crime Laboratory.

Relying upon the toolmarks and other impressions left during the machining process, Gunnell concluded that the Taurus was the gun that shot Asher; in short, he found that the known and unknown samples matched. Clearly, the firearm and toolmark analysis was a critical component of the state’s case against Pursley during its investigation and at trial.

A decades-long and tortured procedural history then ensued. Pursley was initially convicted of murder by a jury (notwithstanding the absence of any positive eyewitness identification and the permitted testimony of “incentivized” witnesses who were given either financial help or leniency in exchange for their testimony), but Crabtree eventually recanted her statement.

Pursley’s initial conviction was upheld by appellate courts and, ultimately, the Supreme Court of Illinois. Pursley also pursued a variety of post-conviction remedies in the trial courts, where he was sometimes forced to represent himself. None were successful. Fortunately, later changes in Illinois law allowed him to obtain legal representation and independent-expert analyses of the firearm and toolmark analysis evidence. In one of these proceedings an independent expert, John Murdock, using more discerning testing

methods, concluded that:

1) He could not conclude that the two bullets recovered from the crime scene were fired from the same gun as the test-fired bullets.

2) There was no significant agreement between the two groups.

3) The test-fired casings were fired from a different gun than the recovered casings.

4) There were sufficient dissimilarities to indicate that the cartridge casings were not struck by the same parts of the firearm that come into contact with the bullet when it is fired.

5) Other markings (such as firing-pin aperture marks, ejector marks, extractor marks and magazine lip marks) were also dissimilar.

The story ends with a just if not entirely satisfactory result. Pursley was granted a new trial and acquitted. On Dec. 28, 2022, an Illinois appellate court upheld the findings of the lower courts that:

1) Pursley’s innocence had been proven.

2) There was no competent evidence that would cause the court to reach a different conclusion.

3) The lynchpin of Pursley’s original conviction was the firearm “match” evidence offered by the Illinois State Police Crime Laboratory, which was not thorough or complete.

4) Experts offered by the defense were unbiased and the most qualified the court had ever seen. Pursley was therefore entitled to compensation and other benefits provided to the wrongly convicted under Illinois law.

**Michael A. DiLauro, Esq.
The Just Criminal Justice
Group LLC
Warwick**

Obituaries

Kenneth King Kuzman, Jr.



On December 19th, 2024, Kenneth King Kuzman, Jr. (54), of Downingtown, Pennsylvania and formerly Warwick, Rhode Island, passed away peacefully while skiing at Okemo Mountain with his longtime friends. They said Ken was skiing “hot.” Picture him in your head in front of you, as you descend whatever type of slope: steep, trees, bumps. Kenny was always balanced, tight, seemingly effortless. He spent his final day with people he loved, shredding some fresh powder. By his fifty-fifth year, Kenny had downhill skied a million or more vertical feet and over 100 mountains with so many different friends. But on this day, he made tracks up, into the clouds. We’ll follow them to you in time, Kenny. For now, it’s endless runs, and no groomers for you!

Kenneth (Ken, Kenny, Kuz, or Kuzzy) was born in Warwick, RI, on September 19th, 1970, to Brigitte and Kenneth Sr. As a child, Kenny was an amazing and loving older brother, friend to many, and son who kept his parents on their toes every day. Ken was a 1988 graduate of Tollgate High School in Warwick, and continued his education at the University of Vermont in Burlington, graduating in 1992. He then moved to Boulder, Colorado, where he met Hope Merkert, future mother of his three sons, Kyle, Bryce, and Ashton. They raised their family in Pennsylvania, surrounded by hills, creeks, farms, and animals. Kenny was a loving father who taught his kids the joy of skiing, never missed an important moment, and always showed up with a bag of fruit and Amish snacks. In 2009, he met Diana Whaley, with whom he shared many of the same joys in life, including their love of music and anything involving the natural world. They were later married on New Year’s Eve, 2017, under their favorite tree. Kenny’s inclusive, loving nature led him to become an influential father figure to Diana’s daughters, Fantasia and Ariel.

Kenny’s upbeat and attentive manner, integrity, and thoughtful way with words made spending time with him so enjoyable. Kenny never met a stranger, which led him to a very successful career in Specialty Door Sales, first with Krieger Specialty Products as their Regional Sales Manager, and later developing the specialty door line at Houston-Starr. In addition to skiing, he loved walking and biking in nature, waterfalls and beaches, good food in good company, dancing to live music, and nurturing life through gardening. Kenny was an exceptional cook of stir fries, pies, and porridge. He was a deeply spiritual man, well-known for his “go-with-the-flow” attitude and always taking the scenic route. Ken never lost his joie de vivre, whether exploring the world around him, playing ultimate frisbee and other games, or closing out every party he went to.

Kenneth is survived by his parents, Kenneth K. Kuzman, Sr. (Leah) and Brigitte Kuzman-Covill (née Dupré) (Gary); wife Diana Whaley (née Odum) and stepdaughters Fantasia Whaley and Ariel Whaley; former spouse Hope Merkert; three sons Kyle Kuzman, Bryce Kuzman (Cassidy), and Ashton Kuzman; and brothers Jamie Kuzman (Christine) and Brent Kuzman (Brooke). Kenny was predeceased by his oldest brother, Ken Kuzman. He will be missed by his extended family-aunts, uncles, cousins-and all the friends he met throughout his life in RI, VT, CO, PA, and elsewhere.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Kenny’s life on February 22nd, 2025, at the Mettuxet Yacht Club, 36 South River Drive, Narragansett, RI. The family will be celebrating between 12-4 PM, and guests can stop in at any point between those hours. A sharing will take place at 1 PM for those who wish to hear stories of Kenny’s life.

In lieu of flowers, and in honor of Kenny’s love for skiing and his desire to share it with others, please consider a donation to the Share Winter Foundation, supporting underprivileged youth in skiing.

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Kent ER offers insight into how medicine should work

By LLEWELLYN KING

Most people have horror stories about emergency rooms. Whether in Boston, Washington or Los Angeles, the stories are appalling.

Gurneys, sometimes with critically ill patients, lined up and left unattended along walls. Hurting people waiting for hours because of a shortage of staff, beds and a prevailing shortage of resources. Systems that are stressed and seem to be near breaking point.

I have a story about my recent ER visit, which was pure joy and likely saved my life.

The story begins just before Christmas with my travels on crowded Amtrak trains and more overcrowded airplanes.

I was wearing a mask during these trips and I had gotten flu and COVID shots, but I caught the flu. I received prompt and proper treatment, but I wasn’t licking it.

The Saturday before Christmas, early in the morning, I had a fever hallucination: I sat bolt upright in bed and told my wonderful wife, Linda Gasparello, that I was preparing my maiden speech to the British House of Commons.

As I hadn’t set foot in the UK parliament for years, and then only in the press gallery, this insane bravado led her to call an ambulance at 2 a.m. – over my protests that I was getting better and taking a Tylenol would take care of everything. “Just you see,” I said.

What Linda saw was a very sick man, clearly delirious and in need of urgent medical help.

Kindly men from the West Warwick Fire Department’s ambulance service quietly entered our apartment and wafted me into the ambulance, where they checked my vital signs and did an electrocardiogram and other work. I was in good, strong, comforting and knowledgeable hands.

When they were done, they drove me a few miles to Kent Hospital, part of Care New England, which has the second-busiest ER in the state. Not auspicious? Read on.

I wasn’t parked along a wall or interrogated about my insurance but rushed straight to waiting nurses and the emergency medical technicians until I was hooked up to an IV and a doctor had seen me. Soon afterward, I was seen by two doctors.

Emergency rooms are, by all accounts, hellholes. I expected the worst, but I got two days of excellent care and pleasant attention. I have stayed at some of the best hotels in the world, including the Carlyle in New York, the Ritz in Paris, the Hassler in Rome and Brown’s in London, and I had the same feeling of well-being at the Kent

Hospital ER – people who cared and told me they were just a bell-ring away.

When my vitals were stable in a few days, I was invited to participate in a unique and remarkable system called “Kent Hospital at Home.”

Under this system (some form of which is operational at nearly 400 hospitals in 39 states), select patients can go home without being discharged, and the home becomes a hospital room. You are hooked up to a monitor, which sends data about your vitals to ER nurses. You can read these on an iPad, with contact information for the nurses and doctors assigned to you. You also get an emergency alarm on a wristband.

Everything the patient might have needed in the hospital is transported to the home. This might include an IV, oxygen and other necessary equipment that might be used in the ER.

Best of all, you get visits twice daily from a nurse and once a day from a doctor, either in person or virtual. I was in the system for just two days before discharge and saw the doctor in my home once and on Zoom once. I was given his cellphone number with instructions to call whenever needed.

The hospital-at-home concept was pioneered by the Mayo Clinic, among other medical facilities, during the COVID-19 pandemic. It has a waiver from Medicare, which means that you are billed as an in-hospital patient, not an outpatient.

Kent Hospital emphasized that when it moved me from the hospital to my home – in their vehicle – it was a “transfer,” not in any way a discharge.


Research suggests that hospital-at-home care saves the provider between 19% and 30% compared with keeping the same patient in the hospital.

I am grateful to all who played a role in my recovery, from the ambulance crew to the emergency nurses, doctors, radiologists and porters.

Also, I am grateful for an insight into how medicine should work and how it will be enhanced in the future through technology that makes hospital-at-home care possible and viable.

For the record, I had influenza A and sepsis pneumonia. I had magnificent treatment, and I thank all who handed me a Christmas present beyond value. And I even saw a doctor making a house call. I wasn’t hallucinating.

Llewellyn King is executive producer and host of the "White House Chronicle" on PBS; columnist, Inside-Sources Syndicate; contributor, Forbes; Energy Central and commentator, SiriusXM Radio.



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Members of Scouting America Troop 20 Johnston recently honored the hard work and dedication of six scouts who achieved rank advancements by celebrating the scouts' growth and commitment to Scouting ideals. In addition to the rank advancements, the troop collectively earned an impressive 60 merit badges, representing the scouts' diverse interests and skills in areas ranging from camping and citizenship to first aid and personal fitness. Scout leaders, family members and supporters gathered to applaud the scouts' achievements and cheer them on as they continue their journey through Scouting. *(Submitted photos)*

Disney magic with Dad and a fairy grandmother

Johnston's own Raymond Courtemanche and his daughter, Allison, recently made magical memories during the Walt Disney World Marathon Weekend in Orlando, Florida. From Jan. 8 through 12, Raymond joined his daughter for the adventure as well as the 5K race, providing support that made all the difference. "It was a lot of fun. It did wonders for me having him by my side for that one race," Allison said.

Inspired by her father's presence, Allison went on to complete all four races over the event's four days—the 5K, 10K, half marathon and full marathon – covering an incredible 48.6 miles and earning the coveted Dopey Challenge and Goofy Challenge medals.

This remarkable story was brought to life by Allison's "Fairy Grandmother," Anna, whose pride in their achievement shined so brightly that she called the Sun Rise to report the news. Congratulations to all for the magical source of inspiration.



Above: Allison Courtemanche with all of the medals she has earned.

Below: Allison and Raymond Courtemanche *(Submitted photos)*



JSC Book Club welcomes author Charlene Centracchio

On Tuesday, January 28, at 10:00 AM, at the Johnston Senior Center, one of the area's most award winning authors, Charlene Centracchio, will be presenting to the JSC Book Club. All members of the public invited. Her first novel, "The Pirate's Conquest," Charlene, who taught history at North Providence High School and has always been 'obsessed with pirates' describes the book as appealing to both those readers who enjoy romance novels and those who enjoy action and adventure. The book has won many awards in both categories. Both the romance and action take place in Newport, RI, and offers glimpses of the history and conquests of pirateteering during that period. Charlene wrote the book between the ages of 22 and 24, but did not publish the book till age 64. She interestingly states "never give up on your dreams." She is currently working on the sequel to this much acclaimed first novel.



CHARLENE CENTRACCHIO

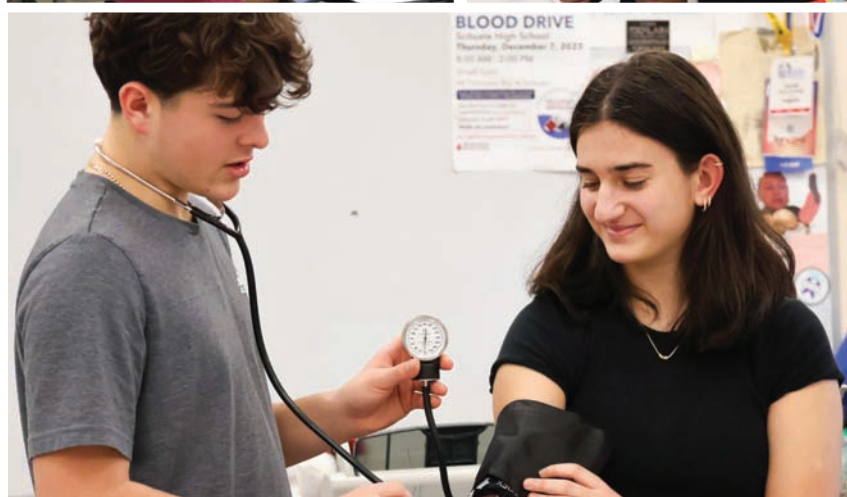


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First row left to right: Deanna Funches, Raymond DeSimone, Carolyn Rosales, Elliott Scattone. Second row left to right: Brendon Grace, Aidan Cross, Kyle Stewart Boswell, Timothy Liang, Benjamin Benjar, Alexis Rivera. (Submitted photos by Steve Turten)

Surprise donor boosts scholarship fund

By RONALD LAMOUREUX
Johnston Schools Music Director

The high school music department hosted “Crazy Hat Day” on Friday, January 17. The event was organized by the school’s Tri-M Music Honor Society with help from the entire department. The fun day is held annually to celebrate the memory of Rachel E. Carson and raise funds for the scholarships awarded in her name. Rachel was a senior at Johnston Senior High School when she unexpectedly passed away on January 14, 2018. She was a proud member of the marching and concert bands, the a capella group, the Chemistry Club, and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Rachel also had a great sense of humor and both wrote and acted in the JHS “Friday Night Live” shows. She loved the arts and sciences and was going to attend the University of Maine where she planned to study Wildlife Ecology. She also enjoyed costumes and exotic hats. Music students gathered donations in the days leading up to Friday’s event and all of JHS was strongly encouraged to wear their coolest head-wear. Prizes were given to



RACHEL E. CARSON



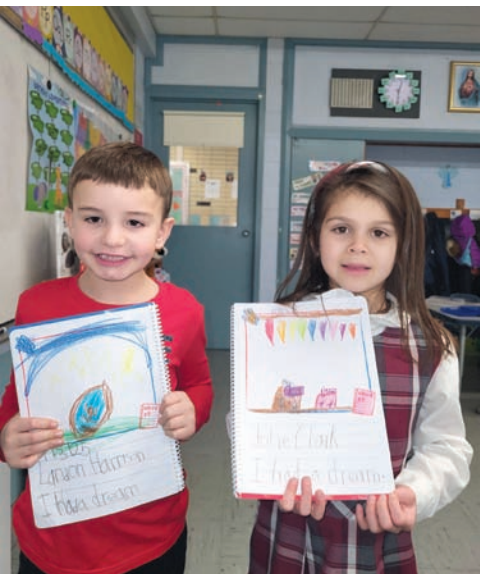
Tzivya Reyes in her “Kentucky Derby-Inspired” Outfit.

Tzivya Reyes for having the prettiest hat, to Timothy Liang for his retro “Devo” cap, to Kyle Boswell for his steam-punk creation, and to Elliott Scattone for his cephalopod celebration. Student spirit was great and for the first time in the history of this “dress-up” day, the kids edged out the faculty and staff in the “giving” battle. Nearly \$600 was collected at the school before a surprise donation was received. Paul and Erin Troxell, owners of Snookers on Ashburton Street in Providence, delivered a check for \$250. Mr. Troxell said, “Our son Jackson graduated in 2023 and he very much enjoyed his time in the chorus.” Jackson was a recipient of a Carson endowment upon graduation. The Troxell’s currently have children in the high school band and the middle school chorus. They added, “We would like to make sure that students continue to receive this scholarship in Rachel’s memory.” The Johnston School Music Association (JSMA) members have been the wardens of the memoriams since their inception in the spring of 2019. The group will award two \$500 scholarships this spring. The applications are open to all JHS students that will continue their education after graduation. Donations are always welcome. Please reach out to Ronald Lamoureux at rlamoureux@johnstonschools.org.

SOUR GRAPES by Tim Jones



Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



“I Have a Dream”

Students at St. Rocco’s Elementary School commemorated Martin Luther King Jr. Day with engaging educational activities. In Mrs. Rossner’s kindergarten class, students drew “I Have a Dream” pictures that showcased their aspirations. They also explored Scholastic’s *Let’s Find Out* magazine to learn more about The Rev. King’s legacy. Sister Kollamparampil’s second-grade students created thoughtful collages showcasing their dreams for themselves, their country and the world. Across all grade levels, classrooms embraced opportunities to honor King’s message of equality, peace and hope. *(Submitted photos)*

Let My Light Shine



Students at Barnes Elementary School commemorated Martin Luther King Jr. Day with activities inspired by his legacy of hope and unity. Each student reflected on Dr. King’s message by creating vibrant cutout suns, featuring their personal interpretations of the theme, “I am going to let my light shine.” The colorful artwork symbolizes the students’ commitment to spreading equality and positivity in their school and community, echoing Dr. King’s dream of a brighter, more inclusive future for all. *(Submitted photos)*



“The time is always right to do what is right”

Jon Anderson, library director of the Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library, stands beside a special display honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The curated selection features books, photographs and historical materials highlighting the life and legacy of the civil rights leader. Although the library was closed in observance of the holiday, and some books were already checked out, Anderson encouraged the community to visit the library in the days following to explore the display and delve deeper into King’s contributions to the fight for equality and justice. He also noted that library staff are always available to assist visitors in finding additional resources to learn more about King’s impact on history. *(Sun Rise Photo)*

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By JENNIFER COATES

There is nothing in the world quite as wonderful as the Downy-fresh smell of clean clothes and clean linens. This familiar aroma evokes images of newly-washed clothes, hung on a clothesline to billow in the wind and dry in a warm summer sun.

While there are no clotheslines hanging in Jain's Laundry, it is a common, daily experience to have your clothes and linens smell just as Downy-fresh as this sensory memory, every time you bring them home from this tidy laundromat on Putnam Pike.

Jain's Laundry is a family-run laundromat in Johnston that has been in continuous operation since it was first opened by the Jain family in 1993. It is a place that has earned a reputation for cleanliness, trustworthiness, affordability, consistency, and friendly customer service. It is a place that provides an invaluable service for today's modern family ~ both as a place where one can do all their wash in "one fell swoop" or take advantage of their convenient, same-day, wash-dry-fold service.

Cleaning your clothes and household linens is essential work but it does not have to be drudgery! If time is your most precious commodity, then why not bring your laundry to Jain's Laundry for their drop-off service? Why not spend your time doing the things you love this winter and let Kaushal Jain help you carry the load?

For an incredible .89/pound, Kaushal will wash, soften, dry, and even fold your laundry – all in one day. Besides the convenience of this great service, this price also covers the



Come to Jain's Laundry, a familiar and family-run laundromat on Putnam Pike in Johnston, for all your wash/dry/fold laundry needs and for self-service washing & drying machines.

cost of the softener, bleach, soap and hangers! What a bargain!

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There are large capacity machines available for all size loads, from 25 pounds to 65 pounds. The top loading machines are available here for only \$2.25 per load. Vending machines are

also on-site if you need to re-stock your supply of detergent, softener, or laundry bags.

There is plenty of parking and a friendly, helpful staff here, ready to meet the needs of both residential and commercial customers.

Jain's Laundry is found in the Plaza 44 shopping plaza on 39 Putnam Pike. It is open seven days each week - from 8 am to 9 pm, Monday through Friday, and 7 am to 8 pm on Saturday and Sunday. For more information about their services, call 401-231-7019.

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Sports

Iafrate hopes to guide Lyons to tourney

Johnston native enjoying big season at Wheaton

By ALEX SPONSELLER

Johnston native and La Salle grad Dimetri Iafrate is having a big season on the court for the Wheaton College men's basketball team in hopes of guiding the Lyons to the NCAA Tournament.

The Lyons fell in the opening round of the conference playoffs last season but returned all but one player on the roster. Iafrate has been a staple in the starting lineup this season in the back court and is averaging 14.3 points, 4.1 assists and 5.1 rebounds per game, to go along with over 2 steals per game on the defensive side. He made 12 starts in 25 appearances last season to earn a full-time starting role this time around.

"It's the confidence that my coaches and teammates had in me to create opportunities for me and create opportunities for them. Last year we got bounced in the first round of the playoffs, so hopefully



Dimetri Iafrate gets set to take on Anna Maria in a recent game. (Photos by Keith Nordstrom)

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Johnston's Bella Gesualdi battles through defenders in a recent game. (Photo by Mike Zawistoski)



Roundup: Panthers rebound to beat Juanita Sanchez

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Johnston girls basketball team rebounded after dropping back to back games by beating Juanita Sanchez 53-29 last Friday night.

Alanna Colon led the Panthers with 17 points while both Bella Gesualdi and Marissa Morsilli added 15.

The Panthers improved to 3-7 in divisional play and 4-8 overall with the victory. Johnston hosted Rogers on Wednesday, but the results were unavailable at press time. Johnston will next hit the road to take on Scituate on Friday night.

BOYS HOCKEY

Ponaganset 4, Coventry/Johnston 2

The Coventry/Johnston boys hockey co-op is looking to snap its recent skid after falling most recently to Ponaganset last week.

The game was tied 2-2, but the Chieftains would find the back of the net twice in the final minutes of regulation to pick up the win. Coventry/Johnston fell to 1-7 overall with the loss and will next be taking on North Kingstown this Saturday night.



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Locals shine for RIC track

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Freshman Quiana Pezza (Cranston) finished sixth in the triple jump (10.43m), eighth in the long jump (5.18m) and ninth in the 200m (26.93) as the Rhode Island College women’s track and field team competed at the University of Rhode Island Invitation-al on Saturday afternoon.

Samantha Sainristil (Cranston) finished ninth in the shot (11.82m) and 19th in the weight throw (11.45m).

Junior Milana Melvin (Johnston) finished 27th in the shot (8.93m) and 21st in the weight throw (11.05m).

Sophomore Shirley Portillo (North Providence) finished 21st in the 500m (1:33.77).

In upcoming action, Rhode Island College will compete at the Wheaton Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 25 (11 a.m.).

Pezza (Cranston) was named the Little East Women’s Rookie Field Athlete of the Week for her performance at the URI Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 18.

Pezza finished sixth in the triple jump (10.43m), eighth in the long jump (5.18m) and ninth in the 200m (26.93). It was an individual meet with no

team scoring and was comprised of mostly Div. I and II competition.

In upcoming action, Rhode Island College will compete at the Wheaton Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 25 (11 a.m.).

Anchormen suffer first LEC loss

Junior guard Loudon Chupas (Colchester, Conn.) recorded a career-high 20 points as Rhode Island College fell, 101-87, vs. Keene State at the Spaulding Gymnasium on Saturday afternoon.

The Anchormen held their only lead for a mere 15 seconds in the first half before the hosts came surging forward and dominated the rest of the stanza.

The Owls led by four, 48-44, with two minutes left to play in the first half before tallying a 12-4 run to accumulate a 12-point, 60-48, lead going into the break.

Senior forward Ousmane Kourouma (Woonsocket) scored 20 points and hauled in 15 rebounds for the Anchormen.

Sophomore forward Xavier Mendez (Pawtucket) picked up his third consecutive double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds.



■ Iafrate

(Continued from page 13)

this year we can make it to the championship and win and go on to the NCAA Tournament,” said Iafrate, who is confident that the roster has enough talent and experience to go on a deep run. “We lost one senior but got everyone back with another year of experience. We’re more than ready for the opportunity this year.”

Wheaton entered the week with an 8-7 record while going 3-3 in the conference. The team was riding a three-game win streak, two of which were against conference opponents.

Although Iafrate has been one of the team’s most consistent producers on the stat sheet, he emphasized the importance of being well-rounded while also inspiring his teammates.

“When I go on the court I try to do anything to help us win, it doesn’t matter if I score zero or 20, as long as we win, that’s all that matters. That’s the mentality that we try to bring to the team. Know your role and do whatever you need to do to help the team win,” said Iafrate, who has also enjoyed playing alongside Tristan Herry, who was a former teammate of his on the AAU circuit and currently leads the team in scoring. “I’ve been playing with him since AAU.

The chemistry we have is good, that chemistry just kept building and now we’re in college doing our thing.”

Iafrate was also busy this offseason, knowing that he was in line to see significant minutes. He has averaged over 33 minutes per contest to this point.

“Getting better at reading ball screens, finding open guys, switching, my pull-up midrange, finishing at the rim, I worked on those things and they’ve been better this year,” said Iafrate.

Iafrate attended La Salle Academy in his high school days and was an all-state player for the Rams. Playing for an elite club for four years helped prepare him for the college level, and he’s hoping to show the younger players the importance of being able to perform on the big stage.

“La Salle definitely helped with that big game experience. The La Salle-Hendricken rivalry was always a big game and that’s how it is in college, every game is a big game. For the younger guys, they just need to get used to that big game atmosphere. If you can play in big atmospheres, you can make a big impact,” said Iafrate.

Iafrate is also proud to be another Johnstonian to make a splash on the basketball scene.

“I think we’re showing a lot of people that Rhode Island can play basketball. It shows that Rhode Island has got some ballers,” Iafrate said.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. “Loser” rocker

5. Partner to relaxation

9. Mixing

11. Winged nut

13. Expression of blame

15. Vast ocean

16. Comedienne Gasteyer

17. Multiply

19. Meat from a pig (French)

21. Related

22. Rocker Stewart

23. Surprise completely

25. Loon

26. Canister

27. Large, deep-bodied fish

29. Takes forcefully

31. Oil cartel

33. Palmer and Hepburn are two

34. More than one

36. Places down purposefully

38. Pitching statistic

39. Type of sword

41. Witnesses

43. Body part

44. Mixes slowly

46. Satisfy

48. Strong belief

52. One’s physique (slang)

53. More frightening

54. Soup cracker

56. Teaches

57. One who carries something

58. Actor Sean

59. Changes

CLUES DOWN

1. __ Aires, city

2. Coarse grass

3. Type of gene

4. Door handle

5. Competition

6. Muslim ruler title

7. Hunting expeditions

8. Large mollusk

9. Bind securely

10. Former U.S. presidential candidate

11. 2-point plays in football

12. Breezed through

14. Type setting

15. Felt for

18. Codified rules

20. Small dome

24. Chevrotain

26. Male reproductive gland

28. Controversial beliefs

30. Z Z Z

32. One who confines another

34. Bishop

35. Garlands

37. Bird that flies by the coast

38. Optical device

40. Greek goddess of discord

42. Some are “Rolling”

43. Formerly (archaic)

45. Thrust a knife into

47. German river

49. Atomic #26

50. Make a grotesque face

51. Primordial matter of the universe

55. Chinese philosophical principle

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Fishing show simply the best

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

The New England Saltwater Fishing Show is the largest and best fishing show of its type in the Northeast. Over 340 booths with eighteen seminars of interest that will have you catching fish all season. There will be exhibitor show specials and raffles of all types that you won't want to miss and a charter for six show door prize.

The show is Friday, March 7 to Sunday, March 9, 2025, at the Rhode Island Convention Center. The Show features tackle, rods, reels, lures, electronics, charter guides, boats, motors, accessories, clothes and much more.

Scott Travers, Show Director and Executive Director of the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (show sponsor), said, "We are two months out and have sold about 80 percent of the booths, and since the New Year the phone has not spotted ringing with requests."

All the large spaces for boats against the back wall of the exhibition hall are taken. However, there is still booth space available so give Scott Travers a call (401.826.2121) and he will try to accommodate your request.

"Seminars will key in on strategies and tactics to target species we as anglers love to catch, eat or release... striped bass, summer flounder, tautog, false albacore and tuna," said Travers. "Tuna has been closer to shore than ever before so many anglers are targeting them for the first time. We will have the seminars and gear to get them started."

Seminar topics will include everything from offshore Canyon tactics to inshore tips and tricks for black sea bass. Speakers will cover locations from Boston Harbor to the Connecticut River and everything in between. Accomplished charter captains, authors and local sharpies all pitching in to cover topics of interest.

Plan your show visit

Visit www.nesaltwatershow.com for updates on exhibitors at the show. Planning your visit to the show will save time and lead to success, just like planning a fishing trip in advance. By taking a little time to plan your show visit you can make sure you are at the show for the presentations you want to see and visit the booths that have products you want to check out and buy. My strategy is prior to the show or once I arrive and get a program in hand, I take ten minutes to plan the booths I want to visit. I do the same with the seminar schedule once it is published.

The New England Saltwater Fishing Show is being held at the Rhode Island Convention Center Friday, March 7, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 8, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Children 11 and under admitted free and on Sunday, March 9, Family Day, all women are admitted free. Visit the Kids Casting Area on Saturday and Sunday.

All adults who enter the show can register to win a Free Fishing Charter Trip with Capt. Connor MacLeod of Tall Tailz Charters for up to six people. You can purchase raffle tickets for three custom rods donated by Ralph Craft of Crafty One Customs, with the rods displayed at the RISAA membership booths.

Tickets at the door are \$15.

My Fishing Cape Cod... fishing for giant bluefin tuna when its 24 degrees

Carson Schemenaur has written a great winter adventure and is sharing it on the fishing blog "My Fishing Cape Cod." Carson relates how he targeted giant bluefin tuna off Stellwagen Bank last month in 24 degree weather on his 21 foot center console. The story Chasing December Giants - My Fishing Cape Cod relates how he landed a 91", 487 pound gutted giant bluefin tuna in December.

If you have not visited My Fishing Cape Cod - your source for Cape Cod fishing reports & more you should pay it a visit, great fishing news, reports, and stories about fishing on and around the Cape.

Where's the bite?

Cod. Bad weather has prevented vessels from fishing, but boats will continue to fish for cod this month once things calm down. So, if you are interested in getting out a boat to fish cod is a good option, visit party/charter boat social media sites, website or call them and ask if they are sailing. Vessels generally sail between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. and return in the afternoon. Visit www.islandcurrent.com and www.francesfleet.com. Full day rates for vessels are generally \$130 to \$135 per adult and around \$80 for those under 12 years old.

Freshwater fishing. This recent cold spell will be great for ice fishers. AJ Coots of Red Top Sporting Goods, Buzzards Bay, said, "Last weekend we had fishable ice with anglers successfully targeting bass and pickerel. So, the hope is that cold weather this week will continue to freeze things over."

Beech Pond in Exeter, RI and Voluntown, RI continues to have fishable ice with anglers putting their time in and catching fish there. Check on local safe ice conditions with local police or city/town halls. For a complete list of trout stocked ponds in Massachusetts visit Mass Wildlife at Trout stocking report | Mass.gov , both Whiting and Falls Ponds in North Attleboro were stocked this fall. And, in Rhode Island visit www.dem.ri.gov/fishing, or call 401-789-0281 or 401-539-0019 for more information on trout stocking.

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@verison.net or visit www.noflukefishing.com.



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16 Ironwood Dr	Dispirito, Jaclynn K	Hazelton, Samantha and Hazelton, Brandon	12/30	\$665,000
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51 Hornbeam Rd	Golembewski, Andrew and Flores, Santos	Nicholson, Laura	12/30	\$675,000
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67 Windsor Park Dr	Edward F Bucklin Iv T and Bucklin 4th, Edward F	Myers, Randy Q and Nelson, Amanda L	12/30	\$398,900
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By Karen Kalunian

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Steaming away into history

By BARBARA POLICHETTI

Daniel Harrington, newspaper columnist and Director of the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame, will be the guest speaker Sunday at a special meeting of the Johnston Historical Society.

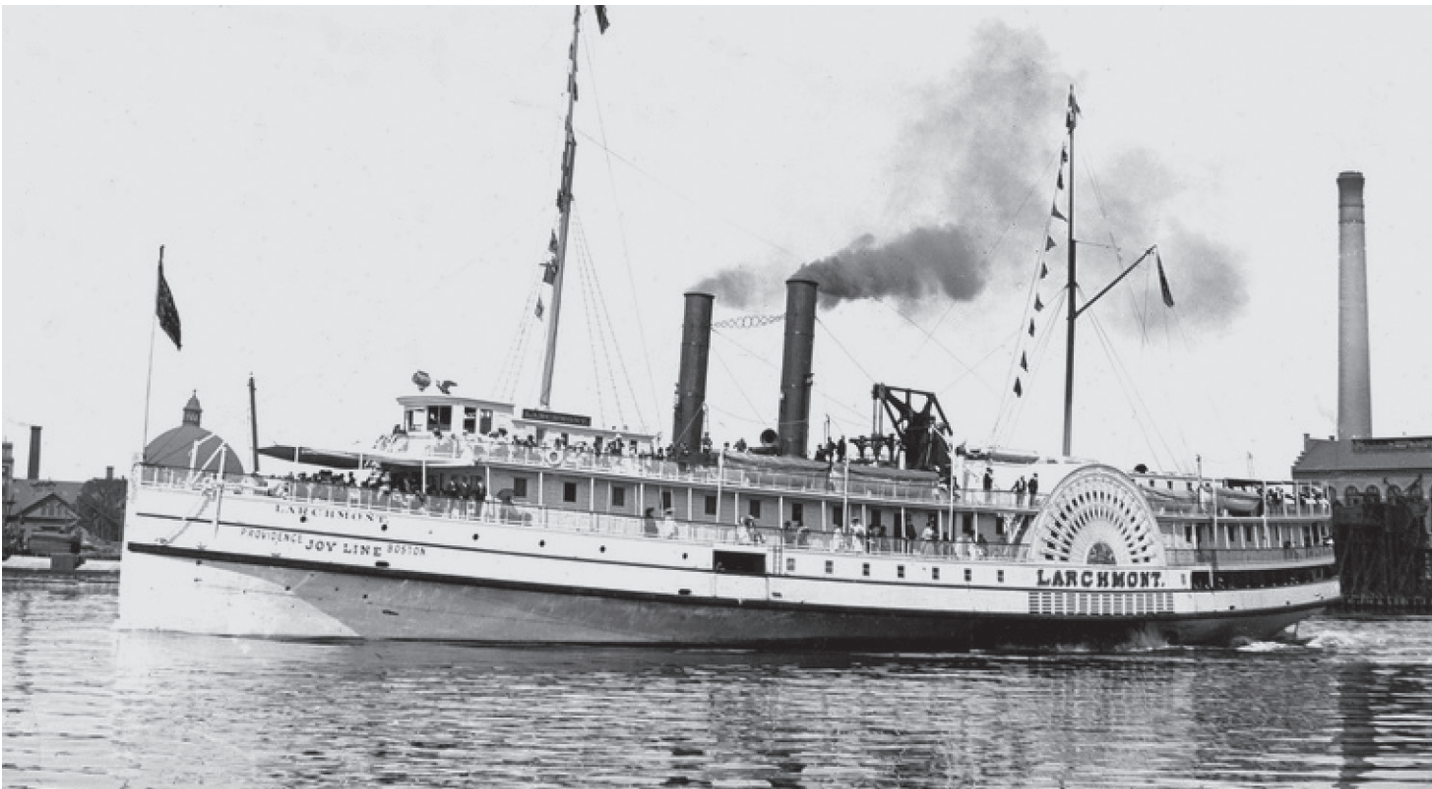
Harrington will give a presentation on the 1907 wreck of the side-wheel steamship *Larchmont* which collided with a schooner off the coast of Block Island on a freezing night in 1907.

Using restored photos, Harrington tells of the harrowing maritime disaster and the stories of the passengers and crew on the *Larchmont* and the schooner *Harry Knowlton*, and their struggles for survival.

The presentation has engaged audiences throughout New England as Harrington includes historical accounts from eyewitnesses and even the story of a murder on that fateful night.

The historical society meeting will be held at 2 pm Sunday, January 26, at 101 Putnam Pike in Johnston.

Harrington is a former East Providence City Councilor and long-time monthly columnist for the *Providence Journal* newspaper. He is the past President of Chartwell Wealth Management and currently works as a Securities Prin-



cipal for MassMutual.

During his approximately nine years writing for the *Journal*, he covered a

wide array of historical topics including the HMS Gaspee and Winston Churchill. He has said that of all the subjects he has

explored, the story of the *Larchmont* is one of the most haunting.

■ RIPTA (Continued from page 1)

provide convenient inbound and outbound connections from Amazon's Johnston location directly to downtown Providence. Click here for the schedule and more details are below.

RIPTA also has a trip planner on its website, www.ripta.com, which enables passengers to put in their departure and destination locations, and desired travel times, to see what route options are available. An instructional video on using the trip planner can be viewed at www.ripta.com/tripplanner.

Route 10X Service Details

Inbound Service to Downtown Providence:

Morning: The bus will depart Amazon (Johnston) at 5:45 AM and arrive at Kennedy Plaza (Stop X) by 6:00 AM. This schedule aligns with shifts ending at

5:15 AM and 5:30 AM.

Evening: The bus will depart Amazon (Johnston) at 7:00 PM and arrive at Kennedy Plaza (Stop X) by 7:22 PM. This schedule aligns with shifts ending at 6:30 PM and 6:45 PM.

Outbound Service from Downtown Providence:

Morning: The bus will depart Kennedy Plaza (Stop X) at 7:25 AM and arrive at Amazon (Johnston) by 7:45 AM, in time for the 8:00 AM and 8:15 AM shift starts.

Evening: The bus will leave Kennedy Plaza (Stop X) at 6:10 PM, arriving at Amazon (Johnston) by 6:30 PM, in time for the 6:45 PM and 7:00 PM shift starts.

In addition, RIPTA has adjusted the schedule on its Route 28 to accommodate shift times at Amazon. Route 28 will continue to make regular local stops before arriving at Amazon. The frequency of the route has been increased in order to provide Amazon employees

trips every 30 minutes, all day. Click here for the schedule.

Route 28 Service Details

Weekday Inbound Service:

Morning: The bus will depart Amazon at 5:14 AM and arrive at Kennedy Plaza at 5:43 AM. The next trip will depart Amazon at 5:44 AM and arrive at 6:13 AM.

Evening: The bus will depart Amazon at 6:39 PM and arrive at Kennedy Plaza at 7:13 PM. The next trip will depart Amazon at 7:12 PM and arrive at 7:43 PM.

Weekday Outbound Service:

Morning: The bus will depart Kennedy Plaza (Stop W) at 7:00 AM and arrive at Amazon at 7:32 AM. The next trip will depart Kennedy Plaza at 7:30 AM and arrive at 8:02 AM.

Evening: The bus will depart Kennedy Plaza (Stop W) at 6:00 PM and arrive at Amazon at 6:31 PM. The next trip will

depart at 6:30 PM and arrive at 7:01 PM.

Saturday Inbound Service:

Morning: There are four morning trips departing Amazon at 5:45 AM, 7:22 AM, 7:55 AM, and 8:36 AM and arriving at Kennedy Plaza at 6:14 AM, 7:51 AM, 8:25 AM and 9:06 AM.

Evening: The bus will depart Amazon at 6:29 PM and arrive at Kennedy Plaza at 7:00 PM. The next trip will depart at 7:09 PM and arrive at 7:40 PM.

Saturday Outbound Service:

Morning: There are three morning trips departing Kennedy Plaza (Stop W) at 6:50 AM, 7:25 AM, and 8:00 AM, arriving at Amazon at 7:19 AM, 7:54 AM and 8:31 AM.

Evening: The bus will depart Kennedy Plaza (Stop W) at 5:50 PM and will arrive at Amazon at 6:24 PM. The next trip leaves at 6:30 PM and will arrive at 7:04 PM

Sunday Inbound Service:

Morning: The bus will depart Amazon at 5:45 AM and will arrive at Kennedy Plaza at 6:14 AM. The next trip departs at 7:51 AM and will arrive at 8:20 AM.

Evening: The bus will depart Amazon at 6:21 PM and will arrive at Kennedy Plaza at 6:51 PM. The next trip will leave at 7:15 PM, arriving at Kennedy Plaza at 7:44 PM.

Sunday Outbound Service:

Morning: The bus will depart Kennedy Plaza (Stop W) at 7:14 AM and will arrive at Amazon at 7:45 AM.

Evening: The bus will depart Kennedy Plaza (Stop W) at 5:43 PM and will arrive at Amazon at 6:14 PM. The next trip will depart at 6:31 PM and will arrive at 7:01 PM.

Information compiled by
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