

Catching some air



JIM MCGAW

Chase Williams, 5, flies through the air as he tries the hills in front of King's Grant Fellowship Church on West Main Road Monday afternoon. The church welcomes sledders even opening its doors on select days so families can warm up with hot chocolate. For the story, see page 5.

A 'bloody good time'

Wintertime fun from days gone by came with bruises, scrapes — and made for fond memories

BY JIM MCGAW

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"When I was a kid, school was never canceled! We had to shovel our way there through six-foot drifts!"

OK, perhaps some former childhood memories of living in a small town like Portsmouth are often exaggerated. We were curious about how some Portsmouth residents — past and present — remember their town during the winter months long ago, so we asked them. From walking along a frozen bay to sledding down Mr. Duffy's yard, they recalled their youth as if it were yesterday.

Their stories also revealed a simple truth about growing up in the '60s and '70s: "Helicopter parents" were a rarity. Kids went off on their own for hours at a time,

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In this photograph from 1969, 3-year-old Allan Belden skates on a frozen pond in an abandoned gravel pit at the Hummocks in Portsmouth. The property is now privately owned, and there's no skating there today. This photograph was provided by his sister, Diane Belden-Rosenthal.

Storms strain snow-removal budget

Town has already exhausted money for supplies, overtime

Tuesday's snowstorm put an exclamation point on what local officials had already predicted: The town has depleted its funds budgeted for snow removal.

"We have a budget of \$80,000 for materials and \$46,000 for overtime. We have exhausted that," Town Administrator John Klimm said Wednesday morning. "I'm sure with another snowstorm or two, everyone will be in the same boat."

Mr. Klimm said part of the reason the money is already gone is

that Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dave Kehew "has been very wise in buying materials, so we still have salt."

Drivers don't need to worry about the roads during the next storm, however. Mr. Klimm has put a freeze on certain budget items such as office supplies, he said, to make money available for snow removal.

"There's no way we're going to compromise public safety," said Mr. Klimm, who had a near-mishap himself while traveling to a meeting at Middletown Town Hall Tuesday. As he was driving down a hill his car skidded right past the building, he said. "Yester-

day was a dangerous situation. It was very slippery."

He praised Portsmouth DPW for its work during the snowstorms. "They're done a terrific job all winter," said Mr. Klimm, adding that Mr. Kehew and his deputy, Brian Woodhead, are out on the roads themselves during storms.

"It's rare to see a superintendent behind the wheel but we're short-staffed," said the administrator, noting that the town hopes to reinstate some of those jobs going forward. "We're trying to restore some of the positions that have been cut here and there in the past, and some of those cuts included public works."



A DPW worker plows along Middle Road during the height of Tuesday afternoon's snowstorm.

Honoring 'Honest Abe'

Middle school unveils a portrait of the 16th president

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Career high

Tierney scores 29 in win over Chariho

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often getting into mischief and banging themselves up — only to climb back to the top of the hill to do it all over.

Before global warming

Stephanie Detusa: “I don’t remember what year it was — I am thinking ‘78 (when I was) 6. I remember the bay froze over and we walked over to Bristol and back.”

Rhonda (Emsley) Hogarth: “Yup, the bay froze in the late ‘70s. David Hall and Ben Hall both took their dirt bikes out on the bay over near Weyerhaeuser.”

Jim Lipe: “It froze pretty hard in he early ‘70s, I think. Chuck Forst said he walked about halfway across from McCorrie Point. Froze hard again in the late ‘80s, too; at one point I believe it froze out to Block Island. You would walk out in front of Island Park, cut a big hole in the ice then bullrake or tong.”

Deborah Helms Moore: “It was probably around 1970 when the bay froze. From Common Fence



Rick Weida battles the snowdrifts during the Blizzard of 1978. Brad Therrien provided this photo.

Point we could walk about halfway to Mt. Hope Bridge before you would hear those cracking sounds; the cracks were like stars around our feet. Ice-cutters made their way to Fall

River keeping the channel open for the freighters.”

Tim Brady: “I remember the river used to freeze almost every winter. We used to skate over to Tiverton from the cove.”

Deb Gustafson: “I remember the river freezing over and watching ice boats on it — sail-boats with runners like ice skates. I listened to all the stories my grandfathers told of going

across to Tiverton and cutting ice for the ice boxes; one time, someone took a car out there. But those stories always ended with a very stern warning that in no uncertain terms were we to go on that ice, ever.”

A slippery slope

Rhonda (Emsley) Hogarth: “Sledding down Mr. Duffy’s yard! It is next door to mom and dad’s place, 524 Bristol Ferry. The best hill in town as I see it. My dad would plow Duffy’s road and pack it at the end of his house. Now we had a snow hill of monumental proportion — great takeoff point. The night before everyone came sledding, I took buckets of water and iced the hill. Raine Morell was first to show up; he had a four-man toboggan. He says he’s going down standing up — like riding a surfboard. He passes the wall then picks up speed right before the train track. He hears the train, then turns and takes out a pine tree and splits the toboggan in half. No blood yet. Sean and Gary

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WINTER: 'We couldn't see out the first-floor windows' in 1978

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up next. They have an old metal sled — the kind you drive with your feet — but Gary lays down face-first then Sean on top of him. I push them hard. They're flying fast and make it over the train track and halfway into the marsh, then into the briar patch. Now we have blood. I went over the wall and landed on an old wine barrel, crushing it. Laura hit the train track and busted her lip — more blood. The year is 1978 — the best bloody friends anyone can have. We all went home blue, cold, wet and came back the next day to do it all over again."

Christine Dunne Staskiewicz: "Back in the '60s, if you lived on any of the streets near Hathaway School, there was the best hill that unfortunately was flattened when they added onto the school. It was a pretty steep slope and if it was a good enough snowfall, you could go from the top of the hill and then continue down Tallman Avenue."

Brad Therrien: "I am reminded every day of sledding at Hathaway School. When I was 10 or 11, I was lying on the sled and Mikey Chase was lying on my back going 100 miles an hour when someone beside us grabbed the runner on the sled and jerked it sideways, sending us careening into a tree. Full impact on my right shoulder. Every day since, my shoulder reminds me and I could never throw a ball very well after that. Still great times and actually lucky, I guess; a few inches and it could have been my head. My poor mother; good thing she worked at the medical center."

Laurie Davidson Spaner: "The plow driver would plow all the snow to the right on the hill at the bottom of Glen Road. We would carve it into a luge and sled at a million miles per hour down that steep hill. The only 'rule' (made by the neighborhood kids) was that if you crossed Heidi Drive into the neighbor's yard, you had to bail so you didn't go off the high cliff onto the rocky beach and die. The fact that we could do that dates me. No helmets back then, either. Double-runner sleds, usually."

Mona Carberry: "We'd get all bundled up, pile sleds and skis into the car and go to Turkey Hill (Lehigh) and spend hours there. It would only take seconds to go down the hill and forever to get



This photo from the Feb. 10, 1978 issue of The Sakonnet Times shows East Main Road in the aftermath of the Blizzard of '78. St. Paul's Episcopal Church is in the background.

back to the top."

Wendy Mitchell: "My mother, Linda Manchester Mitchell, says when she was a kid they used to close off Church Lane and sled down toward Macomber Lane — used to close the street off with sawhorses. This was in the '50s."

Skating in circles

Donna Hetland: "I remember going ice skating on the pond by Boyd's Lane in the late '50s and early '60s. My older brother, Joe Beausoleil, and his friend Henry Gormley were skating when my brother fell through the ice. He was OK but when he got home he was frozen stiff. My mother was furious. This happened over the Christmas holiday."

Jim Lipe: "The pond by Ramada was a big skate hockey site. The pits in Common Fence Point had mostly nice ice. If there wasn't much wind when it chilled down, it was decent skating. I myself used the bend-your-ankles-over-and-walk-on-the-sides method. That started my goalie career. I could stand and fall with the best!"

Pennie Durand: "Let's not forget the crab pond — so frozen we would skate to the golf club. There was also a year that Boyd's Lane got so thick that the family gathered up the Christmas trees and had a huge bonfire on the ice thanks to our parents and our local firemen. That is my fondest

memory."

Diane Belden-Rosenthal: Do you remember the Derby, Garceau, Sunderland and Belden kids all skating on the 'pit' (at the Hummocks)? Because it was an abandoned gravel pit and 60 feet deep, we weren't allowed to skate on it if the temperature hadn't been below freezing for five consecutive days. We even had Mr. Derby check the thickness along the edge with his hand-cranked drill and if it was six inches thick, it was a go! To think we were allowed to skate on a 60-foot deep pit! What would Child Services say about letting kids do that today? All I know was it was where I learned to skate."

Beverly Calcutt Kelly: "The Portsmouth Fire Department used to fill the basketball court in Redwood Farms with water and it would freeze over and make the best ice skating rink."

Susan Lemieux-Cortez: "I remember with anticipated excitement waiting for the Fire Department to flood the amusement park (later the flea market area). It was suddenly turned into an ice skating rink that was perfect."

Gary Edwards: "The town put in a skating rink at the old amusement park across from Tremblay's. They put in an asphalt curb and then filled it with eight inches of water and it turned to a skating

rink pretty quickly. One day it had snowed just a bit, and cleaning the snow off the ice had left an 18-inch mound in one area. We would get up enough speed and jump the mound of snow — lots of fun. Except one time, I slipped coming down and fell. Well, here comes Tim Boff right behind me. He makes the jump and his skate hits me right in the head. He was wearing figure skates, so I had about six cuts/indentations in the top of my head. Of course several came to my aid, wiped off the blood and away we went again. A little blood on the ice — everyone thought that was cool. Luckily he wasn't wearing speed skates."

Pennie Durand: "I remember the ice rink by the arcade. It was supposed to be a safe place for us to have fun, but that came to a short end with that darn flea market."

Staying warm

Brad Therrien: "The house on Child Street had a wood-burning furnace until I was about 14, when it was replaced with an oil-burning furnace. The wood furnace had a single grate in the living room floor, so the second floor got pretty chilly in the winter. My three sisters and I would come in from building snowmen or snow forts and run to the living room and stand on the grate to get warm. We would hold the bottom

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■ RHONDA (EMSLEY) HOGARTH

of our coats out to catch the heat and I could hear the snow sizzle as it melted from our galoshes onto the furnace."

Deborah Helms Moore: "Even now, I think of the smell of wet clothes drying on radiators. Not a good smell. I don't think our mittens and gloves ever dried all of the way. When the boots stayed wet, mom got out the bread bags and rubber bands to put over our shoes. She stayed hopeful that one day they would work. We'd grab the garbage can lids for sleds."

Blizzard of '78

Cheryl Maynard-Tucci: "We couldn't see out the first-floor windows. We had a small hill on the side of our in-ground pool and fence, so we 'built' into the pile of snow there (just over six feet) and made an igloo with shelves inside for snow ball storage."

Jeanne Davoll Flowers: "I remember driving a few days after they opened the roads up for travel again and you couldn't see over the mountains of snow on each side of the road. It was like driving down on really wide halfpipe."

Rosemary Davidson: "We built our new house in 1978 and the appliances were delivered the day the blizzard started. We got the appliances but by the time they were in the house, the delivery men could not get off the island to go back to Providence and had to stay over at the Ramada Inn. It was a great week of sledding and playing in the snow. We lived on Viking Drive. You could walk up and down East Main Road."

Pam Shaffer: "My boyfriend at the time got stuck at my house during the Blizzard of '78. Fast-forward 25 years and we reconnect ... and became stuck in a house he was working on for three days due to a bad snow storm 10 years ago. Then we got married."

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Frank J. Williams, former chief justice of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island and an avid Lincoln scholar, and Interim School Supt. Barbara McGann unveil the school's new portrait of Abraham Lincoln during an assembly on Friday afternoon. The portrait will be displayed in the middle school library.

Middle school students salute 'Honest Abe'

Lincoln expert and former R.I. Chief Justice Frank Williams speaks

BY JIM MCGAW

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When middle school students gathered inside the gymnasium to unveil its new portrait of President Abraham Lincoln Friday afternoon, they couldn't have asked for a more fitting keynote speaker.

"It's not every day we have a former chief justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court here," said Principal Joseph Amaral in introducing Frank J. Williams, a former chief justice of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island and an avid Lincoln scholar.

Facing a crowded assembly that gathered for the school's annual Presidents' Day celebration, Mr. Williams referred to President Lincoln as a "real cool guy" whose achievements were worth emulating.

"Since I was 11 years old I've been infatuated with our 16th president," said Mr. Williams, founding chairman of The Lincoln Forum and one of the country's most renowned experts on the former Illinois lawyer. "I used to spend my lunch money — 25 cents a day — in a used book store buying Lincoln books."



Students put their hands over their hearts during the playing of the National Anthem.

After his military service Mr. Williams studied to be a lawyer, and Lincoln would remain the biggest inspiration throughout his life.

"It's always good to have a hero from history because they teach us many things. One of the strengths of my hero, Abe Lincoln, was his civility — how he treated others. My lesson to you is to be kind to each other," said Mr. Williams, who urged students to perform random acts of kindness whenever they could.

The former chief justice said he was also impressed with Lincoln's ability to mediate disputes, something students should learn so they can diffuse any disagree-

ments with classmates.

Students should also follow Lincoln's lead by living "a life of consequence" through public service, he said. "We owe our country and this community a great deal," he said.

Mr. Williams concluded his remarks by quoting from Lincoln's State of the Union address to Congress in December 1862: "It is not, 'Can any of us imagine better?' but, 'Can we all do better?'"

He and Interim School Supt. Barbara McGann then unveiled the school's new portrait of the 16th president, "which will be displayed for years to come in our library," said Mr. Amaral.

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Church gives sledders a warm welcome

On select days, King's Grant Fellowship opens doors and serves hot cocoa

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Whether they were seeking divine intervention or a snow-making machine wasn't clear, but a few weeks ago a couple of people approached Pastor Robert Rosinski of King's Grant Fellowship Church with a complaint.

"They said, 'Can't we do something about the snow? Let's get some snow on those hills,'" recalled Pastor Rosinski, whose church is a popular spot for sledders due to its rolling hills leading down to West Main Road.

Almost on cue, "the real snow" arrived not too long afterward, said the pastor, who came by Monday afternoon to watch about a dozen or so sledders enjoy the hills with their families.

"You should have seen yesterday," said Pastor Rosinski.

His son, Greg Rosinski, agreed.

"Yesterday was wild. All the parking lots were full," said Mr. Rosinski, a church board member who was there with his wife Lachelle and their two daughters, Baylee, 5, and Cassidy, 4.

Knowing the property — located across from the King's Grant development — is a prime destination spot for sledders, the church welcomes them with open arms.

"The church decided to go

ahead and open up the doors and offer hot chocolate and a little bit of warmth, just to let them know that they're more than welcome to come here and sled," said Lachelle Rosinski. "It's all about the family, and that's what we're trying to emphasize. We're trying to reach out to the families of the community and if that's what they need, that's what we'll provide for them."

Added her husband, "The hot chocolate idea is that it's a community church, so we want people to see a little bit more than just a sermon. It's about the fellowship."

The church will be opening its doors on select days, when there's snow on the ground. Families are urged to check for updates on the church's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/KingsGrantFellowship) or its main website (www.kingsgrantfellowship.com). And yes, the restrooms will be available, too.

"Usually after a big snowstorm we'll come out like we did (Sunday) because we had all that snow Saturday night. We had a great turnout. Everyone was really appreciative and they loved the hot chocolate. Or, if kids don't have school because of snow day, we'll try to come out," said Ms. Rosinski, noting that the church is planning on welcoming sledders inside again this Sunday, Feb. 23.

Pastor Rosinski said you never know when sledders will show up at the church.

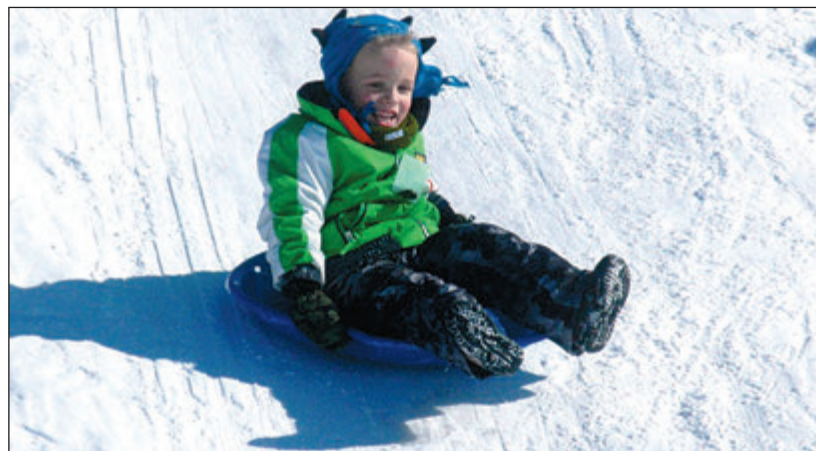
"It's just spur of the moment,"

he said. "We had one day last year, every spot was taken. When we came in, there was a limo parked in the back. Some kids from Portsmouth Abbey had hired a limo."

However, the hills are better suited "for the little guys," he said. "If you're a teenage, it's not very challenging. But for 11 on down, it's ideal."

Often times, he and his wife will drive by the property just to see the sledders, he said.

"It's just a great family time and that's what we're about."



Chase Williams, 5, is all smiles as he tries the hills in front of King's Grant Fellowship Church on West Main Road Monday afternoon.



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King's Grant Fellowship Church is a popular spot for sledders. On select days, families can warm up with hot chocolate inside the hall.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Outspoken students did the town proud

Portsmouth hasn't had a lot to celebrate recently when it comes to its budget issues. On Feb. 11, the School Committee voted to issue 71 layoff notices to teachers. (The non-renewals notices are required to go out by March 1, when school leaders are barely into budget deliberations. We'll leave it for another day to question the absurdity of this law.) Despite the fact that most of those notices will be recalled when the budget picture becomes clearer, school leaders say there's a strong possibility that up to 12 positions will be eliminated in order to save about \$650,000 in next year's spending plan.

Then on Saturday, members of the School Committee and Town Council met to present some budget broad strokes and talk about ways they can collaborate going forward to save money or share services. That's the good news. The bad news is that they estimated the total projected budget deficit for fiscal year 2015 at more than \$1.9 million.

Still, the town does have something of which to be proud. To find it, you have to go back to that Feb. 11 School Committee meeting, when 25 people spoke out against what they feared would be significant cuts to the schools' arts and music programs. Of those who took to the podium, a baker's dozen was made up of current students at PHS.

They included Cara Higgins, who told the committee the arts is primarily why she comes to school.

Colin Redlich, a senior member of the PHS chorus, reminded the committee that 23 students from the high school alone were selected to perform with the all-state chorus and band. "How can we be considering a cut to the fine arts program that has so clearly thrived for the community?" asked Colin.

And then there was senior Jalen Perry, who shared the name of his "all-time hero," and it wasn't an athlete or a rock musician. It was Portsmouth Middle School band director Richard Price.

Sure, you could argue the students were making emotional pleas against a dollars-and-cents issue, but their passion, eloquence and courage was undeniable. "I'm so proud as a parent and an educator to listen to these brave young people," remarked Mel Olsen, a fine arts teachers at PHS.

Hopefully, the impressive turnout by students will continue in the future. As School Committee Chairman David Croston said at the conclusion of the meeting, "We always say, 'We wish the kids would talk to us.' This is so cool."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reduce lanes on Bristol Ferry to save lives

To the editor:

This in response to the Feb. 13 Newport Daily News letter, "Reducing lanes on Bristol Ferry Road would create new problems."

The author is correct that Bristol Ferry Road is a gateway to Aquidneck Island and used by commuters, heavy trucks and school busses, but neglects to mention that it's also a heavily populated residential road, the home of our town's senior citizen center and a day care center. This, along with auto accident data, is why concerns about safety were addressed by the State Traffic Commission, just as safety was addressed on a portion of East Main Road, a similar gateway to Aquidneck Island, where a successful road diet was implemented in 2008.

The author states, "The ramifications of having just one lane in each direction should be obvious to any reasonable thinking person." I suggest ramifications of a reduction from four lanes to three with a center turn lane are not only obvious, but have been demonstrated on East Main Road. No traffic bottle necks, fewer auto accidents and a road diet well accepted by the town.

The author states, "People in this area need to wake up and ask themselves how and why their tax dollars are being spent." I think people in this area are wide awake and can read the letter sent by Steven Pristawa of the R.I. State Traffic Commission to the Town of

Portsmouth summarizing the results of the engineering study conducted to determine if changes to Bristol Ferry Road are appropriate. Mr. Pristawa states in part, "accident data was reviewed for the last five years to determine if this stretch of roadway experiences a high frequency or pattern of crashes. Forty-eight crashes occurred from 2008-2012. Approximately 70 percent were attributed to rear-ends, angle and same-direction sideswipe collisions." He explains how the implementation of a road diet can reduce their potential by reducing the number of conflict points. The accident review revealed that two of the 48 crashes resulted in a fatality with two additional fatal crashes in 2013.

Some are concerned a road diet would slow traffic and impact commuters. Mr. Pristawa states, "Typically, road diets can be implemented in locations with traffic volumes of up to 20,000 vehicles per day (VPD) without significant impacts to capacity." The study revealed that the current average daily traffic of 12,900 VPD, peak traffic volumes, and expected growth rates including possible traffic reallocations associated with tolling, are well below this threshold. The number of intersecting side streets and driveways were counted to compare Bristol Ferry Road with the section of East Main Road where the successful road diet was implemented. The densities were almost identical. Significantly, all five

roads connecting to Bristol Ferry Road are single-travel lane roads. Maintaining a four-lane road for a 1.2-mile stretch between them serves no purpose and encourages speeding. A state official said they will not usually force a road improvement without the town's endorsement and most towns welcome initiatives to improve road safety.

I have complete faith that our elected representatives will consider the purpose of the study, the results and the safety of Portsmouth residents. A resident for 20 years, I've watched traffic conditions deteriorate. I've had many scary near-misses trying to enter my driveway. My husband was hit from behind trying to make the same turn. Our mailbox has been demolished numerous times and one car crashed upside down in our driveway. I can't allow my daughter to take a school bus because traffic speeds by so close to the sidewalk. Two people have died within yards of my home and four fatalities in five years are far too many. I don't want a family member, friend, neighbor or anyone to be next.

Diane Iglesias Carruba
Portsmouth

Editor's note: Representatives from the state Department of Transportation are expected to meet with the Town Council Monday, Feb. 24, to discuss the road diet plan and other issues. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Lower speed limit on Bristol Ferry

To the editor:

I have read the articles in the last couple of weeks in the Portsmouth Times and the Newport Daily News, and the editorial in the Jan 30, 2014 edition of the Portsmouth Times referring to the proposed changes to Bristol Ferry Road in Portsmouth. It is very interesting, as Mr. John Blaess said, that one unknown resident sent a letter of complaint and the project seems to be a done deal.

I live in that area of Portsmouth and come home from work using Bristol Ferry Road almost every day. Let me ask the question. How many people have been stopped in traffic on Bristol Ferry in its present configuration? Usually the backup begins just after Schooner Road and continues in both northbound lanes. You later find out the cause of the backup. It

could be that Bristol and Portsmouth police are dealing with some poor soul's attempt to jump off the Mt. Hope Bridge. Or an accident on that bridge or, on a nicer note, the traffic is due to the Fourth of July parade in Bristol.

Now let's pretend that we change the road configuration to what is proposed. The traffic could back up in that one northbound lane almost up to the Island Day Care facility. What happens to the center "turn left only" lane, you might ask? It becomes a full-fledged travel lane because we know how impatient people will get with a traffic buildup.

Now let's pretend that many of those drivers know that Schooner, Botelho and Cherokee drives connect through to Boyd's Lane (in a roundabout way). That residential area will now see many, many more cars than normal speeding

through to avoid the traffic.

This proposed change to Bristol Ferry Road needs to be looked at from all angles, not just from one unknown writer. I actually think the best solution is not to change the lanes but to drop the speed limit. It is now 35 mph; it should be dropped to 25 mph. We know that without a police car in sight, many drivers will push that posted speed to 10 miles over the speed limit. Dropping the actual speed limit to 25 and increasing police patrols would keep the speeding in check.

One last point: A couple of accidents happened because the southbound drivers crossed the center line. Changing the road configuration will not prevent this from happening, but slowing the speed limit might.

Tina Shaw
Portsmouth

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blue bridge lights no cure for Sakonnet toll mess

To the editor:

The "option" for the center lights on the Sakonnet Bridge cost \$647,000. I'd rather have no toll.

Glad to read they are being replaced, at no cost, under warranty. Did anyone request the dark blue color? They would look better as plain LED white.

Now we need to ask Director Lewis — Will this make the bridge substantially complete?

A representative from RIDOT indicated the disputes with Cardi Corporation are just under \$70 million. You read that right, just under \$70 million in disputes. The bridge cost \$163.7 million.

Director Lewis admitted that it was not substantially complete, when asked by Rep. Edwards, due to the disputes.

The RIDOT person talked about the Sakonnet Bridge very casually when he volunteered the dispute amount. He indicated that RIDOT hired "not so" qualified inspectors who signed off on the work completed by Cardi Corporation.

Then the work/disputes became apparent, and RIDOT demanded that Cardi Corporation resolve the disputed work. Cardi Corporation showed RIDOT the signed inspection reports by the not-so-qualified RIDOT inspectors.

When will it be resolved?

Director Lewis emailed all 113 members of our General Assembly

on June 26, 2013. Here are a few paragraphs (the entire email can be found on www.donttoll.com):

Dear House Members,

Since last year, we have been working to implement the law (directed in the 2012 budget passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor) that includes tolling the Sakonnet as a means of ensuring our

four-bridge system can be adequately maintained long term. The amendment that the floor is currently contemplating to defer tolls until April 2014 does not serve the immediate need of establishing a dedicated funding mechanism for maintenance of these structures. Rather, it would lead to the following results:

■ Due to current federal law, deferral of tolls until April 2014 may preclude Rhode Island's ability to ever use tolling of the Sakonnet Bridge as a funding option for maintaining this critical state asset.

■ RITBA has suffered a loss of \$4 million due to its deferral of a planned toll increase in February 2012. An additional \$4 million of revenue will be lost if no toll increase on Pell is allowed prior to April 2014. In addition, RITBA will have to pay \$3.5 million in expenses for installing the toll structure. These expenses would have been offset through the collection of toll violations. Combined, this will

result in an additional \$11.5 million budget deficit for RITBA.

■ RITBA's Board will likely vote to transfer the Sakonnet and Jamestown Bridges back to DOT; RITBA is prohibited from taking the structures without a dedicated funding source.

■ RITBA will likely vote to increase tolls to \$5 cash and \$1 for locals on Newport and will likely be in default of its current bonds - if they do not have the ability to set toll rate on Newport. The Authority will also likely be forced to consider reintroducing tolls on the Mt. Hope Bridge. And there will no longer be the following discounts on the Newport Bridge given the flat-rate structure:

Regards,
Michael P Lewis, Director

Our governor, legislators RIDOT and the FHWA were complicit in sticking this toll down our throats. It is an illegal toll, and sooner or later Senior US District Judge Lagueux will need to hold a hearing.

What other county in Rhode Island has two tolls? They all have bridges, and more than 600 statewide are deficient.

And they think the new blue lights will make this better?

April 1 is 49 days away — will it be substantially complete?

John Vitkevich
Portsmouth

Local businesses bypassed on website

To the editor:

An open letter to the Town Council and citizens of Portsmouth:

The Portsmouth Business Association (PBA) would like to formally state its objection to the Portsmouth Town Council's decision to award a contract without giving local businesses an opportunity to bid.

The Town Council has contracted a website design firm, CivicPlus, based in Manhattan, Kansas, to redesign the Portsmouth town website. Local businesses were not notified of this project or were given a chance to bid.

While the town council is not in violation of any rules or regu-

lations, the PBA does not believe that the town council has acted in the best interest of Portsmouth residents and local businesses.

The PBA, a volunteer-based organization founded by members of the local business community in 1993, aims to create a positive business environment which benefits both its members and the community as a whole. The PBA believes small businesses are the backbone of a community like ours and should get major consideration in all town decisions.

John C. Farley
President, Portsmouth Business Association
Portsmouth

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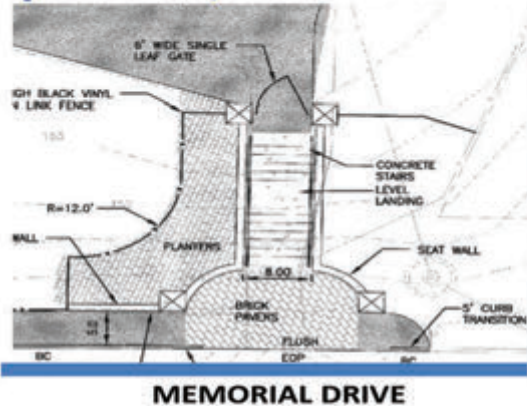
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Projected deficit for 2015 nearly \$2 million

*Town Council,
School Committee
promise cooperation
in closing the gap*

BY JIM MCGAW

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PORTSMOUTH — A grim budget picture was painted by members of the Town Council and School Committee during a rare joint meeting Saturday morning.

Unless savings or new revenue streams are found during the budget review process in the coming months, the town's projected total deficit for fiscal year 2015 stands at about \$1.96 million. Of that shortfall, the schools are projecting a deficit of about \$1.075 million and the town, \$885,000.

All sides agreed it's critical they work together and take a longterm approach to the town's budget problems. "We absolutely cannot take the position that we've got a one-year problem," said Town Administrator John Klimm.

Council member Elizabeth Pedro said she also hopes taxpayers will provide input on the budget. "We need to do what the citizens want us to do," she said. (Only three residents attended Saturday's meeting.)

School Finance Director Chris DiIuro, presenting a draft budget for 2014-15 that assumes a 2.4 percent increase in the town's appropriation, said the schools are expecting to lose about \$531,000 in local revenue next year — nearly a 25 percent decrease. Of that amount, about \$246,000 represents a reduction in state aid under the governor's budget.

While state aid is cut back every year, expenses are going

up; a \$1.05 million increase (2.7 percent) is projected for the schools this year.

"It is a recipe for disaster," said School Committee Chairman David Croston. "The state aid formula mistakenly assumes that Portsmouth can afford more ... and we're not alone."

Committee member John Wojichowski agreed, saying the state is essentially telling Portsmouth citizens that they're wealthy and need to pay more taxes. That's why the town "gets creamed" every year with the funding formula, he said.

Mr. DiIuro presented several strategies for eliminating the deficit. One was to seek new revenue such as a larger appropriation from the town, refining the Little Compton tuition estimate based on expected enrollment and renting out school facilities more. He also said the district could use a fund balance from a previous year, but this would be a one-time fix that doesn't solve the operating deficit.

Mr. DiIuro also presented several cost-saving measures, including refining the health care cost estimate; working with building administrators to reduce discretionary spending; pursuing cost reductions in transportation, utilities and other large budget line items; and eliminating an estimated 12 staff positions.

Teacher positions discussed

The latter recommendation, committee members said, would be the most painful option.

A good portion of Saturday's meeting was spent talking about the School Committee's Feb. 12 vote to issue 71 non-renewal notices to teachers. Under state law, school boards must notify

teachers by March 1 that they may be laid off. As the budget picture becomes clearer, the majority of layoff notices are usually recalled.

School officials, however, are strongly considering the elimination of 12 positions in order to save about \$650,000 in next year's budget. At the Feb. 12 meeting, about 25 teachers and students spoke out against any cuts in music or the arts, which they feared would be targeted first.

That meeting was "sobering," Mr. Croston said. "It basically had us talk about how we needed to bring our expenses in line with revenue," he said.

Mr. Wojichowski said he was against eliminating any staff positions. "Up until a week ago, being on the School Committee was fun for me," said Mr. Wojichowski, adding that going into a vacation week, 71 teachers are "feeling like they've been punched in the gut."

Cutting 12 staff positions, he said, could mean "the elimination of robotics class at the middle school" or teachers who intervene with struggling students, he said.

Committee member Andrew Kelly, who said he wanted the district to retain its existing arts program, advanced placement courses and athletics, also opposed any staff reductions.

Committee member Frederick Faerber warned, however, that the potential elimination of 10 to 12 teachers is only a "prelude" toward more layoffs in the future. "It's a pretty grim outlook, unless something's done to correct the revenue picture," he said.

Committee member Thomas Vadney said the School Department needs to be downsized. He

said the district has lost 10 percent of its students in the last decade, but the department's size has remained the same.

"It's not a nice thing to do (but) it should have been done 10 years ago, when we had a downsize in the population," said Mr. Vadney.

Ms. Pedro said she found it odd that the school district was going to spend about \$1.8 million of its fund surplus on athletic field upgrades — the "T3 Project" — at the high school.

"You're talking about laying off 12 positions but you're spending \$2 million for a turf field," said Ms. Pedro. "I think it's excessive."

Mr. Croston, however, said the surplus funds cannot be used to fix an operational deficit. The track and tennis courts, he added, are on the verge of being unacceptable for Rhode Island Interscholastic League competition.

"I think this investment is absolutely critical," he said.

Town's side

Mr. Klimm presented the town's draft budget, which assumes a 2.4 percent increase in the tax levy, but cautioned there are still many unknowns on the municipal side. "We're right in the middle of arbitration with two of our unions," said Mr. Klimm, telling School Committee members that the town is also "about a month or more behind you" in the budget process.

Although revenue for the town is expected to remain roughly the same, expenditures are forecasted to increase in the form of contracted salaries, health insurance, legal fees, debt service, restoration of prior staff cuts and more, he said.

Council President James Seveney said there are many challenges facing the town, including higher legal costs and the issue of the broken wind turbine.

"Anybody see that move lately?"

"We've got to fix that," Mr. Seveney said, adding later, "On top of all this we have a snowstorm coming. My understanding is that we're almost out of salt."

After presenting several strategies for eliminating the deficit, Mr. Klimm spoke about the town's need to change its approach in budgeting for the future. The town could address the problem by taxing its way out or drastically cutting the budget — both "absurdities" in Portsmouth, he said.

Instead, Mr. Klimm proposed a "tectonic shift" in the way the town delivers its services and urged more collaboration with other towns to save money. He also praised school leaders for "thinking outside the box" in looking for new revenue streams. The town needs to do the same, he said.

"We know we have to be more aggressive with pursuing grant opportunities," he offered as one example. Mr. Klimm credited council member Molly Magee for spearheading an effort to seek more revenue for the town.

Despite the dire budget forecast, both sides agreed that a collaborative effort is needed to address the shortfalls in the spending plan.

"This is not the time for politics," said Mr. Croston, who added that it's essential that officials run the town like a business by working together. "We will come through this, and we will be stronger. This is a great start."

Larry Fitzmorris of the citizen watchdog group Portsmouth Concerned Citizens applauded the two sides for their collaborative efforts, but said an opportunity was missed by not combining the positions of town and school finance directors. James Lathrop, who has previously served as a school finance director, was recently hired as the town's finance/personnel director.

"We could have easily consolidated the positions," Mr. Fitzmorris said.

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POLICE REPORT

Police charge man with weapons possession

Here are some highlights from the Portsmouth police log from over the past week.

license that had been suspended or revoked.

Friday, Feb. 14

Dennis P. Szafir, 65, of Anthony House, 51 Middle Road, Apt. 213, was arrested on a bench warrant issued by Second Division District Court for failure to appear for a pre-trial. Police made the arrest around 8:15 p.m. at Anthony House.

Monday, Feb. 17

Michael D. Iavarone, 20, of 3 Drawbridge Road, West Warwick, was charged with domestic vandalism with malicious injury to property shortly before 2 a.m. Police made the arrest after responding to the Roger Williams University dormitories on Anthony Road, for a report of a domestic disturbance.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Donald L. Howarth Jr., 43, of 13 Pleasant St., Assonet, Mass., was charged with several offenses after a police officer with knowledge of a warrant out for Mr. Howarth's arrest stopped his car on West Main Road near Melville School shortly before 2 a.m. Police said they found a butterfly knife with a blade longer than the legal limit and a billy club inside the car. Mr. Howarth was charged with two counts of possessing illegal weapons other than a firearm and operating with a

Lisa A. Messina, 49, of 23 Brooks Ave., Newport, was arrested on a bench warrant issued by Second Division District Court after police stopped her car on East Main Road around 8:30 a.m. because it had an expired inspection sticker.

Paul B. Jenard, 43, of 92 Rebels Way, was charged with driving while intoxicated (first offense) at about 7:20 p.m. Police said Mr. Jenard had been operating his vehicle erratically on West Main Road.

PET OF THE WEEK

Blind but not broken

Sharon, currently residing at the Potter League for Animals in Middletown, is a very special girl — loving, sweet and affectionate. This 2-year-old shepherd mix is also special because she's blind. Sharon does not let her blindness get in the way of having fun and meeting friends. However, she needs a family with patience and the willingness to learn and adjust to her lack of vision. Sharon seems to get along with some dogs and would likely do best in a home where she has company on and off throughout the day. Visit www.potterleague.org for more information about Sharon and the other animals the shelter has available for adoption.



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Sports

Snow doesn't stop Patriots from besting Chariho, 65-56

Brennan Tierney scores career-high 29 points

BY JIM MCGAW

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Patriots varsity boys' basketball coach Joe Occhi has been singing the praises of senior guard Brennan Tierney all season.

On Tuesday afternoon against Chariho High School, Tierney had his best game yet, scoring a career-high 29 points in the 65-56 win. He sank two 3-pointers and was a perfect five-for-five from the foul line.

"Brennan Tierney had perhaps his best game of the season. He also had three assists and two steals. He was all over the place," said Mr. Occhi.

After the game, Tierney gave credit to his team. "My teammates had me for some easy baskets and I had some great looks," he said.

Mr. Occhi agreed that it was an all-around team effort.

"Cole (Swider) was hot in the beginning," he said of the freshman who's had a hot hand for the Patriots. "He had 15 or 16 in the first half."

Swider finished with 20 points, including four 3-pointers that all came in the first half. Junior forward Colin Tullson contributed 8 points, including two 3-pointers.

Also stepping up was senior forward Christian Darden in place of junior Chris Carpenzano, who's out with a separated shoulder. "Christian Darden played his best game of the year; he was great today. He was solid for us in the middle, he scored when he had the opportunity, and a big strong guy on the boards," said Mr. Occhi, who was also pleased with how the team rebounded after its disappointing loss to Rogers the night before (see below).

"It was another big test today because we kind of laid an egg last night against Rogers, and they came back strong again," he said.

Added Tierney, "It's good to bounce back from last night. I think when we focus in and work hard, we can really play with any team in our division. I think we have to use that mentality and focus on upcoming games and the playoffs."

Tuesday's game went on as scheduled despite the several inches of snow that dropped around the time of the earlier junior varsity game, making driving conditions miserable.

"We kind of had to get this one in," said Mr. Occhi. "Chariho was on the road early, so they were already halfway here when (the snowfall) started to go crazy. This was already a makeup game and the Chariho coach's wife is expecting a baby this weekend, so we didn't want to take any chances."

Falls to Rogers Monday

If something can go wrong, it will go wrong, according to Murphy's Law, and that held true for the team in its home matchup with Rogers High School Monday night.

After leading the Vikings by two going into the second half, the Patriots decided to kick up their defense in an effort to hold Rogers' key offensive players, Quaraan Bostic and Rob Harold, from scoring. In doing so, however, they left Kareem Cooper open, allowing him to put in 23 points toward Rogers' 66-56 win.

While focusing on offense, the Patriots managed to keep Rogers within a basket for the first half, with Swider racking up a team high of 17 points, including his two 3-pointers and going three-for-three from the foul line.

Tierney's 14 points and Tullson's 10-point game were an effort to close the gap, but Rogers' top three shooters were able to amass a collective 55 points to secure the Vikings' victory.

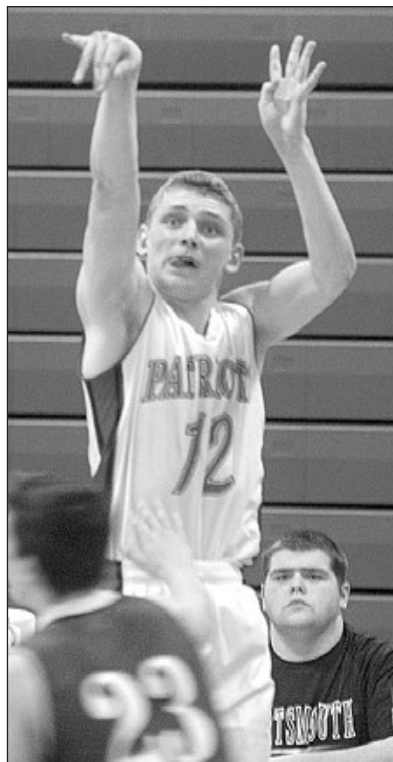
The Patriots next play Barrington High in a home game Friday, Feb. 21, beginning at 7 p.m.

With additional reporting by Eric Dickervitz.



PHOTOS BY JIM MCGAW

The Patriots' senior guard Brennan Tierney scored a career-high 29 points against Chariho.



Colin Tullson follows through on a 3-pointer.



Senior forward Christian Darden is swarmed by Chariho defenders under the basket.

PHS junior fares well in indoor track championships

Greta Scott takes 7th place in long jump

BY ERIC DICKERVITZ

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Members of the Portsmouth High School girls' indoor track team competed in the Rhode

Island State Championship meet Saturday, Feb. 15, where some of the Patriots placed among the top 10 athletes in the state.

In the long jump event, Greta Scott, a junior, took seventh place with her jump of 16 feet, 10.75 inches. Scott also competed in the 300-meter dash where she fin-

ished eighth in the state.

Sofia White, a freshman runner, turned in a time of 11:16.37 in the 3,000-meter event, placing her 10th in the state.

Portsmouth just missed out a top-10 finish in the girls' 4x800 relay, with teammates Maryellen Powell, Katie Lucier, Maddie

Hobbs and Ally Merrill coming in at 11th place. Abby Cousens took 12th in the weigh throw event.

Here are Patriots' individual results:

■ 300-meter run: 8) Greta Scott (junior), 43.33

■ 3,000-meter run: 10) Sofia White (freshman), 11:16.37

■ 4x800-meter relay: 11) PHS (Maryellen Powell, Katie Lucier, Maddie Hobbs and Ally Merrill), 11:00.43

■ Long jump: 7) Greta Scott, 16 feet, 10.75 inches

■ Weight throw: 12) Abby Cousens (junior), 39 feet, 10 inches

Freshman competes in states after return to gymnastics

Mackenzie Brow had been out of gym for a year following injury

into it.”

Even at her young age, Mackenzie is already a gymnastics veteran, having competed in state competitions before. Still, returning after a year-long absence and going out in front of the judges can be daunting.

“I’m kind of nervous,” she said after finishing her uneven bar routine as part of the all-around competition. Next, she said, would be the balance beam.

“The vault is my strongest event. I got an 8.2 or an 8.3 in that,” she said. “I like the floor the best, though.”

There, Mackenzie said, she takes the elements she’s learned from Ms. Pacheco and other coaches and puts them together in a choreography that includes difficult compulsory moves that demonstrate her strength and poise. Her performance on the floor exercises was awarded an 8.05 by the judges.

“A lot of these girls have that ache to do something they enjoy,” Ms. Pacheco said of the camaraderie among the competitors. “(Mackenzie) really enjoys the sport.”

BY ERIC DICKERVITZ

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Portsmouth High School freshman gymnast Mackenzie Brow may not have placed among the top finishers at this year’s high school individual state championship meet, but considering her age and her recent recovery from an injury, her performance was above par.

Like many of the gymnasts at Saturday’s event, training and competition is a way of life for the 14-year-old. However, the rigors of training can take its toll on a still-growing body, and that can result in injury.

“She’s been out of the gym for at least a year,” said Mackenzie’s coach, Cybil Pacheco.

Suffering an injury to her hip, Mackenzie was forced to take a break from the sport as a club gymnast, but decided to try competing with her high school team.

“I don’t train at a club gym,” she said. “I just wanted to get back



RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Mackenzie Brow, here competing in the uneven bars event Saturday, only recently returned to gymnastics after suffering a hip injury.

With three more years in front of her high school athletic career, Mackenzie’s return could be a

benefit to the Portsmouth team.

“Being on a high school team may have given her a boost of con-

fidence,” Ms. Pacheco said. “She’s a hard worker and a really good kid.”



Invitation for public comments

The Community College of Rhode Island will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit March 30 to April 2, 2014, by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education is one of seven accrediting commissions in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole. The commission, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, accredits approximately 240 institutions in the six-state New England region.

The Community College of Rhode Island has been accredited by the commission since 1969 and was last reviewed in Spring 2004. Its accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges encompasses the entire institution.


For the past year and a half, the Community College of Rhode Island has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the commission’s *Standards for Accreditation*. An evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the commission a continuing status for the institution. Following a review process, the commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the institution to:


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Expert to talk about helping kids achieve peak performance

John Underwood to speak at PHS on Feb. 26

John Underwood, an internationally recognized human performance expert, will be in town at the end of the month to introduce Portsmouth's athletic directors, coaches, parents and students to his innovative "Life of an Athlete" (LOA) program, now used by more than 700 colleges and universities and thousands of schools in 39 states.

LOA, which Portsmouth will adapt to "Life of a Student" to cover all extracurricular clubs and

organizations, is a community approach to reducing risk and increasing protective factors for students and athletes. It relies on setting clear consistent boundaries for behavior, increasing understanding of consequences, teaching appropriate lifestyles and establishing a process to identify and help those involved in drug use or behaviors of concern.

"A high percentage of Portsmouth's middle and high school students participate in school or town athletic programs, and we hope LOA has a direct impact on helping them achieve

their peak performance," said Ray Davis, coordinator of the Portsmouth Prevention Coalition.

The Coalition brought the recommendation for Portsmouth schools to consider incorporating this program into the school system as a result of the Community Needs Assessment/Student Wellness Survey that was conducted last spring.

According to the Coalition, the survey showed alarming rates of substance use by students as well as high perception rates of peer usage and low rates of peer disapproval of substance use. The School Committee's joint sub-

committee on substance abuse, comprised of committee members, school administrators, teachers, staff, parents, students and some members of the Portsmouth Prevention Coalition, recommended implementation of "Life of a Student" to the full School Committee.

Portsmouth schools will partner with the Tiverton School Department and the Tiverton Prevention Coalition, a federal Drug Free Communities grantee, in adopting this program and sharing some of the costs in bringing Mr. Underwood to the area.

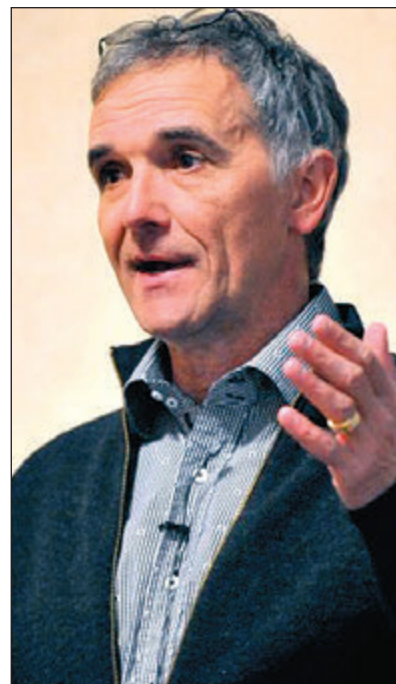
Mr. Underwood will present his program to Portsmouth students during the day on Wednesday, Feb. 26, and to Portsmouth parents that evening in the high school auditorium from 7-8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) He'll talk about how parents can use LOA principles to help their kids achieve peak performance, whatever their life interests may be. Admission is free.

On Thursday, Feb. 27, Mr. Underwood will speak to Tiverton school officials and parents and also present training to Tiverton and Portsmouth coaches, trainers, administrators and officials on the Life of An Athlete program.

"While this program focuses on athletes," Mr. Davis said, "the model has been shown to have a positive impact on all segments of the school and community. Its basic principles, all geared to achieving peak performance, can be applied across all co-curricular activities, and not just athletics."

Life of a Student is a piece of a developing plan made in conjunction with the School Department, School Committee, Portsmouth Prevention Coalition and the Town Council to reduce adolescent substance abuse and provide our youth more science-based prevention opportunities, Mr. Davis said.

Mr. Underwood is the founder and director of the American Athletic Institute and Life of an Ath-



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lete Human Performance Project. A former NCAA All-American, international-level distance runner and World Masters Champion, he's coached or advised more than two dozen Olympians including many world champions. He holds three International Olympic Solidarity diplomas for coaching and has been a crusader for drug-free sport at all levels.

He has conducted the only physiological case studies of the residual effect of alcohol on elite athletic performance. He has appeared as a guest commentator for "ABC Wide World of Sports" for Olympic drug scandals and has worked with nearly all sports federations including the National Federation of High School Athletics, NCAA, NHL, NFL, NBA, the U.S. Olympic Committee, Sport Canada and the International Olympic Committee. He is also a human performance consultant for the U.S. Navy SEALs and the U.S. Air Force.

For more information, contact Mr. Davis at 401/864-2015 or rdavisprevention@cox.net.



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AROUND TOWN

15th annual Jazz for Kids is this afternoon

From 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20, Greenvale Vineyards will host the 15th annual Jazz for Kids at the vineyard at 582 Wapping Road. Musicians this year will be vocalist Tish Adams, keyboard/vocalist Yvonne Monnett and Dick Lupino on bass.

The musicians will perform songs kids know and love in a jazz setting, incorporated with old-time standards. The concert is free and open to the public. Complimentary refreshments will be served for the kids, and wine tastings are available for adults for \$12 per person, which includes a complimentary logo glass.

The Greenvale Jazz for Kids program was created 15 years ago as a way to introduce children to the sounds of jazz in a fun and creative environment. For more information, call 847-3777 or visit www.greenvale.com.

Learn how to navigate seed catalogs

Are you dreaming of warmer days when you can finally start your garden? Is your mailbox stuffed with seed catalogs promising beautiful plants with amazing resistance to diseases and bountiful yields?

Farmaesthetics, in conjunction with Garman Farm of Middletown, will present "Getting Past the Seduction: How to Navigate Seed Catalogs" with farmer Jim Garman on Thursday, Feb. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Farmaesthetics' Flagship Apothecary, 144 Bellevue Ave., Newport.

Using a hands-on review of catalogs, slides and activities, Mr. Garman will demonstrate the best ways to get the most out of this season's garden without breaking the bank. Participants will get advice about varieties best for southern New England, and on how to read between the lines of a seed company's promises.

Those attending will receive copies of some of the most reputable seed catalogs used by growers on Aquidneck Island. A \$25 donation will go support Garman Farm's summer internship program, which offers farming experience to undergraduate students. Reservations are required; call 841-0500. Space is limited.

Thrift store sale at Christian Academy

The Aquidneck Island Christian Academy Thrift Store is holding a half-price sale on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 321 East Main Road.

Everything in the store is 50 percent off (except some third room items, which are not on sale).

Second session of art classes for kids

Art lessons for young artists age 7 to 11 are on five Saturdays, Feb. 22 to March 22, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Portsmouth Arts Guild Center for the Arts. The Saturday morning class is geared toward children who enjoy more art in their life.

Classes include a variety of art



Portsmouth Abbey students presenting award-winning musical this weekend

Portsmouth Abbey School will present the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, in the school auditorium, 285 Cory's Lane. With a full professional orchestra, including several musicians from the R.I. Philharmonic, the Abbey students (cast and crew) have created a production that melds wit, comedy and romance. From the authors of "Guys and Dolls" comes one of the most humorous and irreverent musicals of all time, a satire about big business and all it holds sacred. Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and kids under 12. There will be a bake sale during intermission with homemade cookies, popcorn and drinks. For more information, call Jay Bragan, head of performing arts, at 643-1218.

lessons, materials, techniques and styles to complement the student's school experience. Famous artists and artwork will be introduced and each student will explore his or her own manner of expression. Drawing, painting and some three-dimensional work will be included.

Instructor Joanne Murrman is an experienced artist and art teacher with a bachelor of fine arts from Massachusetts College of Art and a master of education degree from Boston University.

The cost is \$120 (\$100 members) with a \$10 materials fee. For information or to register, contact workshops@PortsmouthArts.org.

Meet your feline match at Potter League

The Potter League will hold a cat adoption event every weekend during the month of February, with a program designed by Dr. Emily Weiss for the ASPCA called Meet Your Match®. The adoption program determines the Feline-ality™ of a cat and the personality of a potential adopter.

All cats are assessed to determine their individual needs and personality traits. Potential adopters fill out a simple survey to help identify lifestyle, expectations and home environment. You don't have to choose a cat that matches, but they recommend you at least give those cats a second look.

Stop by to fill out a survey. Though certain cats will be highlighted each weekend, all cats are available to adopt at any time. Stop by the Potter League at 87 Oliphant Lane, Middletown, visit www.PotterLeague.org for more information or to obtain an adopter survey, or call 846-8276.

Growers' market is at St. Mary's Saturdays

The Aquidneck Growers' indoor

winter farmers' market is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through May in the old parish hall at St. Mary's Church, 324 East Main Road.

There are locally grown fruits and vegetables, mushrooms, breads and pastries, locally sourced fresh seafood, pasture-raised meat and eggs, take-out foods, coffee, and changing weekly artisan vendors.

Portsmouth Arts Guild has open studio session

A casual drop-in open art studio session is from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23 at the Portsmouth Arts Guild Center on 2679 East Main Road.

A subject/still-life will be provided, or work on your own project or from photos. There is no instruction, but an optional group critique at the end of the session.

All media and levels welcome. It is free for PAG members and \$5 for non-members. PAG memberships are available at the sessions.

For more information, contact Suzanne Lewis at workshops@PortsmouthArts.org.

Emerging Artists Show invites students to enter

The Portsmouth Arts Guild Center for the Arts is hosting an Emerging Artists Show for budding artists. The student show is open to all students under 18 in

Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.

Each student can submit up to three works of art (any media). Work must be ready to hang. Submitting artwork is free. Students are permitted to price their art for sale, but it is not required.

Drop off your artwork at PAG, 2679 East Main Road (next to Saint Paul's Church) on Monday, Feb. 24, from 3 to 6 p.m. or Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The opening reception for the show is on Sunday, March 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. The show will be open on March 1 and 2 and March 8 and 9. For more information, e-mail info@PortsmouthArts.org.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

ASHLEY A. BURKE of Portsmouth received second honors for the fall semester dean's list at Clark University.

ERIN RYAN was named to the provost list for the fall semester at Southern Vermont College, where she is a freshman majoring in radiologic sciences. A graduate of Portsmouth High School, she is the daughter of Eileen and Kevin Ryan of Portsmouth.

MICHAEL ROSSI of Portsmouth was named to the fall semester dean's list at the University of Delaware.

ALISON HAMILTON of Portsmouth was named to the fall semester dean's list at the University of Maine at Farmington.

VICTORIA CASTANO of Portsmouth was named to the second-quarter honor roll at Bay View Academy. The sophomore received honors.

KATIE SCHULZ was named to the fall semester dean's list with high distinction at Grove City College, where she is a senior majoring in pre-K to Grade 8 special education. A 2010 graduate of Portsmouth High School, she is the daughter of Jacqueline and Edwin Schulz of Portsmouth.

AT THE SCHOOLS

Students win at St. Philomena's science fair

Almost 100 seventh- and eighth-grade students at St. Philomena School participated in the school Science Fair on Jan. 31. All projects are experiment based. Participation is required, but each student chooses the level — state or school — at which to enter.

Over 60 volunteer judges are culled from family and friends of the school community and the Raytheon Co. The science fair coordinator is Daniel Baker.

Six students, three from each grade, were chosen to participate in the R.I. State Engineering and Science Fair to be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16, at CCRI in Warwick.

The student scientists chosen are:

Grade 8: Noelle Brown of Middletown, "The Correlation Between Land Use and Water Quality," Caitlin Pianka of Portsmouth, "Mercury Amounts in Local Seafood," and Emma Stowe of Portsmouth, "Ionic Radiation Levels In Pacific Sockeye Salmon vs. Atlantic Farm-Raised Salmon."

Grade 7: Mary Darden of Portsmouth, "Does gray water affect grass growth when used for irrigation?"; Patrick Flannigan of Tiverton, "At what angle of attack does a wing get the most vertical lift?" and Clinton Hegarty of Westport, "Which piping material is the best solar collector?"

St. Philomena School to hold campus tours

Members of the St. Philomena Elementary School admissions office will conduct tours of the school campus during February.

Prospective parents and students are invited to visit and learn about the educational opportunities and curriculum, to meet students and teachers, and view the facilities and grounds.

Founded in 1953, Saint Philomena is a private Catholic school for children in pre-K to Grade 8. Students of other religious or non-religious backgrounds, who are committed to the school's philosophy and mission, are welcome.

Call 683-0268, ext. 114, to make an appointment. The campus is at 324 Cory's Lane.

AARP Tax Aide Program offers free tax help

The AARP Foundation, Tax Aide Program will offer free income tax preparation at sites in Newport County now through April 15. It is not necessary to be an AARP member to take advantage of this help, which is available to people of all ages with low and moderate incomes.

In 2013, the program completed over 1,600 returns for Newport County clients. The AARP Tax Aide program is the nation's largest free tax preparation service. All tax preparers are trained and certified

by the IRS each year. Each return is quality checked before transmittal. Counselors are qualified to handle most common forms and schedules. Complex returns should be taken to paid preparers.

State returns for Rhode Island and Massachusetts, as well as other states, are completed along with the federal forms. All returns are computer prepared and are electronically filed for fast refunds.

Help is being offered at the locations below —

• Portsmouth Senior Center, 110 Bristol Ferry Road, Portsmouth, on Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Middletown Senior Center, 650 Green End Ave., Middletown, on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

• Middletown Library, 700 West Main Road, Middletown, on Mondays from noon to 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact each site or Bob Lobecker at Robert.lobecker@verizon.net.

Deadline today for reservations to Foxwoods trip

The Portsmouth Multi-Purpose Senior Center at 110 Bristol Ferry Road is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. You don't have to be a Portsmouth resident to join, but you must be 55 years and older. Annual membership dues are \$12. For more information, call Cynthia, the director, at 683-4106.

All listed events and trips are open to the public.

A blood pressure screening by Visiting Nurse Services is on Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 11 a.m. to noon.

A Foxwoods day trip is on Thursday, Feb. 27, with departure from the center at 8 a.m. and a return at about 5 p.m. The cost is \$25 and includes bus, driver gratuity and a \$20 bonus package that includes a \$10 food voucher or free buffet and \$10 bonus slot play (subject to change). Travelers

must be at the center by 7:30 a.m. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 20. The day trip features "Coach for a Cause," with a chance to win \$500 for your favorite charity and a chance to win \$500 bonus slot play. The drawing will be held the first Monday in March.

NOTE: The senior center can close if the weather is inclement. This will be televised on Channel 12, 10, 6 and 630 WPRO AM radio. The mealsite only cancellations are heard on WPRO-AM radio. The cancellation reads "East Bay and Aquidneck Island Meal Sites." When in doubt, call the center, if there is no answer, it is probably closed.

Ongoing events

The thrift shop is open on Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch) It is closed holidays. There are many household and decorative items, and there is cloth for those who sew, yarn for those who knit or crochet and lots more.

Full course, nutritional meals are served to those 60 and older or the disabled at noon Monday to Friday at the center, and reservations are required 24 hours in advance. You do not have to be a member of the senior center. The suggested donation for the meal is \$3.

On Thursdays, chorus is at 10 a.m., and cards are at 1 p.m.

On Fridays, aerobics exercise with Stephanie Synnott is at 9 a.m.

On Mondays, line dancing is at 10 a.m. and bridge is at noon.

Billiards are from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

On Tuesdays, Zumba Gold is at

9:30 a.m. with instructor Cheryl Kearns and the Alzheimer's Caregivers Support group meets at 9:30 a.m. Bridge is played at noon. Free Netflix movies are shown at 1:15 p.m. on the 53-inch big screen TV.

SHIP (senior health insurance program) with Janet Holmes is on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. (except the second Tuesday of the month). SHIP specializes in health insurance plans, such as Medicare Part A, B, C and D, Medicare Advantage, several supplemental plans and RIPAE. She also can help you with your medical bills. Available by appointment only. Call Cynthia at 683-4106 for an appointment.

On Wednesdays, t'ai chi is at 10 a.m. with instructor Jesse Harding, Country Jammin' is at 1 p.m., bingo is at 1:15 p.m., and pitch/hilo-jack is at 6:30 p.m.

The fitness center is open from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday for members only. Exercise programs are open to members and non-members.

If you are over 60, you may be eligible for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program), formerly food stamps. Income for a household of one, \$1,670 monthly gross income; or income for a household of two, \$2,247. Call Cynthia at 683-4106 for an appointment on the second Friday of the month.

RIDE Bus transportation for the elderly and disabled is offered to and from the meal site at the center (it's \$2 each way). Reservations are required. Also, the RIPTA Flex Service Bus is available with 48 hours advance notice.

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

DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesday

NOTE: To get information into the Eight Days calendar in the Life section, the deadline is at noon on Friday.

AROUND TOWN

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Ton of Love Food Drive is this month

The Newport County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Ton of Love Food Drive to benefit the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center in Newport.

It is now through Friday, Feb. 28. The food drive was established by and is run by the Chamber's Ambassador Committee. It is held in February to coincide with school vacations to help stock pantry shelves and aid families in feeding children who most often eat lunch during school hours.

Locally, food or gift card donations can be made at Custom House Coffee and Prescott Point

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VITA free tax program offered

East Bay Community Action's RSVP Program is sponsoring the VITA Free Tax Service from Jan. 22 to April 15. Program qualifying income is \$51,000 and below. Locations include the East Bay, Newport County, and East Providence.

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Common Fence Music at Channing Church presents "An Evening with Peter Yarrow, Folk Luminary" on Saturday, March 1, at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary of Channing Memorial Church, 135 Pelham St., Newport. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$33 at the door and are available at the CFM Ticket Desk from 3 to 5 p.m. on concert days, through Brown Paper Tickets anytime, and at the door until sold out.

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Legendary musician Peter Yarrow weaves a narrative of his life in music and politics, from his life in Greenwich Village in the 1960s and his connections to Bob Dylan and Pete Seeger to his career as part of the trio Peter, Paul and Mary.

"We're part of a long train ride," he said. Yarrow places the success he's had within a greater context, seeing his accomplishments as part of a tradition, to be credited and carried on.

"When I was in high school, I heard The Weavers' concert at Carnegie Hall where they sang songs such as 'If I Had a Hammer' and 'Wasn't That a Time.' It was inspiring, and it showed me the extraordinary effect that music of conscience can have," he said.

No stranger to Newport, he performed with Peter, Paul and Mary in the Newport Festival's heyday



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in the 1960s. This will be his second performance at Channing Church, where he once performed as part of the Channing Church Music Series.

The Common Fence Music at Channing Church mini-series complements the ongoing Picnic Series in Portsmouth. Channing Church is ramp accessible.

This is not a Picnic Series performance; there is no food or beverages. Channing Church, the home of Newport's aesthetically open Unitarian-Universalist congregation was architecturally designed with music in mind.

AT THE LIBRARY

Five genealogy workshops coming up

Tracing family history is one of the fastest-growing hobbies. A series of genealogy workshops and presentations at the library will be presented in partnership with the Portsmouth Historical Society.

The program is free and open to the public. The series will meet to work through ancestor searches on Sundays, Feb. 23, March 30, April 27 and May 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. Sign up at the library as seating is limited to 10 participants.

The workshops will help people trace their roots by using databases and other online and print resources. Familiarity with the Internet is recommended. Bring your questions, problems and stumbling blocks to the workshop for individualized help. Laptops will be provided or you can bring your own.

Teen Fiction for Adults Book Club coming up

The library's Teen Fiction for Adults Book Club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss "Ask the Passengers" by A.S. King.

Join them for a discussion of a book described as an "... unmistakably original portrayal of a girl struggling to break free of society's boxes and definitions. The Printz

Honor author asks readers to question everything — and offers hope to those who will never stop seeking and sharing real love."

Books can be borrowed from the library. Call Sue at 683-9457 for more information.

Teen Book Clubs invite new members

The library's Teen Book Clubs are looking for more members. If you want to tell publishers what you think of the books they are publishing, this book club is for you. Teens pick out books sent by publishers, read and review them and keep them.

Reviews are posted at www.portsmouthteenbookreview.blogspot.com. Let your voice be heard. The middle school group (grades 6 to 8) will meet on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. The high school group (grades 9 to 12) will meet on Friday, Feb. 28, at 2:30 p.m.

Call Sue at 683-9457 for more information.

Portsmouth Free Public Library is at 2658 East Main Road. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 683-9457 or visit the website at www.portsmouthlibrary.org.

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STRAIGHT UP THE MIDDLE

First, just show up

That pesky groundhog saw his shadow and we'll be looking at snow and slush for several more weeks here in New England. I don't mind though because the real harbinger of spring — the day when pitchers and catchers report — has arrived right on time. Unlike years past when Red Sox fans spent the offseason complaining about how the season ended, we closed 2013 with eyes bright and pride restored.

The first thing the Red Sox need to do to have a successful season is to show up. That's right, just having everyone report to spring training with no drama is a good start. Remember the days



Cara CROMWELL

when Manny's grandmother died (twice) and made him late? Manny could have — and perhaps should have — been fined for his absence. After all, he gets paid to do a job, so shouldn't he show up? Perhaps we should ask certain Providence City Council members the same question.

I was stunned to see the recent WPRI report about the no-show Providence City councilors. While a few had decent attendance records, some had an appalling number of absences. One of the worst offenders had missed 100 percent of the meetings for a subcommittee he sits on while another had missed 24 percent of the full council meetings. Let's be clear, these council members run for the position voluntarily and are paid to serve. In return they are expected to attend full council meetings and sit on a few subcommittees. The salary is more than \$18,000 a year, plus benefits, which include a full health and dental plan along with a cell phone.

Tara Pinsky, the chair of the mini-but-mighty Providence Republican City Committee had a great idea proposing an attendance policy that would allow for a certain number of absences before docking the member's pay on a per-meeting-missed rate. While I expect her idea to get as much traction as a 1975 Pacer on icy College Hill, we must admit that the concept of getting penalized for not showing up is a novel one in a city known for no-show nepotism, accounting wizardry, and downright corruption.

For those of us who don't live

Scrape & ride



PHOTOS BY RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Cameron Smigel, 19, of Swansea makes the trek to the Tiverton skate park at least once a week. Even in winter. "It's a passion. I just got to do it," he said as he used his car scraper to clear away snow from a ramp. "I came up hoping that it would be cleared out," he said. The snow didn't stop him. Once cleared he got on his board and performed some stunts off the half pipe.



Singing Rhode Island's praises

What started out as a fundraising venture has turned into a cottage industry for one local woman

BY CHRISTY NADALIN
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Roberta Mudge Humble, an English professor at CCRI who maintains a cottage in Portsmouth's Island Park neighborhood but primarily lives in Warwick, is passionate about a lot of things.

She's passionate about the preservation of historic armories, and her coterie of pet birds, including three cockatoos, a cockatiel, and a Vasa parrot named Webster who is so clever, he's learned to say "Armory!" if he feels

Roberta is not giving him the attention he's due.

And Professor Humble is passionate about Rhode Island. So much so, she has created a

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line of books and games about our state, full of

trivia, fun facts, and firsts and bests. (Did you know that Rhode Island was the home of the first 9 hole golf course? The first baseball world champions, The Providence Grays? The first NFL game played under floodlights? That URI was the home of the first basketball fast break?)

Recently, she released a songbook (another first!) called "Sing Rhode Island." This small, colorful book of lyrics about Rhode Island is set to 25 well-known melodies and includes a CD featuring soprano Maria Tavarozzi and keyboardist Kevin Keough.

Professor Humble's songs sing the praises of the quahog and the striped bass; serenade our spectacular summers and fabulous cuisine; and celebrate the charms of our cities, towns and people. But it's not all rainbows and sunshine — she tackles our driving and even weighs in on the Sakonnet River Bridge tolls.

The book and CD are available at Barrington Books and Island Books in Middletown, as well as all Benny's stores. You can also order online at www.westerlyarmory.org, with proceeds benefitting the historic Westerly Armory.

'Seven Keys to Baldpate' good, plain fun

It's a grand old play, it's a high-flying play! It's a farce! It's a mystery! It's romance! Yes, it's "Seven Keys to Baldpate," a real charming sweet-heart of a swell old show now getting a sprightly and spirited production at Warren's 2nd Story Theatre. In addition to being just good plain fun, the show plays out like your favorite old-fashioned,



Bruce BURDETT

black and white screwball comedy — but one that you never seen before. "Seven Keys to Baldpate" was in fact penned by Rhode Island's own theatrical whirlwind and wunderkind; the inestimable legendary showman George M. Cohan. Cohan's contributions to show biz seem the larger than life stuff of myth. Heirs apparent to the mantle of our own home grown 'King of Broadway' include Adrian Hall, founder of Trinity Repertory Company and, of course, 2nd Story's own impresario Ed Shea, who has created a cultural institution here in our midst and seemingly out of the blue.

Such theatrical miracles, do not, of course, occur overnight and in fact this production of "Baldpate" marks an auspicious occasion. This year, 2014, marks both the one hundred anniversary of both the play "Seven Keys" and the centenary of the building that now houses 2nd Story Theatre. 2014 also marks 100 years since the start of World War I, in which, if the movie "Yankee Doodle Dandy" has anything to teach us about history, Cohan and his family went "over there" as part of the USO, one of the first American entertainers taking part in the great tradition of entertaining our troops.

Great changes may occur, yet everything old is new again. One of the great things about "Baldpate" is, despite its old-fashioned pedigree, not merely how fast paced and immediate this



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John Michael Richardson (left) is Peters, a hermit, and Ara Boghigian is William Hallowell Magee, a writer, in George M. Cohan's "Seven Keys to Baldpate" at 2nd Story Theatre, Warren through February 23

comedy is but how up to date and relevant this side-splitter is to modern audiences.

In the play our intrepid and eminently nonchalant celebrity writer, William Hallowell Magee agrees to write a book in one night, a night spent in the winter-deserted Baldpate Manor. He's interrupted in these endeavors by an assortment of surprise guests, eccentric hermits, a femme fatale or two, crooked politicians, crooked industrialists and just plain crooks — all after a treasure rumored to be stashed there. The typically wacky stuff of farce, sure, but sit back and watch to see how hard the dialogue soon hits home.

There's a line in which a character remarks that "losing \$200,000 is hardly an everyday

event — unless you're on Wall Street," but that's a tame gag compared to the bit when the crooked mayor rages at the equally crooked railroad tycoon. Demurring that his part in a crooked graft kickback scheme was due to the fat cat's "rotten money tempting men to lie and steal," he then proclaims "big corporations such as yours are the cause of corrupt politics in this country, and you're just the kind of sneak that helps build prisons that are filled with the poor devils that do your dirty work. You're worse than a crook—you're a maker of crooks!" Written in 1914, Cohan's words here sound as if his famous statue in New York should be occupying Wall Street as well as Times Square.

Though it's fun to see how the

high rollers in the rigged game ain't changed that much in a century, "Seven Keys" is really pretty light on the political punditry. Comedy is King here and the show is filled with delightful and ingenious twists, turns and surprises. But fear not, you'll get no spoilers here from me.

The cast has a collectively canny knack for comedic timing; the dialogue snaps like slamming doors. Ara Boghigian deftly portrays our debonair and devil-may-care novelist, his eyes alight with delight. He's got a sort of William Powell as "The Thin Man" vibe going for him here, he's not only a wise guy but a wry, dry master of the silly ceremonies thrust upon him. The gang of would-be goons that keep impeding his writing progress are all a swell assort-

ment of the usual suspects which is to say that these second story men and women who break in here all deliver standout performances. To call out a couple here, Jim Sullivan and Tom Roberts, as the aforementioned bent politico and corrupt industrialist — each are adept at oozing with the appropriate amounts of genteel sleaze. Tanya Anderson is crackerjack as a wisecracking and vamping dame.

Like many a theatrical impresario one of George M. Cohan's many talents was for appropriation, he knew what worked onstage and how to work it; that's a gift that 2nd Story Artistic Director shares in spades. It does not diminish from Cohan's considerable legacy to note that "Baldpate" itself is an adaptation, old George M. basing his stage version on a novel of the same name by Earl Derr Biggers, the man who created Charlie Chan. The point is that it's Cohan's version that had legs; there were various adaptations by others, none were as successful. It was Cohan who made this material soar.

"Seven Keys to Baldpate" now through February 23 at 2nd Story Theatre in Warren. See listings for details.

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Fishing with windmills; Pabst tournament set for summer

Last week, the Commercial Fisheries Center of Rhode Island hosted three fishermen from the United Kingdom. Merlin Jackson, John Nichols, and Colin Warwick spoke with several local fishermen about their experiences fishing with operating wind farms off their coast near Ramsgate, England.

The fishermen spoke about mitigation, safety issues, and best practices for fisheries liaison officers, and recommended that Rhode Island's fishermen stay involved in what will be a long process. The meeting was organized by Capt. Rick Bellavance, a wind farm liaison for fishermen. Capt. Bellavance said, "These fishermen have actually experienced fishing in the area of wind farms so it was great to hear their point of view."



Capt. Dave MONTI

Pabst Blue Ribbon Tournament

Pabst Blue Ribbon announced their Northeast striped bass, fluke and bluefish tournament, which will take place June 1 to September 14, will add weigh stations along the Massachusetts coast. Visit www.pbrfishing.com for entry details, rules and regulations.

ASMFC decision could have negative impact on summer flounder

Last month, Rhode Island delegates to the ASMFC heard strong opposition for regionalization from the recreational fishing community. At a public hearing, anglers testified that the plan would allocate more fish to states like New York that have consistently overfished their quota. Anglers fear that with more fish and relaxed summer flounder fishing regulations for New York that they (and other states) would greatly overfish in 2014. Regardless, the plan for regionalization was approved.

Robert Ballou, Rhode Island ASMFC delegate and chairman of the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council, said at a recent Council meeting, "The Rhode Island delegation opposed regionalization along with Virginia, New Jersey and Massachusetts but lost the vote four to seven." Ballou said that DEM staffers were meeting this week and next to align Massa-

chusetts and Rhode Island regulations and run plans by the ASMFC Technical Committee. The RIMFC summer flounder advisory panel chaired by Rich Hittinger was planning a meeting for next week to address recreational summer flounder issues, specifically the impact of ASMFC regionalization mandates on Rhode Island recreational summer flounder regulations. At press time a date and time had not been posited for the advisory panel meeting.

Where's the bite

Capt. Frank Blount of the Frances Fleet reported a good cod bite last week with some anglers limiting out (ten fish/angler/day) and cod up to 32 pounds being caught. "The top fish every trip was in the twenty plus pound range...Both bait and jigs worked this past week but fresh shucked clams were probably the best on most trips. A handful or two of small keeper pollock and some red hake mixed in from time to time but generally speaking it has been mostly cod. The Frances Fleet will continue to sail daily at 5 a.m., weather permitting. Visit www.francesfleet.com for more information. Other party boats sailing for cod include the Seven B's at www.sevenbs.com, and the Island Current at www.islandcurrent.com.

Captain Dave Monti has been fishing and shell fishing on Narragansett Bay for over 40 years. He holds a captain's master license and a charter fishing license. Contact or forward fishing news and photos to Capt. Monti at dmontifish@verizon.net.

Shellfish closures

Because of the rain and snow last week, the R.I. Department of Environmental Management announced shellfish closures in the Kickemuit River, Mount Hope Bay, Conditional Areas A and B, Conimicut Triangle and Greenwich Bay. They are in effect until noon on Friday, Feb. 21.

There was a total of 1.71 inches in Taunton and 1.61 inches at T.F. Green Airport. For updates on conditional areas, call the DEM hotline at 222-2900.



Charlie Enright's new job — The Video

Bristol's own Charlie Enright has a new job. It has already taken him half way around the globe; before it's done it will take him all the way around — and now he and his sailing team have a video. Not bad. Enright, 29, will be skipper of Team Alvimedi in the 2014-15 Volvo Ocean Race. That calls for a video and now these 'new kids' in the ocean sailing world have just that (courtesy of Volvo Ocean Race) — and it all starts and ends in Bristol! Check it out ... <http://www.eastbayri.com/news/charlie-enrights-new-job-the-video/>

Disaster in the sludge beneath Boston Harbor

A quarter-century ago, Boston had the dirtiest harbor in America. The city had been dumping sewage into it for generations, coating the seafloor with a layer of "black mayonnaise." Fisheries collapsed and wildlife fled.

In the 1990's, work began on a state-of-the-art treatment plant and a 10-mile long tunnel to carry waste out of the harbor. With this impressive feat of engineering, Boston was poised to show the country

how to rebound from environmental ruin. But when bad decisions and clashing corporations endangered the project, a team of commercial divers was sent on a perilous mission to rescue the stymied cleanup effort. Five divers went in; not all of them came out alive.

Drawing on hundreds of interviews and thousands of documents collected over five years of reporting, award-winning writer Neil Swidey takes us deep into the lives of the divers, engineers, politicians, lawyers, and investigators involved in the tragedy and its



Neil Swidey

aftermath, creating a taut, action-packed narrative in "Trapped Under the Sea: One Engineering Marvel, Five Men, and a Disaster Ten Miles Into The Darkness."

Suspenseful yet humane, Trapped Under the Sea reminds us that behind every bridge, tower, and tunnel—behind the infrastructure that makes modern life possible—lies unsung bravery and extraordinary sacrifice. This

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Saturday, Swidey will be in Westport discussing his book and signing copies.

CROMWELL: Just show up

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there, the problems in Providence are still our concern. The ongoing mismanagement is a weight holding the whole state back. Our taxes fund the problems caused by corruption or just plain lazy leadership. If the fifteen people who are supposed to be the most committed to making the city a better place can't be bothered to show up for work, we can't expect

anyone else to care either. Every time the mayor's office changes hands we're promised aggressive, youthful reform. And every time it's the same old, same old.

This fall Providence voters will have another chance to make a change in the mayor's office and in the fifteen council seats. In 2010, ten of the fifteen seats were uncontested. It seems like all of Providence is just waiting for someone to show up.

The Tides*	HiAM	HiPM	LoAM	LoPM	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday, Feb. 19	10:34 (3.6)	11:00 (3.9)	3:34	3:43	6:32	5:25
Thursday, Feb. 20	11:21 (3.5)	11:50 (3.9)	4:13	4:21	6:30	5:26
Friday, Feb. 21	— (—)	12:14 (3.4)	5:00	5:08	6:29	5:27
Saturday, Feb. 22	12:44 (3.9)	1:11 (3.3)	5:59	6:07	6:27	5:29
Sunday, Feb. 23	1:42 (3.9)	2:12 (3.4)	7:18	7:20	6:26	5:30
Monday, Feb. 24	2:47 (4.0)	3:19 (3.6)	8:52	8:40	6:24	5:31
Tuesday, Feb. 25	3:56 (4.2)	4:27 (3.9)	10:06	9:55	6:23	5:32
Wednesday, Feb. 26	5:02 (4.6)	5:29 (4.3)	11:00	10:58	6:21	5:34
Thursday, Feb. 27	6:00 (4.9)	6:24 (4.8)	11:47	11:55	6:20	5:35

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DOWN TO EARTH

The groundhog gave us the wakeup call

Winter seems intent on proving the groundhog right. It's not over yet by a long shot, and I suppose that's probably as it should be. I remember the last time spring came early: it was so weird it was almost hard to



Kristin GREEN

enjoy it. Safe to say nothing is normal anymore and probably never was. But at least we can count on the groundhog to give us the wake-up call. By the time you read this, two of the predicted "six more weeks of winter" will have passed. Fast as that. And the next four will do the same. In fact, time flies so quickly, even when it feels like it drags, that I am making every effort to keep from hitting the snooze button. There's way too much to do in the little down-time left before spring's frenzy to stay tucked up in grumpy hibernation.

I still haven't figured out what to do with the gaping gap in my entry garden where excavators removed half of the concrete walkway last spring to repair a broken water line. Should I remove the rest of the concrete and shell out for a prettier path to the (unused) front door? Patch the gap with a beach stone mosaic — at least until I win another lottery of second-

hand flagstone? Buy more time to decide with another load of the town's free mulch? Whatever I do, I should get busy forming a concrete (so to speak) intention and roughing out a plan with which to follow it through.

Last summer I decided that this would be the winter I would take out my remaining pear tree. It's an ungainly little thing incapable of producing delicious fruit (its pears are best left to the squirrels who never take more than a bite either). It pokes us in the face on the way to the shed and is nearly impossible to mow under and around. But I have been feeling sentimental about it, especially now that winter's end is fast approaching and I know that I will completely lose my resolve once its buds start swelling. So if it's coming down, it better be now.

I recently mentioned my desire to start a vegetable garden. There's no time like the present given the predictions about how California's drought is likely to affect their crops, and subsequently, produce prices. Not that my chef buys much from California. Most of our veg comes from the local farmers market even in the winter. Nonetheless, I could use the practice and I'm up for the challenge. Aren't I? That means I need to decide, very soon, where to have my carpenter build the raised bed(s) and how big they should be. No more than 4 feet wide for easy reaching and a

good 8 feet long? That seems huge for this little garden, but two or three that size would probably keep us fed with a healthy variety of salad greens, tomatoes, peas, string beans, and root crops. I'll continue to encourage squash to grow in my compost pile since that requires prodigious space to sprawl. I know I can stick to that part of the plan, at least.

In the meantime, while we wake up to decisions that finally need making, winter demands appreciation. It won't be long before swollen buds open on shrubs and trees; before dormant perennials show a little life at their crown. Birds are already starting to get frisky and sing like spring. Time is short. As sick as I am of winter's chill, disgusting slush, unwalkable sidewalks, and thwarted plans, it's worth savoring the discomfort of this moment, as well as any ephemeral beauty, and banking some shivers for the hottest, most unpleasant heatwave-days of summer. No matter what the groundhog says and how it feels right now, they will be here in a blink.

Kristin Green is the interpretive horticulturist at Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum and author of "Plantiful: Start Small, Grow Big with 150 Plants that Spread, Self-Sow, and Overwinter" (Timber Press). Follow Blithewold's garden blog at <http://blog.blithewold.org>.

POLI-TICKS

Frank Caprio says he has the experience

Former Rhode Island General Treasurer Frank Caprio showed a deft touch when he kicked off his campaign for State Treasurer at Caserta's Pizza. This famous pizzeria is in the heart of the



Arlene VIOLET

district where he has lived all his life, but, most importantly, where he met his wife, Gabriella, when she worked weekends in order to pay her college tuition.

It's nice to see a Harvard University graduate stay in touch with his roots.

In seeking election anew to the General Treasurer's post where he served from 2007-2011, Mr. Caprio brings a series of successful accomplishments. Months before the subprime mortgage crisis hit in 2008, setting off a national market crisis, Caprio minimized state exposure to these asset-based securities. His move into safe investments allowed him to outshine the returns of such bellweather markers as Harvard University's endowment, and the States of Massachusetts and California whose returns he left in the dust. To state that the investment environment which he faced during

his tenure was in crisis is an understatement. Yet he was able to avoid the investment losses plaguing many states with his then fiscal "SWAT team" and prudent management.

Mr. Caprio doesn't think too much of large investments in hedge funds with non-transparent fees. He thinks there are safer alternatives that mitigate risk with far less cost. He argues that these alternatives, including investment with private equity companies, also may not be necessary but certainly should be tried before any large investments in hedge funds with whopping fees. His vision is to look at the 30-40 year horizon which a state retirement system has to earn returns and that this factor of longevity should dictate prudent decisions.

The former treasurer came under some heat when he opined that the sub rosa fees paid to hedge managers in the present treasurer's administration could be saved and, in large measure, applied toward the Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) which have been suspended. He noted that the criticism of present General Treasurer Gina Raimondo by Ted Siedle had some merit. Mr. Siedle was able to ascertain the millions of dollars of fees paid to some of the very funds used by the present administration by checking

other states who had insisted on transparency.

One of his democratic opponents has criticized Mr. Caprio for not foreseeing the pension problem and moving to abate the situation by proposing reform. The fact is that he did propose reforms, including the very foundation of the present system. Frank Caprio had the guts to make such a proposal since he was a lone wolf back in 2009 when he first brought up the need for reform. I looked back at a 3/13/09 column which I wrote praising his courage for vetting this issue and making reform proposals. In reality he was prescient.

In past columns I also praised him for his protection of taxpayers. In October 2009 my column pointed out the disgraceful management by the Board of Directors at the Central Landfill. Mr. Caprio called for the then-Attorney General, Patrick Lynch, to file an action against the directors' liability insurance, some \$5 million dollars, to compensate for the malfeasance of the board. Mr. Lynch refused to take this slam-dunk action or to appoint independent counsel to do so, since the Landfill Board had been his prior clients.

In sum, Mr. Caprio has proven experience and guts — a good combination in a candidate.

When wine attacks: sulphur, not indiscretion, may be the cause

BY CHRISTIN AARONS

There has been a sharp increase in requests for organic and sulfur free wines; so much so that here at Grapes & Grains we have a new section dedicated to natural wines produced with organic or biodynamic fruit processed with little or no sulfur.

So what is natural wine? Some of the key components of natural wines include: organic or biodynamically grown fruit picked by hand; indigenous yeasts; little to no fining or filtering agents; and low to zero sulfur additions. If ingredients were listed on the bottle, the most natural wines would have one ingredient: wine grapes. For a wine to be labeled as natural, it must be vinified as genuinely as possible. This means that after the fruit has been grown organically or biodynamically, it must be processed with minimal use of additives and technological manipulations in the winery. Examples of some common additives cleared for use in most wineries include: sugar, acidifiers, yeast, powdered tannins, enzymes and fining agents. Some technological manipulations include the use of mechanical harvesters to pick fruit, spinning cones that are able to remove alcohol, or micro-oxygenation tanks, which accelerate aging. In addition to being made with little to no sulfur, natural wines may not be acidified or deacidified, chaptalized, oxygenated, or dosed with cultivated yeast.

Sulphur is one ingredient in most conventionally produced wines that can trigger allergic reactions. According to a paper published by Michael Kerr in May of 2012, "sulfites are the ninth most common food allergen (behind milk, egg, peanuts, tree nuts, wheat, soy, fish and shellfish.)" When reporting adverse reactions to sulfur, most wine-drinkers will often complain of headaches, rashes, itchiness and



redness of the skin. While sulfites are a natural compound found in all grapes, almost all winemakers add additional doses of sulfur to their wines once the fruit is picked. With so many adverse consumer reactions to sulfur, it's important to understand when and why sulfur might be added to wine. While there is little regulation other than the concentration of sulfur that a winemaker may add at one specific time, there are some key moments during the wine making process when sulfur is often added to the fruit, fermenting juice or wine:

■ When the fruit is being picked, often by a mechanical harvester, damaged berries may cause the juice to oxidize. Spraying a sulfur solution on the fruit as it is being collected can retard oxidation and prevent the resulting wine from browning.

■ When the crushed fruit or pressed juice is going to be inoculated with a commercial strain of yeast, a sulfur solution will often be added to the fermentation vessel. Indigenous yeast are much more sensitive to sulfur than commercial yeast. By inhibiting the growth of natural yeast, a conventional winemaker can give his or her chosen yeast a less competitive environment in which to grow.

■ As primary fermentation is ending, wine is moved to a vessel in which it will age. Primary fermentation occurs when yeast consume sugar and release carbon dioxide and alcohol. Secondary fermentation occurs when malolactic bacteria consume malic acid converting it into softer lactic acid; usually beginning as primary fermentation is ending. In order to preserve acidity and fruity aroma compounds, a conventional winemaker may choose to inhibit the secondary fermentation by adding a liberal dose of sulfur to the aging vessel at the end of primary fermentation.

■ At bottling: even natural winemakers may take this final moment to add a small dose of sulfur to their wine. One of a winemaker's biggest fears is that his or her wine may begin fermenting again after it has been bottled. In order to prevent a microbial bloom after bottling, conventional winemakers often fine, filter and add heavy doses of sulfur at bottling.

Rather than adding sulfur, natural winemakers choose other techniques to prevent oxidation or spoilage of their wines:

■ Harvesting by hand and transporting fruit in small bins can prevent crushed berries and

oxidized fruit. Natural winemakers also rush their fruit into the winery to begin fermentation immediately after harvest.

■ Even though native yeasts can take much longer to complete a fermentation than their super-charged cousins, natural winemakers consider the individual character and expression of terroir that natural yeast are able to capture well worth the wait. By avoiding sulfur additions and by maintaining optimal temperatures for microbial growth, natural winemakers are able create ideal environments for natural fermentation.

■ Once a wine has completed its secondary fermentation, there are very little nutrients or food sources left in the wine for the remaining microbes. Natural winemakers encourage secondary fermentation in all of their wines because it yields a much more stable product.

■ At bottling many natural winemakers will choose to eschew sulfur additions entirely while others may add a "homeopathic" dose to protect their wines during transit or on an occasion when sugar remains in

the wine.

There are several different standards which determine how much sulfur may be added at bottling for a wine to be marketed as natural, but it is safe to assume that natural wines will generally have at least 50% less sulfites in the bottle than a conventionally produced wine.

Ready to try a natural wine? If you are looking for something new, try an earthy and fleshy Gamay produced by Les Chardons in the Touraine; or a brooding and dark Cru Beaujolais, grown in volcanic soil and produced by Philip Jambon. You could also rediscover intense, old vine Chenin blanc, called Bezigon, fermented in neutral oak foudres by JC Garnier. Regardless of whether you are sensitive to sulfites or not, these are wines that are sure to leave you feeling good.

Christin Aarons, CSW, AAS is the Wine Buyer at Grapes & Grains fine wine, craft beer, and small-batch spirits shop in Barrington. Any questions, comments or suggestions on the Monthly Wine Review? Email Christin at Caarons@grapesandgrainsri.com.

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Maple sugaring at Coggeshall Farm Museum

Coggeshall Farm's Maple Sugaring Weekend is a New England tradition that will have you tapping our maples the old-fashioned way, and learning some unexpected information about Bristol's long and complex relationship with sugar and the American taste for Maple. Held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22 & 23, admission is \$10 for adults, \$6 for seniors and kids. Discounted admission for museum members: \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and kids. Kids under three are always free. For more information, or to arrange a special maple sugaring tour, call 401/253-9062 or email info@coggeshallfarm.org.

Historic Foodways & Hearth Cooking workshop

Coggeshall Farm's Historic Foodways & Hearth Cooking workshops are continuing all winter long. Leave the kids at home, and grab your spouse or friends and come spend an evening on the farm, by candlelight. You'll get to experience cooking several 1790's



Bristol's DeWolf Tavern recently welcomed pastry chef Michelle Gagnon. Michelle, a graduate of the College of Culinary Arts at Johnson & Wales University, is bringing a keen eye and fresh perspective to their dessert menu. From a flourless chocolate cake with orange pastry cream and a chocolate cigar to an utterly decadent banana torte with banana creme anglaise, to this Valentine's Day special raspberry mousse with red velvet cake, chocolate ganache, a rice-chocolate crisp, and a St. Germain & mixed-berry salsa, each dessert is sure to become a delicious staple.

recipes from Amelia Simmons' American Cookery, the first American cookbook, originally published in 1796. It's a night out paired with farm-raised meat and produce cooked over the hearth — it doesn't taste any better than this! Held every Saturday beginning at 4 p.m. Space for this workshop is limited, and reservations are required. Ages 16 and up; \$60 for non-members, \$50 for members.

Hampden Meadows pasta supper fundraiser

Support your local volunteers while enjoying a delicious pasta supper, from 4-7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22; 168 Sowams Road, Barrington. Tickets \$15 adults, \$5 children (under 10); door prizes; X-Box raffle tickets. For tickets email sdonovan2@cox.net or call 401/245-9063.

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A Downton Abbey evening at Blithewold

Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum cordially requests the pleasure of your company for an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music and merriment; at 6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 23. Costumes in the spirit of Downton encouraged. Cocktail Party Tickets \$55 per person. A free, exclusive viewing of the season four finale will be shown in the living room at 7 p.m. for those who care to stay after cocktails. Call 401/253-2707 x21.

Craft beer dinner featuring local brewery

The Bluewater Grille and The Bucket are teaming up for a delicious craft beer dinner featuring Rhode Scholar Kolsch paired with portabello, caramelized onion & herb goat cheese flatbread; Pawtucket Pail Ale paired with skillet seared sea scallops roasted fennel, shiitake mushrooms, sun dried tomatoes spicy corn relish; Park Loop Porter paired with roast duck leg confit, white bean & heirloom tomato ragout crispy brussels sprouts; and 13th Original Maple Stout paired with homemade pecan pie, maple ice cream, and stout caramel. Thursday, Feb. 27, from 6:30-9 p.m.; Bluewater Grille, 32 Barton St., Barrington; \$75 includes all four courses, all four beers, tax & gratuity. Call Bluewater Grille at 401/247-0017 or Brickyard Wine & Spirits at 401/289-2140 to reserve your seats.

Gourmet roast pork dinner

The First United Methodist Church of Warren/Bristol, 25 Church Street, Warren, invites you to their Gourmet Roast Pork Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. The dinner includes seasonal cream soup, roast loin of pork, rosemary roasted potatoes, haricot verts, homemade cakes and pies, and coffee, tea, and cider. The cost is \$14 for adults, \$7 for children ages 4-12, and kids under 3 are free. Dinner may be eaten at the church or taken to go. For tickets please call Cindy at 401/245-5756 or Nancy at 401/253-4931.



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Wednesday February 19

Screening of 'The Library of the Early Mind'

In this documentary directed by RWU Professor Edward J. "Ted" Delaney and co-produced by alumnus Steve Withrow, "The Library of the Early Mind" explores how children's literature affects our culture, our children and ourselves, through the writers and illustrators who have put a half-billion books on your children's shelves.

WHERE: Rogers Free Library, 525 Hope St., Bristol
WHEN: 7 p.m.
COST: Free
MORE INFO: 401/253-6948

Juggler Henry Lappen

A free performance at the Weaver Memorial Library.

WHERE: Weaver Memorial Library, 41 Grove Ave., East Providence
WHEN: 6:30 p.m.
COST: Free
MORE INFO: 401/434-2453; www.eastprovidencelibrary.org

RWU Great Films Series: 'Casablanca'

"We'll always have Paris!" In this 1942 classic film, Rick Blaine, exiled American and former freedom fighter, runs the most popular nightspot in Casablanca, the Moroccan colonial outpost of Vichy France and important transit point for people fleeing the war. When a Czech Resistance leader and his wife, Rick's former love, seek safe passage so that he can continue his fight against the Nazis, Rick must choose between love and virtue.

WHERE: RWU Global Heritage Hall Building, Room G01, 1 Old Ferry Road, Bristol
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
COST: Free

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Audubon member nights

Exclusive for Audubon Society of Rhode Island members, this evening includes free children's programs, crafts, face painting, an owl visitor, indoor scavenger hunt and more. Members will also receive a 20 percent discount in the Nature Gift Shop. Participants must have proof of valid Audubon Society of Rhode Island Membership. Not a member? Join today and take part in the fun. Registration is required.

WHERE: Audubon Environmental Education Center, 1401 Hope Street, Bristol
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MORE INFO: Register online www.asri.org

Contra dance at Sandywoods

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The Boston Trio at Westport Point

Concerts at the Point will welcome back the The Boston Trio, with Irina Muresanu, violin; Astrid Schween, cello; and Heng-jin Park, piano. The program will include Mozart Piano Trio in C Major, No 5, K548; Beethoven Piano Trio in E flat Major, Op. 70, No. 2; and Arensky Piano Trio in D minor, Op. 32, No. 1.

WHERE: Westport Point United Methodist Church, 1912 Main Road, Westport Point
WHEN: 3 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 23
COST: \$25, students \$10. Pay at the door, cash or personal checks only.
MORE INFO: 508/636-0698; or email pointconcerts@gmail.com

every month for a contra dance at the beautiful Sandywoods Center for the Arts. All dances are taught and feature live music and experienced callers. Partners not necessary. Beginners and children welcome!

WHERE: Sandywoods, 43 Muse Way, Tiverton
WHEN: 7-10 p.m.
COST: \$8 adults, \$4 children, \$18 families
MORE INFO: www.sandywoodsmusic.com

Thursday February 20

Murder at the Museum

The Newport Art Museum and Marley Bridges Theatre Co. host Murder at the Museum "Something Wicked This Way Comes", an interactive, all-ages murder mystery set during the 1890s and held in the Museum's historic Griswold House.

WHERE: Newport Art Museum, 76 Bellevue Ave., Newport
WHEN: 7 p.m.
COST: \$25 for adults (\$15 members), \$20 for seniors and active military (\$10 members) and \$15 for youth 17 and under (\$8 for members)
MORE INFO: Reservations recommended; 401/848-8200; NewportArtMuseum.org

Poetry at the Hail

Poetry at the Hail meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month. It is a group for poets and those who love poetry to share their work and their thoughts with like-minded friends. All are welcome!

WHERE: George Hail Free Library, 530 Main St., Warren
WHEN: 5:30 p.m.
COST: Free
MORE INFO: 401/245-7686; www.georgehail.org

Friday February 21

New York Times Co. v. Sullivan: Freedom of the Press — 50 Years Later

Roger Williams University School of Law presents a symposium that brings together a remarkable collection of law professors, First Amendment lawyers, journalists, and a leading federal judge to assess from various perspectives, both domestic and international, the impact 50 years later of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, granting the press substantial protection from the chilling effect of lawsuits seeking large damage awards for unflattering news reports.

WHERE: RWU School of Law, 10 Metacom Ave., Bristol
WHEN: Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.; Friday, Feb. 21
MORE INFO: Pre-registration is required to the Office of Alumni, Programs & Events at law-events@rwu.edu.

Engineering Workshop

Explore engineering with a Buzz Me workshop, a Lego Building activity, and a chance to command a Robot to build a snack.

WHERE: George Hail Library, Main St., Warren
WHEN: 2 p.m.
COST: Free
MORE INFO: Please call 401/245-7686 to register

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Chasing Blue at Bristol's Stone Church Coffeehouse

Bristol's Stone Church Coffeehouse at the First Congregational Church welcomes the Bluegrass band, Chasing Blue. Formed in the fall of 2008 at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Chasing Blue plays a mix of original and traditional bluegrass material with unique arrangements and hard-driving style. Original material holds true to the bluegrass tradition but strong lyrical ideas and progressive musical ideas make the Chasing Blue sound.

WHERE: The First Congregational Church, 300 High St., Bristol
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 22
COST: \$15; students are half price; children 5 and under are free
MORE INFO: 401/253-4813 or 401/253-7288

Kristen Graves & Glenn Roth

Kristen Graves is a folk/pop singer and songwriter with a voice that commands attention, lyrics that catch your heart, and melodies that stay with the listener long after the evening ends. Glenn is a fingerstyle guitarist whose compositions suggest multiple guitars, but it's really just one guy, ten flying fingers, and one instrument.

WHERE: Sandywoods, 43 Muse Way, Tiverton
WHEN: 8 p.m.
COST: \$10
MORE INFO: 401/241-7349; www.sandywoodsmusic.com

Slave Trade. This talk brings to light the extensive involvement of the northern states in slavery and how many families, including the DeWolfs of Linden Place, profited from and promoted the slave trade.

WHERE: Linden Place, 500 Hope St., Bristol
WHEN: 10 a.m.
COST: \$10, \$8 for seniors and students and free for Linden Place members.
MORE INFO: Space is limited and reservations are recommended; 401.253-0390

Providence Mandolin Orchestra

The Arts in the Village Concert Series welcomes back the Providence Mandolin Orchestra, directed by Mark Davis. Musical selections by the troupe of 18 musicians will include popular works from the mandolin ensemble literature, with neo-baroque, Scottish, and Brazilian influences.

WHERE: Goff Memorial Hall, 124 Bay State Road, Rehoboth
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
COST: \$16 general, \$14 seniors, \$6 children and students; cash and checks only
MORE INFO: http://www.carpentermuseum.org/Arts.htm

Wildlife in your Backyard

Keeping wildlife wild and learning how to co-exist with common backyard wildlife is the subject of this Wild Winter Talk, presented by Susan Ingalls, Wildlife Technician, Mass Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. We'll learn how to appreciate wildlife from a distance. Ms. Ingalls will discuss in detail the best

Saturday February 22

Doug Most at Barrington Books

Barrington Books is pleased to present author and Boston Globe Features Editor Doug Most for a reading and signing of his new book: "Boston, New York, and the Incredible Rivalry That Built America's First Subway."

WHERE: Barrington Books, County Rd.
WHEN: 2 p.m.
COST: Free
MORE INFO: 401/245-7925

Bristol 'Tales of the Slave Trade' presentation

In observance of Black History Month in February, Linden Place Museum will host a special presentation focused specifically on Bristol's DeWolf Family and their involvement in the triangle

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ways to prevent and/or resolve common human-wildlife conflicts and how to protect your property from wildlife damage.

WHERE: Westport Library, 408 Old County Rd, Westport
WHEN: 2 p.m.
COST: Free
MORE INFO: 508/636-3643

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RWU Dance Basement Series Performance: London Calling

Students past and present reflect on dancing in London.

WHERE: RWU Performing Arts Center, 1 Old Ferry Road, Bristol
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
COST: Free
MORE INFO: 401/254-3626

Fellswater at Sandywoods

Fellswater is Boston's dynamic four-piece Celtic ensemble that plays a wide range of music from traditional to modern compositions, and draws from the heritage of all the Celtic nations, especially Scotland, Ireland, Brittany and Canada. Their instrumentation changes depending on the musical selection and includes whistle, flute, guitar, mandolin, bouzouki, violin, smallpipes and border pipes.

WHERE: Sandywoods, 43 Muse Way, Tiverton
WHEN: 8 p.m.
COST: \$12 advance, \$15 at the door
MORE INFO: 401/241-7349; www.sandywoods.com

Sunday

February 23

'Is that Skunk?'

Looking to get out of the house this winter? Take a trip to Audubon for an afternoon of fascinating nature documentaries on the big screen.

WHERE: Audubon Environmental Education Center, 1401 Hope Street, Bristol
WHEN: 2:30-3:30 p.m.
COST: Free with admission
MORE INFO: www.asri.org

SPOTLIGHT



Aztec Two-Step coming to the Narrows

Legendary folk-rock duo Aztec Two-Step will perform this weekend in Fall River. Bursting on the scene in 1972 with their self-titled debut, Aztec Two-Step's first album and three subsequent albums were staples of progressive FM and college radio. Since then, Rex Fowler and Neal Shulman have spent a lifetime making music together.

WHERE: Narrows Center for the Arts, 16 Anawan Street Fall River
WHEN: 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 22
COST: \$26 Advance; \$29 Day of Show
MORE INFO: <http://tickets.narrowscenter.org>; 508/324-1926

A Downton evening at Blithewold

Blithewold cordially requests the pleasure of your company for an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music and merriment! Costumes in the spirit of Downton encouraged. A free, exclusive viewing of the Season Four Finale will be shown in the Living Room at 7 p.m. for those who care to stay after cocktails.

WHERE: Blithewold, Ferry Rd., Bristol
WHEN: 6 p.m.
COST: \$55
MORE INFO: Reserve early at 401/253-2707 x21; www.blithewold.org

Fall River Symphony Orchestra in concert

With guest conductor Benjamin Vickers and violin soloist Christina Dickson-Brownell.

WHERE: Jackson Arts Center, Bristol Community College, Fall River
WHEN: 3 p.m.
COST: \$15; children and students with ID free.
MORE INFO: www.fallriversymphonyorchestra.org

Portrait demonstration with Dianne Panarelli Miller

Fine Artist Dianne Panarelli Miller studied art for 10 years in college, private classes and ateliers and has been painting for an additional 20 more years to further develop her craft.

WHERE: Westport Art Group, 1740 Main Road, Westport Point
WHEN: 2 p.m.
COST: Suggested Donation: \$5

MORE INFO: 508/636-2114; www.westportartgroup.com

Monday

February 24

Frozen Marsh, Beautiful Marsh

There is something mysterious, quiet and beautiful about coastal habitats in winter. Depending on weather and ice, they can be a great place to look for waterfowl. Join Audubon Senior Director of Conservation Scott Ruhren and explore Touisset Marsh Wildlife Refuge in Warren. The location provides wonderful trails to hike in winter. Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear warm, waterproof shoes. This is an easy walk with occasional wet spots.

WHERE: Audubon Touisset Marsh Wildlife Refuge, Warren
WHEN: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
COST: \$8/member, \$12/non-member
MORE INFO: Register online at www.asri.org

3D Printing Workshop

Weaver Library is pleased to announce that AS220 Industries will host a free workshop on 3D Printing. Led by James Rutter, the AS220 Labs Manager, the workshop will give an overview of 3D printing technology and feature live printing demonstrations.

WHERE: Weaver Library, 41 Grove Avenue, East Providence
WHEN: 6:30 p.m.
COST: Free
MORE INFO: 401/434-2453

Knitting with Kerstyn

Make a headband or scarf. No experience necessary. Supplies included.

WHERE: Barrington Public Library, 187 County Road, Barrington
WHEN: 6-8 p.m.
COST: Free
MORE INFO: Call 401/247-1920 to reserve a spot.

Tuesday

February 25

Travel Writing for Fun (and Profit) with Peter Mandel

A regular contributor to the travel sections of The Washington Post, The

SPOTLIGHT

Philharmonic pairs Mozart and Mahler

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra will pair Mozart's beloved overture to The Magic Flute with Mahler's majestic Fifth Symphony. Larry Rachleff (pictured) will conduct. An open rehearsal will take place Friday, Feb. 21 at 5:30 p.m. at The Vets. All Open Rehearsal tickets are \$15, fees inclusive.



WHERE: The Vets, Avenue of the Arts, Providence
WHEN: 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 22
COST: starting at \$15
MORE INFO: riphil.org/tickets; 401/248-7000

Boston Globe, The Providence Journal, and The Huffington Post, author Peter Mandel will show you how to turn your travel experiences and favorite destinations into easy-to-compose articles with photos that you can sell to newspapers, magazines and websites.

WHERE: Sandywoods, Yellow Building, 73 Muse Way, Tiverton
WHEN: 6:30 p.m.
COST: Free
MORE INFO: Please RSVP at 401/625-6796 if you plan to attend

Make a Picture, Tell a Story

RISD Professor Mary Jane Begin, award-winning illustrator and author of acclaimed children's picture books such as "Little Mouse's Painting" and "Sorcerer's Apprentice," will discuss children and literature through illustration via her recently published book, "My Little Pony: Under the Sparkling Sea."

WHERE: RWU University Library, 1 Old Ferry Road, Bristol
WHEN: 4:30 p.m.
COST: Free

Movie Musicals on the Big Screen

This month, get ready to watch movie musicals on the big movie screen at Barrington Public Library. The theater has surround sound, stadium seating, and is a fun, free way to spend a winter evening. This week: "Phantom of the Opera."

WHERE: Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road, Barrington
WHEN: 6:30 p.m.
COST: Free.
MORE INFO: 401/247-1920; www.barringtonlibrary.org.

Wednesday

February 26

'Peter and the Starcatcher'

A grown up's prequel to Peter Pan, this is the innovative and imaginative comedy based on the best-selling novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson; winner of 5 Tony Awards in 2012.

WHERE: Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset St., Providence
WHEN: 7 p.m.
COST: \$32-\$69
MORE INFO: 401/421-2787

'The Grapes of Wrath' at 75

The 14th Annual Professor John Howard Birss, Jr. Memorial Lecture Series presents "Still Trampling Out the Vintage: The Grapes of Wrath at 75," a keynote address delivered by Robert DeMott, Ohio University distinguished professor emeritus of American literature and author of "Working Days: The Journals of The Grapes of Wrath,"

among other books on Steinbeck's works.

WHERE: Feinstein College of Arts & Sciences building, room 162; Roger Williams University, 1 Old Ferry Road, Bristol
WHEN: 4 p.m.
COST: Free

Thursday

February 27

Learn 3D printing

See a 3D printer in action, learn how it works and what it can do. This is a free workshop, presented by AS220 and Rogers Free Library, and open to all interested.

WHERE: Rogers Free Library, 525 Hope St., Bristol
WHEN: 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 27
COST: Free
MORE INFO: 401/253-6948; www.rogersfreelibrary.org

Tiverton author Stuart Horwitz at Island Books

Island Books is pleased to announce that Stuart Horwitz, founder and principal of Book Architecture, will be conducting a multi-media presentation and workshop entitled "First Draft to Final Draft - Revision Demystified."

WHERE: Wyatt Square, 575 E. Main Road, Middletown
WHEN: 6:30 p.m.
COST: Workshop tickets are \$16 and include a copy of the book.
MORE INFO: Reserve a seat at 401/849-2665

Music

Aidan's Irish Pub

John St., Bristol; 401/254-1940
Sunday: An Irish seisiun, 5-9 p.m.

Atlantic Sports Pub

70 Shove St., Tiverton; 401/816-5996
Every Wednesday: Pro Karaoke by Rick & Joan

Benjamin's Sports Club

4 Stafford Road, Tiverton; 401/624-3899
Saturdays: Pro Karaoke with Rick & Joan

Broadway Lounge

535 North Broadway, East Providence; 401/434-9742

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SPOTLIGHT



Ken Bonfield's Artistry of the Guitar in Barrington

The Barrington Public Library will offer a free concert featuring American fingerstyle acoustic guitar by internationally recognized performer and composer, Ken Bonfield. Ken Bonfield's Artistry of the Guitar: Solo Concert features compositions performed with his "chamber ensemble" of handcrafted instruments ranging from standard 6 string guitar to an 11 string harp guitar, two baritone guitars and a high string guitar. Artistry of the Guitar is a feast for not only guitar lovers, but also for anyone with a passion for great acoustic music.

WHERE: Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road, Barrington
WHEN: 7 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 27
COST: Free
MORE INFO: www.barringtonlibrary.org; 401/247-1920

Garden Design. Also included is the NY Botanical Garden's annual Orchid Show, to be visited en route to Philadelphia. Deadline to register is February 6; reservations received after that date will be accepted on a space-available basis.
WHERE: Philadelphia and New York.
WHEN: Thursday-Friday, March 6-7.
COST: Call BCS for single and double occupancy, and deposit information.
MORE INFO: For a detailed itinerary, call 401/245-0432, or visit www.barrcommschool.com

'Private Lives' in the Berkshires

What could be nicer than a Sunday luncheon at the cozy, historic Red Lion Inn in the beautiful Berkshires and a matinee performance of a classic comedy set in southern France? Barrington Community School offers an opportunity to escape the winter blahs and learn for yourself that Shakespeare & Company is about more than works by the Bard, as you will see from their winter production of the Noel Coward comedy, "Private Lives." The play concerns a divorced couple who find themselves in adjoining hotel rooms while honeymooning with their new spouses in the South of France. The two estranged lovebirds shamelessly rekindle their smoldering passions in this outrageous and scandalous comedy.

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WHERE: Lenox, Massachusetts. Depart from Barrington Town Hall parking lot.
WHEN: Sunday, March 2. Depart from Barrington at 9 a.m.; return will be by 7 p.m.
COST: \$118 members/\$128 non-members
MORE INFO: 401/245-0432; www.barrcommschool.com

Walk Through History During Winter Festival Schedule 2014

During New England's largest winter extravaganza, Newport's Winter Festival, Newport History Tours (NHT) will offer daily walking tours of Newport's historic neighborhoods. Tours include Discover Colonial Newport; Lantern Tour of Colonial Newport; Golden to Gilded; Working Waterfront; Rogues and Scoundrels; Road to Independence; Souls and Stones; and Explore the Common Burying Ground.
WHERE: Unless otherwise noted, tours begin at the Brick Market Museum & Shop at 127 Thames Street, Newport
WHEN: Varied. Inquire for more information.
COST: \$15 a person, \$12 with a Newport Winter Festival button, \$10 for Newport Historical Society members
MORE INFO: Call 401/841-8770 for reservations

Arts & Antiques

'Encaustica' at Van Vessem Gallery
 "Encaustica," an exhibition of encaustic paintings by Arthur Moore, will be on display at Van Vessem Gallery.

WHERE: Van Vessem Gallery, 63 Muse Way, Tiverton
WHEN: Through March 16
MORE INFO: Regular gallery hours are 1-5 pm Thursday through Sunday, and during performances at the adjacent Sandywoods Center for the Arts.

Student Marine Art Exhibit

Winning works of art from the Massachusetts Marine Educators Art Contest for grades K-12 will be on display at the Audubon Environmental Education Center throughout February. Students of all ages created pieces within the theme "Amazing Ocean Creatures of Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary."

WHERE: Audubon Environmental Education Center, 1401 Hope Street, Bristol
WHEN: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; through February
COST: Free with admission
MORE INFO: www.asri.org

'Show Us Your Best' juried exhibit

The Bristol Art Museum presents a juried exhibit, "Show Us Your Best," in the lower gallery at the library. Featured artist is Jay Egge, painter, who won Best in Show. The other featured artist, Candis Dixon, has 3D artbooks in the vestibule.

WHERE: Rogers Free Library, 525 Hope St., Bristol
WHEN: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday through April 2
MORE INFO: www.bristolartmuseum.org

Annual Emerging Artists Show

The Portsmouth Arts Guild Center for the Arts is providing their wall space for our community's budding artists! This upcoming student show is open to all students under 18 in Rhode Island and Southeast Massachusetts. Each student can submit up to 3 works of art; any and all media accepted. Work must be ready to hang. Submitting artwork to the Emerging Artist show is free.

WHERE: Portsmouth Arts Guild, 2679 East Main Rd., Portsmouth
WHEN: Intake will take place at PAG on Monday, Feb. 24, from 3-6 p.m., and Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
MORE INFO: 401/293-5278; info@PortsmouthArts.org

My First Movies

My First Movies is a playdate designed expressly for toddlers and their parents. It transforms a movie theater into a joy-filled, high-energy place where entertaining and educational films are shown and interaction is highly encouraged. The lights are left on while preschoolers can sing and dance along with movies that have been specially made for them. Adding to the festivities, every movie event is emceed by BabyFirst star, Mitten the Kitten, who appears live and in-person to encourage audience interaction.

WHEN: The fun continues on an ongoing basis every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday at 10 a.m.
MORE INFO: www.myfirstmovies.com; 800/315-4000

company member Janice Duclos. This beautifully written and critically acclaimed play is set at the beginning of the 20th century and was inspired by Nottage's own family history. Intimate Apparel centers on Esther, a black seamstress who creates intimate garments for the women of New York City.

WHERE: 201 Washington St., Providence
WHEN: Through March 2
MORE INFO: www.trinityrep.com; 401/351-4242

'The Teller'

The Wilbury Theatre Group's New Works program announces a workshop production of resident artist Cyrus Ledy's new play "The Teller," a story about telling stories. It is also a series of fantastical tales about greedy kings, vengeful pigs, murderous horses and a sad but brilliant goose.

WHERE: The Wilbury Theatre Group, 393 Broad Street, Providence
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 20-22
COST: \$10 general admission, \$5 students/seniors
MORE INFO: www.thewilburygroup.org

Kids & Outdoors

Chess Club

Learn how to play or improve your skills! Ages 6-18.

WHERE: Riverside Branch Library, 475 Bullocks Point Avenue, Riverside
WHEN: 3:30-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays, through Feb. 19
COST: Free
MORE INFO: Registration Required. Call 401/433-4877.

Children's story hour

Miss Margie reads several theme-related story and picture books geared towards the pre-school set, followed by craft time allowing the children to express their creativity based on the fun facts and stories they just heard.

WHERE: Barrington Books, Barrington Shopping Center, County Road, Barrington
WHEN: 10 a.m. Thursdays
COST: Free
MORE INFO: 401/245-7925; www.barrington-books.com

Young children's story hour

Bring your little ones for stories geared for 3- to 5-year-olds. Includes a craft and light snack.

WHERE: Baker Books, Route 6, Dartmouth
WHEN: 10 a.m. Thursdays
COST: Free
MORE INFO: 508/997-6700; www.bakerbooks.net

Children's Reading Circle

Partners Village Store children's reading and activity hour is geared for preschool children. Come join the fun every Thursday as we read stories, enjoy snacks and a craft activity.

WHERE: Partners Village Store, 865 Main Road, Westport
WHEN: Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
COST: Free
MORE INFO: 508/636-2572; www.partnersvillagestore.com

Winter Wonder Walks

Take a brisk walk and explore the great outdoors at Audubon's Environmental Education Center. An Audubon educator will highlight winter plant and animal adaptations and talk about how weather affects our local landscape. So get outside, discover nature in the winter months, and just maybe spot some amazing local wildlife.

WHERE: Audubon Environmental Education Center, 1401 Hope Street, Bristol
WHEN: 1-2 p.m.; every Sunday through March 30
COST: Free with admission
MORE INFO: Register online www.asri.org

Friday: Jackson Wetherbee & Steve Mazzetta; Saturday: Colby James; Tuesday: Team Trivia; Wednesday: Open Mic Night w/James

Custom House Coffee

600 Clock Tower Square, West Main Road, Portsmouth

Sunday: Open mic with Gary Fish, 2-5 p.m., guest musician 3 to 3:45 p.m.

The Coffee Depot

501 Main Street, Warren; 401/608-2553

Open Mic starts about 7:00 pm and follows the featured artist's 8:00-8:40 pm performance until 9:50pm., Fridays excluding holiday weekends. Bring a nonperishable food donation to benefit Bristol Good Neighbors.

DeWolf Tavern

259 Thames St., Bristol; 401/254-2005

Wednesdays: The Rick Costa Trio (jazz).

Federal Hill Pizza

495 Main St., Warren; 401/245-0045

Federal Hill Pizza features live music every Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. This week: Half Step Down.

The Knights of Columbus

28 Fish Rd., Tiverton
 Karaoke every Friday night with Mari-ozations Studio; from 6:30-11 p.m.; Computer karaoke or BYO CD. Free admission. 50/50 raffle, hosted by Jesse Bertholde 401/297-6604.

LePage's Seafood

439 Maritime St., Fall River; 508/677-2180

Fridays: Karaoke at 9 p.m.

Mulhearn's Pub

507 North Broadway, East Providence; 401/438-9292

Friday: Rock-A-Blues; Sunday: Karaoke with Cal Raye.

One Pelham East

270 Thames St., Newport; 401/847-9460

Friday: Sugar Babies; Tuesday: DJ Blacklist.

133 Club

29 Warren Ave., East Providence; 401/438-1330

Wednesdays: Karaoke with Big Bill; Thursdays: Mac Odom Band. Friday: Stone Leaf; Saturday: Teeter Todders; Sunday: Brother to Brother.

Oriental Pearl

576 State Rd., Westport
 508/675-1501 or 401/435-6565

Karaoke every Wednesday and Thursday night with Cal Raye. 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Scampi

657 Park Ave., Portsmouth; 401/293-5844

Fridays: Andre Arsenault; Saturdays: Alissa Musto.

Scores Pub

3 Park St., Rte. 118, Rehoboth; 401/435-6565

Karaoke every Tuesday night with Cal Raye. 8-11 p.m.; free pool.

Theater & Stage

'Intimate Apparel' at Trinity
 Trinity Rep kicks off the new year with the Rhode Island premiere of "Intimate Apparel", by Pulitzer Prize-winner Lynn Nottage, and directed by Trinity Rep

Trips & Tours

Philadelphia Flower Show
 Join Barrington Garden Club and Barrington Community School on their annual trip to the world's largest indoor flower show in Philadelphia. This year's theme is ARTiculture, The Art of Great

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East Bay Real Estate

MEET *Paul Ferreira*: BUSINESS OWNER, BOATER, GOLFER, SKIER

BY JOAN D. WARREN

Paul Ferreira was born in Tucson, Ariz., and moved to Bristol when he was 2 years old. He lived in Bristol until 1983, when he married, Kendra, his wife of 30 years, and moved to Warren. In 1995 they purchased a beautiful piece of land in Portsmouth, where they built a house and raised three sons. With their sons grown up, they decided to downsize in 2011 and moved to Bristol, where they enjoy the convenience of living downtown.

After graduating from Bristol High School in 1974, he convinced his father to expand his small home engineering business. Together they started MF Engineering Company. Although his father passed away in 2003, they were able to build something they were both proud of together. Paul still owns and operates the company, with his oldest son and sister at the helm.

With the family business in good hands, he was able to get his real estate license in 2007 and began another chapter and a

new career in real estate sales.

WHY REAL ESTATE? "I originally got into real estate to learn about investing and rental properties. I quickly realized that I enjoyed the interaction with people, which I did not have much of in my manufacturing business, and decided this could be something I would enjoy and get to help people realize a dream as well."

IS IT A SECOND CAREER FOR YOU? "I had been thinking about a second career back in 2005, having already been in the manufacturing business for some 25 years, and tried to think what I may be good at. Having to think about sales for all those years, real estate kept popping up, and I finally decided to take the classes."

OUTLOOK FOR 2014? "I'm still somewhat skeptical about the economy, but I think things are moving in the right direction. It still comes down to pricing a property correctly on the seller's side and making sure your buyers aren't paying too much. The fact that interest rates continue to stay low is def-

initely helping to keep the market moving."

BEST REAL ESTATE STORY: "To this day it is still the first client I ever worked with that always brings a smile to my face. My best friend referred her to me. She told me that after renting for years she was looking to purchase her first home. We found one quickly and started negotiations. I told her I thought we could get a much better price and she was shocked. She said why would you want to try to get a lower price? Don't you get paid on commission? I explained that my job was to get her the best

Paul Ferreira
Teri Degnan Real Estate and Consultants

401-374-1331



taking some cooking classes and studying Italian as well."

WHERE HAS BOATING TAKEN YOU? "I have captained my own boat up and down the East Coast, from Rhode Island to Florida and back four times. I have worked for private boat owners as well as local marinas captaining their boats for them as well."

POWER OR SAIL BOAT? "I own a 40-foot Formula power boat."

BUCKET LIST ITEMS? "I would like to travel and see as much of the world as possible, learn another language, and play golf at Augusta National."

WHAT'S YOUR BEST CULINARY CREATION? "I make a pretty good shrimp mozambique."

FAVORITE MOVIE? "My Cousin Vinny."

WHAT ARE YOU READING? "Zen Golf: Mastering the Mental Game."

FLIP PHONE, IPHONE OR DROID? "I've been an iPhone guy from day one. It still amazes me what I can do on this gadget."

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Rumford: Handsome & Sophisticated 3-4 Bed 2 Bath Updated Ranch! Boasts Livingroom w/tp, Eat In Kitchen, Dining room, Family Room w/ gas fireplace. Hardwoods, central air, skylights, cathedrals, gas heat hot water, alarm, finished basement w/ bath. Florida rm w/ sliders to enjoy fabulous inground pool. **\$259,000 Jean Clarke 401-374-5039**



NEW LISTING
Pawtucket: Well cared for home in prime/convenient location! Fresh interior offering large eat in kitchen, dining room and 2x sized 1st floor family room! Gorgeous fireplace, hardwoods, garage, rec room & study. Enjoy private back yard w/ sprawling deck, gardens & stone walls. **\$179,900 Michelle Cartwright 401-663-5677**



SOLD
East Providence: Priced to sell! This 3 Bed & 1.5 Bath home in the Brightbridge Area with a deck and large yard is a wonderful first home or great condo alternative! Convenient location, close to schools, shopping, highway and bus route! **Michele Moschella 401-578-5363**



LOVELY & UPDATED
Rumford: 3 Bed 1.5 Bath Colonial boasts large eat-in-kitchen opening to living room features dining pretty entry foyer 3 beds up with separate den/office hardwoods replacement windows gas heat roomy deck overlooking patio 2 car garage. **\$229,000 Jean Clarke 401-374-5039**



REDUCED PRICE
Rumford: Fabulous Center Hall Turn of the Century 4 Corner Colonial featuring period moldings living/fireplace chefs eat-in-kitchen opening to dining four big beds up 1.5 baths gleaming hardwood the best and biggest screened porch to enjoy! **\$259,000 Jean Clarke 401-374-5039**



SOLD
Warren/Touisset: Spacious and open dormered cape in desirable Touisset! Stunning family room addition, First floor master suite, 2.5 baths, granite kitchen, hardwoods, beautiful gardens, stone work and pergola! Garages on corner lot. **Michelle Cartwright 401-663-5677**



4 BEDS & 2 BATHS
Rumford: Location, Location! Wonderful Rumford Colonial w/ 4 beds, 2 updated baths, 2 fireplaces, gorgeous hardwoods, new granite & stainless kitchen, office, finished lower. New roof & windows, screened porch. Myron Francis School. **\$389,000 Robin Lozito 401-486-6937**



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House of the Week

Getaway to Horseneck Beach and warm ocean breezes

With the winter weather continuing to bring snow, ice and bitter cold conditions, it is hard to imagine warm summer days and lush green landscapes. The house built on pillars at 97 John Reed Road in Westport will feel like paradise on Earth when the seasons change. With 840 square feet of living space, the large screened-in porch adds additional living space in the warmer months.

Built in 1989, this home offers two large bedrooms and one full bath. The master bedroom has a large deck with views of the Westport River. An additional auxiliary room can be used as additional sleeping space.

The home sits on a 10,000-square-foot lot, backed by state-owned open space land and across the street from Horseneck Beach State Reservation Campground. Horseneck Beach and the Atlantic Ocean are just steps away.

The home is heated by a wood stove but is fully insulated and can be converted to an alternate heating source. An approved septic system would allow for an additional bedroom. The well



water is treated with a water softening system.

This modern home has a pristine knotty pine interior and gleaming hardwood floors. Very private, this property would make a perfect summer getaway or a year-round home.



- \$329,000
- 2 bedrooms
- 1 bathroom
- 774-678-1999, Karen Barney, Keller Williams



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Little Compton - Beautiful Greek Revival house on over a half acre with lovely English Country gardens enclosed by stone walls. This charming Historic home has 8 rooms, 2.5 baths, lovely kitchen, large dining room, & more. Between Town Commons and Atlantic Ocean. **\$649,000**



32+ Acres in South Tiverton near Weetamoo Woods. Good location for horses, mini farm, or possible subdivision. House in need of total rehab. Sale subject to Probate Court approval. **\$350,000**



Tiverton - Beautifully maintained Cape with open floor plan, hardwoods, 1st floor bedroom. Large expanded second floor includes in-law set up. Well landscaped yard, large mahogany deck, shed and oversized garage. **\$299,000**



SOUTH TIVERTON - 3 BED GAMBREL, 2 BATHS, WOOD FLOORS, WOODSTOVE, 60,000 SF LOT. 26X36 SEPARATE 3 STALL, 2 STORY GARAGE WITH FULL LOFT. **\$379,000**



South Tiverton - Horse Farm/Equestrian Center in South Tiverton near Four Corners - 32 acres with trails to abutting conservation land. 40+ stalls, large riding ring; includes spacious modern waterview home, plus historic 2 family home & several income producing outbuildings. Excellent annual income. Asking **\$2,500,000**



South Tiverton - Amazing waterview property - 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath custom home to be built. Walk to beach and wild life preserve. Fine materials throughout. Great views of Sakonnet River and salt marsh. **\$785,000**



NEW LISTING
Secure the best spot in Tiverton! Home features 2600 ft of "Meridian" custom designed interior. Wonderful open floor plan, beautiful kitchen, spacious LR, private master w/separate bath. High efficiency; low maintenance. Short walk to private beach. **\$624,900**



Little Compton - Lovely 4 bedroom and 2 bath home abutting conservancy land; close to Commons, school and library. Fireplaced living room and huge family room for entertaining. Loft area over 2 car garage is ideal for studio/office expansion. New windows and roof, with hardwoods throughout. Quiet setting, priced to sell at **\$435,000 by motivated sellers.**



Tiverton - Nice waterviews of Mount Hope Bay located across the street from the water. The interior is in unfinished condition (rough framing only). Walk-out lower level. Good opportunity for builder to finish. **\$229,000**



Little Compton - In Adamsville village, this charming Cape on 3/4 Acre (zoned commercial) has living room with fireplace, 2 bedrooms and bath on first level, unfinished second floor, full basement with integral garage. **\$325,000**



Little Compton - Waterview, 4 bedroom, shingled style Colonial with open floor plan, stone fireplace, granite counter tops and hardwood floors. On 22 Acres. Near Sakonnet Vineyards. **\$699,000**



South Tiverton - Charming cape set back on 1.5 acres of private woodlands. Open floor plan, 2 large bedrooms, 2 full baths, master suite on first or second floor. First floor laundry, full basement. Separate studio outbuilding complete with heat & electricity. Corner lot on Cul-de-sac. Move in condition. 3 bedroom septic with plenty of room for expansion. **\$315,000**

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ADDRESS	BUYERS & BUYERS' AGENT	SELLERS & SELLERS' AGENT	SALE PRICE
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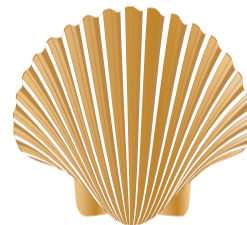
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125 New Meadow	Sunday, Feb. 23	1-2:30 pm	Colonial	3	3	\$945,000	Residential Properties	Laura Pothin	401-245-9600
8 Glenfield Road	Sunday, Feb. 23	12-2 pm	Colonial	3	2.5	\$595,000	Residential Properties	Anna Clancy	401-245-9600
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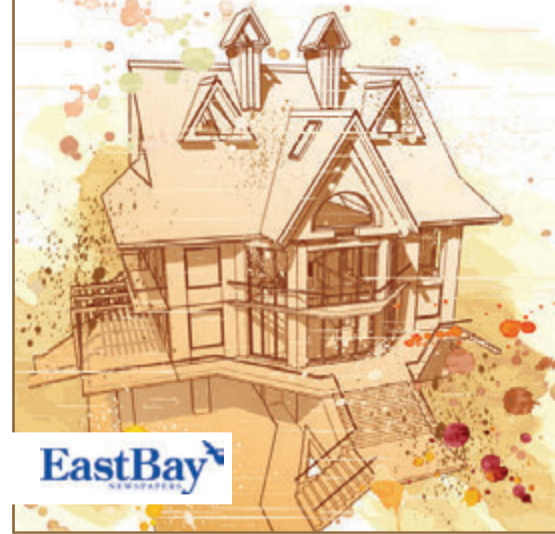
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