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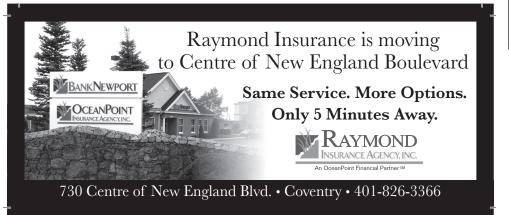
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Dumbo Cookie Jar

Ouring the 1940s, I received a Dumbo cookie jar. I still have it and wonder if it has any value. — Lynda, Grand Junction, Colorado

A Dumbo is one of my favorite Disney characters. In the 1941 film, a circus elephant was born with ears so big that both he and his mother became objects of humiliation. The film was a major success, and its score by Oliver Wallace and Frank Churchill won an Academy Award.

In all of the years that I have prowled antique shops and malls, I have never seen a Dumbo cookie jar. I did find it referenced in "The Official Price Guide to Disney Collectibles" by Ted Hake and published by House of Collectibles. According to Hake, your cookie jar is valued in the \$65 to \$250 range depending on condition.

• While digging in an old trash dump in Ohio, I found several dozen bottles. The one that has me stumped is an old soda pop bottle for Triple AAA root beer. I have never heard of it and suspect my bottle could be scarce. — Rob, Canton, Ohio

A I found your bottle referenced in "Petretti's Soda Pop Collectibles Price Guide," published by Krause. Allan Petretti is one of the

foremost authorities in this field of collecting. His book indicates your bottle is probably from the 1950s, and in good condition (no chips or cracks) could be worth as much as much as \$235. Not a bad find. Incidentally, the company's slogan was "Makes Thirst a Joy."

• In my mother's estate is a coin collection, including an 1883 silver coin that has a face of a lady with a decorative vine of flowers. How much is it worth? Answer me via my email. — C.W., Brooklyn, New York

A • It sounds like your coin is a silver dollar. With coins, condition
is extremely important. Because I have
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Greene Public Library, 179 Hopkins Hollow Road, Greene, is sponsoring a 6-week Chair Yoga Class. Classes taught by Christie Jeffries, will be held from 6-7:15PM on November 6, 13, 20, December 4, 11 & 18. Chair Yoga combines traditional yoga practices of breathing & meditation with modified postures. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. Each class costs \$8. Call Christie at 323-1649 after 5PM or the Library at 397-3873.

STORY PROGRAMS AT COVENTRY PUBLIC **LIBRARY**

The Coventry Public Library, 1672 Flat River Road, will hold Registration for Winter Story Programs on January 5 for Coventry Residents and January 6 for non-residents. Rock & Read for ages birth-12 months on Mondays at 9:30 & 13-23 months on Mondays at 10:30AM. Tales for Twos for two-year-olds on Wednesdays at 9:30AM & 10:45AM. Storytimes for 3-8-year olds on Thursdays at 10AM & 1:30PM and Fridays at 10AM. Space is limited. Call 822-9102 or visit www.coventrylibrary.org (Youth) for more information and/ or to register.

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"Love Me Harder" .No. 9 8. Nick Jonas. No. 11 **Top 10 Hot Country Singles** 'Jealous' 9. Maroon 5. "Animals"

10. Meghan Trainor

1. Craig Wayne Boyd new entry 'My Baby's Got a Smile on Her Tim McGraw.. "Shotgun Rider" 3. Carrie Underwood.... "Something in the Water" 4. Eric Church..... "Talladega" 5. Florida Georgia Line...... 6. **Brad Paisley**..... "Perfect Storm" 7. Luke Bryan... 'Till It's Gone .No. 7 'Leave the Night On' ...No. 10

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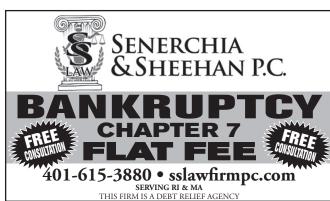
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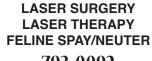
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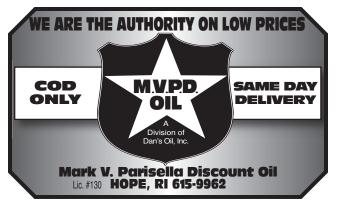
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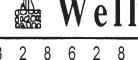


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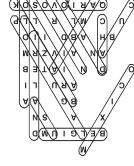
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Frozen Pipes Are No Joke

. While we spend a couple of . months in Florida, our grandson Ronnie will be house-sitting, making sure the place is taken care of. I asked him to make sure that he leaves a couple of taps dripping anytime the temperature dips below freezing. He just chuckled and said, "Won't that run up your water bill?" Now I'm worried he won't do it. What should I do to make sure he knows how important it is that the pipes don't freeze? -Carl H., via e-mail

At the risk of sounding flip, A. I'd tell Ronnie that while you handle the hopefully moderate water bill, he can cover the exorbitant cost of replacing burst pipes and repairing water damage. However, I have a feeling that he was just joking a bit. So, go easy on him, but make sure he knows you want him to keep the taps

Homes in the northern United States and Canada use higher-rated insulation than houses in the warmer southern states. That helps reduce frozen and burst pipes. But when a house isn't regularly lived in, if the heat is kept to

a minimum to save energy, and water isn't running through the pipes daily, the risk of frozen pipes goes up.

If Ronnie lives in the house while you're gone, the risk of frozen pipes may be minimal. But he still should check less-used areas each week, and daily when the temperature remains below freezing for several days. He should run his hand along exposed pipes in the basement or crawlspace to feel for cold spots that indicate freezing sections. And he should run water occasionally in sinks or tubs that don't see regular use while you're gone.

Make sure that Ronnie has contact information for repair contractors, plumbers and heating specialists so he can have any problems addressed immediately while you're away.



To prevent damage to exterior water spigots during cold snaps, shut off water to the outdoor spig-

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5. Name the song that contains this

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1. Folk-rock band the Youngbloods

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2. "Positively 4th Street," in 1965. The song was thought to be a snipe at the folk scene in Greenwich Village in New York.

3. Jamaican reggae group The Melo

dians in 1970. But it was Boney M. who made it into a hit in 1978.

4. The Temptations, 1969. Al Green covered the song in 1970, but slowed

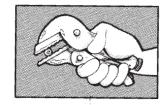
covered the song in 1970, but slowed the tempo considerably.

5. "Don't Wanna Lose You," by Gloria Estefan, on her 1989 album "Cuts Both Ways." The song also was released in Spanish ("Si Voy a Perder-to") and Portuguese ("Se tenho que te

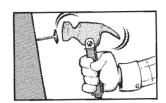
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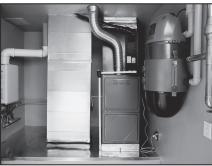
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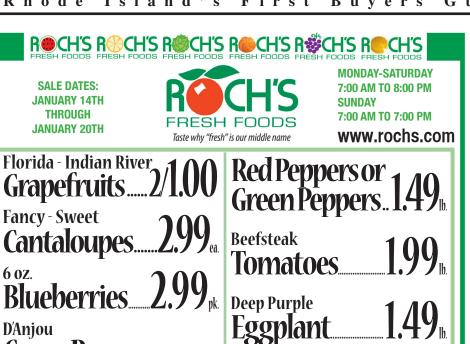
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(NAPS)-Millions of Americans enjoy the un-matched comfort of propane-powered appliances for space heating, water heating, cooking and clothes drying. To help them stay safe and comfortable in cold weather, the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) offers some advice.

"Safety is extremely important to the propane industry," PERC President and CEO Roy Willis says. "We've compiled a checklist that homeowners can follow to put them at ease."

- Make sure you have an adequate propane supply. Call for a delivery when your propane tank is 30 percent full. Doing so gives your propane provider time to reach you when roads are bad or demand for propane
- Mark your propane tank. Use a flag, pole or stake higher than the average snow cover depth. The marker will help you avoid plowing into or shoveling snow on top of your tank in case of a heavy snowfall.
- Consider installing ULlisted propane gas detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for additional security. Always follow the manufacturer instructions for installation, location and maintenance.
- Create an emergency preparedness plan. Frequently review the plan with all household members and make sure to post the phone numbers for



When other power sources fail, a propane-powered generator can keep your home operating without interruption.

your propane provider and local emergency services in an accessible place.

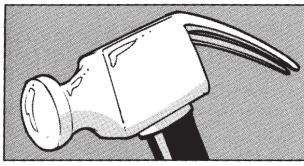
 Prepare a disaster supply kit. It's important to be prepared in the case of an emergency by creating a kit with several days' worth of water and canned foods, a can opener, extra clothes and blankets, flashlights and batteries. Include a battery-powered NOAA weather radio to stay informed as conditions change.

 Consider having a propane-powered generator installed. When other power sources fail, a propane-powered generator can keep your home operating without interruption.

According to Willis, another step that propane customers should take is to build a strong relationship with their local propane provider.

"Weather is unpredictable," Willis says. "Your propane provider can help you put together a plan to make sure that you have the energy you and your family need when you need it.'

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Megan Fox	
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Galaxy(PG-1	3
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Jake Johnson	
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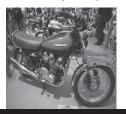
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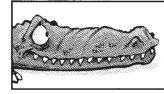


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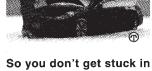
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Apartment for Rent

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How To Purchase Your First Home In 2015

(NAPS)—The American dream of homeownership may not be as hard to attain as many people seem to fear. A few intriguing facts and hints can help.

The Facts

While existing home sales have risen recently, the National Association of Realtors' annual Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers found that the share of first-time buyers recently fell to its lowest level (33 percent) in nearly three decades.

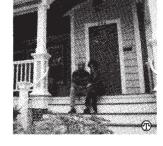
Many first-time buyers experience obstacles on the path to homeownership, including difficulty saving for a down payment and tight credit conditions.

The Hints

Consider these tips: · Find and work with an expert Realtor who knows the neighborhood. Nothing can replace the local knowledge and real insight that professional Realtors can provide to first-time buyers as they navigate the complex home buying process. According to the Profile of

Home Buyers and Sellers, while most home buyers in the past year began their home search online, 90 percent ended up purchasing their home through an agent. Realtors are not only the source of online real estate data, they also use their unparalleled local market knowledge and resources to help close the deal for buyers and sellers.

 Meet with a lender to determine how much you can afford. Last year, the median price a first-time buyer spent on a home was \$169,000. Chances are, you don't have that amount of



Homeownership is still attainable to qualified buyers.

cash lying around. That's why 95 percent of first-time buyers who bought a home in the past year financed their purchase.

Find out what you can afford with a preapproval from a lender. A lender will check your credit history, current debt obligations and other expenses to determine the amount of money you're qualified to borrow at a specific interest rate. Don't forget to consider the other costs of homeownership, such as taxes, insurance and

· Identify your housing wish list. Although 46 percent of first-time buyers got a single-family home in the suburbs, you may prefer a condo in an urban environment near public transportation.

Regardless of your preferences, identifying and sharing your wish list can help your Realtor focus on the right home for you, scan listings and connect with those who represent sellers to zero in on homes for sale that meet your budget and criteria.

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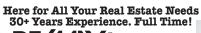
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For registration information call Jason Martin At Coventry Adult Education at 822-9405 or email at Jason@coventryschools.net Please call to reserve your spot, space is limited.

Town of Coventry - 2 Positions Available Dept of Parks & Recreation

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Apply to:

Town Managers Office, Coventry Town Hall

1670 Flat River Road, Coventry, RI 02816 (401)822-9186 cwilcox@coventryri.org

Applications Close: January 23, 2015

TOWN OF COVENTRY HUMAN SERVICES FAMILY SOCIAL WORKER

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Responsible for comprehensive case management involving all members of the community. Objective assessment of client needs through short and long term care evaluation instruments, subjective input from client and family and inter-agency professional plans, monitoring, process recording, follow-up and assessment on an ongoing basis controlling patient confidentiality. Supervised by Department Supervisor and or Director.

EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor Degree in Social Work or Human Services. Five years paid relevant work experience. Demonstrated knowledge and experience with assorted State and Federal resources. Demonstrated experience with diverse populations. Clean BCI, Drivers License, and Auto Insurance. Ability to operate independently, function as a team member and utilize problem solving skills.

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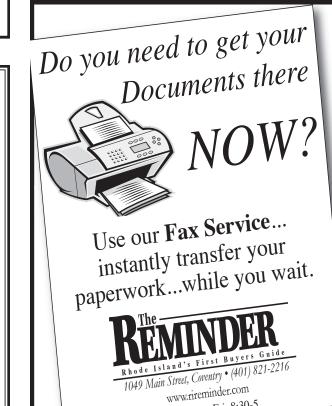
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Notice of Public Hearing

The West Warwick Housing Authority has scheduled a Public Hearing, to discuss the contents of its 2015 Annual Plan and 2015-2020 Five Year Plan and to invite public comment regarding the plans. The hearing will be held at the West Warwick Housing Authority Board Room, 62 Robert Street, West Warwick, Rhode Island on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 2:00pm. Draft copies of the Annual Plan and Five Year Plan will be available for review and inspection at the office of the West Warwick Housing Authority, 62 Robert Street, West Warwick, RI 02893. Requests for interpreter services for the hearing impaired must be made in writing to the West Warwick Housing Authority no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Hearing.

Lee Ann Lamothe Representative for D&V Mainsail Acting Director WWHA





Novena to the BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail). O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the sea, help me and show me here in, you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times.) Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you.

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JANUARY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT HOPE LIBRARY

Hope Library, 374 North Road, Hope is offering the following Programs: Straw Towers with Ms. Jeanne! (Grades 1-5) on January 7 from 4-5PM. This is a building workshop. Lego Time! (Grades K-5) - January 10 & 24 from 10-11AM. Family Night (stories & craft) on January 15 from 6:30-7:30PM. Kid's Crafting (Grades K-5) - Come and make your own pinecone animal on January 16 from 3:15-4:30PM. Papier Mache Masks with Ms. Jeanne! (Grades 1-5) on January 21, February 4 & 18 from 4-5PM. This is a 3-session workshop. Family Movie! on January 24 from 1:30-3:30PM. Family Game Night! on January 29 from 6:30-7:30PM. Registration required for all Programs, except Drop-In Crafts, by calling 821-7910.

FREE ESL CLASSES OFFERED AT THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

The West Warwick Public Library, 1043 Main Street, West Warwick, is offering free ESL Classes for individuals who want to improve their English skills. Adults work in groups with a teacher or volunteer tutor on reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. The 2015 Spring Session runs January 12-May 12. Classes meet at the Library Mondays & Tuesdays from 4:45-6:15PM or 7-8:30PM. A children's Literacy Teacher provides activities for children 3 years and older while their parents attend the Monday/Tuesday Classes. A Conversation Class for intermediate/advanced ESL students is offered Tuesdays from 7-8:30PM & a Conversation Class for Beginners will meet Fridays from 9:30-11AM. New students are always welcome throughout the term. Please call the Literacy Office at 828-3750, Ext. 15 for more information.

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HALL RENTAL: VFW Post 9404, 29 South Main Street, Coventry. Call 828-9705 for a quote or we will negotiate a price based on your needs.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Use that Arian charm to help make a difficult workplace transition easier for everyone. News about a long-awaited decision can be confusing. Don't jump to conclusions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although you might well be tempted to be more extravagant than you should be at this time, I'm betting you'll let your sensible Bovine instinct guide you toward moderation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An opportunity for travel could come with some problems regarding travel companions and other matters. So be sure you read all the fine print before you start packing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make an effort to complete your usual workplace tasks before volunteering for extra duty. Scrambling to catch up later on could create some resentment among your colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial matter could have you rethinking your current spending plans. You might want to recheck your budget to see where you can cut back on expenses until the situation improves.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) One way to make your case for that promotion you've been hoping for might be to put your planning skills to work in helping to shape up a project that got out of hand. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful about "experts" who have no solid business background. Instead, seek advice on enhancing your business prospects from bona fide sources with good success records.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Standing up to support a colleague's viewpoint — even if it's unpopular — can be difficult if you feel outnumbered. But you'll win plaudits for your honesty and courage.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While progress continues on resolving that recurring problem, you might feel it's taking too long. But these things always need to develop at their own pace. Be patient.

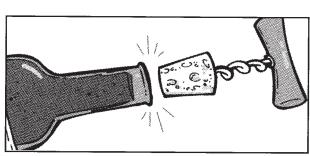
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have a financial problem and seek your advice. If you do decide to get involved, insist on seeing everything that might be relevant to this situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A personal matter takes an interesting turn. The question is, do you want to follow the new path or take time out to reconsider the change? Think this through before deciding.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Moving into a new career is a big step. Check that offer carefully with someone who has been there, done that, and has the facts you'll need to help you make your decision.

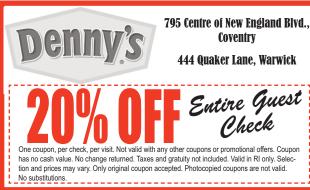
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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Butternut Squash Makes a Hearty Soup

Here's a rich-tasting, family-friendly recipe of hearty butternut squash soup that you simply won't want to pass up. No need to precook the fresh squash. Simply toss it in your soup pot to cook with the other ingredients for less than an hour, and then whirl everything together in your blender in minutes. Enjoy the added bonus of a wonderful aroma filling your home, welcoming everyone for nourishment and relaxing con-

versation around your dinner table.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 large onion, minced2 stalks of celery diced
- 4-5 teaspoons (or less) curry powder, according to taste
- powder, according to taste

 cups peeled (a vegetable peeler works well), seeded
- and cut-up butternut squash
 2 large apples, peeled, cored
 and chopped
- 4 cups chicken stock 1 cup half-and-half or heavy
- cream
 Salt and freshly ground black
 pepper to taste
 Apple slices (see below),

Apple slices (see below), fresh chives or parsley for garnish (optional)

1. Melt butter in a large soup pot. Add onion, celery and salt to taste, stirring 3 minutes. Add curry powder and continue stirring until onion and celery are soft, about 5 more minutes.

2. Add squash, apples and stock; bring to a boil. Lower heat to low,

cover pot and simmer until squash and apples are very soft, about 35 minutes.

3. Cool soup slightly (important!) and puree by whirling in batches in a blender. Return soup to pot. Stir in cream, season with salt and pepper, and then simmer briefly to heat through. Serve garnished with an apple slice design, parsley or chives.

APPLE SLICE DESIGNS

Slice an apple in half through the middle crosswise. Cut several thin, round slices from each of the halves. Set them on a cutting board, and let



your child press tiny cookie cutters through the middle core section of each slice — leaving a cute shape in the middle. Discard the cut-out pieces containing seeds and the core. Nibble on the rest!

TIP: To encourage healthy apple snacking, keep an assortment of small cookie cutters on hand and use them for making "apple-slice designs." Use tiny pumpkins in fall, Christmas-tree and star-shaped cookie cutters in December, a snowman in January, a heart in February and a bunny for spring.

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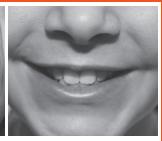
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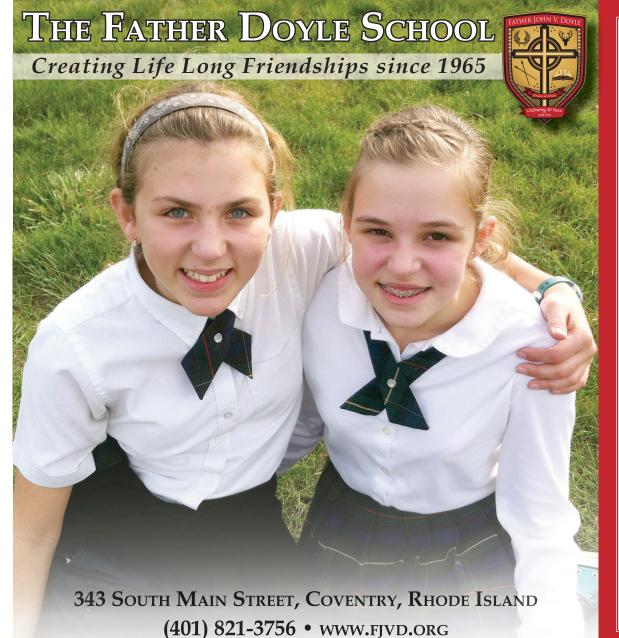
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