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From Mire to Hope: A Journey of Faith

By James Logan

It's been about a month now since my last journal entry and I find my perspective subtly yet profoundly shifting. I'm still living in my tent, and continue to be surrounded by hardships, but I notice my outlook begins to transform though. Each morning, I wake up with a mindset slightly altered by the scriptures I read the night before.

These readings, once cryptic, now are offering me strength and guidance, which is comforting and enlightening me in my struggles. The view of my situation evolves from survival to personal growth. I see my struggles as opportunities to practice faith and learn to walk it out. The teachings from the scriptures are starting to blend with my daily experiences ever so small and are providing me hope and understanding.

This shift doesn't solve all my problems, but I'm starting to see how it brings peace and purpose. I'm starting to appreciate the small joys and victories each day, finding beauty in simplicity. My faith, once a flicker in the darkness, becomes a steady flame guiding my journey.

An example that I'm beginning to turn for the better is when a storm damaged my tent the other day, instead of despairing, I remembered James 1:12, which says, "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."

This inspires me to calmly and resourcefully repair the tent, turning a potential defeat into a triumph of resilience and belief. This reinforces my commitment to live out my faith practically, viewing each challenge as an opportunity to apply the teachings I've learned. My faith is no longer just a concept but is beginning to be a guiding force in my everyday life.

Despite still facing doubts and frustrations, these feelings are interspersed with instances of genuine faith and optimism. I learn to embrace both the highs and lows of my journey, understanding that each experience contributes to my spiritual growth. My faith, evolving from a beacon in the darkness, becomes a steady guide, helping me navigate life with a more resilient and optimistic spirit. This signifies not just a change in belief but a transformation in how I engage with the world. I am starting to find strength and meaning through my newly founded faith amidst the ongoing challenges.

I am cautiously optimistic about my future; despite the challenges I face. I aspire to grow both spiritually and practically, focusing on strengthening my faith and applying it in my daily life. My goal is to use my experiences of adversity to build resilience and deepen my faith, helping me to find a more stable and fulfilling path in this life. This journey that I'm currently on now is about personal transformation, guided by an understanding of my newfound faith, that I am continually developing and integrating into my life.

I'm beginning to sense that things are turning around for me. My faith and resilience have started to bear fruit, and I see small but significant changes in my life. Yet, with these changes comes a new fear – the fear of reaching out for help. I'm hesitant to ask for assistance, worried about how it might be perceived or what it might mean for my independence. Despite this fear, I envision a future where I can give back.

Once I'm out of this difficult phase, I dream of helping others who are stuck in their own mire. I see myself using my experiences to guide and support them, sharing the lessons I've learned about faith, perseverance, and hope. I want to be a beacon for others, just as I have found guiding lights in my darkest times. This vision of helping others not only motivates me to move forward but also slowly dissolves my fear of asking for help. I realize that by allowing others to assist me, I'm not just helping myself, but also paving the way to fulfill my dream of giving back.

Psalms 40:1-2, which says, "I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand." This passage speaks of my experience of waiting in hope, enduring struggles, and eventually finding a firmer footing in life, both spiritually and practically. It captures the essence of moving from hardship to stability with divine guidance and support and that door is always open to all of us.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

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As we gather with family and friends and celebrate the New Year, let's remember our sisters and brothers who are unhoused. Hundreds are living in doorways, cars, and tents in this cold weather. Our Governor and his staff have FAILED! Our Mayors have fallen short. Promises to provide housing have not been met.

They have known that winter was coming and FAILED!! again, and again, and again. So all those who have the ability to provide housing and have not, HAPPY NEW YEAR. Let's start the New Year off united in our efforts to help the unhoused have a voice. Call or contact your officials. **Let's blow up their phones and emails. Everyone can help. We need you to make calls and send emails.**

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What New Laws Go into effect in RI on Jan. 1?

From Minimum Wage to Plastic Bags, Take a Look

Some took effect immediately and some – dating as far back as 2021 – were given delayed effective dates to give those responsible for administering or following the laws a bit of time to gear up. Here's what will change in Rhode Island on New Year's Day.

By Katherine Gregg and
Patrick Anderson,
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PROVIDENCE – Come New Year's Day, Rhode Island's minimum wage will rise by \$1 to a new high of \$14 an hour, in the next-to-last step before reaching a long-sought \$15 an hour in 2025.

From health care to housing, elections to employee rights, the 21 laws taking effect on Jan. 1 cover a lot of ground, including the creation of a new state holiday known as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" on June 19 each year.

In all, the state's part-time lawmakers passed 915 of the 2,670 measures introduced during the 2023 session that ended in June, including 398 new laws and scores more resolutions and "local" authorizations.

Some took effect immediately and some – dating as far back as 2021 – were given delayed effective dates to give those responsible for administering or following the laws a bit of time to gear up. Here's what will change in Rhode Island on New Year's Day:

New landlord/tenant laws going into effect in Rhode Island: Property owners cannot require prospective tenants to pay a rental application fee, with a narrow exception for the cost of obtaining a credit and/or criminal background check if the applicant does not provide one on request. Tenants may deduct an aggregate of \$500 from their rent payment for repairs, up from \$125.



A homeowner association community organizer for Direct Action for Rights & Equality helps lead a protest up Gaspee Street to the State House in 2022. A number of new Rhode Island laws address tenants' rights.

Photo Credit: Kris Craig/The Providence Journal

New election laws going into effect in Rhode Island: Seventeen-year-olds can vote in a primary election as long as they are registered to vote and will be 18 by the time of the general election.

New environment laws going into effect in Rhode Island: A ban on the sale, in most instances, of mercury-containing fluorescent lightbulbs, with a long list of exceptions that includes, for example, lights used in sunlamps or for photocopying, film and video projection, disinfection, generation of ozone, medical or veterinary diagnosis or in the manufacture or "quality control" of pharmaceutical products.

Prohibition on retailers making available any single-use plastic checkout bag or any paper checkout bag that is not a reusable or recyclable paper bag.

A requirement that the Department of Environmental Management put in place a plan for a statewide investigation of potential

sources' of contamination by a large group of human-made chemicals – known as "PFAS" – that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950s.

Allowing the Division of Motor Vehicles to provide "Rhode Island state identification card(s)" to people unable to establish lawful presence in the United States who can produce proof of identity, residency and verification they filed an income tax return as a resident of the state, or were claimed as a dependent on one, in the previous year.

New labor laws going into effect in Rhode Island: Increasing the penalties for employers who engage in "wage theft and for misclassification of workers as independent contractors" to the actual value of the improperly withheld wages, a potential three years in prison and a potential fine of \$5,000.

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Raising the state's minimum wage from \$13 to \$14 an hour.

New housing laws going into effect in Rhode Island: Allowing the Department of Housing to parcel out an unspecified amount of reward money from a new fund to cities and towns that have created special zoning districts around high-frequency bus lines where developers can build denser residential projects than would normally be allowed under local land use rules.

Legalizing the conversion of schools, churches, mills and other commercial buildings into homes; preventing municipalities

from requiring more than one parking space per apartment in these adaptive reuse projects and letting developers build extra units if they are available at below-market rates.

Eliminating one step in the permitting process for building subsidized affordable housing projects, providing a "density bonus" to those affordable projects – meaning more units per acre than would otherwise be allowed – and stopping municipalities from requiring more than one parking space per unit and less than three bedrooms.

Sending appeals of local land-use approvals directly to Superior Court instead of making

them go through a local appeals process first.

New education laws going into effect in Rhode Island: Requiring the state colleges and the University of Rhode Island to adopt policies that would allow students to earn credits toward a bachelor's degree with apprenticeships.

Making Juneteenth a state holiday in Rhode Island: The new June 19 state holiday commemorates the 1865 date enslaved African Americans in Texas were told they were free and more broadly, the end of slavery.

Attention Women: A Special Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Day will be Held January 20th, 2024

By Pam Jennings

One of the best ways to stay healthy is to have preventive screenings for breast cancer and cervical cancer.

On Saturday, January 20, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Rhode Island Hospital Ambulatory Patient Center (APC) building (110 Lockwood Street), the Lifespan Cancer Institute and Lifespan Community Health Institute are hosting a special breast and cervical cancer screening program for women aged 21 and older. No medical insurance is required.

Screening appointments will begin at 8 a.m. During your visit, you can receive a pelvic exam, Pap test, clinical breast exam, and/or screening mammogram based on medical history. Most results will be available on the same day and arrangements for follow-up care will be provided, as needed. You will also receive health education from community partners and information to take home to help you stay in your best health.


Transportation assistance, language interpretation, childcare, lunch, and parking will be available at no charge, and women will receive some extra special TLC that day. To request an appointment for January 20th or for more information, call 401-444-8076, or visit bit.ly/womencareday



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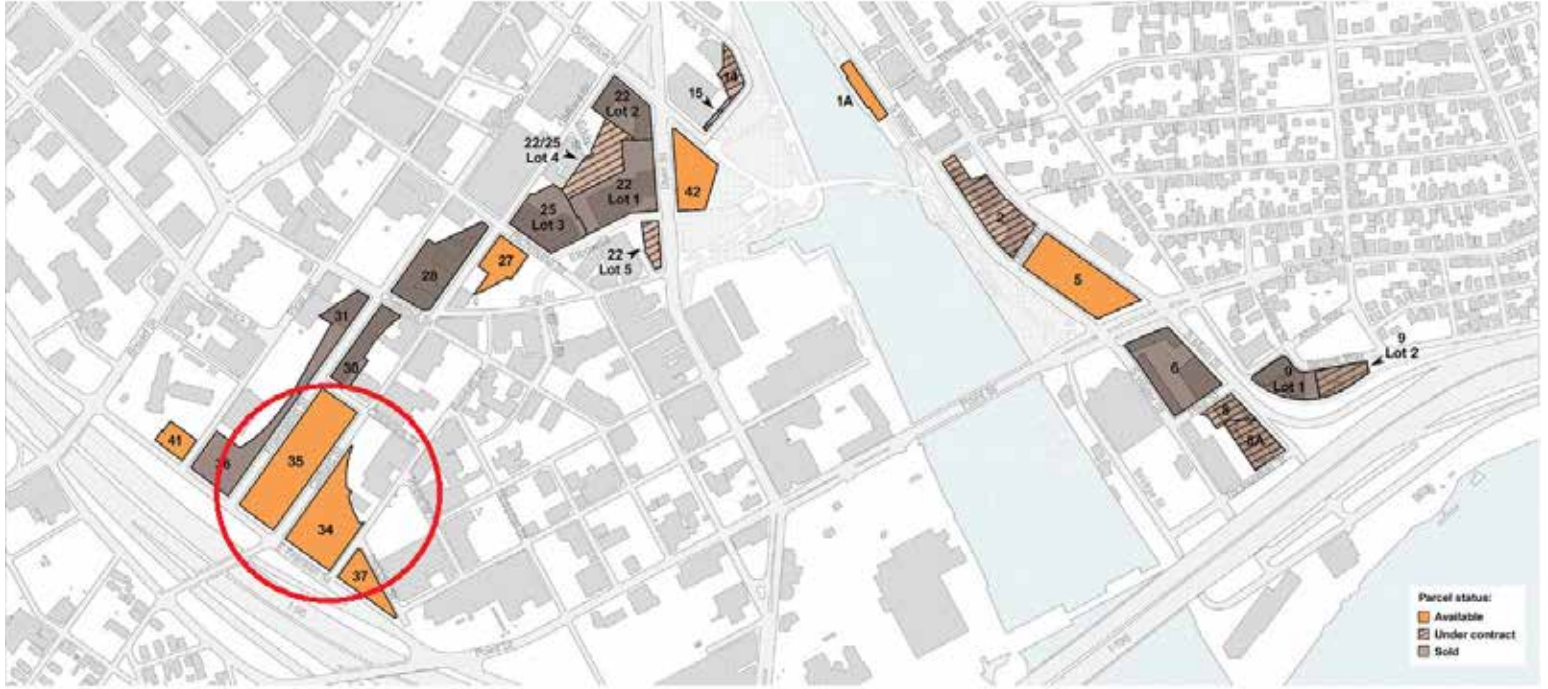
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Riders Question Proposed New Bus Hub Location on I-195 Land

THE TROUBLED EFFORTS TO MOVE RHODE ISLAND'S MAIN TRANSIT HUB CONTINUE, DESPITE CONCERNS FROM RIDERS

DISTRICT LAND



I-195 REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PARCELS

Press release from Patricia Raub and Amy Glidden, Co-chairs, RI Transit Riders

Over the last several months RI Transit Riders has heard that state leaders were focusing on yet another site to shift the Providence bus hub to. Although the transit rider community was not consulted about this latest location on a remote portion of I-195 land, the rumors were confirmed in a December 8, 2023 radio interview with Governor Daniel McKee.

From a transit perspective, this site is far from many of the most frequented downtown destinations, unlike the current hub location at Kennedy Plaza. RI Transit Riders have concerns about whether this location will be safe, central, and rider-friendly enough to be worth the expense. We will defer final comments for

now, but we need a solid case for why this location is better for riders as compared with an improved hub at Kennedy Plaza. The case for the I-195 District will need to account for factors such as the convenience of getting to/from passengers' desired destinations, travel trip time comparisons to existing conditions in Kennedy Plaza or the previously proposed hub at Dorrance St., intermodal connectivity with rail and intercity bus, security, and transit center amenities. We would expect to engage with the Governor's administration and other decision-makers before a final determination of a site is made.

We also note that moving the hub, which was never requested by riders or approved by voters, would be highly expensive. Transit users' main budget priority remains to keep the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIP-

TA) funded and provide funds to implement the transit service improvements outlined in the 2020 state-approved Transit Master Plan (TMP). Without hesitation, we place a much greater priority on financing the TMP than on creating a new transit hub facility. In the long run, the service improvements called for in the TMP provide the only real opportunity to increase ridership across the state, help address our acute housing crisis, and alleviate the worst effects of climate change.

If there is a desire to press ahead with relocating the main bus hub, then we require not only a substantiated case that it would be helpful on balance for transit, but also a commitment from the state that funding to implement the TMP will be available despite the high cost of the proposed Providence hub relocation.

POWR Names and Shames the Top Holiday Evictors in Providence



Photo Credit: Steve Ahlquist

By Steve Ahlquist

“We came out here tonight to name and shame the biggest evictors in the City of Providence, both private and public landlords,” said Mike King, a member of POWR (Providence Organization of Workers and Renters) speaking outside the Garrahy Judicial Complex on Dorrance Street in Providence Wednesday evening. “This courthouse behind us evicts dozens of families, including dozens of families this month. We’re trying to highlight how the rent increases have been impacting families and leading to a lot of these evictions.”

Around a dozen people participated in the protest, under the watchful eye of three

Providence Police Officers nestled in their patrol cars. The event was of course entirely peaceful. The protest was led by Ebz, a POWR member. Speakers included housing advocates Terri Wright and Tiara Graham.

So who are the biggest evictors in Rhode Island this holiday season? Having combed through court records, POWR developed some slides and broadcast them of the signage outside the courthouse (see slides below).

“The biggest reason why folks have been evicted this December has been an inability to pay the rent,” said POWR member Mike King to reporters after the protest. “The rent has

gone up 15% on average this year across the city and there were rent increases in the years before that, so this crisis has hit the boiling point for working-class families.”

“This is not something that the city has had any meaningful plan to address - that’s what we’re here to draw attention to - people being put out on the street because of the inability of the city to figure out a way to deal with the housing situation.”

“Today we’re calling for an end to rent increases immediately - for the city to take emergency action and put a moratorium on rent increases until a plan can be developed to

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Photo Credit: Steve Ahlquist

deal with the crisis. We demand the creation of some form of rent control on rental properties throughout the city to stabilize the rents and to make it so that people can continue to stay in their homes, not get forced out onto the street. Third, we demand that the city create more public housing that's built by a public developer and union labor by city and state workers and provide adequate housing to deal with that situation, as well as provide employment. This creates not just safer and more stable communities, but a set of policies that better reflect the politics of the people who live in the city. People don't want to see people out on the street, people don't want to have to pay more for housing."

"Our three demands are rent stabilization in the long run, an immediate halt to rent increases in the short run, and the long-term provision of adequate public housing."

Char, a member of POWR, sent me the following statement after the protest: "We are standing outside the Garrahy Judicial Complex which is home to Providence's housing court a.k.a. eviction court. I've stood inside its halls with some of the people you heard speak tonight, and watched lawyers laugh and joke with each other as tenants move through the eviction machine in an assembly-line style. As Mike and Ebz mentioned, just this month there was a proposal to build a new courthouse with \$350 million of state funding, to replace this one. We do not need a new courthouse, just like we don't need new jails or new prisons. We need an end to evictions, and new public housing that is rent-controlled and democratically governed by the tenants who live there.

"This December, I'm thinking of the hundreds of Rhode Islanders who are sleeping outside in the middle of winter, just like last year, and the year before that, and the year be-

fore that... who are harassed and violated constantly by Mayor Smiley and the Providence Police Department, who are evicted yet again from encampments where they've made homes for themselves after already being forced to sleep outside. I'm thinking of the thousands of Rhode Islanders who lost their homes this year because of evictions. This December I'm also thinking of the millions of Palestinians that have been displaced by Israeli bombing and Israeli settler violence over the last several months of genocide and last 75 years of Nakba."

"It's important to me to weave these things together. These issues aren't separate. The people in power in this country are eager to spend billions of dollars funding genocide in Palestine and around the world. They are eager to spend billions of dollars on border militarization as hundreds of people die each year seeking asylum in the U.S. They are eager to send billions of dollars in aid to Israel, so Israeli settlers can experience universal healthcare and free higher education, while hundreds of thousands of people in this country die without a roof over their heads, and/or drowning in medical debt and student debt. These politicians, these police, these slumlords are all enemies of life. We are protectors of life. We care for each other. We keep each other safe. So we say freeze rents, freeze evictions, no new courts, no new jails, no more borders, ceasefire in Gaza now and free Palestine."



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Private slum landlords kicking tenants out during holidays!

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- Housing Opportunities Corporation
- powrpvd.org
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New Woonsocket Facility Welcomes Homeless Female Veterans

By BELLA PELLETIERE

The Valley Breeze

11/30/2023

WOONSOCKET – Homeless female veterans in Woonsocket will now have a home to spend the holidays in, say representatives from Operation Stand Down Rhode Island.

On Monday, the historic house at 495 South Main St. was reopened as transitional housing for female veterans in honor of the late Marine Corporal Andrea Ryder.

Operation Stand Down Rhode Island is Rhode Island's primary nonprofit resource for homeless and at-risk veterans. OSDRI facilitates a combination of permanent supportive, transitional and recovery housing to low-income and disabled veterans and has 88 locations for housing throughout the state.

Executive Director Erik Wallin told The Breeze that since 2010, OSDRI has been operating a six-unit facility in Johnston for female veterans. That facility was recently filled to capacity and they have been trying to find alternative ways to house female veterans, who are currently allowed to stay between 6 and 24 months. "We knew there was a need unfulfilled," said Wallin. "...This was an ideal location to do it at."

The 495 South Main St. house was built in 1865, and is currently listed on the historic register. It underwent major repurposing before being reopened on Monday.

In May, Wallin told news sources that lead paint had been discovered during renovations, but OSDRI was working with the city and painters to restore the building. Though it was a long process, he said they knew they wanted to restore this "magnificent piece of architecture" for the veterans who were coming to live there. He added that they wouldn't house veterans in any building they wouldn't put their own family members in.



An old home in Woonsocket, built in 1865, is now a newly renovated living space for homeless female veterans.

Photo Credit: Charles Lawrence

On Monday, OSDRI dedicated the home to Ryder, a Rhode Island native who enlisted in the Marine Corps after graduating high school and was diagnosed with stage three melanoma when she left the service.

After numerous surgeries she appeared to be in remission. In 2014, Ryder learned both that she was pregnant and that the cancer had returned at stage four.

Ryder gave birth to her baby girl in 2014, and in 2020, she ultimately succumbed to her illness after spending some time in hospice. Wallin said that throughout the years, they had gotten to know Ryder and her family, hosting fundraisers and supporting her until she died.

"When we name a facility like this after someone, there's some real meaning and depth to it," he said. "It's not done out of a philanthropic pursuit, this is for spirit and inspiration."

He added that OSDRI is honored to name the property after Ryder and let her legacy continue to live on through their work with female veterans.

A case manager who is also a female veteran will help residents into the 10-unit home, Wallin said, and they are looking forward to welcoming veterans as soon as possible.

Many officials attended the reopening of the house on Monday, including Tony DeQuattro, president and chairperson of the board of OSDRI, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, and Ryder's family members.

Ryder's mother, Donna Paradiso, as well as her daughter, Olivia, and husband, Dennis Bourassa, also came to celebrate the life of their loved one and her name that will live on at 495 South Main St.

Seeing a Christmas Yet to Come If We Fail to Change The Path of Homelessness

By Mary T. O'Sullivan, MSOL, with Nancy Thomas, Publisher
December 25, 2023

"Like you, I know people who drink, people who do drugs, and bosses who have tantrums and treat their subordinates like dirt. Were they to become homeless, some of them would surely also become 'alcoholics,' 'addicts,' or 'mentally ill.'" – Elliot Liebow

(Publisher's Note: Two years ago, Mary wrote this reflection on her trip to California. Sadly, the situation only grows worse and Rhode Island is on the cusp of an ever-quickening homelessness disaster. We reprint it here, today, due to its timeliness as officials take steps to address our local situation, with new leaders at the helm – and as a look into our Christmas future should we fail to change this path):

Walking through Los Angeles and Santa Monica last week, the homeless were everywhere. Sleeping in parks, bus, and train stations, gathering in loud groups, and staggering through the streets; homeless people became the landscape of the city. We quickly learned their routines: find a place to sleep during the day – commuter rail trains, buses, park benches, propped up against walls and pillars in public spaces, and assemble together in lighted areas at night. Nowhere in these cities did we see a church or municipality offering food, shelter, or basic necessities to these people. There was no "Crossroads" or "Welcome House" to protect them from the streets.

The homeless mark the failure of the society which allows them to become the identity of the city. The year-round Southern California warm temperatures attract these people, who don't have to seek or be provided shelter against forthcoming frigid temperatures looming six months a year, as in New England.

There's a constant state of elections, or running-fors. Candidates all have platforms for ending homelessness in the city. But no one is talking about a long-term plan because voters want to see the homeless disappear from the streets immediately. So, vague promises about offering assistance with social workers and mental health professionals fill the airwaves and newspapers. Truthfully, around election time, the homeless will be swept from the streets and their public gathering places to make way for voters to see that something is being done. Just like when the China delegation came to the city and we "disappeared"

the homeless. To where, is still a well-guarded secret. The street denizens always return to remind everyone that the crisis isn't over.

What can be done? There is no clear answer but with so many major universities in the state, solutions can be arrived at. Could the state tap into the student population to design a future for the city's homeless population? Most of the homeless are single individuals, with obvious drug, alcohol, and mental illnesses. Why not pose the problem to the smart people in colleges and universities who may get school credit for working out ideas? Engage the student population majoring in nursing, city planning, mental health, and public health to crack the code to ending homelessness in California cities.



We know it won't be an overnight solution. But right now, the state of California gets an "F" for not even trying. We encountered homeless people of every stripe: young, old, male, female, drunk, high on drugs, and covered in blankets and sleeping in tents. A stoned-out woman approached me as I left a restaurant with my leftovers. I offered her my food. When she found out I had eggplant, she refused it saying, "Eggplant is a meat substitute." Of course, one thing had nothing to do with the other, but she kept walking, rejecting my offering. It occurred to me she really wanted money, not food. Other California people carry packs of socks in their cars, so when a homeless person approaches at a stoplight looking for money, they get socks instead. They are so taken aback; they say thank you for the socks and move on.

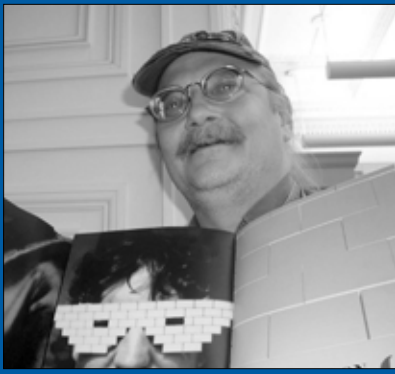
Politicians can't be leaders unless they address society's problems. Right now, lip service has been paid, with promises that this is the time we'll fix this, but no permanent action is being taken. In Rhode Island, a few positive steps are being taken. The most successful also seem to be the small programs, not the giant

Crossroads, and the faith-based, and certainly those outside of metropolitan Providence. But, it seems society waits for leaders to emerge to begin serving the people – homeless or not.

Publisher's Note: In the RINewsToday's regular series, "Homeless in RI:", with over 50 columns, we note the first day of winter. And the countdown to that day. Well, it was December 21st, 4 days ago. And today is Christmas. The tents are still there; the panhandlers were at the shopping intersections yesterday. However they came to be there, it is a tragedy we all own – and we all must fix. Those who call themselves the "homeless advocates" urge officials to "leave them there" – referring to those who live in tent encampments – until homes can be found. That may be some time. Solutions seem to end with plans for the next protest, or nasty words. Never accepting the challenge to do the hard work. Yes, neighbors matter, homeowners opinions matter, money matters. Shoving solutions where they aren't wanted will not be successful. So, what's the next step? Rhode Island has always stood as a test site for products – why not a test site for eliminating homelessness? Why don't we start January 1st, 2024? We'd like 2024 to be the year we no longer write "Homeless in RI".

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"We live in a world where there is so much wealth. There shouldn't be a homeless person. That's crazy." – Raheem De Vaughn



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Unbelievable

By Marta Novotná Gajdošová

We like to look through the guardians of our days
We are looking for the seeds of fading memories
Our thoughts flow from our strawberry lips
like crystal clear water in a stream of dreams
.

A great joy trembles on the walls of our heart
we fly to the clouds, through the great hopes of love
In a swirl of thoughts, we add logs to the fire
We recall the reflection of the passing days
.

In the morning, beauty is reflected in a shining mirror
We nod to her in that strange glimmer of faith
We perceive everything alive with infinite love
We like to wander through a lot of different illusions
.

A flower of hope always appears in our souls
In tender thoughts we search constantly
We are relieved by the faithful love of our life
We fight through hard and gray days here and there
.

A great spark of love burns in our hearts
We are digging in a big hearth of hot questions
A clear glow will show us the right paths in our feelings
We will push through the thick shell to the longed-for dreams
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Cupid Needs Glasses

By David Eisenberger

Cupid's waiting in the shadows with bow & arrow ready
Under the camouflage of darkness he's ready to shoot
Putting that arrow in the bow he's aiming really hard
It's a shot that he's done for years so the arrow's drawn
Doesn't need to aim for not only is it deadly...the aim is true

Now on this day Cupid's a bit older and his eyes can't focus
Even his hands aren't as steady as they used to be
Especially when his eyes are tired from aiming at many targets
Doing enough blinking so he reaches into his pockets for a surprise
So for the news flash of the day...now Cupid needs glasses

Go figure no wonder why on Valentines Day...the arrows fly
Love will make you see double...you're in a fog...tries to smile
An arrow's flying right towards your heart now look at this
Something about a cherub with a bow and arrow...squinting
Sometimes the aim goes a lot deeper than it first was intended
Especially on Valentine's Day...arrows are flying all over now
So Cupid needs glasses...he's trying to aim at you right there

Black Moon Promise

By Judge Santiago Burdon

Bathroom confessions
backdoor redemption
Black moon promise
made to a leather winged Angel

Afterglow addict disciple of dawn
woman standing at the edge of love
listening for the silence in between the words
whispered by an ambidextrous tongue.

Loiterer in dim luminescence
under bloodshot skies.
beautiful visions reminding her of horrible things
knowing the best part of truth is the lies

Casualty of kindness
twilight apostle
feeling what is not her favorite color
A song of flawed perfection
The music a bitter taste on her lips
Its melody fading
with the last smile of summer

TO: A Soul Unseen

By Raw Diamond

Do you know the crime
That brings a homeless soul to mime
When a heart bleeds
And none can hear their needs

With a stomach to growl
And hungry eyes begin to prowl
Begging for mercy with empty hands
But in a world of consumerism none understands

So the stomach pangs
And against the flesh the pains gang
And the easiest way to escape this hell
Is to be inebriated to the point of a shell

But the stench of stupor is a constant reminder
As the longings of loss in a broken heart a constant finder
Hence for most there is no way out
In a silent world when they scream and shout

To a pain that goes numb
To a mouth that goes dumb
To a soul unseen
As though in this life they've never been

My Thoughts at Christmas

By Ms Nyetta Wade

I've never felt so alone as I do at this moment.
Christmas is a very personal time of year.
Most people turn to family as time well spent.
A glass of wine and maybe a toast of good cheer
To those whose lives we hold dear, and all they've meant.
But shouldn't good will go farther than our own front door?
The homeless suffer most from the adverse weather,
And hunger is ever near. Some are addicts who swore
Each time you helped them, they would try and do better,

And those with mental anguish just don't think they matter.
We cook more than we want or need. So much is thrown away.
If I only would, I could put portions in containers and take to the poor,
Or give them my old clothing. I'd give it all to them this very day, But I know I won't.
I walk the floor, and I procrastinate some more.
My thoughts gladly turn to happier times. I can't just pout all day.
Next year I'll do differently, but I know it's just a persistent dream.
It's so daunting for I know for every mouth I feed there's tens of thousands more.

If I could only feed just one and help keep that person from harm,
Could I make a difference? Could I help stem this hateful tide of gore?
I don't know! All I do is turn my face away and say,
"Hunger and Misfortune keep away from my door."
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A Short Story

Question asked by Steve Lyman

When you give some change to a homeless person..
It breaks your heart when he says.. I've got the
cheapest thing for Christmas this year... POVERTY.
Try answering that one... I accept this challenge.

When I give extra change food or other things to
help out a houseless person. It helps so little I'm the
major scheme of things these days. When I hear
someone is homeless it brings more emotion into the
situation. Because for someone like me I have been
both over the years.

Due to mine and others demons. It was a part of my
life I lived in fear. Survival only, means depending on
soup kitchens and food banks for energy to forge on.

The idea of staying clean using what change I have
for washing clothing. Taking a shower at a public
gym or beach just to be free of the stink. Everything
you own is strapped to your back or hidden in the
brush with hopes of getting it back.

But being homeless is without someone that has you
in their heart or the belief of such. It makes it hard
to walk and talk all the time. The weight of the world
makes a lump on your back. Carrying that on your lap.

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Soul Purpose By Shelley Turner-Riley

Need an Epiphany?

January 6 every year, many celebrate “The Epiphany”; for some, it is the “official” end of the Christmas season, and a popular day to take down the tree and decorations. Personally, I enjoy the lights that some leave up a while longer and those that are up outside all year.

This is the day honoring the Magi bringing gifts to the Child Jesus. Three gifts are mentioned: Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, signs of wealth and honor. The last two actually are used today as healing substances. Because of the three gifts, the Magi are considered to be “The Three Kings”. The “Epiphany” was the star and other signs which drew the “Wise Men.”

An epiphany is described as “an experience of a sudden and striking realization; it can also be known as “a scientific breakthrough, a religious or philosophical discovery.” We hear about “Lightbulb Moments.” Suggested synonyms are flash insight, inspiration, vision, etc. They are known to result in memorable, life-changing moments, bringing a change in course of some kind, or perspective.

The New Year is associated with the song “Auld Lang Syne.” (Who can forget the last

scene of “It’s a Wonderful Life.” George Bailey, family, and friends are singing: “We’ll take a cup of kindness yet, for Auld Lang Syne.” A bell rings on the tree—an angel just got his wings. Then a chorus repeats it (chills...). Other variations of the phrase include “days gone by;” “Times long past;” and “Old Times.” Many are in songs and poems. I think my favorite would still be “Once Upon a Time”, often used for stories and fairy tales.

My own thoughts go to how “once upon a time” things were so different. Though there were wars, crime, tragedy and illness, kindness seemed to emerge. It can come from gratitude.

What exactly is “kindness?” The word is also described as “selfless; friendly; compassionate; considerate.” Sometimes it may be a feeling; however, people we think of as “kind” usually exhibit “Acts of Kindness”, more so when they are “random.” There has been a renewal of this phrase; it especially is linked to physical and mental and spiritual health—by the one who extends these acts.

The Magi came with gifts; the “epiphany” was that a child, a future king, had been born in a manger. The gifts were to honor whom the star and other signs predicted. It was a long journey for all of them. Something about

this touched them to act in kindness, probably out of curiosity and hope. At the time, the Roman Empire ruled the world. King Herod had ordered male children under two years of age to be killed.

This was a time when hope was needed—and an Epiphany. Kindness is also equated to “grace,” as in being gracious, having mercy, and being forgiving. The Apostle Paul’s words often contain the salutation “Grace and Peace”. (I am not the only person who has “adopted” it). He also wrote, in 1 Corinthians 13: 4 that “Love is patient. love is kind.” How many weddings contain a message with these words?

“We’ll take a cup of kindness yet...” Do we also receive the “cup of kindness”, from ourselves and others? What an “Epiphany” for many of us! For a blessed, safe, and healthy New Year.

“Grace and Peace.”



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The Heroism Of Homelessness By Mike Fink

My neighbors right across the street threw a block party and it proved to be quite a blast! Our hostess is a ceramic artist and everything in each room and on all walls is lovely, alluring, surprising. Her mate is a retired poetry scholar and he is likewise gracious as he mixes our mimosas, half orange juice but demi-prosecco bubbly.

I held forth about my life among the homeless. How I got a job ages ago in the geriatric ward of lost souls here in R.I. The shelter janitor was wordless—hadn’t spoken a single word to break his silence... until I came along... He softly greeted me to the surprise of others among the staff of guardians overlooking the home-

less spirits, some in wheelchairs and others trapped in their separate cells and yells. Well, I was endeavoring to make a speech to the various guests at this hospitable holiday gathering. I yelled out the bygone curses I could recall and how in my youth I might “entertain” at evenings for more youthful and hopeful circles by citing and reciting the strange curses I had learned by heart and wrote.

Those few weeks inspired my respect for, and fascination with, the destiny that brought together a society with scarcely a literal roof over their heads. Oh, now-a-days, homeless huts are once again a familiar sight. Right across the road from a busy bus station I daily

see simple tents with trash in front, not lawns, and I marvel at the survival that for a person of my decades recall for me the memories of the Great Depression.

In those days the unemployed were a common sight, and once again we are witness to the plight of persons of whom the Bard (Shakespeare, of course) might say, “There’s a divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them how we may.” or even, likewise from Hamlet, to his more straightforward friend Horatio: “There are more things in heaven or hell than are dreamed of in your philosophy.” I guess I’ll leave it at that for now.

The Greatest Gift

By Pastor Brian Archibald

I have recently been given the honor and privilege of being allowed to help in the upbringing of a young man in my Church. It was far from something that I ever could have expected. At sixty-one, I would have thought that my rearing days were over, but as it is in life, God had other plans.

I met this young man and his mother when I was walking my dog in the park across the street from my house, and the Lord led me to invite them to Church of the Master. I honestly didn't expect her to show up, but I did remember her asking me if my Church had something for kids. God took care of the rest.

That next Sunday, she showed up, and brought her son. It was a blessing to see them that Sunday. Not everyone I ask to come to Church shows up, but she did and I couldn't have felt more blessed. Until that is, when the service was over and I went to ask her how she liked the Church and the services. She was gone. Now usually, I would have just dismissed it and went on with my day, but God had other plans. I went outside to see if they were still around and I saw her walking her son down the street. When I got to where she was, she was in tears.

I learned that she was dealing with some personal issues and was at an impasse as to what to do. The most important thing was that she didn't have anyone to watch her son so she could work and support her family. As I saw the tears run down her face, I felt compelled to let her know that if she couldn't find anyone else to help her out, that my wife and I would shoulder the responsibility.

I have to admit that I didn't think about it at first. At least not until those first couple of days of taking care of him. It was then that I realized that I just volunteered to take care of a five-year-old! Oops! You want to talk about energy! Stamina! Resilience! This kid is a ball of all of the above. The only thing that I was telling myself then was that I just bit off more than I could chew. I couldn't see the things that God wanted me to see at that time. I couldn't recognize the lesson and the blessing that God had just put in my life, but I was about to.

You see, when I was a child, I was this young man. Starving for attention, love and someone who would love me and teach me, and guide me in the right ways that a young man at that age should be guided. Because I didn't have the things that God is hopefully allowing me to be for this young man, I ended up living the wrong kind of life.

I had no example. No one to show me how to be a real, respectful, and caring individual. I was led by negative influences, anger, hate and no direction whatsoever. Because of this, I ended up spending fifty plus years fighting just to survive. I didn't care if I lived or died. I didn't care who I hurt, because I felt like nobody cared about me, and that was the way I lived.

When I finally got around to giving myself to the Lord, I found that even though my life had changed, something inside of me still felt a longing for something. I couldn't under-

stand it. I assumed that now that I had Christ in my life, that everything was going to be better inside of me, but there was still a longing that I didn't understand until this young man had become a part of my life.

It wasn't long before God revealed to me just what that was, and it came in the form of a blessing that God would give me right at the time that I needed it. Not that things were terrible in my life. I may not have much, but what I had, I had learned over the last year, was enough. It was everything I needed, and I had come to learn to be grateful for it. Enter this young, energetic child whom I had no idea would have such an impact on my life.

A couple of weeks into this new adventure, I came to realize that he and I were forming a bond. He began to grow on me in ways that I could have never saw coming. It was amazing. We have a routine that he follows. We communicate, have fun together and I can see the trust and the joy that is developing in this awesome kid. He has impacted my life in ways that I cannot explain in this short article.

What I can say is this... That this opportunity that I have been given is something that I hope never goes away. I pray to God that I can continue to be a positive influence on this child's life. I pray that God gives me the strength and the wisdom to be the things he needs in a role model, and that I can be for him the very thing that I wished that I had received when I was a child.

I wrote this testimony because it is my hope that I can be an encouragement, and influence for any men and women who have the opportunity to be there for anyone. Not just a child, but anyone who needs our help. That if given, you might take the chance and use it to be a blessing to others. Please remember that if God put someone in your life who is in need of your support and you have the opportunity to do so, not doing it is the blessing of a lifetime that you are missing.

BE A BLESSING! The rewards are eternal. It's the greatest gift you will ever receive.



Amir and Pastor Brian Archibald.

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Northern RI / Blackstone Valley

Newport County

BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
SUNDAY	Mathewson Fellowship Breakfast Service: 8 am - 9 am followed by Camp-style Family Breakfast 9:15 am - 10:30 am	Salvation Army 4 pm - 5 pm Closed first Sun. of the month Food Pantry every Wednesday 9 am - Noon Providence Rescue Mission 5 pm
MONDAY	St Anthony Parish 1st and 3rd Sunday 12:30 - 1 pm Judy's Kindness Kitchen at Crossroads (Sept to June) 10:30 am - 11:00 am	Amos House 4 pm - 5 pm St. Patrick's 4 pm - 5:15 pm doors open at 3:30 pm Providence Rescue Mission 5 pm Reaching for the Fringe 5 pm - 6:30 pm
TUESDAY	Amos House 11 am - 12:30 pm McAuley House 11:15 - 1 pm Good Neighbors 10am - 1pm	City Meal Site, Inc. 4 pm - 5 pm Providence Rescue Mission 5 pm
WEDNESDAY	Amos House 11 am - 12:30 pm McAuley House 11:15 - 1 pm Good Neighbors 10am - 1pm	Impact Center/Assembly of God 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Providence Rescue Mission 5 pm
THURSDAY	Amos House 11 am - 12:30 pm McAuley House 11:15 - 1 pm Good Neighbors 10am - 1pm	St Charles Church 4:15 pm - 6 pm Providence Rescue Mission 5 pm Victory Assembly of God 5 pm - 6 pm Last Thurs. of the month
FRIDAY	Amos House 11 am - 12:30 pm McAuley House 11:15 - 1 pm Good Neighbors 10am - 1pm	Better Lives RI 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Providence Rescue Mission 5 pm
SATURDAY	Church of the Master Meal site 15 Valley St is closed for the Summer Will reopen September 10th Amos House 11 am - 12:30 pm closed first Sat of month Church beyond the Walls 2 pm St Edward Kitchen 12 - 1pm (2nd & 4th Sat starting 10/18)	Epiphany Soup Kitchen @ St. Stephen's Church 2:30 pm - 4 pm Providence Rescue Mission 5 pm

BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
SUNDAY	Help the Homeless RI 12 pm - 1pm (Bouley Field) Help the Homeless RI 1 pm - 2 pm (Pawtucket - when winter shelter is open) St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church 12:30 pm - 1 pm (third Sunday of the month only) St George's Episcopal Church 2 pm - 3 pm	Help the Homeless RI 5 pm - 6 pm (Pawtucket) when local shelter is closed Matthew 25 Center hosted by The River UMC 4 - 7 pm
MONDAY	Pawtucket Soup Kitchen 7:30 am - 8:00 am New Beginnings 11:30 am - 12:45 pm	Pawtucket Soup Kitchen 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm
TUESDAY	Pawtucket Soup Kitchen 7:30 am - 8:00 am St John The Baptist 11:30 am - 12:45 pm doors open at 9:30 am New Beginnings 11:30 am - 12:45 pm	Pawtucket Soup Kitchen 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Feed My Sheep 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm 3rd, 4th, 5th Tuesday only
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SATURDAY	Pawtucket Soup Kitchen 10:30 am - 11:00 am Matthew 25 Center 11 am - 2 pm	Park Place United Church 4 pm - 5 pm

BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
SUNDAY	MLK Center 7:30 am - 9 am Newport Churches 11:30 am	Salvation Army 4 pm - 4:45 pm Newport Churches 5 pm Trinity Church 5 pm every 4th & 5th Monday each month
MONDAY	MLK Center 7:30 am - 9 am MLK Center 11:30 am - 1 pm	Newport Churches 5 pm Emmanuel Episcopal 5 pm first Tuesday every month
TUESDAY	MLK Center 7:30 am - 9 am Newport Churches 12 pm United Baptist 12 pm every 2nd & 3rd Wednesday each month	Newport Churches 5 pm
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SATURDAY		Community Baptist 4:30

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