

Dark Side of Grand Theft Parking Downtown

A look into Parking spot Theft at Triton

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Triton Students Witness Fatal Accident Involving Elderly Pedestrian

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Students were working in downtown Newburyport on Wednesday, February 28, when a car struck a pedestrian, resulting in a fatal accident on Green Street.

According to the Essex County District Attorney's Office, Helen Murgida, 81, of Newburyport, died after she was hit by a Ford truck near the post office downtown at about 6:40 p.m.

The driver of the Ford F-150 pickup truck that was involved in the crash stayed at the scene. According to the district attorney's office, no charges or citations have been issued.

Working nearby at her ice cream shop job, student Sophia Sasso, described her experience.

"I was wiping down the counters when I heard and saw a bunch of sirens rush by," said Sasso. "I walked out of the store and down the street to see what was going on. I couldn't see much with all the ambulances and firetrucks."

Triton Voice staff writer, Olivia Karvielis, was also present during the incident and agreed to give her side of the situation. "I was cleaning the seats near the windows and out of nowhere (came) flashing lights and noise," she said. "I'm a very nosy person, so I did what every nosy person does and walked outside to see what had happened, and I didn't really see much, only lights and sirens".

Newburyport has had two fatal crashes within the past eight months. And just last month, on March 13, another pedestrian was struck by an SUV at the intersection of High and Marlboro Streets.

Speeding down the narrow roads of Newburyport has become a prominent danger to locals. A traffic report is expected to be taken up by the city council to attempt to prevent more accidents. Pedestrians are often seen jay-walking, which in combination with drivers speeding, poses a safety issue.

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CBS 10 Boston

The clock is ticking for senior Sam Abt as he pulls into the parking lot with very few minutes to spare before the first period bell. He makes his way to his back lot spot, only to find it stolen. Already late Abt desperately searched for another spot in order to beat the bell.

"It usually happens when I'm late," says Abt when asked if his parking spot has ever been stolen. "Like, always."

Abt, like many seniors who get priority on the parking spots, parks his car in the very competitive back lot. If students get a spot stolen in the back lot, who knows if there will be an open space to take. And because of the way Triton's parking lots are designed, finding a space in another lot requires students to leave school grounds and re-enter through the entrance. The back lot, however, is not the only parking lot where this takes place.

At the start of every year, students with a license are allowed to reserve parking spots if they provide both their license and registration. Given to them are parking passes to hang on rearview mirrors with the number of the reserved spot. However, as many students are finding, this is largely based on the honor system because if another car parks in that spot, there really is very little that can be done.

Senior Ixchel Ramirez discovered two different cars fighting over her parking spot one week.

"It was super annoying to see the first thing in the morning," said Ramirez. "I thought about reporting it, but I ended up just getting there early and taking it back."

But how exactly would someone report something like this? Ms. Julie Scarfo is here to help students in these situations. When asked about the process, Scarfo, the attendance secretary who is also in charge of parking, said, "I will tell them to find another spot for the day, and if it happens two days in a row I give them a pink slip to put on the other car."

If you receive a pink slip, you need to go to the office and if they have the paperwork Ms. Scarfo will give them another place to park. If they cannot complete the paperwork for some reason, the office will



Photo of Triton's side parking lot (Clark Photo)

call home and prohibit that student from driving to school. If it becomes an even bigger problem, Ms. Scarfo talks about possibly involving Triton's School Resource Officer: Officer John Lucey.

But why might people park in other parking spots? "People know their area and stay in their area, but they don't care what number their spot is," said junior Jonathan Hight. "2:45 or 2:50, it doesn't matter." Other motives come up when considering new drivers. Due to varying ages throughout the school, students are getting their licenses all at different times. A fresh driver who just passed their test recently would need to get their parking passes now, as a license is required in order to obtain one. New drivers might not know the established parking spots and accidentally take someone's spot before getting their pass.

What can also happen is an older driver who never felt the need to get a pass because their spot was never contested now is parking in a spot just taken by a new driver. Usually problems like these can be solved by simple communication, but when most student drivers are arriving later than the buses, many students find themselves in too much of a hurry to get to class to make any protest for the spot.

Our advice: Get to school earlier.

Sippin' at the Spots: Triton Voice Café Reviews

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Living in such a beautiful area with numerous towns filled with local cafes, it can be nearly impossible to decide where you want to spend your money.

Students across all grades at Triton High School, from all different towns, consistently show up to their first period classes with exotic drinks ranging from various places. Some students will even use their studies or lunch breaks to take a quick trip for a snack and a beverage. With all of the strange orders, you may be wondering where they are purchasing them.

"Downtown Newburyport is where I'm most indecisive about where to eat or to get a sweet treat from, especially since there are a wide variety of places to choose from," claims senior Riley Hillemeier.

There are countless places to enjoy a quick pick-me-up beverage, but what type of drink or price range someone is looking to spend can heavily influence their decision. Newburyport and other surrounding towns such as Salisbury are home to endless cafes ranging from quaint coffee shops to chain businesses.

While opinions may differ, Starbucks is a reliable spot for many students especially as its located downtown Newburyport, MA. Market Square can be busy at times, but without a drive through and mobile order feature, it can be a quick and easy stop. For a chain business, Starbucks offers a wide variety of drinks with teas, espressos, Frappuccino's, etc.

Shockingly, they allow customizations of any sorts, down to the number of flavor pumps or even the type of sweetener and milks. The size options range from tall, 12 oz, to Treinta's, 31 oz, which is a generous portion.

Hillemeier, who has been an avid fan of Starbucks since childhood, states, "I think customizable drink orders are great for people with allergies or specific preferences, but I do think that at Starbucks they've gotten a little out of control and people often take advantage of it."

While the coffee company has staple beverages that never leave the menu, there are also some that are seasonally released. Autumn offers a series of apple and pumpkin flavored decadence, which are often most popular. With the mobile app, you can avoid talking to the employees or even schedule a time to pick up an order.

Hillemeier shows her appreciation for the feature sharing, "I do like mobile order features because if I don't feel like going in and talking to somebody or I'm dressed like a hobo ordering online offers me easy- essentially contactless- service where I can get my drink and be on my way."

Don't look past local businesses such as Plum Island Coffee Roasters. Located just a minute walk from the Starbucks is the quaint coffee shop, formerly known as Souffles. With pricing just as similar to chains, Plum Island Coffee Roasters remain a personal favorite.

Their variety of chai's are loved by students William Hight and his twin brother, Jonathan, who fre-



Starbucks pink drink with vanilla cold foam. Cost: \$6.90. Four Aroma Rushes. Cost: 4 for \$11, April 1st Special (Strauch photos).

quently order the iced vanilla chai. William notes that "It's like drinking a dessert, but I can only order it so often." The blends of coffee come in an array of roasts served both hot and cold. You can even purchase the java beans!

At the register, the small business offers a series of unique themed beverages based on the season or a given holiday and sells local artwork in support of the company.

Aroma Joe's is a Salisbury resident staple. Now with two locations, students can quickly obtain drinks before school with the option of ordering inside or the drive through. Beyond having coffee based drinks like macchiatos, lattes, and more, Aroma Joe's is

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Prom Trends: 2024 Style

By Maddie Mailhoit, Staff Writer

For high school juniors and seniors, spring means one thing: prom. This year debatably has the best prom dress trends ranging from glittery bright pinks and deep satin blues to open backs and high slits.

The *Triton Voice* is providing this guide to Prom Style, 2024. First, open back dresses are becoming increasingly popular. "I'm really liking all the prom dresses I've seen this year. My favorite trend so far is the open back detail," said Triton senior Alanna Sparks as she reflected on the popular dress style. Most of these dresses have a simple but elegant front side to balance out the daring design of an open back.

"I like the open back," said seamstress Nancy Reusch, a substitute at Triton. "It makes it easier to fit the person's body, and it's a more versatile style that can be redesigned later if the person wants to change the style somewhat."

This year is also the year of elegance in the prom world. Students are choosing to capture this by wearing big ball gowns covered in ruffles. Most of these gowns display a corset bodice with sparkle detail that adds the perfect touch of shimmer that catches the eye. According to TikTok, many girls are choosing this style because of the "girly" aspect it gives. "This style gives off princess vibes and I am loving that trend this year," Sparks went on to say.

Even though floral prom dress designs are appearing to be controversial on social media, they are becoming more and more popular. Most dresses with this pattern are appearing on loose and flowy dresses that are perfect for spring. This trend is getting a lot of backlash on TikTok, people are saying that these printed dresses are giving more of an Easter vibe than a prom vibe. Some TikTok users even went on to say that these dresses are "ruining prom" because they don't follow the typical glitz and glam social norm of proms. When asked her opinion, Sparks answered, "I don't know why more people aren't following the floral trend, I personally love it."

Strapless prom dresses are the perfect style for anyone who is looking for a timeless yet versatile look. A lot of dresses with this style have a lace overlay with a corset top and a high slit that is flattering on all body types. "The lacey look is so unique and different from anything else I've seen this year," senior Molly Porter-Crean concluded. This style works in various different materials and colors that will surely make anyone stand out.

"I love seeing everyone come together and dress their best for the night. Prom season is definitely my favorite time of the year," Sparks added.



Prom styles in 2024 feature ruffles, strapless shoulders, deep slits, and backless designs (photos from kissprom.com).

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According to CBS 10 Boston, Murgida was a beloved reverend. "She was a devoted advocate for ending the stigma associated with mental health issues and invisible disabilities. Her long career working on behalf of children with special needs is legendary. She loved everyone, without exception." Murgida was a last-minute replacement to deliver the opening prayer at the mayor's State of the City address Wednesday night. Unfortunately she was hit by the Ford truck as she crossed the street just outside the city hall as she was heading to the mayor's event. Mayor Sean Reardon was "Just heartbroken," according to CBS 10 Boston. "Anytime you have something like this, you want to review all the things around the city," said Reardon. Reardon also stated, "This is a tragic day for the Newburyport community. Our hearts and prayers are with her family, friends, and the First Religious Society," said in his statement. "As an interfaith chaplain, Rev. Helen touched many lives within her congregation and throughout Newburyport."

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known for their rushes. The rushes are essentially energy drinks with flavored syrups. They offer a series of rushes on the menu but also allow for customization where you could put any flavor you desire.

Senior Aiden Quinn admits that he visits Aroma Joe's "3-5 times a week" as it's his "favorite breakfast place to get a caffeine boost in the morning". Time after time, Quinn gets the same rush order, stating, "I get a 32 oz blue devil rush which is blue raspberry and grape flavoring." Many other Aroma Joe fanatics appreciate just how many syrup options there are to choose from.

While making a decision to get a delicious beverage may depend on cost or convenience, there are plenty of options. With a surplus of small business coffee shops like Ultimate Perk located in Groveland or Olive's Coffee and Bakehouse in Newburyport, there are options for everyone.

Real Life vs The Internet

Tyson-Paul Bout Has Rumor Mill Raging

By Hudson Murphy, Staff Writer

In the first ever live sporting event shown on Netflix, the boxing match of Jake Paul vs Mike Tyson is perhaps the most anticipated and debated event in the fighting world right now. From the age gap to the rules that are being rumored across social media about the event, boxing fans are arguing which one of the two fighters is going to be the one left standing.

On July 20 the bout between the 58-year-old, 30-years-out-of-his-prime Mike Tyson versus the 27-year-old currently-in-his-prime Jake Paul will take place. Both fighters have similar win-loss records, and number of knockouts made. However the physical stats are completely different with Jake being three inches taller and having a five-inch reach advantage. Still, many say Tyson has an advantage of his own.

"I think Mike Tyson would destroy Jake Paul," said junior Jacob Mies. "Age doesn't matter." Mies explained that he has Iron Mike down as the victor with videos of his speed and power in training floating across the internet.

While the fight seems to be kind of out-of-the-blue for some, it comes after Netflix released a documentary about Paul, a social media influencer, in August last year. Some say the streaming provider and Paul are trying to keep him relevant.

Making the fight the first live event in Netflix history and hyping it up for as much as it has, Netflix is trying to build up the bout as the fight of the century. In reality, some see it is an influencer vs an old man. According to a *Fast Company* article, the fight's promotion "raised questions about whether the streaming giant might be shifting its sports-content strategy. Live sports-streaming rights are, of course, a hot commodity right now—with Amazon Prime airing NFL games, Apple snagging MLS rights, and Disney's ESPN teaming up with Fox and others on a new planned sport platform."



Meanwhile, Paul has only won boxing matches against those who are either retired or play a different sport. When he fought against an actual fighter, Tommy Fury, Paul lost by decision.

Rumors surrounding the rules of the Tyson-Paul matchup have started to break out that had people getting angry.

One famous TikTok creator made a video about the rules that was supposed to be made as a joke. It claimed that Paul would have to wear headgear like an amateur fighter and not get checked in for weigh-ins or drug tests. The biggest rumor is that he will be able to tag in his brother Logan who had even more of an advantage on Tyson. Paul has fought back on this assertion, saying, "it's... absurd. First of all, obviously, none of that's true... They're so stupid. Anyone who believes that should not be allowed to vote," said Jake Paul in a recent podcast. The fight streams on Netflix, Saturday, June 20 from the AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

The Best Pop Band You've Never Heard Of

Waterparks Pop-Punk Sound Comes to Boston

By Lee Warren, Staff Writer

As time went on, the excitement and freezing temperatures rose higher and higher outside of the MGM Music Hall at Fenway. Fans were eager to get inside the venue, to warm up, and to see a collective favorite band: Waterparks (otherwise known as 'Parx').

Waterparks is a lesser known pop-punk band from Houston, most commonly known for their song "I Miss Having S*x But At Least I Don't Wanna Die Anymore," which blew up on TikTok a few years back. Along with this, an iconic and well-known part of the band's discography is that all their releases have album titles in alphabetical order: *Airplane Conversations*, *Black Light*, *Cluster*, *Double Dare*, *Entertainment*, *Fandom*, *Greatest Hits*, and *Intellectual Property*.

Before going on this tour, lead singer Awsten Knight went on Instagram to announce that this time around would NOT be like any other tour they've done.

"You know Waterparks will never do the same thing twice," he said, continuing to state he was even learning piano for this tour to make it new for the fans.

Back at Fenway, there were two openers — Sophie Powers, a singer from Toronto, and LOVELESS, a band from Los Angeles. Both were entertaining and kept the energy high.

As for Waterparks, their set started off with a complete blackout, an intro where the band members are seen walking through the doors of the backdrop, and started off with their song "Watch What Happens Next." The first roughly 10 minutes of the show was full of mashups and smaller performances of various songs, with one TikTok user even commenting, "I wish I had gotten a recording of their micro-performance of Fuzzy."

Circling back to lead singer Knight's "learning piano for this tour," towards the end of the show, Knight went backstage and was escorted behind the crowd to a piano just behind everybody. He played a few songs



Warren photo

there, including High Definition and Crying Over It All (both of which shattered me emotionally), before coming back onstage to perform 21 Questions on acoustic guitar (which ALSO shattered me emotionally.)

Their last three songs were high energy hardcore songs, where they had the crowd open a mosh pit (which seemed scary, but at this point I had moved to the balcony.) Above all, they chose good songs for the setlist and kept the energy high throughout the show.

I enjoyed my time there, but I will say it was NOT the best concert I've ever been to. As much as I enjoy Waterparks, that night they encouraged crowd-surfing, and it's hard to enjoy the concert when you also have to focus on not getting crushed.

The fans are quite an interesting group of people, some of which are mean, push and shove, and get all up in your space- and all of that can kind of ruin the first half of your concert experience, before you move to the balcony. I'd give this show a 7.5/10.