Holiday Relief for Hurricane Sandy Victims

On October 29, 2012 Hurricane Sandy touched down in the U.S. and affected 24 states, including the entire eastern seaboard from Florida to Maine and west across the Appalachian Mountains to Michigan and Wisconsin. Particularly severe damage was seen in New Jersey and New York, through flooded streets, tunnels, and subway lines around the city. The total damage caused by Sandy is estimated at $63 billion dollars. It is now December, and while Sandy may be gone, the damage caused still lingers.

As we look forward to the coming weeks where we are both getting ready to return to visit family and friends let’s not forget about those who are no longer as fortunate. Johnson & Wales and the campus community have united together working hard to help ease the pain of those affected by Sandy by hosting several food and clothing drives as well as Food for Families trips from East to Snowdon offering donations.

The month of November proved to be a month of giving indeed as teachers and students all over Johnson & Wales got involved in various events intended to help the victims devastated by Sandy’s wrath. UIB donated all food proceeds to the American Red Cross to help aid victims of Sandy. Also the JWU Feinstein Community Service Center who believes that Community service, volunteerism, and service-learning are integral to our educational philosophy had reached out to the JWU community in response to queries on local efforts to help those impacted by the storm.

The campus weekly newsletter for staff and faculty, e-Briefs, even included suggestions of where to help. Many People were directed to Serve Rhode Island, which organized a clean-up in areas of the state that were devastated by the hurricane. Donors were referred to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief fund. An on-campus blood drive was organized and scheduled for Dec 10 and 11 at the Harborside Campus Wildcat Center to replenish dwindling supplies. As a way of letting students help those impacted in RI, students still continue to collect food and toiletry items for shipment to the southern RI area. Nearby every residence hall has a collection jar for the American Red Cross and the JWU community continues to work to help those who had their lives turned upside down.

Cristina Hunt, along with several dedicated students from Sigma Sigma Sigma, Kappa Alpha Psi, and the Domestic Violence Club, banded together to spearhead the restore the shore project. Restore the shore was a university wide donation to benefit those affected by Hurricane Sandy. Donations ranged from clothing to canned goods and even diapers for children.

“We wanted to have an impact, not only on the JWU community but the general community as a whole, and help out the people who were affected by hurricane Sandy in hopes that they could have a better holiday.” Said Sarah Ulrich, of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Donations were sent to various churches in the communities of Rockaway Queens, Jersey City, NJ, and Wildwood Crest, NJ. Surplus donations were then given to other affected communities in the New York and New Jersey area. Snowden Hall hosted a midnight breakfast for students and the only swipe required was a canned good item. The event was a success drawing in students and staff who wanted to give back.

George Williams, a culinary arts student from Brooklyn, New York, will be spending his winter break back in Bloomfield, New Jersey with his relatives. His family home was flooded during the storm and is still without electricity. When asked how it will impact his vacation he said, “I love my relatives and very grateful they took my folks in after the storm, but living space will be cramped and there is nothing like having your own place to lay your head.” Marcus Barrile, a freshman from Newark, NJ is looking forward to going home for winter break but says his family is on a tighter budget due to covering cost resulting from Sandy’s warpath and will be forgoing gifts this year as his family could hardly afford to purchase his ticket home for the holidays.

As we prepare ourselves for the holidays and the beginning of a new year, let us not forget all that we have gained and all that we have lost. Let’s pray for those who were affected and are slowly picking up the pieces. Johnson & Wales have always been on the forefront of diversity and community service, and this year was no different. The storm came and we embraced and endured it, and as always our resilience will help us rebuild and move forward and that is a gift that no one can take away.

JWU Brings a New Tradition to Campus

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With the holidays coming around, JWU has chosen the perfect way to implement a new tradition. The First Celebration of Lights Ceremony took place on Wednesday, December 5th at 6 p.m. in Gaobe Commons. Clubs and organizations throughout campus were invited to set up tables with holiday crafts, snacks, and treats for students. Hot chocolate, cookies, and cupcakes were available for all who attended.

A group of carolers dressed in festive costume walked around Gaobe singing holiday classics. Performances were done by the pom squad and our very own gospel choir. This was an evening of unity, not only for our students but also for the variety of religions and beliefs that came together to celebrate one.

Midway through the evening, JWU student leaders Emily Gregorio, Emily Gilborto, and Sevilla Bufalo briefly spoke on peace and the significance of this event. Each of these students worked together on a committee representing UIB, the Student Government Association, and the Alumni Association to put a great amount of time and effort into ensuring that this event would be a success.

Following these season’s greetings, President Min Runey was warmly welcomed to the microphone. She emphasized how holidays are celebrated differently by different religions and different cultures around the world. “This event signifies us coming together as a community, to celebrate the holiday season and to celebrate peace” she said.

As candles were passed around, students began lighting them one by one quickly illuminating the green space. Candle lighting ceremonies signify a time of coming together as one, a time of passage or transition. Following President Runey’s speech, each of the trees in front of Snowden dining hall lit up, brightening the entire event.

The Very Merry Carolers at the very first Festival of Lights in Gaobe Commons. Photo by Ashley Slater.

In an attempt to increase school spirit and tradition on campus, the Celebration of Lights Ceremony is an event that will take place annually.
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Johnson & Wales Steps up to the Plate at Town Hall

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On a blizzard of a day JUWU President, Minn Runey, spoke to Johnson & Wales students and faculty at a Student Government run Town Hall. She spoke about the Centennial plan and the Strategic Plan. That was the first two hours of the night was "Retention." By making the Johnson & Wales community a more enduring environment, student retention rate will rise, as well as graduation rate and eventually, university income. With that improvement coming in JUWU, President Runey hopes that the retention rate will be at 76.6% by the year 2016.

Among the Town Hall audience were students and staff members alike. To start off the evening, Student Government Association President Emily Cliberto spoke on behalf of Student Government. She announced that SGA has $78,000 to appropriate to student clubs and organizations, as well as the fact that SGA is in charge of approving all new clubs and organizations on campus. Last year Student Government Association approved 10 new clubs and organizations, and this year they have already approved 5 in the first three months. SGA also had to implement the tier system, a grading system in which all clubs and organizations fall into one of three categories, based on member size, volunteering, and events held each year.

Next, President Runey spoke. She said that the selection of Johnson & Wales accepted students has gone from 70% to 64% acceptance. This means that JUWU is selecting students who are less likely to drop out or transfer, thus increasing retention rates. The students who have been accepted are currently receiving $130 million in institutional rewards; that number is projected to be $200 million by the end of the plan in the school year 2017. Johnson & Wales will also be basing more scholarships off of merit, as well as granting stipends for unpaid internships.

Along with these stipends, Johnson & Wales was able to improve its academic profile. In upcoming years, JUWU will change its curriculum to include more writing and math classes - a key component that employers are looking for. President Runey also spoke about incorporating modernist cuisine classes to understand the science behind cooking. In 2014, JUWU will be adding a new graduate program to the curriculum, the new physicians assistant program, expected to be here by 2014, is going to be the only program of its kind in the state. Currently, Rhode Island is the only state in the country without a PA program, and the convenience of having one in Rhode Island will hopefully bring more graduate students to Johnson & Wales.

President Runey also talked about improving student affairs and social lives. One way to improve school living is to improve overall campus safety. Johnson & Wales must "step up to the plate" to build up their security. Future plans about athletics include looking into buying a four-story sports arena. Dorms, it would house an ice rink with 2,000 seats, meeting spaces for clubs and organizations, a workout facility with personal training equipment for sports teams.

Aside from athletics, Johnson & Wales funding to move their new parking garage. This 750 parking-space lot is already underway. When a student confronted President Runey about building a new parking garage instead of a new residence hall, the response was that this was a financial decision. By building a new parking lot, JUWU is satisfying and providing services to more students for less money. And once again, these valuable new improvements are aimed at keeping students at Johnson & Wales. A higher retention rate will pay for the improvements made to achieve the higher rate.

In response to the lack of on-campus housing, there is an experimental new housing concept set up for debate about a large house in Cranston. This family style of living would make the students completely responsible for the house, and it would be a "valuable long-term experience." After the Town Hall, if students still had questions and concerns for President Runey they were able to sign up for a Wildcat Chat, a ten minute opportunity to talk to Dr. Runey about any topic of interest. If you are interested in talking to President Runey please contact Drane Millard.

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When Christmas Becomes Controversial

Krista Christensen
Staff Writer

‘Tis the season to be jolly! Or to start the debate on what to call the 17-foot tree that’s displayed in the Idaho Statehouse. We live in the United States, a country of opportunity, and the freedom to celebrate whatever holiday (if any) that you choose this holiday season. This is a right of the first amendment of our constitution. In a survey conducted by the Opinion Dynamics Corporation, it was concluded that 96 percent of Americans celebrate Christmas, while the other 4 percent celebrate holidays including: Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and the Winter Solstice. With that being said, don’t you think that the tree in the statehouse could be called a Christmas tree? Idaho Governor Lincoln Chafee doesn’t seem to think so.

The debate started last year when Governor Chafee first pitched the idea of calling the tree a “holiday tree.” Angry protestors flooded the “holiday tree” lighting last year at the state house, with posters opposing Governor Chafee’s idea, and rudely interrupted a performance of ‘O Christmas Tree’ by the children before making a last minute decision to go ahead and hold the event anyway. He announced at 11:20 AM that the event would take place at 12:00 PM that afternoon. So honestly, who did Governor Chafee expect to be able to attend?

I completely understand that Governor Chafee is trying to be respectful of his residents and their religious views, but where do you draw the line? The annual Christmas tree lighting was broadcast on TV live from New York City a couple of weeks ago, and it has always been referred to as a “Christmas tree” during the course of the show. New York City has a large population of people who don’t celebrate Christmas, and we haven’t stopped celebrating it. The tree just makes no sense in my opinion.

Governor Chafee has admitted that he calls the tree in his home a “Christmas tree,” so why can’t he call it a Christmas tree at the lighting ceremony? It wasn’t fair that many Rhode Island residents couldn’t attend the tree lighting ceremony due to the lack of notice. I believe that Governor Chafee did what he did this year so that no one would complain about what he was calling the tree this holiday season.

Massachusetts politicians even became enraged by this tree lighting, including Fall River’s Mayor William Flanagan. He personally extended an invitation to Rhode Island residents for his Christmas tree lighting which was held a couple of days later.

He told Eyewitness News: “We just feel all Rhode Islanders were gyped. They didn’t have an opportunity to go to their state house tree lighting and enjoy the tradition.” Flanagan also mentioned Governor Chafee and said: “I believe the vast majority of citizens would agree this tree is called a Christmas tree. Unfortunately some political leaders bow to pressure and political correctness and break tradition.”

Everyone has different opinions on this issue and that’s your right as an American citizen. I just believe that a tradition such as the tree lighting should remain the same and that it should be called a Christmas tree. However, we can all admire this beautiful tree and see it as an essential part of the holiday season.

Santa Comes to India too

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I have fond and delicious memories of Christmas. India is a country with rich diversity that celebrates the festival that marks the birth of Christ with great fervor as any other nation. Around 2.5 percent of the population is Christian which amounts to nearly 25 million of the entire population. Indeed a huge number, so the festival is magnificent too.

A night is an integral part of the celebration. Following mass is a trip around the city to enjoy the visual sights. The South of India adorns their homes with oil lamps, a very pretty sight. White ethnic clothing made of silk is the standard dress code. Central India decorates mango, banana, or palm trees with lights and embellishments. Women dress up in their best ethnic multi coloured "saris”.

Fried scrumptious snacks and sweets are enjoyed through out the day. Along with sweets made of rice flour and coconut is exchanged among friends and family. A party by all must visit Goa, a beach paradise and a city that brings in Christmas with a massive bang. Goa is the place to be if all you want is non stop entertainment and a grand party. The “Sun burn” is an annual event where you could dance by the shore. It is unbelievable fun when you’re dressed in beach shorts and sip "Feni" - an alcoholic beverage derived from the cashew fruit and goze on rum plum cakes.

The diversity in India makes the festival a spectacle for the senses. A unique way to bring in and share the joy of the holidays and a chance to enjoy a stunning x-mas is in my diverse India.

Do you think the government is doing enough to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy?

No, I think that the response was not quick enough, and when help finally came it was not merely enough to help those who desperately needed it. There is no excuse for how long it took to get the power back while residents became increasingly sick from the cold.

-Ashley Garceau, Sport Entertainment and Event Management, Senior

Do you think the school is doing enough to help the victims of Sandy?

I do. I know that groups within the school like the UJB and Residence Halls have been doing a lot to help the victims of the hurricane.

-Lauren Foligno, Sport Entertainment and Event Management, Freshman

What are you doing to help Sandy relief efforts?

I have donated money and other supplies to assist the organizations currently helping the people affected by the disaster.

-Alkesia Girjaz, Marketing, Freshman

Do you know anyone affected by Hurricane Sandy? How are they handling the holidays?

Yes, one of my coworkers and his family was affected by the disaster, the building that houses his sister’s school was destroyed. Luckily this did not prevent them from having a good Thanksgiving holiday.

-Janessa Williams, Hotel and Lodging Management, Sophomore

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Baking up Some Holiday Cheer

Krista Christensen
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Providence Performing Arts Center was recently visited by master baker and cake decorator, Buddy Valezesto on his east-coast tour, entitled: Buddy Valezesto Live! Homemade for the Holidays. For those who don't know who he is, Buddy Valezesto is the owner of Carlo's Bakery, located in Hoboken, New Jersey. He is the star of TLC's show Cake Boss as well as the host for The Next Great Baker. Cake Boss highlights the magnificently designed cakes and pastries that Buddy and his team make in the bakery on a daily basis. The Next Great Baker is a competition between aspiring cake decorators who want to be a part of the team at Carlo's Bakery. I have always been a fan of Buddy Valezesto and Cake Boss, ever since the show started a couple of years ago. I was beyond excited to see Buddy live for the first time.

The show took place on Saturday December 1, 2012. Providence Performing Arts Center was full of small children and many families. It was adorable to see how excited many of the children were to see Buddy. I was just as excited as they were, and couldn't wait for the show to start. This show in particular was advertised as being very participative, but I still had no idea what to expect or what the show would involve.

At the start of the show, Buddy made a huge entrance by walking down one of the aisles in the theater, and giving the audience high-fives. The atmosphere in the theater was electric and filled with screaming fans. Buddy then introduced himself and talked about his personal background in addition to the background of Carlo's Bakery. Later on, he talked about his family and recalled some of his fondest holiday memories. I thought that sharing all of this information with the audience made the show very personal and added a nice touch.

What I liked most about the show was obviously the cake decorating. Buddy showed you step-by-step how to decorate cakes and cupcakes specifically for the holidays. He turned cupcakes into wreaths, and cakes into Santa Claus, but that's not all he did. Buddy also decorated cakes to look like presents and winter wonderlands.

He decorated over 10 cakes and cupcakes, and really explained how easy it is to make these creations at home. Another great aspect of the show was how he gave all of the cakes he decorated away to members of the audience. There were various competitions that selected members of the audience to participate and to win the cakes or cupcakes that were designed.

A hula hoop contest and a cannoli filling contest were just some of the many competitions that were held during the course of the show. It was really fun to watch those who were contestants and see how excited the winners (who were mostly small children) were.

Overall, I feel like Buddy Valezesto Live! Homemade for the Holidays Tour was a wonderful show. It gave me into the holiday spirit. For a big fan like me, I really enjoyed seeing Buddy live and learning more about him and what I'll never forget, I also really liked listening to Buddy's stories. I can't wait to see him again, but for now "To the box truck baby!"

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Taking Back Sunday's vocalist Adam Lazzara (left) and Bayside's bassist Nick Ghanbarian (right). Photo by Reena Chiikura.

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Reena Chiikura
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Roughly ten years ago, when I was approaching my 10th birthday and was in my love-Ariv-Levine phase of life, a little band called Taking Back Sunday was busy putting out their first record, which would soon change my life forever. Tell All Your Friends is an album that has dug itself a deep, emotional connection into the hearts of every true music-lover, and continues to be one of the most nostalgic works of art in CD form.

Earlier this year, the Long Island based quintet revealed that they will be celebrating their ten-year anniversary of Tell All Your Friends, with a tour in which they will be performing the album in its entirety for the first time ever.

Screaming "OH MY GOD!" would be an understatement. The band also announced that fellow NewYorkers, Bayside, would be on the roster of this nearly two-month long tour. After weeks of reading people talk about the tour with the trending hashtag #TAYFI10 on Twitter, I was finally able to experience it all in person at one of the final show dates.

"It has unarguably been the best tour we've ever done" says Bayside bassist Nick Ghanbarian. "This tour has helped me gain some kind of new confidence just by watching Taking Back Sunday every night, like how they perform and carry themselves, and how they treat us. It's great seeing their confidence and how professional they are, but at the same time everyone is just having a blast. It's a very big thing to be a part of." This tour has also undoubtedly lent a helping hand in providing Hurricane Sandy relief, especially since the damages caused by Sandy affected the friends and family of both Taking Back Sunday and Bayside. "We were all able to do a benefit show at the Best Buy Theater in New York City which raised over $40,000 in itself" says Ghanbarian.

"This tour has collected a lot of donations from shows and the people who were attending. We've sent out some PSA's to see if anyone will listen, and donate on our behalf. There's certainly a lot of things that we wanted to do to help out, more so than ever, because we've been directly affected."

Being in the music industry for twelve years, Bayside is no stranger to seeing that hard work eventually pays off. Even after being a band for all these years, they are still extremely grateful to have been a part of this tour. "If there's one thing I can take away from all of this, it would be to just never rest. There's times to step back and enjoy what you're doing, and maybe get too drunk one night at a bar and have fun, but then the next day you've gotta get right back into it and work your butt off." Ghanbarian, the rest of his bandmates in Bayside, and the members of Taking Back Sunday are all living proof that this sweet little piece of advice is, in fact, the truth.

As for the concert itself, there's no better way for me to describe it than the best night of my life. Not only did Taking Back Sunday's amazingly energetic front-man Adam Lazzara sing half of the set list while actually standing in the middle crowd, but he also handed me the microphone to sing the chorus to one of my favorite songs ever.

Every person in the venue was screaming the lyrics to the album that changed their lives while showing a thankful glimmer in their eyes for being able to be a part of it all. Yet, at the least, the Tell All Your Friends 10- year anniversary tour has completed my life, amongst the lives of every single person who was lucky enough to attend this once-in-a-lifetime trip down memory lane.

The winter season has gone into full swing, and it's time to trade those shorts, capris, and sandals for some snow pants, long underwear, and boots. As the seasons (and our fashion) make a drastic change, so must our pass times and seasonal activities. For this article, I have compiled a list of the top 5 best winter pass times in Providence, and I'm sure most of you will find them entertaining, within your budget, and, most importantly, fun.

1. Build a Snowman

I thought I would start this article off with a timeless classic. Building a snowman during the winter season has been a popular activity for decades. It's fun, easy, and IT'S FREE! Just look out on Gaebbe, there are free snowman building materials all over the ground. If anyone has ever built their own Frosty the Snowman, they know that it's a classic for a reason, and that's why it made my list of best winter activities.

2. Ice-skating

Coming from Minnesota (AKA Minnesota), where ice hockey is a very popular sport, naturally so is also ice-skating which I have noticed is very popular here as well. Kennedy Plaza, which is only about a 2-minute walk off Gaebbe, has a 14,000 square foot outdoor ice rink (much larger than Rockefeller Plaza in NYC). Not to mention it's only 6 dollars for admission and rental on Wednesdays when you use your JWU ID. So, whether you want to skate, go on a date, or even just play some pick up hockey; skating at Kennedy Plaza will be the right fit for you.

3. Making Baked Goods

Everyone likes to stay warm for the winter season, so what better way than having a night in and making some classic Christmas goodies. Everywhere on the Internet you can find recipes for Christmas cookies, homemade hot chocolate, Snowball cookie balls, and various other Christmas desserts: all of which cost less than 20 dollars to make enough portions for a large group of people. So if the weather's got you down, and all you want to do is lock yourself in your building, why not try making some fun and easy desserts with your friends!

4. PPAC Shows

Another way to stay warm during the winter is going to musicals or plays at Providence's renowned Providence Performing Arts Center (PPAC). With shows like "Memphis", "The Nut Cracker Ballet", "Swing Orchesta Holiday Concert", and so much more, it's obvious why PPAC is a popular place to be during the holidays. Also, with you student ID, you can get discounted admission from the Student Activities Office.

5. Winter Sports

Everywhere in the country where there is snow, there are always almost always some kind of sporting activities for the winter months. These activities are fast paced, good for doing in groups, and are perfect for warming up your body. Whether it's skiing, snow tubing, and many indoor activities in their warming houses. Though 30 bucks on one day of fun may seem a little steep to the average college student, it is still worth it in the end! Winter sports will not regret making a trip to Wapoo Valley.

So, there you have it! The top 5 best things that a JWU student can enjoy doing over this holiday season in Providence. Whether you want to stay in and keep warm or go out and take winter on by the horns, there is always something fun and cheap you can do to have a good time this holiday season.
Pakarang Thai food. Photo by Julia Abbies.

Culinary Arts

Pakarang Exquisite Thai

Julia Abbies
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If you’re like me, you’re always looking for new flavors and cuisines that excite your taste buds without stretching out your wallet. After a couple months of mainly sticking to my JWU meal plan, my appetite was getting a little restless. I was in the mood for something different, something authentic.

That’s when my friend and I discovered Pakarang Exquisite Thai Cuisine on South Main Street, just across the Providence River. Walking in, you’re lead through a cool curved passage way into the main room, which consists of a vast sit-down section, bar, and fish tanks. We got there for a relatively early dinner, so the restaurant was pretty empty. We took our seats and were overwhelmed by all the choices.

One thing was for certain. We were ordering Thai Iced Tea, a traditional blend of Ceylon tea, sugar, and condensed milk – a must if you’re at a Thai restaurant. Then we moved onto appetizers. If every appetizer on the menu looked amazing - which they do at Pakarang - I tend to go for the sampler option that most restaurants have. At Pakarang, the sampler consists of two Shrimp in a Blanket (fried shrimp stuffed with crab meat, minced pork and spices, all wrapped within an egg roll casing) two Pakarang Rolls (crispy spring rolls) and two Curry Rolls (chicken, potatoes, onions, carrots, and curry stuffed into a crispy triangular roll). They were as good as they sounded. I think my favorite had to be the Curry Roll, because it was basically a combination of all my favorite foods in one little fried triangular casing.

It was now time to partake in the main courses. Now I know ordering Pad Thai is practically looked at as a sin in the Foodies Community, since it is perhaps the most generic dish a person can order at a Thai restaurant. But, I couldn’t help myself. The combination of chicken, stir fried Pdo noodles, peanuts, and bean sprouts is something I can’t resist. Pakarang’s Pad Thai, as the name implies, was exquisite. We also ordered a Green Chicken Curry, a sauteed dish that included string beans, basil, eggplant, bell peppers, sliced bamboo shoots, and zucchini. As the aterisk indicated, the dish was indeed spicy, and I definitely was thankful for my Thai Tea and water. The spice was manageable though, and was a nice complement to the mild Pad Thai.

Ultimately the night was filled with good food, good service, and good company: the three things that make a restaurant outing memorable. So whether you’re celebrating a birthday, wanting to grab a quick and delicious lunch, or just looking for somewhere to eat on a Saturday night, Pakarang should definitely be on the top of your list.

As the leaves and temperature fall and the delicate dusting of pale white snow covers the ground, I find myself wanting one thing, and one thing only: Hot chocolate. But not just any hot chocolate, I want the best. I wanted the best hot chocolate so that I went on a two-day journey to find the best hot chocolate in Providence. Some were great and others, not so much. Although there were ups and downs, I believe I found the best warm-you-up treat for anyone looking for some hot chocolate this winter season.

I first started at the bottom. Dunkin’ Donuts seemed to fit the bill. I walked in and ordered a standard hot chocolate and was not pleased to say that the least. Hot, yes. Chocolate, kind of? The temperature of the drink was not just hot but scalding, and it was clear that it had been made with water and not milk. The color was a bit of an off brown and it tasted like it had been mixed from a bag. No thank you.

I decided to move up a notch, but just one, and went to Starbucks. The only good thing about their hot chocolate was that I could use my swipe for it. Though it was better than Dunkin’, this hot chocolate was underwhelming in the sense that it lacked the more sweetered milk. The texture was right on but who cares about how smooth it is when it’s unpalatable.

After being disappointed twice in a row, I decided to venture out a bit. I had heard about a place with “amazing” hot chocolate called Café Choklad and is it only about a ten-minute walk from Gaobe. I walked in and in the aromas of this quaint café took over my senses and I knew I was in the right place. My senses did not deceive me, this was the real deal. This was the first cup of REAL hot chocolate I had since being in Providence. It was smooth, chocolatey, but not overly sweet, and the best part was that it had a light dusting of cocoa powder on top to give it a bit of that powdery deliciousness. I left this café pleased but still wanting more. Don’t get me wrong, if you want an amazing cup of cocoa, go here, but I still thought that maybe I could find something better.

My next stop was Blue State Coffee on Thayer Street. Although this was a bit of hike up hill, the cocoa was well worth it. This, in my opinion, was the peak of the hot chocolate mountain. The chocolatey richness and the smooth texture made this cocoa number one in my book. If anyone is looking for the best hot chocolate in Providence, just go to Blue State Coffee and spend time and money by not trying other places. Blue state was my last, and best stop on this journey and I believe that I have found the best hot chocolate in Providence.
Annie's Passion for Fashion: Finding The Right Gift

Annie Chacon
Staff Writer

Have you started tearing your hair out yet? Have you started hallucinating not knowing what to get your friend, roommate, mother, girlfriend, or uncle for Christmas? Don't worry! As usual I have the solution to all your problems...

Don'ts:

Never should you ever start by thinking "what do they like?". No, no! That will only limit your imagination and put a break in the whole gift buying process. You will think of something they like, but then start analyzing if they really like it, or if it's only you thinking that they like it and so on and so on.

Never ask the person what they wish for! You might think it's a great idea for inspiration or getting a clue when you're clueless, but it really only gives the person anxiety about the fact that you're getting them something. If you don't get them exactly what they told you they wished for they might be disappointed. It also makes them start thinking about what they should get for you, giving them the same anxiety that you already have.

Last but not least, a don't that I am terrible at; letting the person know that you gave them an "awesome" gift for Christmas. This is a don't that guys very often will see with their girlfriends. Many girls feel the need to express what a great gift they have for their boyfriend so that he will feel the pressure to get them something even better. Now, I am not trying to become a relationship counselor, but girls you really need to stop that nonsense now! If your boyfriend loves you the way you deserve, he will give you something great. Plus, you will only get your expectations up if you keep thinking he will get you "the greatest gift on earth."

Dos:

For the do's, my best advice is think outside of the box! Yes it is easier said than done, but it really is all about surprising your loved ones with something they didn't expect. Think of some things that you can make yourself, or experiences rather than a thing (tickets to a show versus make up). It doesn't have to be very complicated.

Gifts for her:

Girls LOVE things that warm their sweet little hearts, not just when it comes to gifts from their boyfriends. If this is something that you are looking to do for a gift there is a store called Things Remembered in the Providence Place Mall, 2nd floor. Here is a necklace from the thingremembered.com for only $29.99!

Gifts for him:

Graphic Tshirt from Top Man. Photo courtesy of TopMan.com

Once again I chose something from Topman.com just because I personally love their t-shirts and graphics on their clothes in general. This t-shirt is one that I would have bought instantly if I had a boyfriend to give a Christmas gift to. $44 from topman.com and you can stop pulling your hair!

Eggcellent Ornaments for Christmas

Sarah Abbott
Staff Writer

Who said eggs can only be in aggro for Christmas? Eggs, believe it or not, can easily be transformed into beautiful ornaments for your Christmas tree! Their white, blank canvases leave plenty of room for any artistic designs you want to see in your bushy, green tree. It's also a great way to spend holiday time with your family and friends, and maybe, it can become a new tradition!

What you need:

1. Large white eggs.
2. A bowl
3. A package of colorful sharpies. The egg in the picture was decorated with sharpies, but there are unlimited ways to decorate eggs. So, if you have another clever idea (such as gluing shreds of tissue paper on them) feel free to do it!
4. (Optional) fishing line and beads.

Procedures:

1. Poke two holes in opposite ends of the egg (top and bottom) with a sharp knife by carefully chiseling the tip of the knife into the eggshell. This will leave two small holes on both ends so the egg can be blown out.
2. Using any skinny object that will fit through the holes, I used the bendy wire of a paper clip) stick it through the holes so the yoke gets broken up (this will make it easier for blowing the egg out).
3. Standing over the bowl, start blowing out one of the holes like a balloon, and let the egg spill out of the other end. (You’re sure to have cheeks redder than Santa’s after this! It’s very tricky, but don’t give up!)
4. One of all the egg is out and you can hear air coming through the other end, you officially have a hollowed egg! Now it’s ready for decorating, so let the artist in you come out and construct a wonderful masterpiece on your blank egg canvas!
5. Once you’re happy with your egg, you can do two things. One, you can place it in a safe spot on your tree and let it perch. Two, you can slide a strand of fishing wire through the holes, and tie a bead off at one end so the egg can dangle. After that, tie the other end of the fishing wire to an ornament hook, and pick the best spot on your tree for it to hang!

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- 2/14: TWILIGHT: BREAKING DAWN PART 2

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### Quiz

1. **What is the motto of Rhode Island?**
   - A. Forever we are proud
   - B. Size doesn’t matter
   - C. We are the ocean state

2. **The game of Polo was first played in RI**
   - A. True
   - B. False

3. **In which city was the first ever circus performance?**
   - A. Providence
   - B. Warwick
   - C. Newport

4. **What did Roger Williams (the founder of RI) do?**
   - A. Create the first jail system
   - B. Write the original draft of the first amendment
   - C. Invent the cotton mill

5. **The oldest ___ can be found in Portsmouth RI**
   - A. Schoolhouse
   - B. Grocery store
   - C. Cattle ranch

6. **Rhode Island never ratified which Amendment?**
   - A. 18th (prohibition)
   - B. 2nd (the right to bear arms)
   - C. 24th (charging citizens to vote)

7. **The world’s largest bug is located on the roof of New England pest control and is how many feet long?**
   - A. 3
   - B. 27
   - C. 58

8. **Rhode Island was formed by refugees from which state?**
   - A. New York
   - B. Connecticut
   - C. New Jersey

9. **What is RI’s official state name?**
   - A. Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
   - B. Rhode Island and Newport Nation
   - C. Rhode Island and Warwick Warriors
### Technology & Design

**Which Tablet is Best for You? Are You a...**

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