

INTRODUCTION

The Providence Journal Company's history chronicles nearly two centuries of news coverage, of leadership in the communications industry and an unwavering commitment to the betterment of the communities it serves.

LEADERSHIP IN NEWS COVERAGE

The Providence Journal is the oldest major daily newspaper of general circulation in continuous publication in the United States. Its history includes four Pulitzer Prizes, two George Polk Awards and hundreds of national and regional awards.



ITS GREATEST STRENGTH — REGIONAL AND LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE

The Providence Journal publishes seven local news sections — South County, West Bay, Northwest, Blackstone Valley, Metro, East Bay and Massachusetts. Each of these local sections is reported, photographed and edited by a local news team. And, each of the seven local news sections is like an independent newspaper tailored to the needs of its region, offering community listings, school news, municipal news and much more.

The Providence Journal newspaper plays a unique role in the daily lives of the people who live and work in southeastern New England. In fact, it was named New England Newspaper Association's New England Newspaper of the Year in 1999 and 2002.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

SELECT YOUR TARGET AUDIENCE:

Take a few moments to review the following pages. By doing so, it will help you target your news to the appropriate section or pages — as a result getting your news item its full worth. We'll show you how to write a press release and what it should include.

TIMING IS EVERYTHING:

A general rule to remember: try to get your press release or your request for news and/or photo coverage to us at least two weeks before you want the information to appear. Certain sections, columns, or monthly publications of The Providence Journal require more lead time — we've identified these for you.

NEWS:

The Providence Journal welcomes news tips from readers.

If you have suggestions for stories, call the City Desk. If you prefer to

write us with an idea, please be sure to include your name and day time telephone number so we can call if we have questions.

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A PROVIDENCE JOURNAL OFFICE IS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Five days a week, The Providence Journal prints seven local sections:

Metro:

Providence and East Providence

East Bay:

Bristol, Warren, Barrington, Portsmouth, Middletown, Newport, Tiverton and Little Compton

■ Blackstone Valley:

Pawtucket, Central Falls, North Smithfield, Cumberland, Lincoln and Woonsocket

Massachusetts:

North Attleboro, Attleboro, Seekonk, Dighton, Rehoboth, Swansea, Somerset and Fall River

- **Northwest:** Burrillville, Glocester, Foster, Scituate, Smithfield, Johnston and North Providence
- **West Bay:** Cranston, Warwick, West Warwick, Coventry, East Greenwich and West Greenwich
- **South County:** Exeter, North Kingstown, South Kingstown, Jamestown, Narragansett, Richmond, Hopkinton, Charlestown, Westerly and New Shoreham

Each of these sections is reported, photographed and edited by a local staff. Each section is like an independent newspaper, tailored to the needs of its region. Each offers listings of community activities, police news, school news, obituaries, municipal news and a help box with information on how to keep in touch with us.



OUR LOCAL EDITORS WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

IF YOU WANT YOUR PRESS RELEASE OR NEWS TO REACH. . .

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YOU CAN TARGET YOUR PRESS RELEASE TO A SPECIFIC SECTION:

Sometimes your press release or news item should reach a specific audience. For instance, news about an upcoming college theatre production should be directed to the LIVE This Weekend section or Sunday Arts.

BUSINESS

From small businesses to larger corporations, the Business section gives readers the inside track on the movers and the shakers, new products and market shares.

Business/More For Your Money/Money & Business

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JOBCENTER/EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

The Providence Sunday Journal's Jobcenter/Education & Employment section tells readers where to find jobs and how to keep them. The section features expert advice on job interviewing, workplace relations, career advancement and

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LIVE THIS WEEKEND

It's the best of our entertainment content. . .features like Dining Out, Recreation, Music, Kids Stuff, Arts & Theatre Reviews. . .rolled into one, compact, easy-to-use, pull-out section, called LIVE This Weekend. And, there's stuff

like what's happening Around Boston,
In Connecticut and an expanded recreation
listing. LIVE runs in The Providence Journal
every Thursday — just in time for weekend
planning. The Meeting Place personals
and the full Classified listings also
are in LIVE.

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LIFEBEAT MOVIES

Southern New Englanders are serious movie buffs. And when it comes to Friday, they're ready to head to their local cinema or their neighbood video store for the latest releases. Lifebeat Movies features the reviews of the new releases on the silver screen

and what's recently been released on video.

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LIFESTYLES

On Sundays, there's a magazine called Lifestyles. It reflects how we live now and where we are going to be tomorrow. It offers a smart shopping tip or two and can help you browse for bargains in those quaint, little shops

around the corner. Lifestyles is really about southern New Englanders. . .family, friends and even co-workers.

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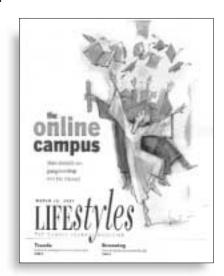
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LIFEBEAT FOOD

Every Wednesday, the Lifebeat Food section features recipes and information on food

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Includes Lifebeat, Arts, What's Happening, Home, Weddings, Travel and more.

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WEDDINGS

The criteria for submitting information is as follows. . .

Information for wedding announcements must be submitted by Wednesday (11 days before the Sunday on which you want your announcement to be published). Information received two months after the wedding has taken place will not be accepted. Photos may be submitted.

How To Request A Wedding Form:

Forms are available at your local news office or you may request a form through the mail (include a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope) or, online at



SPORTS

From high school sports, to the amateurs, to the pros, the Sports section gives readers a sideline seat to the action seven days a week.

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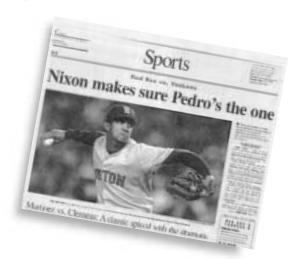
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SPANISH PAGE (PÁGINA LATINA)

Every Tuesday, a Spanish Page or Página Latina, is published in the Blackstone Valley and Metro sections of The Providence Journal.

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WHEELS WEEKLY & CLASSIFIEDS

This automotive section runs every Wednesday in The Providence Journal. It features a

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HEALTH & FITNESS MONTHLY

Appearing the last Sunday of every month in The Providence Sunday Journal,

Health & Fitness Monthly is a section devoted to health issues that concern you. Health & Fitness Monthly covers a broad spectrum of health and wellness topics as well as today's latest tips on fitness. Hospital and health care news releases are welcomed.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The purpose of any newspapers' Commentary pages is to encourage readers to form their own opinions. Therefore, we invite readers to send us Letters to the Editor. Of the 4,000 letters we receive every year, a little less than one-third are printed. The decision to print a letter is determined by many factors, including space allotment and the content of the letter.

The Editorial Page Editor will discard letters that contain libelous statements and letters that attribute statements or quotes that are not factual. Open letters to public figures or letters printed elsewhere also will not be printed. Letters selected to be printed usually address topical issues of public interest.

How to Submit a Letter:

We prefer that letters be fewer than 250 words long, typed and double-spaced. Letters must carry the writer's name, signature, home address and daytime phone number.

Local Letters:

If your letter or commentary deals purely with a local issue, send your letter to your local office. (See the breakdown of local offices along with a contact person and mailing address on the preceding pages.) Each local section (whether it be West Bay, Blackstone Valley, Massachusetts, etc.) carries Letters to the Editor under the heading "Your Turn".

Regional/National/International

If your letter or commentary addresses an issue of general interest, an issue concerning the southern New England region, the Nation or countries abroad, send your letter to the address below. Our Rhode Island section carries the statewide, national, international and general interest Letters to the Editor, Opinions and other Commentary.

Contact: Letters to the Editor

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Telephone: 401.277.7433 e-mail: letters@projo.com Faxed letters are not accepted.

DEATH NOTICES AND OBITUARIES

The Providence Journal publishes two kinds of announcements when people die. A death notice, for which there is a charge, is a classified ad; an obituary, which is free, is considered a news story.

Paid Death Notice:

A paid death notice is placed through The Providence Journal Classified Advertising Department and includes calling hours. Death notices are placed through funeral directors.

Contact:

401.277.7730 (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) 401.277.7731 (after 4:30 p.m.)

401.277.7700 (Memorial Ad)

OBITUARY

This is a news story written about the death of a person and includes a list of survivors and the time and place of funeral service. Funeral directors usually provide this information to The Providence Journal.

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RELIGION

On Saturdays, The Providence Journal publishes its Religion pages.

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PHOTOS

Most local photos in The Providence Journal are taken by our staff, but we sometimes use photos provided to us. The pictures most likely to be used are those that accompany press releases about events or people in the news.

Color prints are preferred, but The Providence Journal can use black and white prints, slides or digital photos on disk. For pictures of events, we prefer active photos of a few people rather than static or large group photos.

Requesting Photo Coverage:

If you wish to get photo coverage of your event, you can submit a "Photo Opportunity Release" to the photo assignment desk.

Contact: Photo Assignment Editor

The Providence Journal

75 Fountain St., Providence, RI 02902

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Often, it is preferable to submit the request to a specific section, such as the West Bay or East Bay sections, Lifebeat, Business, etc. (See listings and addresses on previous pages.)

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This library contains articles published in The Providence Journal since 1983. When the search engine finds information that is relevant to your search entry, it displays a results list of articles. Each result that is displayed includes a brief abstract of the article. The abstract contains the headline, date, author and a few lines of the opening text. There is no charge to search the archive and no account needs to be established for you to perform a search. However, a user must establish an account to retrieve an article, since there is a fee for this service. Articles are accessible in the archive approximately 72 hours after publication. The archive does not include photos or graphics.

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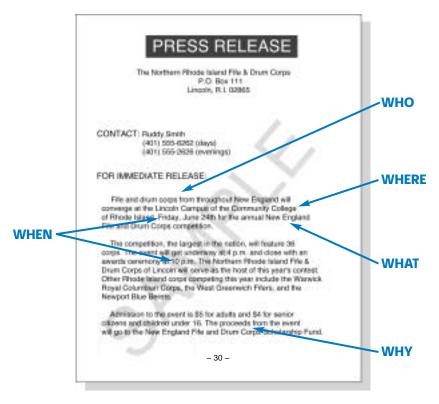
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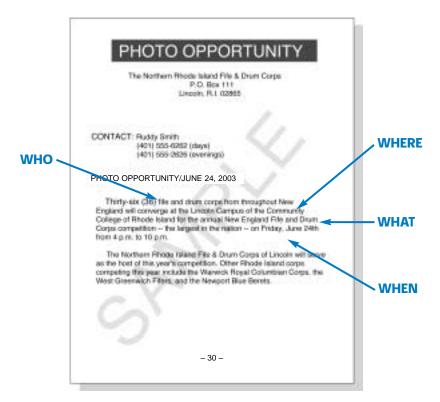
HOW TO WRITE A PRESS RELEASE



- **1 –** Use your company or organization's letterhead.
- **2 –** Include the name and phone number of a contact (or most informed) person.
- **3 –** When appropriate, indicate the timeliness of the release (i.e., For Immediate Release; or, For Release After March 1, 2003; or, For release Before June 24, 2003).
- 4 Include the basic information.Who, What, Where, When, Why (and if necessary, How)
- **5 -** If a release is more than one page, indicate MORE at the bottom of Page 1; the second page should be identified in the top righthand corner with Page 2 of 2.
- **6** The end of your release is identified by 30 —.

Basic Tips... Type and double space your copy; include all of the important information up front; use people's complete names (not nicknames) and addresses; use (cq) after an unusual spelling to indicate it is correct; use addresses only when significant to the event.

HOW TO WRITE A PHOTO RELEASE



Basic Tips. . Use the same guidelines for a general press release except replace "For Immediate Release" or "For Relesae After. . ." with — Photo Opportunity/ (date of event). This release usually is brief — giving just the basic facts (who, what, where and when). It is in advance of the event. Please include information on the location of the event and directions. The request should be forwarded to the appropriate editor or to the photo assignment editor. (Names and addresses on previous pages.)

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