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## Newport Oyster & Chowder Festival returns



The Newport Oyster & Chowder Festival returns to Bowen's Wharf on May 16 and 17. JUSTIN WALKER/SPECIAL TO THE NEWPORT DAILY NEWS

### Many seasonal events to attend this weekend

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With Memorial Day weekend quickly approaching it's clear we're back into big event season across Newport County. • While the long holiday weekend is likely to bring crowds to Aquidneck Island, this weekend will provide a taste of that scene with the return of one of Newport's big festivals. • If you're looking to avoid the crowds on Bowen's Wharf, that won't be a problem with community events and more taking place across the region. • Take a look at what's happening this weekend in Newport County and start making your plans.

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## Hegseth: U.S. has fiscal plan in Iran

### Pentagon indicates cost of war is rising

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The Pentagon revised the cost of the war in Iran upward on May 12.

"We think it's closer to \$29 billion," Jules Hurst III, the Pentagon's acting comptroller, told a House Appropriations subcommittee.

A week before, the Trump administration estimated the price tag at \$25 billion.

The figure reflects the cost of the nine-week war so far and does not include projected future expenditures. Hurst said the revision came from updated figures on operational costs and equipment repair and replacement. He said \$24 billion has gone toward munitions and equipment.

The Pentagon is seeking \$1.5 trillion in the next federal budget and more than \$200 billion in supplemental funding from Congress.

Rep. Betty McCollum of Minnesota, the subcommittee's Democratic ranking member, asked whether the Pentagon has a "plan B" if Congress does not authorize the budget request. Secretary of War Pete Hegseth, formally known as the Secretary of Defense, responded that the Trump administration has "a plan" for shifting the approach in Iran, depending on how events unfold.

"We have a plan to escalate if necessary. We have a plan to retrograde if necessary. We have a plan to shift assets. Certainly in this setting, we wouldn't reveal what the next steps may be," he said.

At a Senate appropriations subcommittee hearing later in the morning, Sen. Susan Collins, a Republican from Maine, asked whether the U.S. military planned for Iran's ability to stifle commercial shipping through the strait and its impacts on the global economy. Yes,

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## RI medical community preps for World Cup, international visitors

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Infectious diseases spreading through the population. Bioterrorism. Unique illnesses. Rabies. Injuries from violence. Heat stroke. Drug overdoses. Trauma cases due to an increase in car crashes.

With soccer fans from different parts of the world visiting Southern New England for World Cup games in June, the medical profession is trying to anticipate and prepare for all potential public health problems while navigating language and cultural differences.

"It's prepare for the worst and hope for the best," said Dr. Leonard Mermel, a doctor of osteopathic medicine and the medical director of the Department of Epidemiology and Infection Control for Brown University Health, which operates Rhode Island Hospital as well as six

other hospitals and other medical facilities.

The matches will be played from June 13 to July 9 at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Massachusetts, rebranded Boston Stadium for the tournament, only about 20 miles from the Rhode Island border.

"We're actually closer to Gillette Stadium than some of the hospitals in Boston," said Brittany Baron, manager of infection prevention and control for Care New England.

Fans and players are likely to visit Rhode Island, too. Team Ghana is making Bryant University in Smithfield its home base. Watch parties and other special events are being held in Rhode Island.

In addition to Ghana, teams from Haiti, Scotland, Norway, Morocco, England and France will play in Foxboro,

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Ambulances are parked outside the Andrew F. Anderson Emergency Center at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence. PROVIDED BY BROWN UNIVERSITY HEALTH

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