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## Newport County events for this weekend



Umbrella Sky Newport returns to Goddard Row in Brick Market Place for its fourth season. PROVIDED BY UMBRELLA SKY NEWPORT

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With the calendar about to turn to June, events are forcing us outside even if the weather wants to fight us a bit.

This weekend offers plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy the end of the spring season. From history to animal conservation to family fun, there's a little something for everyone.

Take a look at what's happening and start making your plans.

### West Place Animal Sanctuary Visitors Weekend

West Place Animal Sanctuary's first public visitation

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Visit Pua the piglet at West Place Animal Sanctuary's Spring Visitors Weekend.

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## U.S. military strikes boats, more

### Iran calls action 'flagrant violation' of ceasefire

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USA TODAY

The U.S. military on May 26 launched new strikes on Iran, threatening to shatter a 7-week ceasefire and derailing negotiations in Qatar just days after President Donald Trump said an agreement was almost completed.

U.S. Central Command said it carried out "self-defense strikes" in southern Iran "to protect our troops from threats posed by Iranian forces."

"Targets included missile launch sites and Iranian boats attempting to emplace mines," Capt. Tim Hawkins, a spokesperson for the command, said in a statement.

Explosions were reported in southern Iran early on May 26 local time, hours before indirect talks on a proposal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and end the war were set to take place in Qatar.

Iran called the strikes a "flagrant violation" of the ceasefire and said it "will leave no act of aggression unanswered."

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps said on May 26 that they reserve the right to retaliate, adding that air defense units shot down a U.S. drone and fired on another drone and a fighter jet that they claim entered Iranian airspace over the Gulf region.

In comments posted on his Telegram channel, the commander of the

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## Bill would likely end lawsuits over RI retail cannabis dispensaries

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PROVIDENCE – A new bill introduced in the House of Representatives stands to eliminate the problems that would-be cannabis dispensaries are having after a federal judge put a pause on licenses being issued and, critically, order the Cannabis Control Commission to start a new application process.

H 8544, introduced by Rep. Scott Slater, D-Providence, would both eliminate residency requirements for those applying for a dispensary license, which was supposed to go to a lottery process after applications were vetted, and reduce inherent residency requirements in social equity licenses by eliminating most of

the qualifying factors. The bill was heard in the House Corporations Committee on May 21, where the committee held it for further study. Since the session is not over, it could be soon sent to the House floor.

Slater previously introduced legislation that would have eliminated the residency requirements but not dealt with the implicit residency required under social equity applications or forced the Cannabis Control Commission to do anything. The new bill addresses that issue.

**Why it's needed:** Federal District Judge Melissa DuBose entered a preliminary injunction on April 8, blocking the state from going forward with a proposed lottery for the 20 recreational dispensary

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Cannabis plants in one of the growing rooms at Slater Compassion Center in Providence. KRIS CRAIG/THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL

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