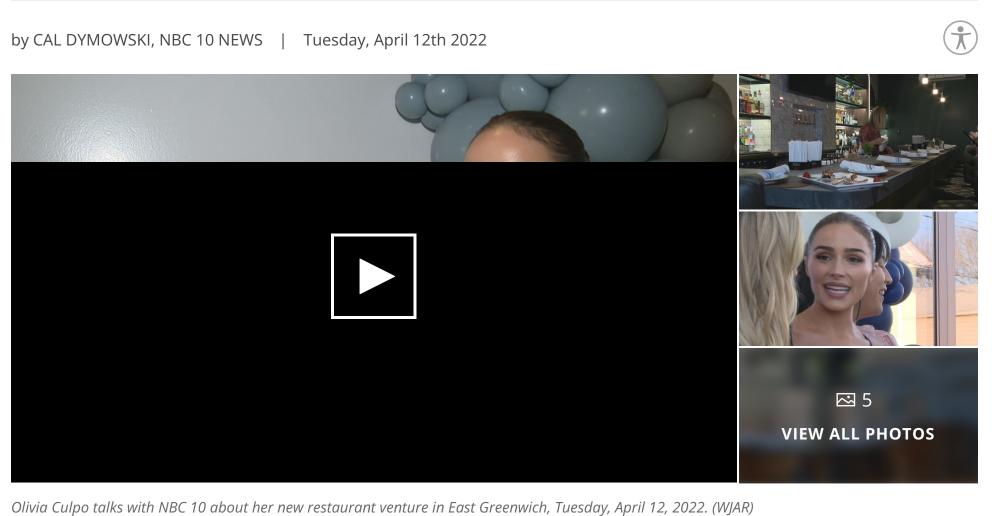
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## Olivia Culpo on hand for opening celebration of her **East Greenwich restaurant**





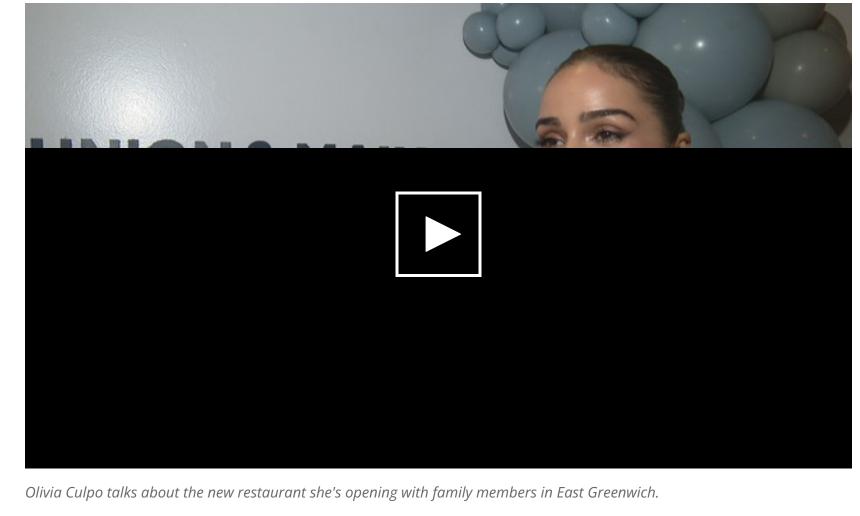
business.

The Cranston native and former Miss USA and Miss Universe was in the

EAST GREENWICH, R.I. (WJAR) — Olivia Culpo's new restaurant is open for

Ocean State Tuesday evening for the grand opening of Union & Main, a new restaurant venture with her father, family members and others.

"I love coming back to Rhode Island," she said. "This is so near and dear to my heart. This is still my home."



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North Kingstown and Black Oak in Coventry. Olivia is a part-owner, along with her father, Peter. Justin Dalton-Ameen

The restaurant is run by Grampo LLC, the same minds behind Back 40 in

and Josh Culpo are Grampo's main owners. Robert Pirnie is the culinary director, and Gina Martin is the general manager.

'American Song Contest' Management said the restaurant -- which aptly sits on the corner of Main

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Peter owns several bars and restaurants in Boston. Olivia says her dad's experience in the food service industry is something that she's admired.

Street and Union Street -- had its soft opening late February and early

March.

"I've watched my dad work really hard my entire life, and to be able to do this project with him and with my family, it's so rewarding and I'm excited for people to join in with us," Olivia said.



also served as a thank you to family, friends and restaurant staff for their support and efforts in getting the place up and running. "I was built on good food and a good community, and that's what I'm

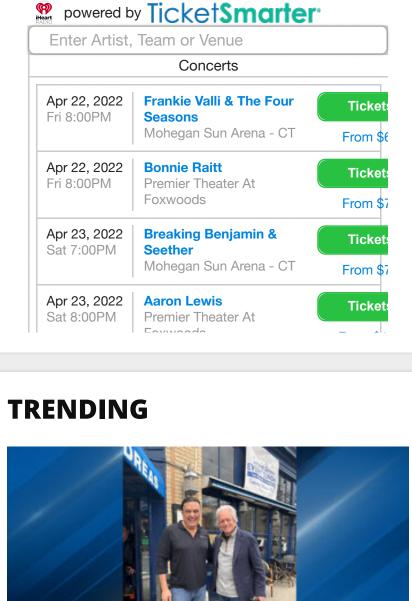
bringing in a small way," said Olivia. "It's the perfect combination for me."

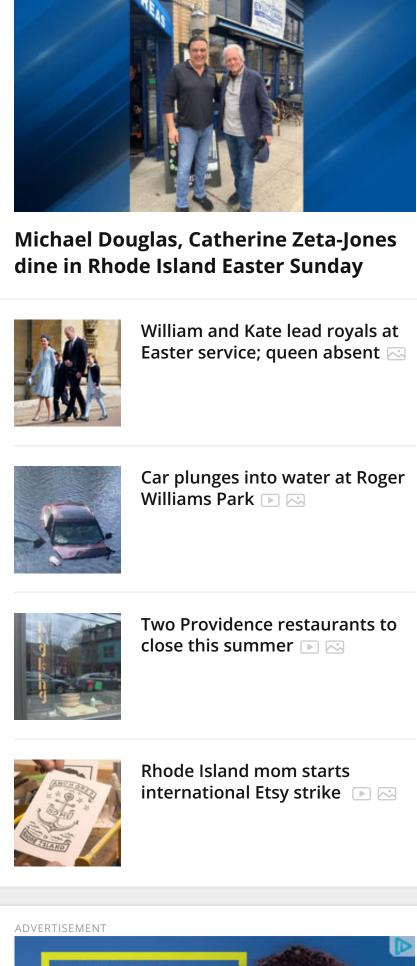
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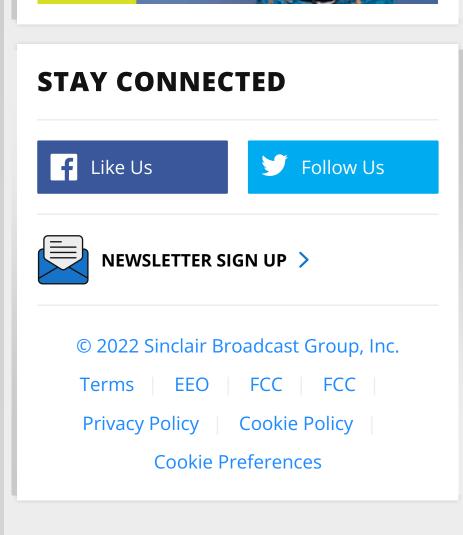


Union & Main is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

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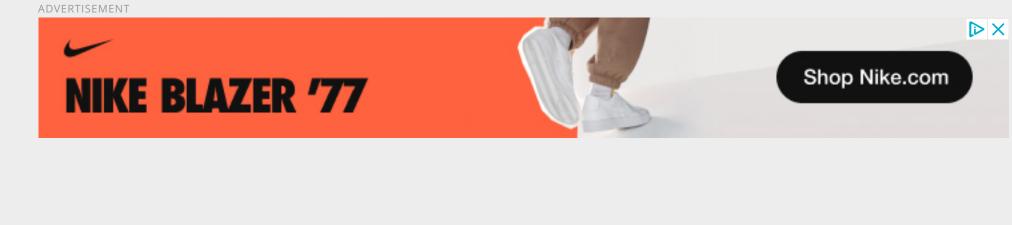




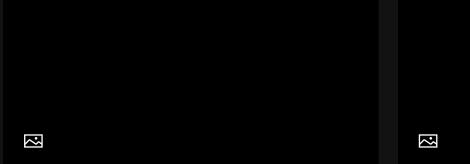


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