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Members of Team De-Feeet Cancer once again raised money for cancer research as part of the Pan-Mass Challenge. In no particular order, team members include Jessica Piwowarski, Bill Piwowarski, Dennis Martin, and Seana Cummins.

## Fundraising efforts roll on despite cancellation of Pan-Mass Challenge

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – The Pan-Mass Challenge was canceled for the first time ever this year, but the fundraising mission for cancer research rolled on.

Despite their disappointment over the PMC cancellation due to COVID-19, local teams embraced the opportunity to reimagine their rides. Teams were encouraged by PMC leaders to take part in their own abbreviated rides this year – or participate in virtual experiences – to help celebrate their fundraising accomplishments.

For West Brookfield-based Team De-Feeet Cancer, members set out from the Sturbridge Host Hotel early on the morning of Aug. 1. But unlike previous years, when they were surrounded by hundreds of other PMC cyclists from throughout the nation, the five members of Team De-Feeet Cancer forged their own path to Whitinsville and back.

During their journey, team members were thrilled to come across a handful of other PMC participants carving separate routes across the state. “We started and finished

at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. We cheered on every PMcCer we saw along the way, and carried as much of the joy and magic of PMC with us that we could,” said longtime Team De-Feeet Cancer member Jessica Piwowarski.

Supported by a driver and rest stop volunteers, the team pushed through several challenges and completed its journey back to Sturbridge. Although the ride hardly compared to the normal event, it helped accentuate the most important part of the entire

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## Settlement reached in ADA suit against Spencer school district

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The U.S. Justice Department recently reached an agreement with the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District to resolve a lawsuit alleging disability discrimination in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Justice Department’s complaint alleged that the school district terminated a paraprofessional with knee and shoulder impairments on the basis of her disability. The paraprofessional had been employed by the district for 16 years.

Prosecutors said the SEBRSD denied the employee’s request that, due to her physical limitations, she be excused from a new policy requiring paraprofessionals to be trained to physically restrain students and be available to perform restraints.

Under the terms of the legal settlement, the school district will revise its policies to ensure compliance with the ADA, train staff on the ADA, and file periodic reports with the Justice Department on implementation of the agreement. The school district will also pay \$85,699 in back pay and compensatory damages to its former employee.

The litigation was based

on a referral from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s Massachusetts District Office.

“Even as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, this case shows that barriers to equal employment opportunity still exist for employees with disabilities,” said United States Attorney Andrew Lelling. “Public employers must be leaders in prohibiting discrimination in public sector jobs and ensuring a fair workplace.”

Added Assistant Attorney General Eric Dreiband, “Work provides more than just a paycheck. It provides a sense of purpose, dignity, independence, self-worth, and belonging. Without reasonable accommodations for their jobs, many people with disabilities cannot work and, as a result, are unable to achieve economic self-sufficiency and full participation in the workforce.”

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Justice Department has pledged to continue using its enforcement and technical assistance tools to combat unlawful discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

The case against the SEBRSD was handled by the Justice Department’s Civil Rights

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## Leicester School Committee adopts hybrid reopening model

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – After a lengthy discussion and multiple proposals last week, School Committee members decided on a hybrid model for reopening schools.

Since March, school officials have held extensive talks with administrators, teachers, families, and students. Five subcommittees spent the summer discussing how best to reopen schools, and guidance was sought from the state’s Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

At the Aug. 4 School Committee meeting, members discussed several options. Scott Francis made a motion to fully reopen all schools, but it was defeated 4-1.

“I believe our students need to get back to normal. The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly advocates for reopening schools,” Francis said. “The negative impacts on children because of school closures in

the spring have resulted in social isolation and made it difficult for schools to identify learning deficiencies. It is also very difficult to deliver services to our special education and English language learners.”

Newly elected School Committee member Donna McCance made a motion to start school with the first ten weeks being remote only. That motion was also defeated 4-1.

Superintendent Marilyn Tencza delivered a comprehensive presentation on multiple learning scenarios available this fall. Ultimately, School Committee members voted 3-2 to support a hybrid model that will combine in-person learning and remote education.

“Superintendent Tencza did a very good presentation of all three options,” said Francis, who wound up voting against the hybrid model.

Earlier this summer, the DESE mandated that all

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## Isaias lashes central Massachusetts

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Central Massachusetts felt the wrath of Tropical Storm Isaias last week, with widespread property damage and power outages reported in several towns.

At the height of the Aug. 4 storm, local police departments were inundated with reports of downed power lines and impassable roads between 3 and 7 p.m. Wind gusts topped 60 miles per hour, toppling trees and

strewn branches across yards and roads.

Leicester was one of the hardest hit communities, beginning when a fallen tree crushed two parked vehicles on Mulberry Street. A tree then fell in Pine Grove Cemetery and struck the chapel, and multiple power lines came down in other locations. Five streets were still closed the next day, Aug. 5, as cleanup work continued.

“We got hit right out of the gate with the tree across two parked vehicles at 77

Mulberry St.,” said Leicester Police Chief Kenneth Antanavica. “During the course of the storm, police, fire, and DPW worked to keep streets open, in total answering over 20 calls for trees down. Fire also responded to Spencer for mutual aid, answering their calls for service.”

Leicester officials were thrilled with how their municipal departments and residents came together to weather the storm and quickly recover.

“No injuries were reported, so all in all we did well,” Chief Antanavica said. “All municipal services worked together like a well-oiled machine.”

Multiple roads were closed in Spencer, Warren, and the Brookfields. Two houses were clipped by falling trees in West Brookfield, and National Grid crews worked throughout the night to restore power.

“There were lots of power outages, trees and lines down,” said Spencer Police Chief David Darrin.

No injuries were reported in the Route 9 corridor, but power in some neighborhoods was out for multiple



Photo Courtesy

Storm damage kept Leicester responders busy throughout the night.

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# Help kids feel comfortable at the dentist

Routine dental examinations and cleanings are an important component of oral healthcare for both children and adults. However, many children do not visit the dentist until well after the time recommended by medical and dental professionals. Parents may be unaware of the dental health timeline, or they could be reluctant to bring their children for fear of how their kids will behave — especially if parents are harboring their own apprehensions about the dentist.

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that a child go to the dentist by age 1, or within six months of the eruption of his or her first tooth. Yet, according to a survey commissioned by Delta Dental Plans, the average age of a child's first dental visit is 2.6 years.

Parents worried about how their kids will respond to the dentist can take the following steps to acclimate kids to dental visits to make them more comfortable during their appointments now and down the road.

- Be a positive role model. Children frequently learn by example. If they see their parents being diligent about dental care, they're more likely to embrace proper oral hygiene. Bring

children to your own dental appointments so they understand the process and become familiar with the type of equipment used.

- Stick to the first-tooth milestone. Take your child to the dentist on or about when his or her first tooth erupts. Early dental visits will get kids used to going to the dentist and prevent minor problems that may lead to more complex dental issues.

- Read books about the dentist and role play. Information can allay kids' fears about the dentist. Read books together about dental visits and act out possible scenarios with your kids. Give kids toy dental health tools and have them practice exams on you and vice-versa.

- Be supportive and instill trust. Avoid telling your child that everything will be okay. If a procedure is needed, this could affect his or her trust in you and make the dental office an even greater source of anxiety. Simply be supportive and offer a hand to squeeze or a hug if your child needs you.

- Consider using your dentist. Some parents like to take their children to a pediatric dentist, but it may not always be necessary. Many family practices cater to patients of all ages, and the familiarity of the office may help make children feel more comfortable. Speak with your dentist about the ages they see.

- Steer clear of negative words. Michael J. Hanna, DMD, a national spokesperson for the AAPD, suggests using positive phrases like "clean, strong, healthy teeth" to make the visit seem fun and positive rather than scary and alarming. Let the office staff come up with their own words to describe processes that won't seem too frightening.

By employing these techniques, kids' dental visits can be more pleasant for all involved, paving the way for a lifetime of healthy teeth.



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# POLICE LOGS

## Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29  
 12:22-1:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:18 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 1:30-1:47 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:01 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), inquiry re: restraining order; 7:16 a.m.: animal complaint (Grove Street), loose dog; 7:52 a.m.: medical/general (Sumner Street); 8:26 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Charlton PD bolo; 9:26 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:43 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), Paul Abankwa, 25, 52 Parsons Hill Road, Worcester, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, operating w/out proper license (mc), arrest; 10:31 a.m.: suspicious activity (Brooks Pond Road), info taken; 11:32 a.m.: 911 call (Chestnut Street), misdial; 12:14 p.m.: accident (Thompson Pond Road), report taken; 12:48 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 12:53 p.m.: lost/found (Emmett Street), lost wallet; 1:16 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 1:16 p.m.: juvenile matter (Cherry Street), services rendered; 1:40 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 1:55 p.m.: mv complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), mc racing; 2:25 p.m.: restraining order service (Pleasant Street); 3:18 p.m.: medical/general (Washburn Terrace); 3:39 p.m.: 911 call (Meadow Road), no contact; 4:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Ledge Avenue), missing cat; 4:55 p.m.: juvenile matter (Thompson Pond Road), kids impeding traffic; 6:03 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), custody issue; 6:56 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 7:11 p.m.: RV complaint (Lake Street), investigated; 7:39 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Sampson Street), seeds rec'd in mail; 8:35 p.m.: larceny (Sampson Street), wallet stolen; 8:58 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 9:17 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:00 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), North Brookfield PD bolo; 11:36 p.m.: disturbance (Prospect Street), neighbor issues; (Total daily mv stops - 20).

THURSDAY, JULY 30  
 12:27-1:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:55 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:59-2:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:27 a.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), canopy in road; 8:07 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 8:31 a.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), spoken to; 8:53 a.m.: officer wanted (Wire Village Road), services rendered; 9:26 a.m.: suspicious mv (Brooks Pond Road), investigated; 9:38 a.m.: lost/found (Meadow Road), keys found; 9:58 a.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), Harrington CT down; 10:12 a.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), fox in area; 10:22 a.m.: 911 call (Linden Street), open line; 10:23 a.m.: medical/overdose (Mechanic Street); 11:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Lanoreaux Lane), raccoon in yard; 12:25 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 12:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), dog appears abused; 1:06 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 1:47 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 1:51 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 2:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Old East Charlton Road), unwanted party; 3:18 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 3:47 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:48 p.m.: building checked, secure; 4:52 p.m.: animal complaint (Cherry Street), loose dogs; 5:33 p.m.: fraud (Chestnut Street), SS scam call; 5:41 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 6:07 p.m.: juvenile matter (Grove Street), kids on bikes in traffic; 6:08 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:42 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), services ren-

dered; 7:35 p.m.: juvenile matter (Park Street), unruly kids in park; 7:54 p.m.: medical/general (Park Street), grocery order not delivered; 8:30 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 8:41 p.m.: animal complaint (Gauthier Road), dog missing; 8:49 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 8:56 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 9:12 p.m.: parking violation (Prospect Street), ticket issued; 9:41 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Water Street), being thrown from mv; 10:39 p.m.: intelligence/criminal (Kingsbury Road), poss. drunk driver; 11:39 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Sreet), Andrew J. Tyndall , 35, 17 Mechanic Street, Spencer, op w/suspended license, marked lanes violation,, unlicensed operation, arrest 9; (Total daily mv stops - 35).u8u

FRIDAY, JULY 31  
 12:56 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 12:59 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 1:10-2:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:05 a.m.: medical/general (Adams Street); 3:23 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:01 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), noise complaint; 6:23 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Candice Holly Byer, 28, 435 Armory Street, Manchester, NH, possession Class B drug, arrest; Keith G. Ware, 35., 37 Paxton Road, Spencer, possession Class C drug, possession Class C drug w/intent to distribute, arrest; 7:43 a.m.: animal complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), loose dogs; 7:57 a.m.: officer wanted (G.H. Wilson Road), trash barrel in road/removed; 8:09 a.m.: fire alarm (Paxton Road), accidental; 11:05 a.m.: animal complaint (Charlton Road), dead porcupine; 11:50 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), dog locked in mv; 1:49 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Northwest Road), unattended burn; 1:57 p.m.: fraud (Buteau Road), unemployment scam; 2:18 p.m.: medical/general (Spinnaker Drive); 2:23 p.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), loose dog; 2:48 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Oakland Drive), no contact; 4:22 p.m.: elderly matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 5:09 p.m.: juvenile matter (Min Street), kids on bikes in traffic; 5:49 p.m.: juvenile matter (Thompson Pond Road), kids jumping off bridge; 6:03 p.m.: warrant service (Park Street), Justin A. Michaels, 29, homeless, Spencer, warrant X 4, arrest; 6:08p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:00 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), loud cursing; 7:04 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (West Main Street), info taken; 7:29 p.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 8:06 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Brown Street), gunshots heard; 8:33 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 8:45 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:03 p.m.: juvenile matter (Grove Street), dangerous activity; 9:20 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), unwanted party; 9:35 p.m.: parking violation (Temple Street), ticket issued; 9:36 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 9:48 p.m.: suspicious persons (Paxton Road), info taken; 10:48 p.m.: suspicious persons (Lanoreaux Lane), investigated; 11:02 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:18 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 11:33 p.m.: medical/general (Pond Street); (Total daily mv stop - 21).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1  
 1:23-12:57 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:04 a.m.: fire alarm (Lanoreaux Lane), services rendered; 1:11-3:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:57 a.m.: officer wanted (North Brookfield Road), trailer abandoned; 11:54 a.m.: intelligence/drugs (Main Street), info taken; 12:24 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Church Street), raccoon w/chain on leg; 3:07 p.m.: 911 call (McCormick Road), open line; 4:04 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:10 p.m.: medical/general (Lake Whittemore Drive); 4:34 p.m.: mv com-

plaint (Marble Drive), speeding; 5:35 p.m.: 911 call (Mechanic Street), hang-up; 7:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), services rendered; 7:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Biby Road), req. residence check; 7:41 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), poss. suspicious mv ; 8:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), noise complaint; 8:18 p.m.: officer wanted (Woodland Lane), issues w/ex; 8:47 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 8:50 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Hastings Road), info taken; 9:12 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), noise complaint; 9:27 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Westland Drive), info taken; 9:29 p.m.: disabled mv (Howe Rod), assisted; 9:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Pope Street), services rendered; 10:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), welfare check; 10:31-10:32 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops - 34).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2  
 12:17-2:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:02 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:18 a.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 8:00 a.m.: medical/general (School Street); 8:40 a.m.: animal complaint (Bell Street), bat in bedroom; 10:33 a.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), injured goose; 11:09 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Brookfield PD bolo; 11:40 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:38 p.m.: officer wanted (Prospect Street), unwanted party; 1:19 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), open line; 1:42 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Greenville Street), fire in woods; 2:14 p.m.: fire alarm (Bixby Road), services rendered; 2:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), poss. mva; 3:01 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 3:33 p.m.: officer wanted (McCormick Road), spoken to; 4:10 p.m.: officer wanted (North Brookfield Road), noise complaint; 5:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Brooks Pond Rod), poss. underage drinking; 7:20 p.m.: officer wanted (LaCaire Lane), spoken to; 7:46 p.m.: 911 call (Sherman Grove), open line; 8:14 p.m.: suspicious persons (Chickering Road), info taken; 9:04 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:05 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), req. courtesy transport; 10:57 p.m.: disturbance (Valley Street), family dispute; 11:04 p.m.: officer wnted (Bixby Road), spoken to; 11:07 p.m.: fire alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 11:49 p.m.: parking violation (Prospect Street), ticket issued; 11:59 p.m.: parking violation (South Street), ticket issued; (Total daily mv stops - 29).

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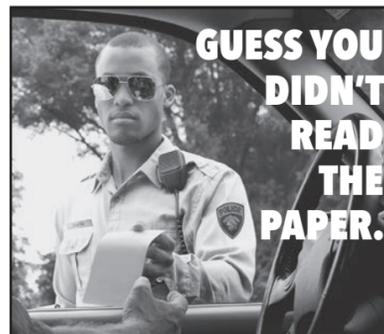


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# Friday's Child



**Gabriella**  
 Age 14

**Hi! My name is Gabriella and I love cosmetology!**

Gabriella, also known as Gabby, is a smart and creative young woman of Caucasian descent. She is very talented and enjoys painting, drawing, and baking, which are just a few of her creative outlets. Gabby enjoys spending time with friends and family watching television. A typical teenager, she often connects with friends via social media and loves animals. Gabby appreciates her alone time and can be quiet, but at times is very talkative with friends and familiar adults. She has a witty sense of humor and is easy to get along with.

Gabby aspires to attend college in the future and is currently in the cosmetology program at her vocational high school. Gabby is able to build strong relationships with teachers and adults, which helps her accomplish her goals. She thrives when she has a routine with clear expectations.

Legally freed for adoption, Gabby is looking for her forever home. She is self-sufficient and able to take care of her own needs, but hopes to find the love and support of a forever family. Gabby will do well in a family consisting of a single female, two females, or a male/female couple. She would benefit from being the only child or having older siblings in the home. Gabby looks forward to having a support network that is stable and able to stick by her side through all that life has to offer.

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To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.

## Pet of the Week

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**Breed:** DSH  
**Age:** 12 years  
**Gender:** Female & Male



Callie



Sebastian

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**CHERYL DONOHUE AND STAFF**  
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- Submitted by Douglas Paul

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12:00-12:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:17 a.m.: parking violation (Irving Street), ticket issued; 12:21 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:31 a.m.: parking violation (Duggan Street), ticket issued; 12:38-12:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:09 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 1:14 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:31 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 1:33-1:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:52 a.m.: officer wanted (Sycamore Avenue), boat broke down off shore; 4:28 a.m.; suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 6:25 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 7:39 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 9:12 a.m.: disturbance (Prospect Street), noise complaint; 9:31 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 10:02 a.m.: fraud (Paxton Road), phone scam; 11:28 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), owner yelling at customer; 12:36 p.m.: suspicious mv (Charlton Road), info taken; 1:56 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 2:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dog bite; 2:41 p.m.: animal complaint (McCormick Road), horse loose; 3:30 p.m.: trespassing (Park Street), info taken; 3:46 p.m.: suspicious persons (Greenville Street), info taken; 3:54 p.m.: residential alarm (Hastings Road), services rendered; 4:05 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 4:10 p.m.: fraud (Browning Pond Road), SS scam; 4:40 p.m.: mv lockout (Wall Street), assisted; 6:36 p.m.: disabled mv (Gold Nugget Road), assisted; 7:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), welfare check; 8:59 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Paxton Road), no contact; 9:27 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Donnelly Cross Road), no contact; 9:32 p.m.: juvenile matter (Maple Street), street sign stolen; 10:19 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 10:34 p.m.: mv complaint (Wall Street), erratic operator; 11:41 p.m.: officer wanted (Wire Village Road), wire in roadway; (Total daily mv stops - 15).

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**

12:21-1:15 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:22 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 2:38 a.m.: building checked, secure; 6:23 a.m.: officer wanted (Charlton Road), courtesy transport; 7:43 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 9:43 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 9:56 a.m.: DPW call (Smithville Road), tree limb in road; 11:07 a.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 11:32 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 11:47 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 1:00 p.m.: juvenile arrest (Main Street), services rendered; 1:20 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Hastings Road), services rendered; 1:59 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:05 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), tornado warning; 2:07 p.m.: restraining order service (Woodside Road); 2:34 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (Paxton Road), info taken; 2:44 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 2:52 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), firearm inquiry; 3:18 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 3:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), family concerns; 3:37 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), poss. identity theft; 3:40 p.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road),

tree down in road; 3:50 p.m.: DPW call (Wilson Street), tree on wires; 3:59 p.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), tree down; 4:22 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 4:30 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), tree on wires; 4:35 p.m.: DPW call (Point Eastalee Drive), tree/wires down in road; 4:36 p.m.: DPW call (Lincoln Street), branch down/power out; 4:38 p.m.: DPW call (Lambs Grove), wire down in road; 4:45 p.m.: DPW call (Wilson Street), tree/wires down in road; 4:49 p.m.: DPW call (Tom Casey Road), tree/wires down; 4:55 p.m.: DPW call (Summit Street), branch/lines down; 4:58 p.m.: fire alarm (Summit Street), services rendered; 4:59 p.m.: DPW call (Howe Road), tree on wires; 7:02 p.m.: DPW call (Hebert Road), tree/wires down; 5:13 p.m.: mv lockout (Crestview Drive), dog locked in mv; 5:19 p.m.: DPW call (Charlton Road), tree in road; 5:19 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 5:20 p.m.: DPW call (Charlton Road), multiple calls; 5:22 p.m.: DPW call (Ash Street), cable down in road; 5:25 p.m.: DPW call (Chickering Road), line down; 5:25 p.m.: DPW call (Briarcliff Lane), tree on house; 5:27 p.m.: DPW call (Greenville Street), power out; 5:30 p.m.: DPW call (Smithville Road), tree down; 5:41 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 5:42 p.m.: DPW call (I. Capen Road), tree on wires; 5:42 p.m.: DPW call (South Spencer Road), tree/wires down in road; 5:48 p.m.: DPW call (Greenville Street), tree on primary lines; 5:54 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), tree/wires down in road; 5:56 p.m.: DPW call (Jolicoeur Road), tree top in road; 6:01 p.m.: DPW call (Wire Village Road), trees/wire in road; 6:07 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Chickering Road), investigated; 6:13 p.m.: DPW call (Smithville Road), tree down in road; 6:22 p.m.: DPW call (Smithville Road), tree in road; 6:23 p.m.: DPW call (Clark Road), tree down/poss. injury; 6:25 p.m.: DPW call (East Charlton Road), tree/wires down; 6:35 p.m.: 911 call (Mechanic Street), misdial; 6:41 p.m.: DPW call (Meadow Road), tree on wires; 6:48 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 6:50 p.m.: DPW call (South Spencer Road), tree/wires in road; 6:57 p.m.: 911 call (Bixby Road), uncooperative party; 7:02 p.m.: DPW call (North Spencer Road), branch in road 7:05 p.m.: DPW call (Ash Street), fire on pole; 7:12 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), CO detector; 7:16 p.m.: DPW call (Muzzy Street), tree on wires; 7:22 p.m.: DPW call (Cooney Road), tree top hanging; 7:32 p.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), tree down; 7:34 p.m.: DPW call (Gold Nugget Road), tree down; 7:36 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 7:50 p.m.: DPW call (North Brookfield Road), tree over road; 7:53 p.m.: juvenile matter (Lake Street), kids behind school; 7:54 p.m.: DPW call (Browning Pond Road), limbs down; 8:09 p.m.: DPW call (Marble Road), tree in road; 9:05 p.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Road), assisted; 9:10 p.m.: officer wanted (McCormick Road), tree down on property; 9:10 p.m.: DPW call (Gauthier Road), tree on wires; 10:18 p.m.: disturbance (Lake Street), intoxicated male in rage; 10:50 p.m.: 911 call (Thompson Pond Road), relationship dispute; 11:31 p.m.: suspicious persons (Paxton Road), info taken; (Total daily mv stop - 22).

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**Leicester Police**

**THURSDAY, JULY 30**

12:23 a.m.: family problem (Cricklewood Drive), peace restored; 7:09 a.m.: larceny (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 12:26 p.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), verbal warning; 1:16 p.m.: larceny (Pleasant Street), assisted; 2:40 p.m.: larceny (Grove Street), report taken; 3:49 p.m.: malicious mischief (Boyd Street), report taken.

**FRIDAY, JULY 31**

12:35 a.m.: assist other PD (Whittemore Street), no action required; 3:03 a.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), transported to hospital; 6:04 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Chapel Street), services rendered; 12:25 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), no action required; 5:39 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 8:38 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), mv towed; 10:29 p.m.: family problem (Henshaw Street), peace restored.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1**

3:02 a.m.: noise complaint (Marshall Street), services rendered; 7:39 a.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by price tag tampering, criminal application issued; 10:32 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 2:25 p.m.: residential alarm (Whittemore Street), false alarm; 6:03 p.m.: welfare check (Fairview Drive), transported to hospital; 7:40 p.m.: disturbance (Marshall Street), unfounded; 7:44 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 9:01 p.m.: disturbance (Towtaid Street), unable to locate.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**

1:14 a.m.: noise complaint (King Street), services rendered; 1:42 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to; 8:14 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), Brent J. Halley, 33, 41 Leicester Street, North Oxford, straight warrant, arrest; 3:56 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stone Ridge Road), report taken; 5:37 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 5:45 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street), services rendered; 6:19 p.m.: accident (Crestwood Road), services rendered; 6:29 p.m.: harassment (Rawson Street), report taken; 8:47 p.m.: disturbance/gathering (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, b&e in the nighttime to commit a felony, vandalism, spoken to; 10:22 p.m.: abandoned mv (Auburn Street), services rendered.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3**

6:41 a.m.: suspicious person (Mulberry Street), services rendered; 8:57 a.m.: family problem (Wells Street, Oxford), referred; 10:27 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:40 p.m.: assist citizen (Paxton Street), services rendered; 4:03 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:18 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 6:39 p.m.: fraud (King Street Extension), report taken; 6:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:52 p.m.: forgery/uttering (Main Street), report taken; 9:28 p.m.: suspicious activity (Marshall Street), investigated; 9:32 p.m.: disturbance (Pine Street), peace restored; 10:10 p.m.: welfare check (Paxton Street), Scott R. Romanovitz, 39, 270 Bellevue Avenue, #1086, Newport, RI, straight warran,

arrest.

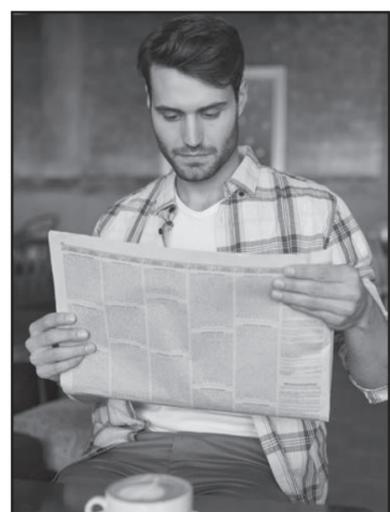
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**

2:50 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), report taken; 7:29 a.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:26 a.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), peace restored; 10:26 a.m.: larceny (Main Street), larceny by check, report taken; 11:29 a.m.: accident (Winslow Avenue), mv towed; 12:07 p.m.: threats (Main Street), report taken; 1:17 p.m.: residential alarm (Rawson Street), false alarm; 3:53 p.m.: lockout (Pleasant Street), assisted; 4:01 p.m.: fraud (Pleasant Street), no action required; 4:57 p.m.: restraining order service (Wasilla Drive), served; 7:44 p.m.: suspicious activity (Pine Street), unable to locate; 8:00 p.m.: restraining order service (Green Street), served.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5**

5:15 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), transported; 10:00 a.m.: assist citizen (Mannville Street); 10:26 a.m.: debris in road (Cemetery Road), no action required; 10:44 a.m.: suspicious person (Rawson Street), unable to locate; 12:51 p.m.: disturbance (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 1:03 p.m.: suspicious person (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 2:20 p.m.: investigation (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 4:02 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 4:09 p.m.: debris in road (Whittemore Street), no action required; 4:55 p.m.: erratic operator (South Main Street), no action required; 6:27 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), unable to locate; 6:36 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 7:38 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, federal indictment for bank robbery, federal indictment, arrest.

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# Alex Cordy Golf Tournament set for Sept. 19

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – The third annual Alex Cordy Memorial Charity Golf Tournament will take place next month at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club.

Set for Saturday, Sept. 19, the event is hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 11080, based in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish in West Brookfield.

Registration for the event will begin at 7:15 a.m., with a shotgun start set for 8 a.m. Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club is located at 1822 Old Turnpike Rd. in Oakham.

Tournament organizers are looking forward to another great event that raises funds for important community causes.

“As many of you are aware, Alex was an integral part of our West Brookfield community for many years,” read a statement released by event organizers. “In memory of his outstanding service to his community, his church, and being a founding member of our Knights of Columbus Council 11080, this tournament will once again benefit our youth activities fund to support the youth in our local community – a cause that was very important to Alex.”

The tournament registration fee is \$100 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, and lunch. Team rates are also available.

Lunch and an awards presentation will follow the golf outing (meal options include prime rib, chicken, haddock, or vegetarian). Depending on COVID-19

restrictions in place at the time of the tournament, lunch may be held outdoors for guests’ safety.

Last year, the Knights of Columbus used proceeds from the golf event to award two \$1,000 scholarships to a pair of local high school seniors. The funds also benefited several local activities.

“We ask that you please consider supporting our event by participating in the tournament individually or with a foursome,” organizers wrote.

You can also support the event by sponsoring a tee sign for \$100, a cart sign for \$50, or a corporate donation of \$250. Also, tournament raffle items and general donations to the Knights of Columbus 11080 Charities Account are always welcome.

For those who wish to support the

event but aren’t interested in golfing, you are welcome to attend the lunch for a small donation. Also, anyone wishing to lend a hand with the tournament is welcome to volunteer.

Organizers thank all residents and volunteers who have supported the event in the past. They look forward to another memorable tournament in 2020.

For more information about the event, or to learn how you can get involved, call Wally Connor at 413-813-8100. Registration and sponsorship forms can be mailed to you upon request.

Registration forms and meal selections are due no later than Sept. 12.

## POLICE INVESTIGATE ILLEGAL TRAPPING

Photo Courtesy

Police are investigating an incident of illegal trapping that occurred last weekend in the Church Street area. On Aug. 7, a raccoon was found badly injured and trapped by the illegal device. The animal was taken to Tufts Veterinary Hospital, where it had to be euthanized due to the extent of its injuries. Anyone with information on the incident should contact the Spencer Police Department.



## CREWS BATTLE HOUSE FIRE IN SPENCER



Photo Courtesy

Firefighters battled a small fire at 63 South Spencer Rd. last week. No injuries were reported in the Aug. 7 fire. All occupants of the home were able to make it out safely, and the road was briefly closed during the response. The fire department continues to investigate the cause of the fire.

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### SETTLEMENT

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Division, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Torey Cummings, of Lelling’s Civil Rights Unit.

The SEBRSD is looking forward to moving ahead now that the legal proceedings are complete.

“The district is pleased to have resolved this matter. There are so many great things happening within our schools, and we have worked together as a learning community to address a handful of outstanding items of the past,” said SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey, who was hired long after the incident took place. “As a regional school district, we are now in a position to move forward – focused upon teaching and learning with purpose – with and for our students and the needs of the communities we serve.”

### SCHOOLS

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school districts prepare plans for in-person and remote learning. If COVID-19 conditions worsen this fall or winter, school officials statewide need to be prepared for a transition back to fully remote learning.

All families in the district are encouraged to evaluate their respective situations before making decisions on schooling for the 2020-21 season. Statewide, several parents and students have expressed fears over reopening schools. For families with seniors living at home or individuals with illnesses, the decision on whether to send kids back to school has

been particularly difficult.

“Parents have the right to keep students at home,” Tencza said last week. “There is a presentation that we put on our website that has details. We are going to refine it for the final draft that will be sent to the DESE on Monday.”

The DESE also urges all administrators, teachers, and staff members who may be at greater risk of contracting COVID-19 to consult a doctor prior to returning to school. This includes school officials who are elderly or have underlying health conditions.

Extensive guidance has been offered by the DESE on safety regulations for school buildings. These include social dis-

tancing measures and mask mandates for all students in the second grade and up. All staff members must also wear masks, and school furniture will be rearranged to promote distancing.

Around the area, several other school districts have chosen a hybrid reopening model. Others will be starting the school year entirely online, with the potential of returning to school if conditions improve.

For the latest updates on Leicester’s plan, visit the school district’s website: www.leicester.k12.ma.us. Parents can also use this site to access an opt-out form indicating that their child will not participate in in-person learning this year.

### PMC

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experience. Regardless of how many miles team members logged, their critical fundraising for cancer research is unchanged.

“It was a hot day and a hilly course, but we all made it despite each of our aches along the way,” Piwowarski added. “While it was not the same, our mission remains unchanged. We ride to defeat cancer.”

Additional members of Team De-Feet Cancer include Bill Piwowarski, Dennis Martin, and Seana Cummins.

For more than 40 years, the Pan-Mass Challenge has brought riders together for a common goal of raising funds to support the pursuit of a cure. All funds assist the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its pioneering research and treatments.

For PMC leaders, canceling this year’s event due to COVID-19 concerns was a difficult but necessary decision.

Several virtual programs were organized to help riders celebrate their accomplishments and connect with other participants statewide.

Members of Team De-Feet Cancer submitted photos for inclusion in the virtual program. They also watched the virtual PMC opening ceremony on WBZTV before setting out on their ride.

Team members thank their dedicated volunteers for supporting the ride. Volunteers include Theresa, Amy, Xavier, Spencer, Sandy, and Norma.

Currently, the PMC raises more money than any other athletic fundraising event in the country. It also generates more than 55 percent of the Jimmy Fund’s annual revenue. In 2019, the PMC donated a record-breaking \$63 million to Dana-Farber, bringing the PMC’s 40-year fundraising total to \$717 million.

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days. Statewide, over 220,000 customers were in the dark.

The Auburn Police Department dealt with 11 separate incidents of downed live wires. Further west in Sturbridge, Mashapaug Road and additional streets were closed due to downed branches and

power lines.

Brimfield, meanwhile, saw trees and limbs down throughout town, including several trees on Route 19. Monson residents received an automated call from the town administrator warning them to avoid travel until roads could be cleared.

In preparation of the storm, National Grid activated its emergency operation centers in Massachusetts and

Rhode Island. Still, some residences were without power for as long as three days.

Nationally, the storm was responsible for six fatalities. A New York City man was killed when a tree fell on his van, and two North Carolina residents lost their lives during a tornado. Storm-related fatalities were also reported in Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania after excessive flooding.

The storm is blamed for more than three million power outages nationwide.

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## EDITORIAL

# A tribute from a grateful pupil

BY LAURA J. CAILLE  
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*Editor's note: The following column was originally published in June of 2010. It has been re-printed at the author's request in tribute to her father, who passed away last week; his obituary can be found elsewhere in this week's edition.*

I read somewhere that "anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a Dad." How true. I have a great Dad, and cannot even begin to repay or thank him for all his love, sacrifice, wisdom, advice, and gifts over the years. Having had a long and successful career as an educator, my Dad has taught my younger twin brothers and me so many valuable lessons to carry us through life's ups and downs. While I could not possibly write them all in one column, I would like to share a few gems here.

Winning and being successful is easy; failure teaches you more and determines your strength, identity, and substance. It also makes your eventual success taste that much sweeter. Work hard at what you do and be proud of your accomplishments.

Before retiring and to support his family, my Dad was a full-time teacher at North Brookfield High School, he worked on a tar truck in the summers, and he also worked part-time for the Massachusetts Teachers Association, year round. Leading by example, he showed us that you can accomplish what you set out to achieve: sending your children through college, enjoying a swimming pool in the backyard, and providing your children with healthy teeth and smiles as a result of braces. Whenever I thought I couldn't do something, Dad would test and push me. The day I got my driver's permit, it started to snow. My Dad pulled over on Route 9 in Webster Square, got out of the car and said to me, "You drive home." I said I couldn't because it was snowing and he responded, "Yes, you can." His encouragement has led me to the far corners of the globe and I have been able to experience adventure and grow and learn from these experiences, which is what life is all about.

As a kid, I did not fully appreciate the Sunday drives through various New England towns and cities to be quizzed on architecture, or the family trips to museums and historical landmarks. I would have preferred Disneyland or the Epcot Center. But now, years later, these memories and history lessons will rise up from the mire and make me appreciate the fact that my parents took the time to show us these sites, teaching us something, rather than reading about it now on Wikipedia (which wasn't around when I was growing up).

I have known for a long time that life is not always fair. Eventually "what goes around, comes around," so sometimes you have to be patient and wait. While we don't have control over others, we do have control over ourselves and our actions. If we believe in ourselves and our core values, then it really doesn't matter what others think. This self-belief is taught and grows from others believing in us (e.g., our parents). Thanks, Dad, for believing in me.

When life isn't fair and you can do something about it, exercise your Constitutional right: freedom of speech. Write a letter, explaining yourself and voicing your opinion. Cast that ballot vote. I think on the day I turned 18, my Dad drove me to the town clerk's office so I could register to vote.

Growing up, my brothers and I did not always get what we wanted, but that is a good thing. As Mick says, "You can't always get what you want but ... get what you need." I wish more would subscribe to this wisdom and not cave in to their child's every whim. Sometimes kids have to earn something on their own, in order to get value from the experience. I'm glad my Dad recognizes this and is wise enough to tell the difference between what is and is not important and necessary in life (gotta have versus good to have).

I am lucky and proud to have a Dad like mine, and these are only just a few of the pearls he has taught me over the years. Maybe a good, first start at showing gratitude would be to pay it forward so that his teachings can live on. Thank you, Dad, for all that you are and all that you have done.

# VIEWPOINT

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Times that try men's souls

To the Editor:

One of the world's most influential political documents ever written was the Communist Manifesto, written by Karl Marx in 1848. In that document, he cites the eventual end of Capitalism through revolution. Marx was not a philosopher; he was a revolutionary. His works inspired many of the Communist regimes in the twentieth century.

In the last paragraph of the Communist Manifesto, Marx calls for a forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions and replaced with socialism and later communism.

Before our very eyes, we are seeing the fingerprints of Marx play out all around us. The New York Post covered a story in the June 25 edition about

Patrisse Cullors, who is an avowed Marxist and one of the founders of the BLM movement. This information is readily available in any simple search. They no longer hide in the shadows. These revolutionaries work in the open. The individuals at the top of that movement use their power to mirror those of the revolutionary Marx. I am not saying the protesters, some from our own families, are Marxists, but they are pawns in a powerful struggle to subvert the United States. It is not my intent to debate the righteousness or unrighteousness of BLM. I am simply making some intelligent observations based on published fact.

So, what has happened to the youth of our country? America,

what has happened to you? A revolution has been occurring for years right under our own noses and we never saw it happening. It did not start with violence but with thought, with ideas. Right now, our law enforcement community is under siege, while Lawmakers capitulate to an organization with revolutionary intent to overthrow our way of life.

Recently, my cousin took some night classes and he decided to take a course in Political Science. The first words out of the professor's mouth was his disclaimer that he was further left than Karl Marx.

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### Let's break this down

To the Editor:

As we lurch towards the November election, it is important to see what is happening. Trump has a 41 percent approval rating, with his disapproval rating at 55 percent, so he is 14 points underwater. National polls have him trailing Biden by about eight points. Predictit.org, which is a site one can bet on political outcomes, gives Biden a 57 percent of winning and Trump only 46 percent. Florida, North Carolina, and Arizona are all now leaning towards Biden. The only traditional swing state that Trump still leads in is Ohio.

Republicans have only won the popular vote once since 1988, and that was in 2004. Bush, in 2000, and Trump, in 2016, lost the popular vote. The Republican party is getting less popular with Americans generally but we are also

seeing a strong rural/urban divide and the American electoral system favors rural areas. Trump is so unpopular though that Republicans need more help than that.

The Republicans can't win Americans over on merit so they are going to go to "Plan B."

Not to worry, we are going to have the largest percentage of ballots mailed in ever. Trump is already calling them rigged. He is encouraging his people to vote in person. It is likely that only half of all votes are in-person but those voters will break hard for Republicans. Mail-in ballots are likely to be more numerous than the in-person but favor Biden and the Democrats. Now the name of the game is not counting ballots, getting ballots disqualified, throwing ballots out, etc. The 2020 election may end with

states not certifying their vote leading to no winner which forces the House to choose the president as state delegations (they will surely pick Trump) and we are almost guaranteed for the 2020 election to end up as Biden v. Trump in the SCOTUS with the conservative majority siding with Trump.

These past few weeks we have seen a lot of wrangling over the next round of Coronavirus relief. The Democrats and Republicans both agreed on supplemental unemployment aid but not the actual figure. Democrats and Republicans both agreed to issue direct payments to every American bringing us to the concern that we are voting for largesse we can't afford if it isn't offset with taxation and instituting a UBI (Universal Basic

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### Tropical winds

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In summer heat a few leaves move and those nearby smile at the cooling relief.

Storms come and go, snow and rain - small drama.

A tropic wind breaks rules, boughs joyfully rebel.

The patient, stoic sentinel begins to dance.

Chaos at first then finely choreographed swaying, waving, bowing and bending - grace unfettered.

It is good to dance, to emote and celebrate.

When quiet resumes I will remember the dance in every leafy tremor.

MARY TREROTOLA CAPUTO  
NORTH BROOKFIELD

### Short sighted

To the Editor:

Today, I write to you humbled. It seems as though I have made an almost unforgivable error as a parent and patriot. By allowing my children to take part in what is an affirmed right by our glorious Constitution, that being the right to peaceably assemble, I have irrevocably damaged their fragile minds with the notion that it is ok to stand up for what you believe in a calm, rational, and peaceful manner.

If I thought that, by doing so, would cause my children such mental anguish, I would have electronic devices surgically attached to their hands so that their attention could never again

### Cease and desist

To the Editor:

I want to ask everybody engaged in contemporary political discourse to cease and desist making uninformed comparisons as the Holocaust and Anti-Semitism. It seems in American political discourse, "Nazi," "Holocaust," and various other comparisons have become disconnected from their actual meanings and more used as words to describe "things I don't like."

I have been reading Mr. Robillard's writings for many weeks now, and I think I have a good idea of his point of view. In a nutshell, blacks weren't always treated fairly (they were slaves, after all), then white people from the north saved them, and now Black Americans should feel lucky they aren't in Africa. The blacks are

ungrateful and breaking things. He does seem to understand blacks have it rough but in his view the reason is other blacks. Furthermore, in his view, white people are the real victims in 2020. What floored me and sparked me to write in was his erroneous comparison to Anti-Semitism in Europe.

Once upon a time, there was a disenfranchised group in Central Europe - the disenfranchised were Jews, Gypsies, Slavs, and Negroes among others. Those disenfranchised has been living there for more generations than anyone could remember, hundreds of years. There were conspiracy theories, blood libels, and pogroms for centuries. These groups even had to pay special

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me out', I'll know for sure that I have successfully failed as a parent, yet succeeded in giving the left what they want.

If only I hadn't been so misguided in allowing my children to see politics in action. If I had just kept them away from any sort of conservative influence and only allow the all-knowing, all-seeing government take control and indoctrinate them. I could have let the village raise them. How can I be so greedy in believing that rearing my children was the responsibility of my wife and I? 1984, where are you?!!

I should be more like the parents  
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### Wine into water

To the Editor:

"I always try to do my best, I never cheated anyone. Not like that place were they once turned the wine into water."

- Traffic, "Far From Home"

"I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth." -Revelations 3:15-16

When the COVID-19 crisis of 2020 took over our lives and forced the clos-

ing of most public places, the enemies of Christianity saw their chance to not let a crisis go to waste. In places throughout Massachusetts and the whole country, churches were forbidden to have services. It was COVID-19 that forced this necessity, they said, but as time passed, it became clear that all public gatherings are equal, but some are more equal than others. Apparently, liquor stores, casinos and mass violent demonstrations do not spread COVID-19, but sitting in pews is a hot bed of contagion. How did this happen? Have

the forces arrayed against the churches of America become so strong they cannot be resisted?

I would suggest to you that the answer is not that the forces that hate Christianity are too strong, but rather, established church Christianity has become too weak. The Christian Church as such is no longer a vital force for good and positive change. Instead it has become a social club that sings the praises of Jesus but does not

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### TikTok smash 'n grab

To the Editor:

The ongoing saga between the Trump administration and TikTok is certainly interesting, and it seems like we are going down a deep dark Banana Republic hole.

Throughout most of the Internet's history, it had been dominated by American firms that operated globally (think Yahoo, Google, Facebook,

Amazon, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.). The U.S. has long promoted free trade and especially a free and open internet. We have long derided authoritarian regimes for blocking internet services. Many jokes have been made about the "Great Firewall of China" because they blocked services such as CNN, Facebook, Google, among others. Of course, many American firms such

as Microsoft agreed to the Chinese government's terms to do business there.

Then along comes TikTok, the first foreign internet platform to achieve widespread popularity in the United States. At first, nobody paid attention to TikTok until a bunch of American teenagers staged a prank on Trump to reserve tickets for his Tulsa rally in

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Forty more years!

To the Editor:  
I am well aware of the Friday evening “standouts” from this publication, but as it turns out, last Saturday there were standouts across Massachusetts for President Trump. On Diana Ploss’s Facebook page (GOP activist), I found videos of many of them, including the one in West Brookfield. I encourage all to watch. I fast-forwarded through much of the 34 minute video, but the interviews are worth watching.  
Some of the contributors to this publication, Dana George Reed and John McRae, appeared about 17 minutes in. We had a “Vive la République! Vote Trump!” sign as though anybody else there could read French and as if Trump was not a danger to the Republic and

dismantling it piece by piece. It isn’t like Trump just autocratically seized the power to tax and spend from congress through executive action just last night. According to McRae, “Trump is the only person in the country that can withstand the daily nonstop abuse that is heaped on him from all of the institutions. From the press to the universities to the corporations to the mainline churches... except for us.” He mentions that he has three kids and he wants them to have a country like he grew up in.

First of all, I think it is safe to say that his children do not want the America of the 1950’s that Mr. McRae

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### Dystopian future

To the Editor:  
Working from home has been a mixed bag for many of us. On one hand, it is nice to not have to get dressed, drive to work, and fight traffic early in the morning, instead rolling out of bed and getting on a Zoom call. On the other hand, much of our adult social interactions were at work, in meetings, in the breakroom, and yukking it up in other people’s offices and cubicles, and that loss has been tragic for out mental health. Collaboration is also much less efficient – some of the most productive conversations have been unscheduled and in corridors whereas these days we either don’t talk at all or it is a rote 30 minute Zoom call where the screen exhausts everyone to the point that we all are hoping it just ends.

Since COVID-19 isn’t going away any time soon, it looks like this is going to be a permanent cultural and economic shift. The first phase of working from home is very positive for the worker – jobs are no longer tied to location. We can now look for new jobs anywhere, and not necessarily in a tight commuting radius. We can command Boston wages with the housing costs of Spencer without the commuting time and expense. We have the option to live in Arkansas or Montana while commanding a Boston salary. The additional flexibility throughout the day is also positive for the worker.

As working from home becomes normalized and new employees are

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### Censor wanted, no principles necessary

To the Editor:  
How many times have I told you people Democrats, i.e., liberals/progressives, socialists/communists, etc. destroy everything they touch? Hmmm?  
You know the drill: the economy; freedom of speech and association; the rule of law; the universities; virtually all major cities; public schools; the Catholic Church; most

Protestant churches; the Boy Scouts; the Girl Scouts; the NFL; Major League Baseball, and for that matter, Little League Baseball; the NBA; NASCAR; women’s sports; movies; music; elite military units; police departments; welfare; prisons; the courts; health care; and, probably most disastrously, the Black family...well, make that many

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## Thanks to Trump, we have no choice — our kids will be harmed

To the Editor:  
Peter Kadzis, the veteran Fox 25 and WGBH public radio commentator, put it this way: “Only bad choices are available to parents and school districts.”

These include:  
- Full re-opening of schools which is “bad” because of the high Covid infection risk in fully open and attended schools. Our schools are not designed for social distancing or preventative ventilation;

- Remote distance learning in which children mainly study at home and on-line. This is “bad” because at home learning, on -ine or otherwise, is far more difficult for kids and less likely

to be successful. In addition, a parent/caregiver almost has to be present/not working outside the home; and  
- A combined or “hybrid” learning with some days at school and others at home. This is “bad” because it combines in-school attendance risks with the more difficult learning at home/on line

The fault for this terrible situation lies on one doorstep; The White House of President Donald Trump, including his enablers and key supporters.

Trump talks about Joe Biden, a good Catholic, “Hurting God.”

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### Tired to the bone

To the Editor:  
I have to think that there must be a substantial number of people who, like me, are completely exhausted by the daily vitriol, lies and outrageous nature of our daily news.

The neighbor around the corner, proudly displays a Trump banner with a bottom line that spells out “Stop the BS.” As one who makes it a point to watch every presidential shirt show, I submit that therein lies the actual source of most of male excretion of bovine dung..

So, consider this. Back in the late 1700’s, the Continental Congress saw fit to establish the US Post Office under Article #1, with a fellow named Benjamin Franklin as its first postmaster. Here in New England, there still exist many of the old stone road markers that go back

to his time.  
Since its inception, letters to loved ones, bills, checks, medicines, and most other things imaginable, have made their way into our mailbox. When my sons were stationed in foreign lands, cards, letters and even their Christmas stockings were unfailingly delivered. I remember my grandmother telling me exactly when her pension or social security check would arrive. I ordered a muffler and clamps the other day, and while I am still awaiting the muffler, the clamps were in the mailbox two days later.

While not saying the Post Office is infallible, I would and do often rely of them to efficiently handle any charge I

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### Truth in your life

To the Editor:  
Truth — what is it? Then I remember a great work I read in high school. It was by the great Greek philosopher Plato and is called “The Allegory of the Cave.” Essentially, it is about confined prisoners held in a cave. They start from the bottom of the cave, and it ends with them eventually reaching the surface. At every level, their perception of life and the world is influenced by only what they can see and hear. Its only when they reach the surface that they find the truth and enlightenment.

In today’s society, we are constantly

bombarded on TV with images and stories trying to influence our perception of the world today. Are these images and stories true? Who knows? But the creators of these know full reason why they are doing it. They want to create a reality for you based on the information they feed to you. Keeping you locked in your home with only access to their information feeds is an ideal way to brainwash you. They will censor others so that you only get the information they think is right. They do not want you confused

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families of any race or culture. All these things ruined or severely weakened by liberal idiocy.

If you want to see an institution—large or small, long-established or just a start-up—completely destroyed or rendered impotent at best...simply hand it over to over-educated imbecilic liberals who care only for their unworkable, pie-in-the-sky ideology and will pursue it remorsefully to their dying breath—as well as that of the institution. And never...ever...admit they might have been wrong about anything.

I had come to think we had reached a saturation point, that there was nothing left for these “wreckers” (see: Soviet Union show trials, 1930’s) to subvert, to-terminate-like-bring to wrack and ruin that which had worked pretty well.

I was wrong (it happens every now and then), and now nothing they do can shock me any more.

When I was a boy, my mother saved her extra change and purchased for us the boxed set of Great Classical Music pieces produced by Readers Digest and consisting of ten LP vinyl records on the RCA Victor label (“He Hears His Master’s Voice”). I think I wore them out on an old, cheap Victrola (is that what it was called?) in my room over the next few years.

My tastes even progressed beyond “The William Tell Overture” and the “1812 Overture” (any natural boy would love them) to include Beethoven, Bach, Brahms, Wagner, Mozart, Mendelssohn, and all the other old, genius D.W.E.M.s (Dead White European Males.)

And I’ve loved classical music ever since. Thanks, Ma.

Which brings me back to the point. Just when you thought it couldn’t get any worse....it did. Last week, the esteemed (in his own eyes) Anthony Tommasini, classical music critic for the New York Times, the beautiful people’s “paper of record,” decreed it was past

time for the New York Philharmonic to do away with the now 30-year old practice of “blind” auditioning for a seat in the orchestra. To eliminate any possibility of the orchestra remaining the exclusive domain of white, male musicians, an old boys club, the idea was to put auditioners behind a screen where their sex, age, or race would be unknown. Those judged to be the best masters of their instruments received the bid. Seems fair to me.

The result was many more females were added to the world class ensemble to garner all the plaudits—and remuneration—that comes with the job. They achieved success through raw talent, hard work, and total dedication to their quest. No quotas, no set-asides, no favoritism. Just the best rising to the top.

But, wait, that’s not enough for Herr Haupt Kommandant Tommasini. No, sirree. Only two percent of the orchestra is comprised of POC’s (people of color), and in a city like The Big Apple, where POC’s are in the significant majority, that, for him, is an unacceptable situation. I guess Asians don’t count as minorities any longer. The screen has to go. Excellence must bid a sad farewell, and defer to rule by the racial caste system. Quality, perfection be damned.

The truth is, for all their talk of “systemic and institutional racism,” the real bigots are the critics at the New York Times who favor certain races at the expense of others—like their own-whom they view with contempt.

Would this clown, this “critic,” for example, ever propose that since white people make up about 45 percent of the City, it’s only fair that that same figure apply to playing positions on the New York Knicks or the Jets? Let’s see ESPN bring that up. When pigs fly.

For liberals, nothing matters but ideology and the power they gain when their ideology prevails.

I have to apologize for the length of this letter, but since a local moonbat has now taken up the cause of censoring letters to this paper for reasons of

“hate,” “bigotry,” and “length,” I have to seize my soon-to-disappear opportunity to be read while I can and before I’m soon just a distant memory.

Say hello to Rachel Faugno, who has had it with right-wing crackpots like me—and a handful of others—and wants us gone; all in the name of good taste and, I’m sure, social justice.

Miz Rachel opened her demand that the New Leader get rid of opinions she finds offensive by quoting the old saw “Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel.” Everyone knows—except for her, apparently—that the remark was made by Doctor Johnson (Samuel) and directed at his nemesis, Edmund Burke, the Irish MP and friend of the American Revolution.

It was in no way meant to indict patriotism, just a false patriotism used by cynical, corrupt politicians seeking their own aggrandizement.

She sees us pro-Trump letter writers and flag wavers (literal and figurative) as the phonies the good Doctor had in mind. I invite her to come out to one of our Trump stand-outs and speak with some of us. We don’t bite. She can meet incredibly friendly and happy people who are more than capable of explaining to her why we support the President, and why we love our country and its flags and history.

She can be introduced to men and women who gave up years of their lives serving the country that has been so good to and for her. She can probably meet men who have shed blood and lost friends in the never ending struggle to save freedom for their fellow Americans like her and her precious opportunity to voice her opinion in a public forum without fear of retribution. Maybe she’d like to thank them personally. Right. Maybe.

As for her “demand,” New Leader, think it over. Right now, the paper is running on all eight cylinders with the Editorial pages requiring an hour or so to read entirely if one chooses to do so. Tons of letters, all shades of opinion.

But if the New Leader sees merit

in Miz Rachel’s call to bowdlerize the paper, save your time and money in a nation-wide search for a proper censor. Here we have a ready candidate, a rhetorical washerwoman ready to launder any submissions to the paper that do not meet her own not-very-high standards of permissible commentary. Her values, her opinions will be all that matters. What could go wrong? Nothing except the very existence of the paper itself.

Of course, I don’t waste my time with the fake letters written by non-existent fake citizens (names available on request), but I do read the offerings of the local liberal KKK (Kane, Kimball, and Kaspi), even though I now have my doubts about the latter’s authenticity as she, too, has no public record of being a voter, a tax payer, a license holder, etc. Weird, isn’t it?

Anyway, the paper is doing great right now under its current editor—unlike his predecessor, who nearly ran it into the ground by doing exactly what Frau Faugno insists it do.

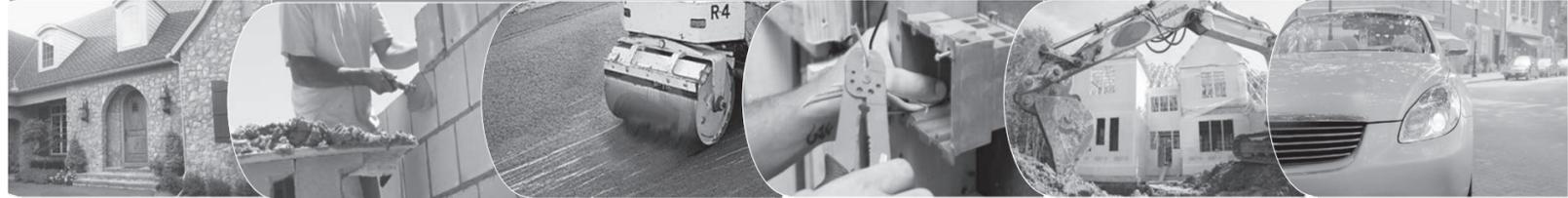
Let the First Amendment be the “blind screen” for the paper: if it’s not libelous, obscene, or threatening...let ‘er rip...without fear or favor. The truth, eventually, will win out. As Honest Abe reminded us: “One man and the truth makes a majority.”

If you never hear from me again on these pages, you’ll know Miz Rachel got the job. But, you can still come and visit with me at our fantastic Trump stand-outs, the next one of which will be in Leicester Center (Routes 9 and 56) on Friday, Aug. 14, from 4 to 6. Come out and stand for our great President and against Antifa and communism. My sign will say “Trump = Jobs // Biden = Mobs.” See you there!

Now, I think I’ll settle back with a nice cup of tea and Beethoven’s Sixth Symphony, The Pastoral, and recall days long since gone by.

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# OBITUARIES

## Eugene V. "Gene" Caille, Jr.

**NORTH BROOKFIELD-** Eugene V. "Gene" Caille, Jr., of North Brookfield, passed away at home on August 4, 2020.



Born on January 8, 1940, in Kingston, New York, the son of the late Eugene and Julia (Feeley) Caille, he is survived by his loving wife and soul mate of fifty-four years, Carolyn (Waite).

A graduate of Worcester State University, the well-known educator and historian taught history and government for 37 years, most of those in Room 20 at North Brookfield High School. Gene proudly served North Brookfield for six years as Selectman, was the town's Moderator for fifteen years, and served for a time as Town Historian. In addition, he was a part-time field representative for the Massachusetts Teachers' Association.

A life-long educator, Gene had many interests ranging from being an avid reader, a sports fan, active in politics, and a collector of memorabilia. He strongly advocated for civic participation and led by example.

In addition to his wife Carolyn, he is survived by his three children, Laura, Jeffrey (Emily), Gregory (Kathryn), and four grandchildren, James, Mary, Timothy and Matthew, as well as several cousins and a larger circle of family and friends who he loved with all his heart. He will be greatly missed by all.

Services will be private. The family plans to have a memorial service at a later date. If you wish to share your memories or offer a condolence, please visit: pillsburyfuneralhome.com In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Friends of the Haston Free Public Library, 161 N. Main St. North Brookfield MA 01535.

## James Alton Bonnayer, 64

**NORTH BROOKFIELD-** James Alton Bonnayer, 64, died August 1, 2020 at home after being stricken ill.

He was born December 5, 1955 in Ware, MA, son of Alton and Alma (Ouimette) Bonnayer. He graduated Ware High School in 1973 and attended Holyoke Community College. James worked for the former IGA & Victory Supermarkets.

He leaves his wife Linda (Nelson) Bonnayer; 6 children, Michael, Jennifer and David Earle, Jeffrey Bonnayer

(Michelle), Elizabeth Meisner (Jeffrey) and Brian Bonnayer; 6 grandchildren, Jacob, Persephone, Martin, Wyatt, Phoebe, Isabella and 1 expected in November; a sister Simone; a brother William and 2 nephews, James and Daniel.

He was very much loved and will be missed very much.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield.

## Odette R. (Ravel) Sjogren

**LEICESTER-** Odette R. (Ravel) Sjogren, of Birchwood Drive died Monday, August 3 in her home surrounded by her family after an illness.



She leaves her husband of 59 years, Ronald T. Sjogren, three sons; Jacques R. Sjogren and his wife Dian of Sutton, Jean Claude Sjogren and his wife Susan of Lunenburg and Alan J. Sjogren and his wife

Deborah of Leicester, a sister Jeannette Adams of France, six grandchildren; Thomas, Danielle, Bonnie, Richard, Michael and Christopher, 12 great grandchildren, her former daughter-in-law; Irene Sjogren of Worcester and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by 13 brothers and sisters.

Odette was born in Verdun, France, daughter of Louis Francois and Berthe Emilie (LaVigne) Ravel. She was a researcher in the operations center of Worcester County National Bank for 27 years before retiring. After retiring she worked in the Leicester Town Clerk's office for several years. She enjoyed cooking, crafts and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Friday, August 7 at 11:00 AM in MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester. Burial will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. A calling hour preceded the service from 10:00-11:00 AM in the funeral home. Covid 19 precautions with face masks and social distancing will be required.

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On Saturday evening, July 26, 2020, Mark L. Morin, formerly of Spencer, MA, peacefully left this life for his home in Heaven to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and his son Jeffrey. His long and difficult battle with ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease was finally over.



Preceding him in death was his father, J. Donald Morin of Spencer, MA and his son, Jeffrey M. Morin of the home. He is survived by his mother, Madelyn Morin of Worcester, MA brother, David (Beth) Morin of Jackson, NJ and his sister Donna (Tom) Flannery of Spencer, MA, a niece and several nephews.

Also, left to cherish his memory is the love of his life, his wife, Pamela Morin of Aiken, SC, daughters Michelle (Jeff) Rushing of Beaufort, SC and Keely (Jarrod) Fothergill of Aiken, SC and five grandchildren.

A self-employed carpenter, Mark owned Total Carpentry Services in Aiken, SC and Quality Building and Remodeling in Cape Coral, FL. He specialized in custom staircases and interior trim homes in SW Florida, and he built homes, barns, hunt boxes and run-ins in Aiken SC.

He was also a gifted musician and played guitar and sang in several bands of various genres- country, 50's, rock n

roll and reggae. After the death of his son, Jeff, Mark dedicated his music to the Lord, performed with praise and worship teams in church, recorded a CD entitled, For His Glory.

Mark enjoyed boating, fishing, for blues and digging clams on Cape Cod, scuba diving, riding his Harley and finding "good deals" at local flea markets. He was famous for bringing many different critters home. If a book on ferrets or Chinese water dragons suddenly appeared on the coffee table, it wasn't long before that creature had a new home! He loved creating new things. He built amazing fish tanks and a three story condo for his lizards, and made beautiful stained glass art.

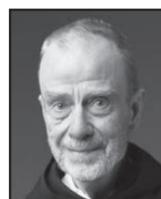
Mark's smile, laughter, and unique sense of humor will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him, but his beautiful voice will still be heard each time we play his CD!

Our family would like to express our sincere thanks to Kindred Hospice and their staff for their incredible care and support during Mark's illness, especially Nurse Megan, whom we grew to love and appreciate so very much! And to Augusta University Medical Center for their compassionate care and thoughtfulness during Mark's stay.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, August 15 at 11:00 at University Parkway Church of God in Aiken, SC.

## Br. Francis Mohr, O.C.S.O.

**SPENCER -** Br. Francis Mohr, O.C.S.O. of St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, slipped away quietly and peacefully in the abbey infirmary in the middle of the night of Sunday, August 2, 2020 after suffering through a long battle with cancer.



Born George Henry Mohr, in Maywood, New Jersey on August 8, 1927 to Albert Mohr and Catherine Michels, he graduated from Bogata High School in New Jersey and without delay entered the U.S. Army. Afterward, with an honorable discharge in hand he set out to work for a while as an artist for an advertising company and then attended The School of St. Philip Neri in Boston as preparation for entering St. Joseph's Abbey in 1952, where he received the religious name Francis. He pronounced his solemn vows in 1958.

Brother Francis was a gracious example of the hardworking Trappist lay-brother. In 1964 he was sent to the Alexian Brothers Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago to prepare for work in the abbey infirmary. Among several other jobs, he was a tailor at The Holy Rood Guild and for many years he worked tirelessly as purchasing,

planning and production manager at the abbey's jams and jelly industry, Trappist Preserves. He was also the abbey's liturgical master of ceremonies. The monks recall his patient assistance as he taught them the rubrics for celebrations on solemnities and special occasions. Perhaps most of all, Brother Francis will be remembered for his gentle, self-effacing manner. Seamlessly blending two cardinal aspects of the monastic life, he was an exemplar of contemplative prayerfulness and generous service.

Brother Francis was predeceased by his parents and his brother Al. In addition to his religious brothers at the abbey, he leaves his sister-in-law Mary, his nieces Cathy and Sharon and his nephew Jim. The monks wish to thank the lay staff at St. Joseph's Abbey Resident Healthcare Facility, the abbey's infirmary, and VNA Hospice for the dedicated care they gave Brother Francis in his final months. With gratitude for the gift of his presence among us, the brothers commend Brother Francis' soul to your prayers. There are no calling hours. Due to restrictions concerning COVID-19 protocols, services and burial are strictly private. J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terrace, Spencer, 508-885-3992, is directing arrangements. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

# Former police officer continues service as selectman

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

**WEST BROOKFIELD -** Recently elected Selectman David Pierce retired from the police force last year, but he continues to serve his community and remain active in town.

Pierce, who spent 20 years as a part-time police officer in town, has always enjoyed giving back through service. A seat on the Select Board offered a great opportunity for him to transition to the next chapter.

Elected to the Board earlier this summer, Pierce is thrilled with his decision to run for public office. He has already been able to make an immediate impact and help residents.

"When I decided to retire [from policing] at the end of 2019, I still wanted to be an active member in my community. I felt that by serving as a selectman, I could improve

the lives of families and support local business," Pierce told the New Leader.

Over the past two months, Pierce has enjoyed meeting new residents, officials, and business owners. Having been elected during the middle of a pandemic, Pierce knows the Board's role will take on a heightened importance over the next three years. He is grateful that residents showed their confidence in him to help lead the recovery effort.

"Being elected to the Board, I felt that the townspeople put their trust in me and I am honored by that. I plan to uphold that trust," Pierce said. "In my limited time on the Board, my experience has been very educational. With the help of my fellow Board members, I am starting to see the bigger picture of how town management works."

Looking ahead long-term, Pierce and his colleagues will be discussing several ways to help residents and business owners emerge from the pandemic.

Many businesses have struggled since the statewide shutdown in March, and they are desperate for relief from grant funding and other opportunities. Assistance for schools will also be addressed this fall.

"In the coming months, I look to help the town through this pandemic and all the concerns that it may bring, by listening to the concerns of the residents, members of the school community, and all town departments so we all can come out strong and healthy," Pierce said.

A lifelong West Brookfield resident, Pierce has worked for the Mass. Department of Transportation for the past 32 years. He currently serves as a district supervisor for highway maintenance.

Away from work, Pierce enjoys spending time with his family, boating on Lake Wickaboag, riding his motorcycle, and golfing.

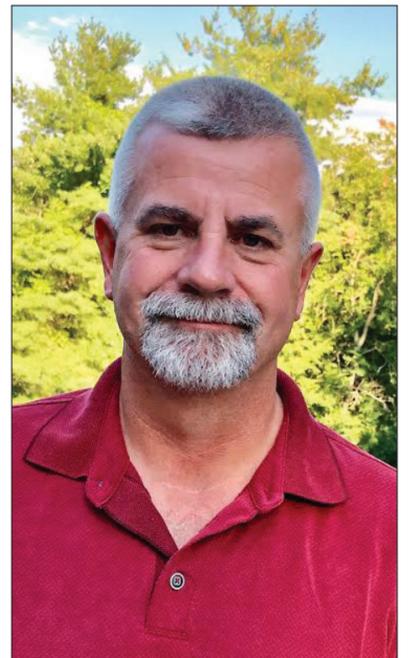


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David Pierce was recently elected to the West Brookfield Board of Selectmen.

# Spencer receives community development grants

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

**SPENCER -** The town was recently selected by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to receive grant funding for several projects.

Officials announced last week that \$250,000 was awarded to Spencer from the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The latest grant initiative was launched nationwide in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Spencer's grant award is part of a larger statewide allocation of \$19.6 million in CDBG

funds. Town officials will be able to put the money to use right away to help struggling residents and business owners.

"I'm thrilled that the federal government has committed these funds to deserving low-income residents and small businesses who continue to struggle during this prolonged pandemic," said Spencer Board of Selectmen Chairman Ralph Hicks.

Looking ahead, the town will be working with Tri-Valley, Inc., a private nonprofit agency that offers several in-home services. These include nutrition services and caregiver support for Massachusetts residents. The CDBG award will cover

the cost of the agency providing food assistance to as many as 400 seniors in Spencer.

Additionally, the small business assistance component of the grant award will benefit several eligible businesses in town. Many of these businesses were deemed non-essential during the statewide shutdown and went without customers for months. Several businesses continue to struggle as the state moves through its careful reopening process.

The CDBG funding will allow these businesses to continue operations by providing working capital to cover such costs as rent, staffing, and utilities.

Spencer's CDBG program will

be run jointly by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and the town's Office of Development and Inspectional Services. Officials are eager to see desperately needed funds disbursed to residents and businesses.

"These CDBG funds will be specifically targeted toward Spencer's most vulnerable populations and small businesses," said Town Planner Paul Dell'Aquila. "By making sure seniors and other homebound and otherwise vulnerable folks can receive basic food and nutritional sustenance during these uncertain times, we hope to make sure some of the effects due to this pandemic are soft-

ened."

Added Dell'Aquila, "Along those same lines, many of the small businesses that comprise the backbone and character of Spencer have also been severely affected by this crisis. By providing direct grants to eligible small businesses - especially women-owned and minority-owned businesses - we hope that as many of these businesses as possible will get through the pandemic and come back at full strength when conditions improve."

Questions about eligibility for the grant funding should be directed to Dell'Aquila's office.

# Old-fashioned dessert gets a kick from fruit

While the focus of a tasty recipe is often on the finished product, no delicious dish could be crafted without the necessary ingredients. Cornmeal is a versatile ingredient that's used in a wide range of dishes, from pizza to desserts to much, much more.

This slow-cooker recipe for "Cornmeal Pudding" from "The Healthy Slow Cooker (Second Edition)" (Robert Rose) by Judith Finlayson lets the appliance do most of the work. After several hours you are rewarded with a tasty treat.

**Fruit-Studded Cornmeal Pudding**  
Makes 8 servings

4 cups milk or non-dairy alterna-

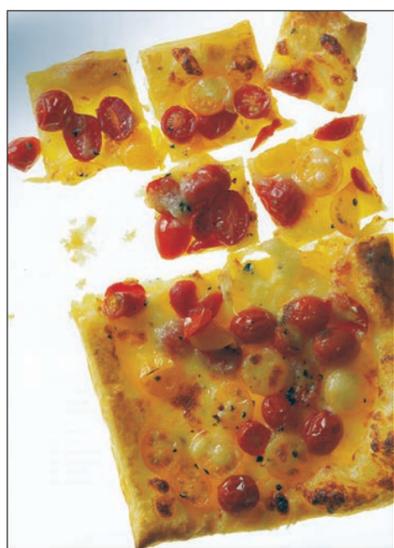
tive  
2/3 cup stone-ground cornmeal  
3 eggs, beaten  
1/4 cup butter  
1/2 fancy molasses  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg  
1/4 teaspoon sea salt  
Dried fruit of choice, such as cherries

In a saucepan, heat milk over medium heat, stirring often to prevent scorching, until boiling. Gradually whisk in cornmeal in a steady stream. Cook, stirring, until mixture begins to thicken

and bubbles like lava, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat.

In a small bowl, combine eggs with about 1/2 cup of the hot cornmeal, beating until combined. Gradually return to pot, mixing well. Stir in butter, molasses, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt. Transfer to prepared stoneware.

Place a tea towel folded in half (so you will have two layers) over top of stoneware to absorb moisture. Cover and cook on high for 3 hours, until set. About half an hour before the pudding has finished cooking, stir in 1/2 cup dried fruit of your choice. Spoon into individual serving bowls and top with fresh fruit, vanilla ice cream or a dollop of whipped cream, if using.



## Easy appetizer for entertaining

Impromptu entertaining can be a fun way to get together with friends or family without the pressures of hosting more formal affairs. But hosts will still need to provide some refreshments for their guests, and having some easy recipes at the ready can make it easy to pull together a few bites in a hurry.

An arsenal of appetizers and small plates at the ready can feed a few or a crowd. By sticking with simple fare of readily sourced ingredients — including staples kept in the refrigerator and pantry — it's a snap to entertain. This recipe for "Flaky Tomato and Mozzarella Tart" from "Real Simple: Easy, Delicious Home Cooking" (Time Home Entertainment) by the editors of Real Simple, is a recipe that can be

pulled out time and again for anytime entertaining.

**Flaky Tomato and Mozzarella Tart**  
Serves 4

All-purpose flour, for the work surface  
1/2 sheet frozen puff pastry (one-quarter of a 17.3-ounce package) thawed  
1 cup grape or cherry tomatoes, halved if large  
1/4 pound mozzarella, grated (1 cup)  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
Kosher salt and black pepper

Heat oven to 425 F. Line a baking

sheet with parchment. On a lightly floured surface, roll the pastry into a 9-by-6-inch rectangle. Place on the prepared baking sheet and refrigerate until firm, at least 30 minutes.

Prick the pastry all over with a fork, then top with the tomatoes and mozzarella. Drizzle with the oil; season with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Bake the tart until golden brown and cooked through, 20 to 25 minutes. Cut into pieces before serving.

Tip: Be sure to use commercially packaged mozzarella in this recipe. Fresh mozzarella loses its water during baking and will leave the pastry soggy. PC198178

## LEGALS

Notice of Public Auction  
Leicester MA  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Town of Leicester**  
**Office of the Custodian**  
**Tax Possession Auction**

Notice is hereby given that on September 1, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the LEICESTER TOWN HALL, Main (West) Parking Lot, 3 Washburn Square, Leicester, Massachusetts, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60§77B, I SHALL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, the following parcel of Land acquired by said Town by foreclosure of the tax title thereon:

**ABSOLUTE AUCTION**  
**\$5,000.00 DEPOSIT TO REGISTER TO BID**

**Lake View Drive**  
Property Address: Lake View Drive  
Property: Land  
Containing: 0.128 AC (more or less)  
Assessors Reference: 28B-B2  
Registry: Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 42391 Page 162  
For title, the Instrument of Taking is recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 39564 Page 374. The Judgement in Tax Lien Case No. recorded in Book 42391 Page 162. The terms and conditions listed below apply to the sale of the parcel herein advertised:

1. The Town of Leicester, its Custodian, employees, representatives, auctioneer and/or agents make NO REPRESENTATIONS AS TO THE INSURABILITY OR MARKETABILITY OF THE TITLE OTHER THAN THE TITLE VESTS IN THE TOWN OF LEICESTER BY LAND COURT DECREE OF FORECLOSURE.

2. This parcel is sold "AS IS". The Town of Leicester, its Custodian, employees, representatives, auctioneer and/or agents make NO REPRESENTATIONS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS PARCE IS SUITABLE FOR YOUR INTENDED USE AND MAKE NO REPRESENTATIONS AS TO THE CONDITION AND/OR HABITABILITY OF ANY STRUCTURE AND/OR BUILDING THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS ON THE PREMISES. Prospective purchasers are responsible for investigating the suitability of this parcel for its intended use prior to auction.

3. This parcel is sold subject to any existing environmental or hazardous waste conditions, if any, including but not limited to lead paint, asbestos, underground oil tanks and/or mold, whether in or at the property, which

may or may not be in compliance with any applicable laws, policies or regulations.

4. This parcel is sold subject to any applicable septic/disposal system inspection/upgrade requirements as set forth in the Department of Environmental Protection's Title 3 310 CMR, Section 15.301(f).

5. Any error, misstatement or omission in the description of the property will not annul the sale, or be grounds for any abatement or compensation.

6. The following person(s) will not qualify to be a successful bidder: (1) the prior owner of the property and/or his or her agent or straw; (2) any person or entity that was party to the foreclosure action of pertaining to the property; and (3) any person currently delinquent in paying his/her own property taxes and/or other taxes or charges owed to the Town of Leicester.

7. The successful buyer will be required to: (1) sign and file a disclosure statement pursuant to M.G.L. c.7, §40J giving the names and addresses of all persons who will have a beneficial interest in the property with the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance; and (2) sign under the penalties of perjury an affidavit indicating that no one who would gain equity in the property has been convicted of a crime involving the willful and malicious setting of a fire, or of aiding, counseling or procuring the willful and malicious setting of a fire, or of a crime involving the fraudulent filing of a claim for fire insurance.

8. The balance of the contract sales price, pro forma taxes (to be calculated pursuant to M.G.L. c.44 §63A), and a processing fee of \$550.00 must be paid by certified funds within thirty (30) days of the auction. Failure to pay the remainder of the balance within thirty (30) days will result in the forfeiture of the deposit to the Town of Leicester and the sale will be made to the second highest bidder. The deed will be recorded by the buyer at the completion of the sale.

9. The Custodian reserves the right to reject any bid at the auction or any adjournment thereof which, in his or her opinion, does not approximate the fair market value of the property.

10. A deposit in the amount of \$5,000.00 is required to register to bid at the auction. The successful bidder's deposit will be held by the Town as a non-refundable deposit on the sale which shall be forfeited to the Town as liquidated damages in the event the

high bidder fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the sale and/or is in default thereof.

August 14, 2020

**Town of West Brookfield**  
**Zoning Board of Appeals**

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Keith and Marie Arsenault, for the property located at 86 John Gilbert Road, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to construct energy generating equipment and connection to the 50kv transmission line to the existing commercial solar field, in Rural Residential District. This requires a special permit as per section, -3.28Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Facilities (Non-Residential) Nonconformity, §3.28.2 Permit Granting Authority (a) (et al). The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White  
Clerk

August 14, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Worcester Probate and Family Court**

225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200

**Docket No. WO20P2081EA**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Estate of:**  
William Walter Wegiel  
**Date of Death: 04/10/2020**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joseph Otter of Indianapolis IN** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Joseph Otter of Indianapolis IN** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/01/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-

line by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 4, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate

August 14, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Worcester Probate and Family Court**

225 Main Street

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**Docket No. WO20C0190CA**

**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

**In the matter of:**

**Kendra Lynnette Webb**

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Kendra Lynnette Webb of Spencer MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Zoe Daniels**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/25/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: July 30, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate

August 14, 2020

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taxes for the right to live as a minority on the land they were born and their ancestors lived.

Much of the hatred towards the Jews at least was very different from what we see in America today – it was based in jealousy towards a successful minority. The Jewish people had long been restricted from owning land or engaging in trades but as a culture highly respected education and universal literacy. This made the Jews successful businessmen, bankers, doctors, and entrepreneurs. In the United States, we seem to have the majority angry that a minority is disproportionately using food stamps but it's important to note that in the US Asian and Indian sub-continent origin citizens receive a lot of racist anger for taking jobs, depressing wages, etc. It is important to remember that in other Western Cultures in Europe a successful minority was hated for that success.

After World War I, once upon a time ago, there was a worldwide depression. In Germany, there was a group of struggling war veterans who were part of the

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do His work.

Jesus tells a parable of a man who had two sons in Matthew 21:29-31. He asked his first son to work in the vineyard. His son said he would not go, but later changed his mind and went. He then asked his second son to go work in the vineyard. His second son said that certainly he would go and work, but he did not go. The modern American church is like the second son. They say yes to God, but do not do as He has asked. What has He asked? For His people to humble themselves, pray, seek righteousness and stand up for it. He wants us to help others and forgive those who have offended us, and yet the church has ceded charity to the government and created churches that feed the egos of those that run them and do not feed the flock of Christ. The American church has also made a deal with the devil by accepting tax exemption and in exchange makes itself beholden to the whims of those in power. Surely the reaction to the COVID shutdowns shows this.

It is not too late to change this trend. The churches of America need to remember who their Lord really

ethnic majority with all the advantages that confers who coalesced around a guy named Adolph Hitler who convinced them that the successful minority was their true enemy, and he turned the ethnic majority of Germany to attack the minority. Hitler convinced them that there would be no peace until Germany was cleansed of these interlopers who had invaded 1,000 years prior.

Mr. Robillard has tried to compare BLM to the Nazis. He is wrong. Speech like this is dangerous. It is offensive. I agree with other writers that it is not in the public interest to censor these racist screeds. On the contrary, it is important for those undecided to understand what “Make America Great Again” really means. A return to 1950's America is a call to “Make America Racist Again.”

The salient facts are that in Germany, the ethnic majority got behind a charismatic charlatan who told the majority they were the real victims. In this analogy, the “WWI war veterans” in 2020 America are white men without a college degree. In this analogy, Hitler is Donald Trump – the guy who rose to prominence by addressing the politics of the aggrieved majority and scapegoating. In this analogy “German Jews”

is and follow His example, no matter how painful. The church has taken the wine of the grace of the Lord Jesus and turned it back into water. We have traded obedience for security. We need to stop worrying about our own feelings and comfort and start thinking of those who God sends our way. Jesus did not promise us peace, in fact, He declared His followers would have the opposite: “For in this world you will have trouble. Do not be afraid for I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). If we do not stop following ourselves and start following Jesus, God will visit His judgment against the church for its disobedience. The Bible is replete with examples of God allowing the enemies of Israel to defeat them because they did not obey. Such a reckoning has been foreshadowed in these COVID church closings. We must turn this around. As it stands now, organized religion is playing at obeying God. How long will that last? As Soren Kierkegaard said of the established Church of Denmark:

“This has to be said: by ceasing to take part in the official worship of God as it now is.... thou has one guilt the less: thou dost not take part in treating God as a fool.”

JAMES LINDSAY  
EAST BROOKFIELD

towards achieving power than to make sure it is dysfunctional?

If states drastically cut services and lay off millions of workers it will deepen our economic crisis and make the states seem ineffective, benefiting Republican candidates. If this crisis goads Democrats into suggesting new revenue or tax increases, the Republican candidates will pounce. It seems letting local government and the services it provides collapse has no downside for them.

The real prize here though is in 2021. In 2021, state legislatures will be re-districting for the next 10 years. Part of why our congressional map is so gerrymandered right now is because of the sweeping GOP backlash to President Obama in 2010 that put Republicans in state houses for 2011. Letting local governments collapse, be ineffective, lay off workers, and suggest tax increases will help usher in GOP state houses which can then gerrymander further next year.

On the topic of congressional apportionment and re-districting, it should be noted that President Trump has moved the end of the census to Sept. 30 from Oct. 31, when the Census Bureau was asking for more time. The president has ordered the census not to count undocumented

stream of cash supporting candidates that are weak on crime. DA's across the country have been elected with his help. This is why you are seeing very weak local governments during the protests nationwide. The Wall Street Journal reported the infusion of cash into dozens of local elections across the country by Soros in 2016. We need to clean house. You talk about Election Tampering? Do a little reading on the PACs of your candidates and where their money comes from. Soros is attacking our legal system to undermine the United States.

It is said that history will repeat itself if we do not learn from its mistakes. So let's take a moment to review Marx's doctrine in action from the 20th Century. Let history be our guide; for this is where we are heading America. We are staggering to the end of the blood-

open internet into a “not invented here” and “we shall control all information” type of state.

Microsoft offered to buy TikTok's U.S. operations so it could continue to operate. Microsoft has been wanting to buy a successful social media platform and nothing was for sale...until now. TikTok is worth between \$10-\$20 billion. The Chinese government called it a “smash 'n grab” because ByteDance didn't want to sell, it was arbitrary and capricious action on Trump's part that made it for sale. Almost like he lit it on fire so it would have a “fire-sale.”

Initially, Trump said the problem with TikTok was foreign ownership. Then, when Microsoft (Seattle, Wash.) wanted to buy it, he said that wasn't good enough... It never was about foreign ownership; it was his narcissistic enormous ego getting embarrassed. Peter Navarro said Microsoft couldn't be trust-

are not “White Americans”. In this analog, “German Jews” are like Black Americans – the ethnic minority that has been here for generations and is being abused by the majority in power.

Germany didn't see it until it was too late. We shouldn't forget that in Germany a mob didn't seize power – Hitler and the Nazis won the 1932 election. They then spent the next few years dismantling the Weimer Republic. Left-wing parties were banned. The Reichstag legislature (their congress) burned down and Hitler needed to take the reins himself. Hitler agreed to protect the constitution of Germany as he now held all the power – he could legislate as well as be head of state. The Aryans placed their trust in Hitler and it seems to go fine for a few years, until of course the whole world turned on them.

Mr. Robillard – the Germans didn't see where it was all going until it was too late, agreed. You are dead wrong in your comparisons, though. Donald Trump is the charismatic populist appealing to the aggrieved majority that somehow thinks they are the victims. Donald Trump has promised to uphold the Constitution when what he really wants is an autocracy controlled by him and his family. Donald Trump is running the country like a mob boss. Donald Trump is the guy who has

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of the left. I should be their buddy, their pal, the cool guy. Never saying no and buying them everything they ever wanted, because, I'm the cool dad.

Thanks... But, no thanks. I've seen the product that results in this type of upbringing, and it isn't pretty. I've witnessed these undisciplined youth tear through Walmart pushing another giggling brat, seated in the basket of a shopping cart, as they terrorize aisle after aisle not caring that they just cut off an elderly couple or knocked items off of the shelves. If those were my children, I would be absolutely ashamed of myself. I am happy to inform you that, as of this writing, while I can definitely see my boys wanting to pull a stunt such as that, they know better. They know that there are consequences for their actions.

That brings us to the SJW group known as Antifa and their inability to comprehend the real consequences that result from their misguided and criminal actions. Perhaps they are unaware

immigrants despite the fact that they are clearly included in “whole number of persons” and it isn't even clear how the Census Bureau could even know. This is the first president in my memory that wants to purposely undercount the population because of a perceived benefit to his party.

Finally, the president has taken dictator moves by issuing executive orders concerning taxing and spending because he couldn't reach a deal with congress. It seems that the only leverage congress has is not wanting a constitutional crisis whereas the president is willing to create one if he doesn't get his way. The president, in an absurdly unconstitutional move, has unilaterally ordered \$400/week to be paid in enhanced unemployment benefits with \$100 of it being provided by the states. This puts a burden on the states they cannot afford in a naked attempt at destroying their finances further and it isn't within his authority to unilaterally spend, that is congress's job. Our Constitution doesn't authorize the president to act as king whenever Congress doesn't legislate.

The most absurd move the president made was about payroll taxes – you know the taxes that fund Social Security

and most brutal century in history. The 20th century. Having witnessed the horror of the Holocaust and the brutal political murders of tens of millions in Soviet Russia, Communist China, and the Cambodia of the Khmer Rouge, how can one deduce any laudability in Marx's doctrine? The human death tally is mind boggling, and often understated at over 200 million. Most say the death toll approaches nearly one billion. Let's put this into perspective we can understand.

Two hundred million pennies stacked on top of each other would stand 200 miles high. So, the next time you are on a drive to New York, at 200 miles, or Georgia at 1,000 miles, think about those pennies.

That is the price in human life that Marx's revolution paid. America why are you slumbering? Wake up.

ed because they do business in China and he wanted them to divest all Chinese operations... So now a Chinese company can't do business here and an American company can't do business overseas? All business Microsoft does in China is an export – doesn't President Trump want American companies supporting American jobs to sell products and services overseas?

Trump finally agreed that if an American company bought TikTok within 45 days he wouldn't ban it, but he wants the U.S. Treasury to take a cut... He called it “key money.” He said that if he hadn't gotten involved the sale wouldn't have happened. While true, that is like if he staged a cross burning in the front yard of a black family and then when the house went up for sale he asked the real estate agent to give him a cut, because if not for him the house wouldn't be for sale.

decided to use the Emergencies Act to circumvent congress on multiple occasions including recently when he seized both the power to tax and the power to spend from our legislature which our founding fathers clearly made the sole authority of congress in the constitution.

As a Jewish American who is up on history, I find the way contemporary political issues are framed in reference to the Nazi area offensive. “Never Forget” doesn't mean “call all political opponents Nazis.”

In West Brookfield this weekend, we had rallies for Trump and some counter-protests. There was actually a Confederate Flag on the Trump side in deep-Union territory 150 years too late. I really hope that anybody who truly thinks white Americans are the real victims and the minorities are the perpetrators stands out proud and waves a swastika flag so that all the traffic driving by understands loud and clear.

I agree that there are some eerie comparisons between 2020 America and 1930's Germany. If you are going to bring up 1930's Germany, please read up on the history.

ESTHER COHEN  
WEST BROOKFIELD

that ignorance is not absolution from the law. It is almost comical to watch these Antifa members get their noses bent out of shape when the police are allowed to do their jobs and arrest the offenders. I say, almost, because these youthful useful idiots, as Lenin would have called them, have been raised with the false notion that they are justified in anything they do because discipline was never something they were shown and consequences were as real as the unicorn. Now, when having to take responsibility, their usual response involves tears and cries for mercy. Sorry, little Johnny... or Pam... wearing the latest in Antifa fashion, Mommy can't put a Band-Aid on this boo-boo. Have a ball with that new criminal record. I hope it was worth it!

In case you were wondering, yes! There is another Stand Out for Trump coming up this Friday, Aug. 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. Feel free to join other patriots, this time at Routes 9 and 56, as we show our love and appreciation for our President and this Great Country.

MATHEW HERHOLZ  
SPENCER

and Medicare. He has used his authority to defer collection of those taxes but they are still owed. In some ways it is genius, American workers will see their paychecks go up by 7.65 percent immediately. They won't owe the tax until they file next spring at which point the election will be moot. Trump has said he will forgive the uncollected taxes should he win in November.

Politics is a team sport and the Republicans sure are playing like a team with a strategy. Unfortunately, the strategy is to completely break our democracy, our republic, and our constitution. It seems like we are setting up for a day when nobody pays taxes for the few months leading up to an election because the incumbent canceled them and then depending on the outcome of the election they could be facing a bill for what they didn't pay. Nearly all Americans love Social Security and Medicare, but I guess we can't fund them close to an election...

Biden is not a perfect candidate for many reasons. He is however our only chance at getting back to any sort of normalcy.

FRED BAGG  
SPENCER

A rather ridiculous Marxist thought is this idea that his doctrine will usher in some kind of a utopia. We hear the kids echo that sentiment all around America.

Having witnessed the horror of the Marxist doctrine tested in the 20th century, it is exceedingly difficult for a 20th-century observer to take seriously any program of human perfectibility. We are not evolving, we are devolving. These revolutionaries do not hold our values nor our best interests at heart. They seek to undermine, disrupt, and rip from our very hands. America, wake up before it's too late. They are in your land but you continue to slumber.

“These are the times that try men's souls.” — Thomas Paine, 1776

RICK ANNUNZIATA  
CHERRY VALLEY

This is all as absurd as the “standouts” that don't realize Trump is going to lose Massachusetts by 30 points. President Trump is acting like a mob boss. The “cut” he wants the U.S. Treasury to take from the TikTok deal would be in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act if we were a foreign country...

President Trump has called the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act a “horrible law” and “the world is laughing at us.” In 2017, he complained that it was “just so unfair that American companies aren't allowed to pay bribes to get business overseas.” It isn't even clear how Microsoft would pay the U.S. bribe, under what authority, or if is contrary to U.S. law. We never really considered that our president would be demanding corrupt practices openly...

RICHARD TAYLOR  
SPENCER

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Income). What they couldn't agree on is aid for state and local governments.

The Federal government has literally doubled its 2020 budget amid the Coronavirus disaster (Trump virus, as I like to call it) while tax revenues declined. The federal government can literally print money or borrow money seemingly infinitely and forever so with a stroke of a pen trillions of dollars are created that didn't previously exist. States on the other hand have no such printing press. States have seen their tax revenues plummet as income tax fell and sales and meals tax fell to nearly zero. States have also seen their expenses dealing with the Coronavirus spiral. Our federal government has already spent \$4 trillion. Our states need a \$1 trillion to avoid catastrophic cuts in services or enormous tax increases.

The issue about state aid was what the two sides couldn't agree on. Mitch McConnell and the Republicans basically want to see states go bankrupt. The GOP seems to benefit when government is dysfunctional so what better strategy

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have become breeding grounds for this exclusive thought which beguiles its young minds while telling them that they are inclusive and opened minded. We have lost many of our kids to this madness and in so doing we have reaped its fruit.

Our news outlets, be they Fox, CNN, MSNBC, all are opinion based propagandized rubbish which do a great job at keep us arguing while the revolution takes place all around us.

The revolution is occurring in other areas also. It's like we are watching a tag team WWF wrestling match. Wealthy Billionaire George Soros is funding political action committees with a steady

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June. They used short music videos to spread the word. The Trump administration thought over 1 million people would show up but of course only 6,000 did. This is what started the conversation about TikTok being a national security threat.

TikTok is owned by a Chinese company, ByteDance. President Trump first said he was going to outright ban TikTok because he was accusing the Chinese government of...exactly what we do with all of our global internet companies and was exposed by Edward Snowden. I guess there was a little projection there (“hmm...we use our internet companies to spy on foreigners and our own people so we can't allow a Chinese internet company here...”). He is of course turning the country of free trade and a free and

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extols, and perhaps he should ask them. Secondly, perhaps there is a pattern with the long list of institutions that oppose Trump. Maybe, just maybe...he is a danger to the Republic. Perhaps we should take pause that smart people with a variety of interests and agendas can all agree on something so obvious.

Dana George Reed mentioned on-camera that he was a supporter of Scott Lively, and is still reeling from his 2018 primary loss. If you aren't aware of who Scott Lively is, Google him. Make sure to Google "Scott Lively Uganda" to learn more about the legislation he worked on that included the death penalty for homosexuality.

As for flags, there were several – of course, the official American flag, Trump 2020 flags, and some Betsy Ross 13 star flags. There was the Gadsden flag, thin blue line flag, and American flags with messages written in sharpie. What was most jarring though is the Confederate Flag was being flown on the same flagpole as a "Trump 2020" flag 23 minutes in. Yes, a Confederate flag in West Brookfield.

Another individual, in the same interview, complained about the continuing unrest in Portland, Ore., as well as promoted civil disobedience concerning Gov. Baker's mask order and new enforcement orders. I'm confused — does he think people should comply with the cops or not?

Most hilariously, there was a chant

of "Forty more years!" Trump hasn't let the Constitution constrain him yet...

To respond to James Reid: Please read the articles of secession from the states that seceded from the union. They all seceded to preserve the institution of slavery. States' rights were, then as now, a straw argument. The Civil War was fought over slavery. If we memorialized all soldiers who fought for all causes, where are the Nazi statues to memorialize those soldiers who fought for German pride? Where are the George III statues to honor the loyalists and the redcoats who fought for British pride? As for your university argument – there are universities in third world countries for the children of the elite, just as in the south. Finally, all violence is tragic but to compare state sponsored violence against by our paid employees against a private citizen to crimes by individuals is absurd. It is apples and oranges. It is racist to continue to make invalid arguments in an attempt to change the subject.

Mr. Robillard – In 1930's Germany, the government, controlled by the majority racial group, organized an assault on an ethnic minority that had been oppressed for centuries. Majority smashing up the minority. In 2020, America we have the minority that has been oppressed for centuries in mass protests as things continue to happen to members of their community and between the millions of individual protestors, some involved violence. I know there were broken windows in both events but they are very, very different.

Ah, COVID-19... Since last week, we have had 373,508 NEW cases and 7,260

NEW deaths in the United States from COVID-19 bringing out total to more than 5 million cases and 162,441 deaths. At this rate we will be up to 350,000 deaths by New Year's. Epidemiologists have re-adjusted their models based on Americans' behavior to predict a total of 300,000 deaths from COVID-19 in the US by the end of 2020. They assume that governors will re-lock down to prevent even more death.

This is pathetic and embarrassing. No developed country in the world did this badly. No other country at all for that matter has done as poorly as the United States in controlling COVID-19. In no other country in the world did public health become politicized like it has here. The death threats to Dr. Fauci have extended to his wife and daughters and he has had to hire private security for them. The United States is doing even worse than the sh\*tthole countries Trump thinks we're better than.

Just [the other night], Trump decided to end-run Congress and the Constitution in a naked attempt to buy votes for himself. Congress clearly holds the power to tax and spend in our system of separation of powers and checks and balances but he directed Homeland Security funds to go into expanded unemployment benefits. Trump also ordered the IRS to stop collecting payroll taxes which fund Social Security and Medicare (7.65 percent of your paycheck) although the taxes are still owed and you will owe them when you file your taxes in January. Clearly, Trump wants your paychecks to go up for a few months before the election

and he knows his voters are too dumb to care about the fact they will owe the money next year never mind the programs they fund.

Both parties seem to be in agreement that they want to blow up the deficit and shovel cash to unemployed Americans and send another round of \$1,200 checks to every American. It is ironic how Trump, McConnell, and the Republicans seem to be ushering in a nascent Universal Basic Income... For all the complaining the "Tea Party" made of Obama running a 2009 deficit of 10 percent of GDP, the 2020 deficit will be nearly 20 percent of GDP. Where the disagreement now lies is in bailing out the states and local governments.

States and local governments have to balance their books. The Federal government can simply print money and create it out of nothing. It is estimated that the federal deficit will be \$5 trillion in 2020. Due to COVID-19 crushing state tax revenues as well as increasing costs, the states need a roughly \$1 trillion bailout. The Democrats won't shovel money at voters until they get this. The Republicans want the states to go bankrupt. Whenever government action fails Republicans seem to get the spoils, so what better plan than making sure they fail?

At this point, it makes one wonder why even have congresses if the President will break negotiating deadlocks by overruling them.

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on-boarded remotely, the next phase is where it starts getting bad for workers. At some point, companies in Boston, New York, and San Francisco will question why they are subsidizing a high cost of living for local employees when they can just as easily pay an Omaha, Neb. cost of living. Facebook has authorized a huge percentage of its workforce to work remotely permanently, but has demanded that they come clean about where they are actually living so that their salary can be adjusted accordingly. Evening the playing field will hollow out high wage/high cost of living places such as Massachusetts, New York, and California.

The final stage of this dystopian work future is once everybody is remote anyway, and once workers are thousands of miles apart and unable to come into the office on a day's notice – why bother with U.S. based employees at all. If we are all just some bozo on the phone, why not hire five bozos in India for the price of one American bozo? Decoupling work from location will not go well for anybody considered "expensive" by global standards.

This dystopian future extends to education. We used to think there was no alternative to in-person education with healthy student-to-teacher ratios. COVID-19 led to the last third of last school year to be remote. Gov. Baker has already cut the upcoming school

year from 180 to 170 days at the request of the Mass. Teacher's union. School districts are dropping like flies and I predict none will open in-person for the 2020-2021 school year. The union played their cards well – they laid low until August and then started stomping their feet, demanding new ventilation systems, authorizing strikes, etc. At this point, it is too late and not worth it to fight with them, and allowing school to go 100 percent remote seems like an easy out for the politicians.

As schools go 100 percent remote, they are abdicating their childcare role, which is essential. Our kids have not been in school for six months. COVID-19 is not going to get better; it is going to get worse. When will even the MTA feel silly suggesting that it isn't safe to go back into school buildings? 2022? 2023?

This new remote learning is not the education of yesteryear. It is teacher-assisted home schooling. Nothing replaces in-person learning; therefore, the burden falls on parents. This will drive inequality, as some parents will do a great job and others will do literally nothing. Some parents will be home and able to help, other parents will be left with no choice but leaving kids home all day to fend for themselves. While the teachers of the MTA can stomp their feet and not physically go to work for possibly years, that doesn't work for other professions. The private sector which employs the majority of Americans requires its white collar employees to be productive all day long (in office or at home) and requires

its blue collar employees to physically show up and do work. What will happen to the children's education?

As dystopian as it sounds to have our kids home for the next one to three years, it gets worse. Once remote learning is established as "good enough" or an "equivalent alternative," it starts begging the question of why we need such expensive school buildings, utilities, and staff. As budgets get stressed due to tax revenues falling I can see school districts offering permanent work-from-home as a concession for teachers because it is free. If a "free and appropriate education" is re-defined to include Zoom Academy and packets of worksheets distributed and collected weekly, it seems like "real school" is an extravagant waste of money.

But wait, it gets worse. The teachers may think they are coming out on top of this but like working in the private sector, it will eventually bite them. Once educators are decoupled from the location of the students, it starts begging a lot of questions. Will private education companies/schools crop up offering school districts an attractive per-student rate? Will teaching go the way of the "gig economy?"

What will come of parents who need to work, who need the childcare function schools have always been understood to provide? Perhaps private industry takes over and the daycare industry expands to include basically study halls for school age children where the staff takes the role of the parent in the teacher-assisted homes-

chooling model. These study halls will of course cost money and will not necessarily be available everywhere.

Finally, in the final stage of this dystopian future, if a teacher is some gig economy worker or some bozo on the other end of a Zoom call in a cubicle with a laptop it begs the question of why we need Americans doing it. When some enterprising company offers lower per-student rates to financially stressed school districts to use teachers in India who are working third shift so that they can align with American student schedules, why shouldn't the school district sign with them?

COVID-19 was mismanaged bigly by the United States in a way not seen anywhere else in the world. It will likely be part of our lives for years to come and cause permanent cultural shifts that we can't even predict yet but will seem obvious in retrospect. So far it has cost us \$5 Trillion and upended all of our lives for months with another \$5 trillion easily seen on the horizon. Too bad we squandered our opportunity last spring to get this under control but instead fought about masks and the freedom to infect our neighbors.

The biggest cost though is not going to be financial. It is going to be a lasting lack of socialization for children and adults. Our biggest cost is going to be our permanent cultural losses.

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have given them.

This evening, I listened to a ludicrous broadside of them from the POTUS.

He has recently replaced the postmaster, who summarily replaced virtually the entire management. Since he took over the reins, reliability has gone down. Among the cited reasons, are profitability. Overtime is eliminated, and mail may or may not get timely delivery.

Aside from the interestingly suspect timing of all this, it does not escape most people's notice that the profitability was fine until congress mandated that all retirement benefits be prefunded (which no one else does), and that it is only some ones fantasy that government departments must be self sustaining. What is the financial return on the DOD, department of energy or education, transportation or justice?

Let us just say, that, when you are in charge of the post office, or sign bills, that you would be in excellent position to address postal shortcomings as well as getting your senate majority leader to pass and forward legislation that has sat on his desk for years, addressing foreign election tampering.

Months ago, the house passed a bill that extended the \$600 unemployment supplement, and among other things, like school pandemic remodels, included bail out money for towns, cities and states. As near as I can determine, most services (Fire, police, DPW et al) have continued as vital to our needs, while the revenue streams that fund these, have been decimated. Moscow Mitch suggests we should let them all go bankrupt. The shortcoming being, hopefully they never need to bond anything on credit, and who gets shafted in the bankruptcy?

The GOP is now stating that the major issue is the deficit. It was not an issue when we borrowed 2 trillion dollars for a tax cut, that 83% of went to the wealth-

iest 1 percent of earners. It was not a concern when we dumped trillions into a war with Iraq based upon GOP lies., or Reagans voodoo economics.

It is Democrats who have brought us back from the brink, time after time. Their battle cry that it's the economy stupid, will get less play as you try to explain why the people struggling with even the supplemented \$600, could be OK with \$300 ( Trump claims the other \$100 to bring it up to \$400 will come from your bankrupt state) Don't start planning for it though, as the constitution that Trump promised to support and defend, puts the power of the purse in congressional hands.

I read with amusement, that the people who are so supportive of the electoral college, plan rallies in various towns. I actually passed the one in Brookfield with the small band of Biden supporters.

To them I say, if rallies make you feel better, go for it. This is Massachusetts. We gave our electoral votes to McGovern and Mondale. Trump will get the exact same number of electoral votes here, as last time. One would think GOP would want to eliminate the electoral college to actually have a vote, but would not have played well, as both Hillary and Al Gore won their elections.

Do not look for this pandemic to end anytime soon. Even if we shame enough of the selfish fools who think it is their right to inflict their breath on others, there are virtually whole states that don't take that "radical" step until they run out of hospital beds. Trump's Tulsa rally did not work out well for Herman Cain. Those of us who want our lives back, work for it. Those who think they can just take it back, condemn us to Covid in perpetuity.

I would rather be relating anecdotes about my life and times, which would likely be entertaining and uplifting. A less outrageous news week might let that happen. Be well.

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by two different point of views as it may cause you to think. That interferes with their brainwashing. That's why the independence of the media and free speech is so important today. People are not stupid. If they are giving all the information, they can make their own determination of what they believe the truth is. Last week, there was an editorial written by a lady calling on the Spencer Leader to only accept some views. She argued it was too dangerous for the citizens to hear the other side because it may influence them. She is a product of the nanny state Democrats. Follow their truth or be shut down.

So how does the average citizen educate themselves to what their reality is. Go out in your community. Go to work, to stores, meeting places, and read local papers. Look how everyone treats each other. Ask business owners how's their doing. See what's going on to feel the pulse. I go to work in Worcester and live in Spencer. I meet and work with people of all ethnicities. I don't see anyone practicing racism on anyone. I don't see signs in stores or places of business denying anyone. (Except mask less people) The people I meet every day are good respectful people. The police I see are all ethnicities. Those I know aren't racist one bit and certainty don't go looking to hassle minorities. What I do see is we had a country where everything was humming. If you needed a job, you had one. Then the Covid scare came, and the Democrats ramped up the hype in the media. All you got was how it's going to kill millions and we had to lock down. This effectively destroyed our economy. What is the actual reality to you? Look around your town and workplace. Do you see people falling ill and dying all over the place? Of course not. Look at the obituaries in this paper? Is it filled with Covid deaths?

Of course not. Do you see people out of work and businesses getting put out of business? Yes, because of the draconian shut down forced upon us by Democratic party and our weak Governor. They forced many people to lose their hard-earned businesses and good paying jobs. Was it really required? Would we have the same amount deaths if we had left businesses open and recommended lock down only for the older/unhealthy? What is the truth? Projections on CNN and CNBC by paid for operatives or the reality around you? The reality is the government has used it to eliminate your right to life and liberty. No Fourth of July events, high school graduations reduced to a drive thru like McDonalds, no church on Sunday, and no summer beach vacations. Ask yourself, Is this still your America?

So, in reality, the only thing that has affected us locally was the shut down over the Covid. Was it for the national good or a political agenda by the Democrats? Many Democratic leaders wanted a crashing economy as a weapon in this election after the failed impeachment of Trump? That is a question everyone should be asking themselves. So, in the upcoming election do you want to go back to the reality we had in 2018 and 2019 where everybody prospered and your community was fiscally sound. Or do you want to go with more years of lockdown and the government telling you what you can or cannot do. No more Fourth of July, no more Halloween, no more trips to the beach, and certainly no more church mass on Christmas Eve. A vote for Trump is a push back against the brainwashing and a return to normalcy. If re-elected, Trump it is a guarantee will have the vaccine by the end of the year, we will be back to full employment, and our America will be back.

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So, let us talk about the “sins” that the uncaring Donald Trump has committed against out innocent and guiltless children.

First, while rich and poor countries around the world worked carefully and hard to contain or even almost eliminate Covid, Trump and his associates did neither. Rather he pretended that it would “disappear,” attacked scientists and other who disagreed, and incompetently performed each and every required task.

As a result, the USA, with among the best medical workers and facilities have by far the most infections in the world. –over five million infections and 160,000 deaths. As a result of this uncar-

ing incompetence, with only 4 percent of the world’s population we have about 25 percent of the world’s Covid infections and deaths.

This includes a rapidly rising amount of Covid infected children, almost 100,000 during the last two weeks of July.

Second, infections soared and schools started to close down in March; that is nearly six months ago. Since then, Covid infections have risen from less than 200,000 to over five million. Yet the Trump Administration, during this time made little or no effort to plan, prepare, or provide funds for the re-opening of schools in the middle of the Covid epidemic (most other countries did). This ranks as the worst kind of incompetence and dereliction of duty.

Finally, it appears that President Trump doesn’t even care about what

happens to our kids, including my grand-kids- or their teachers or parents. (Many mental health experts, including his niece, think he is not capable of caring). Rather, he now seems to pressure unprepared and underfinanced schools to open because he thinks the appearance of a “normal” school year will help him get re-elected.

So this year, we have only bad, harmful options for our kids (unless, of course, you are wealthy).

However, we, in November, can choose and insist on a better future. We can vote out (and insist that he leave) an unfit, uncaring and incompetent President.

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# How parents can get kids excited about brushing their teeth



In recognition of that, the American Dental Association suggests the following strategies to make brushing teeth something kids will look forward to.

- Make it fun. Brushing teeth may not be considered a fun activity, but who's to say it can't benefit from a little levity? The ADA recommends turning tooth brushing sessions into dance parties and/or sing-alongs. Youngsters might be so busy cutting a rug or listening to mom and dad belt out a few hits that they don't even realize they're cleaning their teeth at the same time. If singing and dancing aren't cutting it, then incorporate another fun activity, like reading a child his or her favorite story, into daily brushing sessions. The ADA advises adults and children to

brush their teeth for two minutes twice a day, so activities need not be too advanced. But a fun activity that allows kids to do something other than brush their teeth can be a great way to help them meet the "two minutes, two times" guideline.

- Reward good behavior. Parents can reward youngsters who brush their teeth without incident by offering praise or allowing them to pick a bedtime book when brushing at night.

- Put kids' favorite characters to work. The ADA notes that many popular children's television shows and books have stories about brushing teeth. Watch these stories with your children, then reference the stories and characters if kids are reluctant to brush their teeth. Parents also can

find toothbrushes and/or toothpaste that feature kids' favorite characters to get youngsters more excited to brush.

- Become a storyteller. Parents also can make up their own stories, explaining to kids how they can be superheroes who brush away the bad guys that cause cavities.

- Brush alongside your children. Kids love to mimic their parents, so moms and dads can brush alongside their youngsters in the hopes they'll follow suit.

Many children may never jump at the chance to brush their teeth. But parents can employ a few savvy strategies to make daily brushing sessions more fun for youngsters.

Dental hygiene is an important component of a healthy lifestyle, but it's an element youngsters rarely embrace with open arms. Parents know that getting kids, especially young children, to brush their teeth is not always so easy.

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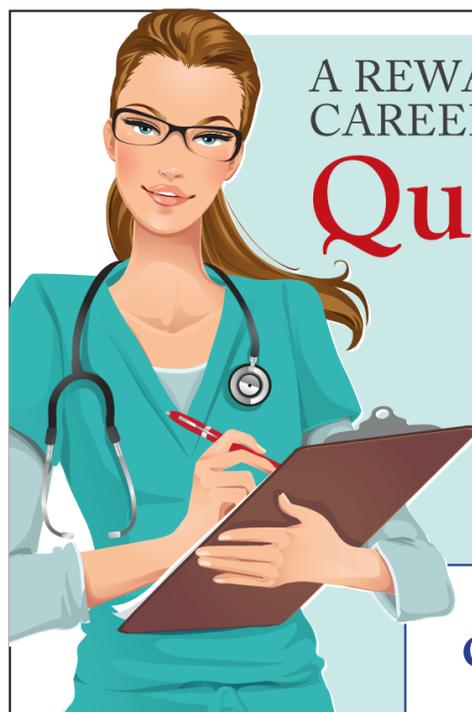
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