

WCAC board responds to concerns

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The Courier recently sat down with Winchendon Community Action Committee board President Bill Stewart and board member Gail Casavant to discuss recent changes at the social service agency, as well as published assertions that the board had acted improperly. Changes include the dismissal of long-time Executive Director Colleen LaPierriere and the appointment of Jennifer Sibley to replace her on an interim

basis. The board of directors was also accused of improperly meeting in secret and failing to treat volunteers with respect.

Courier: At this point, how do you feel about where things currently stand and about the direction of the CAC.

Stewart: It's going in a great direction right now. Things are going to be positive moving forward. We have a lot of people who have rallied around what we're trying to do. A lot of businesses have come forward to offer donations. We reconnected with the Robinson

Broadhurst Foundation and they've assured us that we have their complete support moving forward. We had a really positive meeting with the Worcester County Foodbank and were re-certified to receive food from them. We're actually going to be able to do a lot more than had previously been done. We're going to be able to get a lot more food.

Unfortunately, recent negative publicity has led to rumors that the CAC is closing and that's completely untrue. The direction moving forward will

be positive, and our focus moving forward will be on how clients are treated when they come to the organization. We've repeatedly had complaints about clients being mistreated, being spoken down to, use of profanity in the building. We repeatedly tried to rectify that situation and it was our inability to do so that led to our deciding to make some changes

Courier: Where did you find Jenn Sibley?

Stewart: Jenn has been involved in a lot of different

community action programs. She actually had interviewed for the position of director of the CAC back when we made the decision to hire Colleen. So, she's been involved in this for a long time. There are a number of initiatives that she'd like to get off the ground. We're going to be advertising the position of director. This is just temporary until we get a full-time director.

Courier: One of the complaints against the board has been that you've been meeting

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Photo by Keith Kent

Posing together behind the counter one last time on April 16 as the owners of C&S are Anastasios, Emily, and Costas Kaliviotis.

Kaliviotis family sells C&S Pizza

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After nearly five decades of being owners and operators of family owned businesses, the Kaliviotis family of Anastasios, Emily, and son Costas sold C&S Pizza April 16, allowing the husband and wife team a well-deserved retirement, which will include traveling and visiting with family.

Starting 47 years ago in 1971, the Greek husband and wife duo of Anastasios (Tasos) and Emily Kaliviotis opened the Groton House of Pizza in Groton, MA beginning what would turn out to be a nearly half century partnership of what they will both tell you has been a very strong marriage and trusting family business partnership.

The Kaliviotis' created their

second business venture, selling Groton House of Pizza and purchasing C&S Pizza, on September 1, 1992. Formerly located at 245 Central St. (now the current location of Gabby's Pizza), the family looking to expand a little moved to their current location at 188 Central St. and never looked back.

Son Costas said, "My mom and dad have been in business for almost 50 years together. They started me out young, teaching me a strong work ethic having me sweep the floors when I was just 12 years old. My parents taught me the value of hard work, and I am grateful for it. They have worked 7 days and nights a week all this time, and I am very glad they are finally retiring so they can now do what they want while they still have

time left as my father is now 70 years old and my mother is 71."

Costas in joking said in laughter, "I love my parents very much, but I am glad they are selling the business before they die here. They have worked extremely hard, and they deserve experience everything life has to offer."

Both Anastasios and Emily have the benefit of dual citizenship. While living in Winchendon, they have also kept their home over the years in Patras, Greece, which is the nation's third largest city and regional capital of western Greece, bordering the Mediterranean Sea.

Now retiring, the Kaliviotis' said they will also be able visit with Anastasios' father George

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Sally port addition at police department to be scaled back

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As the expected price for a sally port addition to the Winchendon Police Department has recently come in higher than expected, the project will be scaled back as needed according to Chief David Walsh to ensure its completion within the proposed funding.

As explained by Walsh, there are multiple components of the project cost coming in higher than approved funding allocations. Walsh explained since the project's first conception a year ago, the cost of materials, such as cement, have seen an increase. Additionally, the cost of other materials and labor has also gone up.

According to Walsh, the

smaller the project, the fewer the contractors there are who are even willing to bid on the project, as smaller projects do not allow contractors larger profits and sometimes are simply not viewed as worth time to bid on.

An example this phenomena locally is in the town of Templeton. Bids were welcomed to construct a small, roughly \$1 million addition on its current police station on South Road just off Templeton Center. As of a recent date for project bid submissions, no competitive offers were placed, leaving that project in limbo.

Members of the Winchendon BOS recently addressed the sally port project, leading to a brief, spirited discussion regarding the modifications

needed to keep the project coming in at the cost and it needing to be scaled back as necessary.

BOS Chair Barbra Anderson expressed displeasure that the project in its original design was coming in at over the proposed budget funding, as she stated it was presented, approved by, and sold to the town residents.

Fellow member Mike Barbaro emphasized the project was costing the town virtually nothing as the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation was paying for \$500,000 of the proposed just under \$700K project, with the majority of the remaining cost being provided though Winchendon's 911 grants over a three year period, and just under \$60K being

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BOS gets update on Beals project

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Ted Fiffy, project manager for the Beals Memorial Library access project, told selectmen at their last meeting that work on the 114-year-old building is moving ahead smoothly. Fiffy said when he joined the project it was his priority to maintain the historic character of the building.

"It's a real gem," he said. "The project is actually moving ahead slowly but the quality is good and the budget is outstanding."

Dave Pollack of Abacus Architects said he has actually been working on the project since 2010.

"We've been working on this project for a really long time," he said "and very much look forward to completing it with great fanfare, and having a

fully accessible library."

"The work," he continued, "is 85, 86 percent complete."

The elevator has been completed and has been inspected by the state, a step completed earlier this week.

"There are a couple of other project components that have some significant work left," Pollack continued. "The large hall upstairs has been finished and cleaned. The elevator lobby spaces are pretty much done. The barrier-free handicap accessible bathrooms on the ground floor are done."

"The remaining significant pieces of work," he said, "are maybe three, in category of work, at least. One is the railings in the stairway. And then, as everybody can see, there's still a big hole in the side of the building. What's called

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Keith Kent photo

Memorial School Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers pose together at the Winchendon McDonald's with general manager Holly Cox as a group during McTeacher's Night as a local school fundraiser.

McTeacher's Night a McSuccess

BY KEITH KENT
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It was a very successful evening for the annual McTeacher's Night fundraiser at the Winchendon McDonald's Cafe April 11 as teachers attending were shown great support from both the community and the business, raising \$700 in just two hours for multiple school causes.

The parking lot was full to capacity during the event, so much so even necessitating many supporters to park adjacent, along neighboring Cross Street, just to be able to get inside and show Memorial School pride.

Teachers volunteering were

Brenda Keney, Betsy Manual, Karin Forgues, Patty Rudrick, Coretta Haley, Erin Boucher, and Melissa Woolfrey along with school nurse Mona Sergi, and Principal Michelle Atter, who was in attendance but needed to leave early to attend a school committee meeting.

Lori Ruscito, who along with her husband Joe have owned the local McDonald's Cafe since its opening in May 1992, said, "We love giving back to the community, and especially helping schools such as Memorial School or any other schools that would like to do these fundraisers so they can

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WEEKLY QUOTE

Grit is living life like it's a marathon, not a sprint.
Angela Duckworth



CLYDE’S CORNER

Friday, April 20

DINNER & A SHOW: Eugene M Connor Post Auxiliary Unit 193 offers a dinner and a show, with a spaghetti dinner at 6 p.m. and Comedy for a Cause featuring local comedian Jerry Caruso & Friends at 8 p.m. Dinner and show \$20; show only \$15. Tickets for the show will be available at the door. Proceeds to go toward the Charland Children Education Fund.

Saturday, April 21

BLUES AT ITS BEST: the Winchendon Lions present the Souled Out Show Band at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. beginning at 8 p.m. \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. 50/50 raffle and 30 minute live auction. To benefit local activities of the Lions.

Sunday May 6

SPRING CONCERT: The Greater Gardner Community Choir’s annual Spring Concert is Sunday, May 6 at 4 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce St., Winchendon. The program features Dan Forrest’s Requiem for the Living, with chamber orchestra. We will be singing new pieces, familiar favorites and a unique musical surprise will be included! The Greater Gardner Youth Choir will be our special guests. The Greater Gardner Community Choir is directed

by Diane Cushing. Tickets are available at the door. For more information about GGCC email info@ggcchoir.org

Friday May 18

DINNER & CONCERT: Spaghetti and meatball dinner served with tossed salad and bread with assorted handheld desserts will be served from 5-6:30p.m. at the United Parish, 39 Front St. There is no set price, but donations are appreciated! The Needhams will be performing at 7pm. Free admittance, but good will offering is accepted!

Saturday, May 19

OWC: Operation Winchendon Cares - Remembering Our Current Military - to be held on Saturday, May 19, at the American Legion Post 193 on School Street, Winchendon from 9-11 a.m. For updates please visit our Facebook page or our website www.winchendoncares.com.

Sunday, May 20

CHEESE CHASE: Smith’s Country Cheese is sponsoring a 5K charity run-walk to benefit the Winchendon police and fire departments. \$20 entry fee now, price increases after April 1. Route will begin and end at picturesque Otter River Road location; visit runsignup.com.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

SUNDAYS INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON: The Indivisible Winchendon group meets every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. to discuss and organize creative, effective resistance to the Trump administration over the long term. We are liberal/progressive but non-partisan. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/381174492262359/>

MONDAY LEGO CLUB: Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. hosts a Lego Club for kids aged six-12, 3:30-4:30 p.m. every Monday afternoon the library is open. Show off your creative side. More information about this and other programs by calling (978) 297-0300 or visit townofwinchendon.com/bealmemoriallibrary.

TUESDAY WINCHENDON NA MEETING: Hosted by UUCW and led by Winchendon residents, in collaboration with the Central Massachusetts area/New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous. This is an open meeting with general discussion and support, for anyone who is in recovery or wants to be. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who might be interested in, or benefit from, a meeting. We’re working hard to get the word out! At the UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St, downstairs in the parish hall. Begins at 6:30 p.m.

LEARN: Computer classes for adults are offered on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Beals Memorial Library and are open to adults ages 18 and older.

CRAFT FOR ADULTS: On Tuesday nights at 6:30 Beals Memorial Library has an adult craft hour providing a place to meet and do crafts. People bring in things they are working on, and can get help on knitting, crocheting, quilting and discuss different ideas.

TINY TOTS PLAYGROUP: on Tuesday 10-11 at Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. for toddlers aged 0-4. Songs, rhymes and sharing.

WEDNESDAY

BINGO! Hyde Park residents hold bingo in the community hall every Wednesday night beginning at 6 p.m. It’s inexpensive, just two cards for 5¢, and the community is invited! Anyone over the age of 50 is welcome to join in. We’d love to have more players.

BINGO 2! Old Murdock Senior Center hosts Bingo on Wednesday afternoons at 12:15 p.m.

KIWANIS: the Kiwanis of Winchendon meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Carriage House Restaurant. Come be part of the service club that concentrates on helping local children with the Backpack Program at the public elementary schools, the Recycle-A-Bike program, Breakfast with Santa and yes, the Family Fun Day with the Massachusetts state level chili cook off every summer. We need your help. Stop in any Wednesday, we’d love to meet you!

Gifford vows to take to the fight on opioids

BY JERRY CARTON
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Former US Ambassador to Denmark Rufus Gifford, the only third congressional district candidate to visit Winchendon, released a policy proposal earlier this week to rev up the fight on opioid addiction.

“The opioid epidemic is a public health crisis that is devastating families of all socio-economic backgrounds across the district,” said Gifford after touring several treatment centers including GAAMHA in Gardner.

“We need a whole-of-society, and whole-of-government approach to both treat those suffering and get at the root causes of the crisis.”

Gifford outlined four major components of his plan including prioritizing and expanding treatment options, decreasing the supply of opioids, providing significant, sustained federal funding, and pursuing a bi-partisan comprehensive national strategy.

“There are so many tragic stories I’ve heard throughout our communities and it breaks my heart,” said Gifford. “At the same time, there are so many

amazing people and organizations that are doing God’s work saving lives every day.”

Added Gifford, “As a member of Congress, I will fight for significant funding and ensure Massachusetts gets its fair share. We need to treat this like the national crisis that it is, and that means innovative forward-looking policy solutions, expanding treatment options and preventing future generations from using.”

Gifford is one of about a dozen candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for the seat being vacated by Nikki

Tsongas, who is retiring after 11 years. Last week Gifford officially qualified for his spot on the September primary ballot after submitting more than 2,000 signatures from voters in all 37 cities and towns across the district.

“I’m excited to reach this milestone. We have invested heavily in grassroots organizing and old-fashioned neighbor to neighbor conversations. To me, this is about restoring trust in our system. It’s about bringing democracy back to its most basic form, the human relationship,” he asserted.

Three seek nomination to challenge Warren

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Three candidates are seeking the Republican nomination for the US Senate and the right to oppose incumbent Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren in the November general election and the state convention which will assure ballot access in the September primary is slated for next weekend in

Springfield. None, however, have as of yet paid a visit to Winchendon, even though President Donald Trump carried the town in 2016.

They are state Representative Geoff Diehl, former business executive John Kingston and former state lottery director Beth Lindstrom.

Diehl, a graduate of Lehigh University, serves the seventh legislative district based in Abington, East

Bridgewater, Plymouth and Whitman. Elected in 2010, he said he has “led the fight for more transparency and more accountability at the Statehouse” and has “worked to increase jobs and send more local aid to cities and towns.”

Additionally, Diehl argued he has “been a champion for Massachusetts taxpayers, taking bold action to protect them for tax hikes” and claims credit for preventing increases in gas taxes.

Prior to his election, Diehl was instrumental in opening the Boss Academy of Performing Arts in Hanson and helped secure a grant from Nestle to restore the Toll House sign in Whitman Plaza as a citizen activist.

Kingston, a Watertown native, retired in 2015 from AMG and turned his attention to founding the Sword and Spoon group, which he describes as a “mix of non-profit and for-profit initiatives that focus on strengthening all facets of civic life in public policy, education, the arts and service.”

He and wife Jean also launched Six Seeds, “an organization designed to advance virtues in families by working together to help people in need... linking urban and suburban commu-

nities.”

The University of Pennsylvania graduate “believes in a strong and prosperous and most of all, united America, with freedom, liberty, and dignity for all.”

Kingston said he decided to run for public office because “we are all in this together as Americans. My parents instilled this value in me along with the key concepts of hard work, gratitude and loving God, country, and your neighbor.”

Kingston said his campaign is gaining momentum, citing a straw poll in Diehl’s district which showed the two virtually tied. “We’ve demonstrated we are capable of contesting every single community in the state.”

Lindstrom, from Groton, is the former director of the state’s Office of Consumer Affairs and the former director of the state’s Lottery. At Consumer Affairs, Lindstrom said she provided Massachusetts motorists significant savings by creating more competition for insurance. She said she has also been a leader in high school financial literacy programs and consumer services on “a host of issues.” She said she “does not have the typical resume of a political candidate,” having instead, “a lifetime of hard work and experience solving problems and finding solutions,” valuing “common sense above labels and conformity.” Lindstrom graduated from the University of Connecticut and received an MBA from Northeastern.

The GOP convention will be held next Saturday, April 28, at the DUI Center in Worcester. Candidates must receive 15-percent of the delegate vote to assure a spot on the September ballot. Any candidate gaining more than 50-percent will be considered the party’s preferred candidate.

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Family honors its legacy with scholarship

BY JERRY CARTON
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Leaving a legacy matters. It matters a lot. Just ask Murdock Middle School teacher Nicole Landry, whose family presents an annual scholarship to a graduating Murdock senior.

“My grandparents” (Ernest and Pauline Trombly, in whose names the scholarship is awarded), “had a great sense of community,” reflected Landry.

“My grandfather owned a local gas station and garage. It was through his business that he instilled that sense of community in all his children. At some point in their lives, all four of them were employed in town. My mother is an educator at Memorial and I followed her example and became a teacher myself. He believed being part of a community mattered.”

“My grandmother, who passed away just over a year ago, April 6, 2017, she had that same sense of community,”

said Landry “She kind of had her own community at her house. We’d go there for tea, all of us, cousins, everyone. Our family has about 69 people in it and she was so proud of us, all of us and she was really like a mom to me. She got her own GED later in her life and kept telling us, ‘if I can do it, you can do it’, and I think that was one of the reasons we began the scholarship. She was a kind and loving soul, she really was. She really set the mark and my husband and I are grateful to be able to do this every year.”

“We awarded the first one in 2014 and it really means a lot to us to be able to do this. My grandmother always said, ‘be a good person’. She was the sweetest woman, but she was also very strong. She believed in doing things to make the community a better place,” asserted Landry.

The Ernest and Pauline Trombly Memorial Scholarship Fund offers “a

college scholarship to a graduating Murdock High School senior who displays strong citizenship and character and a desire to make a meaningful contribution to society.”

Landry, who before taking on teaching science at the middle school, taught geometry in the high school, thinks that description effectively sums up what her grandparents believed in and wanted to see.

“I do. Every year we read through the applications and we try to find an essay which embodies the core values of the scholarship. We’d spread the essays out and we’d read them and without telling each other, we’d make our own list of who was most deserving,” remarked Landry, adding. “It comes as no surprise our lists matched.”

Landry is proud of her family’s generosity. “They were such amazing people. To do this in their memory is perfect,” she said.



Courtesy photo

The scholarship is in honor of the Tromblys. Pauline (Trombly) Rouleau passed away in 2017.

Sign plan in works for downtown

BY GREG VINE
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State Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) recently announced the town of Winchendon had landed a \$15,000 Massachusetts Downtown Initiative Technical Assistance Program grant. The money will be used to pay a consultant to develop a strategy for signage to promote local businesses and amenities.

“Downtown Initiative Grants provide an incredible opportunity for local communities to plan for future development and growth,” said Gobi in a press release. “I would like to congratulate the town of Winchendon for securing these funds and I look forward to seeing the results.”

Winchendon Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy said, “The consultants will help an advisory committee made up of CEDSC (Community Economic Development Steering Committee) members and members of the Winchendon Business Group, along with public input, to design a series of signs. The town will weigh different options for funding the signage in the future.”

The state Department of Housing and Community Development has contracted with the consulting firm Faverman Design of Boston to coordinate the effort on Winchendon’s behalf.

“They have done this type of project for other communities through the MDI program,” said Murphy, pointing to Weymouth as an example of the company’s work.

The signs, once they are designed and produced, will be deployed in what is called a “wayfinding strategy.” That strategy employs signage to point visitors to Winchendon to various local businesses, places of interest, and recreation opportunities.

“While the focus of this first round of signs is Central Street,” said Murphy, “it is necessary to take a holistic approach to developing a signage plan that encompasses the essence of Winchendon as a whole.”

“As you know,” she continued, “the town is filled with wonderful resources. One example, the North Central Bike Path, terminates near Central Street but is not visible. One would have to have previous knowledge that it exists to know it is there. A wayfinding plan not only directs one to resources throughout town but ties those resources together through unified signage.”

M u r p h y explained the W i n c h e n d o n Business group “will be actively participating.”

“All businesses,

committees, groups, and townspeople are encouraged to participate in the public forum that will be part of the design process,” said Murphy.

A date for the public forum has not yet been set and, Murphy noted, Faverman Design probably won’t begin work before sometime in early May.

Murphy also said the branding and wayfinding strategy is designed to complement the Central Street Transportation Improvement Program project, scheduled for 2020. That program calls for the complete reconstruction of Central Street between Blair Square and Maple Street. In addition to reconstruction of the roadway, the project includes improvements to the drainage and municipal water/sewer infrastructure, updated side-

walks, new crosswalks, and redesigned on-street parking spaces. Most of the cost of the \$2.2 million project will be paid for with state and federal funds.

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storefront, that whole glass system, is what we’re waiting on. And then the third piece is just finishing the site improvements. There’s a little bit of concrete work, some lights, some grading and loam work, and then some cleanup.”

“The goal, very much, is to get the site cleaned up and the fences down by Memorial Day,” said Pollack. “The contractor has said if the weather cooperates they can make that schedule, but their not making a 100 percent promise, based on the weather.”

Pollack then went on to discuss the budget for the project.

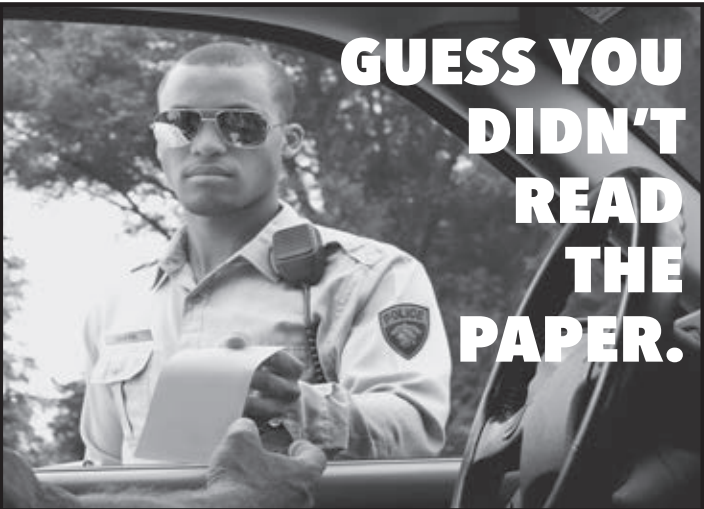
“There have only been two change orders,” he said, “which is fairly remarkable, given that the first change order was a fairly significant owner-initiated scope enhancement. Instead of just using an old mailbox, there’s actually going to be a book drop. There’s also going to be a bike rack. So, as you come up the new walkway, there’s going to be a bike rack and then a book drop. And the library director and trustees actually decided they want-

ed a double book drop, so there will be a separate drop for media – for DVDs and things like that – so the cases wouldn’t get broken. That was \$5,000.”

“We also processed a change order for three different unforeseen conditions,” Pollack continued. “And the total cost of those changes was about \$1,200. So, we’re looking at about \$7,000 in change orders. So, we’re doing great for construction contingency. We’re not done. But at 85 percent done, we’re knocking on wood.”

“Dave and I were talking earlier tonight, and one of the things we’re really proud of,” said Fiffy, “is that very few projects in my career have I been able to deliver with less than one percent of the total contract value in change orders. And given the fact that the building is of the age that it is, we’re trending in an excellent direction. I’m proud of it.”

Ground was broken on the \$1.5 million project in May 2017. In addition to the accessibility project, the library recently purchased a new circulation desk and is raising funds to renovate the circulation desk that has served the facility for many decades.



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War on another front

The United States, United Kingdom and France posed an airstrike on the country of Syria last weekend. By the time our newspaper comes out, we may well be at war with yet another country.

We are currently embroiled in the longest lasting war in American history. The current Iraq “invasion” dates from 2003, when we officially went in specifically to topple the Hussein regime.

And of course there is a sidebar war in Afghanistan as well.

American troops have been on this foreign soil, and being killed there, all this time. 15 years.

There are still troops stationed in Korea.

There are still troops stationed in Germany.

And in Okinawa.

The Middle East is the ‘hot spot’ because there is a lot invested there and not just in a business sense or because of oil. It is a microcosm of the whole world; and a chess game.

We and our allies move our pieces, our rebel troops; our allies whether natives of those countries, or UN troops or others and perhaps we are only puppeteers for some of the activities. While it may well be that though we are sincerely fighting ISIS or other terror cells, we may also be fighting representatives of another government shadowing and providing expertise, weapons and support.

China supported North Vietnam and North Korea.

Someone always will gain if others lose.

It isn’t all based on military might either.

Political gains can be as intrinsic as

land grabs, water rights, tribal status, religious superiority.

It can be a balance of power; a coup based on bias, on ethnicity; an ethnic cleansing; or in rare cases, an actual revolution resulting in a better government.

The best result usually comes from within. When disgruntled members of the country themselves have decided to unite, and find a way to overthrow tyranny.

Outside interference rarely stabilizes or makes the best decisions for the outcome.

So while we can be righteously outraged by the methodology of the heinous acts by the Syrian regime against its own people reminiscent of many other such horrifying governments in the past; taking steps to insert ourselves into the fray may not be best move.

We can easily see many more years of senseless involvement without resolution; continuing political maneuvering from many angles without justification; young lives lost needlessly; and still more wrangling over an area of the world that apparently would rather fight for eons than to discuss issues in reality.

We are not hawks, nor are we jingoistic and provincial wanting to insulate ourselves in a protectionist society that ignores the rest of the world. We need to stay connected; we need trade; we need allies. But we don’t need to jump into every fray as a potential savior.

We aren’t. And we shouldn’t be.

Countries have a right to resolve their own issues, on their own. We do them no favors by “saving” them from themselves.

And we do ourselves no favors either.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Name withheld: a response

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to allegations of “racism” against the BOD made by former WCAC Director Colleen Laperriere published in the Winchendon Courier April 13, 2018.

I am a personal care assistant for one of the WCAC’s clients and weekly go to the WCAC for bread and monthly for food for my elderly, disabled client. Mrs. Laperriere states that bread was not fit for human consumption and therefore it was given to a local African family to feed their chickens at 12:30 (a half hour before the WCAC closes).

The WCAC us open for pickup of bread and food from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. The WCAC is closed on Friday so they need to get rid of the bread at close of business on Thursday. In the past if there was left over bread the WCAC took it to the Winchendon Housing sites late on Thursdays where the elderly residents gratefully accept it. I know this because my mother was once a resident at Hyde Park.

I have personally been in the WCAC to pick up bread and have seen another PCA and her disabled client struggle with her walker to come into the WCAC only be told there was no bread. What they didn’t tell her was the bread just went out the door to the lady to feed her animals rather than their client who literally dragged herself there to get bread. This is not right, if the WCAC is open for business until 1:00 PM then the bread should be available until closing.

How would you feel if you went to Market Basket at 8:30 at night, knowing the store was open until 9:00 only to be told you couldn’t get food because it was

now 8:30?

On another occasion when I arrived the bread had already been moved from the display shelf into a large trash bag by the door. When I asked about bread they told me it wasn’t fit for human consumption. I asked if it was okay if I checked and they agreed. I was able to get my client bread that was not moldy or hard.

In reference to the BOD member who said, “they will eat anything” of course he was referring to the chickens, not the people! This claim of racism is a smokescreen!

On another occasion when I arrived the bread was already gone. I asked why and was told that the woman who came could only come at 12:30 because of her children. Honestly I was angry that this kept happening so I told them I didn’t think it was right to feed animals when their human clients went without. I volunteered to drive the bread to the animals after the supposed 1:00 PM closing. I was asked sarcastically if I would like to run the agency.

Bottom line current hours for the WCAC are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and nothing should be given away to feed animals until after business hours on Thursday. I’m hearing that hours may change to accommodate people with different schedules under the new WCAC management.

I’m sorry to say that I believe the charge of “racism” made by Mrs. Laperriere is merely an excuse and smoke screen for her poor management.

NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST

Time to revoke the prize



...AND
ONE MORE
THING....
GREG
VINE

“How many Rohingya have to die; how many Rohingya women will be raped; how many communities will be razed before you raise your voice in defense of those who have no voice?” – Open letter from the Nobel Women’s Initiative to Burmese State Counselor Aung San Suu Kyi

With all the focus currently on Syria, North Korea, and the lunacy emanating from

the White House, the world seems to be paying little attention to a campaign of genocide under way in the southeast Asian nation of Myanmar (better known as Burma). Since August of last year, some 700,000 Muslim Rohingya have been pushed out of the northwest corner of the country and, by some estimates, in excess of 10,000 murdered. The killing is being undertaken by Myanmar’s military with the tacit approval of State Councilor (prime minister) Aung San Suu Kyi.

If the name is familiar it’s because Suu Kyi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2010. She was recognized by the Norwegian Nobel Committee for her years-long effort to

bring democracy to a nation that had been ruled by a military junta since 1962; an effort that ultimately paid off in 2015, when nationwide elections swept Suu Kyi and her party into power.

When she received the award, while still under house arrest for her political agitation, she was hailed as a champion of democracy; of giving voice to the voiceless. But now, as the saying goes, the bloom is off the rose. Not only has she failed to rein in her military, she has indicated a belief that the Rohingya, despite living in the country for many generations, are not really citizens of Myanmar.

The country is majority Buddhist, a religion often seen

as one of the more peace-loving on the planet. But any religion, because they are after all organized and led by humans, can be contaminated by bigotry, hatred, and mistrust. And, in a cynical attempt to maintain her popular support, Suu Kyi is playing to those emotions. Some ultra-nationalist Buddhist leaders in Myanmar have gone so far as to advocate for the extermination of the Rohingya; a sentiment yet to be condemned by the Nobel Laureate.

Unfortunately, the ethnic cleansing under way in Myanmar has drawn scant attention in the U.S. news media. Calls for our country to take action against Suu Kyi’s government are few and far

between. You can be sure if the Rohingya were Christians evangelical leaders would be lighting a fire under their champion in the White House to respond and respond forcefully. But the likes of Franklin Graham, John Hagee, and Rod Parsley remain mute. And, sadly, there is little more agitation for some sort of action from the American left.

Thus far, what condemnation there has been from the administration has been weak at best. But that should not be a surprise. There once was a National Security Council post called the “special assistant to the president for multilateral affairs and human rights.”

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Adding a new member to the family...

Post on Facebook about politics or sports or whatever and sometimes you get a handful of responses and sometimes you don’t. Truth be told, some things I post are really just for myself. But I digress. Post a picture of your new dog on Facebook and you get dozens of likes and comments which goes to prove yet again most of us prefer, perhaps strongly prefer, our pets to most other humans.

Such was my experience last week when Dessa the sharpei came to live with us. We had been dog-less since November 7. That was the day Annie crossed the Rainbow Bridge, exactly five months to the day after we lost Courtney. Talk about weird. We have always been dog people and the five months since November have been hauntingly quiet so it goes without saying our lives have been brightened by

her arrival.

We’d been looking for a while. It was pretty exhausting and frankly, for me at least, pretty emotional too. I was still having something of a hard time accepting the very sudden loss of Annie, especially coming so unexpectedly soon after Courtney. My emotions were all over the place, but the bottom line is that I, that we, have always had a dog. On the one hand, we were really anxious but on the other, we didn’t want to make a mistake at our ages so we had developed a criteria, which required concessions on both our parts. I admittedly tend to be a bit neurotic about it all.

Carole has a lot more patience than



JOURNEY
OF THE
HEART
JERRY
CARTON

ple hundred bucks besides. Win, win, you know? As it turned out Dessa had become available and since her owner was my longtime Courier photographer Morgan St. Pierre, I knew she’d been in very good hands. Morgan’s definitely a dog person. There would have been no way to really know what we’d have been getting with a rescue dog from Texas and though we’ve always had rescues in the past (King, Abe, Riley,

Annie) and had great lives with them, this time around the proverbial stars were aligned for us to be ourselves rescued by Dessa. Sometimes it almost feels like things are meant to be.

Last Friday, after her picture went up on my Facebook page (thanks, Shawnlee!), the likes and replies started pouring in. By the time things settled, almost 60 people had taken the time to click or comment and who knows how many others saw her. Yes, I’m talking in the latter case about my sons, parents, and sister and no doubt others. And yes, I wrote a note on Courtney’s memorial page, too, which also drew its share of responses for which I’m continually and forever appreciative.

This experience of being inundated with replies is hardly unique to me. I may be a political/sports junkie but

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Tolerance cuts both ways: freedom for the speech we hate



FREEDOM
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“Those who created this country chose freedom. With all of its dangers. And do you know the riskiest part of that choice they made? They actually believed

that we could be trusted to make up our own minds in the whirl of differing ideas. That we could be trusted to remain free, even when there were very, very seductive voices - taking advantage of our freedom of speech - who were trying to turn this country into the kind of place where the government could tell you what you can and cannot do.”—Nat Hentoff

Tolerance cuts both ways.

This isn’t an easy pill to swal-

low, I know, but that’s the way free speech works, especially when it comes to tolerating speech that we hate.

The most controversial issues of our day — gay rights, abortion, race, religion, sexuality, political correctness, police brutality, et al. — have become battlegrounds for those who claim to believe in freedom of speech but only when it favors the views and positions they support.

“Free speech for me but not

for thee” is how my good friend and free speech purist Nat Hentoff used to sum up this double standard.

This haphazard approach to the First Amendment has so muddied the waters that even First Amendment scholars are finding it hard to navigate at times.

It’s really not that hard.

The First Amendment affirms the right of the people to speak freely, worship freely, peaceably assemble, petition

the government for a redress of grievances, and have a free press.

Nowhere in the First Amendment does it permit the government to limit speech in order to avoid causing offense, hurting someone’s feelings, safeguarding government secrets, protecting government officials, insulating judges from undue influence, discouraging bullying, penalizing hateful ideas and actions, eliminating

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STUDENTS
OF THE MONTH



Jaclyn with teacher was student of the month at Memorial School



Abigail with her parents and sister was student of the month at Toy Town.



Cohen with his parents and brother was Murdock Middle School student of the month,



Crystal with her parents and teachers was student of the month at Murdock Academy for Success

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That post was eliminated by Mr. Trump. We would do well to recall our ambassador to Myanmar and start imposing economic sanctions. Worse than the lack of global attention to the atrocities, however, is the way Myanmar’s leader – Aung San Suu Kyi – has failed to respond. Her virtual silence, warn state crime experts from Queen Mary University of London, is “legitimizing genocide.” Last month, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum yanked Suu Kyi’s Elie Wiesel Award for failing “to condemn and stop the military’s brutal campaign” against the Rohingya. The time has come for the Norwegian Nobel

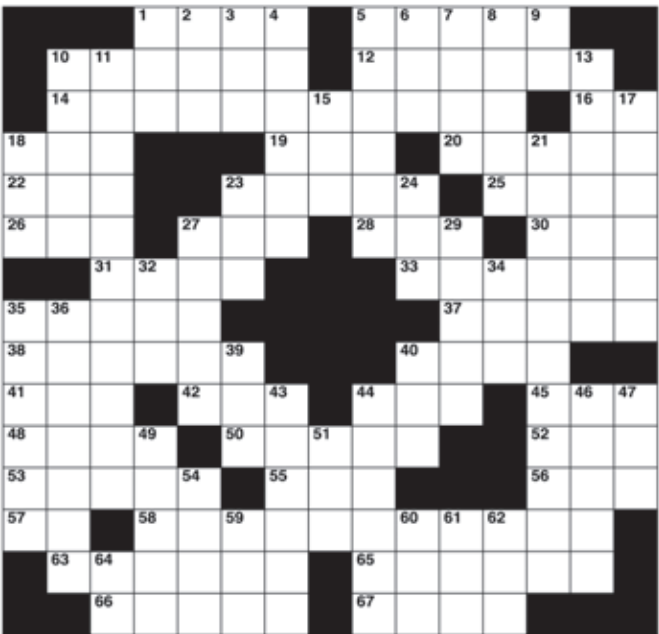
Committee to strip Suu Kyi of the Peace Prize she was awarded just eight years ago. Such a move might finally generate the kind of attention Myanmar’s Muslim minority deserves. For the fact remains that Suu Kyi has surrendered any claim to the moral high ground she once occupied. She has chosen ambiguity for the sake of political expedience. She has obviously closed her ears to the pleas of 2014 Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai, who said in September of last year: “Over the last several years, I have repeatedly condemned this tragic and shameful treatment. I am still waiting for my fellow Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi to do the same. The world is waiting and the Rohingya Muslims are waiting.” Don’t hold your breath, Malala.

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I’m every bit as likely, maybe more, to like and comment on a friend’s new dog or, yes, horse, as I am on yet another diatribe about DJT (who incidentally is believed to be the first pet-less POTUS, which tells us a lot) or how Tom Brady is the alleged GOAT. Most people I know are the same way. It’s certainly understandable why that’s the case. Our pets, dogs, cats, whatever, love us unconditionally and don’t ask a whole lot in return. You sure don’t get that from people, do you? Yeah, no kidding. So Dessa is here. Dessa loves riding in the car. Like most dogs, Dessa likes her walks and will probably like them better if winter ever actually ends. Dessa likes to curl up on the couch, sometimes preferring that to her own bed. So be it. We’re grateful she came to live with us. We desperately needed her. I suspect she knows that. This is working for us all. I’m sure some of you will see us around town. Say hi when you do. Finally this week, let’s close with this. You didn’t have to agree with the political ideology of the Bushes to nonetheless respect them as civilized

people. Though George HW and Barbara spent decades in Texas, they forever held steadfastly to the virtues of decency, humility and compassion which marked their New England upbringings. It has been said this week that Barbara posted lists of rules regarding appropriate behavior, little things like hanging up your towel or making your bed and those rules applied to a pair of Presidents of the United States as well as young grandchildren. In that, she reminds me of my own mom. Nothing wrong with some structure. I used to admire from afar her courage in continuing to live a meaningful life dedicated to family and service even after losing a child. But it was a vague admiration then. Now it’s personal. I don’t know how she did it for so long, but I’m in awe that she did. And of course, she and Courtney were both Smithies. I like to think that experience strengthened their commitment to do good. Make no mistake, Barbara Bush did good. Through everything, through the highest of highs and the lowest of lows, she hung in there and fought the good fight and raised kids who despite some of their own travails, made mom proud in the end. That’s one hell of a legacy to leave. See you all next week.



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Maintained possession of

5. Dropsy

10. Type of music

12. One who is deliberately cruel

14. 411

16. Rhode Island

18. Follows sigma

19. Baked dessert

20. Craftsman

22. Austrian river

23. Distributed

25. Close

26. Midway between east and southeast

27. Thunderstorm code

28. Where wrestlers work

30. Away from (prefix)

31. Canadian law enforcers

33. Shade

35. Sir Samuel __, Brit. statesman

37. Della __, singer

38. Existing in fact

40. Tennis matches have at least two

41. Reunifying Chinese dynasty

42. Not just “play”

44. Angry

45. Photomultiplier tube

48. Slovenly person

50. __ and Diu

52. Cologne

53. What actors deliver

55. Campaigned

56. Cash machine

57. Spanish be

58. Animal that eats insects

63. Colonists who supported the British

65. Loved

66. A pair of people who live together

67. Work tools
- CLUES DOWN
1. Kilogram force (abbr.)

2. Your consciousness of your own identity

3. Score

4. A way to modify

5. Respect

6. Midwife

7. Region near the Dead Sea

8. __ Gerais: gold-rich state of Brazil

9. Equally

10. Monetary units

11. The mentioning of things one by one

13. Traveling entertainers

15. Small island

17. A way to sing

18. __-bo: form of exercise

21. “The Bard”

23. The best player

24. Male parent

27. Harm the reputation of

29. Allow for the tare of

32. Grand __: wine classification

34. Soak

35. Bother

36. Ophthalmologist

39. Preceded

40. __ Francisco, California

43. Touch gently

44. Lithuanian given name

46. Matched

47. Stomach

49. Mother of all gods in Scots’ Celtic mythology

51. Partner to cheese

54. Fit of irritation

59. Visit

60. Suffragist Wells

61. Swearing to the truth of a statement

62. Old Red Sandstone

64. Sacred Hindu syllable



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Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

1	4	7	6	3	6	8	2	5
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2	7	9	8	6	5	4	1	3
5	6	3	9	1	4	2	7	8
4	8	1	3	7	2	6	5	9
9	2	4	5	8	3	7	1	6
3	1	6	2	4	9	1	8	5
7	5	1	8	5	7	2	4	9

ANSWER:

PUZZLE SOLUTION



GALA announces plans for spring art show

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GALA Spring 2018 Art Show
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Call for Entries
Entry deadline is April 6!
GALA 2018 spring art show with live music is scheduled May 4-6 at the Winchendon American Legion, 295 School St.
Opening reception is Friday, 6-9 p.m., with art awards at 7 p.m.
Our distinguished judges include: Peter Laytin, photography professor, Fitchburg State University; Tamar Russell Brown, owner of Gallery Sitka, Fitchburg; Ann Capodagli, owner of Boulder Gallery, Fitchburg.

There are two options for entering the show:
Option 1: Online entry which submits your information & payment to GALA electronically.
Option 2: Paper entry form. A PDF Call for Entries which includes a form that you print & mail with payment to GALA, PO Box 664, Gardner, MA 01440. **Please allow enough time for mailing so that your entry is received by the deadline.**
With either option, your entry is due by April 6.
Please support GALA by donating to the “Off the Wall Art Sale” and/or Artwork Raffle. See the Call for Entries for details on these important fundraising events.
Please consider demonstrating your creative process at the show. Indicate your interest on your entry form.
You will need to renew your GALA membership on your entry form unless you are a current member. If in doubt, please email debgordano59@comcast.net. See the Call for Entries for more information.

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Heywood Hospital’s Center for Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine, whose program director is Winchendon resident Carol Niemi, has been awarded with the National President’s Circle Award for Excellence.
In practical terms, that means the Center had a patient satisfaction rating of 92 percent and a healing rate of 91 percent over a 30-day span for the last two years. The award was presented by Healogics, the nation’s largest provider of wound care services. Out of 340 eligible facilities, only 26 received the President’s Circle Award and Heywood was the only hospital in Massachusetts to be recognized.
Said Niemi, “The staff and team worked hard last year so this is a great honor for all of us. It’s nice to know we’re being helpful to the community.”
Heywood Healthcare President and CEO Win Brown echoed Niemi’s sentiment. “We are thrilled to have our Wound Care Center recognized on a national level for the outstanding care they provide to our patients every day. At any given time, almost seven million Americans suffer from chronic, non-healing wounds. Our Center uses the most up-to-date approaches to wound healing and remains current in new scientific advances in wound care. For most patients, our program leaves them completely healed in just a few months and lets them get back to their normal lives.”
The Wound Center at Heywood is one of more than 700 Healogic Centers and Niemi was focused solely on the local facility.
“We’re a community hospital. We’re proud we’re doing good work in this community,” she said.
Heywood’s Wound Center accepts many insurance plans with Medicaid and Medicare frequently reimbursing for approved procedures.

TRANSFER STATION TAKES DELIVERY OF NEW STORAGE SHED

Keith Kent photo

The recently acquired new 12” X 20” wooden storage shed complete with both front and side doors along with a metal roof has been delivered to the transfer station. The shed purchase was made possible by DPW Executive Assistant Wendy Stevens, who wrote and successfully applied for Environmental Protection grants for the town. The shed will house florescent light bulbs, tubes, and other clean items, and was sold to the town at cost for \$4,295 by Ole Hickory Buildings and Blueberry Hill Sheds of 9 Gardner Road.



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behind closed doors. A check with the Gardner CAC, MOC (Montachusett Opportunity Council), and Ginny’s Helping Hands in Leominster indicate their boards all meet in open session and make minutes available upon request. Moving forward, will your board meetings be open to the public?
Stewart: Absolutely. The reason that we haven’t comes down to two reasons. First, was the contentiousness of the relationship of the board with the prior director. Secondly, at the advice of our attorney, he indicated that we do not fall under open meeting laws and as a result it was discretionary on our part. I felt, and the board felt, it was better for dirty laundry not to be aired in public until a transition was made.
Casavant: And we’re a social service agency. Many times, very sensitive information is discussed at our meetings. We’re sometimes discussing very personal information. For that sort of thing to get out to the public isn’t fair to the client.
Courier: Given that most of your budget comes from public funds, do you understand why people might feel all your meetings should have been open to the public?

Stewart: First of all, that’s incorrect. Most of our funds come from Robinson Broadhurst, and that’s a private foundation. We no longer receive money from MOC. We typically get \$18,000 from the town of Winchendon, and approximately \$60,000 to \$70,000 comes from Robinson Broadhurst. We also receive private donations. We don’t get actual dollars from the federal government and the state, that aid is in the form of food.
Courier: The copy of the bylaws we have indicates elections for the board are to be held every two years. When was the last time elections were held?
Stewart: We decided as a board to re-write our bylaws and that’s when we brought in (attorney) Keith Glenn to take a look at them and he’s assured us that, based on boards that he’s been on and what he’s seen in the past, the bylaws were operating under were antiquated to the point of being obsolete. So that selection process has changed.
Courier: The bylaws also stated that a certain number of members of the board are to come from the low-income community. Will that requirement be met?
Stewart: We actually just brought in four new board members who had been wanting to stay in the background, for obvious reasons. We have another eight people who have applied and whose applications we’ll be considering. The

problem has been that they just don’t want the drama. They just want to help people. Some were scared away by all the drama and false allegations. We want an environment that is open and respectful to everybody.
Casavant: And it’s sometimes difficult to get people to come forward to serve. They don’t want to be labeled as low income. So, it can be difficult to get people to come forward. But we still have a stack of applications to go through.
Courier: Can you discuss some of the reasons for the dismissal of the previous director?
Stewart: No.
Courier: What about claims by the previous director that she had been excluded from board meeting?
Stewart: That’s not accurate. She actually chose not to show up at the last meeting that we had, and at those meetings where we planned to address professional performance she opted not to show up. There were reasons given, but it was consistently coincidental when things became contentious.
Courier: What about claims by some volunteers they were verbally abused by some board members.
Stewart: At no time did anyone from the board speak directly to any of the volunteers at the CAC. Any concerns we might have had were brought to the

attention of the director and she was the one who spoke to the volunteers. What she said and how she said it, we had no control over that.
Courier: One former board member says he’s been denied access to minutes from meetings when he was on the board back in 2008 or 2009. Is that accurate and if so, why?
Stewart: Actually, minutes of those meetings have never been requested from me. It’s been communicated that they be requested in writing.
Courier: Any concern there may be some opposition to the town’s \$18,000 appropriation to be considered at the May town meeting?
Stewart: From what I understand, most of that opposition is coming from the individual you just asked me about. It baffles me that anyone would try to hurt an organization that exist to help those in need.
...
The board put out a statement last week noting that the hours at the CAC have been temporarily changed. They are now Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Attempts to reach the former director of the CAC for a response via email were unsuccessful.

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raise funds to put towards project in need for the children.”
Ruscito explained, “We have been doing these kinds of fundraisers for 10 years now. What we do is we take the total revenue for the two hour fundraiser event from 5-7 p.m., and we deduct the cost of employee labor and materials such as food and paper. Whatever

is left over, we donate to the school fundraiser.”
In closing Ruscito said, “We will be hosting another Memorial School McTeacher’s Night Fundraiser for grades 1 and 2 on Wednesday, April 25 so please come out again and show your sport for Memorial School and our local business, as we love hosting these to help children, students, and the schools.”
McDonald’s general manag-

er Holly Cox added, “I think it’s very important, especially as a manager, to help give back to the community and get everybody together, as it’s just great for us to be able to help out the school and its students programs. The support here tonight is wonderful.”
There was a strong showing of Winchendon School students in attendance, who were previously advised of the educational fundraising event and were seen not only making the journey down the hill, but in a steady flow entering the local community staple to show their support for young local public school student programs.
Winchendon School math teacher and boys’ varsity basketball coach Papa Lo and his family were in attendance.
Lo said, “It’s great to see many students here from the Winchendon School and to see our school support other schools here in the same town we all share together.”
Sergi, helping the Pre-K and Kindergarten faculty, said, “We feel very lucky as far as Winchendon is concerned. We have a lot of support in our schools with our parents and our families. We couldn’t do it without them. This would not be possible without all the support from families, students, and McDonald’s and we thank them all.”
Atter explained, “The fundraiser benefits our Memorial School Activity fund. The money is used

largely to support our field day events such as a water slide, entertainment, and this year we have Mystic “touch tanks” coming, along with a ZUMBA instructor, arts and craft supplies, and supplies for the carnival games. We also use the money to support our school store which we use as part of our PBIS initiative, and pizza parties when classrooms earn it, again related to PBIS.”
Atter also announced the recent Memorial School pennies for patients fundraiser earned over \$1,800.
In closing Atter said, “We have been doing the McTeacher fundraiser for approximately 10 years now. I am appreciative and grateful for the community and business support with this event knowing that it supports our school in giving students a variety of fun and positive experiences.”
The next Memorial School McTeacher’s Night McDonald’s Fundraiser will be assisted with staff from both Grades 1 and 2, and will take place Wednesday, April 25 during the hours of 5:00-7:00 p.m.



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Doreen A. (Monahan) Poulin, 60

WINCHENDON — Doreen A. (Monahan) Poulin, age 60, of 127 Goodrich St., passed on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at her residence.



She was born in Westfield on May 9, 1957, daughter of the late Thomas E. Monahan Sr. and Rose K. (Maslar) Monahan and grew up in Holyoke. Doreen moved to Stoughton at the age of 7 and graduated from Stoughton High School in 1975. She later received two Associates degrees from Alan Hancock College. Doreen and her family resided in Winchendon since 1987.

Her memory will be preserved through her husband of 42 years, William C. Poulin; three children, Brian V. Poulin and his wife Betsy of Worcester, Cassandra R. Leal and her husband Nery of Leominster and Stacey M. Baker and her husband Frank of Leominster; four grandchildren, Arianna, Alexi, Amelia and Myles; her sisters and brother, Lynda Ceven of Taunton, Susan Wallace of Tiverton, RI and James Monahan of Attleboro and many nieces and nephews. Two broth-

ers, Thomas Monahan and Michael Monahan, preceded her in death.

Doreen's passion for helping others and giving back was evident in her life's work, which included careers at Blue Cross Blue Shield and House of Peace and Education. She loved serving her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as an active member of People's Congregational Church of Ashburnham and was a former member of GALA and First Baptist Church of Westminster where she taught Sunday school. Doreen was an accomplished artist and an avid reader who loved the beach and spending her time with her family.

A Celebration of her Life was held in People's Congregational Church, 56 South Main St., Ashburnham Monday, April 16, 2018.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St. Winchendon were Sunday, April 15, 2018.

Burial will be in Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew St., Springfield, 01104 or to People's Congregational Church, 56 South Main Street, Ashburnham, MA 01430.

Russell G. Goodwin, 93

FITZWILLIAM—Russell G. Goodwin, age 93, of 756 Route 12 South, died peacefully Thursday morning, April 12, 2018 in Cheshire Medical Center, Keene, NH.



He was born in Winchendon on Oct. 6, 1924, son of the late Leon E. and Bertha (Nutter) Goodwin and lived in Fitzwilliam for many years.

Russell proudly served his country during World War II as a member of the United States Navy, serving in the European-African Middle Easter Area and Asiatic-Pacific Area. He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific medal, American Area medal, European African medal and Victory medal.

He worked for many years as a construction worker for Laborers Union Local #39 in Fitchburg until his

retirement. Until a few years ago, he owned race horses, which raced in Rockingham and Foxboro, VT. He was a former member of Ovila Case Post #905 VFW in Gardner.

His wife of 68 years, Doris H. (Gordon) Goodwin, died in 2015. He leaves four children, Nancey Lively and her husband Daniel of Fitzwilliam, Russell G. Goodwin Jr. and his wife Sharlene of Fitzwilliam, Leon Goodwin and his wife Michelle of Fitzwilliam and Bonnie Page and her husband George of Winchendon; four brothers and sisters, Gloria Blair of Florida, Leona Goodwin of Winchendon, Leo Goodwin of Rindge; 15 grandchildren, many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, Richard Auger and two sisters, Arlene Liberty and Joyce Carrier.

Private graveside services will be held in Hillside Cemetery, Rindge.

There are no calling hours. Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon is directing arrangements.

John H. Frazier, 89

HOLLISTON — John H. Frazier age 89, of Holliston, passed away Sunday, April 15, 2018. Born in Winchendon, he was the son of the late Lottie (Shaler) and Robert Frazier. He was the husband of the late Betty (Alden) Frazier.

A longtime resident of Holliston, John had worked for 35 years at NSTAR. He also had worked at Medfield State Hospital as a gardener growing fresh vegetables for the patients. He loved gardening and woodworking.

He is survived by three children, Alison G. Kelly and her husband Michael of NJ, John A. Frazier of RI, and Elizabeth Frazier of Cambridge; his sister, Mary Coombs of NY, and 5

grandchildren. He is predeceased by his daughter, Barbara E. Frazier and three siblings, Robert Frazier, Elizabeth Parent, and Dorothy Ishkanian.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 20th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Chesmore Funeral Home of Holliston, 854 Washington St. www.ChesmoreFuneralHome.com. A funeral service will follow visitation in the funeral home at 12:00 p.m. Private interment will be held at a later date at Lake Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to [the Salvation Army](#), 402 Massachusetts Ave. Cambridge, MA 02139.

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We also invite funeral directors and families to e-mail us a JPEG photograph to print, at no cost, alongside the obituary.

POLICE LOG

Editor's Note: The information contained in this police log was obtained through public documents kept by the police department, and is considered to be the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

12:21-2:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:00 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 8:24 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), spoken to; 9:02 a.m.: animal complaint (Elmwood Road), referred to ACO; 10:08 a.m.: burglary/b&e (Glenallan Street), report taken; 12:18 p.m.: illegal burn (Lincoln Avenue Extension), unable to locate; 12:51 p.m.: ambulance (Grove Street), transported; 1:11 p.m.: suspicious/other (Gardner Road), info taken; 1:41 p.m.: info/general (Alger Street), referred to court; 1:59 p.m.: unattended death (Goodrich Street), referred to ACO; 2:02 p.m.: suspicious/other (Woodlawn Street), info taken; 4:34 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 5:23 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 6:53 p.m.: assist citizen (Royalston Road North); 6:58 p.m.: notification (Goodrich Drive), unable to locate; 9:06 p.m.: suspicious mv (Front Street), secure; 9:30 p.m.: assist other agency (Alger Street); 11:29 p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), accidental alarm; 11:32 p.m.: trespass notice entry (Morse Avenue), info taken.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

12:15-1:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:07 a.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), transported; 9:04 a.m.: suspicious mv (Front Street), spoken to; 9:24 a.m.: info/general (Orient Place), referred to ACO; 9:30 a.m.: larceny (Central Street), report taken; 10:42 a.m.: officer wanted (Washington Avenue), report taken; 11:36 a.m.: annoying phone calls (Elmwood Road), spoken to; 12:03 p.m.: traffic hazard (Franklin Street), removed; 1:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), assisted; 1:55 p.m.: ambulance (Chestnut Street), transported; 4:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Alger Street), spoken to; 4:10 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 5:10 p.m.: assist citizen (Mill Glen Road), spoken to; 6:10 p.m.: disturbance (Goodrich Drive),

unable to locate; 6:54 p.m.: deliver message (Alger Street), unable to serve; 8:31 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street), referred to ACO; 9:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Elmwood Road), spoken to; 10:07 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), transported; 11:25 p.m.: extra patrols, secure.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

12:02 a.m.: tree down on wires (Royalston Road North), referred; 12:13 a.m.: fire/CO incident (Spring Street), services rendered; 12:21 a.m.: fire alarm (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 12:25 a.m.: FD call (Converse Drive), services rendered; 12:52 a.m.: tree down on wires (Murdock Avenue), referred; 12:52 a.m.: ambulance (East Monomonic Road), services rendered; 1:01 a.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), services rendered; 1:01 a.m.: tree down on wires (Central Street), referred; 1:05 a.m.: tree down on wires (Otter River Road), referred; 1:05 a.m.: tree down on wires (Baldwinville Road), referred; 1:10 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), secure; 1:10 a.m.: tree down on wires (Mill Street), referred; 1:41 a.m.: tree down on wires (Town Farm Road), referred; 1:54 a.m.: tree down (Teel Road), referred; 3:06 a.m.: fire alarm (First Street), services rendered; 3:25 a.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive), services rendered; 4:16 a.m.: transport (Front Street); 5:08 a.m.: welfare check/elderly (Tolman Road), secure; 5:26 a.m.: fire alarm (River Street), accidental; 5:52 a.m.: burglar alarm (Teel Road), secure; 6:04 a.m.: officer wanted (North Ashburnham Road), assisted; 6:25 a.m.: alarm/type unknown (Hyde Park Drive), services rendered; 7:00 a.m.: info/general (Central Street), assisted; 7:08 a.m.: FD call (Central Street), services rendered; 7:21 a.m.: welfare check/elderly (Baldwinville Road), spoken to; 7:26 a.m.: tree down on wires (Prospect Street), referred; 7:29 a.m.: accident (Gardner Road), services rendered; 7:44 a.m.: transport (Central Street); 8:12 a.m.: ambulance (Summer Street), transported; 8:28 a.m.: fire alarm (River Street), false alarm; 8:42 a.m.: burglar alarm (Railroad Street), spoken to; 8:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Highland Street), spoken to; 8:56 a.m.: FD call (First Street), service rendered; 9:00 a.m.: welfare check/elderly (Lakeshore Drive), spoken to; 9:15 a.m.: wires down (First Street), referred; 9:27 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), false alarm; 10:40 a.m.: tree down on wires (Orient Place), referred; 10:44 a.m.: wires down

(Pearl Street), unable to locate; 11:09 a.m.: assist other PD (Otter River Road); 11:15 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), secure; 11:33 a.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), spoken to; 1:23 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), transported; 1:24 p.m.: fire alarm (Central Street), false alarm; 1:29 a.m.: info/general (School Street), info taken; 2:13 p.m.: VIN inspection (Front Street), assisted; 4:48 p.m.: suspicious person (Mill Street), spoken to; 5:17 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Glen Road), written warning; 5:25 p.m.: DPW call (Woodlawn Street), referred; 5:46 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 6:53 a.m.: mv stop (Mill Glen Road), written warning; 7:02 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Glen Road), written warning; 9:20 p.m.: warrant check (Central Street), Krystal K. Hubbard, 31, 73 Monadnock Avenue, Winchendon, arrest based on warrant; 10:41 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:41 p.m.: assist other PD (Bridgeport, CT PD), info taken; 10:42 p.m.: building check, secure; 11:30 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

12:35 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 12:43-1:15 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:24 a.m.: registration check (Central Street), secure; 8:47 a.m.: lift assist (Teel Road), services rendered; 10:19 a.m.: summon service (Maple Street), advised officer; 10:20 a.m.: summons service (Spring Street), advised officer; 10:43 a.m.: summons service (Ready Drive), served; 11:17 a.m.: traffic hazard (Spring Street), assisted; 11:27 a.m.: accident (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 11:29 a.m.: lift assist (Teel Road), services rendered; 11:50 a.m.: larceny (Alger Street), report taken; 11:53 a.m.: welfare check/elderly (Hale Street), assisted; 1:44 p.m.: assist other agency (Otter River Road), info given; 2:39 a.m.: open door/window (Central Street), secured bldg.; 3:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), info taken; 4:45 p.m.: suspicious/other (Central Street), spoken to; 4:47 p.m.: assist other agency (Otter River Road); 5:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), assisted; 5:24 p.m.: traffic hazard (High Street), referred; 6:31 p.m.: assist citizen (Bosworth Road); 7:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Alger Street), spoken to; 7:56 p.m.: suspicious auto (River Street), gone on arrival; 8:11-8:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:21 p.m.: suicide threats (Mill Glen Road), spoken to.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

12:28 a.m.: suspicious mv

(Forristall Road), unable to locate; 12:51-2:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:19 a.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Street), transported; 10:27 a.m.: animal abuse (Goodrich Street), report taken; 11:59 p.m.: investigation (Elmwood Road), no service necessary; 3:17 p.m.: gunshots heard (Front Street), unfounded; 3:27 p.m.: narcotics/drug violations (Elm Street), unable to locate; 4:09 p.m.: FD call (Glenallan Street), referred; 8:10-8:20 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:23 p.m.: intoxicated person (Spring Street), transported; 11:30 p.m.: mental health issue (Linden Street), report taken.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

12:36-1:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:07 a.m.: mv stop (School Street), spoken to; 1:13-1:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:33 a.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), verbal warning; 1:45 a.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), Justin Dennis, 20, 9 Liberty Street, Baldwinville, failure to stop for police, negligent operation, speeding, summons issued; 6:24 a.m.: info/general (Uxbridge, MA), referred; 8:41 a.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), written warning; 9:14 a.m.: property found (Memorial Drive), services rendered; 10:24 a.m.: animal complaint (Orient Place), referred to ACO; 12:11 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 12:28 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville State Road), referred to ACO; 12:59 p.m.: larceny (Converse Drive) report taken; 1:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan Street), no service necessary; 1:42 p.m.: threats (Whitney Street), report taken; 2:18 p.m.: burglar alarm (Memorial Drive), false alarm; 3:37 p.m.: summons service (Maple Street), unable to serve; 5:29 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), spoken to; 6:32 p.m.: alarm/type unknown (Memorial Drive), accidental; 6:38 p.m.: officer wanted (Alger Street), report taken; 6:54 p.m.: larceny (Webster Street), report taken; 7:08 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Glen Road), written warning; 8:16

p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), written warning; 8:34 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street), verbal warning; 8:50 p.m.: ambulance (Woodlawn Street), transported; 11:45-11:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

MONDAY, APRIL 9

1:52-3:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:13 a.m.: ambulance (Whitney Street), transported; 7:15 a.m.: DPW call (High Street), referred; 9:18 a.m.: investigation (Elmwood Road), services rendered; 9:24 a.m.: assist citizen (Central Street); 10:26 a.m.: suspicious mv (North Ashburnham Road), secure; 10:35 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 12:25 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 1:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Boyce Place), referred to ACO; 1:39 p.m.: ambulance (Teel Road), transported; 2:33 a.m.: assist citizen (Belmont Avenue); 2:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Cross Street), report taken; 3:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Hyde Park Drive), referred to ACO; 4:05 p.m.: investigation (Spruce Street), unable to locate; 4:23 p.m.: animal complaint (Elmwood Road), info taken; 4:25 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 4:44 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), spoken to; 6:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Royalston Road North), referred to ACO; 5:11 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 5:43 p.m.: info/general (Murdock Avenue), info taken; 7:11 a.m.: animal complaint (Hyde Street), unable to locate; 7:22 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville Road), no service necessary; 7:59 p.m.: repossession of mv (West Monomonic Road), info taken; 9:00 p.m.: mv stop (School Street), written warning; 9:02 p.m.: mv stop (School Street), verbal warning; 9:31 p.m.: mv stop (Goodrich Drive), verbal warning; 10:37 p.m.: accident (Robbins Road), report taken; 10:42 p.m.: intoxicated person (Spring Street), protective custody; 11:58 p.m.: assist other PD (Ash Street), info given.



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SPORTS

The costs...

Every April, the landed gentry in my home state of Maryland host a series of steeplechase races on three consecutive Saturdays. This is a very big deal for the families who have been breeding the jumpers for a very long time, dating back in some cases to the 19th century. The Maryland Hunt Cup, the grand jewel in the series was even featured on 60 Minutes last year. The Hunt Cup is world-famous in steeplechase circles. Trust me when I tell you the crowds which gather for these events are quite different from the demographics you see at your average American thoroughbred racetrack. It may not be Ascot or Longchamps, but it ain't Pimlico, either.

Anyway, this year's season got underway last Saturday in the rolling hills of Baltimore County horse country, and when I read the preview story in the Sun, I couldn't help but notice that discount parking spots were available for \$60 for the day. That was the cheap going rate and given that the races are conducted over the aforementioned hills, I'm not sure what you could even see for your 60 bucks. I went to the jump-

ers track at Fair Hills, MD once, somewhere around 1980 or so, and what I remember most is that it was, a) hard to hold binoculars up for a four-mile race over distant hills, b) the ice cream prices were silly, and, c) importantly, it cost us like \$10 to park and be able to see everything just fine.

I relate this story because I sometimes wonder how we grow a new generation of sports fans if they can't afford to attend events. Given the vast array of electronic and social media options, it's hard enough to get them to pay attention to sporting events which last several hours. Do we need to make it even harder to get them? Have we already raced right past the tipping point where games/races/fights, you name it, are only accessible to trust-fund babies? Obviously, I exaggerate, but you get the idea. Just for the hell of it, I went to the Churchill Downs website to look at ticket prices for this year's Kentucky Derby, which will be run two weeks



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from tomorrow. Sure you can go party in the infield and have no idea whether you're at the racetrack or a Lollapalooza thing for 50-60 bucks but if you want to actually see a horse, you're going to have to pony (sorry) up a fee ranging from the hundreds to the many thousands or more.

Every sport has done this. Of the 70,000 or so fans in San Antonio earlier this month for the NCAA championship game, how many Villanova or Michigan students were there, do you think? Of course, that just mirrored the regular season where in too many places students get relegated to the cheap seats while boosters and donors secure the prime locations behind the benches. You think the Super Bowl is played in neutral locations just so fans of the participating teams can get a few days vacation? Not many fans can afford the tariff.

Don't get me wrong. Stadiums and arenas aren't suddenly going to be empty but the days of the average

middle-income, even in many places upper-middle income fans being able to plunk down the cash for more than a couple games a year are long gone. And the chances of ticket prices ever coming down are non-existent. So yes, there will still be plenty of people at the games but the income inequality which plagues our society has definitely spread to sports.

Sports has always been intertwined with politics. Google the 1936 Berlin Olympics. You think Colin Kaepernick was a trail-blazer? He was merely the latest in a very long list of activist athletes. Some fans, of course, said they'd boycott the NFL after he began kneeling. I read a story the other day where some longtime fans of the San Antonio Spurs are also boycotting because they don't like Coach Greg Popovich's anti-DJT ideology. That's their right, too. I promise you Pop doesn't care. It is, however, deliciously ironic to hear those same folks say athletes shouldn't be political and then they themselves take a political stand. The hypocrisy is awesome. See you next week.

From championships to chipping in

The 2017 Middle School State champions (Justin Thira, Lilly Digman and Alexia Allard) and the 2018 High School State Champions (Alexia Allard and Richard Swanson III), along with head coach Anthony Findley, were recognized and congratulated at the School Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 11th.

Michaela Benedict, Emily Kiberd-Pervier, Molly Murphy and Maria Polcari along with their chaperone and trip advisor, Ofelia Maskewich, boarded their Southwest flight to Puerto Rico early Monday morning (after a treacherous drive to the airport through the snow). These Murdock students, along with students from Leominster High School, will be touring various parts of Puerto Rico, learning about the culture, and doing some community service activities. More about their trip next week!

Mother Nature's odd sense of humor and insistence on delaying the arrival of Spring weather, resulted in postponement of the high school baseball and middle school baseball and softball games.

The girls' varsity softball team was able to squeak in their game against North Brookfield on Thursday, April 12, as the softball field was in a little better condition than the baseball field. Emily Smith pitched a 5 inning mercy rule 18-0 shut-out over the visitors. Smith faced only 20 batters, striking out 9, allowing 4 hits, and walking one. The pitchers for North Brookfield struggled with finding the strike zone, walking 11 batters and giving up 8 hits. The Blue Devil offense was high-lighted by Jocelyn Garner's grand slam in



Courtesy photos

At the track meet vs. 'Gansett Briahna Bouchard in the long jump

the bottom of the 4th inning. Maria Polcari, Garner, Victoria St. Hilaire, Molly Murphy, Emily Kiberd-Pervier and Kelly Murphy all collected singles during the game.

The Track & Field team was also able to complete their meet against Narragansett on the 12th. Both middle school and high school students participated in the meet. Specific information regarding the meet was unavailable at the time of this writing, but will be reported next week.

ELF, JR., the middle school musical, will be performed on Saturday, May 5 at 7:00 and Sunday, May 6th at 1:00.



Steven Ingman running.

Get your tickets by contacting Laura Marshall at 978-297-2461. Tickets are also available at the door. Come support these 50+ students who are participating in this production under the direction of Kristi Iannacone, Aly Galipeau and Maureen Provost.

Upcoming Events (at Murdock)
Saturday, April 21st – Bottle/Can Drive at Rite Aid parking lot to raise money for the Class of 2020.
Monday, April 23rd – Varsity Girls/Boys Track Meet at 3:30
Monday, April 23rd – Varsity Baseball

and Softball at 3:30
Tuesday, April 24th – Middle School Softball at 3:30
Wednesday, April 25th – Varsity Baseball and Softball at 3:30
Wednesday, April 25th – Middle School Track Meet at 3:30
Thursday, April 26th – Varsity Girls/Boys Track Meet at 3:30
Thursday, April 26th – Varsity Baseball and Softball at 3:30
Friday, April 27th – JV Softball at 3:30
Saturday/Sunday, May 5th-6th – Middle School Musical – Elf, Jr.



Murdock and Leominster students picking up debris in aftermath of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico as part of a community service project



Molly, Emily, Maria and Michaela on history tour of San Juan Puerto Rico during the trip.



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provided for by the town, allowing the project, no matter what its size, to still be at almost zero cost to the town.

The total cost of the addition to residents is less than nine percent of the total project cost.

Walsh explained, "The original plans for the sally port addition called for increasing the size of the current prisoner processing area, adding one additional holding cell, a small forensics room, and an armory room. So to now stay within budget as costs have gone up over the year since

the project was originally proposed is work with the architect to reduce the scope of the project to stay within the approved budget process."

"Focusing on the primary reason for this building, a sally port allows us to bring those in custody or transport for processing inside for both their protection and privacy, and that of the officers, in a secure and safe manner both coming in and exiting the building," added Walsh.

Walsh said, "I am not asking for what I wanted, but only what I need. We will not be going forward with a fourth holding cell. At our old location, there were times we filled all three cells.

Could we need a fourth cell? There is always that possibility, as nobody knows what the future holds. But at this time, we are not going forward with the fourth holding cell in the design. If there is the need for a fourth cell, we will transfer the person out to another facility."

In closing Walsh also said, "The cost to the taxpayers is minimal, as the project is primarily being funded through grant money. Also at this time, the forensics lab and armory room are being addressed within the building as necessary to control costs and keep project within the previously approved budget."

FREEDOM

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terrorism, combatting prejudice and intolerance, and the like.

Unfortunately, in the war being waged between free speech purists who believe that free speech is an inalienable right and those who believe that free speech is a mere privilege to be granted only under certain conditions, the censors are winning.

We have entered into an egotistical, insulated, narcissistic era in which free speech has become regulated speech: to be celebrated when it reflects the values of the majority and tolerated otherwise, unless it moves so far beyond our political, religious and socio-economic comfort zones as to be rendered dangerous and unacceptable.

Indeed, President Trump — who has been accused of using his very public platform to belittle and mock his critics and enemies while attempting to muzzle those who might speak out against him — may be the perfect poster child for this age of intolerance.

Even so, Trump is not to blame for America's growing intolerance for free speech.

The country started down that sorry road long ago.

Protest laws, free speech zones, bubble zones, trespass zones, anti-bullying legislation, zero tolerance policies, hate crime laws and a host of other legalistic maladies dreamed up by politicians and prosecutors (and championed by those who want to suppress speech with which they might disagree) have conspired to corrode our core freedoms, purportedly for our own good.

On paper — at least according to the U.S. Constitution — we are technically free to speak.

In reality, however, we are only as free to speak as a government official — or corporate entities such as Facebook, Google or YouTube — may allow.

Emboldened by phrases such as “hate crimes,” “bullying,” “extremism” and “microaggressions,” the nation has been whittling away at free speech, confining it to carefully constructed “free speech zones,” criminalizing it when it skates too close to challenging the status quo, shaming it when it butts up against politically correct ideals, and muzzling it when it appears dangerous.

Free speech is no longer free.

The U.S. Supreme Court has long been the referee in the tug-of-war over the nation's tolerance for free speech and other expressive activities protected by the First Amendment. Yet the Supreme Court's role as arbiter of justice in these disputes is undergoing a sea change. Except in cases where it has no vested interest, the Court has begun to advocate for the government's outsized interests, ruling in favor of the government in matters of war, national security, commerce and speech.

When asked to choose between the rule of law and government supremacy, the Supreme Court tends to side with the government.

If we no longer have the right to tell a Census Worker to get off our property, if we no longer have the right to tell a police officer to get a search warrant before they dare to walk through our door, if we no longer have the right to stand in front of the Supreme Court wearing a protest sign or approach an elected representative to share our views, if we no longer have the right to voice our opinions in public — no matter how misogynistic, hateful, prejudiced, intolerant, misguided or politically incorrect they might be — then we do not have free speech.

What we have instead is regulated, controlled speech, and that's a whole other ballgame.

Just as surveillance has been shown to “stifle and smother dissent, keeping a populace cowed by fear,” government censorship gives rise to self-censorship, breeds compliance, makes independent thought all but impossible, and ultimately foments a seething discontent that has no outlet but violence.

The First Amendment is a steam valve. It allows people to speak their minds, air their grievances and contribute to a larger dialogue that hopefully results in a more just world.

When there is no steam valve — when there is no one to hear what the people have to say — frustration builds, anger grows and people become more volatile and desperate to force a conversation. By bottling up dissent, we have created a pressure cooker of stifled misery and discontent that is now bubbling over and fomenting even more hate, distrust and paranoia among portions of the populace.

Silencing unpopular viewpoints with which the majority might disagree — whether it's by shouting them down, censoring them, muzzling them, or criminalizing them — only empowers the controllers of the Deep State.

Consider some of the kinds of speech being targeted for censorship or outright elimination.

Offensive, politically incorrect and “unsafe” speech: Disguised as tolerance, civility and love, political cor-

rectness has resulted in the chilling of free speech and the demonizing of viewpoints that run counter to the cultural elite. Consequently, college campuses have become hotbeds of student-led censorship, trigger warnings, micro-aggressions, and “red light” speech policies targeting anything that might cause someone to feel uncomfortable, unsafe or offended.

Bullying, intimidating speech: Warning that “school bullies become tomorrow's hate crimes defendants,” the Justice Department has led the way in urging schools to curtail bullying, going so far as to classify “teasing” as a form of “bullying,” and “rude” or “hurtful” “text messages” as “cyberbullying.”

Hateful speech: Hate speech — speech that attacks a person or group on the basis of attributes such as gender, ethnic origin, religion, race, disability, or sexual orientation — is the primary candidate for online censorship. Corporate internet giants Google, Twitter and Facebook are in the process of determining what kinds of speech will be permitted online and what will be deleted.

Dangerous, anti-government speech: As part of its ongoing war on “extremism,” the government partnered with the tech industry to establish a task force to counter online “propaganda” by terrorists hoping to recruit support or plan attacks (the program started under President Obama). In this way, anyone who criticizes the government online can be considered an extremist and will have their content reported to government agencies for further investigation or deleted.

The upshot of all of this editing, parsing, banning and silencing is the emergence of a new language, what George Orwell referred to as Newspeak, which places the power to control language in the hands of the totalitarian state.

Under such a system, language becomes a weapon to change the way people think by changing the words they use.

The end result is control. In totalitarian regimes — a.k.a. police states — where conformity and compliance are enforced at the end of a loaded gun, the government dictates what words can and cannot be used.

In countries where the police state hides behind a benevolent mask and disguises itself as tolerance, the citizens censor themselves, policing their words and thoughts to conform to the dictates of the mass mind lest they find themselves ostracized or placed under surveillance.

Even when the motives behind this rigidly calibrated reorientation of societal language appear well-intentioned — discouraging racism, condemning violence, denouncing discrimination and hatred — inevitably, the end result is the same: intolerance, indoctrination and infantilism.

It's political correctness disguised as tolerance, civility and love, but what it really amounts to is the chilling of free speech and the demonizing of viewpoints that run counter to the cultural elite.

The police state could not ask for a better citizenry than one that carries out its own censorship, spying and policing.

This is how you turn a nation of free people into extensions of the omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent police state, and in the process, turn a citizenry against each other.

Indeed, the U.S. government has become particularly intolerant of speech that challenges the government's power, reveals the government's corruption, exposes the government's lies, and encourages the citizenry to push back against the government's many injustices. Indeed, there is a long and growing list of the kinds of speech that the government considers dangerous enough to red flag and subject to censorship, surveillance, investigation and prosecution: hate speech, bullying speech, intolerant speech, conspiratorial speech, treasonous speech, threatening speech, incendiary speech, inflammatory speech, radical speech, anti-government speech, right-wing speech, extremist speech, etc.

To emphasize: the powers-that-be understand that if the government can control speech, it controls thought and, in turn, it can control the minds of the citizenry.

In fact, some of this past century's greatest dystopian authors warned of this very danger.

In Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*, reading is banned and books are burned in order to suppress dissenting ideas, while televised entertainment is used to anesthetize the populace and render them easily pacified, distracted and controlled.

In Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*, serious literature, scientific thinking and experimentation are banned as subversive, while critical thinking is discouraged through the use of conditioning, social taboos and inferior education. Likewise, expressions of individuality, independence and morality are viewed as vulgar and abnormal.

In George Orwell's *1984*, Big Brother does away with all undesirable and unnecessary words and meanings, even going so far as to routinely rewrite history and punish “thoughtcrimes.”

And in almost every episode of *Twilight Zone*, Rod Serling urged viewers to unlock their minds and free themselves of prejudice, hate, violence and fear.

“We're developing a new citizenry,” Serling declared. “One that will be very selective about cereals and automobiles, but won't be able to think.”

The problem as I see it is that we've lost faith in the average citizen to do the right thing. We've allowed ourselves to be persuaded that we need someone else to think and speak for us. And we've allowed ourselves to become so timid in the face of offensive words and ideas that we've bought into the idea that we need the government to shield us from that which is ugly or upsetting or mean.

The result is a society in which we've stopped debating among ourselves, stopped thinking for ourselves, and stopped believing that we can fix our own problems and resolve our own differences.

In short, we have reduced ourselves to a largely silent, passive, polarized populace incapable of working through our own problems and reliant on the government to protect us from our fears.

In this way, we have become our worst enemy.

As U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis once warned, a silent, inert citizenry is the greatest menace to freedom.

Brandeis provided a well-reasoned argument against government censorship in his concurring opinion in *Whitney v. California* (1927). It's not a lengthy read, but here it is boiled down to ten basic truths:

1. The purpose of government is to make men free to develop their faculties, i.e., THINK.
2. The freedom to think as you will and to speak as you think are essential to the discovery and spread of political truth.
3. Without free speech and assembly, discussion would be futile.
4. The greatest menace to freedom is a silent people.
5. Public discussion is a political duty, and should be a fundamental principle of the American government.
6. Order cannot be secured through censorship.
7. Fear breeds repression; repression breeds hate; and hate menaces stable government.
8. The power of reason as applied through public discussion is always superior to silence coerced by law.
9. Free speech and assembly were guaranteed in order to guard against the occasional tyrannies of governing majorities.
10. To justify suppression of free speech, there must be reasonable ground (a clear and present danger) to believe that the danger apprehended is imminent, and that the evil to be prevented is a serious one.

Perhaps the most important point that Brandeis made is that freedom requires courage.

“Those who won our independence by revolution were not cowards,” Brandeis wrote. “They did not fear political change. They did not exalt order at the cost of liberty.”

Rather, they were “courageous, self-reliant men, with confidence in the power of free and fearless reasoning applied through the processes of popular government.”

In other words, the founders did not fear the power of speech.

Rather, they embraced it, knowing all too well that a nation without a hearty tolerance for free speech, no matter how provocative, insensitive or dangerous, will be easy prey for a police state where only government speech is allowed.

What the police state wants is a nation of sheep that will docilely march in lockstep with its dictates. What early Americans envisioned was a nation of individualists who knew exactly when to tell the government to take a hike.

“If the freedom of speech be taken away,” warned George Washington, “then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.”

Either “we the people” believe in free

speech or we don't.

Either we live in a constitutional republic or a police state.

Never forget that we have rights. As Justice William O. Douglas advised in his dissent in *Colten v. Kentucky*, “we need not stay docile and quiet” in the face of authority.

The Constitution does not require Americans to be servile or even civil to government officials. Neither does the Constitution require obedience (although it does insist on nonviolence).

Then again, if we just cower before government agents and meekly obey, we may find ourselves following in the footsteps of those nations that eventually fell to tyranny.

The alternative involves standing up and speaking truth to power.

Jesus Christ walked that road. So did Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., and countless other freedom fighters whose actions changed the course of history.

Indeed, had Christ merely complied with the Roman police state, there would have been no crucifixion and no Christian religion.

Had Gandhi meekly fallen in line with the British Empire's dictates, the Indian people would never have won their independence.

Had Martin Luther King Jr. obeyed the laws of his day, there would have been no civil rights movement.

And if the founding fathers had marched in lockstep with royal decrees, there would have been no American Revolution.

So where do we go from here?

If Americans don't learn how to get along — at the very least, agreeing to disagree and respecting each other's right to subscribe to beliefs and opinions that may be offensive, hateful, intolerant or merely different — then we're going to soon find that we have no rights whatsoever (to speak, assemble, agree, disagree, protest, opt in, opt out, or forge our own paths as individuals).

The government *will* lock down the nation at the slightest provocation.

It is ready, willing and able to impose martial law within 24 hours.

Indeed, the government has been anticipating and preparing for civil unrest for years now, as evidenced by the build-up of guns and tanks and militarized police and military training drills and threat assessments and extremism reports and surveillance systems and private prisons and Pentagon training videos predicting the need to impose martial law by 2030.

Trust me: when the police state cracks down, it will not discriminate.

We'll all be muzzled together.

We'll all be jailed together.

We'll all be viewed as a collective enemy to be catalogued, conquered and caged.

Indeed, a recent survey concluded that a large bipartisan majority of the American public already recognizes the dangers posed by a government that is not only tracking its citizens but is also being controlled by a “Deep State” of unelected government officials.

Thus, the last thing we need to do is play into the government's hands by turning on one another, turning in one another, and giving the government's standing army an excuse to take over.

So let's start with a little more patience, a lot more tolerance and a civics lesson on the First Amendment.

What this means is opening the door to more speech not less, even if that speech is offensive to some.

It's time to start thinking for ourselves again.

It's time to start talking to each other, listening more and shouting less.

It's time to make the government hear us — see us — and heed us.

This is the ultimate power of free speech.

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A shady spot provides welcome relief from the summer heat; but it can make growing a beautiful garden a bit more challenging. Take heart, your landscape may receive more sunlight than you suspect and if not, there are quite a few shade-tolerant plants you can grow.

Evaluating the sun and shade patterns throughout the day, season, and year is a good place to start. Sun-loving bulbs need lots of sun early in the season before most trees leaf out, while other plants need sunlight throughout the growing season. If you work all day, you may assume those shady spots in the morning and evening never light up, so take some time to evaluate the

sun and shade conditions throughout the season.

Make a list of plants that you have had success with and those that failed in the shady location. Use these to help you select or avoid plants with similar light requirements. For example, if peonies bloom and tomatoes produce fruit this area receives quite a bit of sunlight, perhaps more than you thought.

If your landscape is too shady to grow the plants you desire, try increasing the sunlight reaching ground level plantings. Hire a certified arborist to thin the overhead tree canopy. They have the training and experience to do the job safely and correctly. You don't want to damage the health and structure of established trees, so critical to the beauty of your landscape.

If there's too much shade

to grow even shade-loving plants, consider mulch to keep the mud in place, permeable pavers and a table or chair for relaxing, or a few steppers and moss to create a moss garden.

Once you've made your selections and planted your garden, you need to adjust the care to compensate for the limited light conditions. Plants growing under large trees or overhangs need to be watered more often, especially the first year or two until they become established. The dense canopy of many trees and impervious overhangs prevent rainfall from reaching the ground below. Plus, the extensive root systems of trees and shrubs absorb much of the rainfall that does make it through, so check soil moisture several times a week and water thoroughly as needed.

Tree and shrub roots

can also compete with plantings for nutrients. Use a low nitrogen, slow release fertilizer like Milorganite (milorganite.com) that promotes steady above and below ground growth. The 85% organic material further helps improve the soil. Apply slow release fertilizers at planting and once again for annuals mid-season. Fertilize new and established perennials in early spring and again in mid-summer as needed.

Avoid high nitrogen, quick release fertilizers that promote lush succulent growth that is more susceptible to insects and diseases. And with limited light as a potential plant stressor, this can increase the risk of problems.

When planting under or near trees be careful not to kill them when creating your shade garden. Adding

as little as an inch of soil over the roots can kill some tree species. And deep cultivation can damage the feeder roots critical for water and nutrient absorption since the majority grow within the top 12 inches of soil.

Here is a list of just a few shade-tolerant perennials to consider. As always make sure the plants also tolerate your region's climate. And once you start reviewing the internet and plant catalogues you may find it difficult to narrow down your choices to fit in your new shade garden.

Woodland Wildflowers
Spring Flowering Bulbs
Grape hyacinths, checkered lilies, camassia, daffodils, Virginia bluebells
Perennial Flowers
Ajuga, astilbe, barrenwort (Epimedium), bleeding heart, bugbane/snakeroot (Actaea), colum-

bine, coral bells, deadnettle (Lamium), ferns, foam flower (Tiarella), ginger (Asarum), hostas, Japanese forest grass (Hakonechloa), lungwort, sedges, Siberian bugloss (Brunnera), variegated Solomon seal, toadlily (Tricyrtis).

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in Greece, who is now 90, along with their second son also named George, his wife, and their grandchildren who reside in Singapore, an island city-state and country off southeast Asia in southern Malaysia, whom Emily said they have not seen since last summer.

Reflecting over their five decades of family business ventures Anastasios said, "I would like to say thank you to all our customers who we have gotten to know so well over many years. There are so many who were loyal customers to us, and we appreciated them. They gave us their best and we worked to give them our very best in return."

Anastasios went on to say, "All these years my wife and I have worked side by side, day and night, seven days a week, and for years now with our young son Costas. It has been a true family business."

Speaking of their son Costas, it was confirmed the customers will still be seeing him on a regular basis. He said, "I will still be around. I will be working four to five days a week here. Now I can actually get some time off. Tomorrow I can go to my 4 year old son's dek hockey game, and

the really great thing is that my mother is going to be able to go see her grandson play for the very first time."

Costas explained, "When my parents wanted to give me the business after my foot surgery this past January, I looked at my mom and dad and I said 'Sell it.' It's time, just sell it. I realized there is more to life than just working every single day after I was in the hospital for five days. My dad would come to visit me, and then go back to work so my mom could take a turn and come visit me as somebody always had to be at work and they couldn't come together. I love my parents and I said thanks, but no thanks. Just sell it and go do what you have always wanted to go do. They are not kids anymore, they need to go and enjoy what they want."

"We still own the building. We sold the family business, but kept the building. The new owners have signed a 20 year lease with us. I love what I do; I love the people, so that is why I am still staying on. My fiancée and my two children will still be living here upstairs in the building, so my commute to work will still be an easy one joked a happy Costas Kaliviotis.

When son Costas was asked what some of his strongest memories were while working at C&S Pizza he replied, "The town's 250th was really nice, because we

had so many people here that day but they were all happy and all having fun. I know some of the most memorable times here were when the New England Patriots lost for the first time to the Giants in the Super Bowl. That was a bad day for me here, my worst time. But when the Pats beat Atlanta with the biggest comeback ever in another Super Bowl that was my best memory ever for me while working."

When asked what made Anastasios and his wife Emily decide to retire, almost mirroring his son's earlier comments Anastasios replied with laughter, "It's time to leave before we drop dead in the pizza place."

He went on to say, "I thought about selling first. My wife didn't want to sell it because we built something together. But it's time. We want to go places, see things, see our family. You can't do that when you're working seven days and seven nights a week. It was time. Now we get to see our family in Greece and Singapore. Life is short, and it's time to do the things we want to do."

For wife and co-owner Emily it was a somber time. Words were tough, as she said, "The business was not just a business, but a member of her family."

When asked if she felt like the business was her baby she replied, "Yes. We put

all our work and time in to it over many years. We watched it grow. It becomes and is a part of your family. Finally selling it, I wanted to cry."

When asked what some of her fondest memories were at C&S Pizza Emily also replied, "The 250th Anniversary here in the town. It was the most people we had ever seen here. We had so many people come that we knew. The customers you see all the time become more than customers, many become like family."

In closing Emily said, "Now I get to see my other grandchildren. Now I get to go see my family. Thank you. I thank you everybody. I will miss all of you. I don't know what happens from here, but I am interested to find out."

When Anastasios was asked how it felt for he and his wife to sign the papers closing the sale on he said, "You know what, I am happy that I have done all I wanted to do up to today. I am happy with what I have done today, and I will be happy to see what we now do in the days to come. We will just see where it takes us, and we do whatever we do and see what the future holds. Thanks again to all those who supported us over the years. Now it's time to move on, and we thank you."



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Gobi calls for study as part of criminal justice reform bill

BOSTON — Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and the Massachusetts Legislature passed landmark criminal justice reform legislation. *An Act relative to criminal justice reform* will lead to a more equitable system by supporting our youngest and most vulnerable residents, reducing recidivism, increasing judicial discretion, and enhancing public safety. The bipartisan bill represents a collaborative effort which creates a balance of opportunities for treatment and rehabilitation while enhancing public safety by treating those who would threaten it with serious consequences.

Included in the final version of the bill is an amendment put forth by Senator Gobi that establishes a special commission to review the qualifica-

tions and scope of practice for Qualified Examiners who are professionals responsible for determining whether or not an individual meets the criteria for a Sexually Dangerous Person.

This amendment arose from the release of convicted rapist, Paul Shanley, a Boston priest notorious for his role in the Catholic Church’s sex abuse scandal who was convicted in 2005 but subsequently released last year after examiners deemed him to no longer be a threat to society.

“I appreciate the work of the judicial committee and their willingness to include this vital provision,” said Senator Gobi. “Protecting children from sexual predators is paramount, and this is an important step.”

Current law only requires

Qualified Examiners to be licensed psychiatrists or psychologists with two years of experience in the diagnosis and general treatment of sexual offenders. However, sex offender-specific risk assessment demands specialized knowledge and training, especially given the high stakes involved with getting this important task right. This legislation directs the special commission to determine whether the current Qualified Examiner standards and practices need to be revised in order to support effective practices and, most importantly, ensure public safety.

“We are grateful for Senator Gobi’s leadership on this important issue,” said Dr. Laurie Guidry, public policy director for the Massachusetts

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. “She has opened the door to bringing the most current research and evidence-based best practices on the assessment of sexual dangerousness. Based on this research, a task force will be able to update the guidelines for qualified examiners as they evaluate sex offenders returning to the community. We are confident that this change will help make the communities in Massachusetts safer for everyone.”

The final version of the bill will also include the following provisions:

- Provisions to provide better care for vulnerable populations in the criminal justice system;
- Establishes a process for expunging criminal records;
- Raises the minimum age of criminal responsibility from seven to twelve;
- Extends the Good Samaritan protections to alcohol incapacitation for individuals under 21;
- Creates the nation’s strongest law for Carfentanil trafficking and strengthens the existing Fentanyl trafficking law, bolstering the Legislature’s multi-tiered approach to the opioid epidemic;
- Updates the Commonwealth’s bail system and enhances judicial discretion by requiring a judge to take a person’s financial resources into account when determining bail.

The commission must report its findings by Dec. 31, 2018. The legislation now awaits signature from Governor Baker.

American Pickers to film in Massachusetts

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to Massachusetts! They plan to film episodes of the hit series AMERICAN PICKERS throughout this area.

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As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America’s past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they’ve never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and

hear fascinating tales about them.

AMERICAN PICKERS is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST. facebook: @GotAPick



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Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz

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MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Dolores T. Donovan to Wachovia Mortgage Corporation, dated July 21, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39566, Page 132 subsequently assigned to Sparta GP Holding REO CORP by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wachovia Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51763, Page 333 and subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Sparta GP Holding REO CORP. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 58465, Page 298; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on May 11, 2018 at 6 Crosby Road, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain Parcel of Land situated on the Northerly side of Crosby Road, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts as being shown as Lot “1” on a Plan Entitled: Plan of Lots surveyed for Steven J. Bibeau, (Applicant and Record Owner), Winchendon, MA, March 22, 2002, SZOC Surveyors, 32 Pleasant St, Gardner, MA” Recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 795 Plan 41 to which plan reference may be made for a More Particular Description. Lot 1 contains 2.145 Acres more or less according to said Plan. Subject to Declaration of Fill easement dated December 2, 2003 Recorded with said Deeds at Book 32427 Page 48. Subject to an easement to New England Telephone Company dated October 22, 1999, Recorded with said Deeds in Book 22063 Page 124. Subject to an easement to Verizon and Massachusetts Electric dated September 19, 2002, Recorded with said Deeds in Book 27790, Page 17.

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TO:
Steven G. Hosnander, Sheila E. Hosnander
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Winchendon**, numbered **151 Spring Street**, given by **Steven G. Hosnander and Sheila E. Hosnander to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GSF Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns**, dated **June 18, 2010**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **45932**, Page **120**, as affected by a **Loan Modification Agreement, dated August 16, 2016**, and recorded in said **Registry in Book 56379, Page 151**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/ Defendants’ Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must

file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **May 14, 2018** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, **JUDITH C. CUTLER** Chief Justice of this Court on March 29, 2018 Attest:
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LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Craig A. Larson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Gateway Funding Diversified Mortgage Services L.P., dated July 22, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36867, Page 384 (the “Mortgage”) of which mortgage Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for Gateway Funding Diversified Mortgage Services, L.P., its successors and assigns to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, its successors or assigns dated May 10, 2012 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49067, Page 378, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 80 Lakeshore Drive, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on May 18, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings and other improvements thereon, located on the southerly side of Lake Shore Drive in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, shown as “other land of Robert Van Dyke” on a plan of land entitled, “Revised Plan of Lots and Lake Shore Drive, Prepared for Robert Van Dyke, Winchendon, MA, February 23, 1996, Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant St., Gardner, MA” recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 704, Plan 26, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point on the southerly line of Lake Shore Drive at the northeasterly corner of the lot herein conveyed, at the northwesterly corner of land formerly of Robert Van Dyke shown as Lot “J” on said plan; thence S. 87° 04’ 00” E., by said Lot “J”, 385 feet, more or less, to a point at the shoreline of Millers River (North Branch); thence In a westerly direction, by the shore-line of Millers River, crossing a 20-foot wide easement shown on said plan,

315 feet, more or less, to a point at the southeasterly corner of Revised Lot “18” shown on said plan; thence N. 17° 20’ 00” W., by said Revised Lot “18” and partly by the westerly line of said easement, 54 feet, more or less, to a point; thence N. 52° 48’ 10” W., still by said Revised Lot “18”, 250.06 feet to a point in the southeasterly line of Lake Shore Drive; thence By the southerly line of Lake Shore Drive, by a curve to the left whose radius is 199.78, a distance of 54.882 feet, more or less, to a point on said line of Lake Shore Drive at the place of beginning.

The above described premises are conveyed subject to a 20-foot wide easement as shown on said plan. Meaning and intending to convey and hereby conveying a portion of the premises conveyed to grantor by deed of Emmett T. Jeffers Family Trust-1991, dated January 30, 1995, recorded in said Deeds, Book 16861, Page 111.

For mortgagor’s title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36867, Page 382.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier’s or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee’s attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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