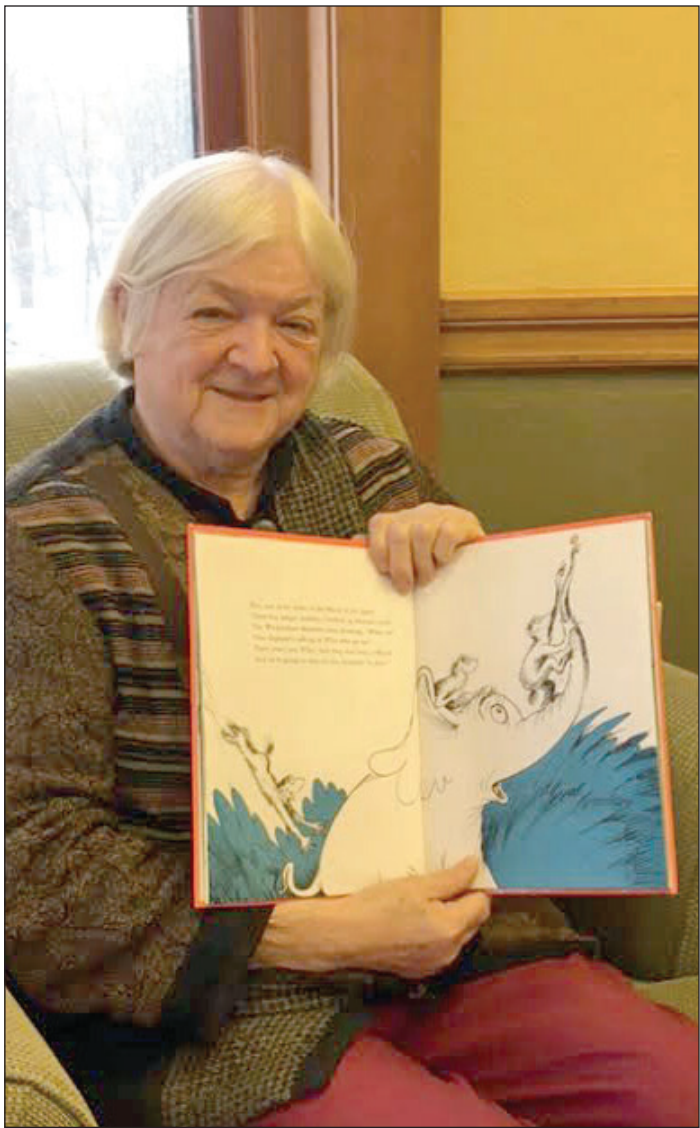


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Haston Library salutes retiring Children's Librarian

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER



Haston Free Public Library Children's Librarian Rosemary Mackenzie will soon retire after 33 years.

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Residents are invited to join the Haston Free Public Library staff in celebrating the career of retiring Children's Librarian Rosemary Mackenzie.

After 33 years of inspiring youngsters' passions for reading and writing, Mackenzie is retiring from her position on March 31. Due to ongoing social distancing guidelines, the library will celebrate Mackenzie's career with a drive-by parade on Saturday, March 27, at 11 a.m.

For library leaders and patrons, it's been a blessing to experience Mackenzie's commitment to her job and the community. Known by many patrons as Miss Rosemary, she gave countless children a reason to look forward to visiting their library.

"Rosemary has been the warm, cheerful, kind, and constant presence in the Children's Library for 33 years," said Library Director Dawn Thistle. "Two generations of children have run upstairs to hear her stories, sing along, and make crafts. Rosemary always has taken a genuine interest in people, getting to

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Local schools prepare for return to in-person learning

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – After a frustrating, disjointed year of hybrid learning and periods of fully remote education, local students are hoping to return to the classroom for good next month.

State officials are targeting April for all public school districts to have their students back in class. Accordingly, local school officials are making plans for a springtime return to fully in-person education.

On Monday, April 5, the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District will return its elementary schools to fully in-person learning (up to grade 6). Officials from Wire Village School in Spencer (grades K-4), Knox Trail Middle School (grades 5-6), and East Brookfield Elementary School (grades K-6) have reached out to parents to discuss the reopening process. Parents have the option to keep their children in fully remote learning through the end of the school year, but the hybrid format will no longer be an option. Students must attend school full-time in person or remotely.

For SEBRSD middle school and high school students, a return to fully in-person learning is set for Wednesday, April 28. Officials from Knox Trail

Middle School (grades 7-8) and David Prouty High School (grades 9-12) will be reaching out to parents for more information on the process.

"I have asked all schools to begin making arrangements to return to full-time in-person instruction," said SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey. "Transportation guidance related to bus ridership has changed to allow our students expanded ridership. We are in the process of beginning our outreach for students who need transportation, should they and their parents/families decide to return their son or daughter to school in-person."

School officials continue to ask guardians to provide transportation for their students this year, if they are able to do so. This is especially important at the elementary school level, officials said.

Masks and social distancing will still be required at SEBRSD schools. Additional safety tools like hand sanitization, specialized traffic patterns in buildings, deep cleaning, and airflow monitoring will also be utilized.

All food service safety policies will remain in place this year.

"Our food service department has done a masterful job provid-

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State launches new mass vaccination registration system

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Officials recently unveiled a new preregistration signup tool available for the state's seven mass vaccination sites.

Launched last week, the new system will make it easier for residents to request and book an appointment at a mass vaccination site. More venues will be added to the preregistration system in the coming weeks, officials said.

The new preregistration system replaced the state's original online booking program, which was fraught with problems. The Web site crashed on

multiple occasions, and residents had significant issues with attempting to schedule appointments.

Gov. Charlie Baker and his team are hoping for a smoother experience with the new model.

"Available appointments will be offered to residents based on their vaccine eligibility and the availability of appointments at mass vaccination sites nearby," read a statement released by Baker's office.

The state's COVID-19 vaccine scheduling hotline will remain in place to help residents without internet access, as well as

those who have difficulty navigating the new preregistration process.

In total, the state now has 170 public vaccination sites offering appointments. More information on vaccine sites can be found at: vaxfinder.mass.gov.

The new preregistration tool is available at: www.mass.gov/COVIDvaccine. Eligible residents must complete an online form to request to book an appointment at a mass vaccination site.

After completing the form, residents will receive a confirmation via their preferred method of contact (text, email, phone). They will also receive

a weekly update about their status. Residents may opt out of their preregistration at any time if they secure an appointment elsewhere.

"When an appointment becomes available at a mass vaccination site, the resident will be notified and will have 24 hours to accept the appointment once it is offered to them," read the statement issued by Baker's office. "If an appointment is not accepted after 24 hours, the resident will go back into the queue to wait for another appointment."

To accommodate older residents and others who are unable to use the form, the new

preregistration process allows family members, caregivers, or other companions to fill out the form on behalf of a resident.

Individuals who do not have internet access can call 2-1-1 to preregister.

Residents are thanked for their continued patience during an unprecedented time. State officials are hopeful that supply issues will start to improve over the coming weeks.

"Due to high demand and limited supply, there are only a small number of appointments for eligible res-

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From left to right, DPHS Principal Elizabeth York, DPHS e-sports Head Coach Tab Bassett, Joseph Havalotti, Brennan Ogert, and Richard Pearson (MSSA representative). Not pictured is teammate Jacob Bergeron.

DPHS students honored for success in e-sports

SPENCER – Three David Prouty High School teammates were recently honored for their success this year in e-sports.

DPHS juniors Brennan Ogert, Jacob Bergeron, and Joey Havalotti excelled this year on Prouty's newly created e-sports team. The trio ranked second in the state in Rocket League, a 3-on-3 video game that combines cars and soccer.

In the regular season for Rocket League, the DPHS trio posted a 7-1 record against area schools. In the playoffs, the team made it to the state finals

against Shrewsbury High School and came up just short of capturing the crown, finishing second out of 54 teams.

The DPHS team's final play-off match was broadcasted by commentators on Twitch, a video game live-streaming service that primarily focuses on e-sports competitions.

The team has high hopes for next year, with a goal of capturing the state title. All three students will return as seniors with plenty of experience and motivation.

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know the families who have come to the library over the years.”

After moving to North Brookfield with her family in 1986, Mackenzie was on the lookout that summer for fun local experiences for her daughters. She never imagined that she was about to embark on a 33-year adventure.

“We were unfamiliar with the town, but had heard only good things about it, and we were not disappointed in that regard,” Mackenzie recalled. “School was out for the summer, and I was looking for things to do with my three daughters – nine-year-old twins and a seven-year-old. The first thing I thought of doing was to find the town library and get them their library cards.”

Added Mackenzie, “The library wasn’t hard to find, being right there on Main Street, and my girls and I were greeted with a smile and a ‘Welcome to town!’ from Jean Miller, the librarian. Going to the library became our favorite thing to do, and after a while Jean asked me if I would like to do some clerical jobs around the library.”

Two years later, in 1988, Miller offered Mackenzie the position of children’s librarian – and the rest is history.

For some local parents who met Mackenzie many years ago when they were youngsters, it’s been a thrill to have their own children learn from the woman who sparked their interest in reading.

“She has spread the love of books and joy of reading to many North Brookfield children, and she has been a joy to work with during the three years that I have worked at this library,” Thistle added.

In more than three decades of service,

Mackenzie has seen several changes in the way books are published and read. Technology allows today’s students to read and learn in much different ways than past years, and Mackenzie has always been able to offer exciting programs that keep kids engaged.

One of the most challenging aspects of working with young readers is finding books that fit their interests, library officials said. In an age when children across the nation began turning away from books in favor of video games and social media, Mackenzie always took the time to find fascinating titles for kids of all ages and keep the thrill of reading stoked. She also scheduled eclectic programming during the summer months and school vacations that brought youngsters into the library.

Former library director Ann Kidd worked with Mackenzie for more than 25 years, helping to inspire the next wave of readers, writers, and creators. And even though there were plenty of changes at the library along the way, Mackenzie’s dedication to children’s programming served as a constant foundation for local families.

“Rosemary excelled in entertaining the youngest members of the community with her enthusiastic Story Times and craft programs,” Kidd told the New Leader. “Children were always excited to head to the Children’s Room to see what Miss Rosemary had in store. Throughout the years, she has skillfully guided children in their reading selections, and I’m sure she has instilled a lifetime love of reading in so many.”

Kidd also described the excitement of the many first grade classes that used to walk down to the library. Mackenzie would read to them, give them a tour, teach them how to use the library, and

basis and are not counted toward the state’s weekly allocation, officials said.

For residents who don’t wish to attend a mass vaccination site, appointments are also being booked at more than 160 other public vaccine sites across the Commonwealth. The state has also allocated a supply of doses to certain healthcare providers, hospitals, and community health centers that will provide instructions to their patients on the vaccine process.

In other vaccine news, approximately 400,000 K-12 educators, childcare workers, and K-12 school staff members are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Massachusetts. State officials want to ensure that all school staff members have a chance to be vaccinated before schools reopen next month.

provide them with new library cards.

Additionally, Mackenzie coordinated summer reading programs, scheduled special performers to visit the library, and participated in community reading programs. Whenever the schools needed a guest reader, she was always first to volunteer.

Now, after receiving more than three decades of service from Mackenzie, it’s time for the community to offer its

thanks.

If you would like to take part in the March 27 drive-by parade, meet at North Brookfield Elementary School at 10:45 a.m.

Mackenzie, who has always loved to travel, plans to eventually take her grandsons to Europe.

From all of us at the New Leader, congratulations to Rosemary Mackenzie on an outstanding career!

PERSON of the WEEK

Kaye Spence of Spencer

Kaye is being recognized for everything she does for the students at Wire Village School. She especially has kept a sense of school spirit during the pandemic and always puts the kids first.

Thank you, Kaye, for your dedication to the students at Wire Village School and for being an amazing person, as demonstrated by being nominated by several people!

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idents,” Baker said. “Given the limited number of available appointments due to constraints on vaccine supply, it could take several weeks for eligible, preregistered residents to receive a notification about an available appointment.”

Weekly state allocations of the vaccine are subject to change based on federal availability, demand from providers, and obligations to meet second doses.

In addition to the state allocation, the federal government distributes vaccines to CVS Health sites as part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership. These quantities fluctuate on a weekly

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Community Legal Aid wins unemployment suit

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Unemployed residents are hoping to receive their benefits soon, following a successful class action lawsuit.

The Community Legal Aid organization recently won its court case against the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA), the state agency that administers unemployment insurance benefits in Massachusetts.

Representing several Bay State workers, Community Legal Aid filed a motion for a preliminary injunction late last year in Worcester Superior Court. The motion sought to require the DUA to resume processing unemployment claims, thousands of which have been on hold for several months pending review.

Because the DUA was flooded with fraudulent unemployment claims

during the pandemic, the agency adopted an emergency policy that put most claims on hold until they could be individually vetted. While this allowed for more fraudulent claims to be flagged, it also caused legitimate unemployment claimants to go multiple months without receiving their benefits. This left families statewide in financial turmoil throughout the winter; many residents were forced to contact their legislators to seek assistance after failing to reach DUA agents over the phone.

On March 2, a Worcester Superior Court judge agreed with Community Legal Aid’s motion, ordering the DUA to follow all processes required under Massachusetts law.

“This injunction will stop a number of practices of DUA that have been extremely harmful to large numbers of people who have filed claims for unemployment benefits,” said Community Legal Aid’s Litigation Director, Leigh Woodruff. “This includes claimants being put on hold for extended periods, approved claimants having benefits

stopped because of redeterminations without any opportunity to be heard, and claimants having current benefits stopped to recover old overpayments that are actually under appeal.”

Adding to the stress of the pandemic, thousands of residents not only saw their unemployment benefits put on hold over the last year, but they also received notices that they owed the state money. Residents were then forced to contact the DUA and prove the legitimacy of their claims to an adjudicator, often waiting several hours on the phone.

Many residents were not even given an opportunity to appeal the DUA’s findings.

“Under this order, the DUA can no longer put claims on hold and leave families in limbo, without income or any way to appeal for months on end,” Woodruff added.

The clients represented by Community Legal Aid for its case against the DUA were all workers whose employment had been affected

by the pandemic. The DUA had initially approved these plaintiffs’ unemployment claims and began paying them benefits, but the payments were later stopped.

“Before taking these actions, the DUA never notified the plaintiffs of any problems,” read a statement released by Community Legal Aid. “With the preliminary injunction, the court has ordered the DUA to stop these practices because they deprive workers of benefits without due process in violation of federal and state law.”

Community Legal Aid has reached out to the DUA, asking how the agency intends to comply with the court’s order. The New Leader also sought comment from DUA officials, but no response was given as of press time.

Community Legal Aid provides free civil legal assistance to low-income and elderly residents of western and central Massachusetts. To learn more about the organization, visit www.CommunityLegal.org.

Spencer police warn of Social Security scam

SPENCER – Police are warning residents about scams involving Social Security and other government administrations.

In one common scam, the caller says there is a problem with a resident’s Social Security number or account. The caller then asks the victim to pay a fine or fee with retail gift cards, wire transfers, pre-paid debit cards, internet currency, or by mailing cash.

“Scammers pretend they are from Social Security or another government agency. Lately, they are spoofing the Spencer Police business line, 508-885-6333. You must be vigilant every day,” read a statement released by the Spencer Police Department.

North Brookfield Savings Bank continues to earn “Sustained Superiority” rating

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank recently announced they received a 5-Star Superior rating from BauerFinancial, the Nation’s Premier Bank Rating Firm once again. The Bank has earned and maintained this 5-star rating for 100 consecutive quarters, which furthermore means that North Brookfield Savings Bank qualifies for an elite designation of a “Sustained Superiority Bank.” This status is reserved for the top 10

percent of the nation’s banks, those that have maintained BauerFinancial’s highest 5-Star rating longer than 90 percent of the industry.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Volcanic crater

5. Long times

10. Swedish rock group

14. Having the means to do something

15. Rods or spindles

16. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood

17. Missing soldiers

18. Measuring instrument

19. All of the components considered individually

20. Play “__ Irish Rose”

22. Gene __

23. Barrels

24. London-based soccer team

27. Feline

30. Breed of sheep

31. Body part

32. Doctors’ group

35. One who follows the rules

37. Cigarette residue

38. Ancient Greek sophist

39. Polish yeast cakes

40. Promotional materials

41. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour

42. Completed perfectly

43. Photo

44. A peninsula in SW Asia

45. The common gibbon

46. Disfigure

47. Ribonucleic acid

48. Japanese honorific

49. Pieces of music

52. Expressed pleasure

55. Having ten

56. Type of sword

60. Humble request for help

61. Eating houses

63. Italian Seaport

64. Cain and __

65. Measure the depth

66. U. of Miami’s mascot

67. Political outsiders

68. Greek sorceress

69. Body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Mother

2. Jewish calendar month

3. Jai __, sport

4. Establish again

5. Swiss river

6. Racetrack wager

7. __ but goodie

8. Closeness

9. Soviet Socialist Republic

10. At right angles to a ship’s length

11. Women’s undergarments

12. Mountain stream

13. Expresses pleasure

21. Painful places on the body

23. Automobile

25. Scandinavian god of battle

26. Expresses surprise

27. Secret political clique

28. Yields manila hemp

29. River in central Italy

32. Brain injury science acronym

33. Mental illness.

34. A person from Asia

36. Father

37. General’s assistant (abbr.)

38. Cooked or prepared in a specified style

40. Large terrier

41. Hillsides

43. Golf score

44. Not or

46. Type of student

47. Flower cluster

49. Closes tightly

50. Saudi Arabian desert

51. Famed vaccine developer

52. Multi-function radar (abbr.)

53. Actress Jessica

54. Pay attention to

57. Beloved big screen pig

58. __ Clapton, musician

59. Take a chance

61. Cost per little

62. Helps little firms

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ing high quality meal services for breakfast and lunch throughout the pandemic,” Haughey added. “Our food service department is in the process of making

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arrangements so we may provide meals in classrooms and in large open spaces indoors, as well as outdoors whenever possible.”

The SEBRSD is in need of substitute teachers for the remainder of the year. At a time of great uncertainty with vaccine scheduling, school officials want to make sure they have as deep a teaching roster as possible.

“We need more substitute teachers to support us in our operations daily between now and the conclusion of this school year, so that we may keep our focus on safety, health, and wellness, as well as teaching and learning with purpose,” Superintendent Haughey said.

Before-school and after-school programming will be addressed in future communications from SEBRSD leaders. Data will be collected from

multiple sources on potential options and staffing needs.

“We are going to be looking closely at the best options possible for us to operate some form of before-school and/or after-school care once we reopen our doors to in-person schooling five days per week,” Haughey said.

School leaders thank the entire community for its dedication, patience, and discipline during an unprecedented year. Students, parents, and teachers endured months of turbulence, and they are looking forward to establishing a new normal.

“We have met and exceeded every mandate placed before us as a result of our collaborative efforts throughout the pandemic,” Haughey said. “Together, and with clear lines of communication, we will get the move toward in-person learning done. I also appreciate that for some, returning in-person is not viable this year. You certainly have the right to opt for remote learning through the end of the school year, and we will continue to work with you every step of the way.”

In North Brookfield, all students (PreK-grade 12) will return to fully in-person learning on April 5. Preparations have been ongoing over the last several weeks to make sure the buildings and staff are ready for April.

Leicester Public Schools will also offer fully in-person learning for the entire district, beginning on April 5.

“Parents and guardians have the option to choose full in-person or remote learning for their students. We have a survey out to parents/guardians now to see what they will choose in order to plan for the April 5 return,” said Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Marilyn Tencza.

Hi! My name is Alijah and I want to learn Spanish!

Alijah is a social, engaging and polite boy of Cape Verdean descent. His favorite activities include playing sports, board games, card games, and admiring the latest and greatest footwear like hot pink Nike Foams. He also likes cooking, baking, and swimming. Alijah enjoys showing off his basketball and football skills. He prides himself on being a good mentor to younger children and seeks out opportunities to do so.

Alijah does benefit from accommodations listed on his IEP to assist him with more emotional/social supports. He does well in school and is performing on grade level. Alijah is hopeful that he will

Alijah
Age 13

be able to step down to a less restrictive setting in the near future.

Legally freed for adoption, Alijah will do best in a family with two parents who will be able to give him the one-on-one attention that he craves and provide him with structure and clear rules. Since he is a great mentor to younger children, his team is seeking a family with younger children in the extended family for him to be a role model to but for there to be no other children or only older children in the home to ensure Alijah’s needs receive the attention he deserves. He would also love for his future family to have pets or be open to adopting a pet. It is very important to Alijah that he is able to maintain contact with his eight siblings who are also looking to be adopted.

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To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mare-inc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.

Local Heroes

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Bay Path student helps neighbor with cancer

CHARLTON — What started as small acts of kindness in February quickly grew into something bigger.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy student Khamphan Houatchanthara makes it a point to walk with faculty to the parking lot, making sure faculty is not alone and feels unsafe at the end of long lectures at night. Kindness is inherent with the Southbridge resident and when she learned of a neighbor who was diagnosed with cancer, she verbalized her desire to do more than just pray for the said neighbor. Houatchanthara picked up (and delivered) pre-

scription medications (and over-the-counter pain medications) multiple times. With her boyfriend's help, they cleared the neighbor's driveway after a snowfall. She also brought the neighbor to the emergency department at Harrington Hospital for medical assistance. Houatchanthara then invited her family, friends, and co-workers at Simon Says Pizza Chef to join her in support of her neighbor, so her neighbor can focus on treatment, recovery, and healing.

Houatchanthara with the assistance of an anonymous donor launched a fundraiser.

New and previously loved totes, satchels, and pocketbooks from designers Kate Spade, Tory Burch, Michael Kors, Stella McCartney, Juicy Couture, and Vera Bradley were donated for the cause. Money raised will be used to support her neighbor who is being treated for cancer at the Dana Farber Cancer Center. The fundraiser totaled over a thousand dollars. The funds will help with utility bills and other essentials.

"I am so happy to help. A loss of income due to cancer and its treatment can lead to financial strain," said Houatchanthara. "Our fundraiser allowed my

neighbor to focus on healing and relieve some of the stresses."

Houatchanthara is on track to graduate this June with the Practical Nursing Class of 2021. When not busy with academics and clinicals, Houatchanthara is also an active member of the UNICEF Club raising awareness for children's advocacy. Everyone has a friend, neighbor, family member, or colleague who has been impacted by cancer. Houatchanthara hopes cancer patients have someone in their community standing with them. Even when it starts as just a small gesture of kindness.



Khamphan Houatchanthara

Leicester hosting hazardous waste collection event

LEICESTER – The town is assisting residents with spring cleaning this year, offering an opportunity to dispose of their hazardous waste items.

Leicester's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on April 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program will take place at the Highway Department (59 Peter Salem Rd.).

The following items will be accepted for disposal: oil; antifreeze; asbestos; mercury-containing items like thermostats; car batteries; small lead acid

batteries; Ni-Cad rechargeable batteries; lithium batteries; alkaline batteries; latex paint; fluorescent bulbs; small amounts of propane; fire extinguishers; and electronics.

Disposal cost is based on the weight of items. The average charge to residents is around \$20 for a box of items. Some items require an extra charge for disposal.

If you have questions, contact the Leicester Highway Department at 508-892-7021.

Applications welcome for Spencer Tax Work Off Program starting April 1

SPENCER – The Spencer Council on Aging will accept applications over the phone for the Senior Tax Work Off Program, beginning on Thursday, April 1.

The earned amount is \$13.50 per hour, and the maximum amount

earned is up to \$1,000, depending on the number of hours worked.

The program will run until Nov. 15, with the first payment applied to the first tax bill in 2022. There is no guarantee on the amount of hours residents will

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If you are interested, please call the Senior Center at 508-885-7546. There is no income eligibility after April 1, and the program is offered on a first come-first serve basis.





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North Brookfield Savings Bank hires Marco Bernasconi of COCC as President and CEO



Marco Bernasconi

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Following an extensive search, the Board of Trustees of North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce that Marco Bernasconi, Jr. will succeed Donna L. Boulanger as President and Chief Executive Officer.

Bernasconi will join the Bank as the President on April 5, and work alongside Donna over the remaining months of this year. Upon her retirement, he will also assume the title of Chief Executive Officer. Boulanger will remain involved with the Bank as a Trustee and Corporator.

“I am honored the Board and Donna have placed their confidence in me to lead North Brookfield Savings Bank into the future and to continue serving its customers and the community,” said Mr. Bernasconi.

Bernasconi joins the Bank from COCC where he worked for 27 years. He joined COCC as a Loan Customer Representative and rose through the ranks and most recently held the position as Senior Vice President, Client Service Officer, Chief Service Officer, a role he has held since

2010. While at COCC, Marco gained experience in many areas of banking and business, including; strategic planning, risk management and Fintech.

His strong Fintech and digital banking knowledge are the perfect fit for the Bank’s strategic goals moving forward.

“I am confident that this change will be a positive one for the Bank, the staff and the community as a whole. We must continue to look forward and find ways to evolve and innovate so that we may remain independent and true to our mission and core values,” said Ms. Boulanger.

Ms. Boulanger went on to say, “Today is a very humbling day for me as I reflect back on my first day of work at North Brookfield Savings Bank some 13 years ago. I came to North Brookfield because I believed

in this Bank. I saw then how clearly we empower people and ultimately make the community a better place. These are the same mission and values that continue to motivate me today.”

While the Bank has seen great success, the leadership team is eager to do more and evolve to keep pace with the changing technology and trends. The banking industry has changed over the years at a rapid pace, one with which, we must keep up with. It’s the next chapter in banking.

“I am excited to leverage the traditions of the past with an eye on advancing technology and digital capabilities moving into the future,” said Mr. Bernasconi.

“We are fortunate to have someone of Marco’s caliber and experience to lead the Bank. We are at a critical moment and we

need new and fresh leadership to not only continue our good work but to take advantage of the market opportunities ahead. With Marco’s proven track record of execution, his strong communication skills and leadership capabilities, we are confident in the future of North Brookfield Savings Bank,” concluded Ms. Boulanger.

Mr. Bernasconi is looking forward to the future and getting to know not only his internal team but the community members as well.

“I have spent my career preparing for this opportunity. I’m fortunate to have worked with hundreds of Community Financial Institutions and look forward to leveraging all this experience in the communities that we serve,” he said.

Bay Path UNICEF Club raises funds with snack bar



CHARLTON — The COVID-19 pandemic did not stop the UNICEF Club of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy from fundraising to support and advocate for children.

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy UNICEF Club officers organized a snack bar. Supported by the Practical Nursing Class of 2021 and UNICEF Club advisor, Professor Cheryl Cahill the snack bar fundraiser totaled close to two hundred dollars.

“Delicious homemade baked goods with hot and cold beverages were served in exchange for a donation” stated Isabella Boateng of Manchester, Conn., UNICEF Club Officer.

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The Bay Path PN UNICEF Club program is a PN student-led initiative that partners with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to educate, advocate and fundraise to support UNICEF’s lifesaving work. It is a movement rooted in a belief that students have a vital role to play in helping the world’s children survive. PN students elect five officers, plan and implement at least one activity per term. A PN faculty serves as UNICEF Advisor.

At Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, the program is a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing (www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn) and is accredited by the Commission on Occupational Education (www.council.org). For more information, visit www.baypath.net.

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Local student named to President’s List at Bemidji State University

BEMIDJI, Minn. — Jacob Hinman from Spencer earned President’s List honors from Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minn., at the conclusion of the Fall 2020 semester.

To be eligible for the President’s Honor Roll, BSU students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a perfect 4.0 GPA during the semester. A total of 428 students earned Fall 2020 President’s List honors from the university.

Bemidji State University, located amid the lakes and forests of northern Minnesota, occupies a wooded campus along the shore of Lake Bemidji. Enrolling around 5,000 students, Bemidji State offers 70 undergraduate areas of study and eight graduate degrees encompassing arts, sciences and select pre-professional programs. At Bemidji State University, we educate people to lead inspired lives. BSU’s Shared Fundamental Values include civic engagement and leadership, international and multicultural understanding, belief in the power of liberal arts, and environmental stewardship. BSU is a Minnesota State university. For more, visit bemidjistate.edu or find us at BemidjiState on your favorite social media networks.

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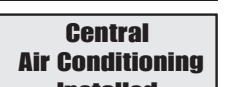
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EDITORIAL

Celebrating strong women

March is Women’s History Month, which includes International Women’s Day that took place on March 8. This may seem like a new progressive holiday; however, it stems back to 1909, when the Socialist Party of America, organized a day for Women on Feb. 28 in New York. One year later, the International Socialist Woman’s Conference announced that a day for women be held each year.

Fast forward to 1917 in Russia, where, on March 8, women were given the right to vote. In 1975, the holiday was adopted by the United Nations.

The long and the short is that this day is a day to celebrate women past, present and future. With that said our staff chose to highlight the women that we feel have had a standout role in influencing how our world operates today. The list was endless, therefore naturally hard to choose, so in order to prevent a 200-page editorial we narrowed the list down to our favorites.

Social reformer Emmeline Pankhurst founded the Women’s Social and Political Union in 1903 to campaign for the parliamentary vote for women in Edwardian Britain, ‘Deeds, not words’ being its motto. Pankhurst is described as a charismatic leader and powerful orator, Pankhurst rallied thousands of women to demand, rather than ask politely, for their democratic right in a mass movement that has been unparalleled in British history. The battle did not come without consequences, she endured 13 imprisonments, leading her name and cause becoming known throughout the globe.

At the age of 15, Claudette Colvin was arrested at the age of 15 in Montgomery, Alabama when she refused to give up her bus seat to a white woman. This event gave the famous Rosa Parks the courage to do the same. Colvin was one of five plaintiffs involved in the federal court case filed by civil rights attorney Fred Gray in 1956, in which they challenged bus segregation. The outcome was that a judge ordered that the local laws in regards to bus segregation were unconstitutional. To find Colvin’s name in a history book is rare. This in part because she was an unmarried teenager who apparently was with child. Colvin went on to become a nurse’s aid.

In an interview in 2005, Colvin said, “I feel very, very proud of what I did. I do feel like what I did was a spark and it caught on.”

As for recognition, Colvin said, “I’m not disappointed. Let the people know Rosa Parks was the right person for the boycott. But also let them know that the attorneys took four other women to the Supreme Court to challenge the law that led to the end of segregation.”

Colvin’s family has been trying since 2016 to have her recognized and honored in the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Colvin was not invited officially to the opening of the museum in 2016.

Marie Curie is the next on our short list. Curie was a Polish and naturalized-French physicist and chemist who was the first to delve into radioactivity. Curie who was born in 1867, was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and the only person to win it two times. Collecting several firsts, Curie was the first woman to become a professor at the University of Paris. In a time when most women spent their days in the home taking care of their children and husbands, Curie had to smash several ceilings for her own advancement. Curie was known for her honesty and moderate lifestyle. All of her prize money, she donated to scientific research and refused to copyright the radium-isolation process so that her fellow scientists could continue research unhindered. In 2011, Poland and France declared the year would be “The Year of Marie Curie.” She became the first woman to be entombed on her own merits in the Pantheon in Paris in 1995.

In 1933, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt turned the position of First Lady from benign symbol to an active and intellectually vigorous power center. Roosevelt served as the United States Delegate to the UN General Assembly from 1945 to 1952. Roosevelt was the topic of much

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VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gebo running for Selectman

To the Editor:
Hello, I am Danielle Gebo. I am running for a position on this Spencer Board of Selectmen, May 11.
For those who do not know me, my hometown of Spencer is important to me. I am a dedicated and involved Spencer resident. I grew up here, went to school and raised my family here. I have been a Spencer parent who navigated the school system. I was a Spencer bus driver for nine years, and worked as an EMT/Administrative assistant for Spencer Rescue Squad for eight years. Most recently, a retail store manager. These experiences have helped me gain a better perspective on the needs of our Spencer residents and families.
I have long been fascinated with the history of Spencer, and over the years have learned so much about my town. Eleven years ago, I had the

pleasure to join and currently volunteer for the Ole North Street Cemetery Commission. This experience helped me to learn even more about our town and the families who still have deep roots here in Spencer.
I know that I can do more for my town, and that desire has led me to become more involved in our town government. I want better for our schools, families & businesses. I do my best to keep up with the needs of the Town and support all our town services. I want better for our seniors so that they have the services and support they need to enjoy their retirement well into the future. I hope that you will consider voting for me as I want to support our town’s future growth for generations to come. Thank you for your support.

DANIELLE GEBO
SPENCER

Wonders will never cease

To the Editor:
Will wonders never cease – I never thought I would live long enough to read these words from Omar the Omniscient. May, and I stress may, he have flaws. His letter dated March 19, included in his own words; “... and I was wrong...I’m not sure...I honestly can’t believe...Who knows. I sure don’t. Mr....doesn’t have a clue either.” Did I take these out of context? Of course I did – I learned that from his many, rather long-winded, letters to the editor.
And then he wrote “My money is on one more mini-surge, followed by a pathetically high “background” level of illness and death in our society.” Who but a pathetic human being would place a bet on virus surges and levels of illness and death?
At an early age, I learned that one should never start a paragraph with the word I. Mr. Har-Yarok started his first two paragraphs with the word I, which, I guess, is typical of an effete intellectual. But, then he proceeded to use the word “we” some 24 times. We...colonize, have lurched, have Mr., can observe, are seeing, have measured, have confirmed, expect, consider, are looking, consider (again), are looking (again), are likely, are going, can build, will, don’t, do, destroy, have

burned, are sitting, hadn’t seen, have seen and finally we see. I have no idea who is represented in the groups of “we” but I doubt if Mr. McRae and I are included in many. I’m sure when it comes to scientific data he is not including others but rather injecting himself.
Did Mr. McRae write an angry letter? I think not. However, Mr. Har-Yarok gave him six angry mentions. He didn’t write that he may be angry but rather that he is angry. I wonder how he knows that for a fact – he must have super powers.
You wrote in your letter “Engineer to Engineer,” which led me to believe that was your occupation. You are no doubt a very successful engineer. If you ever want to make a career change you should consider becoming a publisher or an editor – you would be terrific.
Finally, Mr. Har-Yarok, can you state with a straight face that you are not entertained by the “appropriate” person who became president? As President Biden continues to stumble, bumble and miss-speak, I am very entertained, and I’m sure President Harris and most world leaders are entertained as well.

JIM REID
SPENCER

Kinetics

To the Editor:
While I don’t profess to be an engineer, as some of our writers are, I sometimes reflect on a comment that Barack Obama made. He professed that our government was like an aircraft carrier and not a PT boat. He pointed out that even minor course corrections, required planning and cooperation by more than just the helmsman. Without getting too cerebral about my high school physics, a body at rest will be inclined to remain so without opposite reaction, and the force required to keep a body in motion, is far less than putting it in motion. I won’t bore you with gravity and friction analysis, but rather a story from my youth of a friend with a Hillman Lux sedan with a broken starter. Unless parked on a hill, several of us would push the car, and Bob would hop in and pop the clutch. Vehicle would either start or engaged clutch would stop it. Usually, the efforts of every person in the vehicle were adequate to get it going.
Let us apply these rules to the many

situations that we are now in. Our border issues cannot start by just looking at our side of the border, ignoring prior forces and conditions. In former times up to the Obama administration, US aid and cooperation with our DEA, funded and supported addressing gang and cartel activities at their source in South America. Naturally, it only had modest success, just as it does here. We have long been considered a bastion that had a Golden Rule attitude (Do unto others as you would have them do unto you). Of course, self interest and self preservation, of necessity, usually prevail.
The Trump administration, cut off all that aid and support to major South American hot spots. The lack of funding and support, much like abandoning of our sympathizers and supporters, whether in Vietnam or Iraq, gave great incentive to flee the wrath of who now took charge. What that means in South America is a mixture

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Soul of the nation

To the Editor:
While the United States currently has demand for vaccines far outstripping supply we will quickly have the opposite problem where in order for the pandemic to end we will need to convince those who are hesitant to get vaccinated. The latest polls show as high as 50 percent of Republicans don’t intend to get vaccinated, the highest of any easily identifiable group.
Part of the problem here is that the previous president spent the entirety of the pandemic – starting a year ago we heard the president of the United States casting doubt on whether the virus would come to this country. Once it arrived in this country, he then called it a hoax perpetrated by his political opponents in an attempt to harm his reelection. The prior president’s most ardent supporters, his die-hard followers, have spent over a year listening to him tell all sorts of falsehoods, lies, and misinformation about a pandemic then it should be surprising that these people reject the vaccine which can end the pandemic.

While it’s shocking as an American and as a believer in science it really shouldn’t shock any of us how this is playing out.
For generations, if you asked Americans if they trusted the institutions of our society, 70-80 percent would say yes. Starting with Richard Nixon, Vietnam, and Watergate that number started to fall precipitously and now it’s only 20 percent. People have built up over decades what they see as failure and betrayal, a sense of distrust, not only in government but in other institutions and science itself. On the Republican side, this distrust and desire to believe whatever they feel is true is especially strong where the “Don’t tread on me” ethos has been strong. Things might get better if vaccinations become more personal, where it is their doctor telling them to get vaccinated or their priest they will trust them.
The government is trying. The Biden administration is trying to reach out to Republicans and trying

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Business owners’ issues go beyond ‘mom and pop’ label



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If you own a small business, you typically don’t get a lot of recognition – so you may be pleased to learn that March 29 is National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day. You might not necessarily think of your business as a “Mom and Pop” operation, but it certainly contributes to the well-being of your family now, and possibly to that of future generations, too – if you make the right moves.
Depending on the nature of your business, you may have spent the past several months more concerned about today than tomorrow, given the serious economic repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is still placing stress on a great many business owners across the country.
If your business has been adversely affected by the pandemic, you might be eligible for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan. As you may know, recent legislation provided \$285 billion more for this program. To learn more, and to start the application process, visit the Small Business Administration Web site at www.sba.gov. You have until March 31 to apply for a PPP loan. Other relief also may be available.
But regardless of whether you apply for one of these loans, you can take other steps to help maximize the benefits you get from your business – and perhaps even extend its longevity.
Here are a few suggestions:
Establish a retirement plan. If you don’t already have a retirement plan, it’s never too late to set one up. As a business owner, you have several options, including an “owner-only” 401(k), a SIMPLE IRA and a SEP-IRA. All these plans are fairly easy to establish and can offer potential tax advantages, as well as providing you with a source of retirement income in the future. You may want to work with a financial professional to pick the right plan for your needs.
Coordinate your business assets with your investment portfolio. Like most business owners, you may have a great deal of your personal wealth tied up in your business. And, as the past year has certainly shown, this can be risky. Consequently, you’ll need to weigh this risk factor when deciding on investing in your retirement plan or in other investment accounts. This doesn’t mean you should try to avoid all risk only by pursuing the most conservative vehicles – which would be counterproductive to achieving enough growth to meet your retirement income goals – but you will need to pay close attention to your investment mix to ensure it provides you with an appropriate balance to what you’ve invested in your business.
Develop a transition strategy. How will you make the transition from business owner to the next phase of your life? Will you sell the business outright? Will you gradually transfer it to a family member? If so, what mechanism will you use? It’s a good idea to have these types of plans in place well before you need to enact them, so you may want to consult with your financial, legal and tax advisors soon.
A “Mom and Pop” business may sound quaint and carefree – but, as you know, running a business of any size can be an all-consuming endeavor and always involves significant financial concerns. Get the help you need to meet these challenges.

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GOOD NEWS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inspiration from Biden

To the Editor:
The Biden administration is inspiring the people of America. He has inspired many people like myself who are over 60. He has shown that in America anyone can aspire to become president. Where else can an 80 year old man with dementia achieve the mantle of leading the free world. Truly inspiring that such a country has the ability to lift a man such as this to lead us. As Joe barely functions at the podium and mixes everything up. Just last week, he stumbled and bumbled going up Air Force One after calling Kamala Harris the presdent elect. Yep, many older people are saying “that could be me.” Truly inspiring. It shows just what a fool we were to have a quick thinking guy like Trump. How could we have been so stupid to have a guy that can formulate a thought on his own and know he is the president?
He has inspired us with his fight against racism. He has shown us the true path to fight racism is to practice racism. He has shown us that the Constitution is a faulty document. The founding fathers, when they crafted the document to say that the “government shall not discriminate based on color, race, or sex,” is wrong. His administration knows better. The only way to bring social equity to our country is to practice racism. That’s why, in the new stimulus package, billions are given to farmers, with the only requirement that they be black or Hispanic. You see, racism fixes racism. This should inspire all you farmers who are not of color and struggling. Now, you see it was all your fault because you had white privilege. Biden is going to fix it by giving money to those he deems worthy by his party. His plan is to provide billions to people of color so they can snap up your farms as you go under. I guess if you came from Jamaica, Haiti, or Africa in the last 20 years, you too have been discriminated by the white privileged class in America. You see, it’s not about correcting inequities of slavery. No, it’s about creating racial diversity. At least that’s what Omar and Talib have told simple Joe and he feebly goes with what his care takers say. Just say thank you Joe. I know those failed white farmers will be so inspired by the socialist, racist policies affecting their lives.
Her inspires the Socialist trolls to cancel conversation and opinion. He, with the help of the media, has weaponized words like racist and rape. In any conversation, the socialists know just fire back with the accusa-

tions using these words. Twitter and Facebook will shut off those that have been falsely accused. We see this with Sharon Osbourne, Brett Kavanaugh and Congresswoman Greene. Just last week in this very paper, Har used the radical socialist battle word “rape” to further his assertion that we were causing climate change. He accused humans of “raping” the planet. You see by using this word that describes a horrific sexual act on a person in relation to the planet he tried to give substantiation to his non-facts based on made up science. He talks about animals needing time to evolve, I’m not sure what they are teaching him in school, but you would think the crazy Covid guy would have learned about how quick evolution now takes place using genetic manipulation. Specifically on viruses in labs in places like Wuhan, China. He claims to get accurate time-tables for climate change from looking at rock fossils. Right, next the genius will assert he built a time machine and actually witnessed it firsthand. They are inspired and trained by the radical socialist agenda to weaponize a conversation to shut off civil discourse. No refuting lies or fake science when its easy to shut down the other party with the weapons of racism or rape. Thank you, Joe and company, for the inspiration to cancel out free speech.
He inspires all people to enjoy life and not worry about working. Why work; that’s a sucker’s game. You are entitled to do nothing and get all the benefits that life has to offer by the government. You are entitled, according to Joe, to free food, free health care, and free housing. That is a right bestowed upon us by human dignity. How will we pay for all this. No problem; Joe and the Democrats have solved that too. Just keep printing more money. You see if the government goes bankrupt then the only creditor it owes is itself. Why didn’t the stupid Republicans see this? Good ole Joe inspires us all to expect the government to provide the living needs for us all. If they don’t, he inspires us to riot and burn down government buildings until our demands are met. It is our right to freely demonstrate this way. (Unless, of course, you support Trump.) If the country goes down the tubes and they can no longer support us, you can bet that will inspire many to join in these demonstrations.
He is inspiring not only our citizens, but all citizens of the world. He has sent his message of free stuff to them

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Never let a good crisis go to waste

To the Editor:
It was Rahm Emanuel, Obama’s corrupt thug Svengali, who reminded his fellow power-crazed liberals they must “...never let a serious crisis go to waste.” And they, like so many dutiful lapdogs, have slavishly obeyed his cynical dictum ever since. Whether it’s “climate change,” illegal immigration, the [Coronavirus], police/black tensions, transexuals in female sports, electoral integrity, etc., you can always put your money on the left fabricating a narrative out of whole cloth almost entirely devoid of anything close to the truth.
The goal is unchanging: move the collectivist ball down the field, regardless of the actual facts of a matter even if by doing so one must shamelessly lie through one’s teeth. Hitler’s chief of propaganda, Joseph Goebbels’ “Big lie technique” said simply “If you tell a lie big enough and often enough, sooner or later a majority will believe it” has been embraced totally by the source of all political evil in this country today: the Democrat Party.
The latest iteration of this dishonorable practice is the reporting and political interpretation by the mainstream press—a collaborating adjunct of the Party of Jefferson and Jackson—of the horrific events occurring recently in Atlanta, where eight individuals in a so-called “spa” were murdered by a lunatic. As three-quarters of the victims were Asians, the left promptly fell to their knees in deep prayer to their

moon gods yearning, as they invariably do, that the killer would prove to be a “Born again Christian” wearing a Trump hat with a closet full of illegal weapons.
This would bolster the narrative—false, as all the rest of theirs are—that the Asian “community” is currently under sustained and deadly assault by the dark forces of white supremacy and Trump-loving patriots who blame their fellow Americans of Asian descent for the difficulties caused by the pandemic.
The goal is to assign all the blame for this tragedy on you-know-who, Orange Man Bad, as he correctly identified the pandemic as one arising out of China. Is that not correct? Why do liberals feel free to label the supposed “variants” of the disease the South African, or the Irish, or the Brazilian off-shoots, but Mr. Trump can’t reference the place where it all came from in the first place?
It doesn’t help their case that the Atlanta killer revealed to the police his motive for the rampage had nothing to do with race or ethnicity, but, rather, was one resulting from his rage that he was unable to control his libidinous proclivities thanks to the existence of these “spas.” In other words, it wouldn’t matter who he found in those places, the demons in his head told him to avenge himself, and, in his maniacal state, he followed the voices and their urgings. Sounds a bit like a reprise of David

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continue to help get crucial information to the General. Unlike the women we mentioned before, Agent 355 used her role as a quiet unassuming woman to make monumental gains that led to our freedom today. The identify of ‘355’ is not yet known, however she is referred to as ‘lady’ 355 in Washington’s code book. The only direct reference to ‘355’ was from ringleader Abraham Woodhull (known as Samuel Culper, Sr.) to Washington in which Woodhull described her as “one who hath been ever serviceable to this correspondence.” We hope that one day her true identity will be discovered.
While we pay homage to strong women who have done incredible things, this does not negate the influential women we come into contact with in our everyday lives. As women we don’t have to smash ceilings or gain notoriety to make a difference. We can be positive, powerful and influential in our everyday lives which in turn creates a domino effect that can last years after we’re gone.

Uninspired

To the Editor:
I’ve hit a little spell of writer’s block, and I find myself going back over what I have written, worrying, “Will that opinion get me cancelled?” Shedding anything that might offend the liberal senses (and that involves just about everything), the letter becomes something that is truly uninspiring, uninteresting, and unreadable.
I suppose I could sit here and pick apart all the letters from the Lefties that contribute to this paper, and then start using Covid-19 every other word for the latter part of the letter, but that’s as fascinating as watching a Broadway show about narcolepsy. I’m sure certain scribes feel that the majority of the people reading the Letters to the Editor appreciate the repetitive nature of their weekly [COVID] updates and attempts at brow-beating local politicians into answering questions absolutely no one else is asking. They probably also believe that those same people are entertained by their compulsion to denigrate individuals they disagree with. The only help it affords my family is making sure the bottom of the parakeets’ cage is nicely lined with fresh editorials from Yarok, Bagg, Rosenberg, and the rest of the gang. I want to make sure that my letters don’t become a monotonous placeholder in the pages of The New Leader, however, it’s quite possible that, somewhere, my words may just be the ones catching budgie droppings. Nonetheless, I have fun writing in.
Side Bar: To the one who requires answers to question only he is asking, why not request to meet Representatives Berthiaume and Durant in person? I’ll even buy the coffee! If I threw a meal in at Charlie’s Diner, would that sweeten the deal? They, being public servants, pose no danger like the pickup truck driving retired history teacher does. It would be a chance at redemption since none of you possessed the stones to meet up with an old man on four medications.
While the left holds a virtual monopoly on almost all things media, they still cannot crack one facet without being heavily subsidized. Radio, those celestial airwaves, appears to be their Achilles’ Heel. Liberal squawkers, who can hold their own, pale in comparison to the number of conservative hosts, but it’s not for a lack of trying. Air America tried and had a glorious 6 year run before crashing and burning. Not even the mammary-grabbing, Al Franken, could employ his “talents” to keep that albatross flying. Some

blame demographics, making the claim that their target audience doesn’t listen to talk radio. This is basically the Democrats way of shifting the blame to minorities, but, of course, they would never admit to that.
Another assertion is that the right uses anger and fear to stir up their base into making them think that it’s us against them. Could it be that the conservative side believes that there is a way to “right the ship” through hard work and honesty rather than making outlandish claims that certain skin colors equal privilege? Most Conservatives believe that prosperity and personal growth is best obtained through hard work. We believe that everyone, no matter where they may come from (legally), has the opportunity to become something great – skin color need not apply.
Most of us believe in taking responsibility for our own actions and not shifting the blame. For example, when Rush Limbaugh was found to have formed an addiction to pain medication after having back surgery, instead of trying to blame his doctors for over prescribing, or big pharma for making the meds addictive, he went on air, revealed all to his audience, and accepted 100 percent of the blame. When Nancy “Bella” Pelosi (she wants to suck your Constitution!) was shown getting her hair done amid a lockdown she helped put in place, she took responsibility... for being set up. You see, it wasn’t her fault that she got caught. It wasn’t her fault that she violated her own mandate. It was the shop owners fault for exposing Pelosi’s hypocrisy. Just like the lefts failed attempts at radio, it’s not their fault. It’s yours.
I can only watch about five minutes of the talking heads on MSNBC, CNN, et al. Their seething hatred for the right, that oozes out of their mouths during every broadcast, is so painfully apparent you would swear that if you could harness the energy it takes to be that angry the entire Las Vegas Strip would be fully powered. Watching the likes of Lawrence O’Donnell, Chris Matthews, Keith Olbermann, and that dude from MSNBC... oh, what’s his name? I can never remember it... Rachel Maddow, is just pure torture. When George W. Bush was president it was as if America was finished as we knew it. W, along with Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, and Carl Rove, was driving us off the cliff and America would, could, and should never recover from it. Their commentary

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It’s been a year

To the Editor:
Well, it’s been a year since the United States functionally shut down due to the pandemic that our then-president tried his hardest to ignore for two or three months as it was spreading unchecked and growing exponentially within the United States. While it is true that few countries avoided the COVID-19 pandemic entirely and that there was nothing the then-administration could do to avoid it completely, it is also true that we became the world disaster zone and we could have easily avoided half of the 542,168 deaths (and counting) caused by both an excessive initial inoculation and inept public policy for the first 10 months. But hey, when the biggest problem facing the nation was the construction of a wall from sea to shining sea over mountains and through deserts to keep the browns out, what’s 220,000 unnecessary deaths among friends? Of the nearly 30 million confirmed cases, only 15 million of them would have gotten sick if we had a normal administration at the beginning of this. But hey, a Fascist who was more concerned about scapegoating the southern border and China for our problems (real and imagined) was totally worth it, right?
We don’t have to imagine half of the deaths and cases... We can imagine what the USA would look like if we had public policy similar to Australia... Instead of 30 million COVID cases we’d only have had 400,000... Instead of 542,168 deaths (and counting) we would be looking at 12,000... But hey, I guess we have 530,000 real people whose lives were sacrificed for freedom’s sake and 29.4 million people who got sick but didn’t need to...for freedom. Now that the vaccines are flowing, was it really worth fighting with public health officials for the last 10 months? Australia has been “open” for many months while they have had a “wait and see” policy on vaccines since they are not in the throes of a crisis.
As much as people think and say the COVID crisis is over, the United States still has 1,000 people a day dying from it. We still have 60,000 people getting sick with it every day. Back when Gov. Baker shut the state down and then laid out the re-opening plan he said we would only move from 1 phase to the next if there was two weeks of sustained improvement in virus metrics. Massachusetts has seen cases rise now two weeks in a row, 13 percent increase last week alone...yet we move to phase 4/step 1 this week. I guess it’s been too long to care about the whole “it better be improving” bit... The UK

variant which is more contagious and transmits through kids is becoming dominant in this country, but it’s been a year... The Brazilian variant (also detected in the US) is re-infecting people who have had COVID and Brazil is currently seeing the worst ICU shortage and death rate of the entire pandemic – old news... The South African variant (also in the US already) is evading vaccines, but I guess the pro-life crowd can’t handle not going to bars...
I have to agree with Mr. Johannesen, if one Republican person can accept climate change as real, we have made real progress. Hopefully Mr. Robillard’s foray into the world of facts and science will spread virally though right-wing nooks and crannies. Convincing him that climate change is bad shouldn’t be too hard since he recognizes it as real and man-made...
There is one group of people who are stubbornly resistant to getting vaccinated against COVID-19, and that is Republicans. It is curious that Trump tried pinning his failed re-election on a vaccine and that he and Melania have apparently been vaccinated yet his supporters are still weary of the vaccine. We should really focus on convincing Republicans to get vaccinated not for their benefit, but so that they don’t perpetuate this pandemic any longer than it needs to. We won’t convince Mr. Robillard of mask science, he will always see it as an agent of control, but if we can convince him to shoot up Operation Warp Speed, we’ll all be better off. Perhaps we should tell him it is a hydroxychloroquine and Clorox cocktail from TrumpPharma.
Mr. Robillard – I am sure you are aware that Joe Biden has suffered with stuttering his entire life. Stuttering is not an intellectual deficiency nor is it indicative of any cognitive decline or dementia. You are free to disagree with Biden’s policies and positions on things, but despite the stuttering he speaks in complete sentences unlike his predecessor, he has more complex thoughts, and he proves better understanding of the issues.
Regarding the settlement between the City of Minneapolis and the Floyd family – rather than sending the message that “crime pays” I think the message is, “A city employee unjustifiably killed a person.”
Regarding the border, there is a crisis, but it is by no means a “free for all.” We don’t have open borders. We have border patrol, we have detention centers, and we also have non-Americans from

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controversy for her outspoken nature, especially in regard to civil rights for African Americans. She was the first, First Lady to hold regular press conferences, host a weekly radio show and to speak at a national party convention. She was so bold to even disagree with her husband on certain policies. After her husband’s death, Roosevelt spent her remaining years in active politics. She was the first chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights and chaired John F. Kennedy’s administration’s Presidential Commission on the Status of Women. Roosevelt was nicknamed the “First Lady of the World.”
Last but not least is Agent 355, who was instrumental to the Patriot cause during the Revolutionary War. Agent 355 was a part George Washington’s Culper Spy Ring. With the fear of a trip to the gallows in the back of her mind every day, Agent 355 managed to

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of gangs and cartels. Teens are “recruited” to join the business, under threat of murdering your father or raping and killing your mother and sisters. In some instances, those things would be your actual job. Perhaps some of these are the rapists and murderers Trump mentions as trying to quit their job and relocate.

In any case, a substantial number we had been keeping across the border, have chosen the pestilence of border camps over returning “home.”

Gearing up to accommodate that lovely poem on the statue in New York harbor, our sanctuary laws, and plain common decency; had been stopped, and need to returned to motion. Like the aircraft carrier, planning, cooperation and a Herculean effort are required. I am glad that I can't even imagine sending children away. It is hard enough for me to put them in uniforms and send them to support and defend our nation.

We can, and probably will, argue forever about how we should spend money, social support programs, political and world views, but there is one area where our failure to have a united position, is a disgrace and more “I want it now and I want it all”, than even pretense of a modicum of fairness, legality, American Greatness. Soon after the House shifted to Democratic control, and with full knowledge of election interference in 2016, they passed an election security bill, that addressed foreign interference, general voting rights, security and access. Prior to the 2020 election, it was never even taken up by a senate that, for their next show, claimed rampant,

fraud and insecurity because the incumbent POTUS lost. Let me just repeat that. You had the opportunity to create the rules and security, and sign it into law for your own re-election. Does not claims of unfair fraud and stolen after that, seem almost as dumb as those year old claims that Covid was almost gone?

Somewhere, imbedded in our nature, is the concept that citizens should have a right to vote, and while it may not specify that doing so, should not require a Spartan effort, discomfort, lines, rules against rest, refreshment or entertainment while waiting, anyone with even a shred of decency would recognize ploys designed to make sure that a free and fair election, is not only not your design, but that the concept of democracy you have, is that, only a result that I agree with can be acceptable (where have we heard this before?).

I may or may not agree with Biden positions, but have to be impressed that he has delivered more campaign promises in two months than Trump did in four years. I have no doubt that this pandemic will get as much attention as needed, but have to strongly disagree with Joe often touting that we can do anything as long as we do it together. If you buy into that, maybe “no one is above the law” works for you. Maybe you think Trump made America Great. Maybe you think he was not guilty of inciting invasion of congress (even Mitch didn't), or that there actually was fraud in his loss, because there are hundreds of signed affidavits with allegations, but still zero facts.

I've got to run because it's time to check on the Easter Bunny.

KEN KIMBALL
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to enlist any messengers such as Evangelical Christian groups.

President Biden this past week traveled to Georgia to mourn the loss of life from the first mass shooting since the pandemic began. A white man shot and killed several massage parlor workers of Asian descent at several massage parlors. The fact that he drove around to find more victims makes the premeditation and intent obvious. While it's obvious it was murder, his statements make it seem like he was targeting sex workers, the fact that so many victims were of Asian descent makes it hard to ignore a potential racial factor. The fact that the Asian-American community has felt under siege and under threat due to the rhetoric from the White House from the previous president makes you wonder if that was a factor.

President Biden ran on restoring the soul of America. It was never quite clear what our soul is or how the president can restore it, just that what Donald Trump represented wasn't and couldn't be who we are. President Biden, through events, has been putting a window into the soul of America and our culture front and center in his response to hate crimes and murders. The soul of America in the last several years has seen a rising tide of bigotry of all

kinds – racism, anti-Semitism, Sinophobia, anti-Latino bigotry, Islamophobia, anti-LGBT policies, you name it. Some of this was caused by Donald Trump, but much of this was caused by the forces that allowed Trump to win in the first place.

The soul of America needs to heal. The soul of America is about our moral fiber and rejecting bigotry. The soul of American is about our social connections enmeshing people, providing support for each other, and expressing the values we share. President Biden has been using his opportunities in response to crisis to express our national values and be the calming voice at the helm of our cultural healing.

We are seeing a surge of people coming across our southern border. Families and unaccompanied minors are showing up at the border and are being allowed to remain temporarily; single adults are being turned back. Many want to call this the Biden border crisis but the reality is that waves of migrants coming to the border didn't start when Biden's presidency began, they had been coming. President Biden talking about a more human immigration policy probably inadvertently sent the message to those folks trying to get here that the draconian and inhumane measures implemented by Donald Trump were no longer in force. People are also not coming to the United States as though only our policy

was relevant – they are fleeing terror, gangs, crime, and lack of economic opportunities at home.

It should be noted that after 4 years of the Trump administration going crazy on immigration and the border, we are now at a 14-year high for illegal crossings. Border crossings aren't back to where they were during the Obama administration; they are where they were in the Bush administration. Trump implementing inhumane policies didn't stem the flow and now Biden rescinding those policies is creating a situation far worse than what Trump inherited.

President Biden has had to change his message from we want more human policy to him going on TV saying “don't come now.” While immigration and border policy needs to be debated, we don't have open borders. The Biden Administration needs a consistent message and Congress needs to work on comprehensive immigration reform. We need a well-funded asylum system. We can't give people hearings on asylum for months or years – the solution is to hire more judges and build more courts, not violate international treaties on asylum or lose track of them while they wait for their court date.

The soul of our country has been damaged, it is being restored, but we have a long road ahead.

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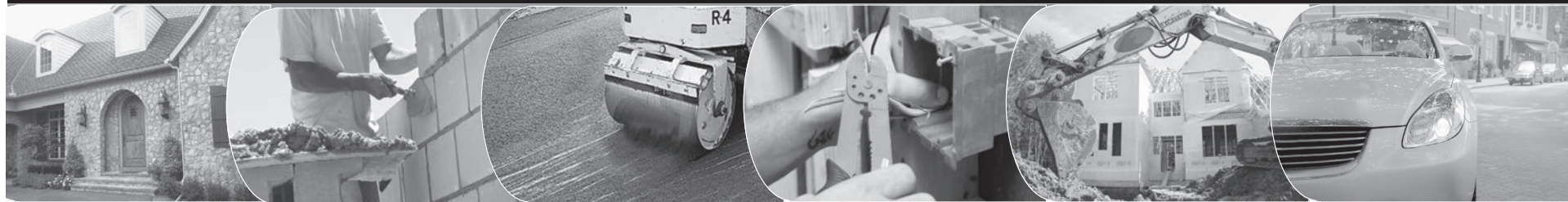
all. No need for any country to invade us militarily now. Just send your hordes to our borders where they can freely cross in the land of plenty. Joe and the Democrats promise of free houses, free food, free money, and no criminal prosecution for

any crimes you do is too good to pass up. Be inspired when one of them plows into your car and you find they have no license and no insurance. Don't worry, be happy, the government will take care of you and your loved ones. The little trouble you go through is a small price to pay for all the inspiration that Joe has given the citizens of the world.

He is creating so much inspiration in us all. Who knows what flower these seeds of inspiration will sow for our future. Maybe it will inspire a new revolution. Wouldn't that just be wonderful. It it does just say, Thank you, President Joe and President Kamala.

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Berkowitz, the N.Y.C. “Son of Sam” killer who, in 1976-77, acted on the “instructions” of his neighbor’s dog and fatally ambushed a lot of folks. Crazy as a cross-eyed cowboy.

There has been, indeed, a spate of violent assaults—if not killings—of Asians in this country over the past year or so, but, unfortunately for the narrative concocted by the left, the incidents have occurred almost entirely in black ghetto areas of large, Democrat-run cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York where Asians continue to maintain businesses even if they do not happen to live in the neighborhoods.

The question becomes, why? Conjecturally, I would offer this: Could resentment and envy have anything to do with this? Asians, in America, seem to be doing very well. Of all the identifiable ethnic groups, they have, in general, the highest levels of income. They absolutely excel in academics, technology, classical music, business, and, increasingly, in other fields. They have strong commitments to family and community, and appear to be smart enough to realize America is where one needs to be if—until the liberals destroy it all—one wishes to reach their fullest potential in a place where human freedom is celebrated—or at least used to be. As a personal aside,

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non-America presenting themselves at our border in record numbers. We didn’t have a crisis before Trump, Trump made up a crisis, then he implemented useless and inhumane policies, and that put us in a real bind. The policies of the Trump administration were indefensible but now it’s news when they are rolled back and that has led to a social media fueled rush. Nobody used to know about the specifics of how certain situations were handled by the border patrol, Trump became president and now every nook and cranny of our border policy is newsworthy. We need to go back to a place in history, before 2016, when border policy wasn’t big news so that slight policy shifts didn’t motivate people over whom we have no control to start walking.

Mr. Reid – who won the 2020 presidential election is not a matter of opinion. Joe Biden won more votes, won more states, and won the election. That is a fact and not a compare/contrast term paper. I know Biden won, you know Biden won, our elected Republican officials know Biden won, everybody who has a firm grip on reality knows Biden won. Donald Trump is either so delusional that an involuntary commitment would be in order or he’s lying.

What I can prove is irrelevant? Trump, Giuliani, and his people had ample time to present a case and they had nothing, because there is nothing. It seems you are going down the rabbit hole of, “The facts don’t support my case, thus there are no facts, all things are whatever you want to believe, stop confusing me with the facts.”

The \$1,400 checks should have hit most people’s bank accounts by now.

I have never seen some sad sack Asian kid standing at a city street intersection with a piece of dirty cardboard begging for your spare change. Why is that?

If Asian-Americans want to know who really stands in their way of fully realizing the American Dream, look no farther than the Democratic Party and double-talking liberals in general with all their bilge about caring for “people of color.” Are Asians not included in that term, P.O.C.? Yet, it is the 110 proof leftist bastions like Harvard University and the rest of the Ivy League and other elite institutions that routinely and callously subject Asian-American applicants to thinly disguised quota systems where clearly less qualified (some remarkably less qualified) candidates for admission are accepted while too often the Asian-American kid—Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Taiwanese, and others—are sent packing. The excuse given by these administrators is that they’re looking for “diversity,” but, in reality, they know if absolute fairness was shown to all applicants—especially in the hard sciences and math—nearly every last seat in the university would be held by an Asian kid. It has something to do with family support for education, with discipline, determination, sacrifice, intelligence, and values.

When a very highly qualified candidate is turned away by rabidly politically correct liberals in the admissions department simply because of the race or sex of an applicant—whose hopes

In this pandemic year we have tried targeted aid such as unemployment benefits and enhanced bonuses and also untargeted aid such as stimulus checks. A family of five – mom, dad, and three kids with a household income of \$0-\$150k will have received \$14,200 tax-free in stimulus payments only within the last 12 months. Even a single person earning anywhere from \$0-\$75,000 received \$3,200 tax free.

As Andrew Yang was laughed off the stage in 2016 for suggesting a Universal Basic Income (UBI), it seems as though COVID-19 has introduced an ad-hoc UBI in random installments. As it turns out people like receiving money and it seems to be good for the economy also. Our GDP took a huge nosedive in 2020 yet our standard of living was maintained.

A UBI isn’t an alternative to working; it is a bonus on top of your wages. No single person in the United States can support themselves on \$3,200/year and no family of five can support themselves on \$14,200/year – that would be ridiculous. What a UBI does is reduce inequality. It uses tax money collected primarily from the rich (I challenge all you modest income earners – how much federal tax did you pay on your 1040?) to give to the people simply for existing. A full-time minimum wage single worker would earn \$26,250 in Massachusetts, so the 2020 UBI/stimulus represented a 12 percent tax-free bonus. A single person earning \$75,000/year also gets the stimulus but it only represents a 4.2 percent bonus and honestly is merely a discount on that person’s \$8,400 in income taxes.

Wouldn’t it be grotesque for a single surgeon who earns \$400,000/year to receive the UBI? Well, not really. The UBI bonus is only 0.8 percent of wages so it is becoming de minimus.

and dreams are consequently crushed—I would like to know how that differentiates that prestigious, elite university from, say, “Ole Miss” (the University of Mississippi) and other institutions of the old Deep South back in the days when they had no problem turning away applicants for the very same reason: the wrong skin color.

Not only have the liberals systematically discriminated against Asian-Americans at elite American universities and colleges, the cancer of progressive meddling in places where they should just shut up and let nature take its course has now metastasized to include the top high schools—the “exam” schools—in the nation’s big cities such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Boston, and New York. Because these Asian students dedicate their lives to getting into these places by scoring high on the entrance exams, they were on the verge of taking virtually all the seats. So, of course, the smarter, better people decided “we can’t have this.” Henceforth, admission will be determined by a lottery system guaranteeing that all the “communities” in the city will be represented in the school in proportion to their population—whether they can do the high-level work or not. Now, the one-time top high schools in the country will be no different than the rest of the failed and corrupted schools in those cities. Haven’t I always told you people liberals ruin every stinkin’ thing they touch? The

This surgeon under current tax policy would pay \$102,000 in federal income tax, so does it really matter if we send him/her back \$3,200? While it might seem like we can’t pay for these UBI checks, consider for a moment that the United States is a very low tax country. The United States collects 27 percent of our GDP in taxes whereas the OECD average is 34 percent and several countries in Europe are greater than 40 percent. We could easily increase our tax burden on people earning more than \$200,000 not to crazy levels, but to levels seen in Canada, Australia, Japan, the UK, Brazil, Germany, Israel, Norway, or basically pick-your-first-world-nation and easily pay for it.

I know, I know... socialism. The big red boogey-man. Without getting into the definition of the word “socialism” and any pros and cons, just who is socialist? Is Canada socialist? What about Australia? What about the UK? Brazil? Germany? Switzerland? All collect more in taxes than the U.S... Perhaps a better question is, “Which country, besides the USA, isn’t socialist?”

I’ve never been a fan of ad hoc demands to politicians to vote to send the people money, it sets a terrible precedent. I’m not a big fan of a UBI but it does address real issues without upsetting the labor market. I don’t like the ad-hoc nature of our current stimulus, it isn’t a sustained plan, but it will lift millions of children out of poverty this year. What we really should be talking about is using our progressive marginal tax rates to reduce inequality, with the lower tax brackets representing negative tax rates. More to come...

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parents of these Asian-American students in these places must be beside themselves with anger.

If any Asian-Americans are reading this, I say, for all their grand talk of support for deserving minorities, liberals don’t hesitate to resort to underhanded and duplicitous means of achieving goals they want to reach. We Trump-supporting

patriots, your fellow Americans, still believe in the “Dream.” If you outwork the competition, you deserve the rewards. If you can do the math, understand the physics, play the cello, master foreign languages, qualify for medical studies, etc. clearly better than the others, then the American way is to say, go for it, kid.

I think the evidence is all around us: at this time in our history, Asian Americans—and Indian Americans, as well—are running away with the honors of the academy. They are very smart and hardworking, and they know what they want. I only hope they don’t tarnish their image of being very bright by going out and voting for liberals. As for the non-Asian kids of any demographic, if you can’t cut it in the competition for the top schools, polish up your resume for good old State U. You’ll surely appreciate the more laid back, relaxed atmosphere.

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would come off as if they were a helicopter mom scolding her child for, once again, getting to close to a hot stove. Since Americans made the apparent mistake of electing the wrong guy our punishment was the downfall of the United States. All of that changed after Obama became president as everything that Bush “ruined” were made new again. It was the dawning of a new beginning. The dark cloud that was hanging over Washington, D.C. had vanished because the Immaculate One was going to save us from ourselves by fundamentally changing America as we knew it. Children sang songs on how Obama was going to save the planet. Even the sea level feared Obama and was said to recede. Then, a funny thing happened... well, actually, the funny thing is none of that happened. The blame game that started even before Obama occupied the White House lasted the entire eight years he was president. No matter how much time had passed or however many horrible bills and executive orders Obama signed, the stagnant economy and loss of worldly respect was all Bush’s fault.

When Donald J. Trump descended that golden escalator in 2015, announcing his run for the White House, libs had nothing but a yuk-fest all the way up until election night... and then, a hush filled the room. They couldn’t believe it. Their darling, Hillary Clinton, who had “graciously” stepped aside in 2008, when the Democrats figured out they could fill-in the First Black President box on their progressive agenda check list, the one who was going to finally

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The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday April 06, 2021 in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall and the hearing will be conducted remotely to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 and will be broadcast live on Spencer Cable Access channels and at SCATV.org on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard.: **Stormwater Permit – Applicant: Arista Development LLC; Owners: The Estate of William D. Ekleberry, Richard Cormier, and S-BNK Spencer LLC, Location: 4 lots bounded by High Street, Main Street, and Pleasant Street; Spencer Assessor’s Map U13-98, 99, 100, & 101. The applicant is requesting a Stormwater Permit, section 4.11 of The Spencer Zoning Bylaw for a proposed CVS project. The property is located within the Town Center and Village Residential zoning districts.**
March 19, 2021
March 26, 2021

**Brookfield Planning Board
Notice of Public Hearing**
At a regularly scheduled Brookfield Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, a public hearing will be held starting at 7:10 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard to review the following, pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 40, Section 15C:
The applicant of record, Steven Skowrya, of P.O. Box 123, Warren, MA, seeks permission to remove portions of existing stone walls on the Town of Brookfield’s right of way fronting property at 29 and 31 Lake Road, a Scenic Road, to facilitate the creation of paved driveways onto the properties. Said properties are owned by Steven Skowrya and are shown on the Town of Brookfield’s Assessor’s Map 4C, Lot 9. Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom and may be joined remotely by following the information provided on the meeting agenda at www.mytowngovernment.org/01506.
Sharon Mahoney, Chair
Brookfield Planning Board
March 19, 2021
March 26, 2021

**Brookfield Planning Board
Notice of Public Hearing**
In accordance with M. G. L., Chapter 40A, and Brookfield Zoning Bylaws Section 4.D, Use Regulation Table D.4.c; and Section 12.C., Special Permits; the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on an application by Jake and Shelby Hill for a Special Permit for the operation of a private profit-making school on property located at 8 West Main Street in a Business A District.
The hearing will take place on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 starting at 6:45 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard. Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom and may be joined remotely by following the information provided on the meeting agenda at www.mytowngovernment.org/01506. A copy of the application may be inspected by appointment at the office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Monday through Friday from 10 am – 2pm.
Sharon Mahoney, Chair
Brookfield Planning Board
March 19, 2021
March 26, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21C0074CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Ashley Michelle Morse
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Ashley Michelle Morse of Spencer MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Ashley Michelle Durling
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/13/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 10, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
March 26, 2021**

(SEAL)

**COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE
TRIAL COURT
21 SM 000226
ORDER OF NOTICE**
TO: The Heirs, Devisees and the Legal Representatives of the Estate of Terri A. Wilkin, James M. Dee and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency claiming to have an interest in a mortgage covering real property in East Brookfield, numbered 135 Howe Street, given by Terri A. Wilkin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, dated October 26, 2018, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59599, Page 174, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s 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 4/19/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on 3/2/2021 Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
March 26, 2021

**Town of Spencer, MA
Tree Hearing**
<https://tinyurl.com/PaxtonRdTrees>
A public hearing will be held at the Spencer Utilities & Facilities Office, 3 Old Meadow Road, Spencer, MA. Broadcast Live (Remote Meeting Only) Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. to consider the proposed removal of the following trees:
Paxton Rd. 4 trees various sizes,
Ray Holmes
Tree Warden
March 26, 2021
April 2, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P0636EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Deborah Kathleen Eaton
Date of Death: 04/13/2019**
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Determination of Heirs** has been filed by **Mark S Foss** of **Worcester MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/06/2021.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 09, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 26, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P0635EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Faith Irene Huss
Date of Death: 05/04/2008**
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Determination of Heirs** has been filed by **Mark S Foss** of **Worcester MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/06/2021.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 09, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 26, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P0638EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Orin C May
Date of Death: 04/15/2006**
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Determination of Heirs** has been filed by **Mark S Foss** of **Worcester MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/06/2021.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 09, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 26, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P0598EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Rosalie Ann May
Date of Death: 06/30/2019**
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Determination of Heirs and Adjudication of Intestacy** filed by **Mark S Foss** of **Worcester MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/06/2021.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 09, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 26, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO20P2246EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Dorothy M Jolicoeur
Date of Death: 06/25/2020**
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Rene M Jolicoeur** of **Spencer MA** requesting that

the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Rene M Jolicoeur** of **Spencer MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/13/2021.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 15, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 26, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P0783EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Louis G Leroux
Also known as:
Louis Leroux
Date of Death: 01/16/2021**
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Christopher G Leroux** of **Palmer MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Christopher G Leroux** of **Palmer MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/06/2021.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 09, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 26, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P0751 EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Dorothy Alice Loomer
Date of Death: 07/29/2003**
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy/Determination of Heirs** has

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been filed by **Mark S. Foss Trustee of Worcester MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/06/2021.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 10, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

March 26, 2021

Town of East Brookfield Conservation Commission Public Hearing Notice

The East Brookfield Conservation Commission, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40, will hold the following Public Hearing relating to proposed

work within a wetland, waterbody, or resource area and/or within the 100-foot buffer zone to a wetland, waterbody, or resource area on:

April 20, 2021 at 7:30 PM in the Memorial Town Complex

This Public Hearing is in regards to Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by: Cormier and Sons Construction LLC on behalf of Mark Morin for the following:

Demolish Garage and rebuild, located on 120 North Brookfield Rd in East Brookfield, MA, Tax Map No. 4.3, Parcel No. 8

Any person interested in or wishing to be heard on this request should appear at the time and place designated. Copies of the above noted submittal are available for review at the East Brookfield Town Clerk's Office.

Submitted by:
Robert Button
Chairman
EAST BROOKFIELD CONSERVA-

TION COMMISSION

C: Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Planning Board, DEP-CERO, Applicant, File

March 26, 2021

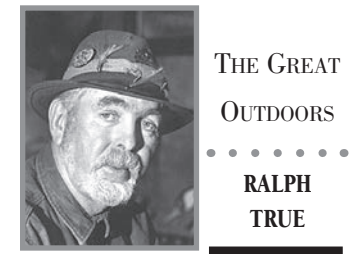
Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit submitted by William & Claudette White, for the property located at 95 Lake Shore Drive, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build a 24 X 25 garage, in the Neighborhood District on the lake side. This requires a special permit as per section, -1.52 Nonconformity:, §1.52 Nonconforming Structures (a) (et al). The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White
Clerk

March 19, 2021
March 26, 2021

Know where your fish is from



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OUTDOORS
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Some of the local ponds and lakes had been stocked with trout this past week, and anglers are catching numerous rainbow trout, and a large brown trout at Ashland Res. as this week's picture shows. The large brown was more than likely stocked last year, as the state was lowering the hatchery's trout supply, because of the pandemic. For a complete list of stocked trout waters go to the massfish Web site. Another reminder that Wallum Lake is closed to fishing until April 10. Rivers and streams could also receive a stocking of trout this week because of the low water flow.

The price of lobster has gone through the roof at local markets and restaurants, and some fresh fish prices are also on the rise. If you have a fisherman in your family, it is a good thing, especially if he is good at catching fish. Although some of the freshwater species are not good to eat for some people, a low consumption of them is best if you are elderly,

pregnant & also for children. Many fresh waters in the state carry high heavy metals, and other pollutants that are dangerous to your health, and are found in most freshwater fish. Trout are the safest fish to eat. Locally, the Mumford River and the Blackstone River are still heavily polluted, and my recommendation would be to eat none, from these two rivers.

When purchasing fish from a local fish market, it is best to know where your fish is coming from. Many stores and fish markets are starting to post the place of origin for their fish, which should be considered before purchasing fish, as many foreign countries do not have regulations ensuring the fish is safe to eat. The state of Massachusetts does regulate seafood from other countries, but not like they regulate meat. Farm raised fish will never be on my dinner plate! Read on!

I watched a documentary on a television show called "Fishing Cowboys." It was a group of commercial fishermen that were harvesting shrimp in Florida. The shrimp were very large and white in color. The Captain explained that it is easy to tell what are wild caught shrimp, from farm raised. The fan of the tail is dark, almost black in color on the tip. The Captain stated that he would never eat a

farm raised shrimp, and if you saw the way they raise them and fed them, you also would not eat them. He stated that "If you eat a farm raised shrimp, they taste very bland, and need cocktail sauce to hide the bland taste." He is right! He took a freshly caught shrimp and ate it without sauce, and stated that they were delicious. I have also had fresh wild caught shrimp and they are great. Wild fresh caught seafood is most often better for you and taste great.

One day a few years ago, I brought some fresh caught Fluke to the Uxbridge Rode & Gun Club to give the boys a taste of real fish. Most have had it before, but this one guy insisted that he did not like fish. I brought a tray of the cooked fish out to a few of the boys that meet often at the club. This one guy insisted that he did not like fish. After a bit of coaxing, he tried a piece. Wow! That is good fish! What kind of fish is it? "Fresh fish," I replied.

After the huge oil spill on the coast a number of years ago, things have gotten a lot better & hopefully, it never happens again, but it will! Mother Nature has been cleaning up man's pollution for years, but someday it may not be able to handle major pollution problems like have happened in the past. Today, there are hun-



Jerry's bait & tackle
7.2 lbs

dreds of miles of pollution floating far out into the ocean that we rarely see, but it is there.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold another 3-D archery shoot this Sunday March 28, at the club grounds off of West Street. The event is open to the public young and old. The course has been cleaned, and life size species of animals, "3-D targets" have been set up over acres of property. Past events have received

high marks from bowhunters on their experience at the 3-D shoots. The kitchen will be open for a full breakfast starting at 7 a.m.! Masks are recommended, along with social distancing. Enjoy a day in the outdoors with family and friends. You deserve it after this past 12 months. The club Fishing Derby is slated for April 10.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Latest antique and auction news

There has been a considerable amount of antique, collectibles, and auction news since my last update. A bowl purchased at a Connecticut yard sale made news across the globe when it was recently sold at auction.

An unnamed man purchased the white and blue Chinese bowl for \$35 at a yard sale in the New Haven, Conn. area. The Smithsonian Magazine reported that "the ornately decorated dish, which features depictions of lotuses, peonies, chrysanthemums and pomegranate blossoms, dates back to the reign of the Yongle Emperor (1403-1424)." The auction house claimed that there are only 6 similar pieces known to exist. The Smithsonian reported that "these specimens are housed in such prominent cultural institutions as Taipei's Palace Museum, the National Museum of Iran, the British Museum, and the Victoria and Albert Museum." The "Lotus bowl" had a pre-auction estimate of \$300,000 to \$500,000. An unknown buyer purchased the bowl for nearly \$722,000.

An ArtFix daily report stated that a rare Charlie Chaplin poster was also headed to auction recently. "Produced in 1913, when Chaplin was still a vaude-



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ville performer and aspiring comedian, the 42 inch long by 14 inch wide, broadside advertises Fred Karno's London Comedy Company and a show called "The Wow Wows", starring Chaplin and other comedy performers. The show was held at the Empress Theatre in San Diego, with performances on February 17th, 1913," according to ArtFix. The poster had a pre-auction estimate of \$300 to \$3,500. A search of auction results shows that it sold for \$10,500.

Tom Brady's move to Tampa Bay is a sore subject for many local sports fans, but it hasn't hurt the value of his sports memorabilia. One of Brady's rookie cards recently set an auction record and another rookie card currently being auctioned online has already surpassed that record. A 2000 Playoff Contenders Championship Ticket Tom Brady card sold earlier this month. Fox 19 Cincinnati News reported that James Park, who is the CEO of Fitbit, purchased the card. Park explained to USA Today why he wanted the card. "I lived in Boston for 10 years and so am a huge fan of Brady. I've also had a love of collecting cards since I was a kid. Given Brady's uncontested status as GOAT in football, this card is

an important piece of sports history and of any collection." The card was graded 8 out of 10 and was one of only one hundred produced, according to USA Today. It sold for \$1.32 million, making it the most valuable football card ever sold. A higher-grade version of the same card is currently being offered in an online auction now. This card graded 8.5 and the signature was graded at 9.0. The card is numbered 99/100 (99 of 100). The auction description notes that the consignor purchased it on eBay over a decade ago. Bidding ends on April 2. As of March 20, the current bid is over \$1.7 million. The card is expected to break the \$2.0 million mark, which is more than 10 times Tom Brady's rookie salary of \$193,000.

We will soon be offering an important collection of sports and non-sports cards all from one estate, with some dating back over 70 years ago. Our May auction with paintings, jewelry, sterling silver, antique Asian pieces, Larry Bird and Wayne Gretzky rookie cards, and other quality pieces will go online in early May. Deadline for consigning for that auction ends in April. We will also be running our next online auction of antique, vintage, and contemporary toys soon. You can join our email list on our Web site to keep updated on upcoming events.



Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com

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break that glass ceiling, had lost! And, just for that certain someone who has an issue with me mentioning this, Hillary hit that glass ceiling at Mach 2016, suffering a debilitating loss leaving her political career on life support. Donald Trump ran on a campaign of, "America First" and the now famous, "Make American Great Again" or MAGA. Hillary's campaign was, "It's my turn! It's MY TURN!" The American people soundly rejected her (as they did with the current pResident, but that's a dis-

cussion for another time).

I urge you, if you have time, please check out the 2016 election night meltdowns on YouTube, they are pure comedy gold. If there is one thing that those on the left bring to the table, it is the entertainment of watching them throw temper tantrums or look like a deer in the headlights on live TV when they realize that their shocking reveal, the smoking gun that will prove the underhandedness of their political adversary, is as empty as a politicians promise. As most comedians will attest, the best jokes write themselves.

MATHEW HERHOLZ
SPENCER



News, really close to home

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth T. Pitts, 95

SPENCER: Kenneth T. Pitts, 95, of Spencer, died peacefully on Saturday, March 20th at his home.



He was the husband of Irene C. Pitts who died in 1980. He leaves his daughters; Kathy J. Pitts and Karen G. Pitts of Spencer with whom he lived, a grandson Kenneth T. Pitts of Maryland, nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his son Kenneth B. Pitts in 2016.

Born in Lowell, he was the son of Alexander and Mary Pitts.

Ken worked for 30 years for a super-

market chain called Hodes, as the Deli Manager for 7 locations before starting his own business in Spencer, “Grumpy’s Deli”, retiring in 1981. He was an avid golfer.

At his request, no funeral services are planned. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Mary, Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry, 46 Maple Street, Spencer, 01562.

The J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is assisting the family with arrangements.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Peter C. Chase, 75

NORTH BROOKFIELD/DENVER,CO- Peter C. Chase, 75, of Denver, CO passed away on March 15, 2021 of natural causes.



Peter is survived by his sister-in-law Roberta Lincoln of Venice, FL, nieces Heather Dumais and husband Robert of Charlton, MA, Michelle Horne her husband Kevin and their son Chase of Southold, NY, and Sarah Chase and her fiancé Jeffrey Jarmulowicz of Spencer, MA. He is pre-deceased by his brother Gregory J. Chase of Venice, FL.

Peter was born on November 20, 1945 in Worcester, MA to Allen and Ruth (Cotton) Chase of North Brookfield, MA where he grew up. After graduating from North Brookfield High School and North Yarmouth Academy, Peter studied theater at Pittsburgh Playhouse,

Point Park University. He also studied at Leland Powers School for radio, TV and theater before his early career as a radio DJ and voice-over artist.

Peter settled in Denver, Co where he lived for over 45 years. In addition to his passion for music and radio, Peter enjoyed hiking, traveling to Europe, animal rescue efforts and connecting with his many friends, past and present. Peter was a kind and compassionate person with a great sense of humor who loved to tell stories.

Peter will be buried next to his mother and father at Quabbin Park Cemetery in Ware, MA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made in Peter’s name to Second Chance Animal Services, PO Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515 or the Mile High United Way, PO Box 5547 Denver, CO 80217-9425 Arrangements are under the care of PILLSBURY FUNERAL HOME 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield,MA. Pillsburyfuneralhome.com



**If it's important to you,
It's important to us.**
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Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10
2:13 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 6:46 a.m.: medical/general (Spring Street); 8:34 a.m.: animal complaint (Clark Street), dead rabbit in yard; 8:45 a.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), loose dogs; 9:24 a.m.: animal complaint (Grove Street), barking dog; 10:22 a.m.: accident (Meadow Road), report taken; 10:56 a.m.: fraud (Greenville Street), unemployment scam; 12:49 p.m.: sex offender registration/annual (West Main Street), assisted; 1:21 p.m.: 911 call (Paxton Road), accidental; 2:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), gas drive-off; 2:14 p.m.: juvenile matter (Adams Street), kid on ice; 2:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Hastings Road), welfare check; 2:20 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), bag of feed in road; 2:45 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 3:16 p.m.: larceny (Bixby Road), poss. package theft; 3:47 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/3 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:08 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 4:21 p.m.: accident (Bixby Road), child struck; 4:50 p.m.: juvenile matter (Clark Street), att. theft of bike; 5:09 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 5:50 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), noise complaint; 6:17 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 7:11 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 7:19 p.m.: disabled mv (South Spencer Road), TT/assisted; 11:27 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), loud argument, m/f; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

THURSDAY, MARCH 11
12:43 a.m.: odor of gas (West Main Street), referred; 1:17 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:01 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:23 a.m.: medical/general (Borkum Road); 9:30 a.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), info taken; 11:06 a.m.: fraud (West Main Street), identity theft; 11:11 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 11:18 a.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street); 11:46 a.m.: medical/general (Brown Street); 11:57 a.m.: medical/general (Crown Street); 1:43 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 2:12 p.m.: fire alarm (Smithville Road), referred; 4:13 p.m.: 911 call (North Brookfield Road), accidental; 4:17 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (North Spencer Road), accidental; 4:43 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:43 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (North Spencer Road), hang-up; 5:04 p.m.: juvenile matter (Water Street), kids riding bikes on ice; 5:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Bay Path Road), family issue; 6:16 p.m.: vandalism (Candlewood Drive), tire tracks in lawn; 7:52 p.m.: suspicious persons (North Spencer Road), Jamie L. Avila, 35, 143 Lincoln Street, Worcester, warrant, arrest; 10:13 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 3).

FRIDAY, MARCH 12
12:06 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 12:07 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), rep. no parking violation; 9:20 a.m.: juvenile matter (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 11:00 a.m.: restraining order service (Cherry Street); 11:19 a.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), noise complaint; 11:21 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:26 a.m.: fraud (Vista Lane), scam calls; 11:35 a.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 1:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Road), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 3:05 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/3 (West Main Street), assisted; 3:55 p.m.: juvenile matter (Mechanic Street), kids/ bikes in traffic; 3:58 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 5:36 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), child w/phone; 5:40 p.m.: suspicious mv (Buteau Road), referred; 6:21 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 6:25 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pleasant Street), accidental; 6:53 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:48 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 7:53 p.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 9:01 p.m.: suspicious persons (Hastings Road), investigat-

ed; sometime between 9:01-9:17 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 9:17 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:43 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), fem. concerned re: parents; 9:50 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), MSP bolo; 10:08 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:27 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; (Total daily mv stops – 9).
SATURDAY, MARCH 13
2:04 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 3:36 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), fire/CO detector activation; 6:15 a.m.: DPW call (East Charlton Road), tree across road; 7:37 a.m.: animal complaint (Chestnut Street), barking dog; 7:48 a.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), patron ref. to wear mask or leave; 8:54 a.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Road), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 8:54 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 9:13 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), unwanted party; 11:29 a.m.: medical/general (Linden Street); 11:56 a.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), ticket issued; 12:21 p.m.: parking violation (Lincoln Street), ticket issued; 12:28 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 12:58 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), no contact; 1:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Elm Street), porta-potty blocking sidewalk; 1:24 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Ash Street), illegal burn; 1:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Elm Street), porta-potty being moved; 1:41 p.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:57 p.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), ticket issued; 8:08 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Paxton PD bolo; 9:01 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 3).
SUNDAY, MARCH 14
1:05 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:00 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), reminder for DST; 6:13 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 6:30 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pleasant Street), no contact; 6:50 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Sherman Grove), no contact; 6:55 a.m.: officer wanted (Langevin Street), welfare check; 6:59 a.m.: disabled mv (Meadow Road), assisted; 12:25 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), unwanted party; 12:27 p.m.: animal complaint (R. Jones Road), missing dog; 1:06 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 3:41 p.m.: DPW call (South Spencer Road), tree on wires; 5:09 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 5:12 p.m.: medical/general (Bay Path Road); 5:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Wm. Casey Road), gunshots heard; 6:29 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 7:15 p.m.: disturbance (South Spencer Road), unwanted party; 7:38 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), noise complaint; 7:57 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 8:09 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), spoken to; 10:24 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), noise complaint; (Total daily mv stops – 1).
MONDAY, MARCH 15
12:19-12:32 a.m.: parking violations/3 (Ash, Church, Brown streets), tickets issued; 9:40 a.m.: officer wanted (Linden Street), re: property; 10:32 a.m.: restraining order service (Mechanic Street); 10:36 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 10:49 a.m.: DPW call (Cooney Road), tree split; 11:36 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 1:27 p.m.: accident (Paxton Road), info taken; 2:27 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), m/f dispute in mv; 2:52 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Main Street); 3:03 p.m.: animal complaint (Bacon Hill Road), dogs fighting/bleeding; 3:17 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), diamond ring not returned; 3:21 p.m.: mutual aid (Temple Street), req. welfare check; 6:30 a.m.: medical/general (Summit Street); 6:56 p.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 7:11 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), misdial; 10:53 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 11:09 p.m.: suspicious persons (Wall Street), rep. of stalking; (Total daily mv stops – 3).
TUESDAY, MARCH 16
12:18-12:40 a.m.: parking violations/3 (Mechanic, Pope streets, Lloyd Dyer

Drive), tickets issued; 7:35 a.m.: officer wanted (Wilson Avenue), issues w/ex; 8:06 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Meadowbrook Road), accidental; 8:23 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), services rendered; 9:57 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), humanitarian assist; 10:18 a.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operator; 10:52 a.m.: building checked, secure; 11:24 a.m.: suspicious persons (Paxton Road), investigated; 11:32 a.m.: fraud (Sherman Grove), SS scam call; 11:53 a.m.: medical/general (Condon Drive); 11:56 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Jolicoeur Avenue), accidental; 12:40 p.m.: fraud (Clark Street), legal dept. scam call; 1:14 p.m.: suspicious persons (Mechanic Street), info taken; 1:41 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 1:46 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), phone found; 2:28 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operator; 3:50 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/3 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:33 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Chestnut Street), illegal burn; 6:24 p.m.: medical/general (Lyford Road); 7:20 p.m.: fraud (Robin Road), repeat scam calls; 7:43 p.m.: warrant service (Langevin Street), Nicholas P. Caruso, 33, 3 Langevin Street, Spencer, warrant, arrest; (Total daily mv stops – 3).

Leicester Police

THURSDAY, MARCH 11
5:29 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:42 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:25 a.m.: mv stop (Mannville Street), verbal warning; 12:35 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 12:37 p.m.: fraud (Deer Pond Road), services rendered; 1:23 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 2:43 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 3:56 p.m.: keep the peace (Main Street), services rendered; 7:06 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), unable to locate; 7:11 p.m.: suspicious mv (Collier Avenue), spoken to; 7:59 p.m.: suspicious mv (Hemlock Street), unfounded.
FRIDAY, MARCH 12
1:07 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:15 a.m.: mv stop (Waite Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, criminal application issued; 1:36 a.m.: suspicious person (Chapel Street), assisted; 5:28 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:36 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:49 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:58 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:05 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:40 a.m.: welfare check (Towtaid Street), spoken to; 6:43 a.m.: mv off road (Whittemore Street), assisted; 9:03 a.m.: mvstop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 9:26 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 9:39 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 10:32 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, unregistered mv, mv towed; 11:05 a.m.: harassment (Cricklewood Drive), spoken to; 2:21 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:04 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 6:06 p.m.: assist other PD (Spencer), message delivered; 7:26 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), advised civil action; 8:30 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 8:52 p.m.: erratic operator (South Main Street), no action required; 9:35 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate.
SATURDAY, MARCH 13
12:47 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:04 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 2:11 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), no action required; 3:02 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:20 a.m.: suspicious person (Mill Street), unable to locate; 9:45 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 10:54 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:17 a.m.: mv

stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:04 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 4:03 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:31 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 5:05 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 5:11 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 6:00 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 8:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 8:50 p.m.: debris in road (Pleasant Street), report taken; 10:14 p.m.: assist other PD (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 11:36 p.m.: mutual aid (South Ward Street, Worcester), transported to hospital.
SUNDAY, MARCH 14
12:16 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), mv towed; 1:08 a.m.: missing person (Park Lane), report taken; 4:23 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), peace restored; 5:20 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:14 a.m.: debris in road (Main Street), removed; 9:48 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 12:45 p.m.: investigation (Park Lane), services rendered; 12:56 p.m.: restraining order service (South Main Street), served; 3:53 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), no action required; 4:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 5:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:28 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), no action required; 7:00 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, mv towed; 8:02 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), mv towed; 8:45 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street); 11:34 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued.
MONDAY, MARCH 15
3:50 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), assisted; 5:27 a.m.: ambulance (Lulow Street, Worcester), transported; 11:35 a.m.: arrest warrant service (South Main Street), report taken; 11:52 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 12:56 p.m.: assist citizen (Marshall Street); 3:24 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 4:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:20 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), gone on arrival; 5:19 p.m.: erratic operator (Soojians Drive), unable to locate; 7:41 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, criminal application issued; 9:03 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), report taken; 11:28 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), assisted.
TUESDAY, MARCH 16
9:27 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 2:14 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 3:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:16 a.m.: disabled mv (Mannville Street), gone on arrival; 6:22 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 6:58 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 7:36 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 8:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
12:36 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 3:45 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:11 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 8:12 a.m.: ambulance (Lillian Avenue), transported; 8:37 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:39 a.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 9:52 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 10:27 a.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 10:58 a.m.: summons service (Bond Street), unable to serve; 11:10 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 2:11 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 5:25 p.m.: summons service (Bond Street), served; 8:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:53 p.m.: mv stop (Charles Street), mv towed.

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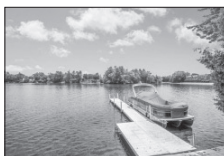
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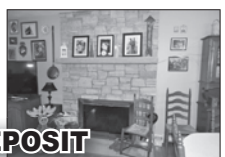
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