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The West Brookfield fire station siren is officially back in service.

# Historic siren sounds again

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

WEST BROOKFIELD – When the fire station siren recently sounded for the first time in decades, it evoked several nostalgic memories for residents.

The idea to return the siren to service was sparked by residents who posted about it on the town's Facebook page. Selectmen then approached Fire Chief Clayton Edwards with the idea, and he fully supported bringing in an electrician to see if the siren still worked

see if the siren still worked.
In a thrilling surprise, the siren still operates as well as it did twenty years ago during its last use. Residents were so excited by the news that officials decided to sound the siren nightly at

6:15 p.m.

"It's one of those great things that I don't think anyone ever expected. It brought back a lot of nostalgia and pride for residents," Chief Edwards told the New Leader. "A lot of people have told us about how they used to hear it as a kid. People have even come down and talked to us about it."

Long before the days of cell phones and pagers, the siren was originally used in the 1940s for fire department and ambulance calls. It also served as an air raid siren during World War II and the Cold War.

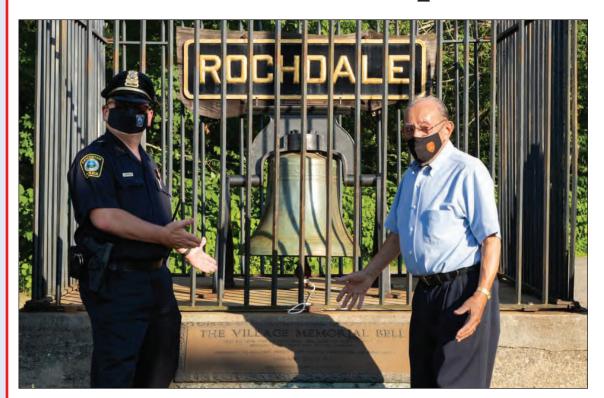
Nearly 80 years later, the siren won't simply be limited to nostalgic purposes. It will also be used to warn residents of severe weather threats like tornadoes. The siren will be especially helpful to residents on the lake, selectmen said, and officials in surrounding towns have also been inspired by the project.

"The feedback we received on getting the siren working has been overwhelming – so much so, that North Brookfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, and Ware are all beginning to put their sirens in use," said Selectman Daniel Bigda.

The siren is so popular that many residents look forward to the 6:15 p.m. tone test, which lasts for approximately 10 seconds. The siren can be heard several miles away.

"We've gotten reports of Turn To **SIREN** page **A7** 

# Rochedale Village Bell rings in salute to first responders



LEICESTER – Determined to honor frontline workers and COVID-19 victims, a retired fire chief returned to his roots and designed a unique project that has seen immediate success.

Each Sunday evening in July, the Rochdale Village Bell has been rung at 6 p.m. The bell is located at the Rochdale fire station on Stafford Street. Jacob Menzigian, who served on the fire department for 40 years – four of them as the fire

chief – came up with the idea to ring the bell as a gesture of thanks and remembrance.

Each tolling of the bell recognizes first responders and frontline workers, including police, EMS, firefighters, healthcare providers, grocery store employees, and transportation workers, among others. These employees have all been working throughout the pandemic and risking their health to keep the country operational

Several residents and officials attended the first few bell tolling ceremonies, including representatives of the Leicester Select Board, police department, fire department, and EMS personnel. The widow of Rutland Police Detective John Songy also attended, and an opening prayer was read by Ken Morse, of Greenville Baptist Church.

A history of the bell was also provided for guests. The final Turn To **BELL** page **A7** 

# Evangelidis re-appointed to Massport board

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

REGION – Gov. Charlie Baker announced last week the re-appointment of Worcester County Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis to the seven-member Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) Board of Directors.

Initially appointed to the Massport board in 2015, Sheriff Evangelidis was re-appointed to serve a new seven-year term. Evangelidis currently serves as the chairman of the Massport board, and state officials have been thrilled by his leadership.

"Sheriff Evangelidis has a strong record as a leader in the public safety field, and has been a strong addition to the Massport board as a member and its chair," Baker said. "I am pleased to appoint him to serve a new term on the board

and look forward to his continued contributions as the agency navigates challenges related to COVID-19 and beyond."

Officials recognize that the next few years will be especially challenging in terms of leadership and decision-making. They are confident that Evangelidis is the right person to help lead the emergence from COVID-19.

"Massport continues to benefit from the leadership of its dedicated board and executive staff, and we thank Sheriff Evangelidis for serving another term as part of that team," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "We have appreciated Sheriff Evangelidis bringing his perspective to the board over the past five years, and we look forward to his continued contributions."

Evangelidis is eager to continue his work with Massport over the next seven years.

"Since 2015, it has been a great privilege to serve on the Massport board," Evangelidis said. "I have enjoyed working closely with the Massport team and our fellow board members during the course of our rapid growth, and now during the challenges presented by COVID-19. I appreciate Governor Baker reappointing me to serve a new term, and I look forward to my continued responsibilities as its chairman."

Massport officials cited strong leadership and preparation skills that Evangelidis brings each day. He has already helped the organization push through several challenges, although the COVID-19 response will no doubt present the greatest adversity yet.

"We are fortunate to have a dedicated public servant like

Turn To **EVANGELIDIS** page **A7** 

# Treat yourself to a relaxing day at Magnolia Body Spa

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

SPENCER – Magnolia Body Spa recently opened its doors on Mechanic Street, and residents are invited to schedule a relaxing treatment at the new business.

Owner Hui Yan and her staff celebrated the grand opening of her business earlier this month. She also runs a spa in Auburn, and she is looking forward to meeting more guests from Spencer and the Brookfields.

Located at 9-11 Mechanic St., the business offers professional bodywork, deep tissue massages, Swedish massages, sports massages, relaxation massages, and couples bodywork. For residents who have



Photo Kevin Flander

Hui Yan recently celebrated the grand opening of her business, Magnolia Body Spa.

been stuck at home these last several months, a relaxing spa treatment will help to relieve

stress and promote wellness.
"Bodywork relieves the sore and tired muscles when you stayed home for a long while," read a statement on the spa's website. "We utilize the moderate strengths on the body point during a trigger or pressure bodywork session."

In only a short time, the spa has already built up a base of thrilled customers. After arriving at her Mechanic Street location, Yan spent a few months remodeling the space and decorating rooms. Each massage room features lighting and furniture that are conducive to a relaxing experience.

The business has also placed a heavy emphasis on sanita-

tion to ensure that all guests are safe and comfortable in the building. The cleaning staff regularly sanitizes each room, as well as common areas.

For Yan, who previously owned a restaurant in Plymouth for five years, it has been exciting to meet new customers. She told the New Leader that local patrons have been very welcoming.

Presently, the spa can accommodate about five customers in the building at a time. Please call ahead to schedule a treatment.

The spa is open seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information about the business, or if you would like to book a session, call 929-277-1199.















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# Spencer man re-sentenced on child pornography charges

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER - A former U.S. Postal Service employee was recently re-sentenced in federal court for sexually exploiting a child, using USPS computers to access child pornography, and possessing child pornography.

Stephen Mantha, 66, of Spencer, was re-sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Hillman to 16 years and four months in prison, plus five years of supervised release.

In February 2018, Mantha pleaded guilty to one count of producing child pornography, one count of accessing child pornography, and one count of possession of child pornography. An identical sentence was imposed in August 2018, but the sentence was vacated on appeal due to an error in calculating the

federal sentencing guidelines. In the summer of 2015, federal investigators were alerted to suspicious internet searches being conducted on a computer at a Shrewsbury postal facility where Mantha worked as an electronic technician.

During their investigation, federal agents installed a computer activity recorder and a video camera on the suspect's USPS computer, which recorded the identity of the person using the device. Agents were then able to observe and record as Mantha accessed child pornography at his workplace.

On Sept. 21, 2016, a search warrant was executed at Mantha's residence, where investigators discovered several thumb drives containing child pornography. During their review of the materials seized from Mantha's home, investigators found a video that had been recorded in approximately 2000 or 2001, depicting Mantha sexually abusing an approximately seven-year-old boy.

Later, in September 2016, agents were able to locate and interview the boy in the video (now an adult), who confirmed the sexual abuse.

'In 2000 and 2001, at the date of the offense, the charge of sexual exploitation of a child provided for a mandatory minimum of 10-20 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000," read a statement released by United States Attorney Andrew Lelling. "Although existing penalties for producing child pornography are substantially higher, the Constitution prohibits the government from subjecting individuals to more stringent penalties adopted after their crimes had been

The charges of accessing child pornography and possession of child pornography carry a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, at least five years of supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000. Sentences

are imposed by a federal district court judge based on U.S. sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors.

U.S. Attorney Lelling thanked several officials and organizations for their roles in the investigation. They include Matthew Modafferi, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Postal Service; the Office of the Inspector General; Joseph Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Boston Field Division; Colonel Christopher Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; Spencer Police Chief David Darrin; and Shrewsbury Police Chief James Hester, Jr.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Grady, of Lelling's Worcester Branch Office, served as the lead prosecutor.

The case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood. In 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood as a nationwide initia.

graduate from Safe Childhood as a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the DOJ's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood utilizes federal, state, and local resources to apprehend

New Haven and prosecute individuals who exploit children.

Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

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# Local students University of

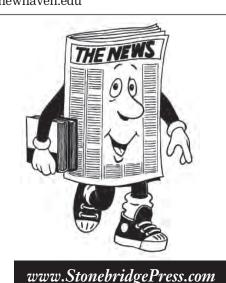
WEST HAVEN, Conn. — Shelby Miller For more information about Project of Leicester, Emily Ducharme of North Brookfield, and Ashley Bauckman of Spencer received degrees from the University of New Haven in May.

> About the University of New Haven The University of New Haven is a private, co-educational university that was founded on the Yale campus in 1920.

Over the past 16 years, under the leadership of President Steven H. Kaplan, the university has experienced significant growth — both in enrollment and in the expansion of the university's West Haven campus. Enrollment has increased by 60 percent to approximately 7,000 undergraduate and graduate stu-

In the last decade, the university, which has been recognized among the nation's top colleges by The Princeton Review and U.S. News & World Report, has completed more than \$300 million in major capital projects while launching more that two dozen new academic programs. The university has also added campuses in Prato, Italy, and Orange,

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# At-risk dogs get a Second Chance

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Second Chance Animal Services was at Worcester Regional Airport this week to greet 21 dogs escaping overcrowded shelters across the country. The dogs, ranging in size from chihuahua mixes to lab mixes were welcomed by Second Chance staff right on the tarmac and traveled to the nonprofit's Almost Home Facility to begin their new lives in the Bay State.

Each dog will complete a 48-hour state mandated quarantine and will be checked out by Second Chance Shelter Veterinarian Dr. Jackie Celmer. Celmer will give them a thorough checkup including bloodwork, update their vaccines and will spay or neuter any dogs that haven't already been fixed. She keeps an eye out for any medical issues the dogs may be suffering from to make sure they are healthy before she clears them for adoption. Pets with more extensive medical issues are often sent to Second Chance. With three nonprofit hospitals, they have the resources to help pets that would face a grim outcome at an overcrowded shelter.

CEO Sheryl Blancato said she was excited to welcome Second Chance's first air transport since the pandemic

We saw so many adoptions happen as the stay-at-home restrictions were put in place and it was amazing to see our pets find loving homes, but we worried about all the at-risk pets who wouldn't be able to get to us with travel restrictions. They truly need us,"



Dogs being unloaded from Wings of Rescue plane; two young dogs arriving at Second Chance's Almost Home facility.

Blancato said.

Blancato said the dogs will be transferred to the adoption center in East Brookfield to wait to meet their new owners over the next week. Interested adopters are advised to watch the Second Chance website for more information on the dogs and resist the urge to call. The phones have been ringing off the hook at the Adoption Center, where staff are unable to answer any

questions on the dogs because they haven't met them yet.

This lifesaving mission was coordinated by Wings of Rescue and the ASPCA for Second Chance's transport program. Those wishing to donate toward the dogs' care can make a donation online at secondchancenanimals. org, on the Second Chance Facebook page or by mail to PO Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

# Madison Streeter named to College of Charleston President's List

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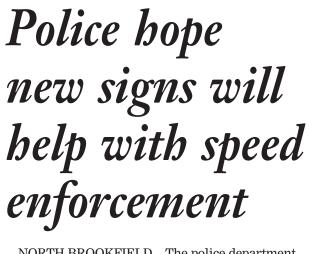
Madison Streeter of Spencer was named to the College of Charleston Spring 2020 President's List. Streeter is majoring in Hospitality/Tourism Management.

To qualify for President's List (Highly Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.800 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

To quality for Dean's List (Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.600 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

Located in the heart of historic Charleston, S.C., the College of Charleston is a nationally recognized public liberal arts and sciences university. Founded in 1770, the College is among the nation's top universities

for quality education, student life and affordability. Its beautiful and historic campus, combined with contemporary facilities, cutting-edge programs and accessible faculty attracts students from across the U.S. and around the



NORTH BROOKFIELD - The police department recently installed new lighted signs on North Main Street to assist with speed enforcement.

The signs remind drivers of the 25 MPH speed limit through the center of town. Selectman John Tripp helped set up the signs just south of Batchellor Drive. They will be used in conjunction with officers running radar assignments, police

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CLUES ACROSS

1. One-time world power

5. Central Florida city

12. Elevate spiritually

16. It cools your home

19. "60 Minutes" network

23. Ethnic group of Cambodians

25. Abba , Israeli politician

28. Thrust horse power (abbr.)

30. One point north of due east

18. Woman (French)

20. Old World lizard

26. Tire measurement

22. Swiss river

27. Affirmative

31. A type of "pet"

35. European nation

37. Fencing swords

CLUES DOWN

2. Actors' organization

approach (abbr.)

4. Ranch (Spanish)

7. Portuguese wine

8. A feudal superior

17. Hosts film festival

23. S. Thai isthmus

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27. Woods

9. Military brach (abbr.)

10. Lithuanian given name

11. A way to become different

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24. The 17th letter of the Greek

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13. Able to be domesticated

21. Arranged alphabetically

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44. Peter's last name

50. A type of syrup

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52. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

41. Cashless payment interface

48. Palestinian territory \_\_ Strip

53. Weather Underground activist

40. Origin

42. Pouch

45. Inclined

ple pleasures. From tossing a few hot dogs on the grill to cooking a full course supper, everyone seems to have their own trademark tricks to great grilling. Before you don your outdoor apron, keep in mind these BBQ tricks of the trade!

Try putting lemon peels in your grill next time you are grilling some chicken. It adds a super smell and a flavor essence to poultry.

When using a dry rub,

always allow the meat to cook for approximately half of the total time before applying any basting sauce.

Marinating to flavor and tenderize before grilling? Tender cuts of beef only need a one or two hours of marinating for optimum flavor. Soak tougher cuts overnight to tenderize completely.

Never marinate in a metal bowl or pan as the acids that work to tenderize a meat can react with metal. Opt instead for glass or plasbowls or zipper bags.

Did you know proper marinating can cut down on grilling time? Overnight marinating can reduce cooking time by up to 35%!

marinating, sure to pat the meat dry with paper towels so the cut cooks evenly on the grill.

As a rule of thumb, when you grill with charcoal, it takes about 30 minutes for coals to reach a medium temperature and become ash covered.

Did you know steaks should be seasoned only after each side has browned to keep the cut tender? And for perfect steaks, turn when juices start bubbling on the uncooked side and grill second side of steak for less time than first.

Fat can be a good thing when it's on a juicy steak. When you trim off fat, leave a little bit of it on while the meat is cooking as it seals in the flavor and juices. Just slash fat on the edge of the meat in intervals to keep the meat from curling up.

Cooking for a crowd? To ensure even grilling, meats should be placed about three quarters of an inch apart on the grill rack.

When cooking steaks on the grill don't season the meat until each side has browned. This helps keep the cut tender.

Try this chef's tip for perfect steaks on the grill: Turn when juices start bubbling on uncooked side and grill second side of steak less time than first.

Did you know seasoning veggies with coarse salt before cooking on the grill will extract extra water from the vegetables, improving their flavors?

Pork often comes out dry when you cook it on the grill. Keep it juicy by rubbing it with a little oil or marinating liquid to keep it moist.

For best results cook pork on direct heat to seal the juices. Then finish it with indirect heat

to ensure the center is completely cooked. Just be sure to preheat the grill so it will seal in the juices quickly.

Grilled fish has fabulous flavor! If you're cooking it in an aluminum packet, first spray the foil with vegetable spray to prevent sticking.

Does your fish dry out and break up when you cook it on the grill? Brush it with lemon juice while cooking to keep it moist.

Is shish kabob on the menu? When cooking, be sure to leave a small space between the food threaded on the skewer to allow the heat to penetrate the food evenly.

Don't forget to soak wooden skewers in water for at least a half hour before placing on the grill. As an extra measure wrap a sheet of tinfoil on the ends to prevent scorching.

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Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful

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# **Vicky Leblanc Of Spencer**

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— Submitted by Donna Flannery

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# Character is revealed in the toughest of times



Positively **SPEAKING** GARY W. MOORE

We are living through unprecedented and uncharted times. A pandemic has seized our world, while social unrest and violence has swept into our major cities. Add to it all that it's an election year and everything that is happening has become politicized. It appears that the nation has never been more divided. It has put us on the edge and I'm witnessing people I know speaking and acting in ways I would have otherwise never imagined. How we respond to what's happening in our world is as important as the events themselves.

Respond to circumstances rather than reacting.

There is a difference. A response is thoughtful while a reaction is often "knee jerk" in nature. A response is measured, while a reaction is often the first thing that comes to mind and is usually emotional. When we calmly respond, it often disarms and relaxes others to do the same. Reactions are what we see playing out on our streets and in social media.

Relax. Take a breath. The world is not coming to an end. The truth is that cable news, and reactions to it, are playing out on social media and encouraging us to believe otherwise. Don't believe it. As bad as you may believe things are today, tomorrow the sun will rise and a new day will begin. Yes, take a breath and relax. A new day is coming.

Like the streets, Facebook can be dangerous territory. You may not get physically hit by a brick, but you can certainly suffer the loss of friendships and incite anger

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#### Pet of the Week Sponsored by Paige's Basic Obedience Training

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# Great fishing a few hours away



THE GREAT **OUTDOORS** RALPH **TRUE** 

Lake Ontario fishing for brown trout and King Salmon is providing some excellent fishing for anglers that do not mind traveling a few miles. A call to Charter boat Capt. Jimmy of "Ace Charters" was excited to share some good news about the fantastic fishing that is available on the lake. This week's picture shows a real impressive brown trout caught aboard his charter boat, along with King Salmon shown in the second picture. If you have never fished Lake Ontario for browns and salmon you need to go! It is as close to Alaska fishing as you can get, and it cost a lot less. It will be a great family trip or with just a few friends. To book a charter call 1-413-346-7675 or go to his Web site at acecharters36@gmail.com for more information.

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of year. Many recent trips have had anglers limiting out on browns, lake trout and Salmon. Late July and all of August provides some great salmon fishing on the lake. Give them a call at 1-413-346-7675 or go to their Web site at Acecharters.com!

Salmon fishing on the Salmon River in Pulaski, N.Y. will start to heat up



in another few weeks when the waters start to cool, and the migration of salmon start their return to spawn. It can be a lot of fun, but the ultimate satisfaction of catching a big King Salmon is on the lake, away from the crowds.

Block Island has been giving up some impressive stripers with numerous fish in the 40-to-50-pound range. Unfortunately, all of them need to be released immediately because of the slot limit size this year. No gaffs are allowed on any striper, and need to be netted before the hook can be removed, which is sometimes hard to do. Keeping hands and fingers away from the gills and gill plate will help to ensure their survival after they are released. Fluke fishing and seabass fishing has been up and down, but for the most part reports have been good again for this time of year. Plenty of bluefish around in both Mass. and Rhode Island. The limit on bluefish was reduced from 10 fish to three fish this year, in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The charter boat C-Devil out of Galilee RI. reported a 450-pound Thresher Shark being caught last week. Some small bluefin have been reported offshore last week also.

My brother Ken and his son Mark had a great day of fishing on Webster Lake catching numerous smallmouth bass, a 19-inch rainbow trout and a 15-inch calico bass. All of the fish were caught on large fly's trolled in deep water using copper line to get the fly's down to the fish. Fishing with copper wire needs a bit of practice before you master the art of catching fish without getting hooked up on the bottom. Using a fish finder, and constantly monitoring the depth of the water is the key. They had to fish for more than two hours before finding the fish in a deep hole.

The 100-degree temperatures this past weekend sure let us know that summer dog days are here. Water temperatures are very warm which has sent most fish into deeper holes especially in fresh water. Jerry Gareri also reported on a great week of bass fishing in Maine, but even there the fish are deep.

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# Tips to help your landscape beat the heat

Summer has arrived and for many so has the heat. High temperatures and dry conditions often lead to watering bans. This is not only hard on gardeners but also our gardens and lawns. Fortunately, there are ways to help plants thrive despite stressful growing conditions.

Adjust landscape care based on the weather conditions, each plant's tolerance level and your gardening goals. Enlist these low maintenance, eco-friendly strategies to help keep your landscape looking its best throughout the summer months.

Water plants thoroughly to promote deep drought- and pest-resistant roots. Wait until the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist or footprints remain in the lawn before watering again.

Avoid light, frequent watering that encourages shallow roots. Shallow roots are less able to tolerate drought and more susceptible to disease and insect problems.

Water early in the day when possible to minimize water lost to evaporation. Avoid late evening watering that leaves foliage wet going into the night. This can increase the risk of disease.

Spread a two- to three-inch layer of shredded leaves, evergreen needles. or shredded bark mulch over the soil in garden beds and around trees and

shrubs. Mulchingwill conserve moisture, keep roots cool and GARDEN moist, and suppress Moments weeds. As the organic mulch decomposes, it adds nutrients and **MELINDA** organic matter to the **MYERS** soil. All these benefits stem from one maintenance task.

Mow lawns high and often, removing no more than one third the total height of the grass. Taller grass produces deeper roots, making the lawn more drought tolerant and more resistant to insects, disease, and other environmental stresses.

Leave the grass clippings on the lawn. They add nitrogen, organic matter, and moisture to the soil. One season of clippings is equal to one fertilizer application. Every time you mow you are improving the soil and fertilizing the

Sharpen your mower blades to save time by boosting efficiency. And speaking of savings, your mower will consume 22 percent less fuel and your lawn will use up to 30% less water when your mower blades are sharp.

Use a low nitrogen, slow release fertilizer if your lawn and garden plants need a nutrient boost. These types of fertilizers release small amounts of nutrients over an extended period of time. The low level of nitrogen reduces the risk of damaging your already heatstressed plants.

Remove weeds from garden beds and borders as soon as they appear. These "plants out of place" steal water and nutrients from your desirable garden plants. Plus, they can harbor insects and diseases that are harmful to your garden plants. Removing them before they flower and set seed means you will have hundreds of less weeds to pull next season.

Provide stressed plants with a bit of shade from the hot afternoon sun. Containers can be moved to a more suitable spot during heat waves. Add a bit of temporary shade to garden plants that are struggling to survive in the blazing hot sun. A strategically placed chair, lattice or umbrella may be all that is needed. As temperatures drop, you can move plants back in place and remove the temporary shade.

Use the shade to your advantage as well. Garden in the shady spots whenever possible or use a pop-up canopy to provide shade when needed. Always drink plenty of water, use sunscreen, and work during the cooler morning and evening hours.

handiwork. Look at the progress that shrubs conserves moisture, keeps roots cool has been made as you sit back, relax, and moist, and suppresses weeds. and enjoy your favorite beverage.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD seriesand the nation-

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Then take some time to enjoy your Mulching garden beds and around trees and

ally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

# MOORE

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that dominates your life.

I rarely post anything on social media that is controversial. I use Facebook and other apps to keep up with friends and family, post my columns and news about my books. I'm a very casual social media user.

I've been following the Covid-19 issues with intense interest. The great mask debate rages on. For every medical professional that says masks are not helpful, there seems to be twenty-five that say they work. I ran across a picture that showed how the virus is spread and how masks can help. The best data I can find say that masks can reduce the spread of the virus by up to 65%. Nothings perfect. Certainly not a mask, but a 65 percent reduction is significant. We teach our kids to cough and sneeze into their arms. It's also not perfect but better than coughing into the open. If true, isn't a mask better than nothing?

So, I posted the graphic and commented, "I think this makes sense." I didn't expect the firestorm that quickly followed. The first comment from a friend began, "You of all people should know better ..." (an example of a reaction rather than a response). Then came the numerous comments about "constitutional rights" and the idea that the pandemic is actually a "plan-demic" and a government conspiracy.

A friend of mine who is a Doctor of 35 years posted a comment about the effectiveness of masks and a young nurse offensively offered him her nursing books, as if he was totally uninformed and she had all the answers. It devolved quickly into a raging mess.

I chose to respond rather than react.

Trust me, I could have easily let my emotions rage but instead, I just deleted the post and went on with my day.

Yes, I was bothered and hurt by a few of the comments. But more than anything I watched in wonderment as rational and smart people so openly and purposefully began attacking others who disagreed. My response was to delete the posting and stop giving space for others to react in anger and immaturity. Once the post was gone, everything on my page normalized and I assume everyone else went on with their day.

I'm not smarter or better than anyone else, I just choose to respond rather than react. I choose to be positive and not add fuel to the fire of negativity. Some do the same thing, while the majority do not. To react or respond is a choice we make, just as being positive or negative, or pessimistic or optimistic. These choices determine our success and quality of our lives. And yes, these choices determine our happiness.

Last week, I said I'd never met a successful pessimist. I'll add to it this week by saying I've also never met a happy pessimist.

Want to avoid losing friends? Choose to respond rather than react. Want to be happy? Choose to become an optimist.

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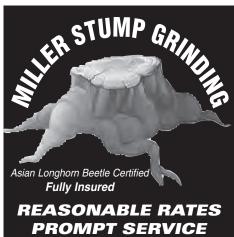
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Sheriff Evangelidis as chairman of our board," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "His leadership has guided Massport through periods of rapid growth and unprecedented crises, and he will

age the new normal." Evangelidis received Bachelor's degree economics from University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1983, then earned his

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Juris Doctorate from the Temple University School of Law in 1987. Prior to his elected service in Massachusetts, Evangelidis served as an assistant state prosecutor in Miami-Dade County, Fla. He was also an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County and worked at the law firm of Pellegrini and Seeley from 2000-2010.

Evangelidis was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 2002 and served the 1st District of Worcester for eight years. He was elected Sheriff of Worcester

County and has served since January of 2011.

Massport is a financially independent authority that owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, the public container and cruise terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field, Worcester Regional Airport, and several real estate holdings and public parks in Boston.

Massport is governed by a seven-member board. All members serve without compensation.

#### SIREN

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people hearing it as far away as Warren and North Brookfield," Chief Edwards said. "It's big for nostalgia, but it can also be used to warn people of tornadoes and other emergencies.

Officials have been excited by the level of community engagement generated by the return of the siren.

"The calls and emails we received are oneswherepeoplearerememberingtheir childhoods when it went off, knowing exactly the time of day it went off,"

Selectman Bigda added.

The 6:15 p.m. tone test coincides with the test for the emergency dispatch radios out of New Braintree. West Brookfield officials are also planning to eventually repair another siren located at the Water Department building by Lake Wickaboag. This siren will provide additional warning to boaters in the event of inclement weather.

"This will help if people are on the lake, or are not paying attention to the weather. They will hear the siren to let them know bad weather is to be expected soon," Bigda said.



Worcester County Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis, right, is re-appointed to the Massport Board of Directors by Gov. Charlie Baker.

#### BELL

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event will take place on July 26. Each bell tolling program has been organized by Menzigian in coordination with the Rochdale Fire Department and the Town of Leicester. Menzigian was part of the original committee that organized the acquisition and placement of the Rochdale Village Bell.

The bell was cast in 1851. It weighs about 700 pounds, and it was previously used in a mill as a fire alarm. After being stored in a barn for several years and then owned by a private citizen, the bell was eventually mounted outside the fire station in 1978.

Officials thank event organizers and all guests who took time to attend the programs.







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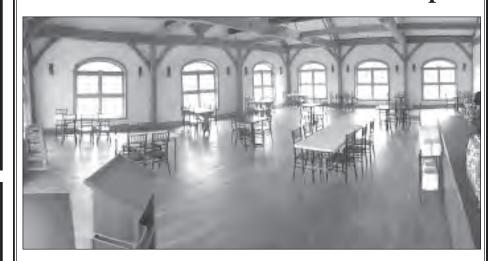
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**EDITORIAL** 

# Music appreciation

Sometimes, we just need to take a break from the status quo, and talk about those little things in life that bring us joy — in this case, music. With the news ever changing, and so much uncertainty surrounding us, we can always rely on our stereo's volume buttons to lift us up. Research has proven that music is a mood booster and can shift our thoughts. We thought it would be fun to take a staff poll: What are your

three favorite bands, and why?

Our Editor pulled all three of his right out of the 1960's. "The Rolling Stones, because their reputation isn't just hype, they really are the greatest rock and roll band in the world and have been for decades; Creedence Clearwater Revival, or CCR to those in the know because "I think they're the best band America ever produced and John Fogerty is criminally underrated as a musician"; and The Band. "All five of them were such ridiculously talented musicians and their first two albums changed the direction of popular music in America away from psychedelia and toward a more homegrown hybrid sound between rock and country. Not many bands can claim to have been that

Another staff member realized being able to choose just three would make for a tough task. First and foremost, though, is The Doors. Lead singer Jim Morrison and his bandmates pushed the envelope — sometimes to a jaw dropping degree — during a time when pushing envelopes was extremely frowned upon. Morrison's dark poetry and lyrics mixed in with a pop sound for the time, has always been an intriguing hybrid to listen to. Ray Manzarek's keyboard sweetens the deal. When listening to old interviews, Giles said it is clear that Morrison was, in her father's 'extremely intelligent, but not

Next on the list is Janet Jackson. While this genre is far from that of The Doors, Janet is a triple threat. She can sing, dance and act. Her music offers something for every mood. You need to cheer up? There's a song for you. You feel down in the dumps? There's a song. Social injustice? There's a song. Jackson's dancing ability however may be her best talent. Her sharp moves and intricate style along with her enormous productions at her shows give her a top spot on this list.

Lastly, we have Led Zeppelin. The English rock band was formed in 1968 out of London. There's something about Robert Plant's voice that pulls us in and makes us want to pay attention. He goes from story teller to rock God in a flash. The lyrics of their discography pretty much cover any advice you need in life. There isn't one Led Zeppelin song you can listen to, where you won't find your foot tapping the floor, or your hand hitting your steering wheel in rhythm.

One of our reporters came back with Tom Waits as her first pick. "He's a wordsmith and broke musical ground.' Waits has been described as focusing on the underbelly of society, using his gravelly voice, inspired by Bob Dylan and the folk music scene.

Next on Larcom's list was Australia's Nick Cave. "He's a story teller and has

evolved his sound with time." Last on her list was PJ Harvey.

"She is unapologetic with her lyrics,"

Harvey, hailing from England, began her musical career in 1988. Harvey is considered punk blues, indie rock and alternative rock.

Sports Editor Josh Spaulding had Garth Brooks at the top of his list.

"Name one song of his that is bad," he joked.

Next was The Beatles, who "changed the world of music," said Spaulding.

Last on his list was Taylor Swift. "I

know of nobody who has adjusted her career so successfully and continued to be loved by her fans.



Opinion and commentary from Spencer, Leicester and the Brookfields

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Mother Nature vs. God, part 2

To the Editor:

A good example of God, Jesus being the creator and father of this world is when Jesus [not mother nature] "God the Father," through Jesus rebuked the wind and waves. [Matthew 8: 26] And surely "I Am." How is God, Jesus always with us? Through God's Holy Spirit the third person of the

Triune God who teaches those who profess and submits to Jesus how to live and obey. Apart from Jesus we cannot expect to receive God's blessings or counseling of the Holy Spirit [Matthew 28: 20]

Jesus made a powerful statement "I Am" Jesus undeniably proclaimed His divinity that He is God in the flesh. [John 8: 58]

Another confirmation of God [not mother nature] being the creator of all is the prophet, disciple of God, Paul telling the people of yesteryear and us today that God "the creator of heaven and earth" is the provider of everything that exist. [Acts 14: 17]

Again, Paul, a prophet of God, is revealing to the people yesteryear and us today that the sin of disobedience of Adam and Eve caused all creation to fall [loose] from the perfect state, life that God [not mother nature] had originally provided for us. Let this be a lesson to us, our sin can cause someone else much grief, hardship.

[Romans 8: 19-22]

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This book of Colossians is the strongest statement that was made about the divine nature, existence of the Triune God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit and that is why I continue to encourage you to believe and accept Jesus the Son of the Holy God who came to earth to teach us about the Father, God. Who better than Jesus would know what we need than Jesus who was and is the living incarnate God Himself on this earth in Jesus the second person of the Triune God who was conceived by this young virgin woman [Mary] so that we the people would be able to see God [who is a pure spirit] with human eyes.

God is not only the creator of this world God is also the sustainer of everything that He crested

Unfortunately, many of you try to be independent of God, Jesus and are only making things more difficult for yourself if you have any desire to get to heaven, Jesus is the way, not Mother Nature. [Colossians 1: 16-17]

Whether or not you believe, it is a fact God, Jesus is alive today and

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# **Prognostication**

To the Editor:

It seems that Mr. Robillard supports the "law of the jungle." Native Americans lost their land because they hadn't invented guns so therefore it rightfully belonged to the Europeans who beached a sailboat here. In a certain sense he has a point, when there is no functional government resources get allocated to whoever has the ability to kill competitors and those left standing will create a government eventually. He then says that slave owners were humanitarians trying to build a just world based on freedom, liberty, and the concept that all men are created equal because if they "went too far" (prohibiting slavery) they'd achieve nothing. He then says that the constitution gives rights to people of every race and his solution to Confederate monuments is to build a bigger one of something worth memorializing next to it.

The United States broke off from England because of a rift over taxes, not freedom. King George III tried taxing us at rates far lower than what we or any other country currently pays and the colonists got angry. The constitution allowed and referenced slavery and racism. It had to be amended to prohibit slavery. The Civil Rights Act,

Voting Rights Act, Equal Housing, Equal Employment Opportunity, etc. are not constitutional but were passed by — aghast — liberals and could be repealed at any time.

Concerning law of the jungle vs. governments... From 1778 to 1871 the modern United States government entered into more than 500 treaties (ratified by the Senate) with Native American tribes and all have since been violated in some way or outright broken by the U.S. government. None of these treaties have been nullified. All are still in legal effect.

Is it right and just that the Native American tribes had treaties broken and unenforced because they didn't have any tanks to roll into Washington? Shame on them for not waging war on the United States!

To respond briefly to Ms. Hart: We are a country with many Christians but it is not a Christian country. This country and its public institutions belong to all of us. If you want prayer in your private institutions that's fine, however it has no place in our public institutions. We memorialize what makes us proud as a nation and subjugating part of our population

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# **Out Standing!**

To the Editor:

According to one fifth of the Faux Five, a gathering of conservatives is a clear sign that the Klan shall rise again, this time under the iron fist of East Brookfield's own, John McRae... Yes, a near 80-year-old retired history teacher who spends his days tending to his garden, mowing his lawn, or driving his Ranger. Before I progress further, allow me to dispel any anxiety some may possess of being dragged behind his truck, should you happen to run into him. While you may find the occasional Pro-Trump sign in the truck bed. most of the time it is home to a few pine needles and their woodland pals, the oak and maple leaf. Sorry, no ropes or chains.

Anyways, before I travel too far

off of the beaten path... retract and rephrase... Before I get too far into the weeds (better? I would understand that using words like 'beaten', especially at a time like this, may be taken as insensitive) I need to get back to my main

reason why I am writing to Ed. Last Thursday, I caught wind that there was a planned "Stand out" for Trump, to be held on Friday, July 10 at the intersection of South Spencer Road and Route 9. Curiosity got the best of me, and I wanted to see the magnitude of mayhem a mob of uncivilized, uneducated, high-school dropouts could unleash on the peaceful town of Spencer (this is the stereotype we are subjected to when we have the

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# A vote for Trump is a vote for oil...and freedom

To the Editor: Gasoline is truly an amazing thing.

Its plentiful, easy to process, and relatively cheap. It can be stored and moved easily. You can have a five-gallon jug in your shed which can be used in your car, motorcycle, or lawn mower. It is a miracle fuel. No other energy source is so transportable and easy to use. It allows the average person of this country for a mere \$20 to take a trip to the beach or mountains, it powers your Harley down those country roads so you can smell the fresh cut grass and pine trees. It allows you to cut your grass in an hour instead of days. It is quintessential the blood of our freedom.

There are two other byproducts of oil processing equally important, diesel fuel and home heating oil. With home heating oil now at \$2 a gallon, you can heat your home safely and cleanly. You don't have to worry about explosions as its safe. Diesel fuel runs our tractors that till our fields to bring us cheap food. It fuels the tractor trailer trucks that bring it to the stores. All at a price

that the average American can afford. These fuels are the life blood of America; there are no other fuels available that can replace them. Joe Biden and his fellow Democrats (AOC) are railing against them. They want to institute the New Green Deal. They want to replace these with electricity from water and solar. Yea, how's that going to work. Are you going to put a sail on your car or motorcycle? Everyone is going to need to buy an electric car that even with their huge batteries are only going to get 300-mile trips. That's going to be fun when you run out. What

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# Create strategies to help achieve your financial goals

Like most people, you probably have many financial goals: a comfortable retirement, long vacations, college for your children or grandchildren, the ability to leave something behind for the next generation, and so on. To achieve these various goals, you may have to follow different investment strategies - and you might have to make some tradeoffs along the way. To pursue this multi-



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Define your goals and invest appropriately. You will need to identify each goal and ask some questions: How much time will you have to achieve this

goal/multi-strategy

approach, try to follow

a clear course of action,

including these steps:

goal? How much return will you need from your investments and how much risk are you willing to take? With a longer-term goal,

such as retirement, you may be able to invest more heavily in growth-oriented vehicles with higher expected returns. Keep in mind, though, that the value of these investments will fluctuate, and they carry more risk than more conservative investments. However. your long-term horizon allows time to recover from short-term dips. But for a shorter-term goal, such as an upcoming vacation, your investments don't have the same time to bounce back from large drops in value, so you might follow a more conservative strategy by investing in instruments that preserve principal, even though growth may be minimal.

Know what you've invested for each goal. Once you know what type of strategy you should follow to achieve each of your goals, you'll need to enact that strategy. How? By matching specific investment accounts with the appropriate goals. You should know why you own all your investments. Ask yourself these questions: What goal will this investment help me achieve? How much do I have allocated toward a specific goal? If I have an IRA, a 401(k) and another account devoted the same goal, are they all working together effectively? The connections between your different investment accounts and your goals should be consistently clear to you.

Understand trade-offs. Your various investment goals may be distinct, but they don't exist in isolation. In fact, your strategy for achieving one goal may affect your ability to work toward another. For example, would significant investments in your child's education change your funding for retirement? If you decide to buy a vacation home when you retire, will that alter the legacy you'll be able to leave to your family? Given limited financial resources, you may have to prioritize some goals and make some trade-offs in your investment moves.

Track your progress. Each of your strategies is designed to achieve a particular goal, so you need to monitor the performance of the investments within that strategy to help ensure you're making progress. If it seems that you're lagging, you may need to explore ways to get back on track.

To manage these tasks successfully, you may want to work with a financial professional - someone who can look at your situation objectively, help you identify and quantify your goals, and suggest strategies designed to help you achieve them.

Trying to achieve multiple financial goals can seem like a daunting task, but by saving and investing consistently through your working years, following a clear strategy, being willing to prioritize and accept trade-offs and getting the help you need, you can help yourself move forward.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# An evasion of responsibility

This editorial is to address the teachers and staff of the Leicester school system, along with town residents.

I have asked the Superintendent Mariyln Tenscza to address a recent public records request in which sensitive and personal financial information was inadvertently released on the Facebook site, Truth about Leicester. Superintendent Tenscza has refused to respond to my request to issue a public statement to the community, in which I simply asked her to rectify and clarify that the information I shared was issued by her alone in email format to my public records request. A short statement to exonerate myself, and for the administration to take responsibility, would've cleared this up within minutes, but the arrogance of the school administration far outweighs letting the public know the truth.

Let's make this very clear to the residents of Leicester. My intentions on the public records request were to elicit information from the school administration on their recent approval to take a pay raise during this current pandemic while stating the severity of school budget costs and layoffs they will be facing with statewide budget downfalls. The subject came to light, after the fact, that the local town government officials chose not to take any raises across the board voluntarily. Upon hearing that, the School Administration took pay raises despite the challenges the school faces budgetarily. I personally reached out to several parties to see if this information was accurate. When stonewalled, and denied the infor-

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# **COVID** leadership

To the Editor:

The Trump transition committee was led through a pandemic response process by the outgoing Obama administration. They were given a manual. They discarded the manual. They forgot the process. Trump was given a stock of 10,000 ventilators, but terminated the maintenance contract on them, so they were not available. To this day he says he was given "none." There was a pandemic response team on the National Security Council and Trump put an end to that.

In December, intelligence reported a virus emerging in China. Trump was approached by a US company which had a factory that could spin up to make millions of masks, but needed seed money. They were sent away. There are still shortages of PPE here and there around the nation. Trump lauded

the Chinese response to the virus and Xi personally, and he did nothing.

When he finally closed travel from China, 400,000 travelers had arrived since the outbreak started. After the "close," 40,000 more came in. None of them were tested. Travel from Europe was not blocked, even though outbreaks were reported. Trump was advised that it would impact the stock market, so he held off. Eventually, he announced that citizens needed to be back from Europe in a few days, resulting in festering crowds in our eastern airports. No masks; no tests. The airport backlog was due to agents asking if travelers felt well and taking their temperature. Useless.

When it first started hitting the news, he called it a democrat hoax at a rally. Then he said it was five cases, and

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# Apologies warranted, but not expected

It's still a problem I can't shake: trying to put behind me the recent march and demonstration for Black Lives Matter in North Brookfield (and other small towns in the area) staged by residents fully convinced of their own intellectual and moral superiority, and perfectly willing to be exploited and used like putty in the hands of more sinister, behind-the-scenes organizers from out of town-somewhere-seeking to advance an agenda which is, at the same time, mendacious, poisonous, hateful, and destructive.

To express my disdain and contempt not only for the deceitful movement itself, but also for the stupidity and child-like naivete of those who showed up-like trained bears in a circus-to dance to the tune of their new masters, I submitted a--admittedly not well-constructed--letter in which I took to task the virtue-signalling, well-meaning burghers of the town who, dutifully, marched and chanted their way to the N.B."Common" (the lawn of the old white church in the center of town) where they were basted in a marinade Turn To MCRAE page A12

# John Lewis Memorial Bridge

To the Editor:

This week, we lost an American hero, John Lewis. John Lewis was one of the original Freedom Riders, chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and the youngest speaker at the March on Washington in 1963. Most notably, John Lewis was the leader of the march from Selma, AL to Montgomery. John Lewis gave all he had to redeem America's unmet promise of equality and justice for all. John Lewis later served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 33 years and made it his life's work to fight for liberty and justice for all. We have lost a civil rights icon. We have lost a giant.

In 1965, voting rolls in Selma, Ala. were 99 percent white despite 30 percent of the population being black through various (then legal) means of disqualifying black people. Nonviolent black activists made 3 attempts at marching to the state capital in Montgomery to demonstrate their

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# Return to the Twilight Zone

There really are no superlatives to adequately address what we are seeing happen in this country right now. I am both shocked and appalled as I watch this country being summarily turned into a dictatorship.

Congress has requested that the CDC come before them to testify regarding the safety and requirements of sending children back to school. The Whitehouse, as it did with people with relevant first hand knowledge in the impeachment inquiry, has now ordered the CDC not to appear.. The only analogy that comes to mind, is requesting a map of a mine field and being offered earmuffs as the alternative.

Gov. Kemp of Georgia has taken a page from this playbook, and has not only tried to overrule Mayor Bottoms mask order for Atlanta, but also is requesting a gag order that would silence her.

It brings to mind, that parents used to send their kids to contract Measles or Chicken Pox, thinking them better off putting these diseases behind them in youth, and becoming immune like their parents and grandparents. There is a major difference with Covid-19. It has yet to be determined whether there is a long term or short term impact on lungs. Spending several hours breathing the shared air space of a classroom, is not like a quick trip to Walmart or sitting on an outdoor beach. When introduced and transmitted, as it assuredly will be, who are you bringing it home to?

The White House has yet to find a medical expert to dispute or discount mask wearing or social distancing. POTUS has just requested that congress stop funding testing.

While Trump cannot control the press, about whom he is in perpetual rant, the sheer lunacy of his statements should speak for themselves. One of today's contentions is that a Democratic victory in November, will end religion. He is gaining traction in getting seemingly normal people to think mail in ballots are a plot. This while being an abject failure addressing the pandemic and historically, shutting down polling places, making voting as difficult and time consuming as possible. His newest statement is that he may not accept election result.

There is a house around the corner, flying a Trump flag, with a hand lettered sign saying "White Lives Matter.' When Lincoln freed the slaves, they did not own the clothes on their backs, and have never fully realized equality.

We should all be very afraid.

KEN KIMBALL BROOKFIELD

# Freedom overspill

To the Editor:

"they had come to a time where no one dared speak his mind"

George Orwell, "Animal Farm" As the 2020 Presidential election draws near, it seems to me useful to delineate exactly what is at stake here. I do not speak now of specific policy platforms, but rather an overall outlook on the political process. As an American, I cherish the free exchange of ideas and the mingling of different points of view. This is how we determine how to move forward in a representative government. Differences are valuable because they help us see past our own biases and point of view. I am not threatened by the opposing view, but rather will happily discuss any differences that I have with anyone and hopefully emerge with a better understanding of someone else and their ideas. If dealt with fairly, I can admit defeat and continue to work for what I have determined before God and my conscience is the correct stance

Unfortunately, this view is not shared by the leadership of the Democratic party in this country. Like the pigs in 'Animal Farm" by George Orwell, they will brook no dissent. If you disagree, you will be shamed, attacked verbally and physically, you will be kicked out of restaurants and endure threats to your family, your livelihood and your honor. If you doubt this statement, simply look at their allies. The Lord Jesus said in the Holy Scriptures in Matthew 7:16, "By their fruits you will know them." Let us look at those Black shirted, masked, thug allies of the Democrats known as Antifa (which means Anti-fascist). Like the leaders in Orwell's books (also see 1984), the

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# Trump vs. everyone

To the Editor:

This week, we saw President Trump doing his very best to make Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, into a political foe while Dr. Fauci desperately tries to paint himself as an ally of the president. The criticisms being lobbed at Dr. Fauci from White House officials have been simply incredible and for Dr. Fauci to brush them off and say (erroneously) "we're on the same side, here" highlights what a public treasure he is. Dr. Fauci doesn't personalize criticism and sniping from the White House that obviously is upset at his candid assessment and jealous of his high approval ratings.

The President's and other White house officials criticism of Dr. Fauci has led to criticism of the president himself from his own party. The Republicans are starting to break ranks. Mitt Romney and Liz Cheney have criticized the president and Maryland's Republican Governor Larry Hogan published a scathing op-ed. There are several things going on to explain the open critique. The daily infection rate has been zooming upwards, Trump's approval has been zooming downwards, and party identification polls have changed drastically in the Democrats' favor in the past few months. Since the COVID crisis began, voters that identify with the GOP have dropped by 10 points and those that identify with the Democrats has risen 3 points (with the balance leaning neither way). Senior Republican officials are starting to see

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would go away. Then 15, and it would go away. Then he said it was just the flu. Then he said he knew all along that it was pandemic. He said he knew it before anyone else. He said anybody could get a test who wanted one. He said he was at war with it. It's an odd kind of war, since the states had to do it on their own. He suggested you could inject bleach to cure it. The CDC fell on its face trying to make a test. Trump said he had All The Best People, but we can see the dysfunction. When the administration did confess to having some ventilators, Kushner said that they were "for us," not the states. Maybe just for the family? What did that mean?

Then Trump goaded states to reopen right away. The war was over, I guess. Trump is saying again that it will just magically go away. Nobody gave the virus the message. New York had gotten things under control. A few Republican governors did sensible things and ignored him, such as Baker, Dewine, and Hogan. The Trumpist governors, though, jumped when he said jump, even though the virus was not in control in their states. Some governors even ruled that cities in their states could not make public safety moves such as masks or closings on their own. Any safety moves would displease Trump.

We have seen videos of

Florida's DeSantis bragging that "the lyin' liberal media' said his state would spike, but it didn't spike after several weeks, so he said the media was dead wrong. Now the virus is out of control among those states and at least one of the governors has actually recommended masks. Not DeSantis or Kemp, though. They are too Trumpy.

Oh, and the President takes the USA out of the WHO, claiming they listened to China, like Trump did. There are lines of cars around the block for tests in these states, with the capacity of testing running out before the end of the line. Also, the answers come back in over a week, so the tests are pretty much useless. Still, Trump crows that everybody can get the test and we have the best tests in the world. Now he has moved the reporting of infections and deaths from the doctors in the CDC to the politicians in the White House. Oh, and now the USA is blocked from travel to Europe. We are a dirty country now.

So, we have a president disinterested in protecting the nation and a group of "his" governors who will not protect the people in their

Republicans have fallen on their faces. People are dying. Does anyone see this? I have no idea why anyone would vote for any of them.

> ALLAN JOHANNESEN LEICESTER

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forever and it is our responsibility to keep our eyes, our focus on Jesus who is our ultimate leader. God, Jesus never changes and God tells, teaches us in Malachi 3: 6] [Numbers 23: 19] [James 1: 17] [Hebrew 13: 8]

Revelation the last book in the Bible is very explicit! "I Am" the root, the bright morning star. I

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'pleasure' of reading another fine Har-YaRant). So, a little past 4 p.m., I hopped on my Harley and (unlike that other guy who was too frightened to peddle his way to witness the festivities in North Brookfield) made my way to the designated location, which I was certain would be Ground Zero for the latest cross burning. To my abject horror, people were holding (gasp) Pro-Liberty, Pro-Trump signs and flags! Worst of all, they had American Flags! How, in this day and age, can people be so blatantly cruel? Don't they take into consideration that they are causing snowflakes of all ages, genders (social construct), shapes, sizes (there's no such thing as fat people), sexual (or non-sexual) orientations, and races to be stricken with PTSD (it's actually TDS, but don't tell them that)? Don't forget, if these people are too frightened to make their way out of mothers' basement, they'll never be able to save America from the evils of capitalism and fascism by destroying capitalism with fascism (useful idiots making Lenin proud). I saw no ropes, no burning crosses, and nobody dressed in white bed sheets with hooded dunce caps. What I did see were many smiling faces,

Jesus have sent my angel to give you this testimony. "I Am" the root, the offspring, the bright morning star.

Jesus is undeniably proclaiming to be the second person of the Holy Triune God, the creator of all. Jesus existed long before the world and Jesus came into this world as a child [man] so that we could witness God in the flesh and become the Messiah [Savior] for all mankind, the bright morning star, the light

talking and laughing. The only vitriol I witnessed were from the drive-by assailants either yelling obscenities, using only one out of their five fingers, or a combination of the two. I am happy to report that, out of every scornful word or single finger, there were at least 10 thumbs up and/ or exuberant honks of the horn. I like them odds for this coming November. Biden leads in the polls you say? Just remember, almost all the polls had Hillary the lock for the presidency... Not so much (thak God!). I went to sleep election night, 2016, with a huge knot in my stomach. I was woken up by my lovely wife with the second best sentence I could think of being woken up with, "Trump is our President!

Side bar - Time and time again, I have heard that voting for the Democrat is a vote in 'my-best-interest.' However, the last time I performed a personal assessment of my moral values. extreme limits to or repealing the Second Amendment, killing unborn babies on demand, wealth redistribution, total government overreach on healthcare, higher taxes, open borders, amnesty for crimin-aliens, sanctuary cities, defunding the police, reparations for slavery, and giving up fossil fuels for the sake of climate change (glo-Bull Warming), were pretty far outside of what I know to be my best

of salvation [Savior] to all who receive Him in their hearts so that we could be with God, Jesus the Lamb of God who suffered and died that we could eternally live. There is no mother nature. only Father nature who is God. [Exodus 3: 14 & 6: 2] [Rev. 22: 16] Amen! Do you want to be blessed of God, live by God's moral and dietary law!

ROLAND BLAIS Brookfield

Next time you read an opinion that depicts Trump supporters as a rowdy bunch of toothless, jacked-up truck driving, cutoff jeans and a white tank top wearing rednecks ready to 'call-theboys' for a lynchin', question the source. Just like with the Tea Party, I have yet to hear that the attendees of a Trump Rally have torn down the stadium it was held in and then proceeded to take it to the streets to vandalize statues, loot local businesses, and target people to beat by the color of their skin. Like others, I have yet to meet anyone from the Faux Five, or as I like to call them, the Imaginary Intellectuals. The lot of 'them' seem to have a collective hatred for Trump and a pooled distain for his supporters. Voice any sort of opposing opinion and you can immediately deduct enough IQ points to render your cognitive abilities on the level of trying to fit the square peg in a round hole.

Personally, I am looking forward to attending future "Stand Outs." If you would like to see what a peaceful assembly looks like with responsible, level headed adults, come on down. The next one is supposed to be in July 17 at the East Brookfield Fire Station, from 4-6 p.m.

> MATHEW HERHOLZ SPENCER

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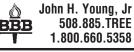
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desire to exercise their constitutional right to vote. This culminated on "Bloody Sunday" when then 25-year old John Lewis was at the front of the pack daring the white thugs to beat him first.

Six hundred civil rights marchers began marching from Selma to Montgomery on Sunday, March 7, 1965. The protests went as planned until they tried to cross Edmund Pettus Bridge. The crest in the bridge made it impossible to see to the other side until they were halfway across. The County Sheriff had issued an order for all white men to report to the courthouse that morning to be deputized and the white mob was waiting at the other side of the bridge. The cops told the demonstrators to disband and go home. Within seconds the cops/white mob started shoving demonstrators and beating them with nightsticks. Another detachment fired tear gas. Mounted police charged the crowd on horseback.

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American Left names things the opposite of what they really are. In "1984," the Ministry of Love is where they tortured vou into submission, and the Ministry of Peace was involved in perpetuating endless war. Antifa are fascists themselves. Fascism is a political philosophy created by Mussolini in Italy before World War II. It was a political group that used violence and intimidation to force its totalitarian vision on society. The fascists in Italy were called "Blackshirts" (sound familiar?) and they wanted government control of everything, censorship of opposing opinions and the use of violence to get their aims. It is this group the Democrats never condemn, but rath-

er find useful to terrorize their enemies. Antifa is just one example of groups associated with the Democrats that betray that political party's true intent. They are the blossoming fruit of the poisonous tree that Democrats want to feed us this November. Regardless of policy differences, no one who loves freedom can vote for the Democrats any more. They say they are tolerant, loving, and compassionate. Is that the fruit of their actions as seen by their four years of

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mation, a public records request was made to receive this information, along with the School Committee warrant for verification.

public records request was issued to myself on July 7 by Superintendent Tenscza and shared on social media, Facebook's Truth about Leicester. Unbeknownst to me, the warrant and payroll sheet that was shared on social media contained personal financial numbers that could've affected certain staff members. Within 24 hours, Town Administrator David Genereaux sent an email to contact the local Police Chief, Kenneth Antannvica, in which a request was made to voluntarily remove the post. Out of respect, the posting was immediately deleted.

Let it be perfectly clear to all the residents and school department staff, there was no intention to release people's partial Social Security information on my behalf. The staff ID's included 2,4,6 digits. It is impossible to think I could've attributed any of those numbers to persons' Social Security information. It was marked ID numbers! This document was solely released to me by Superintendent Tenscza, and is a public record on file with the Town

# ROSENBERG

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Trump and Trumpism as a dead end street at best or a cliff at worst and are nanicking.

The President has not just lost the swing voters, his deep unpopularity is starting to cut into his core voters white evangelicals and white men without college degrees have seen a 15 point drop in approval ratings since before the COVID crisis began. The reality is that Donald Trump has had a rather remarkable loyal and consistent cadre of support and it is cracking. Voters are just exhausted, tired of the chaos, and tired of the melodrama. America is ready for a change and they are looking for calm and mature. Joe Biden is not perfect by any means but he fits the bill a lot better than Donald Trump does.

Joe Biden's campaign is remarkably good given his history of gaffes. His campaign is keeping him mostly under wraps but he is making enough statements to be in the news. By staying quiet and avoiding rallies he looks responsible in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic while at the same time letting Donald Trump and his peculiar brand of crazy define the campaign. For better or for worse this is not an election about Joe Biden. The 2020 election is about re-electing Trump or returning to some semblance of normalcy. Since it is a referendum on Trump Biden doesn't have to say much of anything.

Trump has pointed out that Biden doesn't have the enthusiasm he has and he is correct – Donald Trump supporters are far more enthusiastic compared to Biden supporters. What he's missing is that the anti-Trump opposition and

How dare 600 pedestrians demand the right to vote! Journalists were there and the world saw televised images of the brutality across the world. Pictures of a 14-year old activist beaten, bloodied, and unconscious were on front pages of newspapers across the world. It seems it took those images for President Johnson to introduce the Voting Rights Act.

The bridge known as Edmund Pettus Bridge will forever be known as the place where John Lewis said, "beat me first." There is now a growing movement since both George Floyd's brutal death and John Lewis's passing to rename the bridge after him.

Whenever we try to rename something, it makes me wonder who we are de-memorializing. Who was Edmund Pettus? Why was he originally memorialized? John Lewis certainly deserves a memorial but should we slap Edmund Pettus in the face? As it turns out, Edmund Pettus was a deplorable excuse for a human.

During the Mexican-American War Edmund Pettus served in the

slander and demonstrably false accusations against the President? Is that seen in the fruit of their allies like Antifa who physically attack people? I urge everyone to get out and support the Trump rallies and vote for him in November. You could even vote for another party such as the Greens if you cannot get behind a conservative. (I never agree with the Greens, but they are at least honest about their agenda.) This election is not a vote for policy preferences, it is a vote for or against freedom. What I want to see on election day is a freedom overspill. A circumstance in which all of us can freely express our deeply held views, so much so that regardless of who wins we can say that freedom has really won the day. We can say that, win or lose, we have honestly participated in the process without being intimidated into silence. I hope that we can all say with the French philosopher Voltaire: "I wholly disapprove of what you say and will defend to the death your right to say it." This is not the view of the current Democrat party. They wish to crush dissent and even if you agree with their policies, surely you cannot agree with their true aim to eliminate dissent forever.

> JAMES C. LINDSAY EAST BROOKFIELD

of Leicester. These records are readily available to all those who request this information.

The backlash included people requesting an FBI investigation and credit bureau investigations into my posting and myself. Again, this was Superintendent Tenscza's release of persons' financial information. She is the sole person responsible, and it needs to be made perfectly clear! This is a series of missteps by the Superintendent, from poor contract signings to not reading contracts fully and a host of other miscues. While I am a loud voice in town to vote no on the projected new school project, and often not the most liked person for speaking the truth on the school project, this backlash is not warranted.

Again, this error in releasing people's personal financial information is the sole responsibility of Superintendent Marilyn Tenscza. To hold her not accountable would be an injustice. A movement to ask for her resignation has been made by many. For her to let the public continue to think that this release of information was my doing is sheer arrogance!

> JOEL HART Leicester

enthusiasm is larger than anything I've ever seen. Trump's approval ratings have been hovering around 40 percent for months. The voters are pretty sure they don't want Trump and all Biden has to do is cruise to the election as "not

Donald Trump." This week, the Supreme Court delivered a predicted but still devastating decision to allow Florida to bar felons that still owe fines, fees, and restitution from voting. Florida is a swing state but it shouldn't be. In prior elections any convicted of a felony was barred from voting for life even after their sentence was complete, disqualifying three million Floridians which were of course mostly minorities and very Democratic leaning. After the voters of Florida passed a ballot initiative allowing felons to vote after their sentence is complete the Republicans weren't going to step aside and let everybody vote that wouldn't be the Republican way. They then said that the sentence isn't complete until all fines, fees, and restitution is paid amounting to a poll tax since they desperately wanted to keep majority blue voters from the polls. The Supreme Court allowed FL to define the end of a sentence in this way. It is now a felony to vote in FL if you owe a court money. It is estimated that this will bar 1 million U.S. Citizens from voting in 2020. Presidential elections in Florida have had smaller margins of victory than this block of people barred from voting since 1988.

If Florida allowed all voting age persons to vote without financial considerations I believe it would no longer be a swing state but solid blue.

> DAVID ROSENBERG SPENCER

U.S. Army and at the end of the war stayed in California (recently won/ stolen land from Mexico) and participated in ethnic cleansing of Yukis and other native tribes. In 1861 Edmund Pettus was an enthusiastic champion of the Confederate cause and of slavery. Pettus organized the 20th Alabama infantry and was a Confederate Army general. He wasn't just a Confederate Soldier, he was an early organizer and a leader fighting for the cause. Within months of the Confederate surrender Pettus was pardoned.

After the Civil War, Edmund Pettus returned to Alabama, joining the Ku Klux Klan and was named Grand Dragon of the Alabama KKK during the final year of Reconstruction. In 1896, Edmund Pettus then ran for the U.S. Senate (after reconstruction ended blacks couldn't vote any longer). His campaign was based on his successes in organizing the Alabama Klan and his prominent opposition to the 13th-15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution (the ones banning slavery, giving ever person the right to vote, and equal protection). He represented Alabama in the Senate until his death in 1907. Edmund Pettus was known as "the last Confederate to sit in the Senate".

When a bridge was built in 1940 in Selma over the Alabama River they named it after Edmund Pettus. Yes, that Edmund Pettus. Yes, he was a traitor. Yes, he enthusiastically supported slavery. Yes, he opposed anything that looks like citizenship for black people... Yes, the same bridge where Bloody Sunday occurred. Yes, it's as bad as it sounds.

In 2010, there was an attempt to change the name of the bridge and it failed. In 2015 at the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday there was an attempt to change the name of the bridge and

It is beyond time to change the name of that bridge. Now that John Lewis has left us there is no more appropriate name than "John Lewis Bridge."

> TERRANCE WASHINGTON SPENCER

#### ROBILLARD

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going to run the tractors that plow the fields? How is the increased demand for electricity going to be met? (The big generators run off oil and gas) It's obvious that it wouldn't be feasible. So, what is the reason for the New Green Deal? It's a smokescreen to tax the crap out of the oil and gas industry to fund their new social programs. The liberals hate the suburban middle class that voted for Trump in 2016. They are intent on punishing this group. They cannot come out straight and say what their plans are because they would have opposition to it. Instead, they mask it behind the environmental climate curtain. I guess were going to deforest the planet to put up solar farms. We'll go back to horse and plow. Yeah, right.

If elected Joe Boden and AOC as his energy czar will mean skyrocketing energy costs to you. You will be paying \$5 and up for a gallon for gas and they will probably ration it out. Home heating oil will be raised to over \$5 a gallon. A lot of the extra taxes will be shipped to third world countries as energy credits. This will be part of their plan redistribute the wealth to countries where Omar and Talib came from. After all, America is evil, and must pay tribute back. If you complain they will say you need to upgrade your house with a \$20,000 solar upgrade. Prices of food will skyrocket as the prices to grow and transport food rocket up. And the reason for all this? To punish freedom loving Americans because you didn't vote for Hillary. They loathe and despise you now. They want to bring you down on your knees and have you asked for forgiveness. Your answer to all this. Vote for Trump. A vote for Trump is a vote to have plentiful supply of gas and oil to fuel your freedom rides to the beach or the mountains. A vote for Trump is a warm house in the winter and cheap plentiful food on your table. A vote for Trump is a vote for your freedom. God Bless America, land of the free.

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# **OBITUARIES**

# Elaine E. Hibbard, 63

WEST BROOKFIELD - Elaine E. (Ruddy) Hibbard, 63, of West Brookfield, died on Friday, July 17, 2020, at her home surrounded by loving family



Sheleavesherloving husband of 32 years, George F. Hibbard, Jr.; her daughter Emily E. LaBarre, granddaughter Riley and grandson Killian of Palmer; her son, Patrick G. Hibbard and her grandson

Landen of West Brookfield; her mother, Beverly (Bostrom) Wentworth and her husband David of Brookfield; four siblings, Carole Paquette and her husband Norman of Brookfield, Susan Mart and her husband Daniel of Modesto, CA, Forrest Ruddy and his wife Kathleen of Tolland, CT and John Ruddy and his wife Mary of Charlton, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was born in Ware, daughter of Beverly (Bostrom) and the late John D. Ruddy.

Elaine graduated from Quabbin Regional High School where she was the senior class president, and went on to earn her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Clark University.

Together, she and George founded and operated the Purple Onion in West Brookfield. She loved her shop and her customers, many of whom became lifelong friends. She served as a founding member of the White Christmas committee, was a committee member of the Asparagus Festival where she created the artwork and logo, and was also a member of the Browse the Brookfields business group.

She was a talented artist; who enjoyed creating pieces of art for loved ones. Her creativity was also expressed through her unique fashion sense, and her ability to inspire others to beautify their homes. She had a keen eye for design and was talented in the production of beautiful decorative displays. It brought her great joy to be able to assist others in choosing the perfect gift. In her free time, she enjoyed hosting friends and family at her Lake Wickaboag home and spending time on the water. She enjoyed social gatherings, and was always the first one on the dance floor and the last to leave the party.

A Celebration of Life will be held on the grounds of her beloved Purple Onion at 105 North Main St. West Brookfield 01585 on Saturday August 1st from 10 am-2pm. Informal attire, please. Wear Elaine's favorite color red, or purple to honor her afflictions with epilepsy and dementia. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Elaine's care team from Jewish Healthcare Center Hospice, and TriValley Elder Services. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice, in Elaine's memory.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

# HAR-YAROK

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doesn't qualify.

It's been a wild week in the realm of COVID news... So far, the United States has had 3,712,604 infections with 140,131 deaths. It's hard to believe that as recently as June 8, we only had 16,385 new cases per day because this week. we saw 76,403 new cases in a single day. The seven-day rolling average has tripled in about a month. The country hit hardest before us, Spain, has pushed their new cases down to 500 per day or so. We are about 18 times worse than Europe on a per capita basis. We are about 12 times worse than Canada on a per capita basis. We still represent 25 percent of the world disaster while we have 4 percent of the population and we see India go out of control. Brazil is showing early signs of leveling off, but not the United States. Our cases are growing, the entire developed world is beyond in control, and their cases are declining. It's embarrassing. It's pathetic.

The Toronto Blue Jays can't play home games because Canada won't allow the Blue Jays or the visiting team to avoid the 14-day quarantine even with a mitigation plan that would pre-

vent the players from interacting with other Canadians. The government of Canada deemed the risk to Canadian public health too high to allow an American professional sports team in

under strict guidelines. I have somewhat of a love-hate relationship with the news these days. Part of me wants to see my predictions come true because it is so satisfying to be validated. Part of me desperately wants me to be wrong because my gloomy prognostication is not good for America. Part of me wants to see the irredeemable parts of the United States (the South, flyover country) burn down because they deserve it... The other part of me knows that it is bad for this country as a whole and our economy to have whole regions engulfed in a tire fire of stupidity.

I always knew that there was an underbelly of the American population nobody wanted to admit or acknowledge that would vote for Hitler if he were running. I thought the Fascist underbelly was limited to 15 percent of the population. As it turns out, 30 percent of American emphatically supported Donald Trump so I suppose I was correct in principal but wrong in magnitude. Another 16 percent held their noses to vote for him over Hillary Clinton which totally boggled my mind.

I had no idea that a multi-year character assassination would be successful and not blow up in the perpetrators

A crisis such as COVID-19 requiring a complex and collective response is culturally incompatible with the United States. Once community spread started I knew we were doomed to become the world disaster. We may travel by private vehicles, live in 2,000 square foot houses with two acre zoning, have a CDC second to none, control the world financial system with the ability to print money without consequence... But we were destined by our culture to proudly have the worst outbreak in the world

A prognosticator as I am, I wonder – what will the COVID stats look like next week? We are still growing so I predict we will see north of 80,000 new cases per day by Friday. Our total caseload by the time I write next week will probably be 4.2 million. Our deaths per day have been going down since April but I predict it is turning around. I think our average deaths per day will climb to 1,000 and we will see 7,000 new deaths this week to bring us to 147,000. I predict one million Americans will be dead from this before it is over.

I actually think the number of reported cases will start to level of soon. We

don't have enough tests. I understand we are testing more people than anywhere in the world but that is because we need to test so many people. Our cases are growing faster than our testing capability. Some people are waiting in line six hours to get a test and then 10 days to get results. Soon, this will dissuade all that are not literally hospitalized from getting tests. Trump may well get his wish to underreport the disaster because if sick people aren't tested, it's like they aren't even sick.

COVID-19 isn't going anywhere anytime soon. Trump caused this disaster but Biden can't fix it. The horse is out of the barn.

Of course, there are some things that even insufficient testing can't hide. Arizona and Texas now have refrigerated trucks parked at morgues because the morgues are full. The Hillsborough County, Fla. coroner just had six refrigerated containers delivered because they will likely run out of space this week. We can ignore people sick for six weeks and call them lazy for not going into work, but dead bodies piling up is hard to ignore.

OMAR HAR-YAROK EAST BROOKFIELD

### **MCRAE**

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of presumed white guilt, Americashaming, and black moral supremacy. And all, by the way, in the shadow of the handsome statue of a Union Army soldier representing the men of North Brookfield who sacrificed themselvesmore white privilege--in the grand effort to set other men free. The irony of self-loathing white people flagellating themselves in such a symbolically-rich environment should not be lost on you, but it was on them.

It did not escape my notice that the pastor of the same church lent his own personal support--if not that of his congregation--to the "cause" and the ostensible reason for the event, and, by doing so, gave aid and comfort, in my opinion, to a movement the leadership of which, had he or the local organizers of the event bothered to look into--even a cursory glance--would have found to be manifestly dangerous, Marxist, anti-police, anti-white, terrorists.

Was he, for example, familiar with the names Alicia Garza, Patrice Cullors, and Opal Tometi, the co-founders in 2013 of Black Lives Matter? All three are proudly radical proponents of LBGTQ, and, more importantly, committed Marxists, that is to say...COMM-U-NISTS...you know, the very epitome of crazies who despise America and churches like the one in North Brookfield, and who would burn it to the ground and hang the pastor in the process if they could get away with it.

If I, a doddering 'old phart' who requires a nap every day, knows this, why in the blue-blazing hell (speaking of eternal things) did the officials of that church not know it, and tell BLM they'd have to find some other dupes to endorse their fraudulent march?

It was that piece of information, that a supposedly Evangelical church had, willy-nilly, offered its full-on support to a group which, if they were to succeed, would destroy the very place that had been so accommodating to them as they were rising to power, that aroused my ire and disgust. Just because that church preaches Jesus, the Lamb of God, doesn't mean the congregants have to agree to be led off, like sheep, to the slaughter. If any ministers and priests in the area want to know why, for many of us, men no longer show up on Sunday mornings, it's precisely because of this very "niceness", this sort of perceived weakness, of trying to accommodate to the Godless, shrill demands of the "fallen" world around us. I'm sure my Christian friends get my meaning. We're sick of apologizing, of back-pedaling, of bowing and scraping before Moloch, of fighting back politely and by Marquis of Queensbury Rules. True men--and women--of God would have said to this generation of Christian leaders, "Show some guts, stand up for something, for the truth!" BLM, or Antifa, for that matter, in no way represents the truth of anything. Since when are Christian churches standing with communism, a criminal conspiracy that has murdered over a hundred million human souls in it's evil existence?

Had anyone bothered to research Black Lives Matter (on their own Web site!), they would've found them to be a proud and unreconstructed Marxist organization much like the Communist Party U.S.A. whose proclaimed first order of business is the destruction of capitalism-you know, the system which made Americans of all types the most prosperous and advantaged people in the world, and which allowed churches like the one in North Brookfield to feed off the earned wealth of its members to support buildings, staff, and missions.

Research would have found second on the list of BLM's plan to complete the destruction of America as founded and as currently existing: the end of the "nuclear family" and the raising of all children by "villages" instead of by a loving mother and father, grandparents, aunts and uncles, etc.

I mean, the new way works so well, doesn't it? The socialist model for family life since The Great Society initia-

tives of 1965 -- courtesy of LBJ and other Democrat rogues--has in every oncegreat city in America created the intolerable conditions where, among other disasters, seventy-five percent of black children do not have a father in their lives; a dad to help raise boys with some sense of discipline and self-control; a dad a daughter could trust to defend her and sacrifice for her to help her get started on a good and worthwhile life; a man to be the one most responsible for raising a good and productive family. How could any Christian church of any denomination support something like what BLM will do if and when they come to power? It is, as Vizzini says in "The Princess Bride"...inconceivable!

No, communism has utterly failed in black America. In 2019, nine unarmed black men (and thirty white people) were killed in confrontations with the police in all of America with 340 million people. In that same year, 700 — that's seven hundred — black citizens--mostly males--were murdered for every one of the nine killed in police encounters. And almost all were slain by other, voung, black males. The inner-city black culture has, in my view, been almost completely destroyed by crackpot communist ideas like BLM's plans for black children, sorry, for all children when they (BLM) and their commie handlers take over.

There's much more to the BLM movement we could mention, such as their N.Y. leader candidly admitting on network television that...."If we don't get what we want, we'll burn down this whole system and start something new." Nice, huh? Any disavowals of that declaration of war? Negative.

We could mention that not one single word of regret has ever been uttered by BLM spokesmen to ameliorate the disastrous effect on police morale (and that of other anxious citizens around the country) after the assassinations of five police officers in Dallas, and others in Baton Rouge and elsewhere following BLM sponsored events.

There's much more to their bitter and hateful agenda, but you'll have to do your own research.

I don't expect or need any apologies from those letter writers who publicly and routinely call me a hater, a racist, a bigot, etc. I'm a conservative who writes letters to a paper in deep blue Massachusetts, so I've come to expect the condescending slurs and vitriol from some in the area who are. in their own way, as narrow-minded and bigoted as any members of the White Citizens Councils of Mississippi or Alabama in the 1950's and '60's. It comes with the territory, sort of like expecting the upraised middle finger from the leftwing ignoramuses offended by a Trump sign-holder on the sidewalk. Again, the least tolerant and most hypocritical Americans in our history can be found right here in liberal, I mean, progressive Massachusetts.

But, for those who should have known better, and they know who they are, a visit to the local police station-you know, the men and women who protect your homes and your churches, and whose honor and service was trashed on the lawn of your church-to render an apology which is humble and sincere could go a long way toward repairing the damage you have done by supporting a divisive and unambiguously menacing organization which cheers every time a police officer goes down.

Human pride, being what it is, does not make me think such an act of humility and contrition will ever take place. But, as for me, and with regard to those who casually and publicly assassinate my character and good name (and that of other conservative activists in the area), my attitude is "To err is human, to forgive divine."

I forgive you...moonbats.

JOHN MCRAE EAST BROOKFIELD

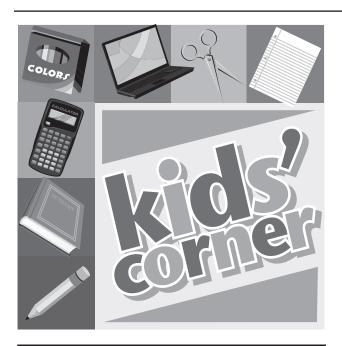
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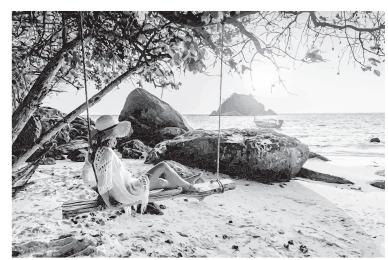
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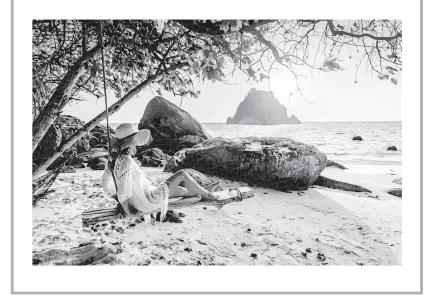
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### **TIDE**

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FRENCH: Côte

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ANSWER: LIGHTHOUSE

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Solve the code to discover words related to sun safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = a)

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Clue: Energy waves

13 16 26 26 25 26 23 B.

Clue: Darkening skin

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Clue: Prevents injury

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Clue: From the sun

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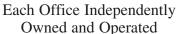
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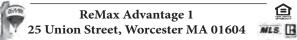
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Submit application, cover letter, resume and standard Town application form, available at https://www.spencerma.gov/home/pages/employment-opportunities to Spencer Memorial Town Hall, Attn: Dr. Ralph Hicks, 157 Main St. Spencer, MA 01562 or via email to rhicks@spencerma.gov.

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# **LEGALS**

#### **NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE** OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 10 Sumner Street Extension a/k/a 10 Sumner Street, Spencer, MA 01562

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Denise Farmosa to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Loandepot.com, LLC, and now held by PNC Bank, National Association, said mortgage dated April 26, 2013 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50839, Page 385, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Loandepot.com, LLC to PNC Bank, National Association by assignment dated August 14, 2019 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 60880, Page 163; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on August 14, 2020 at 4:00PM Local Time

upon the premises, all and singular the

premises described in said mortgage,

Legal Description The land in Spencer with buildings thereon at the westerly end of Sumner Street being shown as Lot 1 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land on Sumner Street in Spencer, Mass." owned by Ambrose R. Tower dated October 17,1989, E.H. Perry Associates, Land Surveyors, said plan recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 638, Plan 71, B & D as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pin at the southeast corner of the lot herein conveyed; THENCE N. 82° 02' 50" W. 287.09 feet to a point;

THENCE N. 18° 55' 05" E. 146.55 feet to a point;

THENCE N. 30° 18' 17" E. 64.64 feet to a point;

THENCE N. 30° 22' 03" E. 57.93 feet

to a point,

THENCE S. 82° 36' 15" E. 44.47 feet to a point;

THENCE S. 60° 02' 11" E. 100.02 feet to a point;

THENCE S. 40° 18' 30" E. 113.51 feet to the westerly terminus of Sumner Street Extension;

THENCE S. 35° 07' 25" W. 38.69 feet along the westerly end of Sumner Street Extension to a point;

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Office in Book 40985 Page 372. Tax ID/APN#: U12/62 The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in

the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated

April 10, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40985,

Page 372

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the

> Brock & Scott, PLLC 1080 Main Street, Suite 200 Pawtucket, RI 02860 Attorney for PNC Bank, National Association Present Holder of the Mortgage 401-217-8701

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#### Mechanic / Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO):

The Town of Spencer seeks qualified applicants to fill the HEO/ Mechanic position in the Highway Department. This position is responsible for the repair, retrofit and service of Highway Equipment and Vehicles, including welding and fabricating steel components. The position also is responsible for operating of heavy and light equipment, plowing and salting, repairing and maintaining stormwater systems, repairing streets and sidewalks, debris removal and other tasks assigned by the Foreman or Superintendent. The position is expected to perform skilled labor duties, be able to lead the repair activities and be the OSHA Competent Person on site. This highly responsible position is subject to emergency call-ins to respond to emergencies. High School diploma or GED, plus five years of related experience in operating heavy equipment, a Mass CDL Class B, and Hoisting 2A are required, additional license and certifications beneficial. Base pay for this position ranges from \$23.12 to \$28.49 and includes a generous benefits package, including clothing allowance, continuing education, and license cost reimbursement.

Submit resume and standard Town application (available at www.spencerma.gov) to Town of Spencer, Town Administrator's Office, 157 Main Street, Spencer MA 01562. Subject to Union Rules and Regulation, EEO Employer.

# <u>Light Equipment Operator (LEO):</u>

Town of Spencer seeks applicants to fill the Light Equipment Operator position in the Highway Department. This position is responsible for the operation of light equipment, snowplows, motorized and non-motorized hand tools. The work involves repair and maintenance of highway infrastructure including but not limited to roads, sidewalks, stormwater systems and street signs, vegetation control, snow plowing and sanding, maintenance of parks, cemeteries, and grounds. This highly responsible position is subject to emergency call-ins to respond to emergencies. High School diploma or GED plus a Mass CDL Class B are required, additional license and certifications beneficial. The willingness to be trained and increase skills and licensing is required to succeed in this position. Pay for this position ranges from \$20.95/hr. to \$25.03/hr. and includes a generous benefits package including clothing allowance, continuing education, and license cost reimbursement.

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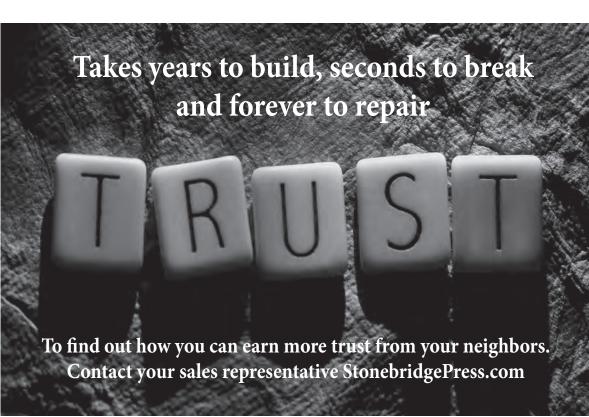
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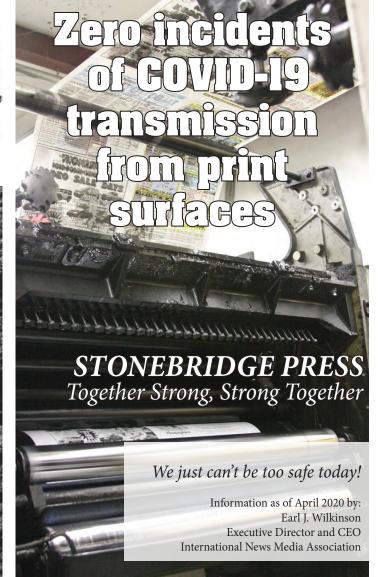
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# Knox Trail students paint their views





SPENCER - Despite not being able to learn in the classroom from March through June, Knox Trail Middle School art students still enjoyed several proj-

One of the students' final projects involved drawing the views from their respective windows. Many of them displayed colorful garden scenes and other

landscapes.

KTMS art teacher Caroline Dacey has made slideshow videos to display the students' art. They will be posted to Spencer Cable Access TV, as well as the KTMS Web site.

All of the projects were judged, and student winners are posted below.













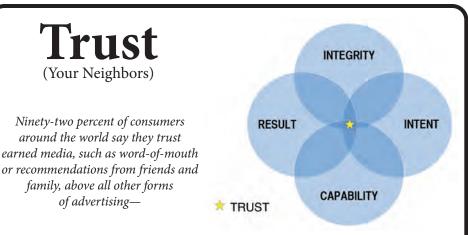
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