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UHS senior Ellie Lewis attends DECA State Conference, qualifies for international competition

UXBRIDGE — Principal Michael Rubin and DECA Advisor Corey Guerra are pleased to recognize senior student Ellie Lewis, who recently competed at the DECA State Career Development Conference

Douglas residents running in Boston Marathon

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS — Inspired by their personal journeys, residents Rebecca Rokne and Suzie Thibault will be charity runners in this year's Boston Marathon.

Rokne said she is running and fundraising for the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation in honor of her late grandfather.

"This is my second Boston Marathon; I ran Boston in 2022, also for the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation," Rokne said, adding that she raised more than \$16,000 for the MMRF back in 2022. "The experience in 2022 absolutely changed my life. I found so much purpose in raising money for a cause that means so much to me. I was able to raise money to help save others who are diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, even though my grandfather is gone."

Additionally, training for Boston and running it allowed Rokne to build "so much mental strength," she said.

"I have not always been the most confident person, but after I ran the Boston Marathon, I felt like I could do anything. By running it again, I am hoping to remind myself of that," Rokne said.

She hosted a fundraiser at Chipotle, Panera, and a pasta dinner at Point Breeze; residents interested in making donations can do so via Rokne's "Givengain" page: If anyone would like to make donations, they can donate via my givengain page: givengain.com/project/rebecca-raising-funds-for-multiple-myeloma-research-foundation-67434

Rokne, a Douglas resident, ran cross country and track in high school.

"After that, I fell in love with running, and ran for Douglas until I graduated in 2017. I proceeded to run for Westfield State in my undergraduate career, where I lost the majority of my athletic seasons during my junior and senior years due to Covid-19," Rokne said. "When my seasons were cut short, I actually became more dedicated and self-motivated and vowed to get myself into the marathon."

Rokne ran the Baystate Marathon in Lowell the fall after she graduated from Westfield.

"I was so incredibly shocked that I could do that, I actually cried when I crossed the finish line," she said. "Then, during a really hard time in my life, I was offered a bib from the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, where I would get the opportunity to run in honor of my grandfather, just six months after my first marathon. It truly changed my life for the better."

Two years later, she is running again to remind herself that she is "capable of anything, and to persevere through anything that comes my way," Rokne said.

"I was offered to rejoin the MMRF's team for cures, and gladly accepted. Fundraising this year has come harder than it did two years ago, and I have been plagued with small running injuries and illnesses along the way, but I will not give up. I know that I will cross that finish line even if I have to crawl," Rokne said.

Beyond the Marathon, Rokne is also a graduate student at Northeastern University, getting her Master's Degree part-time, and is a volunteer part-time track and field coach at Douglas High School.

Rokne said her grandfather passed away due to Multiple Myeloma in 2013.

"When I lost him, I naively vowed that I would do anything to help find a cure to the cancer that took him from me. Little did I know that I might actually have the opportunity to make even a small difference in the lives of those with Multiple Myeloma by fundraising for the MMRF, twice now," she said.

Rokne's grandfather, William Russell, was a native of Millbury.

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Uxbridge High School senior Ellie Lewis competed at the DECA State Career Development Conference March 7-9, and is the school's first international conference qualifier.

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From March 7-9, Lewis attended SCDC at the Marriott Copley and Hynes Convention Center in Boston. She joined over 3,500 students at this year's conference who participated in over 50 competitive categories related to marketing, hospitality, finance and entrepreneurship.

Lewis competed in the Business Growth Plan event, which involves idea generation and strategy development needed to grow an existing business. Participants in the Business Growth Plan category analyze current business operations and identify opportunities for growth and expansion. Lewis submitted a paper outlining her business, El's Creations, and wrote about how she plans to expand her business while overcoming the risks that may arise. She also presented the plan to a judge as part of the competitive event.

Lewis placed in the top five of the Business Growth Plan category and qualified to compete at the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Anaheim, Calif. in April. She is Uxbridge's first ICDC qualifier. She will join over 23,000 students from across the world and represent Massachusetts DECA in her event.

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Local Animal Control Officer talks dog licensing

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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REGION — As part of a new community engagement effort on social media, the Blackstone Regional Animal Shelter has recently released information from Animal Control Officer Kevin Sullivan regarding dog licensing.

"We think this will be a fun way to keep open dialogue, have fun with some of the not-so-fun aspects of our job, and get public feedback," the animal shelter released in a statement.

ACO Sullivan said it's that time of year again—"license your dog," Sullivan released.

"While we completely understand that life sometimes gets away from us, we try and help. This is why we remind you on the census in November, publish in the papers in January, post on social media in February, send the reminders in March, and unfortunately issue fines in April," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said that the licensing of dogs is required for a simple reason:

"Your town dog license correlates with your dog's rabies vaccine, and it's the way to help eradicate a horrific deadly disease with a 99 percent death rate," Sullivan said. "It's actually pretty affordable and probably the cheapest thing you'll ever pay at the Town Hall. We highly recommend doing it when paying your taxes."

For those who do not wish to license their

dog, Sullivan said that "fines will be issued and fees applied."

"Fines will eventually be sent to court, your fines/fees/and license costs accumulate, and eventually, it catches up," he said, adding that the Blackstone Valley Animal Control covers six towns within the Blackstone Valley. "We service a population of 48,000 people and have roughly 11,000 dogs."

Sullivan added that having an unlicensed dog could impact a resident in many ways, including if a dog runs away or bites someone.

"Best case scenario: Fido got away, Animal Control picks Fido up, and now you have to do everything last minute," he said. "License Fido, pay an unlicensed fine, and whatever

compiled fines and fees already exist. You are also compiling storage fees while doing so."

However, if the dog has bitten someone or makes it to a roadway and causes an accident, Sullivan said that if a dog is unlicensed, an insurance company can decide it won't cover the expenses because of the unlicensed dog.

"You are now responsible for all expenses," he said, adding that "both of these scenarios happen regularly."

"Most dog licenses are less than \$20. Protect yourself, protect your pet, and license your dog," Sullivan added.

Dog license lists are further utilized by ACO's during emergencies, when loose dogs are located, and when bites occur.

Cub Scouts hold Blue and Gold ceremony

DOUGLAS — The Cub Scouts from Douglas Pack 316 recently held their annual Blue and Gold ceremony at the Douglas High School.

The Blue and Gold is a celebration of the anniversary of Scouting. It brings families together for an evening of fun and recognition. Highlights of the evening included skits from each den and awards to recognize all the scouts in the Pack for their accomplishments and progress toward ranks.

The evening concluded with a special Pack 316 Arrow of Light Ceremony. Pack 316 had six Arrow of Light recipients this year; they are: Oliver Bayer, Anthony Colaizzi, Adam Crowley, Declan Meade, Lucas Roth, Vincent



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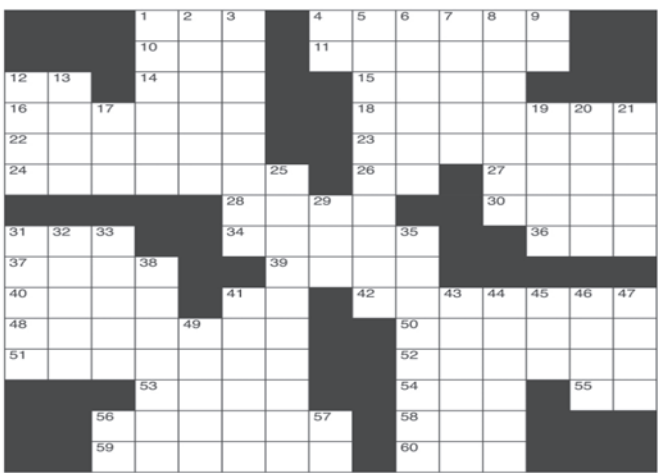
Wright. Receiving the Arrow of Light is the culmination of a Cub Scout's career. It is the highest award that a Cub Scout can earn and is the only Cub Scout emblem that can be worn on a Boy Scout uniform. During the ceremony, the scouts received their Arrow of Light emblems. They

were presented a special Arrow of Light pin to a parent as a way of thanking them for the support they received throughout their Cub Scouting years. Before crossing the bridge to Boy Scouts, the Arrow of Light recipients were honored with a special slide show highlighting their Cub Scout journey. Representative Joseph McKenna and Senator Ryan Fattman addressed the families and scouts and recognized the Pack's Arrow of Light recipients for their accomplishments with congratulatory letters from the State House and Senate.

Pack 316 would like to congratulate all of its scouts and wish the Arrow of Light recipients the best as they start their

Boy Scouting journey with Troop 316! The Pack would like to thank Dave & Rebecca Berchem who were the leaders for the Arrow of Light den. The Pack would like to extend a special thank you to Troop 316 Boy Scout Trent Fragala who was the den chief for our Arrow of Light den.

Cub Scouts is a year-round program with activities throughout the year. Pack 316 activities include a hiking program, an annual Pinewood Derby, rocket launching, community service, fishing and camping. For information about Douglas Cub Scout Pack 316, please send an email to douglaspack316@gmail.com, visit www.douglaspack316.com or find us on Facebook.

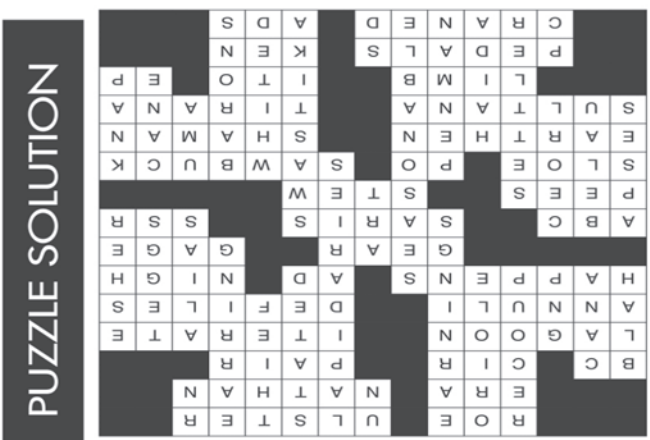


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11. Broadway actor Lane
12. Canadian province (abbr.)
14. Human gene
15. Two
16. A famous one is blue
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Ring-shaped objects
23. Spoils
24. Occurs
26. Commercial
27. Near
28. Products you may need
30. Pledge thrown down as a challenge
31. TV network
34. Silk or cotton garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republics
37. Retired American football coach Dean
39. Hot dish
40. A type of gin
41. Atomic #84
42. Sawhorse
48. About ground
50. Medicine man
51. Seedless raisin
52. Capital of Albania
53. Appendage
54. OJ trial judge
55. By the way (abbr.)
56. Bicycle parts
58. Barbie's friend
59. Moved one's neck to see
60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

1. Make up for
2. Baltimore ballplayer
3. Salary
4. Influential world body
5. Engravers
6. Declared as fact
7. One who steals
8. Jewelry
9. Hospital employee (abbr.)
12. Nonsense (slang)
13. Town in Galilee
17. Value
19. A fake name
20. Sheep in their second year
21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate for a particular time of year
29. Creative works
31. Recesses
32. W. Pacific island group
33. Tolkien character
35. Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party
38. Pioneer
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
44. Lowest members of British nobility
45. Actress Thurman
46. Type of sugar
47. Crest of a hill
49. N. American people of British Columbia
56. Device
57. The Mount Rushmore State



Douglas FD releases open burning season safety tips

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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REGION — A local fire agency has released safety tips for open burning season, adding that residents always need a permit to burn brush.

“Every permit contains valuable safety information and gives direction on when and where burning is allowed,” the Douglas Fire Department released.

Open burning season begins Jan. 15 and ends May 1 in communities where it is allowed, accord-

ing to reports.

Every single time you wish to burn, you must call the number on the top of the permit to see if weather conditions make burning on that day safe.

Douglas fire officials said that some weather conditions, such as wind and low humidity, can “turn a small fire into a large fire that can threaten homes and open space.”

The state’s Department of Fire Services reported that weather conditions change rapidly, especially in the spring.

“Permits can be rescinded if conditions change suddenly, making it unsafe to burn,” the DFS released.

According to Department of Environmental Protection regulations, open burning must be a minimum of 75-feet from any dwelling, be conducted between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., and take place on the land closest to the source of material to be burned.

“Be sure air quality conditions are acceptable for burning by calling the MassDEP Air Quality Hotline at 800-882-1497

or visit MassAir Online,” the DFS added.

Burning is allowed for the following materials with a permit: brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris from other than commercial or industrial land-clearing operations; grass, hay, leaves, stumps, and tires; and construction material and debris.

For more information, visit mass.gov/dfs. Any questions about open burning can be directed to the Douglas Fire Department at 508-476-2267.

al are available.

The following materials are prohibited from burning, according to reports: brush, trees, cane, and driftwood from commercial and/or industrial land-clearing operations; grass, hay, leaves, stumps, and tires; and construction material and debris.

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Millbury FCC hosting painting class

MILLBURY — Please join us for a Painting Class Fundraiser at Millbury First Congregational Church, 148 West Main St., Millbury, on

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BVT students earn 94 SkillsUSA medals at District V competition

UPTON — Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) students put the systems voc-tech mission on full display. During the first of three SkillsUSA competitions, students test their vocational-technical competency by competing with other trained career and technical education students from six vocational high schools. On March 13, 227 BVT students competed in the annual SkillsUSA Massachusetts District V Competition with outstanding outcomes.

The competition allows students to demonstrate their vocational-technical education, skills, and knowledge with SkillsUSA employment and trade tests. Successfully demonstrating their knowledge in their career technical area of study, employability skills, and safety. Student competitors from BVT proudly claimed 36 gold, 27 silver, 31 bronze medals and swept 9 categories.

68 students will advance from districts to compete amongst the most talented vocational-technical students in the Commonwealth at the SkillsUSA Massachusetts State competition held at BVT in late April. An additional 43 students will go directly to the state competition, and 13 student delegates will represent

BVT. The complete list of medalists is available at www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/skillsusa.

BVT students who earned medals at the SkillsUSA Massachusetts District V Leadership Conference are listed by hometown:

Bellingham Silver: Charlie Leighton, Major Appliance Technology; Kiele Sarnie, Carpentry; and Lucien Stenehjem, Robotics & Automation Tech.

Bronze: Pyper Bourre, Health Knowledge Bowl; and Matthew Skarin, Welding.

Blackstone Gold: Haley McKinnon, Photography; and Carolyn Powers, Collision Damage Appraisal.

Silver: Mia DelVecchio, Baking & Pastry Arts; and Ella Ruth, Welding.

Bronze: Paige Connolly, Baking & Pastry Arts; Parker Guilbert, Nail Care; and Samaria Saylor, Web Design.

Douglas Gold: Caitlin Kelly, First Aid/CPR; Om Patel, Mobile Robotics Technology; Samantha Pinto, Health Knowledge Bowl; and Skyler Robinson, Restaurant Service.

Silver: Colin Lavoie, Photography.

Bronze: Addison Taylor, Nurse Assisting.

Grafton Silver: Connor McInerney,

H V A C / R ; Cooper Offen, Mechatronics; Owen O'Packi, Television (Video) Production; Ryan St. Angelo, Culinary Arts.

Bronze: Audrey Bell, Robotics & Automation Tech; Zoey Dauderis, Basic Health Care; Isabella Grabau, Power Equipment Technology; Soumith Madadi, Computer Programming; and Benjamin Miller, Urban Search & Rescue.

Hopedale State Officer Candidate: Kallie Allen.

Gold: Gabriella Griffin, Health Knowledge Bowl; and Joshua Maillet, Diesel Equipment Technology.

Silver: Jason Abbruzzese, Mobile Robotics; and Igor Freeman, Additive Manufacturing.

Bronze: John Fumia, Television (Video) Production; Ashlyn Leonard, Health Knowledge Bowl; Eleanor Poitras, Health Knowledge Bowl; and Mikayla Sanosi, Web Design.

Mendon Gold: Kalynn Bellefontaine, Nurse Assisting; Noah LeFave, Electronics Technology; Leila Leyvas, Health Knowledge Bowl; Abigail Scharnagle, Medical Math; and Arthur Tusoni, Television (Video) Production.

Bronze: Sophia Blalock,

Cosmetology Over 500 Hours; and Charles Lozeau, Mobile Robotics Technology.

Milford Gold: Lacey Coffman, Advertising Design; and Lizmary Vidal-Sanchez, Dental Assisting.

Silver: Andrew Dolan, Basic Health Care.

Bronze: Julia Ribeiro, Esthetics.

Millbury Gold: Camden Darrell, CNC 2 Axis Turning Programmer; Mason Diosomito, Mechatronics; Dylan Fleming, Major Appliance Technology; and Jayden Quang, Mechatronics.

Silver: Jack Kenary, Television (Video) Production.

Bronze: Nicole Boucher, Health Knowledge Bowl; Wyatt Darrell, Mechatronics; Jonathan Tremblay, Diesel Equipment Technology.

Millville Bronze: Hannah Murphy, Photography.

Northbridge Gold: Sosie Derkosroffian, Medical Terminology; Catherine Kingsbury, Customer Service; Dylan Leeds, Mobile Robotics Technology; Kayla Leppamaki, Robotics & Automation Tech; and Emma Vaughan, Baking & Pastry Arts.

Silver: Kayla Chausse, Cosmetology Under 500 Hours; Zabel Derkosroffian;

Technical Computer Applications; Haley Marston, Dental Assisting; and Connor McQuilkin, Automotive Refinishing Technology.

Bronze: Maddison Dos Santos, HVAC/R; and Mikaela Sadik, Television (Video) Production.

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cessions will be available for purchase as well as raffle baskets. Tickets are available for ring-side seats for \$20, and general admission for \$10. The event is appropriate for all ages, and will feature sev-

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EDITORIAL

The origins of the Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny will be getting a workout this season, as the newly fallen deep snow in some parts of New England may make for some difficult travel. But alas, with baskets filled with colorful eggs and chocolates, this beloved character has been a part of Easter celebrations worldwide. Where does this tradition stem from?

The legend of the Easter Bunny traces its roots back centuries, intertwining folklore, mythology, and religious symbolism. While its precise origins are a bit of a mystery, various theories and cultural influences have contributed to the emergence of this cherished icon.

One prevailing theory suggests that the Easter Bunny's lineage can be traced back to ancient pagan rituals celebrating spring and fertility. In pre-Christian Europe, the hare was revered as a symbol of fertility and new life, representing the arrival of spring after the barrenness of winter. As Christianity spread across the continent, pagan customs melded with Christian traditions, giving rise to a hybridized celebration that incorporated elements of both.

Another theory proposes that the Easter Bunny found its way into Christian festivities through German immigrants who settled in America during the 18th century. In German folklore, the "Osterhase" or Easter Hare, was believed to lay colorful eggs as gifts for children who had been good. This tradition evolved over time, with the hare eventually morphing into the familiar bunny we know today, and eggs becoming synonymous with Easter.

Furthermore, the association of rabbits with Easter can also be attributed to their prolific breeding habits, symbolizing fertility, abundance, and the cycle of life. This symbolism aligns seamlessly with the Easter narrative of rebirth and resurrection, making the bunny a fitting emblem for the holiday.

Whether nestled in the pages of children's books, adorning decorations, or delighting young hearts during egg hunts, the Easter Bunny continues to evoke a sense of wonder and joy.

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In case you missed it

To the Editor:

The SJC is about to hear *Snyder v. U.S.*, where Snyder wants to make taking bribes 'legal' – paying a politician for voting a certain way is not a bribe, it's a 'tip!' Just like tipping your waiter for a job well done. Which would make Clarabelle Thomas' \$267,000 camper just a 'tip' for being the deciding vote on Citizens United, which gave the rich the ability to buy any politician who is open to purchase. Good job, Clarabelle!

Which brings me to poor Jane's lamentation about Biden's "insults towards the Supreme Court." This is the same SJC that just unleashed the nationwide maelstrom of abuses to women's health by repealing *Roe v. Wade*, after Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett and others promising that it was established law, and would never be revoked. So who should feel insulted, Jane? But she goes on – "Threats of imaginary Social Security and Medicare cuts sowed more division." Imaginary? "In a new interview with CNBC, Trump said that he was open to cutting entitlement spending: "So first of all, there is a lot you can do in terms of entitlements, in terms of cutting, and in terms of, also, the theft and the bad management of entitlements — tremendous bad management of entitlements. There's tremendous amounts of things and numbers of things you can do." Okay, so square this for us Jane: In his last year in office, Trump commuted the sentences of at least five people who collectively filed nearly \$1.6 billion in fraudulent claims through Medicare or Medicaid. Among them was Judith Negron, the former owner of a Miami-area mental health company, who was sentenced in 2011 to 35 years in prison for her role in filing \$205 million in fraudulent Medicare claims and ordered to pay more than \$87 million in restitution. Trump commuted her sentence in February 2020. Huh? (And still the word 'entitlements' for money that we paid in to Social Security all those years.) (Jane seems to have forgotten that she accused me of being a 'savant'. So, who is the name caller? But I do appreciate the observation, and the compliment.)

Where was I... Oh, yeah... I really enjoyed QAnon Mikey's retelling of the GOP's 'greatest hits.' "Those oldies but goodies remind me of you..." He must be in the running for the Joseph Goebbels Award, for repeating lies until they become 'truth.' It would just be easier for us to succumb to the demagoguery, if he would provide a few examples of his delusional accusations. What is an example of "the two-tier justice system? - is it the one that allows Trump to be walking free, attacking judges and witnesses, with 91 indictments hanging over him? Or is it the one that allows Gym Jordan to remain in Congress having ignored a subpoena, and having been a prime mover in the attempted insurrection? Give us an example of who "won't prosecute any Democrats that are clearly guilty of crimes", and what crimes they are guilty of? How about an example of who is 'attacking Christians', and how they are doing it? And finally, give us an example of how Biden "continues dividing us Americans?" C'mon Mikey, you can do it... you're an 'instructor!'

The rest of his 'Biden Failures' is simply a rehash of Fox talking points, in spite of them all having been debunked repeatedly. Still trying to compare Biden's handling of documents with Trump's? Mikey must have missed the latest witness to come forward and describe how he helped move boxes of documents onto a plane, while the FBI was scouring Mar-A-Lago for them? How he and two others were told to delete video surveillance footage? I do particularly love the reshaping of the

Religious freedom is the antidote to tyranny

To the Editor:

As my Learned Friend says, only the Marxists can unite Christian, Jewish and Islamic religious groups. Here is how they do it:

In Michigan, a Catholic school filed suit in federal court challenging a new state law that would force Catholic schools to hire staff who do not hold Catholic beliefs.

The Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) argues that "Michigan is forcing Sacred Heart [Academy] to make an unconstitutional and unconscionable choice between teaching and practicing the Catholic faith or closing their doors forever, while denying parents the right to direct the upbringing and education of their children." John Bursch, the ADF Senior Counsel, said that "this sort of illegitimate targeting creates a strong inference that the state's real target is the religious beliefs of the Catholic Church and not discriminatory conduct."

The suit alleges that Michigan purposefully amended its civil rights laws to add sexual orientation and gender identity, but "allowed no exemptions for religious entities." Sacred Heart argues that the Michigan legislature "expressly declined to add an exception for religious institutions as the legislators recognized that it was those religious institutions that would likely run afoul of these provisions."

The Friend of the Court Brief by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Samaritan's Purse, states: "That Christian organizations do so [discriminate in hiring based on their core beliefs in Jesus Christ as their Savior and The Bible as the Word of God.] is no surprise." Groups that support the suit include Concerned Women for America, the Family Foundation, Illinois Family Institute, International Conference of Evangelical Chaplain Endorsers, Pacific Justice Institute, the National Legal Foundation, and Classical Christian Schools.

Michigan forgot about the First Amendment to the Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof... Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble (walk through the halls of Congress on January 6th, unarmed, doing no harm), and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish of Grand Rapids and Sacred Heart Academy object to the fact that the new Michigan civil rights legislation means that the state can force the school to obey the state or be sued. The state can also force Muslims and Jews to do the same thing - hire persons who do not share their religious beliefs and who live lifestyles in opposition to these beliefs, or be sued by job applicants or by the State Attorney General for violating the new law.

In December of 2023, Sacred Heart appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (the federal appeals court) because the lower court dismissed their case. More religious groups joined them: the Jewish Coalition for Religious Liberty and the Religious Freedom Institute's Islam and Religious Freedom Action Team. The Jewish and the Islamic faith groups, together, state that the new law would have "a

COVID pandemic, where Trump's lies and mishandling almost destroyed the country. "Supermarkets forced people to go in one direction down the aisles while wearing a mask!" Oh the humanity! Imagine anyone trying to save the mushroom people's lives! Mikey forgot to mention that if Trump hadn't lied about the severity of the virus – even though he had privately – he thought - told Bob Woodward the truth – almost half a million lives could have been saved. Maybe they should have just swallowed bleach as Trump had recommended? By the way, Ashli Babbitt was one of five people – including four policemen – who died as a result of the attempted insurrection. Maybe Mikey missed the video on Fox of what Babbitt was doing right before she was shot? (A bipartisan Senate report found that at least seven people died in connection with the attack.)

Mikey has promised to continue providing Certified Republican Anti-Democracy Pabulum – C.R.A.P. — "in the coming weeks, right up to the election." By then, he should be a shoe-in for the Goebbels. Although, he has stiff competition in Trump – he of the "I love the uneducated," and "If I ever become a politician, I'll be a Republican. You can tell them anything, and they'll believe it." Right out of the horse's derriere.

There is good news - Trump is bringing back into his campaign the criminals he pardoned – Manafort, Roger Stone, Flynn, Lewandowski. He is putting the band back together! Mikey asked "What is this obsession people have for a man who has done nothing but lie, plagiarize, and associate himself with the worst of the worst?" Well, Mikey, that's how you define a cult. But, thanks for asking a question that we all have.

One last note - the sham Biden impeachment hearings just turned into a bigger farce: the GOP's first 'prime witness' turned out to be a Russian stooge, who lied about everything, and is now under arrest. Not to be deterred, Gomer Comer and Gym Jordan brought in another 'star witness', who testified that everything 'Biden – Ukraine' was actually Russian disinformation, intended to help their 'useful idiot' Trump. But, rather than pass legislation to fix the border, or provide help to Ukraine, House Republicans will keep at it in the hope of finding something to sully Biden before the election. (If only they could find his and Hillary's emails!) Did Fox report any of this? How did Mikey miss it? Was he too busy shoveling sand against the tide on the Cape?

Either Mikey or Jane – sorry I get a headache reading their nonsense - asked why Biden hasn't used an executive order to close the border? Am I the only one who knows how to "do your own research?" Trump failed when he tried using his authority to stop illegal immigration. A federal judge temporarily blocked this effort, saying Trump's executive order "irreconcilably conflicts" with immigration law. The law says people must be physically present in the U.S. to seek asylum, regardless of their immigration status, or how they entered. An appeals court sided with the lower court, and the Supreme Court denied Trump's request to block the appeals court's ruling. "No president has the authority to simply shut the border to migrants." Hope that helps, Mikey. Maybe you can use this in your Civics 'instructing.'

Oh oh... I just heard a knock on the door... being my own 'little god,' I better go hide my bible!

*Rick Bevilacqua
Whitinsville*

deleterious effect" on their minority faiths.

In plain English, this new law would essentially destroy those religions, temples, churches, mosques, and their faiths. Why not just ban all religions? It would be more honest. That's really the ultimate goal. Because, you know, religions are so... religious. They really believe in God!

The religious groups who support the school recognize that the facts of the Sacred Heart case do not involve them, but "the issue of religious entities' right to hire [people of the same faith and practices] is of great concern to all faith groups and to minority faiths especially." So states the Amicus Brief by the Billy Graham Samaritan's Purse organization.

Did you know that Polish immigrants founded Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish one hundred years ago? Sacred Heart Academy exists to support parents by giving their children "a classical Catholic education." Nearly 400 children from pre-K to 12th grade attend.

The Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) further states that the state of Michigan amended their Civil Rights Act "but provided no protection for religious organizations that believe marriage between one man and one woman and the immutability of sex support human flourishing."

ADF argues that this new law would require the Catholic Parish "to hire faculty and staff who lead lives in direct opposition to the Catholic faith, speak messages that violate Church doctrine, and decline to articulate Catholic beliefs in teaching students and when advertising the school to prospective students and job applicants."

The Jewish Coalition and Islam Religious Freedom Action Amicus Brief states that "an exemption is essential and constitutional because the law must defer to a religious organization's own determination of which roles and responsibilities are so tied to the group's religious mission that they may be filled only by fellow believers."

Unsurprisingly, the Democrat Attorney General is fighting the Sacred Heart lawsuit. Unsurprisingly, upon her election, she sued St. Vincent Catholic Charities and threatened to stop state funding unless St. Vincent allowed non-traditional family adoptions. St. Vincent won the case. The U.S. District Judge said that the case about Catholic adoptions raised "a clear issue of religious liberty, and past statements by [the Attorney General] raise a strong inference of hostility toward a religious viewpoint." Surprised? Nope.

The state remains free to approve non-traditional family adoptions unfettered by religious beliefs through its own adoption agencies. Did you know that Michigan ranks among the worst of the states for religious freedom? Do you think religious schools have the Constitutional right to only hire employees of the same religion? They are free to hire people of other faiths and beliefs, if they want to, but does the state have the power to force them to do so?

Have you ever read the U.S. Constitution? Protect religious freedom. It is an antidote to tyranny.

Signed,

*Bev Gudanowski
Uxbridge*

We the people knew

To the Editor:

We the people knew Joe Biden, a.k.a. Mr. Magoo, wasn't going to be a good president, but how? Did we have a psychic use a crystal ball? Did we possess a time machine that sent us to 2024 to see what treasures await? Was the Illuminati involved?

The answer to those questions is obviously no. Let's take a detailed look at the man in charge and his rise to power and you will see that it didn't take a genius to know that Mr. Magoo was

at best a hack. "Don't underestimate Joe's ability to (expletive four letters) things up," said Barack Obama in 2020.

Career politicians like Mr. Magoo aren't a rare find these days especially among democrats, they go in making lots of promises they never intend on doing. Once they get in office and the press asks about the promises they made to the American people; it's always the same thing... blame the other guy. Mr. Magoo

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Like most New Englanders, I am a big fan of Boston sports. I'm willing to talk about the Celtics, Bruins, Red Sox, and Patriots anytime. But this interesting story has its roots in a different sports franchise, namely the Miami Dolphins.

Joe Robbie was born in South Dakota on July 7, 1916. The son of a Lebanese immigrant, he came from modest beginnings and worked a variety of jobs to earn a living. He spent time as a lumberjack, sports-writer, served in the Navy, and eventually attended the University of South Dakota where he received his law degree. Post graduation, Robbie's legal career gradually morphed into local and state politics. But it's what happened in March of 1965 that turns this into an interesting sports story.

In 1965, Robbie had a meeting with Joe Foss, the commissioner of the American Football League. Foss encouraged Robbie to look into Miami as a potential site for a new expansion franchise. As a lifelong sports fan, Robbie was very much interested in the idea, but he personally didn't have the money to make it happen. And so, Robbie formed a general partnership with a few other individ-

uals and raised the \$7.5 million to purchase the expansion team. A couple of short years later; Robbie bought out his remaining partners and simultaneously became the primary owner of the Miami Dolphins.

Fast forward to the 1980's and Robbie's family net worth had skyrocketed. In 1987, he even built a new \$114 million stadium, appropriately called "The Joe Robbie Stadium."

By most measures, Joe Robbie was a very successful businessman and he amassed a substantial fortune during his lifetime. So, when he died in 1990, one would assume his wife and children should remain financially "set for life." Unfortunately, this was not the case for the Robbie heirs. When Robbie passed away most of his net worth was tied up in illiquid assets (i.e. the new stadium). The estate tax bill due upon his death was an estimated \$47 million. His wife and children did not have the funds available to pay this tax, and they were forced to sell the Miami Dolphins franchise (and stadium) at a very, very deep discount. Unfortunately, the Robbie family would no longer be a part of the NFL.

While 99.99 percent of Americans will never own an NFL franchise or amass the type of fortune Joe Robbie had, we can all

learn an extremely valuable lesson from this story. Estate planning is extremely important. Had Robbie done a few things differently, his family would likely still own the Miami Dolphins today (fun fact: the Miami Dolphins franchise currently has an estimated value of \$5.7 billion).

You don't need to be a multimillionaire to benefit from estate planning. Working with an experienced financial planner will help you create a plan for the various assets you do own (i.e., real estate, businesses, investment accounts, IRAs, etc.). The goal is to get your assets transferred to the correct people, and in a tax-efficient manner. At a minimum, a financial plan should evaluate how your accounts are titled (individual, joint, trust, etc.), who you have listed as beneficiaries, review your asset allocation, and make proper use of insurance.

If you've never had a formal financial plan prepared for your family, or if you're overdue for a review, a member of The Capstone Planning Group would be happy to assist.

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Women’s self defense program held at Plummer Place

NORTHBRIDGE — Situational awareness, basic self-defense techniques, and safety strategies were just a few of the things discussed recently at a women's self-defense program held at Plummer Place, Home of the Northbridge Senior Center. Mandi Remillard, chief instructor, and Seanna Longacre, assistant instructor of Family Karate Center in Whitinsville demonstrated many safety preparedness skills and shared numerous self-defense tips on how to confront opponents in serious situations.

"This program was extremely

informative and provided numerous techniques and resources to use in order to protect and defend yourself," shared Joan McCaughey, one of the attendees.

"Empowering seniors and older adults with self-defense skills is an essential step to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community," said Amy Cowen, program and volunteer coordinator for Plummer Place. "We are delighted to have partnered with Mandi and Seanna and hope to have them back again!"

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Trout season produces impressive fish



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Trout fishing is producing some impressive fish in Mass. waters, with some impressive rainbow trout being caught at various ponds and lakes in the valley. Mass. has pretty much stocked all ponds and lakes in the valley at least once, and trout will continue to be stocked up to Memorial Day weekend. Because of the high water from recent heavy rain, streams and rivers may not be stocked until waters recede. Many anglers are smoking the trout that they catch.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will open their pond for the April trout fishing derby on April 13, for members only. The pond will receive another huge trout stocking prior to the derby. The derby will start at 7 a.m., and will end at 10 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for the largest trout.

Trout fishing anglers need to be reminded again that Wallum Lake in Douglas is closed to all fishing until April 13, as the lake is controlled by Rhode Island regulations. When Wallum Lake opens, the trout limits are six fish per day. To check on all regulations, go to the Web site at Rhode Island freshwaterfishing.com.

Most local Rod & Gun Clubs in the valley have had their annual wild game dinners, with tickets selling out in one day. The Whitinsville Fish & Game club will be holding their pistol & clay shoots every Wed at 6 p.m., and they are open to the public. Check out their newly renovated ranges.

This past week, I was driving down the road on Route 16 near my house when a large rabbit was spotted crossing the road, and it was very large, but what made him stand out was the huge ears he was sporting. It was the size of a large snowshoe



Courtesy

Don Cook with a nice brown trout caught last weekend at Lousia Lake.

hare, but it definitely was not a hare. I had one in my backyard last year. Now, there are a lot of rabbits throughout the valley area, but these do not have all the features of the standard New England cottontail rabbits we are used to seeing.

The Eastern cottontail rabbits are also located in New England, and have many of the same features of a New England cottontail. Whatever they are, they raised havoc with my vegetable garden and with my flower bed last year, prompting me to fence off the garden this year.

Bear are coming out of hibernation, and sightings are being reported by homeowners throughout the valley that have bird feeders out. They are the number one food source they enjoy eating.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Growing up, my dad was a huge fan of Zig Ziglar, filling our home with the sound of his motivational speeches. One story that always stuck with me was the story about a million dollar racehorse.

Ziglar poses a thought-provoking question: "If you did have a million-dollar racehorse, would you let him stay up half the night drinking coffee and booze, smoking cigarettes, and eating junk food?" Of course, you wouldn't! He then extends the analogy, asking, "Would you treat a \$10 dog or a \$5 cat that way? What about a billion-dollar body?"

The point he's trying to make is clear. You are that billion-dollar body. You may not feel like a Billion Dollars but nobody is going to bring you the life you want except yourself. It's true that you're are the best investment

your money can buy. You must invest in yourself to get far in life, but it takes work. Investing in yourself takes time, patience, and sacrifice.

This investment concept extends beyond the racetrack to the broader market of our personal development, where the stakes are high, and the returns on investment can be life-changing.

Consider your personal development as a portfolio. Diversification is key to any sound investment strategy. Similarly, investing in oneself encompasses various aspects: physical health, mental well-being, emotional strength, and intellectual growth.

It requires consistent effort. Whether it's committing to a regular workout routine at the gym, attending night classes to further

Treat yourself like a million-dollar racehorse

our education, or seeking therapy to address underlying issues, each action signifies an investment in our well-being and future success.

Through the years, I eventually started to think of myself as an investment in my future, and I thought a lot about bad habits. Just like savvy investors review and adjust their portfolios to optimize performance, we must periodically assess our habits, routines, and choices.

While we may know on an intellectual level that we need to take care of ourselves to accomplish our dreams and be healthy, it's not easy, and bad habits are hard to kick. Very few of us can kick a bad habit Cold Turkey.

Bad habits, in this analogy, are like underperforming assets.

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They drag down our overall portfolio's value—our life's potential and well-being. Just as an investor wouldn't hold onto a stock plummeting in value without good reason, we shouldn't cling to habits that don't serve our ultimate goals of health, happiness, and success.

Yet, the process of divesting from these habits isn't akin to simply clicking a "sell" button. It's a gradual, sometimes challenging process of trial, error, and perseverance.

I've been paying close attention to Bitcoin since 2016, and I'm always amazed at its volatility. Yet, amidst the ups and downs, it keeps trending upward.

Watching Bitcoin's ascent has taught me that volatility is part of the jour-

ney. There will be days when our resolve weakens, and old habits resurface like a market correction testing investors' nerves.

However, it's not the daily fluctuations that define our success but the overall trend. If you're gradually becoming more mindful of your health, more resilient in facing stress, and more dedicated to your personal growth—even amidst occasional setbacks—you're on an upward trajectory.

Remember, the most significant investments don't yield returns overnight. They require time, belief in their value, and the patience to ride out the volatility. Your investment in yourself is no different. Each step toward breaking a bad habit, no matter how small, is a deposit into your billion-dollar body's account,

accruing compound interest in the form of a healthier, more fulfilled life.

As you continue on this journey, don't beat yourself up if you have the occasional backslide, stop counting calories for a couple of days, get too busy to make it to the gym, or aren't able to stay on track the way that you thought you should. Volatility is part of the game; just keep focused on making those baby steps and keep trending upward!

Keep the image of the million-dollar racehorse in mind, and remember, that racehorse is you! Would you bet against a horse of such value by neglecting its care? Unlikely. Then why bet against yourself? By viewing each choice and habit through the lens of investment, you position yourself to succeed and thrive.

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OBITUARIES

Victoria K. Bedigian, 102

Whitinsville--Victoria K. (Arakelian) Bedigian, 102, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by family and friends, Tuesday, March 19, 2024. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 54 years, Harry Bedigian, in 1999. She is survived by her four sons: Philip Bedigian of Whitinsville; Harry Bedigian and his wife Jean, of Redwood City, California; Jeff Bedigian and his wife Jayne, of Whitinsville; and Mark Bedigian and his wife Margot, of Naperville, Illinois; nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. In addition, she was predeceased by her brothers Varkis and Theodore Arakelian, and sisters Helen Andrews and Margaret Hagopian.

A daughter of Kazar and Ohdig (DerSarkisian) Arakelian, Vicky was born in Whitinsville on November 25, 1921, and was a graduate of Northbridge High School. She was a long-time member of the Village Congregational Church where she taught Sunday school and was the former treasurer of the



Women's Fellowship of the Village Church. While raising her four boys was her priority, Vicky was a pioneer in helping to advance opportunities for women. It wasn't until her boys were school age that she entered the workforce. She was previously employed at the former Whitinsville Savings Bank, currently Unibank, and worked her way from teller to assistant treasurer and mortgage officer before retiring in 1989. Vicky's family and spending time with them was always the center of her life.

Calling hours and the Funeral Service were held Friday, March 22, 2024, at the Village Congregational Church, followed by burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Village Congregational Church, PO Box 217, Whitinsville, MA 01588. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville is assisting the family. To share a memory or condolence with the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Rokne said her grandfather always made her feel support and like she was "capable of doing anything."

"When he got his diagnosis, we also found out it might be too late for him to fight it, but he had wanted to try. I felt robbed of him being able to be at my high school graduation, and having him help teach me how to drive, two things he promised me we would still get to do," she said. "I always knew he believed in me, and losing him hit me hard. I lost a father figure and best friend, but have vowed to do anything I can in honor of him. I hope to make him proud with my fundraising and running the Boston Marathon, and I know that he would believe in me even in moments I would not believe in myself."

And Rokne said she will think of her grandfather when the Marathon gets hard or if she finds herself "hitting the wall."

"I will always remember his sense of humor, storytelling, and a really great Donald Duck impression," she said.

Additionally, Rokne said another Douglas resident, Thibault, is running and fundraising for the Price Center; her employer; and also in honor of her clients who she is dedicated to helping.

The Boston Marathon will be held on Monday, April 15.

Raymond J. Richards, 94

Douglas- Raymond J. Richards, 94, of North St. passed away on Sun. March 24, 2024 peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family. He was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Pauline M. (Bellerose) Richard on May 13, 2019.

He is survived by his 4 children, Barbara A. Bourassa and her husband James of Shrewsbury, Paul R. Richard and his wife Paula of Jamestown, RI, Stephen J. Richard and his wife Verneice of Northbridge, and Brian D. Richard and his wife Susan of Uxbridge; 7 grandchildren, Jennifer Yarnie, Christopher Bourassa, Lauren Beischel, Lisa Bourassa, Stephenie Orphin, Jeffrey Richard, and Katelyn Audet; 9 great-grandchildren, Edward Yarnie, Nathaniel Yarnie, Cassandra Beischel, Owen Audet, Mason Richard, Liam Beischel, Georgia Audet, Jameson Richard, and Caleb Audet, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a grandson Christopher Richard, and brothers, Alyre M. Richard, Michael F. Richard, and Robert R. Richard.

Born in Douglas, MA on April 29, 1929 he was the son of Alyre J. and Mary (Herbst) Richard, and was a lifelong resident of Douglas. A graduate of Douglas High School Class of 1946, he furthered his education and attained his engineering degree from Worcester Junior College. Ray worked as an Industrial Engineer



for 35 years for Wyman Gordon in Grafton and Worcester until his retirement in 1990. Previously he had worked for Pratt Whitney and Whitin Machine Works.

Ray was a member and former Division Commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary for over 50 years, where he taught classes, and performed vessel inspections. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Douglas School Committee and longtime parishioner of St. Denis Church.

He enjoyed boating, fishing, taking bus tours with his wife, vacationing in Misquamicut and Jamestown, RI, as well as Myrtle Beach, SC. Ray loved hosting every holiday at his home, as spending time with family was one of his greatest joys. He was a longtime woodworker and made beautiful furniture over the years.

His funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 10 AM in St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St., Douglas. Calling hours will be held on Monday, April 1st from 5-7 PM in Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St., Douglas. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ray's memory may be made to: Dana Farber Cancer Center, 20 Prospect St., Milford, MA 01757. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit <http://www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com>

MARATHON

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"He actually did track in high school himself, but his track career was stopped short due to a back injury on the hurdles. He was an Air Force veteran, and then spent his career as a truck driver most of his life, who loved his Peterbils," Rokne said. "I can still remember watching from the window as his big red truck would pull into the driveway when he came home from work while my gram was watching me. We would wave at each other, with my sippy cup and baby doll in hand. While he has been gone for a while now, I can still remember that image vividly."



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LEWIS

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In addition to Lewis, senior students Syrianna Douangsavanh and Brynn Doherty will attend ICDC and compete in the School-Based Enterprise (SBE) event. Sophomores Erin Roche and Sophia Freire will attend DECA's Thrive Academy in Anaheim.

A central part of the DECA program is the opportunity to attend leadership and competitive conferences around the state and country throughout the year. These conferences give members a realistic insight into the industry and an opportunity to engage with professionals and demonstrate their knowledge. Competitions begin at the District level where students compete against peers from other high schools in the area.

Competitors can advance to the State level and then to the International level.

About DECA

DECA is a nonprofit high school business and marketing organization that prepares young leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. DECA serves both high school and college students with over 250,000 members and 4,000 chapters internationally.

DECA prepares members to be college and career-ready, helping members develop skills in problem-solving and leadership. The organization supports classroom instruction and connects schools to real-world experiences, helping students apply their learning through project-based activities that require creative solutions with practical outcomes in an authentic business context.

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LEGALS

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
CITATION
Case No. **16 REG 43500**
Plaintiff: Stonewall Trust, Lisa Bourgeois, Trustee
To: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of the Attorney General; Town Clerk, Town of Millville, Chairman of Board of Selectmen, both of Town of Millville, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Allan M. Trank, Alice Gomes Monteiro de Pina Trank, Timothy P. Haggerty, Valerie S. Haggerty, Donald R. Blanchette, Jr., Judith A. Legare, Trustee of The Judith A. Legare Living Trust, John M. Laura, Carol A. Laura, James D. Murphy, Eileen S. Murphy, Roger Belanger, Jr., Tracey Phelan, Leonard P. Hogue, Gail A. Hogue, Marjorie E. Blanchette, Kris Ryan Kaczowski, Jody E. Durbin, James Galimi, Lisa Galimi, William H. Pleau, Helen R. Pleau, Robert E. Renault, Lisa M. Renault all of Millville, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Stephen Tourtellot, deceased, formerly of Worcester, or their heirs, devisees and legal representatives; and to all whom it may concern:
Whereas, a complaint has been presented to said Court by Stonewall Trust, Lisa Bourgeois, Trustee of Millville, County of Worcester, and said Commonwealth, to register and confirm title in the following described land:
A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Millville, bounded and described as follows:
The land in Millville, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts described on plan entitled "Plan of Land #46A Legg Street, #46Adj Legg Street, #113 Grove Street Millville, Mass. Surveyed for Lisa Bourgeois Trustee of Stonewall Trust" dated February 23, 2015, prepared by Civil

Site Engineering LLC bounded and described as follows:
PLAN LOT 1
Northerly by Plan Lot 3, forty-three and 37/100 (43.37) feet;
Easterly by Legg Street, two hundred and 94/100 (200.94) feet;
Northeasterly by Legg Street, with a radius of 83.00 feet, a distance of one hundred eleven and 05/100 (111.05) feet;
Northerly by Legg Street, two hundred fifty-five and 15/100 (255.15) feet;
Northerly again by Legg Street, thirty-one and 55/100 (31.55) feet;
Northeasterly by the corner of Legg Street and Grove Street, eighteen and 26/100 (18.26) feet;
Easterly by Grove Street, five hundred fifty and 33/100 (550.33) feet;
Southerly by land now and formerly of Allan M. Trank and Alice Gomes Montiero de Pina Trank, three hundred forty and 32/100 (340.32) feet;
Westerly by land now and formerly of Allan M. Trank and Alice Gomes Montiero de Pina Trank, two hundred eighty-nine and 84/110 (289.84) feet;
Westerly by land now and formerly of Allan M. Trank and Alice Gomes Montiero de Pina Trank, ninety-nine and 92/100 (99.92) feet;
Westerly again and by land now and formerly of Allan M. Trank and Alice Gomes Montiero de Pina Trank, two hundred twenty-seven and 45/100 (227.45) feet;
Westerly again four and 23/100 (4.23) feet;
Northerly by land now and formerly of Timothy P. and Valerie S. Haggerty, twenty-four and 17/100 (24.17) feet;
Westerly by land now and formerly of Timothy P. and Valerie S. Haggerty, sixty-nine and 44/100 (69.44) feet;
Southerly by land now and formerly of Timothy P. and Valerie S. Haggerty, six and 49/100 (6.49) feet;
Westerly by land now and formerly of Timothy P. and Valerie S. Haggerty, twenty-two and 95/100 (22.95) feet;
Southerly by land now and formerly of Timothy P. and Valerie S. Haggerty,

sixteen and 89/100 (16.89) feet;
Westerly by land now and formerly of Timothy P. and Valerie S. Haggerty, one hundred thirty-one and 65/100 (131.65) feet.
Containing 5.64 acres according to said plan.
PLAN LOT 2
Northerly by land now and formerly of James D. and Eileen S. Murphy and by land now and formerly of Roger Belanger, Jr., and Tracey Phelan, four hundred twelve and 69/100 (412.69) feet;
Easterly by Grove Street, two hundred seventy-one and 69/100 (271.69) feet;
Southerly by Legg Street, three hundred four and 08/100 (304.08) feet;
Southwesterly by a curved line by Legg Street, with a radius of 50.00 and a length of sixty-six and 90/100 (66.90) feet;
Westerly again by Legg Street, one hundred sixty-five and 79/100 (165.79) feet;
Containing 2.16 acres according to said plan.
PLAN LOT 3
Northerly by land now and formerly of William H. and Helen R. Pleau, four hundred seventy-two and 95/100 (472.95) feet;
Easterly by Legg Street by three lines measuring fifty-five and 67/100 (55.67) feet;
fifty-two and 53/100 (52.53) feet and one hundred forty and 42/100 (140.42) feet;
Southerly by Plan Lot 1 forty-three and 37/100 (43.37) feet;
Southerly by land now and formerly of Timothy P. and Valerie S. Haggerty, one hundred ninety and 66/100 (190.66) feet;
Easterly by land now and formerly of Timothy P. and Valerie S. Haggerty, ninety-two and 93/100 (92.93) feet;
Southerly by land now and formerly of Allan M. Trank and Alice Gomes Montiero de Pina Trank, by two lines measuring two hundred thirty-nine and 77/100 (239.77) feet and eighty-seven and 63/100 (87.63) feet;

Westerly by land now and formerly of Robert J. and Jane P. Brossman and by by land now and formerly of Keith J. and MarcyAnn Deragon by three lines measuring seventy-seven and 26/100 (77.26) feet, eighty-six and 22/100 (86.22) feet and one hundred thirty-five and 39/100 (135.39) feet.
Containing 3.45 acres according to said plan.
The above-described land is shown on a plan filed with said complaint and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.
If you desire to make any objection or defense to said complaint you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said complaint, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (at 3 Pemberton Square, Room 507, Boston, MA 02108), or in the office of the Assistant Recorder of said Court at the Registry of Deeds at **Worcester**, in the County of **Worcester**, where a copy of the plan filed with said complaint is deposited, on or before the **Sixth** day of **May** next.
Unless an appearance is so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said complaint will be taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said complaint or any judgment entered thereon.
WITNESS, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court, this **Seventh** day of **March**, in the year two thousand four.
DEBORAH J. PATTERSON
RECORDER
From the office of: Jeffrey L. Ontell, Esq., Marsh, Moriarty, Ontell and Golder, 99 Rosewood Drive, Suite 220, Danvers, MA 01923
March 15, 2024
March 22, 2024
March 29, 2024

Douglas Adult Social Center

331 Main St.
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Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-noon

DAILY ACTIVITIES: All our daily activities are free of charge.

Monday: Painting class 9:45 to 11:45, Balance & Strength Exercise 12 pm, Mat yoga 2 pm
Tuesday: Walking club 9 am, Cribbage 9:30 am, Zumba 9:30 am, Bingo 12:00 pm, Technology Class 1pm (call to make an appt.)
Wednesday: Balance & Strength 10 am, Darts 10 am, MahJong 1 pm
Thursday: Walking club 9 am, Chair Yoga 9:30 am, Pitch 9:30 am, Hand and Foot card game 12:30 pm
Friday: Balance & Strength 10 am

APRIL EVENTS:

If you are a Douglas resident, wondering where your newsletter has been? Please call the center to confirm your address or update us of any changes made. If you have changed from a post office box to home delivery we would like to know to. This will help us make sure your newsletter gets to you.
We have started a singing group, join “The Adult Social Center Singers” on Wednesday’s @ 12:30.
APRIL EVENTS:
Thursday 4th @ 11:00: We will be having a guest speaker in to discuss probate, wills & estate planning. A taco lunch will be served after the presentation for \$4.00 per person. Please RSVP before 3/24.
Friday 5th @ 5:30: The Sunshine Club is hosting a night of dinner & line dancing. Doors open at 5:00, dinner @ 5:30. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance, \$10.00 per ticket. Tickets are available at the center!

Thursday 11th @ 9:00: Veteran’s Breakfast, FREE and open to ANY veteran that would like to come in and enjoy some conversation and breakfast. Please RSVP before 4/8.
Thursday 11th @ 11:30: National Grilled Cheese Day! Join us for a fun afternoon of trivia and a grilled cheese luncheon. Lunch is \$4.00 per person. Please RSVP before 4/8.
Thursday 18th @ 11:30: Lunch and a movie, featuring The Hill. We will be serving American Chop Suey, salad, and cupcakes. Lunch is \$4.00 per person. Please RSVP before 4/15.
Thursday 25th @ 11:00: Bemis Nursery is back, and we are so excited! Join us in making a rain-forest terrarium. The cost for this event is \$20.00 per person and must be paid when you sign up. Please RSVP before 4/18.
PLEASE CALL THE CENTER TO SIGN UP, 508-476-2283.

The Sunshine Club invites you to cruise with them.... Join us for a river cruise down the Danube River on an AMA Water Way cruise ship. We will be going in October 2024. The Sunshine Club is organizing this trip through the AAA office in Webster. The trip is a seven day tour with an optional three day pre cruise in Prague and/ or 2 day post cruise tour in Budapest. Experience cultural and culinary highlights of this historic European region at the different port stops along the Danube River. For more information about this itinerary and travel plans, please contact Pam Schwartz @ 508-476-4474. This trip is open to everyone!
Check our website for events that may not be listed here
<https://www.douglas-ma.gov/202/AdultSocial-Center-Senior-Center>

LEGALS

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 24 SM 000695
ORDER OF NOTICE
To:
David Ayer as Personal Representative of the Estate of Roberta Ann Ayer; Michael Scott Ayer; Ashley Margaret Ayer; Arthur John Stebbins; Jean Matus, as Guardian for Lukas Charles Stebbins; Jean Matus, as Guardian for Aiden Robert Stebbins; David Ayer, as Trustee of the Roberta A. Ayer Testamentary Trust
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
Longbridge Financial LLC
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Whitinsville (Northbridge), numbered 45 Roy Street, given by Roberta Ann Ayer to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, dated February 10, 2021, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 64474, Page 177, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before April 29, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on March 18, 2024.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
25390
March 29, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jay A. Ficco to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated March 29, 2007 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40899, Page 324 (the “Mortgage”) of which mortgage Nationstar Mortgage LLC is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., its successors and assigns to Nationstar Mortgage LLC dated December 21, 2023 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 70059, Page 204, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 5 C Street, Douglas, MA 01516 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on April 25, 2024, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
The following property situated in Douglas, Worcester County, Massachusetts on the Southerly side of “C” Street, commonly called Maple Street, in the Village of East Douglas bounded and described as follows: Beginning at northwest corner of the premises at the northeast corner of house lot of Chester Wallis at said

street line;
Thence S. 27° 02’ E. sixty-two feet, bounded westerly by said Wallis land to a bound at north line of one Janton;
Thence N. 68° 30’ E. fifty-one and eight-tenths feet, bounded southerly by said Janton and, a few feet, by land of Gniadek to an iron pin driven in the ground to mark the southeast corner of the premises and a corner of said Gniadek land;
Thence N. 11° 10’ W. fifty feet to an iron pin driven in the ground in the South line of said Street, bounded easterly by said Gniadek;
Thence N. 89° W. twenty-eight feet by said Street;
Thence S. 75° 25’ W. forty and forty-eight hundredths feet by said street, to the point of beginning.
Together with a narrow strip eight feet wide adjoining and extending the length of said lot on the Easterly side thereof.
BEING the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor by deed dated March 27, 2007 and recorded prior hereto, Book 40899 Page 322.
For mortgagor’s title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40899, Page 322.
The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.
Terms of the Sale: Cashier’s or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee’s attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Ficco, Estate of Jay A., 23-044068
March 29, 2024
April 5, 2024
April 12, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508)831-2200
Docket No. W024PC0117CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Lauren Ann Lucette Carpentier
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by
Lauren Ann Lucette Carpentier of Blackstone MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Lauren Anntoinette Lucette Sullivan
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 04/09/24. This is

NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 18, 2024
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 29, 2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE
Premises: 83 Oak Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Hector A. Girouard to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Generation Mortgage Company, and now held by **Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its Individual Capacity but solely as Trustee of NCP SSNS I Trust**, said mortgage dated August 1, 2012 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49419, Page 177, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Generation Mortgage Company to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, acting not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee of Southside NSP Trust 2017-1 by assignment dated November 17, 2022 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 68523, Page 35; said mortgage was assigned from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, acting not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee of Southside NSP Trust 2017-1 by assignment dated February 7, 2023 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 68829, Page 118; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on** May 15, 2024 at 01:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
A certain tract or parcel of land with all the buildings and other improvements thereon situated in the central part of the Town of Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the easterly side of Oak Street, so called bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Oak Street, said point being the northwest corner of land of Clarence A. and Odina Gauthier and the southwest corner of the parcel herein described; THENCE N. 27° 06’ E, with said Oak Street, one hundred eighteen and eighty-one hundredths (118.81) feet to a drill hole in wall at other land of the Ballou heirs; THENCE: S. 60° 27’ E, by said Ballou heirs’ land two hundred twenty-five (225) feet, more or less to a granite bound at the northwest corner of land sold to Josaphat Archambault and wife, THENCE S. 48° 18’ W, with land of said Archambault eighty-two and sixty-seven hundredths (82.67) feet to a drill hole in the wall; THENCE N. 68° 00’ W, fifty-nine and nine tenths (59.9) feet to a corner of land of the aforementioned Gauthier; THENCE N. 74° 06’ W, with said Gauthier land, one hundred forty (140) feet to the place of beginning; For chain of title see Deed at Book 7489, Page 110
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 13, 1982 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 7489, Page 110.
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 sale.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
23 Messenger Street
2nd Floor
Plainville, MA 02762
Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its Individual Capacity but solely as Trustee of NCP SSNS I Trust
Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701
March 29, 2024
April 5, 2024
April 12, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W024P0861EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Harvey L. Lavallee, Jr.
Also known as:
Harvey Lavallee, Harvey L. Lavallee, Harvey Lavallee, Jr.
Date of Death: 08/29/2009

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Claire T. Lavallee of Uxbridge MA** that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: **Claire T. Lavallee of Uxbridge MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration** .
IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/23/2024.**
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 21, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 29, 2024

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Millbury Senior Center

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Wednesday, April 3rd
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Or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page.
A 48 hour reservation is required. Call the center at 508-865-9154

“MEMORY CAFÉ”
Please join us on Tuesday, April 23rd 2:00 - 3:30 P.M.
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Kentucky Derby Party, Thursday, April 25th from 2:00-3:00pm. Come join us as we celebrate “the run for the roses” at Plummer Place. Light refreshments will be served. Derby themed games and race! You won't want to miss this fun afternoon, Derby hats encouraged! \$10/ticket/limit 2 tickets per person. Northbridge residents have priority.

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appointed Kamala Harris as the border czar and we all know how things are going there. Speaking of the border, it seems that the only time liberal media pays any attention to the border was when Trump was in office. The so-called cages that were installed to house illegals when Barack Obama was POTUS have miraculously disappeared. Or another way of saying that, is that it's no longer a talking point because the media doesn't attack its own.

Let's look at Mr. Magoo's first bid for the highest office in the land via the Washington Post and for my conservatives who are avid readers; I do apologize for the redundancy but it's those pesky liberals that won't learn from history.

On Sept. 23, 1987, Joe Biden stood before a crowd of reporters and ended his first presidential campaign amid questions about a value he'd worked hard to convince voters he had: authenticity.

The collapse had begun 11 days earlier, with news that Biden had lifted phrases and mannerisms from a British Labour Party politician while

making closing remarks at a debate. Examples soon surfaced of Biden using material from other politicians without attribution, and he acknowledged he had been accused of plagiarism in law school. To make matters worse, a video emerged of Biden exaggerating his academic record while speaking angrily to a voter in New Hampshire.

“I made some mistakes,” Biden, then a U.S. senator, told the press as he announced the end of his candidacy, in a speech that was by turns regretful and defiant. “But now, the exaggerated shadow of those mistakes has begun to obscure the essence of my candidacy and the essence of Joe Biden.”

You just never know what is going to come out of the mouth of Mr. Magoo. It seems he's lived everywhere, he's done everything, and knows everyone. The sad truth is that some of you knew that Mr. Magoo has lied his way to the top. Mr. Magoo was never a blue collar worker while claiming to be for the working man. Mr. Magoo claimed he was a coal miner and from a family of coal miners, just another lie. Here are some more fabrications courtesy of Mr. Magoo: Biden has said he was a civil

rights leader, participating in sit-ins. Never happened. Mr. Magoo hung out with Nelson Mandela and was arrested in South Africa for being part of a peaceful protest (never occurred). The list of lies for Mr. Magoo is long and extensive but now whenever he lies we don't know if it's the dementia or whether Mr. Magoo is a pathological liar. If Mr. Magoo was outfitted with a Pinnocchio nose his nose would reach our ionosphere but unfortunately he does not and lots of good people have been duped into voting for him including the liberal from Whitinsville. And for the record, the only reason most people read your article in letters to the editor is morbid curiosity; you are the car crash we must look at despite what we might see but don't get your hopes up it's only for a second.

Here's something about Joe aka Mr. Magoo that is not a lie, Joe Biden was against forced busing simply because he didn't think that having blacks in white schools was a good thing. In a 1977 Senate Judiciary hearing, Biden did talk about busing policies and how “unless we do something about this, my children are going to grow up in a jungle,

the jungle being a racial jungle with tensions having built so high that it is going to explode at some point.” So isn't it amazing that VEEP Kamala Harris had buried the hatchet with Joe Biden in regards to this very subject? Kamala brought it up during the democratic debate and tried to shame Biden or worse take him down and force him out of another presidential race but Mr. Magoo weaseled his way around the subject and became the democratic nominee for POTUS in 2020.

Folks, don't blame yourself for casting your vote for Biden in 2020 because I would like to reach across the aisle and put all of that behind us. This government used to work for the people and now not so much. We need a change. Under Mr. Magoo things are bad and they can only get worse if he has another four years in office. I often talk politics on social media, and where I always find common ground is when I or someone else brings up term limits. Hacks like Joe Biden, Chuck Schumer, and any number of the career politicians who have been in Congress for over 20 years and are over the age of 67 should be dismissed. This includes

republicans like Grassley. My point is very simple, these career politicians have been in there so long that they hold grudges and are catering to special interests groups. Remember politicians were meant to work for the people and when they hold grudges and won't work for the people, what good are they?

We knew Joe Biden wasn't going to be a good president and we didn't use our hearts like the liberals do, we simply watched what he did during his years as a senator (the lies, the plagiarism, and hypocrisy), what he did as a VEEP under Obama with the quid pro quo and that backdoor deals with China, Russia and Ukraine. Now as you can see, Biden's three years have been a disaster and believe it lots and lots of people are taking notice. Social media use to be overwhelmed with anti-Trump posts but now the tide has turned and I am seeing lots of posts bashing Biden and it's no secret that the majority of these come from Blacks and Hispanics who are tired of being lied to and used to stir racial tension. God bless.

*Mike Downing
Whitinsville*

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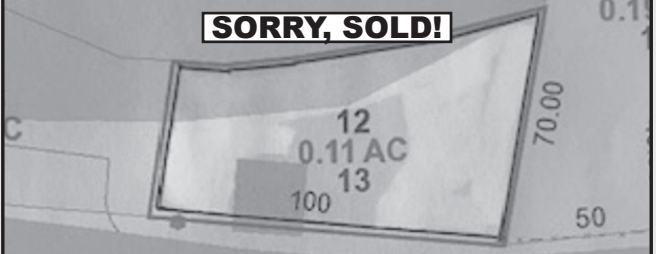
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