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YMCA Camp Shepard opens; fitness center to open July 13

By AMY PORTER
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WESTFIELD – The YMCA of Greater Westfield welcomed campers at Camp Shepard for its first day of camp on Mon., July 6. Camp Director Lauren Caprile said she was not going to believe it until the first day.

“We’re very excited to be out here, and so are the families. Everyone’s excited to be out here and with friends, and not having to worry about school and online classes,” she said, adding that video games and electronic devices stay at home.

YMCA Executive Director Andrea Allard agreed that the kids at Camp Shepard are happy to be outside and social. “I’m happy for the campers mostly,



Campers in the Tatonka group at Camp Shepard. (PHOTO SUBMITTED/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)

and their parents,” Allard said. “As parents go back to work, camping and day care are essential for the economy,” Allard said.

Allard said a lot of planning went into having camp this year. There will be

eight sessions offered over the summer for ages 4 to 14. The first week that began July 6 is one session, followed by three two-week sessions, and the final

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Columbia Greenway connector spur receives CPA funding

By AMY PORTER
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD – At its July 9 meeting, the Community Preservation Commission heard requests for Community Preservation Act funding for a Columbia Greenway connector spur to Country Club Drive.

The discussion raised the question of matching funds, which CPC chair Thomas Sharp said the Commission likes to see in the applications before them. However, due to funding limitations caused by COVID-19 closures, the application was approved at slightly less than the original request.

Prior to the discussion, City Planner Jay



The Columbia Greenway Rail Trail connector at Shaker Road receiving funding for an upgrade from the Community Preservation Committee July 9. (SUBMITTED PHOTO/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)

Vinskey gave a report on the balance of the CPA funds, which are raised from local real estate tax bills and state contributions. Vinskey said the total fund balance is at \$1.6 million, including \$470,000 in state funding for the new fiscal year. Vinskey added that only the new funding is currently available. “All leftover money is locked up, inaccessible until later in the year,” he said.

City Engineer Mark Cressotti presented the request of \$160,000 for the Columbia Greenway connector spur, which had been continued from January, when the Commission asked him to go back

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Superintendent Willard outlines first details of school reopening guidelines

By DENNIS HACKETT
Staff Writer

SOUTHWICK- In Superintendent Jennifer Willard’s first summer information session, she detailed the first steps in the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District’s reopening plan for the fall.

As part of the new guidelines, students and teachers will be required to wear masks for grades 2 through 12, maintain a distance of at least a minimum of three feet from other students and teachers, wash hands regularly and stay home if they are sick.

Superintendent Willard said that while some parents have expressed concerns about sending their children to school while wearing masks, it is a necessary precaution for the district if it wants to reopen with in-person learning.

“I’ve heard from a lot of our parents that they don’t to send their kids back to school with masks, and I understand that it is not ideal. But in order for us to have school in person this is one of the non-negotiables that the commissioner has told us that we need to have,” she said.

One way the district will be trying to mitigate the mask issue is by having mask breaks throughout the day. Superintendent Willard said, “A mask break will be going outside, being at least six feet apart and having the opportunity to take your mask off.”

Currently the district is required to create three different reopening plans including a full in person return, a hybrid model, and a full remote learning plan. She explained that each plan would correspond to a different level of the COVID virus, with remote learning being the plan if the virus is most severe.



JENNIFER C. WILLARD
Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District Superintendent

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Man shares COVID-19 tracking data on community forums

By LORI SZEPELAK
Correspondent

WESTFIELD-As weeks have turned into months tracking the COVID-19 pandemic across the globe, Peter Marengo has made it his mission to keep area residents informed with data-driven charts on the Experience Westfield and More and the Westfield MA Happenings Facebook pages.

“I began tracking the global and national coronavirus cases for my own use around the first week of March,” said Marengo. “At the time, there were only a handful of confirmed infections in the United States, and none in Massachusetts.”

Since Marengo prides himself in keeping up with current events, he said he first saw the “seriousness and ramifications” of the pandemic in northern Italy developing in late February, and how rapidly it was spreading.

“At that time, data pertaining to the virus was sparse so I started searching and grabbing what infor-

mation I could from various sources and consolidated it into a spreadsheet for my own use,” he said.

Marengo said in early March he was hearing that China was “flattening the curve” but there were few charts available to support the claim.

“I decided to design my own graphs based on the data in order to visually see the changes,” he said.

Marengo said it took a few days to experiment with various spreadsheet layouts, formats and formulas to find the right combination to help him compile global, national, state, Hampden County and Westfield COVID-19 data.

“Initially I was updating the data and charts daily and was spending two to three hours each day gathering data and making the updates,” said Marengo, adding, “It became less time-consuming as accurate data sources became more readily available.”

Marengo noted he uses the “most trusted sources” for his data-driven charts, including the Johns Hopkins



Peter Marengo of Westfield shares his COVID-19 tracking charts with local residents each week on two community forum sites. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

University coronavirus tracking website for global and national data, the mass.gov COVID-19 daily dashboard for state and Hampden County data, and the City of Westfield’s website that has COVID-19 information and bulletins.

“The Westfield coronavirus

deaths are reported on the city’s website on Wednesday afternoons so I update my charts after 6 p.m. each Wednesday,” he said.

Marengo said he has had an “overwhelmingly positive response” from community forum members on his charts.

“My overall goal is simply to consolidate global, national, state, regional and local coronavirus pandemic statistics into an easily understood form, and to share that data with others as a community service,” he said.

Marengo, who was born and raised in Westfield, spent his career in hotel management which landed him in communities from Virginia Beach, Va., to Charlotte, N.C., and then to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., and on to Norfolk, Va. His last stint in the hotel industry was working in the Berkshires.

“In the end, I did the opposite of many people, and moved back north to my snowy hometown to retire,” said Marengo.

The skills he acquired over the years in hotel management, from accounting and market forecasting to data interpretation, now serves him well as he collects the COVID-19 data each week, not only for his

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Fed study puts numbers on state’s revenue collapse

By COLIN A. YOUNG
State House News Service
BOSTON (SHNS) — With the new fiscal year already underway, state budget managers still do not have a grasp on how much tax revenue the state will collect in fiscal 2021, and the uncertainty is contributing to an unusually delayed budget and a hesitation to take up economic relief proposals on Beacon Hill.

Recognizing that states around the

region are struggling to forecast fiscal 2021 state revenue, an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston proposed a model that he said serves as "an objective, transparent, simple, and efficient method to forecast state tax revenue" in these uncertain times.

The model from Bo Zhao at the New England Public Policy Center uses two inputs -- each New England state's unemployment rate and the number of years since fiscal 1994 --

under low, mid and high unemployment scenarios.

In the model, fiscal 2020 tax collections in Massachusetts could be down between \$2.5 billion and \$4.3 billion from fiscal 2019 -- a decline of between 8 percent and 13.5 percent. The economist further estimates fiscal 2021 "real state tax revenue per capita" in Massachusetts could be down between 10.5 percent and 35.2 percent from the fiscal 2020 estimates.

As of the end of May, Massachusetts had collected \$24.78 billion of the \$30.29 billion in taxes budgeted for fiscal 2020, a 6.5 percent decline from the same period in fiscal 2019 due in part to the extension in the tax filing deadline and the economic shutdowns ordered to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Zhao's model relied upon the unemployment rate to predict state

tax collection trends, and the economist found that, of the six New England states, "the sensitivity of tax revenue to changes in economic conditions is greatest in Massachusetts."

"A 1 percentage point increase in the state unemployment rate, on average, is associated with a decrease of \$160 in real adjusted state tax revenue per capita in the FY1995–FY2019 period for Massachusetts," he wrote.

POLICE LOGS

Major crime and incident report Saturday, July 4, 2020 WESTFIELD

12:58 a.m.: fireworks, Union Street, a caller reports fireworks are being discharged from an identified balcony, the responding officer reports no activity was found at the indicated balcony;

1:31 a.m.: fire, Woodcliff Drive, a caller reports a brush fire, the responding firefighters report a pile of brush and debris ignited after a resident dumped a pile of ashes, the fire was extinguished;

1:39 a.m.: city ordinance violation, Main Street, a patrol officer reports a man who has been spoken with numerous times about sleeping in public was again found sleeping on Main Street, a city ordinance violation citation was issued;

2:11 a.m.: traffic complaint, Russell Road, a patrol officer reports he encountered two 14-year-old girls riding bicycles without any lights on Russell Road, the mother of one of the girls was awakened and advised of their actions, the mother came to take custody of both girls;

5:18 a.m.: breaking and entering, Congress Street, a caller reports that he is a police officer in a nearby community and was advised moments earlier that his badge and a license had been surrendered at a convenience store and gas station, the caller said that he checked his vehicle and found that his wallet had been stolen from his glove compartment, the responding officer reports that he spoke with the clerk at the indicated gas station and found that several additional wallets and identification cards had been found near one of the gas pumps, the case was referred to the Detective Bureau;

6:56 a.m.: accident, Springdale Road, multiple callers report a single vehicle crash, the responding officer requests an ambulance and that a G&E dispatcher be notified that a guy wire stabilizing a utility pole is damaged, one person was transported to Baystate Noble Hospital, the road was closed briefly as the car was towed to the police impound yard;

7:32 a.m.: breaking and entering, Schumann Drive, a caller reports her vehicle was entered and ransacked, the caller said that only about \$20 was stolen and she does not require a formal report;

7:40 a.m.: fire, Raymond Circle, a caller reports smoke coming from a Dumpster, dual response dispatched, the responding firefighters report a fire apparently caused by careless disposal of smoking materials was extinguished;

8:32 a.m.: assist other agency, Friendly's Way, a G&E representative reports power to a traffic signal will have to be interrupted, an officer was detailed to direct traffic while the signal was not functional;

10:17 a.m.: Putnam Drive, a caller reports his unsecured vehicle was entered and rummaged through, the caller reports nothing was stolen and a formal report is not necessary;

11:50 a.m.: boat inspection, Hampton Ponds State Park, North Road, pond patrol officers report a verbal warning was issued to the operators of a boat which failed a boat inspection due to missing safety equipment;

12:29 p.m.: animal complaint, West Road, a caller reports that there is a rattlesnake in her basement, the dispatcher advised the caller that animal control officers will not respond for a rattlesnake and provided her with contact information for the Massachusetts Department of Wildlife, the caller was also advised to contact a pest control service;

12:40 p.m.: swimming complaint, Hampton Ponds State Park, North Road, pond patrol officers report a verbal warning was issued to two 14-year-old boys who were swimming more than 150 yards from the shore;

1:00 p.m.: watercraft inspection, Hampton Ponds State Park, North Road, pond patrol officers report an inspection of a jet ski revealed safety equipment was absent so the craft was not allowed to be launched, a second jet ski was later turned away for similar reasons;

1:50 p.m.: vandalism, Woodmont Street, a call reports a golf ball was propelled through one of the windows of his motor vehicle, an incident report was filed;

2:55 p.m.: vandalism, Hampden Street, a caller reports that the tires on her car were slashed and she received a text message threatening to "mess up the car" from her son's former girlfriend, the incident was referred to a Community Service Unit officer;

3:57 p.m.: traffic complaint, Shaker Road, a radar enforcement officer reports a traffic stop for speeding revealed that the operator's license had been suspended, a criminal complaint was issued, the vehicle was towed to the police impound yard and the operator was picked up by a relative;

4:52 p.m.: community service, Hampton Ponds State Park, North Road, pond patrol officers report they led an Independence Day boat parade;

6:38 p.m.: noise complaint, Pochassic Street, a caller reports neighbors' music is disturbing her peace and they refuse to turn it down, the responding officer reports the music was found to be at a low and reasonable level but the residents agreed to keep their noise to a minimum when advised of the complaint;

6:53 p.m.: assist resident, Hampton Ponds State Park, North Road, a caller reports he is locked inside the state park, the responding officer reports the vehicle was released;

7:25 p.m.: fireworks complaint, Salvatore Drive, a caller complains of fireworks in the neighborhood, the responding officer reports he spoke with a resident who said that he had discharged the last of his fireworks and was advised of the possible legal repercussions of his actions, officers later responded to similar complaint with similar results on Glenwood Drive, Stephanie Lane (2), Morgan Avenue and Scenic Road;

8:26 p.m.: fireworks complaint, Court Street, a caller complains of fireworks in the neighborhood, the responding officer reports he observed no fireworks and found no groups of persons in the area, officers later responded to similar complaints with similar results on Northridge Road, Shaker Road, Ely Street, West Silver Street, Falley Drive, Western Avenue, Montgomery Road, Whitaker Road, Gladwin Drive, Jeremy Drive, Old Quarry Road, Chapel Street, Woodcliff Drive, Knollwood Circle, Modena Circle, Bigwood Drive, Union Street, West Silver Street, Greenwood Street, Canal Drive, Lockhouse Road, Klondike Avenue, Sackett Street, Atwater Street, Southampton Road, Massey Street, Birch Bluffs Drive and Deborah Lane;

9:35 p.m.: accident, Little River Road, a caller reports a motorcycle crash, dual response dispatched, the responding officer reports one person was transported to Baystate Medical Center and the motorcycle was transported to the police impound yard;

9:40 p.m.: unwanted person, Monroe Street, a caller reports a guest who is no longer welcome refuses to leave, the responding officer reports the woman was found to be too intoxicated to care for herself and was placed in protective custody;

10:59 p.m.: accident, Montgomery Road, a caller report a vehicle went off the road, the responding officer requests an ambulance and one person was transported to Baystate Noble Hospital, the vehicle was towed.

Sunday, July 5, 2020 WESTFIELD

12:09 a.m.: noise complaint, Montgomery Road, a caller complains of a neighbor's outdoor party, the responding officer reports the noise was not unreasonable and the party was breaking up upon his arrival, the host was advised of the complaint;

12:30 a.m.: fireworks complaint, Deborah Lane, a caller complains of fireworks in the neighborhood, the responding officer reports he observed no fireworks, in the late evening officers responded to similar complaints with similar results on Skyline Drive (2), Falley Drive and Collins Street;

1:10 a.m.: suspicious person, Park Square, Broad Street, a patrol

officer reports he encountered a woman sleeping on the green, the officer found that the woman had perviously been advised of the pertinent city ordinances and warned her that a future infraction would result in a citation;

2:23 a.m.: fireworks, Coleman Avenue, officers attempting to locate persons responsible for fireworks in the area report persons grabbed their fireworks and fled into a residence where the lights were extinguished and nobody answered the door;

2:33 a.m.: accident, Camelot Lane, a caller reports a vehicle parked in his driveway may have struck his house, the responding officer reports the operator of a vehicle which had struck another vehicle in the driveway was passed out, the officer observed an open bag of marijuana in the front seat and noted that the operator emitted an odor both of marijuana and alcohol, the operator admitted smoking marijuana in the vehicle earlier, **John Alexis Rodriguez**, 26, of 49 Redlands St., Springfield, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and for negligent operation of a motor vehicle, he was also issued a city ordinance violation citation for possession of an open container of marijuana in a motor vehicle;

3:18 a.m.: accident, Sunnyside Road at Hillside Road, a caller reports he is following a car which struck his vehicle and is now on fire, an officer located the offending vehicle which initially refused to stop, the operator was found to be intoxicated, **Sean William Grady**, 26, of 12 Royce Court, Apt. B6, West Springfield, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, failure to stop for police, leaving the scene of property damage and negligent operation of a motor vehicle;

5:21 a.m.: vandalism, Ridge Trail Road, a caller reports that his mailbox was damaged overnight and said that others nearby were also damaged, the officer reports that six other mailboxes on Ridge Trail Road and one on Blue Sky Drive had also been damaged;

7:51 a.m.: vandalism, East Mountain Road, a caller reports that his mailbox was damaged overnight, the officer reports that two other mailboxes on East Mountain Road had also been damaged;

2:04 p.m.: motor vehicle violation, Little River Road, a patrol officer reports he stopped an operator seen using a cell phone while driving and issued a verbal warning;

4:36 p.m.: city ordinance violation, Whitney Playground, Shepard Street, a patrol officer reports he advised a group of swimmers of the pertinent city ordinance;

6:33 p.m.: animal complaint, Reservoir Avenue, a caller reports she has taken custody of a stray brown dog, the responding officer reports the dog was transported to the municipal animal shelter;

7:38 p.m.: assist motorist, Hampton Ponds State Park, North Road, a caller reports he and his vehicle are locked in at the state park, State Police were notified.

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11 a.m.: boat/watercraft violation, Middle Pond, police issues a safety check on two kayaks and found all in order;

11:11 a.m.: boat/watercraft violation, South Boat Ramp, a boat without a registration was removed from the lake;

1:10 p.m.: investigation, Coyote Glen Road, a resident reports that he was trimming bushes on his property when a neighbor made threats to kill him, after interviewing both subjects, an officer reports the threat was not credible;

2:07 p.m.: smoke, Berkshire Avenue; a resident states that there is a receptacle in the bedroom with smoke coming out nd a "melting smell," an electrical inspection was performed and no fire reported;

6:23 p.m.: animal complaint, South Longyard Road, a caller reports an injured bobcat by the roadway, the animal was dispatched;

7:38 p.m.: motor vehicle violation, College Highway; and officer issued a warning to two motorists driving side-by-side with a female hanging out the car window.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

SAT., JULY 11, 2020 IS THE 193RD DAY OF THE YEAR. 173 DAYS REMAIN UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

ON THIS DAY

472 – After being besieged in Rome by his own generals, Western Roman Emperor Anthemius is captured in St. Peter's Basilica and put to death.

813 – Byzantine emperor Michael I, under threat by conspiracies, abdicates in favor of his general Leo the Armenian, and becomes a monk (under the name Athanasius).

1476 – Giuliano della Rovere is appointed bishop of Coutances.

1735 – Mathematical calculations suggest that it is on this day that dwarf planet Pluto moved inside the orbit of Neptune for the last time before 1979.

1789 – Jacques Necker is dismissed as France's Finance Minister sparking the Storming of the Bastille.

1796 – The United States takes possession of Detroit from Great Britain under terms of the Jay Treaty.

1798 – The United States Marine Corps is re-established; they had been disbanded after the American Revolutionary War.

1801 – French astronomer Jean-Louis Pons makes his first comet discovery. In the next 27 years he discovers another 36 comets, more than any other person in history.

1895 – Brothers Auguste and Louis Lumière demonstrate movie film technology to scientists.

1897 – Salomon August Andrée leaves Spitsbergen to attempt to reach the North Pole by balloon. He later crashes and dies.

1899 – Fiat founded by Giovanni Agnelli in Turin, Italy.

1906 – Murder of Grace Brown by Chester Gillette in the United States, inspiration for Theodore Dreiser's An American Tragedy.

1914 – Babe Ruth makes his debut in Major League Baseball.

1914 – USS Nevada (BB-36) is launched.

1919 – The eight-hour day and free Sunday become law for workers in the Netherlands.

1920 – In the East Prussian plebiscite the local populace decides to remain with Weimar Germany.

1921 – A truce in the Irish War of Independence comes into effect.

1921 – The Red Army captures Mongolia from the White Army and establishes the Mongolian People's Republic.

1921 – Former president of the United States William Howard Taft is sworn in as 10th chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, becoming the only person ever to hold both offices.

1922 – The Hollywood Bowl opens.

1924 – Eric Liddell won the gold medal in 400m at the 1924 Paris Olympics, after refusing to run in the heats for 100m, his favoured distance, on the Sunday.

1934 – Engelbert Zaschka of Germany flies his large human-powered aircraft, the Zaschka Human-Power Aircraft, about 20 meters at Berlin Tempelhof Airport without assisted take-off.

1936 – The Triborough Bridge in New York City is opened to traffic.

1940 – World War II: Vichy France regime is formally established. Philippe Pétain becomes Chief of the French State.

1941 – The Northern Rhodesian Labour Party holds its first congress in Nkana.

1943 – Massacres of Poles in Volhynia and Eastern Galicia by the Ukrainian Insurgent Army within the Reichskommissariat Ukraine (Volhynia) peak.

1943 – World War II: Allied invasion of Sicily: German and Italian troops launch a counter-attack on Allied forces in Sicily.

1947 – The Exodus 1947 heads to Palestine from France.

1950 – Pakistan joins the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank.

1957 – Prince Karim Hussein Aga Khan IV inherits the office of Imam at as the 49th Imam of Shia Imami Ismaili worldwide, after the death of Sir Sultan Mahommed Shah Aga Khan III.

1960 – France legislates for the independence of Dahomey (later Benin), Upper Volta (later Burkina) and Niger.

1960 – Congo Crisis: The State of Katanga breaks away from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

1960 – To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee is first published, in the United States.

1962 – First transatlantic satellite television transmission.

1962 – Project Apollo: At a press conference, NASA announces lunar orbit rendezvous as the means to land astronauts on the Moon, and return them to Earth.

1971 – Copper mines in Chile are nationalized.

1972 – The first game of the World Chess Championship 1972 between challenger Bobby Fischer and defending champion Boris Spassky starts.

1973 – Varig Flight 820 crashes near Paris, France on approach to Orly Airport, killing 123 of the 134 on board. In response, the FAA bans smoking in airplane lavatories.

1977 – Martin Luther King, Jr. is posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

1978 – Los Alfaques disaster: A truck carrying liquid gas crashes and explodes at a coastal campsite in Tarragona, Spain killing 216 tourists.

1979 – America's first space station, Skylab, is destroyed as it re-enters the Earth's atmosphere over the Indian Ocean.

1983 – A TAME airline Boeing 737-200 crashes near Cuenca, Ecuador, killing all 119 passengers and crew on board.

1990 – Oka Crisis: First Nations land dispute in Quebec, Canada begins.

1991 – Nigeria Airways Flight 2120 crashes in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia killing all 261 passengers and crew on board.

1995 – Yugoslav Wars: Srebrenica massacre begins; lasts until 22 July.

2006 – Mumbai train bombings: Two hundred nine people are killed in a series of bomb attacks in Mumbai, India.

2010 – Kampala attacks: At least 74 people are killed in twin suicide bombings at two locations in Kampala, Uganda.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

1950 – Bonnie Pointer, American singer

1952 – Stephen Lang, American actor and playwright

1957 – Peter Murphy, English singer-songwriter

1959 – Suzanne Vega, American singer-songwriter, guitarist, and producer

1960 – David Baerwald, American singer-songwriter, composer, and musician

1963 – Lisa Rinna, American actress and talk show host

1965 – Scott Shriner, American singer-songwriter and bass player

1966 – Rod Strickland, American basketball player and coach

1967 – Andy Ashby, American baseball player and sportscaster

State Sen. Velis Update

Hello Everyone!
I hope everyone has been having a great week! Although it has been quite humid, I have been able to stay cool. This week has been full of meetings for me, and I have met with a number of constituents and local officials to gather input on legislation and issues our community faces.

On Monday, I went to Barnes Airport to meet with airport manager Chris Willenborg. I learned a lot about the airport and its needs, and how I can get more involved on their behalf. I will be returning to the airport in a few weeks for a more detailed tour. Later that evening, I drove to Russell Elementary School to attend their annual town meeting. It was great to listen to different members of the community, and I had some great conversations on issues in the community. I'd like to thank the Select Board for allowing me to introduce myself and participate in the discussions.

On Wednesday, Representative Carey and myself had the opportunity to speak with teachers all across our district and the state about the concerns surrounding COVID-19 and schools reopening. It's crucial that we take the input and insight of our educators when making decisions about our schools during this pandemic, and I'm grateful for the Massachusetts Teachers Association and local educators for meeting with me. I will always look out for the students and teachers in my district, and will always put their safety first. I look forward to ongoing discussions as more guidelines from the state are rolled out, and will be reaching out to the various superintendents in my district as the weeks go on.

This week has brought forth a monumental police reform bill that has undeniably taken up the bulk of my time. With over 140 amendments filed, and many changes coming to the bill soon, it is hard to know how the final version will look. I firmly believe that the best way to bring our district to the table is by speaking directly to those in our community who this legislation affects, and that is why I have spent countless hours this week meeting with stakeholders all over the district. I have had meetings with advocacy organizations, constituents, and law enforcement and public safety officials, and it is clear that the issues I have brought back to the legislature are ringing loudly and clearly. Through debates I have participated in, and the amendments I have put forward and co-sponsored, I have played an integral part in this process, and will continue to advocate for the best interests of our district every step of the way.

As some of you might recall, last week the Senate passed the COVID-19 supplemental budget, which provides increased aid for the state via the federal government. My amendment that secured a specific \$250,000 earmark for the Holyoke Soldiers' Home also was adopted. This money will go to support the home during these difficult times, and will provide increased PPE equipment, new technology such as touchless thermometers, and other infection control resources. I am constantly working on indicatives in regards to the Soldiers' Home, and next week I will be hosting a gathering in Westfield with the families of residents who passed away during this pandemic. If you would like more information on this event, please reach out to my office.

And as always, please never hesitate to reach out to my office if there is anything else I can do to assist you! I can be reached at my email: john.velis@masenate.gov or phone: (413) 572-3920.

Sincerely,
John C. Velis



STATE SEN.
JOHN VELIS

Camp

one-week session.

The maximum capacity for the camp sessions have been reduced from 260 to 140 campers, who are practicing physical distancing, mask wearing, and sanitizing. The camp has eliminated visitors, family nights and overnights. "Parents can't hang out, there are no day volunteers. The guidelines are very strict," Allard said, adding that overnight camps were just informed that they can't open.

"Camp Shepard has 106 acres to do physical distancing, and campers are outside 99.9% of the time," Allard said. Camp activities include hiking, mountain biking, ropes courses, kayaking on the pond, archery, kick ball, and Wiffle ball.

When it rains, there are outdoor pavilions for arts and crafts, and based on the regulations, they keep social distance within the buildings, and sanitize after every group.

"If it's a sprinkle, we play in the rain," Allard said.

All campers are kept in their groups, with minimum exposure between groups. There is one counselor to 10 kids, and one to five for ages 4, 5, and 6.

Allard herself started as a camper at Camp Shepard in 1978 at age 7. Assistant Camp Director Sam Martin started at age 10.

"That's why we worked so hard, because we know what the experience is for them," Allard said.

When asked if the limited enrollment has hurt the YMCA financially, Allard said they did get some support from the Community Foundation of Western Mass. to open the camp. "For us, it's about bringing the experience and opportunity to the kids. 'We'll do what we have to do,'" she said.

As a not-for-profit, the YMCA also offers financial assistance. During a typical year, they spend \$250,000 in financial assistance for memberships, \$32,000 of which is in camp memberships. If any-

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YMCA Executive Director Andrea Allard, Camp Shepard Director Lauren Caprile and Assistant Camp Director Sam Martin are ready for camp. (AMY PORTER/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)

one would like to help send a kid to camp for the summer, donations are welcome, Allard said.

Allard said during the closure, the YMCA pivoted. They did not run their annual campaign, set to launch on April 4, and canceled their premiere fundraising event, which they plan to move to September or October.

The YMCA did run emergency child care for essential workers from March 20 until June 29.

Allard said the YMCA fitness center on Court Street will also be reopening some of its programs to members beginning July 13.

A posting on their website at westfieldymca.org reads: "We are excited that we have received the MA Safety Standards for Fitness Centers and Health Clubs from the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts. We are anticipating that we will be able to open our doors on July 13.

"The safety of our members, staff and the community is our number one priority. We have been working hard on policies, procedures and facilities. Now that we have the necessary guidance we need to take the time to make the adjustments to ensure compliance. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we strive to bring you the best YMCA experience possible."

Allard said they have rearranged the whole YMCA. Fitness equipment is spaced 14 feet apart, and group exercises will also maintain the 14 feet distancing. Masks are required unless social distancing is maintained.

There will be no high contact sports, such as basketball or racquetball, at this time.

Family open swim has been eliminated for the time being, but other swim classes will be held.

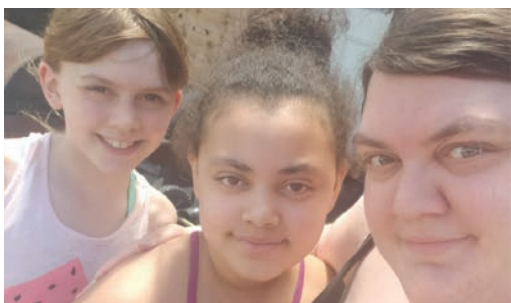
Although they can only be open to members during this time, people may still join.

"We just got the fitness center and health club guidance last Thursday (July 1), which we worked hard to anticipate," Allard said. She said future updates and changes will be posted on the website.

"It's very exciting. It will be nice to have people back in the building," Allard said. "I remember the day we closed on March 16. It was so quiet and surreal."

"I'd rather have this slow opening and be safe. We'll be following the data and recommendations, everyone will be doing what they need to do, and we'll be good," Allard said.

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Team Member Kara, her daughter Naraya and their neighbor Kaylee from the story.



Ger's wife Anna showing the famous Jake the ins and outs of his new iPhone.



The wonderful board of Harmony House meeting at Yankee all dedicated to Ruth's mission.

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OPEN LETTER TO AMERICA

After three months of hearing about "worst case scenarios," "the new normal," and listening to Americans criticizing Americans it is refreshing and heartwarming to see all kinds of ordinary citizens coming together to help and inspire one another during a global pandemic.

I came to America for economic reasons and fell in love with a warm, optimistic and loving country that offered hope to a young Irish immigrant. For the last 6 years Yankee has taken out full pages in local newspapers to express my gratitude to a country that has provided me so much, while pointing out what some might not notice, especially during these last few weeks.

For example, a Springfield covid-19 nurse returns home at midnight after a 12 hour shift to see her home in flames. A Yankee Home team member Kara Mainville steps up to take in the nurse's daughter who lives on her street, who is now temporarily without a home. The community rallies and comes together to help this family rebuild by generously contributing to their Gofundme page. Americans looking out for Americans.

Then there's the unstoppable, 85 year old Ruth Willemain continuing to push forward with her dream of building Harmony House, a home where people could live out the last few days of their lives with dignity. Part Mother Theresa, part Clint Eastwood she rallied and inspired the many volunteers at great personal risk. She plowed forward with her handmade purple mask, social distancing all the while. I am incredibly honored to be a part of a truly inspirational person's dream. The local community volunteering and donating their resources during this crisis is a testament to America.

Cut off from my homeless friend Jake (theJakeStory.com) for 3 months all the while following Philadelphia death tolls and wondering if he made it. Then a collect call, Jake warning me and my wife Anna not to come down. His explanation of what was going on in his hometown, not knowing it was global, warmed my heart, grounded me and made me count my blessings even more.

As Yankee Home has grown over the years we have received many calls and letters from these yearly July 4th pontifications, none more poignant than from Jerry Lucey. Now framed in our office, he wrote an impassioned letter reiterating my views of America. He recalls returning from Vietnam and getting spat on while marching down Tremont Street in Boston. This didn't stop his love of his country. Nor I guess will a pandemic.

This immigrant's view of America remains unchanged. While not perfect, this country we call home is still that optimistic, warm and loving place he set foot on decades ago.

Thanks for reading. Thank You America. Happy July 4th, and God bless her as She rebuilds.

Ger Roman
(President)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor

A statement from the General Manager of Westfield Gas + Electric

Westfield Gas + Electric is proud to be Westfield’s locally owned utility for more than 120 years. We supply safe and reliable power to this community at rates which are consistently 10-15% below the state average, which saves our ratepayers a tremendous amount of money each and every year. To help understand the magnitude of these savings, during 2019 alone WG+E electric and gas customers saved in aggregate well over \$22 million compared to what their costs would have been had they been served by neighboring investor-owned utilities. Westfield homeowners and businesses can then utilize these savings as they see fit, often supporting the continued growth of our vibrant community.

In addition to low-cost energy services, our value proposition is supported by our efforts to provide the highest level of service. Since 2007, we have been repeatedly awarded the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) designation by the American Public Power Association. This award is given to the nation’s top publicly owned utility providers who demonstrate excellence and proficiency in reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Westfield is our community and we regularly go above and beyond to support it.

As a municipal department, WG+E is deemed tax-exempt, yet we have a long history of providing both in-lieu-of-tax payments and in-kind or goodwill services to the community. For the 2021 fiscal year, the Municipal Light Board authorized an in-lieu-of-tax cash payment of \$566,000 which will position WG+E as the fourth largest “taxpayer” in the city. Over just the past ten years, these annual payments total more than \$4.7 million.

If you attended or listened to the July Municipal Light Board meeting, there was a collaborative discussion about additional ways WG+E is being asked to support the city. This conversation was also featured in an article published by the Westfield News on July 4th and referenced in a recent letter to the editor. A significant request for additional financial assistance in the amount of \$1M has been made by the Mayor, City Council, and School Committee. As we do with every decision, we will assess the options while recognizing that our ratepayers must come first. And there is clearly a difference between a ratepayer (our customer who pays for a utility they use) and a taxpayer (a person subject to or liable for paying taxes). In the meantime, we continue with our daily work of improving and maintaining our gas, electric and internet infrastructures, and supporting non-profit organizations, businesses, and the residents of Westfield. We aren’t making profits for shareholders—we reinvest right here every single day.

Our Whip City Fiber (WCF) service is an example of that reinvestment and commitment to bringing exceptional service to our community. While we wish we had the ability to provide this low-cost, high-speed internet service right now to all neighborhoods in Westfield, we must be mindful of the costs associated with expansion plans as well as our obligation to pay off the \$15M bond debt taken on a few short years ago. Rest assured, future WCF expansion will occur to those areas currently without access, but it must be done in a methodical and financially feasible manner.

You may not be aware of the many additional ways WG+E supports the city and its residents. Every city-owned traffic light and streetlight in town is managed by WG+E. We converted all 4,500+ streetlights to energy-saving LED lights to reduce power costs for the city. Each year we help the city show its pride by installing flags and holiday decorations throughout the downtown corridor. We regularly work with the city and DPW to tackle various construction and improvement projects. We provide over \$500,000 yearly to commercial and residential customers through our Energy Efficiency program offerings and over \$50,000 to customers who qualify for low-income energy assistance. We are a fixture at local events and are often behind the scenes providing temporary power or Wi-Fi internet access. Community organizations know they can count on us for sponsorships and, on an annual basis, we provide over \$50,000 in donations and support to dozens of local non-profits.

The energy market can be extremely unpredictable and unexpected catastrophic events can wreak havoc on the cost of natural gas or electricity. Perhaps you recall the impact on natural gas prices in 2005 following Hurricane Katrina? Like an insurance policy, the department’s stabilization or reserve funds can help offset those situations and help us maintain stable pricing for customers in spite of occasional extreme price volatility. We’ve used these reserve funds to also pay for unplanned repairs due to large ice storms, tornados, and costly equipment failures. This important tool in our power supply strategy ensures that we do not have to pass those added costs on to our ratepayers so they will continue to see the low and stable rates they have come to expect when they receive their bills.

The last few months have been particularly challenging for all of us. Personally, and professionally, we take that to heart. We recognize that some of our customers may be having financial struggles, and our customer service team is always available to help create a plan for getting them back on track. We can also help to connect customers who qualify with local aid services as well as provide direct support through WG+E’s Westfield Warm program. Please call us at 572-0100 should you have any questions.

Tony Contrino
Westfield Gas & Electric General Manager

July 8, 2020 (UPDATE)																
COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS WEEKLY PROGRESS TRACKING Peter Marengo, Westfield, MA																
Date	Global Cases Per 1,000 People	Global New Cases	Global Deaths Per 1,000 People	USA Cases Per 1,000 People	USA New Cases	USA Deaths Per 1,000 People	Mass Cases Per 1,000 People	Mass New Cases	Mass Deaths Per 1,000 People	Hampden County Mass. Cases Per 1,000 People	Hampden County Mass. New Cases	Hampden County Mass. Deaths Per 1,000 People	Westfield Mass. Cases Per 1,000 People	Westfield Mass. New Cases	Westfield Mass. Deaths Per 1,000 People	
March 8, 2020	126.032		4.630	0.362		no data	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	no data	
March 12, 2020	127.663	1.731	4.780	1.323	8	36	35	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	no data	
March 19, 2020	244.307	16.654	10.030	14.250	12,527	no data	328	233	0	2	2	0	0	0	no data	
March 26, 2020	336.684	287.827	24.034	85.486	73,856	1,888	2,417	2,089	25	55	1	24	24	no data		
April 2, 2020	1,007.377	476,233	58.771	238,860	153,334	6,285	8,546	6,345	154	546	438	19	30	66	no data	
April 9, 2020	1,575.630	571,723	94.567	452,582	293,762	16,125	18,541	3,375	503	1,276	730	62	164	74	no data	
April 16, 2020	2,252.647	572,557	143.802	667,804	235,215	32,367	32,481	13,240	1,245	1,505	709	19	216	32	no data	
April 23, 2020	2,623.415	470,768	182.303	837,947	170,146	46,497	42,944	10,765	2,882	2,678	633	27	271	35	no data	
April 30, 2020	3,236.570	633,035	233.363	1,063,334	231,987	63,003	62,025	29,881	3,562	3,777	1,039	373	333	88	38	
May 6, 2020	3,724.688	468,888	261.527	1,286,733	117,203	72,617	72,025	3,820	4,420	4,321	544	423	333	40	47	
May 13, 2020	4,327.288	602,600	295.540	1,385.635	168,500	83,648	80,437	8,472	5,315	4,685	568	475	407	14	50	
May 20, 2020	4,568.683	641,401	326.315	1,545.032	163,413	93,214	88,570	8,473	6,066	5,485	523	526	423	16	52	
May 27, 2020	5,639.806	683,877	375.446	1,634.393	143,567	100,047	94,880	9,390	6,567	5,843	427	554	436	18	53	
June 3, 2020	6,430.705	778,823	385.547	1,835.580	156,381	107,175	101,558	7,378	7,358	6,237	358	608	437	1	53	
June 8, 2020	7,341.533	1,063,854	425.438	2,023.347	171,827	121,820	104,667	3,073	7,432	6,415	218	633	439	2	53	
June 17, 2020	8,282.39	767,260	446.234	2,154.004	150,637	17,662	106,191	1,684	7,734	6,380	103	645	441	2	53	
June 24, 2020	9,233.365	1,027,846	478.283	2,348.396	134,398	121,279	107,439	1,888	7,890	6,620	102	649	446	3	53	
July 1, 2020	10,742.486	1,447,031	527.884	2,639.638	350,708	188,884	109,143	1,704	8,081	6,791	121	659	457	8	53	
July 8, 2020	12,682.683	1,240,467	547.722	3,040.357	341,233	132,035	110,338	1,195	8,213	6,503	82	672	468	8	54	

Tracking Data

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information but to inform others who too may be interested in viewing trends.

“I’m a senior citizen and it feels good to be able to put my skills to some practical, useful purpose,” said Marengo.

While Marengo acknowledges that some forum comments on his data charts have been “hateful,” he stresses he is sharing his charts “purely for informational purposes in the midst of the most severe global and national pandemic in over a century.”

“I was dumbfounded at some of the hateful comments that were made by people who believed that the coronavirus pandemic was/is a hoax,” he added.

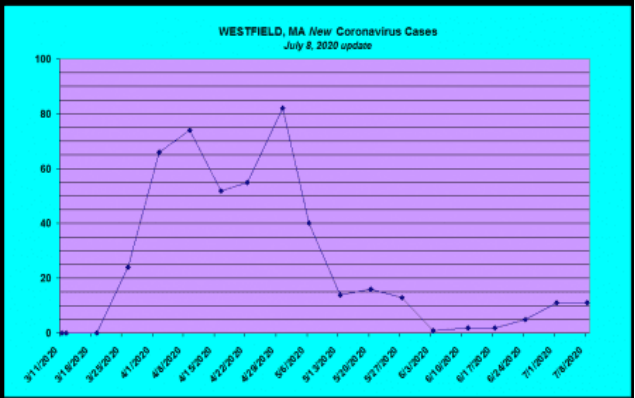
Over the past few months some forum members have also asked Marengo if he could add statistics for the number of people who have had COVID-19 and recovered.

“The answer is that I cannot,” said Marengo. “As far as I have been able to determine, those statistics are not available, mainly, I would guess, because there are so many current active cases. There won’t be an accurate count of those who have recovered until after the pandemic is ended when we can subtract the number of deaths from the total number of confirmed cases. At least that’s how I see it.”

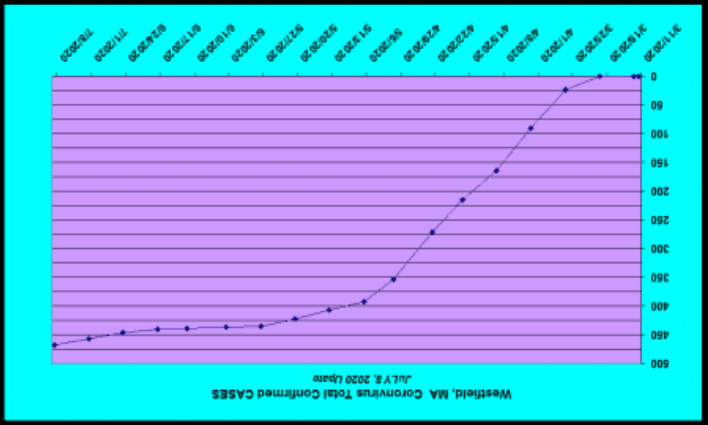
Marengo said he expects to maintain the coronavirus tracking project “as long as the pandemic lasts; I am physically able, and feel that it is useful to others.”

While areas of the country and around the globe are now seeing spikes in new cases, Marengo said he is not surprised.

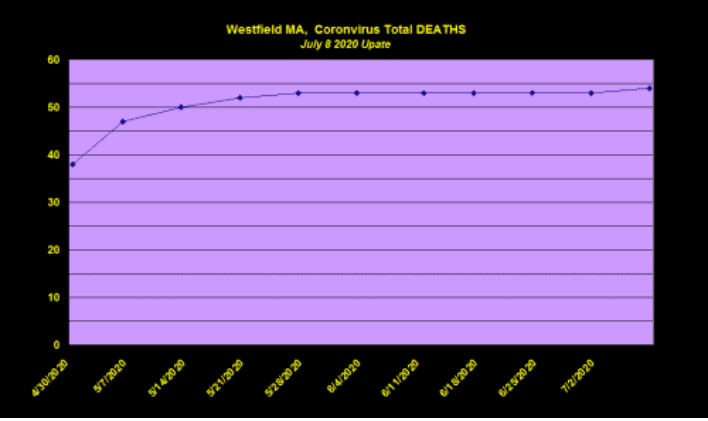
“I can say I’m saddened but not surprised by it,” he said.



Peter Marengo of Westfield began tracking weekly coronavirus cases in Westfield that were reported in early March.



Peter Marengo of Westfield updates several COVID-19 charts each week that center on Westfield statistics.



Peter Marengo has created several charts over the past few months on the COVID-19 pandemic, including the number of deaths from coronavirus in Westfield. He said the chart starts on April 30 because the city was not publishing the death statistics before that date.

“I think Gov. Baker has done a fantastic job and we are better off than most of the states. What is most troubling is seeing so many people still ignoring the rules, so I’m not surprised at the spikes.”

Marengo said as he compiles the data each week he never forgets “that each number represents a human being – a person with a life, loved ones, family, friends, a job, hopes and dreams.”

Marengo added it is far too easy to look at numbers that are in the millions and only see statistics.

“The statistics are people who are suffering or dying,” he said, adding, “but they take on a whole new meaning when one realizes that these are our neighbors and fellow global citizens.”

State report sheds light on troubled hospital finances

By KATIE LANNAN

State House News Service

BOSTON (SHNS) — All 21 hospital health systems included in a new state analysis reported negative operating margins for the quarter ending March 31, a period that includes the early weeks of the COVID-19 emergency in Massachusetts.

The Center for Health Information and Analysis’ report found that 17 of the 21 hospital health systems that submitted data also had negative total margins for the quarter, and the median total margin for acute hospitals was a negative 2.7 percent, down almost 7 percentage points from the same period last year.

The data, according to CHIA, does not reflect an influx of new federal funding related to COVID-19 but does cover the early days after Baker put a stay-at-home advisory in place and imposed restrictions, which have since been eased, on the health care field.

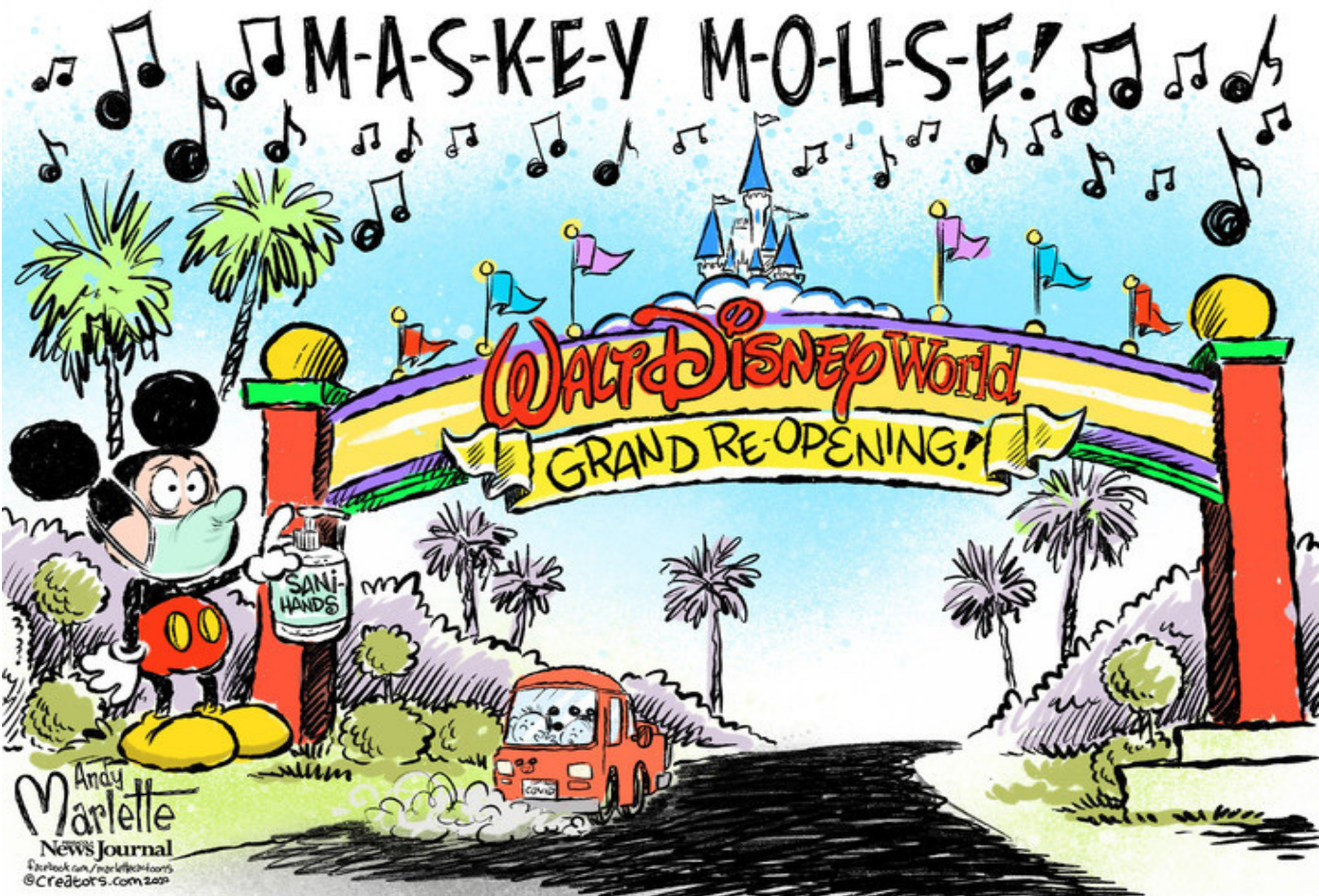
Seventy-nine percent of hospitals -- 38 of 48 that reported

data -- had positive total margins as of Dec. 31. As of March 31, the percentage had dropped significantly -- 36 percent, or 21 of 58 hospitals, said they had positive total margins.

The four cohorts into which CHIA categorizes acute hospitals -- academic medical centers, teaching hospitals, community hospitals and community hospitals with a high proportion of public-payer patients -- all "experienced a decrease in profitability between last year's period and the current period."

Community hospitals posted the lowest total margin of the cohorts, at negative 3.6 percent, down from a positive 2.9 percent the previous March. The total margin for teaching hospitals fell from 5.5 percent in 2019 to a negative 2.8 percent in 2020.

Ray Campbell, CHIA's executive director, said the quarterly report "presents early information on the financial toll the virus has taken on Massachusetts hospitals," and that his agency will publish additional COVID-related analyses as more data becomes available.



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Stuart Andrew "Andy" Vogt

WASHINGTON — Stuart Andrew "Andy" Vogt passed on June 30, 2020 at his home in Seattle, WA. He was born on a Wednesday, 26 August, 1981 in Manassas, VA to parents Stuart G. Vogt and Georgia W. Vogt (deceased). Graduated Westfield High School in 2000, he was an avid track runner with a passion for comedy and meteorology. Andy was a veteran of the US Air

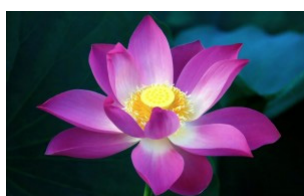


Force who later translated his skills to a tech career he loved in Seattle. He was a loyal son and an amazing brother who truly made this world a lighter and more wonderful place. He will be greatly missed.

Private services will be held at Shenandoah National Park which Andy loved to hike. He leaves behind his father, his sister Lynne Vogt, his grandfather Stuart H. Vogt, his step-mother Lin Elgin and brother Ethan Elgin, as well as uncle Brian and grandmother Roz Gwozdz also of Westfield.

Cynthia Lynn Johnson

FLORIDA — Cynthia Lynn Johnson, 69, of Milton, Florida, passed away suddenly on Monday, July 6, 2020. She was the beloved wife of 37 years to the late Samuel Johnson. Cynthia was born in Holyoke, MA on July 24, 1950 and was the daughter of the late Walter and Nellie (Hayden) Robak.



She served in the Air Force for 5 years. She was a housewife until after her husband retired from the Air Force and settled in Olive Branch, MS. She then worked at Walmart for 17 years until her retirement in 2016 at the age of 66. After she retired, she moved to Milton, Florida where both her children had relocated. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, tending her garden and watching her crime dramas.

In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by both her parents. She leaves behind her daughter Robin and her husband Ian Gilmore of Milton, Florida, her son Michael Johnson of Pensacola, Florida and her 2 grandchildren Gabby and Harrison Gilmore. She is also survived by her sisters: Kathi Malinowski of Pennsylvania, Shirley Polley of Westfield, Terrie Galeotti of North Carolina and Carol Young of Colorado.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until the funeral service begins at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2020 at Trahan Family Funeral Home of Milton. Interment will be 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at Autumn Woods Cemetery in Olive Branch, MS. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in her memory.

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Police station offers safe ways to dispose of drugs, needles

By LORI SZEPELAK
Correspondent

WESTFIELD — City residents are reminded that a MedReturn box in the entrance of the Westfield Police Department on Washington Street is an ideal way to dispose of unwanted or unused medications.

"The main purpose of the MedReturn box is to reduce the supply of drugs that can potentially harm individuals and cut down on the abuse of prescription drugs," said Westfield Police Chief Lawrence Valliere.

The MedReturn box has been in the station for more than six years, noted Valliere.

"When unused medication is not disposed of, it becomes a very convenient and cost-effective way for an addicted person to acquire narcotics," he said, adding, "One would not need a prescription and there is no cost. Also, unused medication is often resold out in the community."

Tina Gorman, executive director, Westfield Council on Aging, noted in the July Voice of Experience newsletter that medications should never be flushed down the toilet or included with the household trash because they will "eventually work their way into the water supply where they can be a threat to public health."

Valliere concurred with Gorman and added, "For me, cutting down on the availability of some of these highly addictive drugs is the biggest advantage."

Items that are accepted for the MedReturn box include prescriptions, prescription patches, prescription medications and ointments, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, samples and medications for pets.

Among the items that are not accepted for the collection unit include hydrogen peroxide, inhalers, aerosol cans, ointments, lotions and liquids, medication from businesses or clinics, needles and thermometers.

Joseph Rouse, director of public health for the Westfield Health Department, said his department anticipated moving the Sharps Kiosk from Westfield City Hall to the police station by July 10.

"Since City Hall is temporarily closed, we will be relocating the kiosk so that city residents will have a way to dispose of their needles," said Rouse, noting the needles must be in a puncture-



Unwanted medications can be placed in the MedReturn box in the lobby of the Westfield Police Department on Washington Street. (WESTFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO)

proof container.

For thermometers with mercury that need to be discarded, the city's transfer station has a designated area to drop them off, according to Rouse.

"The newer digital thermometers to be discarded may be placed in the trash as well as inhalers," said Rouse, adding that for prescription liquids that are no longer needed, they should be mixed with coffee grounds or kitty litter, for example, to render them unretrievable.

For city residents dropping off items for either collection box, a face mask must be worn, and once one presses the police doorbell, an employee will provide assistance.

"Because the police department is always open, the safe disposal options are available all day and night, 365 days of the year," said Gorman, adding, "Short-term parking and a walk-up ramp is available right in front of the building."

Southwick Schools

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While students spent the end of the 2019-2020 school year in a remote learning plan, she said the remote learning plans for the fall would be different, particularly when it comes to schoolwork and grading.

Superintendent Willard said, "This plan is going to be a little different than what we had this year. There's going to be more active teaching, there's not going to be an optional pass-fail, there will be full grading, and students will be expected to complete all the work that is assigned to them."

Superintendent Willard added that in future informational sessions she will be discussing social emotional support, facilities and operations, individualized education plans, and academic plans for the upcoming school year as requested by the parents.

In the future she said she will also be detailing transportation and lunch, athletics and extracurriculars, and the academic calendar once the district receives more guidance from the Department of

Secondary Education.

One of the most important things Superintendent Willard said the district needs is feedback from all stake holders in the community, including staff, teachers and students.

"Input from our stakeholders is vitally important for planning our hybrid and remote plans work. Just as important as everybody else we need to hear from our students as this is their education and we need to know what worked and what didn't," she said.

As part of generating feedback from the community, the district will host feedback forums for staff on July 9 at 6 p.m. for grades 7-12 and at 7 p.m. for preschool through grade 6. Then on July 13 there will be a session for parents at 7 p.m. followed by another one for students on July 14 at 7 p.m.

Residents interested in watching the full presentation can find it on the STGRSD YouTube channel.

Connector

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to the city for a portion of the amount.

"I approached the Mayor on your request. The Mayor considered it, but given the fiscal situation, he considers it a viable project that should be funded through the CPC," Cressotti said.

He added that due to the COVID-19 shutdown, cuts had to be made to the School Department and across all city departments, and the Mayor didn't feel that the city is in the position to contribute to the project. Cressotti also said he could reduce the request to \$150,000.

The proposed work is for enhanced safety measures for users of the Columbia Greenway at the Shaker Road crossing, including a 400-foot connector from the overflow parking lot in the rear of Shaker Farms Country Club to the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, and textured pavement, flashing lights and other safety enhancements at the intersection to slow traffic. Users currently travel the shoulder of Shaker Road, a busy bypass around the city by both automobiles and trucks. Cressotti said the \$150,000 would fund the construction of the 400-foot connector and traffic safety enhancements.

Sharp asked whether any future requests would be coming from the Rail Trail, and also the status of its current construction.

Cressotti said he didn't foresee any other funding requests to the CPC. He said the City Council had originally suggested that funding

requests of \$750,000 over three years for design and non-participating costs in the central section, which is currently under construction, be made through CPC funding. However, due to an additional grant from Complete Streets, the third request of \$250,000 was reduced to \$90,000. Cressotti said the total cost of the state and federally funded project is \$7.6 million.

Cressotti said the central section, which involves five bridges, will bring the Rail Trail from Stop and Shop to the Westfield River. He said the non-participating costs include lighting and other incidentals. "You'll see bridges in place by the end of the construction season, and the trail will be in use by spring," Cressotti said.

Back to the connector, Cynthia Gaylord said she was in favor of funding the project. She called it a safety issue, and said she sees a lot of bicycles in the road there, including children. "I think it's a viable project and I hope it wouldn't take an accident to have the city move on this. It's highly used, and there is no sidewalk on the other side," Gaylord said.

CPC member Michael Tirrell agreed. "I travel that section of Shaker Road quite a bit, and it's quite busy with folks on foot, bikes and vehicles. Certainly having a dedicated space there between Country Club Drive and the Rail Trail would be extremely beneficial. I agree with Cindy, given the money that we have here and the viability of this project, I think it's a good

expenditure here," Tirrell said.

Cressotti said the city has already spent \$60,000 for design and permitting for the connector spur, and will spend another \$40,000 for right of way acquisition. "There is still participation on the city's part both prior and after this," he said, adding that there are no state or federal funds for this project.

Sharp said while he initially balked at the full request, he has since "gotten over" that.

"I've kind of done a 180 on it. This isn't going to get done if we don't step up and put in the money for it," he said. Bill Porter suggested signage could be put up directing riders to the Rail Trail, and encouraging people to get off Shaker Road. He said he had also changed his opinion on the project since January, and considered it worthy.

City Planner Jay Vinskey also said looking at the whole of the Rail Trail project, the connector is a piece of a bigger picture, and made sense. The motion to approve \$150,000 carried unanimously.

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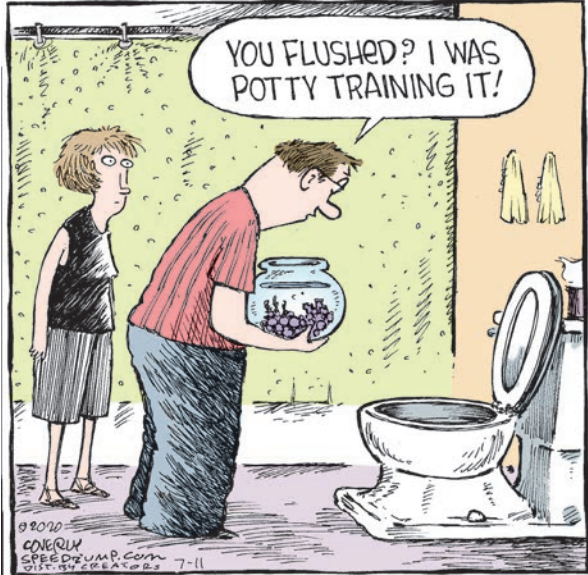
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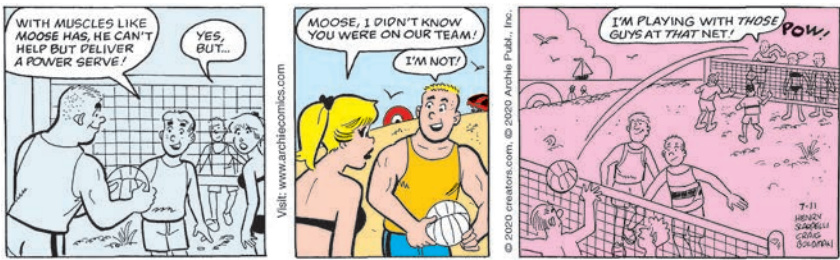
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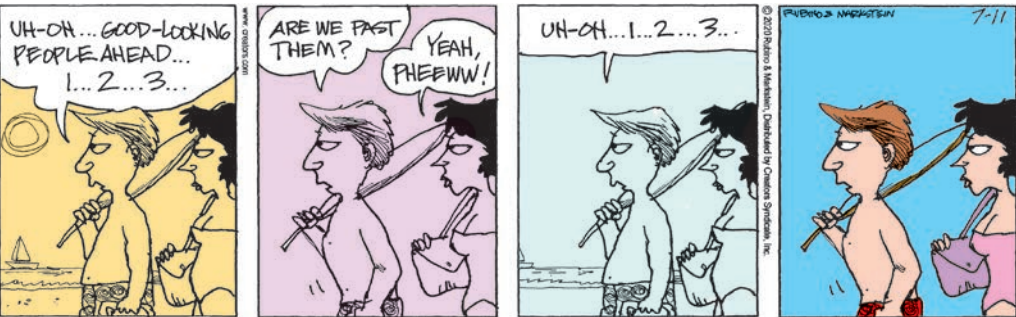
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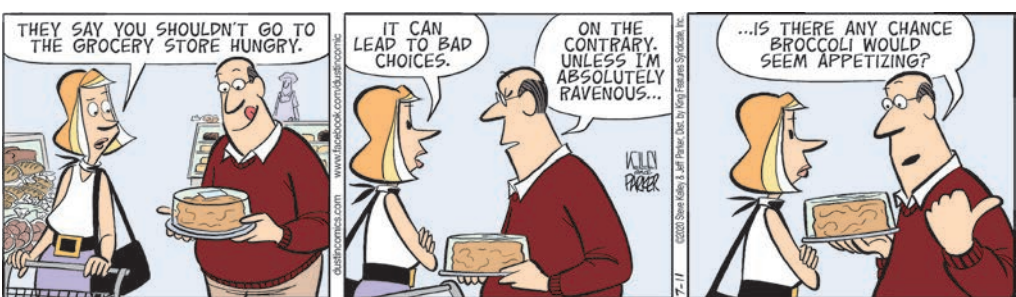
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, July 11, 2020:
Socially aware and innately stylish, even in this challenging year you are able to manipulate events in your favor. Greater recognition for your talents is due to you at the end of the year. If single, you go after your love interest with a private intensity and can often switch partners. If attached, you and your mate build a beautiful home together and live passionately behind fortress walls. **SAGITTARIUS** makes deep demands.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ As the celestial trailblazer you, Aries, are the herald of all that is fresh, fiery and progressive. Today accents beginnings and endings. It is a time of surprise. Be receptive to the changes, and this will be an amazingly memorable day. Tonight: Celebrate yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Today carries a message about reaching your higher self. Strategy will appeal to you. Expect a breakthrough in completing an ongoing project. There can be some research to complete. Keep a notebook handy to jot down impressions. Tonight: Psychic insights are vivid.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Today favors joining and becoming a member of groups and prestigious organizations. Companionship is healing and inspirational. Be a good listener; compromise if any differences arise. Beam in more of what you want. Tonight: Opt for new rather than the tried and true.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ A source of income could either disappear or generate new needs. Change in the world as a whole may impact your field. There is a need for your services as well as your work ethic. Tonight: Feels like a job search.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Today brings awareness of your strengths and weaknesses. All will be well if you work hard and consider practical needs. Patience is helpful. You can acquire deeper understanding of an important subject. Review notes and reread significant books. Tonight: Up late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Others will make suggestions and issue invitations today. Read between the lines. There is much to learn through listening and observing. Your mind is working overtime. There can be some research to complete. Tonight: Take the evening off and dance like no one is watching.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ A partner in love or business is about to become more successful. Allow them to grow and offer encouragement. Kindness and patience are needed. Romantic involvements and friendships are subject to special stresses. Tonight: Don't overextend financially; hunt for bargains.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ If a vehicle needs replacement, start to examine your options promptly. Verify departure times and reservations; there can be some last minute schedule changes to allow for. The weather may impact you, so prepare accordingly. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ A magnetic attraction could develop. Today shows so many changes around you, though, that a relationship might not stabilize. There is the urge for some dalliances and liaisons. Remember that old adage -- be careful of what you wish for. Tonight: Decisions fall on you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)
★★★★★ Family dynamics will be especially upbeat. There is also the climate for romance. For some, it will strongly favor the conception of a child. For others, creative expression or the flowering of a hidden part of you will occur. Tonight: At home. Make it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Use care in communication today, for messages can be lost or misconstrued. Vehicles can be unreliable or directions lost. By the end of the day, the mental cobwebs will be swept away and you will find your path again. Tonight: Catch up with old friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Having enough to pay for new treasures will absorb your attention today. Hunt for special sales and clearance items. Enjoy all that you have, rather than lamenting that which eludes. Tonight: Relate on a one-on-one basis. Others will seek you out.

BORN TODAY
Writer E.B. White (1899), actor Yul Brynner (1920), designer Giorgio Armani (1934)

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Chalk one up for declarer

Fast dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ K 8 6
♥ A 6 5
♣ K 7 3
♦ A K 9 2

WEST
♦ 10 9 4
♥ Q 10 3
♦ A J 8 2
♣ 7 6 4

EAST
♦ 7 3 2
♥ 9 8 7 2
♦ 10 9 5 4
♣ 10 5

SOUTH
♦ A Q 1 5
♥ K J 4
♦ Q 6
♣ Q J 8 3

The bidding:
East 1 NT Pass West 6 NT
Opening lead — ten of spades.
Assume you're declarer at six notrump and West leads the ten of spades. How would you play the hand?

You can count 11 sure tricks at the outset — four spades, four clubs, two hearts and the king or queen of diamonds. To make the slam, you need to score a trick with the jack of hearts, and the best way to do this would seem to be to finesse East for the queen. In the actual case, though, the finesse would fail, and you'd go down.

When the deal occurred, South found the notion of entrusting the outcome to a simple finesse to be distasteful, so he sought a way to improve on his chances and wound up making the slam.

After taking the first spade with the queen, he immediately led a diamond toward the king. West could not afford to take his ace without establishing declarer's 12th trick, so he let the king win. South then cashed all his spades and clubs, coming down to the K-J-4 of hearts and queen of diamonds in his hand opposite dummy's A-6-5 of hearts and seven of diamonds.

Meanwhile, West had elected to hang onto the Q-10-3 of hearts and ace of diamonds, discarding the diamond jack on the last club. Reading the situation perfectly, declarer now led the diamond queen, forcing West to win with the ace and return a heart, which handed South the slam.

It's true that West could (and should) have given declarer a far more difficult problem by discarding a heart rather than a diamond on the last club. South would then have had to cash the A-K of hearts, dropping West's queen, to make the slam, certainly no easy task without pecking.

But what West could or should have done is not really the point. By playing as he did, declarer gave himself an extra chance, and in the end it yielded a dividend worth about 1,000 points.

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Crosswords

ACROSS

1 Muslim woman's garment

6 Sloshed

12 Snake-haired woman of myth

13 Beat to the finish line

14 Peaceful

15 Stimulate

16 Faucet problem

17 Corn syrup brand

19 Naval letters

20 iPhone voice

22 Hit hard

24 911 responder

27 It may get in the whey

29 Dalmatian feature

32 Four-time Super Bowl quarterback and Steeler great

35 "Zounds!"

DOWN

1 Roll call reply

2 Notion

3 Discards

4 "— was saying ..."

5 Massage parlor services

6 Afrikaner

7 Tourist center of Egypt

8 Non-Rx

9 Victories

10 Mild rebukes

11 Small bills

12 Wire measure

18 Blitz attack

21 Glacial

ACROSS

23 Donkey

24 Tours season

25 "Family Guy" daughter

26 Nave crosser

28 Milk producer

30 Rowing tool

31 Delta's one-time rival

33 Vitamin stat

34 Roman 551

39 Syrup flavor

41 Smooths, as wood

42 Huff and puff

43 Out of the storm

45 Dark film genre

47 "Meet Me — Louis"

48 Farrow and Hamm

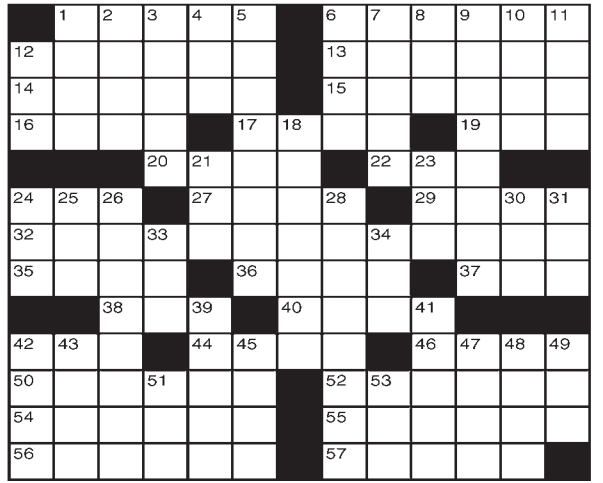
49 Stitch

51 Oom- —

53 Flamenco cry

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Split Ceremony Wedding Gifts

Dear Annie: What's the correct etiquette for giving gifts for "reverse order" weddings? I have seen several times where a couple will first have a small civil ceremony to get married without the immediate expense of a formal wedding. Then, about a year later, they will have a formal wedding and reception, with the wedding shower being held before that date. This actually has had to be done by many couples where weddings had to be postponed because of the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 shutdowns. Most likely you'll not be invited to the civil ceremony but are invited to the shower and wedding. What is the etiquette for gift-giving for these three occasions? Should you give the couple a now and later wedding gift as well as a shower gift? The civil ceremony will be the couple's official wedding date. -- *Friend of the Bride and Groom*

Dear Friend of the Bride and Groom: One gift is A-OK. No reasonable couple that has a "split ceremony" (as I've heard them called) expects double presents. Mail your gift and card to their home. You can send it around the civil ceremony or wait to send it around the larger wedding reception: Either is appropriate.

Dear Annie: My boyfriend and I were long distance for about a year. We met online and only spent a handful of days together in person during our relationship. Eventually, it became too much for him, and he broke up with me last year because of the distance.

I still have intense feelings for him. And I'm flying to his town later this year to tell him that I still love him, but I am afraid that he will reject me.

Even though we never spent much time together in person, we had talked about our relationship being serious and committed. But by the end of our relationship, he just didn't show any interest in me. He wouldn't text

me or return my texts. I know that he still loves me, but I'm wondering if he might be embarrassed to see me if I show up in his town unannounced. Please tell me what to do. -- *Longing for My Long-Distance Lover*

Dear Longing: To paraphrase Maya Angelou, when someone shows you how they feel about you, believe them the first time. Spare yourself the airfare and additional heartache: He's not interested -- or at least, not interested enough to make this work, and that's what counts. The truth hurts, but it shall set you free. Once you accept that this is over, you can begin to move on and work on loving yourself. You deserve to be with someone who wants to be with you. And with healthier self-esteem, you'll come to realize that.

Dear Annie: I read the letter where a man got some interviews but not the job. I've trained thousands of employees around the world. I've seen a lot of interviews. Here are a few tips.

Leave your cellphone in the car. Wear nothing that's gaudy or shiny, which could distract the interviewer from your eyes. Sit up straight and look the interviewer in the eyes. Don't look down or sideways. It makes you look like you're lying. Be relaxed and smile. Never be without a \$100 bill in your pocket: Money in our pocket gives us confidence. This is especially important for people in sales, as salespeople tend to sell to their own pocket. If they don't have money, then they think their customer doesn't either. Those people lose a lot of sales. -- Larry

Dear Larry: Thanks for writing in with your professional expertise on interviewing like a pro. That last tip is new to me. I'd be curious to hear if anyone has tried this out and experienced a confidence boost.



HINTS FROM HELOISE

Photo hints for your dog

Dear Readers: What's the old Hollywood actor's creed? Never work with children or animals? Today, July 11, is All-American Pet Photo Day. Let's work with our animals, namely dogs, and photograph them! Here are some hints:

- * Make sure the dog is clean and brushed out.
 - * What feeling are you trying to portray? Action, running, catching a ball or is it a portrait shot?
 - * Does the dog have a white or yellow coat? A dark background is called for. For a darker dog, use a lighter background.
 - * Take a lot of shots from many different angles so you'll have a variety to choose from. Get low to the floor or ground for a dog's eye perspective.
 - * Distract, praise and reward. This will make working with dogs, or children, for that matter, easier!
 - * Flash photography should be avoided if possible -- the red eye look is not good.
- Enjoy this time with your dog; it should be a fun, bonding experience. -- Heloise

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: My name is Kori and I am a conure, from the parrot family. I live in a huge, beautiful cage and I have lots of toys to play with. My mom, Karen in Albuquerque, says I'm sweet, "nibbly," tame, loving and super quiet -- not a squawker at all! My parents and my sister cuddle with me all throughout the day. I'm so grateful I was adopted. I am loved!

To see me and the other Pet Pals, visit www.Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week."

Heloise says, Do you have a funny, furry or feath-

ery friend you'd like to share? Email a picture and description to: Heloise@Heloise.com. -- Kori the Conure

NO ESCAPE

Dear Heloise: I have a small chihuahua, and even though I'm ALWAYS outside with her, I wouldn't put it past her to try to sneak out of the yard in between the fence posts!

I have a wooden spoon that I tie across her back, firmly but gently, perpendicular to her spine, so it will prevent her from being able to sneak through the fence. Looks silly, but it's safe. -- Maria in Arizona

SPARKLING WINDOWS

Dear Readers: Let's make those windows sparkle using one of my favorite go-to cleaners, vinegar! Add 1 cup white vinegar to 1/2 gallon of water. To apply to windows, put the solution in a labeled spray bottle. Spray liberally, and dry with paper towels or crumpled newspaper. It also works great for mirrors. Vinegar has so many uses including cleaning, cooking and beauty hints. I've compiled my favorite vinegar hints, helps and recipes in a handy, six-page pamphlet. Would you like to receive one? It's easy! Visit www.Heloise.com to order, or send a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope together with \$5 to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 5001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001.

FYI: For hard water stains on vases and decanters, pour in full-strength vinegar to cover the lime deposits and let it sit overnight. For stubborn stains, brush with a toothbrush and rinse. -- *Heloise*

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆☆

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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Previous puzzle solution

2	1	4	3	6	9	8	5	7
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