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Sharing one's faith with children a blessing

By LORI SZEPELAK
Correspondent

WESTFIELD — In 1992, when Kay Mowatt's youngest daughter was starting kindergarten, she applied for a shared part-time position at St. Mary's Parish.

"I loved the thought of working in the church to share my faith with others," said Mowatt, as she looks back – and ahead – to her retirement this fall after 28 years.

Mowatt and her husband Chris have lived in Westfield since 1986, having joined St. Mary's Parish after relocating from Newburyport.

"We have four daughters and they all attended St. Mary's Elementary School," said Mowatt, who adds they are expecting their ninth grandchild this month.

Mowatt said her hours in the early years followed the school calendar and was "a wonderful opportunity."

"It was a shared position and I coordinated Sunday liturgies and all activities for children age six and younger," and Mowatt.

Of course, as the years progressed, Mowatt said as people left the role became a full-time job that encompassed all children grades 6 and younger and parish activities.

"Many things have changed over the years, especially how children learn," said Mowatt, noting that online activities are now an important part of the curriculum.

One integral facet of the position has been to recruit volunteer teachers.

"It can be challenging to encourage parishioners to give of their time to teach the youth of our parish," said Mowatt. "I find families to be much busier than when I started."

As Mowatt begins to wind down her duties, she said the coronavirus pandemic "has changed everything."

"We are now discussing all options," said Mowatt, adding, "We will follow the mandates set by the schools and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield."

In a recent church bulletin posting, Fr. John Salatino outlined the responsibilities for the new director of religious education for grades 1-6. Duties include planning and organizing religious education for grades 1-6; setting objectives and curriculum, recruiting and working with adult volunteers; planning the Catechetical year and calendar; coordinating with the Catechetical program with the diocesan Catechetical office and the parish, and running the "Little Church" and Family Liturgy at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass.

While Salatino is optimistic he will fill the position soon, he said "Kay will be greatly missed and not easily replaced. She has been incredibly dedicated and selfless, and has touched thousands of lives over the years. Personally, I'm very grateful for her service."

Juli Jensen-Derrig, elementary school principal, echoed that sentiment.

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Kay Mowatt will soon be leaving the Office of Religious Education at St. Mary's in Westfield after 28 years. A successor is currently being sought. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)



Two new therapeutic swings and a Ten Spin for all abilities were recently installed.

STANLEY PARK

Playground opens with equipment for all abilities

By HOPE E. TREMBLAY
Editor

WESTFIELD – Stanley Park's playground area is now open to the public and includes new apparatus for children of all abilities.

Park Director Robert C. McKean said two new swings and a "Ten Spin" were recently installed.

Park Development Coordinator Hillary McEwan said the new equipment allows children to play side-by-side with family members, particularly the Ten Spin, which allows children of all abilities to join in the fun by either sitting, kneeling or standing.

"It's accessible for all," she said.

According to Stanley Park Development Coordinator/Grant Writer Lori Fiske the Ten Spin has a harness that is available for the

safety of a disabled and/or younger child. This apparatus is best suited for children between the ages 2-12.

The equipment was purchased with funds raised from the annual Wheel Walk, which took place virtually this year.

"Our Annual Wheel Walk, over the past few years, has provided donations to help fund some additional items to Stanley Park's ADA Playground equipment," said Fiske. "We believe that all children should be able to enjoy playtime no matter what their physical limitations may be."

The two therapeutic, accessible swings are "a great addition" to the playground, said Fiske. One of the swings has a harness to accommodate a child between the ages

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City Hall slated for Aug. 1 opening

Appointments necessary for public

By HOPE E. TREMBLAY
Editor

WESTFIELD — Westfield City Hall is slated for reopening by appointment Aug. 1.

Mayor Donald F. Humason Jr. said July 20 that unless regulations from the state or local COVID-19 cases increase, City Hall will open to the public.

"We're getting close to opening, but people will need to make an appointment, which will keep employees and the public safer," Humason said.

Humason noted that currently all City Hall staff are healthy and working staggered shifts.

"We don't have a lot of employees and most department offices are small, so we continue to work in shifts to keep a safe distance," he said.

Humason said with employees being in close quarters, anyone who contracts the virus could easily spread it throughout the building.

Some offices already had counters with glass extensions, however, plexiglass protective dividers are being installed in other departments. Humason said in his office, visitors will enter through a roped-off area.

Humason said he is working toward balancing out the needs of residents and the safety of employees and the public.

"It is about balance," he said. "Taxpayers need to access city



MAYOR DONALD F. HUMASON JR

employees."

Humason encouraged everyone to continue doing city business online as much as possible.

"You can still pay your bills online and use the dropbox," he said. For anyone in need of in-person assistance, appointments should be made with individual departments.

Humason said he does not know when City Hall will open completely, and he is relying locally on Health Director Joseph Ruse to keep him informed of best safety practices.

"A lot of this is based on the guidance from the state," Humason said. "People seem to be following the rules."

Humason said city residents, for the most part, are following orders.

"It's going pretty well," he said. "If something changes, we will change our plans to meet those conditions."

Humason said he, Rouse and other city officials are communicating with their counterparts in other cities and towns on opening policies.

Breast cancer survivor's Dragon Boat racing team featured in PBS Film Festival

By AMY PORTER
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD – After finishing her breast cancer treatments five years ago, Lisa Butler of Westfield was not sure what to do next. "I came out of survival mode and I felt really lost," Butler said.

A friend of hers told her about the Paradise City Dragons, a Dragon Boat team in Northampton made up of breast cancer survivors, all cancer survivors and supporters. Butler went to a learn to paddle class, and became instantly hooked on it.

"There are so many breast cancer survivors on it. I had just finished my treatment, and I was at a loss of what to do. I went to the team, and was supported by many breast cancer survivors. As much as your family is there to support you, nobody understands it like somebody who is walking with you," Butler said.

Now a short film about the Paradise City Dragon Boat, "Paddle Together," is being presented nationwide in the 2020 PBS Short



Lisa Butler of Westfield celebrates with Paradise City Dragon teammates. (VINCENT CARUSO PHOTO)

Dragon boats are fiberglass canoes, powered by 20 paddlers with a steersperson in back and a drummer in the front of the boat beating a cadence for the crew. It is proven rehabilitation and therapy for breast cancer survivors, improving balance, fitness, flexibility, and coordination, and it sharpens mental focus, because you have to paddle in sync.

"Breast cancer survivors and dragon boat

paddling share a special relationship," Butler explained. Born from the idea of a Canadian sports medicine physician, Dr. Don McKenzie, dragon boat paddling has become a rehabilitation therapy for tens of thousands of men and women worldwide who have undergone surgery.

The Paradise City Dragons, a 501(c)3 non-profit established in 2016 by coach Betsy Powell of Northampton, practices on the Connecticut River, launching from the Northampton community boathouse off of Damon Road. The team competes in Dragon Boat festivals anywhere from Vermont to New Jersey. Butler said there is always a category for breast cancer survivors. They currently have two boats and about 40 team members of women and men. No experience is necessary to join. www.paradisdragons.org

Butler, who is also a member of the executive board of directors, said she makes the

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Pair of 4-run innings propels CSC Force

By CHRIS PUTZ
Sports Editor

WESTFIELD – They may be little, but they are a force to be reckoned with.

CSC Force scored four runs in each of the first two innings and cruised to a convincing 11-4 win over Dick's Sporting Goods in a Westfield Little League Baseball Minors 5-inning game Monday night at Ralph E. Sanville Memorial Field on Cross Street.

CSC racked up nine hits in the winning effort.

Clean-up batter Alex Miller led the way for CSC Force, going 2-for-2 with a double, walk, run scored, and four RBIs. Parker Stopa (walk, 2 runs, 2 RBIs),

Drew Almeida (run, RBI), and Devin Clark (walk) also collected two hits apiece for CSC Force.

CSC Force's pitching staff tossed a combined three-hitter. Stopa and Logan Bard combined for four scoreless innings, striking out six batters apiece. Miller recorded two Ks.

Aiden Kerkhoff had two hits and a RBI for Dick's Sporting Goods. Jacob Antico had the other lone hit.

The two teams return to action Thursday night when Dick's Sporting Goods takes on Westfield Fire at Paper Mill Field at 6:30. CSC Force battles

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CSC's Logan Bard (5) steps into a pitch.(MARC ST. ONGE / THE WESTFIELD NEWS)



Working Safely in Hot Weather

Workers performing activities in high temperatures and humid conditions are at risk for heat-related illness. Symptoms of heat-related illness include fainting, dizziness, nausea, and muscle spasms. Keep workers safe by following these simple safety practices.

- Watch OSHA's Heat Illness Prevention Campaign Video English • SpanishProvide water, frequent rest breaks, and shade.
- Allow time to build a tolerance for working in the heat.
- Offer training on the hazards of heat exposure and how to prevent illness.
- Develop an emergency action plan on what to do if a worker shows signs of heat-related illness.

OSHA has tools to help develop and maintain safe and healthful workplaces during the summer months. For more information, visit OSHA's Water. Rest. Shade. and Occupational Heat Exposure pages.

OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program provides no-cost and confidential occupational safety and health compliance assistance to small- and medium-sized businesses. Consultation services are separate from enforcement and do not result in penalties or citations. The OSHA Training Institute Education Centers offer courses for workers, employers, and managers on hazard recognition and abatement at convenient locations nationwide.

State Fire Marshal reminds residents about Safe Pool Chemical Handling

Summer is here, and with residents spending more time than normal at home this year, State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is reminding pool owners to make sure their chemicals are handled and stored properly. "Pool chemicals can be dangerous when they become wet or are mixed with other chemicals," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "Make sure all chemicals are stored in a secure and dry area, and carefully follow all manufacturer's instructions when using them," he added.

"Local fire departments and state hazardous materials teams have responded to several emergencies involving pool chemicals already this year, and several people have required trips to the hospital as a result. A few simple precautions can be the difference between enjoying a relaxing afternoon by the pool and spending the day in the emergency room," said Ostroskey. "Call 9-1-1 when you first suspect something is not right and get everyone outside into fresh air," he added.

- In June, a state hazardous materials team responded to a home in Whitman, where a resident had caused several minor explosions by mixing two pool chemicals together. The resident sustained minor hearing damage because of the explosions.
- Earlier this month, a state hazardous materials team responded to a home in Agawam, where

pool chemicals that were being mixed inside the home caused two people to go to the hospital. A very similar incident a few days later in West Bridgewater resulted in another person being transported to the hospital.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, more than 4,000 people nationwide visit the hospital with pool chemical related injuries each year.

Pool Chemical Handling Safety Tips

- Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions very carefully. Use gloves, eye protection, and masks as indicated on the packaging.
- Children should never handle pool chemicals, and even teenagers should not do so without constant adult supervision.
- Put a lid on chemical containers every time when you are done with them. When containers are left open, water can get in and react with the chemicals. Remember: powder in the water, not water in the powder.
- Thoroughly clean tools and equipment that were used to handle one chemical before using them with a different chemical.
- Spilled substances (from damaged containers or accidents) must be cleaned up and disposed of properly to avoid creating an inadvertent chemical reaction.

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POLICE LOGS

Major crime and incident report
Wednesday, July 15, 2020
WESTFIELD

8:33 a.m.: larceny, Summer Street, a resident reports via the on-line reporting option that a package which was delivered to his porch was stolen;

8:37 a.m.: identity fraud, Washington Street, a resident reports via the on-line reporting option that he was advised that a claim for unemployment benefits was fraudulently initiated in his name;

Noon: animal complaint, Valley View Drive, a resident came to the station to surrender a cat whose owner cannot care for it;

12:55 p.m.: fireworks, Dwight Street, a caller reports fireworks in the area, the responding officer reports no fireworks were found;

6:02 p.m.: assault, Springfield Road, a caller from Baystate Noble Hospital reports a Springfield man presented with laceration injuries, the responding officer reports the patient said that after a road-rage incident on Springfield Road he engaged

in a physical altercation with the other driver and was stabbed, the officer reports the patient did not wish to pursue a criminal investigation and declined to provide additional information;

6:31 p.m.: breaking and entering, West School Street, a resident came to the station to report that she went to the home of a recently deceased relative to clear it out and found doors had been kicked in, the responding officer reports the complainant said that nothing of value had been in the apartment and it appeared as is someone had been squatting there;

7:37 p.m.: accident, Shaker Road, a caller reports an accident, the responding officer reports Tristan J. Callaghan, 24, of 25 Leonard Ave., Apt. 5, Westfield, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle , unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and a marked lanes violation;

10:48 p.m.: fireworks, Mechanic Street, a caller reports fireworks in the area, the responding officer reports no fireworks were found.

COURT LOGS

Westfield District Court
Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Susan E. Crockett, 57, of 62 Sodom St., Granville, was released on her personal recognizance pending a Sept. 11 pretrial hearing after she was arraigned on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor brought by Granville police.

Jaime Zielinski, 37, of 16 Old Long Pond Road, Westfield, submitted to facts sufficient to warrant a guilty finding for a charge of negligent operation of a motor vehicle brought by Southwick police and the charge was continued without a finding with probation for three months. She was assessed \$50 and a marked lanes violation was dismissed at the request of the Commonwealth.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

WED., JULY 22, 2020 IS THE 204TH DAY OF THE YEAR. 162 DAYS REMAIN UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

ON THIS DAY

838 – Battle of Anzen: The Byzantine emperor Theophilos suffers a heavy defeat by the Abbasids.

1099 – First Crusade: Godfrey of Bouillon is elected the first Defender of the Holy Sepulchre of The Kingdom of Jerusalem.

1209 – Massacre at Béziers: The first major military action of the Albigen-sian Crusade.

1298 – Wars of Scottish Independence: Battle of Falkirk: King Edward I of England and his longbowmen defeat William Wallace and his Scottish schiltrons outside the town of Falkirk.

1342 – St. Mary Magdalene's flood is the worst such event on record for central Europe.

1443 – Battle of St. Jakob an der Sihl in the Old Zürich War.

1456 – Ottoman wars in Europe: Siege of Belgrade: John Hunyadi, Regent of the Kingdom of Hungary, defeats Mehmet II of the Ottoman Empire.

1484 – Battle of Lochmaben Fair: A 500-man raiding party led by Alexander Stewart, Duke of Albany and James Douglas, 9th Earl of Douglas are defeated by Scots forces loyal to Albany's brother James III of Scotland; Douglas is captured.

1499 – Battle of Dornach: The Swiss decisively defeat the army of Maximilian I, Holy Roman Emperor.

1587 – Roanoke Colony: A second group of English settlers arrives on Roanoke Island off North Carolina to re-establish the deserted colony.

1598 – William Shakespeare's play, The Merchant of Venice, is entered on the Stationers' Register. By decree of Queen Elizabeth, the Stationers' Register licensed printed works, giving the Crown tight control over all published material.

1686 – Albany, New York is formally chartered as a municipality by Governor Thomas Dongan.

1706 – The Acts of Union 1707 are agreed upon by commissioners from the Kingdom of England and the Kingdom of Scotland, which, when passed by each countries' Parliaments, led to the creation of the Kingdom of Great Britain.

1793 – Alexander Mackenzie reaches the Pacific Ocean becoming the first recorded human to complete a trans-continental crossing of North America.

1796 – Surveyors of the Connecticut Land Company name an area in Ohio "Cleveland" after Gen. Moses Cleaveland, the superintendent of the surveying party.

1797 – Battle of Santa Cruz de Tenerife: Battle between Spanish and British naval forces during the French Revolutionary Wars. During the Battle, Rear-Admiral Nelson is wounded in the arm and the arm had to be partially amputated.

1802 – Emperor Gia Long conquers Hanoi and unified Viet Nam, which had experienced centuries of feudal warfare.

1805 – Napoleonic Wars: War of the Third Coalition: Battle of Cape Finis-terre: An inconclusive naval action is fought between a combined French and Spanish fleet under Admiral Pierre-Charles Villeneuve of Spain and a British fleet under Admiral Robert Calder.

1812 – Napoleonic Wars: Peninsular War: Battle of Salamanca: British forces led by Arthur Wellesley (later the Duke of Wellington) defeat French troops near Salamanca, Spain.

1864 – American Civil War: Battle of Atlanta: Outside Atlanta, Confederate General John Bell Hood leads an unsuccessful attack on Union troops under General William T. Sherman on Bald Hill.

1893 – Katharine Lee Bates writes "America the Beautiful" after admiring the view from the top of Pikes Peak near Colorado Springs, Colorado.

1894 – The first ever motor race is held in France between the cities of

Paris and Rouen. The fastest finisher was the Comte Jules-Albert de Dion, but the 'official' victory was awarded to Albert Lemaître driving his 3 hp petrol engined Peugeot.

1916 – Preparedness Day Bombing: In San Francisco, a bomb explodes on Market Street during a parade, killing ten and injuring 40.

1921 – Rif War: The Spanish Army suffers its worst military defeat in modern times to the Berbers of the Rif region of Spanish Morocco.

1933 – Aviator Wiley Post returns to Floyd Bennett Field in New York City, completing the first solo flight around the world in seven days, 18 hours and 49 minutes.

1937 – New Deal: The United States Senate votes down President Franklin D. Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court of the United States.

1942 – The United States government begins compulsory civilian gasoline rationing due to the wartime demands.

1942 – Grossaktion Warsaw: The systematic deportation of Jews from the Warsaw ghetto begins.

1943 – World War II: Allied forces capture Palermo during the Allied invasion of Sicily.

1943 – World War II: Axis occupation forces violently disperse a massive protest in Athens, killing 22.

1944 – The Polish Committee of National Liberation publishes its manifesto, starting the period of Communist rule in Poland.

1946 – King David Hotel bombing: A Zionist underground organisation, the Irgun, bombs the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, site of the civil administration and military headquarters for Mandatory Palestine, resulting in 91 deaths.

1962 – Mariner program: Mariner 1 spacecraft flies erratically several minutes after launch and has to be destroyed.

1963 – Crown Colony of Sarawak gains self-governance.

1976 – Japan completes its last repa-ration to the Philippines for war crimes committed during imperial Japan's conquest of the country in the Second World War.

1977 – Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping is restored to power.

1983 – Martial law in Poland is officially revoked.

1990 – Greg LeMond, an American road racing cyclist, wins his third Tour de France after leading the majority of the race. It was LeMond's second consecutive Tour de France victory.

1992 – Near Medellín, Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar escapes from his luxury prison fearing extradition to the United States.

1993 – Great Flood of 1993: Levees near Kaskaskia, Illinois rupture, forcing the entire town to evacuate by barges operated by the Army Corps of Engineers.

1997 – The second Blue Water Bridge opens between Port Huron, Michigan and Sarnia, Ontario.

2003 – Members of 101st Airborne of the United States, aided by Special Forces, attack a compound in Iraq, killing Saddam Hussein's sons Uday and Qusay, along with Mustapha Hussein, Qusay's 14-year-old son, and a bodyguard.

2005 – Jean Charles de Menezes is killed by police as the hunt begins for the London Bombers responsible for the 7 July 2005 London bombings and the 21 July 2005 London bombings.

2011 – 2011 Norway attacks: first a bomb blast which targeted government buildings in central Oslo, followed by a massacre at a youth camp on the island of Utøya.

2013 – 2013 Dingxi earthquakes, a series of earthquakes in Dingxi, China, kills at least 89 people and injures more than 500 others.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

1955 – Willem Dafoe, American

actor

1956 – Scott Sanderson, American baseball player and sportscaster

1957 – Dave Stieb, American baseball player

1958 – David Von Erich, American wrestler (d. 1984)

1960 – Jon Oliva, American singer-songwriter and keyboard player

1961 – Keith Sweat, American singer-songwriter and producer

1962 – Alvin Robertson, American basketball player

1963 – Emily Saliers, American singer-songwriter and musician

1964 – Will Calhoun, American rock drummer (Living Colour)

1964 – John Leguizamo, Colombian-American actor, producer, and screen-writer

1964 – David Spade, American actor, producer, and screenwriter

1965 – Shawn Michaels, American wrestler, trainer, and actor

1965 – Doug Riesenber, American football player and coach

1966 – Tim Brown, American football player and manager

1970 – Jason Becker, American guitarist and songwriter

1972 – Seth Fisher, American illustrator (d. 2006)

1972 – Keyshawn Johnson, American football player and sports-caster

1973 – Brian Chippendale, American singer and drummer

1973 – Mike Sweeney, American baseball player and sportscaster

1973 – Rufus Wainwright, American-Canadian singer-songwriter

1983 – Steven Jackson, American football player

1986 – Stevie Johnson, American football player

1989 – Keegan Allen, American actor, photographer and musician

1993 – Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, Kyrgyzstani-American terrorist

1994 – Jaz Sinclair, American film and television actress

PBS Film Festival

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commute from Westfield twice a week “to be a part of this amazing team. Twice a week, May to October on the river, rain or shine. When it gets cold out, we move indoors and work on cardiovascular strength. Our coach refers to us as athletes,” Butler said.

Butler, who said she was “never a water person at all,” is also co-manager of a startup team, a composite team from three different teams in Mass., who plan to participate in the International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission (IBPCP) festival in New Zealand in 2022.

The film’s creator, Small Forces of Chicago, brought “Paddle Together” to the festival in the culture category. Butler said the crew came out and filmed us at their practice site and traveled with them to the Boston Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival in Boston. “We won the Bronze metal that year. Their short film highlights how breast cancer survivors find support and friendship,” she said

“The story shows the intersection of survivorship and sportsmanship. Brought together by their experiences of fighting breast cancer, the Paradise City Dragon Boat team offers year-round support and camaraderie, while also providing necessary muscle-building fitness in an exciting and rewarding sport,” said Katie Prentiss Onsager, executive producer, Small Forces.

“We hope everyone will watch and vote for ‘Paddle Together’ on PBS,” Butler said. “I want people to understand how dragon boating can bring breast cancer survivors back to activity while going through the difficult journey of breast cancer, and vote for our film ‘Paddle Together.’”

There are four ways to cast a vote for “Paddle Together,” and viewers can do all four.



LISA BUTLER

Voting ends on Friday, July 24.

• Go to <https://www.pbs.org/filmfestival/films/paddle-together> and click on the “Heart” button.

• Go to YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwvydpDjY4Q> and click on the thumbs-up icon.

• Go to the PBS Short Film Festival Facebook page and click on either the thumbs-up icon or the heart icon.

• Watch the film at [pbs.org](https://www.pbs.org).

Viewers are encouraged to engage in online conversation by tagging @PBS and using



PARADISE CITY DRAGONS

#PBSFilmFest on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

“My hope is people will watch our short 5 minute film “Paddle Together”. I hope people especially breast cancer survivors will understand how dragon boating can bring back cancer survivors to physical activity while finding

support. Going through a devastating cancer diagnosis is very difficult. It’s nice to be on this journey with people that understand you in a way that your family and friends just don’t get. I hope the film inspires breast cancer survivors to see what is possible. I hope they will vote for our film!!,” Butler said.

Blessing

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“Kay was always a warm friendly face to greet her students,” said Jensen-Derrig. “She ran the religious education program with dedication and a great love of her faith that she relished sharing with the students.”

Mowatt said her favorite part of the job has been working with families and getting to know the children.

“I will miss that interaction the most,” said Mowatt. “I have seen my children’s friends have children and become part of the church activities.”

Mowatt said her advice to the next person would be to “meet families where they are and to help bring the Catholic faith to them.”

Playground

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of 2-8 years-old and the other swing is best suited for children between the ages of 5-12 years-old.

“I think it is important for children to get outside and enjoy the fresh air, get some exercise, and learn how to interact and play with their peers, no matter what their abilities are,” Fiske said.

McKean said the park is now fully open from 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. but visitors should take coronavirus precautions.

“We hope people will be responsible and socially distance,” he said.

“Stanley Park’s staff and Board of Directors are always concerned with our visitor’s

safety,” added Fiske. “We ask that children are accompanied by an adult when playing in the playground. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we also ask folks to adhere to the restrictions set forth by local and state governments. Again, safety is number one!”

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COMMENT

Question one opponents prepping early ad bonanza

By **CHRIS LISINSKI**
State House News Service

BOSTON - Opponents of a ballot question that would increase access to automobile repair data plan to spend millions of dollars on an early advertising blitz in an attempt to rally voters against the proposal.

One week after dropping a legal challenge attempting to block the question from the Nov. 3 ballot, the manufacturer-backed opposition group announced Monday that it would roll out television, radio and digital ads "to share the truth about the dangerous ballot question put forward by national aftermarket auto parts suppliers and their lobbyists."

"For more than a year, the proponents of Question 1 have been spreading fairy tales and trying to hide the truth about this proposal," said Conor Yunits, a spokesperson for the Coalition for Safe and Secure Data, which is leading the newly dubbed "No on 1" campaign. "Here are the facts: Question 1 does nothing but create new risks to the privacy, cybersecurity, and personal safety of every driver in Massachusetts."

The campaign described the flurry of advertisements as a "multi-million dollar spend," though Yunits declined to provide a specific figure when asked.

Public debate on the proposal, which would update the state's 2012 right-to-repair law in an attempt to ensure independent repair shops can access vehicle telematic data, is all but certain to be contentious.

The Coalition for Safe and Secure Data fighting the question has at least \$1.6 million in funding from car manufacturer industry groups, according to state campaign finance records, while the Right to Repair Coalition backing the question has raised \$1 million in donations from independent shops and from groups representing larger aftermarket stores.

Cannabis regulators ready For public comment on new rules

By **Colin A. Young**
State House News Service

BOSTON - Cannabis regulators voted Monday to file their latest reworking of the state's marijuana regulations with the secretary of state and to soon open a public comment period that will run into mid-August.

Less than three years into its existence, the Cannabis Control Commission is working through at least its third phase of regulation-setting. For this latest round, CCC staff prepared a draft set of regulatory revisions based on a policy-focused discussion commissioners held in June. On Monday, the CCC walked through the draft before voting 4-0 to put the draft on file with Secretary of State William Galvin's office.

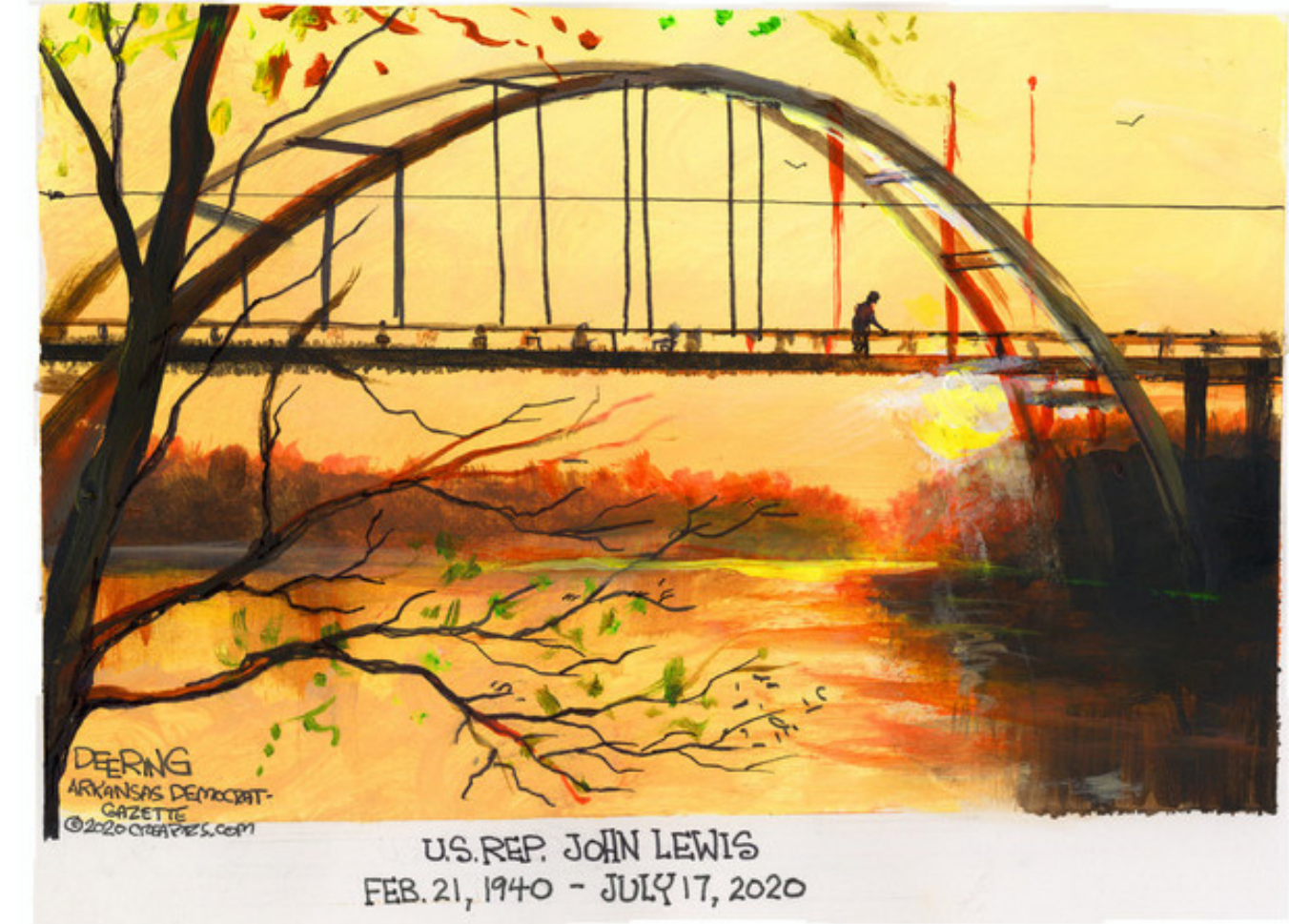
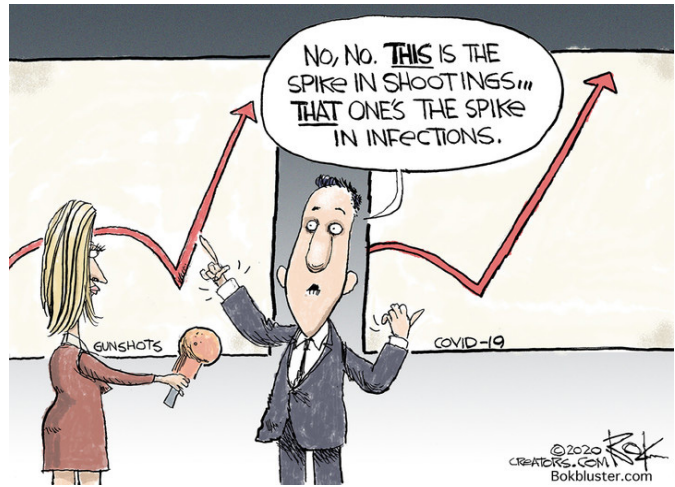
Once the draft is officially filed, the public will be invited to offer its thoughts on the industry rules at a virtual public hearing scheduled for Aug. 3 and by submitting feedback through Aug. 14.

"Again, my very strong recommendation and request to participate in the public hearings and/or submit public comments," Chairman Steven Hoffman said Monday. "In all previous rounds of regulatory development, including the first, we have made substantive changes to the draft regulations based upon the feedback that we got in the public hearings and the public comment period. So please, please, take advantage of these opportunities to speak to us and make your recommendations and suggestions and raise issues."

Included in the latest draft of the CCC's regulations is a requirement that retailers display in-store and disclose on packaging that vape products have been tested for Vitamin E acetate but may still be harmful to health regardless. The regulations would also allow for delivery licensees to have an interest in another license type (and vice versa), more flexibility for the CCC to add new groups to its Social Equity Program, the ability for a medical marijuana caregiver to provide care to up to 10 patients, and a new a process for the CCC to be notified of and have oversight over licensees placed under the control of a receiver by a Massachusetts court.

That last regulation is necessary because bankruptcy court is not an option for businesses that are illegal at the federal level.

The CCC expects to vote on the final set of regulations on Sept. 24, Hoffman said.



Changes to ACA Anti-Discrimination Rule challenged by Healey, AGs

By **KATIE LANNAN**
State House News Service

BOSTON - A new federal rule will allow health care providers and insurers to discriminate against certain vulnerable and protected populations, Attorney General Maura Healey and 22 of her counterparts allege in a lawsuit they filed against the Trump administration Monday.

The lawsuit said that a rule published in June "arbitrarily and unlawfully strips health care rights...from transgender people, women and other individuals seeking reproductive health care or with pregnancy-related conditions, [limited English proficiency] individuals, individuals with disabilities, and other individuals experiencing discrimination."

Healey said the suit aims to protect access to health care during a pandemic that has exacerbated existing disparities and has had disproportionate impacts on Black, brown and low-income communities.

"These disparities aren't accidents," she told reporters. "They're born because of actions like this. We will not let another political attack on our people go forward."

Healey joined attorneys general Letitia

James of New York and Xavier Becerra of California on a conference call shortly after announcing the suit that they'd filed in federal court for the Southern District of New York with their counterparts from Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia.

James called the rule "just the latest attempt by President Trump and his administration to unlawfully chip away at health care for Americans after failing to repeal" the Affordable Care Act.

On June 12, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced it had finalized a rule under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act, the portion of the health care access law that prohibits health care programs or facilities that receive federal funds from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, disability, age or sex.

The department said the new rule returns "to the government's interpretation of sex discrimination according to the plain meaning of the word 'sex' as male or female and as determined by

biology," and that it will "relieve the American people of approximately \$2.9 billion in unnecessary regulatory burdens over five years from eliminating the mandate for regulated entities to send patients and customers excessive 'notice and taglines' inserts in 15 or more foreign languages in almost every health care mailing, costs that get passed down to patients and consumers."

"Now more than ever, Americans do not want billions of dollars in ineffective regulatory burdens raising the costs of their healthcare," Roger Severino, director of the Office of Civil Rights at HHS, said in a statement. "We are doing our part to reel in unnecessary costs that add economic burdens to patients, providers, and insurers alike."

The attorneys general argue that by excluding gender identity from federal protection the new rule ignores the Supreme Court's June decision in the case *Bostock v. Clayton County*, where the court found that discriminating based on sexual orientation or transgender status is a form of sex discrimination.

Healey's office said the rule would create "unreasonable barriers" to health care and "eliminate many of the express protections" in the Section 1557 regulations.

House approach to qualified immunity lacking for some

By **CHRIS VAN BUSKIRK**
State House News Service

BOSTON - With the House planning to debate its new policing reform bill later this week, civil rights advocates and church leaders on Monday expressed concern that the legislation does not sufficiently limit the use of qualified immunity, which is seen by critics as an obstacle to holding police accountable for misconduct.

The ACLU of Massachusetts said the House proposal fails to remove existing barriers that block civil lawsuits against police from proceeding in the state's courts, and some community leaders said they preferred the Senate's approach to changing the legal principle.

Rev. Bernadette Hickman-Maynard, pastor at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Lynn, said the Senate's bill was a good start, but the House bill doesn't go far enough. She urged the two branches to conference a bill that goes "all the way and [makes] sure to fully ban these violent and deadly assaults on our communities."

"We need to end qualified immunity. The doctrine of qualified immunity shields police from liability if they violate somebody's rights," Hickman-Maynard said Monday at a rally outside the State House. "In fact, there have been many cases when the court acknowledges that the police did something wrong."

Stakeholders from all across the state are flooding the Legislature with input on wide-ranging police reform legislation that, in both House and Senate versions, would require police officers to be licensed every three years by a new commission dedicated to enforcing policing standards. That same commission would also have the power to revoke an officer's certification for violating established codes of conduct.

Pastors from twelve African Methodist Episcopal Churches gathered on the State House steps Monday urging the House to pass strong police reform legislation.

The House Ways and Means Committee reported out a 129-page police reform bill Monday morning after committee members were polled overnight in anticipation of a debate that will begin Wednesday and could spill over into Thursday. A Ways and Means aide said no representatives dissented, but did not release an exact tally or breakdown citing committee policy.

With formal sessions scheduled to end in less than two weeks and Legislative leadership indicating the need to get a police reform bill done before then, lawmakers might be pressured to send legislation to the governor's desk before July 31. It's likely branches will need to use a six-member conference committee to negotiate the differences between the two versions.

The House bill would create a Commission on the Status of African Americans, establish a Massachusetts Police Standards and Training Commission responsible for the licensing of all law enforcement, and seek to limit the use of qualified immunity.

During debate last week, senators argued over qualified immunity and to what degree the Legislature should curb its use. The issue has become the flash-point of debate over policing reform, with the largest police union in Massachusetts opposing changes to qualified immunity.

The Senate bill would curb the use of qualified immunity to instances where a police officer should have reasonably known their behavior violated the law. The House bill ties qualified immunity for police to the licensing process and revokes immunity in any case that results in the decertification of a police officer.

In a statement released Monday afternoon, ACLU of Massachusetts said the House bill includes "strong" steps to protect people, such as limiting the use of "racially-biased face surveillance technology."

"The ACLU appreciates that House leadership also acknowledges the need to fix the problem of qualified immunity, although the proposed language in the bill does not remove existing barriers that prevent victims from holding police accountable," the statement read. "Good police officers should have no objection to holding bad police officers accountable. Legislators should stand in solidarity with the people they are elected to serve and who are marching in the streets to demand systemic change."

The Massachusetts Coalition of Police, which would get to recommend a member for the new 7-person Police Standards and Training Commission, opposed the Senate's plan for qualified immunity, but remained silent about the House's approach to that issue Monday.

Instead, in a statement, the union focused on the need to ensure that all police departments are accredited.

"We are closely reviewing the House bill released today and look forward to what we hope will be an open and collaborative process to reach final legislation that will best serve the citizens of the Commonwealth, enhance policing in Massachusetts and protect the due process rights of officers. The foundation of all true reform will come from accreditation of all municipal police departments, in addition to certification of police officers to ensure the highest standards and best practices in law enforcement," read the statement from MassCOP.

Since the death of George Floyd while in Minneapolis police custody, protestors have taken to the streets across the nation

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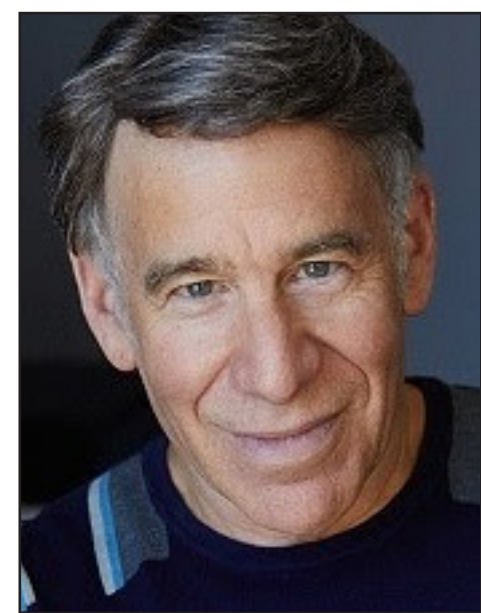
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Arts Beat: Berkshire Theatre Group Presents Godspell

By **MARK G. AUERBACH**
Correspondent

It's the first musical production to be approved by Actors Equity since the pandemic began, and with enhanced protocols for actor and audience safety during the COVID19 crisis, Berkshire Theatre Group opens an abridged 2020 summer season with *Godspell*, the musical by Stephen Schwartz (Pippin and *Wicked*) with a book by John-Michael Tebelak. BTG presents the musical in an open-air tent on the grounds of Pittsfield's Colonial Theatre, August 6 through September 4.

Godspell has a colorful history. Schwartz and Tebelak wrote *Godspell* while they were students at Carnegie Mellon, where the musical was first staged in 1970. *Godspell*, structured as a series of parables, is primarily based on the Gospel of Matthew. Schwartz based his lyrics on traditional hymns. *Godspell* moved Off-Broadway in 1971, and multiple touring companies brought the show to cities across the country for extended runs. The 1972 Toronto production launched the careers of Victor Garber (who starred in the movie), Eugene Levy, Andrea Martin, Gilda Radner and Martin Short, and its music director was Paul Shaffer. *Godspell* made it to Broadway in 1976, and returned in a revival in 2011, with a cast that included Hunter Parrish, Telly Leung, and Uzo Aduba (*Orange is the New Black*).

BTG's production is staged by Alan Filderman, with music direction by Andrew Baumer and choreography by Gerry McIntyre. The cast is a mix of up-and-coming national talent, and actors who have been part of the BTG family or Berkshires natives. Best known in the cast is Michael Wartella, the Berkshires native who has appeared on Broadway in *Wicked*, *Tuck Everlasting*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. He won rave reviews as Mickey Rooney in the pre-Broadway runs of *Chasing Rainbows*, (the story of Judy Garland before *The Wizard of Oz*) at Goodspeed and Paper Mill. Nicholas Edwards from Broadway's *Frozen* and the national tour of *Les Miserables*, plays Jesus. Hanna Koczela, who appeared at BTG since she was a child, returns to The Colonial, alongside Pittsfield native Tim Jones, who after earning a Master's in Aerospace Engineering, played the lead in *Tarzan* at The Colonial, *Working at the Unicorn*, and in *A Christmas Carol* at the Hanover in Worcester.

A few things to note before you attend a performance at Berkshire Theatre Group, which is taking all kinds of precautions for the safety of the audience, the actors, and the staff. The *Godspell* page lists safety rules and regulations. <https://www.berkshiretheatre.org/event/godspell-2/> Also note: the capacity will be approximately 75 people per performance, and parking is available in the city lot next to the theatre. There will be rain-dates for each performance, and a weather determination will be made day of show, so

check with the theatre before you jump on the MassPike.

For details: www.berkshiretheatregroup.org.

Of Note...

Berkshire Opera Festival announced the cancellation of its performances of Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, originally scheduled at the Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield, MA on August 22, 25, and 28. Their box-office at Berkshire Theatre Group will issue refunds to all ticket-holders. The BOF co-founders, Jonathon Loy and Brian Garman, presented a video outlining their decision. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7uPB6nr15A&feature=emb_logo

On Line...

PBS Great Performances presents Broadway At Home on Fridays. This series, aired by PBS stations, begins on July 24 with the Roundabout Theatre's recent revival of *She Loves Me*, the Harnick and Bock musical inspired by the movie *The Shop Around the Corner*. *She Loves Me* originally starred Barbara Cook. The well-received revival, filmed by PBS, stars Laura Benanti, Jane Krakowski, and Gavin Creel. On July 31, PBS airs the 2017 Broadway revival of Noel Coward's comedy classic *Present Laughter*, with Kevin Kline, Kate Burton, Kristine Nielsen and Cobie Smulders. Later in the summer, the series presents a documentary about Lin Manuel Miranda and his breakthrough musical, *In the Heights*; the 2019 Shakespeare in the Park production of *Much Ado About Nothing* with Danielle Brooks from *Orange is the New Black* and the *Color Purple*. Kenny Leon, who directed Berkshire Theatre Group's *Children of a Lesser God*, stages the Shakespeare classic. Kelli O'Hara leads the cast of *The King and I* to round out the series. Check local listings. For details: <https://broadwaydirect.com/pbs-releases-broadway-at-home-on-great-performances/>

Keep in Mind...

ArtsBeat TV/Radio features sculptor and photographer James Rosenthal and actor/baker Tara Franklin at 8AM on Friday on 89.5fm/WSKB, WCPC15, wskb.org or westfieldtv.org.

The WAM Suffrage Project. WAM Theatre's Elder Ensemble and People of Color Ensemble are presenting an online exhibit of original art centered around the theme of suffrage and citizenship. The individual pieces – including visual art, songs, monologues, poetry, dramatic scenes, dance and photography – will be showcased in a free online gallery on the WAM website throughout July and August. The gallery includes reflections on the 100 year anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in combination with powerful statements about



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marginalized groups in this country who are still fighting for full and unwavering citizenship. In celebration and culmination of the four-month collaboration, WAM will host a special Opening Reception on ZOOM on July 26. For details: www.wamtheatre.com.

The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, in partnership with Bard College at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, has announced a drive-in movie series in the parking lot of the college's Daniel Arts Center. Screenings will be held on Thursdays through Saturdays through Labor Day. The Mahaiwe joins Berkshire Theatre Group, which launched Sunset Cinema in the Taconic High School parking lot in Pittsfield. For details: www.mahaiwe.org.

The Sonia Plumb Dance Company will perform the world premiere of *The Dance of da Vinci 2.0*, to be danced on the grounds of the Hill-Stead Museum on July 31-August 2. *The Dance of Da Vinci 2.0* explores the passions and obsessions of Leonardo da Vinci, the preeminent inventor, artist, and philosopher. Sonia Plumb provides choreography for the modern dance, with music by Michael Wall (SoundFORMovement) and projections by Bryan Stormstedt. These performances

are part of Hill-Stead's new arts series, *From The Front Porch*. Guests can arrive early to tour the Hill-Stead Museum and grounds. More information on the Hill-Stead Museum can be found at hillstead.org. For details: SoniaPlumbDance.org. Guests must bring blankets or chairs and maintain social distancing.

Big E Summer Weekends come to West Springfield's Eastern States Exposition grounds Fridays through Sundays. The Big E Bakery, Storowton Tavern, Sam Adams Brew Garden and Storowton Village Museum & Gift Shop have come together to create a safe, social distancing environment that will allow people to enjoy an afternoon or evening out and support local businesses. For details: www.thebige.com/summerweekends.

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to demand an end to systemic racism in policing. In Massachusetts, during many of the press conferences held in front of the State House, advocates have said protesting must translate into policy change.

"Conference and get it together and end systemic racism in Massachusetts," Hickman-Maynard said of potential House and Senate negotiations.

In a rare expression of transparency on Beacon Hill, the House Ways and Means Committee publicly released over 400 pieces of testimony it received ahead of debate scheduled for this week. Testimony ranged from residents expressing support and opposition to federal lawmakers chiming in on certain aspects of police reform.

For the last 20 years, Gerard Daigle has served as chief of police in Bellingham, the town he was born and raised in. Policing styles changed over the years in response to events like Sept. 11 and COVID-19, he said.

"As leaders, we adjusted our style of operations and carried on with our heads held high with support and admiration that we were doing what was best for our community and our

police officers," he wrote in his testimony. "How anybody in their right mind can sit back and push legislation as a knee jerk reaction, that throws all of us in the law enforcement profession under the bus is beyond me."

Hadley Chief of Police Michael Mason runs a small department in Western Massachusetts and wrote in his testimony that he has the ability to talk to all of his officers on a weekly basis, a luxury larger department chiefs might not have. Over the past several weeks, Mason said he spent a great deal of time encouraging officers to stay in the force.

"This is almost wholly attributed to the thoughtless and kneejerk reaction of the Senate bill to re-word qualified immunity," he wrote. "While there are many other parts of the bill which are insulting and possibly even harmful to the amazing officers in this commonwealth, none reach the pinnacle of threatening their livelihoods in a profession where sometimes their actual lives are already in jeopardy."

(Matt Murphy contributed reporting)

Safe Pools

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- Mixing chemicals can lead to a chemical reaction that may generate temperatures high enough to ignite nearby combustible materials. Mixing can also lead to the release of highly toxic and dangerous chlorine gas.
- Mix pool chemicals outdoors only in a well ventilated area.

Pool Chemical Storage

Proper pool chemical storage is important. Pool owners should review how they store their pool chemicals to identify and correct situations where chemicals could be intentionally or accidentally mixed. Make sure to:

- Separate incompatible substances. The most common pool chemicals are inherently incompatible with each other, so be sure to keep them apart.
- Avoid storing containers of liquids above containers of powders or other incompatible substances to prevent accidental mixing caused by leaking containers.
- Avoid mixing old chemicals with fresh chemicals, even if they are the same type.
- Use separate, designated scoops for each chemical. Handle only one chemical at a time and make sure that tools used with one substance are not used with another unless all residues are removed.
- Use separate, designated containers for cleanup of spilled materials to avoid inadvertent mixing of spilled substances. Consult your local hazardous waste disposal facility for more detailed information on proper waste disposal.

- Store pool chemicals outside the home or attached garage. A locked stand-alone shed is recommended.
- Lock your storage area to keep children, pets and unauthorized users out.
- Keep your storage area free of rags, trash, debris, or other materials that could clutter the area. Keep combustible and flammable substances away from the area.

Proper Chemical Disposal

Do not dispose of old pool chemicals in the trash or down the drain. Take old chemicals to a household hazardous waste collection day in your community or to a commercial hazardous waste facility. Since sodium hypochlorite (bleach) is the same chemical used in most water treatment facilities, check to see if your local plant will accept the chemical.

For more information about how to store and use pool chemicals safely, consult the following organizations:

U.S. Centers for Disease Control
www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/aquatics-professionals/pool-chemical-safety.html
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/hazardous/hhwhome.htm

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov/rmp/chemical-safety-alert-safe-storage-and-handling-swimming-pool-chemicals



Jacob Antico tries for a high one.(MARC ST. ONGE / THE WESTFIELD NEWS)



Devin Clark takes a swing.(MARC ST. ONGE / THE WESTFIELD NEWS)



Dick's Sporting Goods' Evan Lucas delivers a pitch during Monday's Little League Baseball game against CSC Force at Ralph E. Sanville Memorial Field. (MARC ST. ONGE / THE WESTFIELD NEWS)

Little League

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Westfield Police at Ralph E. Sanville Memorial Field at 5:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sons of Erin faces Slovak at Ralph E. Sanville Memorial Field at 5:30 p.m. Kiwanis squares off against Commercial at Paper Mill at 6.

In Westfield Little League Softball, Meyers Bros. and OMG will wage a battle in the 12-and-under division Wednesday at Sadie Knox. On Thursday, Richards Jewelers and Westfield Bank will meet in a 14U contest. Both games begin at 6 p.m.



Evan Lucas attacks the ball.(MARC ST. ONGE / THE WESTFIELD NEWS)



Connor Slavin goes after a low pitch.(MARC ST. ONGE / THE WESTFIELD NEWS)

2020 GREATER WESTFIELD BABE RUTH BASEBALL SCHEDULE

WED., JULY 22

Cortina Tile vs. ITI, Jachym Field, 6 p.m.

THURS., JULY 23

Advance Manufacturing vs. Berkshire Insurance, Bullens Field, 6 p.m.

FRI., JULY 24

Batter's Box vs. Cortina Tile, Bullens Field, 6 p.m.

SAT., JULY 25

ITI vs. Advance Manufacturing, Bullens Field, 4 p.m.
Berkshire Insurance vs. Westfield Bank, Bullens Field, 7 p.m.

SUN., JULY 26

Advance Manufacturing vs. Batter's Box, Bullens Field, 10 a.m.

MON., JULY 27

Westfield Bank vs. Cortina Tile, Bullens Field, 5:15 p.m.
Berkshire Insurance vs. ITI, Bullens Field, 8 p.m.

TUES., JULY 28

ITI vs. Westfield Bank, Bullens Field, 6 p.m.

WED., JULY 29

Batter's Box vs. Berkshire Insurance, Bullens Field, 6 p.m.

THURS., JULY 30

Cortina Tile vs. Advance Manufacturing, Bullens Field, 6 p.m.

SAT., AUG. 1

Batter's Box vs. ITI, Bullens Field, 1 p.m.
Cortina Tile vs. Berkshire Insurance, Bullens Field, 4 p.m.
Westfield Bank vs. Advance Manufacturing, Bullens Field, 7 p.m.

SUN., AUG. 2

Berkshire Insurance vs. Advance Manufacturing, Bullens Field, 12:30 p.m.
ITI vs. Cortina Tile, Bullens Field, 3:30 p.m.
Batter's Box vs. Westfield Bank, Bullens Field, 6:30 p.m.

TUES., AUG. 4

Westfield Bank vs. Berkshire Insurance, Bullens Field, 6 p.m.

WED., AUG. 5

Cortina Tile vs. Batter's Box, Bullens Field, 6 p.m.

THURS., AUG. 6

Advance Manufacturing vs. ITI, Jachym Field, 6 p.m.

FRI., AUG. 7

ITI vs. Berkshire Insurance, Bullens Field, 7 p.m.

SAT., AUG. 8

Cortina Tile vs. Westfield Bank, Bullens Field, 4 p.m.
Batter's Box vs. Advance Manufacturing, Bullens Field, 7 p.m.

SUN., AUG. 9

Advance Manufacturing vs. Cortina Tile, Bullens Field, 12:30 p.m.
Berkshire Insurance vs. Batter's Box, Bullens Field, 3:30 p.m.
Westfield Bank vs. ITI, Bullens Field, 6:30 p.m.
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- 3rd Place Jim French & Dave Liberty 95.0 Points
- 4th Place Eric Wilder & Rich Chistolini 93.5 Points
- 5th Place Bob Dudas & Skip Couture 91.0 Points
- 5th Place Dave Galczynski & Fred Rogers 91.0 Points
- 6th Place John Kidrick & Erroll Nicholls 90.0 Points
- 6th Place Harry Pease & Ed West 90.0 Points
- 7th Place Ray West & Bob Czarnecki 89.0 Points
- 8th Place Jack Blascak & Bob McCarthy 86.0 Points
- 8th Place Jack Pocai & Bill Wallinovich 86.0 Point
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- 9th Place Angelo Masciadrelli & Frank Kamowski 83.5 Points
- 10th Place Jim Johnson & Jim Besaw 81.0 Points
- 11th Place Bob Callahan & Mike Ripa 79.5 Points
- 12th Place Jim Sokolowski & Bob Berniche 76.5 Points
- 13th Place Dick Williams & Ron Sena 74.0 Points
- 14th Place Dave Rathay & Jeff Guglielmo 67.5 Points
- 15th Place Gene Theroux & Pat McGinn 67.0 Points
- 16th Place John Lucas & Jim Liptak 62.5 Points
- Low Gross** Jack Campaniello & Jim Sokolowski @ 44
- Low Net** Dave Rathay @ 30
- Closest to pin on 3rd** Pat McGinn
- Closest to pin on 3rd (2nd shot)** Mike Ripa
- Closest to pin on 6th** Ron Sena

Tekoa Monday Night Golf League

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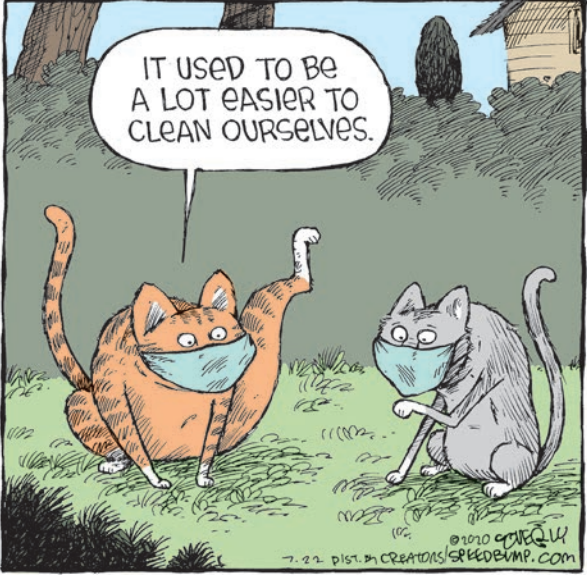
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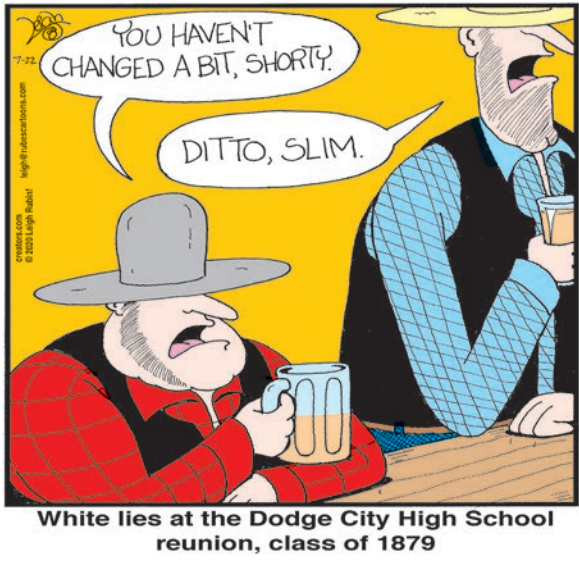
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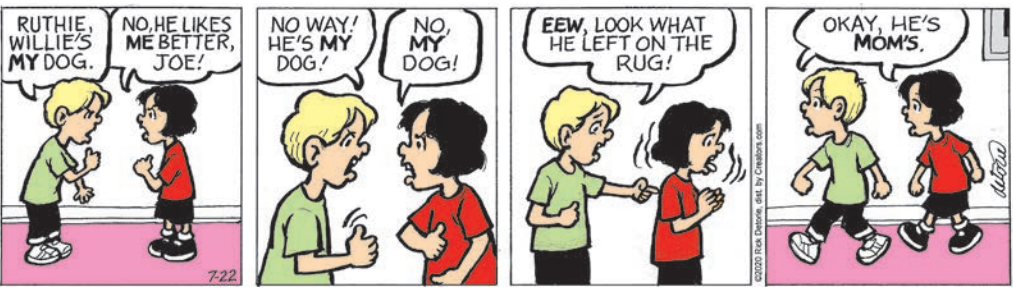
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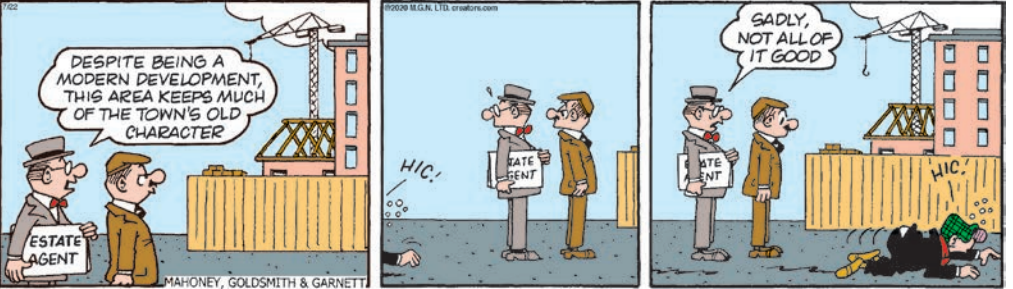
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS YOUR HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 22, 2020:
Courageous and success-oriented, your life goes up and down like the ocean waves. This year, you will do well. Your success depends on a new structure. If single, a flirtation blooms into an intimate romance after the summer. If attached, you are a handful for your partner, who adores you nevertheless. The best times for you are when you recharge together. TAURUS sticks with you through thick and thin.

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)
★★★★ Friends include you in projects that combine pleasure with serious work. You have the opportunity to become more active in a worthwhile organization. Leisure pursuits will be stimulating mentally as well as physically. Tonight: Dance like there's no one watching.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Family members are growing and changing. Your residence might require remodeling, minor repairs or redecorating to make it more comfortable for everyone. Be patient with less than perfect family situations; problems will smooth over. Tonight: Add more fun to the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your natural acting ability and charisma will be expressed in your conversations and emails today. Don't adhere too closely to old habits and ideas. New information brings a different viewpoint to the fore. Business travel will be productive. Tonight: Catch up with long lost friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Your birth sign is shared with more bankers and millionaires than any other. There has been financial upheaval lately, however. Be flexible, and don't invest in risky ventures today. Take advice with the proverbial grain of salt. Practice being patient. Tonight: Defer to a child.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your natural effervescence shines. You are gratified as avenues for fulfillment of desires open. There is an overall brightness of outlook today. Your creativity is at a peak. Express the artist within. Tonight: Celebrate yourself as only you know how.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ It is best to work behind the scenes today and avoid any conflicts or confrontations, especially with women. Keep your deepest feelings secret. Unconscious attitudes can be difficult. You might be dealing with a matter from the past. Tonight: Read between the lines.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Control your impulses today. Set aside romantic notions for the time being. Persevere and fulfill your obligations. You are building foundations for your creativity. Emphasize quality. Examine your overall goals. These goals should be an expression of who you are. Tonight: Rest easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Focus on creating the right impression. Combine professional expertise with the human touch, and your project is off to a wonderful beginning. Be aware of patterns at work, and keep a sense of humor about office gossip. Tonight: Show what you're made of.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You're inspired to begin a new study. Through the day you feel motivated. The competitive spirit others recognize in you will be in full flower. You make every effort to be a winner and have an excellent chance of doing so. Tonight: Up late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)
★★★★ Fate takes a hand in the direction of your material situation. Friends offer financial opportunities. The path to realizing a long cherished financial goal opens today. Investments, settlements or possibly an inheritance is involved. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Partners and associates are going through a catharsis. Don't take it personally if a familiar group breaks up. Let others grow and change. Cultivate new social and business contacts. You will charm and attract others. Tonight: Dinner with your most loved ones.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ The impact of longtime health and eating habits become apparent today. It is an excellent time to draw down the lunar energy for healing. Reach fitness goals with patience and attention to detail. Tonight: A fateful meeting opens new doors.

BORN TODAY
Poet Emma Lazarus (1849), artist Edward Hopper (1882), actor Willem Dafoe (1955)

CONTRACT BRIDGE

The importance of being earnest

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A J 10 7 6 3
♥ 6 3
♦ 10 8 5
♣ Q 4

WEST
♦ Q 8
♥ A Q 10 7
♦ 6 4
♣ A K 10 8 3

EAST
♦ K 9 4
♥ 8 5 2
♦ —
♣ J 9 7 6 5 2

SOUTH
♦ 5 2
♥ K J 4
♦ A K Q J 9 7 3 2
♣ —

The bidding:
North Pass East 5 South West Dble
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Let's say you're declarer at five diamonds doubled and West leads the king of clubs. The problem is how to give yourself the best chance to make the contract. Of course, your plan should be based on viewing only the North-South cards, and not all four hands shown in the diagram.

Strangely enough, the answer is to start by discarding a spade on the king of clubs! Once you make this play you cannot be defeated, regardless of what West decides to do at trick two.

First, let's suppose West continues with the ace of clubs. In that case, you ruff, play a spade to the ace, ruff a spade high, enter dummy with a trump and ruff! another spade high, thus establishing three spade tricks in dummy.

After you next cross to dummy with a trump, you discard the K-J-4 of hearts on the J-10-7 of spades and wind up making the contract with an overtrick. Of course, you don't make the overtrick if West cashes the ace of hearts at trick two, but, more importantly, you do make the contract.

Now let's suppose you ruffed the king of clubs at trick one, which seems the natural thing to do. In that event, you would go down one no matter how you continued. Sooner or later East would win a trick with the king of spades and return heart to do you in.

What the hand demonstrates is that it is occasionally necessary to make an unusual play in order to prevent the dangerous opponent (in this case, East) from gaining the lead. It is easy enough to discard a spade on the opening lead; the hard part is to think of it.

Tomorrow: It all adds up.
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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS

1 Scratch
4 Dancer
8 Confront
12 Enzyme
13 Teeny bit
14 Met
15 Pot brew
16 Temporary vehicle
18 Sanctioned by Islamic law
20 Carrier to Amsterdam
21 Salon request
24 Skewered entree
28 Noise-free Amtrak offering
32 Judicial garb
33 Coffee vessel
34 Pago
36 Madrid Mrs.
37 Awestruck
39 Fuel-efficient auto-mobile

41 Jeans material
43 Iowa city
44 Cry
46 Earth Day month
50 San Francisco transport
55 Big fuss
56 Lass
57 Pakistani language
58 Eldest March sister
59 Hit with a stun gun
60 Men-only
61 — de deux

DOWN

1 Calc. or trig
2 Cruising
3 Authentic
4 Boneless meat cuts
5 Kanga's kid
6 JFK info
7 Like a dungeon
8 Crop grower
9 Curved line
10 "Homeland" org.
11 Corn spike
17 Caribou kin
19 Gorilla
22 Some HDTV's
23 — Mia! (ABBA musical)

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-22

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CRYPTOQUIP

V I G P R S U G Y S E T X Z Z G X R G R
M I G X P Q G W S A X N M W G R R
W K P Q V X O E , N S D O E T S D R X T
R I G ' R Y G G P U S O O T - A K G E ?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF THE SCRATCHING OF MY PENCIL ON THE PAPER WAS LOUD ENOUGH TO BE AUDIBLE, YOU HEARD ME WRITE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals S

Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE



Cutting Off the Conversation

Dear Annie: One of my elderly relatives is a real sweetheart, but she also is quite a talker. Our phone conversations go on and on -- for 45 minutes or longer. I do not want to hurt her feelings, but her conversational skills far exceed my listening skills. The only way I can get a word in is to interrupt her from time to time. How can I diplomatically shorten those interminable phone conversations? I recently had the same problem with our new plumber. He is really a nice guy and a good plumber, but he continues talking long after his plumbing job is done.

I guess that my being a bit introverted makes me less tolerant of extroverts who like to hear themselves talk. I did not mean to make this letter sound hostile, because I do genuinely like my elderly relative and my plumber. -- *Enough Said*

Dear Enough Said: With folks who take every conversation into overtime, the best defense is a good offense. Start the call by saying, "I only have 15 minutes (or however long) to talk." Your relative will have been given fair warning, and even if you still have to interrupt her midsentence, you won't feel as self-conscious or bad about doing so, having already established the expectation. This approach could also work for the plumber. Let him know you have things to do right after the appointment. If he turns on the chatter faucet anyway, don't be afraid to jump in and say, "You know I always enjoy talking to you, but I just really need to take care of some things. Thanks for coming by. I'll show you out." And don't worry too much that you'll hurt anyone's

feelings. I get the impression from your letter that you're an especially courteous person, and it seems in your nature to go to lengths not to offend.

Dear Annie: I read your column every day, and I'm always amazed by the unusual dilemmas people write to you about. Now I am hoping you have an answer for me. Anyway, we have a dear friend we've known for many years, and she has a problem with dogs of all sizes. She is extremely afraid of them and reacts in an almost childlike manner towards them. It seems to stem from her childhood in Sicily. One time, when she was 5 years old and walking in her neighborhood, a large dog barked at her and charged the fence around its house. It must have scared the bejesus out of her.

We recently got a puppy, and she doesn't want to be around the puppy. She even cringes at photos of the puppy. Is there anything that can be done to help her without losing her friendship? -- *Dog Lover*

Dear Dog Lover: You have to take puppy steps with your friend. Each time she comes over to your house, make sure your puppy's just had a nice long walk, and put your puppy on a leash. Ask your pooch to go into a sitting position so that she can pet the puppy calmly. The first time, she may pet your puppy only once or not at all. But if she sees -- through repeated exposure -- that your dog is not the dog that terrified her when she was 5, she may be able to reprogram her fear. If she really can't even try and be around a small puppy, she should seek professional help.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

Hostess gifts

Dear Heloise: If you are invited to dinner and you ask what you can bring, and the hostess says, "nothing," should I bring something anyway? -- *Henry in Nebraska*

Henry, you can always bring a hostess gift of flowers or a bottle of wine. The hostess might have her menu planned and not need anything for the dinner, but a nice little gift for the hostess is always appreciated. -- *Heloise*

MOTHER'S TOMATO SOUP CAKE

Dear Heloise When I first heard of this recipe, I thought it was a joke, but when I tasted it, I loved it! I was telling a neighbor about it, and she asked for the recipe and, of course, I couldn't find it. Would you repeat it? -- *Marla in Kansas*

Marla, my mother published this recipe for the first time in September 1959. When she served this cake, she would ask her guests what the secret ingredient was, so she called it the "Conversation Piece." Here it is. You'll need:

- 1/2 cup solid shortening
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 cup chopped nuts
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 can tomato soup
 - 1 cup raisins
 - 1 1/2 cup flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
- The following ingredients are optional but they really make this cake exceptional!
- 1 1/2 teaspoons nutmeg
 - 2 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
 - 1 teaspoon allspice
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- Preheat your oven to 375 degrees. Cream shorten-

ing and sugar in a large bowl. Stir in one can of tomato soup (undiluted) and the rest of the ingredients, one at a time. Cream well after each addition. Grease a 10-inch square cake pan. Pour in the batter, and when the oven reaches 375, bake for 45 minutes. When the cake is done, loosen the edges with a knife. Turn upside down on a cake rack and let it cool.

The icing for this recipe:
1 (3-ounce) package of cream cheese
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup confectioner's sugar
1/4 cup chopped nuts

Place cream cheese in a small bowl and let it soften at room temperature. Add the vanilla and sugar. Mix well. Spread the icing on the cooled cake and sprinkle with chopped nuts.

If you like this recipe and want to try several other delicious ideas for dessert, order my pamphlet "Heloise's Cake Recipes" by visiting www.Heloise.com or by sending \$3, along with a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Cake, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX. 78279-5001. By the way, if you're out of frosting, place marshmallows on the cake just before taking it out of the oven. -- *Heloise*

SQUEEZE BOTTLES

Dear Heloise: During picnic and tailgate season my family and I love eating outdoors. To save time and energy, we put all the condiments we can in plastic squeezable travel bottles and label them. We find transporting them easier and less messy. When you get home, just pop them in the refrigerator for the next time you need them. -- *Peggy in Ohio*

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LEGAL NOTICES

July 22, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division

Docket No. HD20P1072EA

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of:

Elaine A. Rose
Date of Death:
March 11, 2020

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner **John Rahaim of Hadley, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

John Rahaim of Hadley, MA

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The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Attention Kate Deviny by July 20th

Westfield Park & Recreation

The City of Westfield is seeking applicants to fill seasonal positions for the Parks and Recreation Departments 2020 fall positions. Posted July 22 and will close July 31 with selections made by August. **(Subject to funding)** These positions are seasonal with no benefits.

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Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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