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### **Remember Pickering as coach, mentor, 2nd father**

**To the editor:** It is a very sad day for me with the passing of Kenneth Pickering.

In 1969 I had the great pleasure of being on the football and basketball teams that were part of Mr. Pickering's first year of coaching at North.

He was my friend, my mentor and was like a second father to me. I can honestly say he shaped my life to where I am today.

Rest in peace and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**Mike Kapitan, North Attleboro**

### **Spirit of community displayed after storm**

**To the editor:** On behalf of the Hockomock Area YMCA, I would like to thank Sean McCarthy (owner of McCarthy Electric Inc.) for his assistance during the afternoon of the hurricane at the Invensys Foxboro Branch. Several trees fell across the main entrance road of the Y during the afternoon of the storm and Mr. McCarthy observed a sole Y employee trying to clear the road. Sean stopped and worked for the next three hours (using his own chain saw, tools and truck) clearing downed trees and branches from the site. His actions foster the spirit of community in Foxboro and exemplify the YMCA core values. Thank you, Sean!

**John Metcalf**

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### **Bad parenting treated as unspeakable problem**

**To the editor:** In his column, "Delinquency: One size won't fit all" (Sept. 5), Paul Heroux used the term "good parenting" exactly once. He did not use the term "bad parenting." In fact, I never read or hear anyone using the term "bad parenting" when discussing any aspect of our society's crime problem.

The elephant in the living room isn't getting any smaller. Try admitting it's right there in front of everyone. You'll feel better.

**Benjamin Demille, Seekonk**

### **Weakening of dollar cause of job emigration**

**To the editor:** Recently, one letter-writer concluded that the Bush-era tax-rates actually encouraged the export of American jobs (tax-breaks "for the rich"). Following that illogic, the writer suggests that rescinding those rates, i.e., raising taxes, will somehow encourage companies to start hiring American workers.

I agree with Alan Reynolds, senior fellow at the Cato Institute and author of "Income And Wealth," who points to recent Federal Reserve easy-money policy as the more likely culprit. "The Fed's experiment with quantitative easing from November 2010 to June 2011 was accompanied by a falling dollar and inflated prices of critical industrial commodities, including oil. The net effect was to reduce the profitability of manufacturing and distributing of products in the United States, and therefore to shift such activities (and jobs) to other countries which were less handicapped by the dollar's weakness."

Many of those "industrial commodities" are imported, oil being a major one, and the cheap dollar made oil too costly. In my industry, gold is the "industrial commodity" and I've been reporting for more than two years what effect gold's high price has had on my paycheck. (Remember when Attleboro was known as the "Jewelry City"?)

I learned in Business Management 101 that businesses exist, not to create some liberal-utopian "social-justice," but to make a profit for their shareholders. The role of the company's executive officers is to maximize those profits. So, go ahead, keep crying "tax the rich!" That is precisely the way to drive more production offshore.

Then I, and hundreds of thousands more, can stop being producers, and join the 14 million unemployed consumers being supported by working people.

**Henry V. Soldat, Norton**

## Restore checks, balance to Attleboro government

**To the editor:** Wednesday's paper featured a much-needed guest column by an independent-minded Cherie Felos. For some time I have been commenting on our city council's lack of independence, which belies their purpose, which is to serve citizens, not the current administration. Over the years our young, ambitious mayor has dominated their agenda, negating their role. As an independent body, they should be reviewing all city policy for efficacy and fairness; instead they rubber stamp whatever is proposed.

We need more independent risk takers like Ms. Felos to balance the equation. Such a candidate is Sarah Lynn Reynolds, who believes in the tenets of independence that we need so badly. Kudos to Cherie Felos for taking a stand. I can only hope that others will join her.

**Joe Klass, Attleboro**

## Quit the name-calling aimed at the tea party

**To the editor:** Recent comments by those on the left make me wonder if many have lost their sanity or are just hypocrites.

Members of the congressional black caucus, including Maxine Waters, have made statements about the tea party calling them anything from terrorists to wanting to lynch African Americans.

Letter writers to The Sun Chronicle accuse the tea party of trying to wreck the economy and block everything our president is attempting to do. Al Gore went into a tirade over those who disagree with global warming and went on to call those who disagree with having a form of racism.

I am not a tea party member, but I did attend a rally in Boston. There were African American speakers who received lots of applause. One of the favorites of the tea party is Herman Cain, an African American.

Before the tea party existed, the Democrats held both houses and the presidency and could have pushed through anything they wanted. Their favorite mantra is to blame George Bush, yet we were heading into a recession when he took office. Shortly after he took office we had the terrorist attacks and two wars.

Although I agree Barack Obama inherited a mess, his speeches did not match what he did once in office. I believe the president is a good man who loves his family and his country, yet I get the feeling he doesn't have the leadership capabilities or grasp of economics to get us out of this mess. To blame the tea party that is only a movement with no leader or party affiliation is absurd.

As Americans who want to see this country succeed, we need to have an honest debate based on fact, not

rhetoric. Please stop with the cries of racism, bigotry or other name calling.

**Joe Chaplow, Attleboro**

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