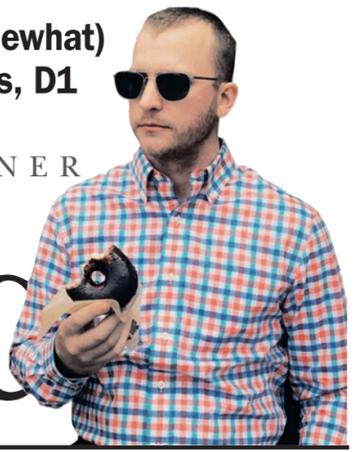


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— Jennifer Shattuck, on the fundraising efforts

## Rallying support for NA family hit twice by rare disease

Fundraising to help pay medical bills

BY SEAN T. MCGUIRE  
SUN CHRONICLE STAFF

**NORTH ATTLEBORO** — The community is lending support to a local family dealing with the unimaginable.

Area residents have set up a fundraiser for Donovan Lindo, 15, who was diagnosed with a rare and debilitating form of epilepsy known as LaFora disease in April 2013. A month before the diagnosis, his sister Malloree Lindo died from the disease at age 17.

The fundraising effort, led by close friend Liz VanPatten of Cranston, R.I., includes a GoFundMe account.

VanPatten, who has helped funding for the family before, is setting a goal of \$16,000, and says the money raised will be going to the family's growing medical bills.

"He has inspired me so much — him, and his mother," VanPatten said of Donovan. "I just want to be able to do whatever we can for them."

According to Genetics Home Reference, Lafora progressive myoclonus epilepsy is a brain

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## Volkswagen taking a beating over emissions scandal

BY RICK FOSTER  
SUN CHRONICLE STAFF

Volkswagen, a consumer symbol of quality and innovation for more than 60 years, appears to be taking a major hit over admissions that it cheated to beat EPA emissions requirements on millions of cars.

The company halted the sale of certain Volkswagen and Audi diesel vehicles over the weekend, and its stock price plunged another 15 percent in Tuesday's trading as response built to news the company violated EPA emission rules on its four-cylinder diesel vehicles.

The allegations, admitted by

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## Plainville first-responders lauded for life-saving work



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Matthew Labriola, who suffered life-threatening injuries last May when he fell out of a tree that he was trimming at his Plainville home, hugs his wife Carrie. Earlier this week, five first responders from the Plainville Fire Department were recognized for their involvement in saving Labriola's life. Honoring the first responders were the Labriolas and Plainville selectmen. **Story, B1**

## WELCOME, FALL

Experts: Hot, dry summer weather could make for a delayed fall foliage season

BY STEPHEN PETERSON  
SUN CHRONICLE STAFF

Summer might not have brought any official heat waves in Attleboro — three straight days of 90-degree temperatures — but it was unusually hot and dry.

The summer, which officially ends today with autumn's arrival, was so hot and dry that last week Attleboro imposed outdoor water restrictions for the first time since 2002. Such limitations are usually implemented before or during the heart of summer. Residents can only water their lawns by hand-held hoses because of dwindling water supplies.

Plainville is only allowing lawn wa-

tering on a home's trash day.

Even if the warm, arid weather doesn't continue, it is expected to affect the fall foliage season. The changing color of leaves is a direct result of temperatures and rainfall, experts say.

While cooler temperatures speed along the changing hues, a lack of rain can stress trees and also welcome in the foliage season earlier than usual.

"Weather conditions over the past few months have laid the foundation for a vibrant display of fall colors in the East, but temperatures in the coming weeks will be the determining factor," AccuWeather meteorologist Jillian Mac-

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Twins Molly and Micayla Morris, 4, of Mansfield, peer through a crate of autumn's bounty at Flint Farm in East Mansfield. While the trend of hot and dry weather has continued through September, today marks the first official day of the 2015 fall season.

## Jobless rates still dipping

All area towns and cities see decline in unemployment

BY JIM HAND  
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Unemployment rates in August continued their gradual, but uneven, decline of the past six years, with jobless rates dipping in all 10 local communities.

The rates hit levels as low as 3.5 percent locally, a mark below what economists sometimes refer to as full employment.

Yet the news was not all good.

The number of employed residents in some towns actually declined slightly, but the unemployment rate did not go up because the size of the labor force also shrank a little.

The labor force shrinks when unemployed people stop looking for jobs. The force is the combined numbers of working people and people seeking employment.

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## Area jobless rate

	August	July	Aug. 2014
Attleboro	4.6	5.1	6.1
Foxboro	3.9	4.3	4.7
Mansfield	3.8	4.2	5.0
Norfolk	3.6	3.9	4.7
North	4.3	4.8	5.4
Norton	4.8	5.4	5.5
Plainville	3.9	4.3	4.8
Rehoboth	3.9	4.5	5.1
Seekonk	4.2	4.7	5.4
Wrentham	3.5	4.0	4.6

Source: State Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

## Poll: Pope unlikely to spur legislation

Immigration, climate views won't sway Congress

BY KATE ACKLEY  
CQ-ROLL CALL

**WASHINGTON** — Americans largely regard Pope Francis as influential in world affairs, but few respondents in a new poll believe his speech to Congress this week will inspire lawmakers to move bills on climate change and immigration.

Just 21 percent of adults said the pontiff would make Congress more likely to pass legislation to fight climate change, according to The Economist Group/YouGov poll released Monday.



Pope Francis

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**Weather** Today: Mostly sunny and pleasant; high 75  
Tonight: Clear; low 48



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