

neglect, featured in the caption of the front page photo, sadly missed. It is high time to wake up, to take action and, in the process, reclaim Great Point.

A path for doing so would reside in amending the MMPA to provide for the delisting, and subsequent management, of recovered species (as is provided in the Endangered Species Act). A group is forming to pursue this end called the Coastal Ecosystem Alliance. Its mission to amend the MMPA is set forth in a website at [www.cammpa.org](http://www.cammpa.org). Readers are encouraged to join the campaign described therein. PETER KROGH Siasconset

## Support HR1,

### Voting Rights Act

To the Editor: I recently met with Ted Anderson, my colleague and friend, to discuss H.R.1, or the For the People Act 2021, which protects the rights of U.S. citizens to vote and have reasonable access to voting, a cornerstone of our democracy. The National Chamber of Commerce (NCC) has urged U.S. senators to reject H.R.1, passed by the Democratic House. The powerful business lobby also warned that it might highlight Senators' positions on this issue. We believe our local Chamber must take a stand in opposition to this, which is the right of all subsidiary Chambers of Commerce.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 has been under siege since it was signed into law. It is under siege again. In Georgia, Gov. Brian Kemp recently signed into state law voting restrictions that target people of color, specifically African Americans, the elderly, and the poor. Here are some of the provisions of that law:

- Forbidding anyone but election workers from providing food or water to voters in line at polls
- Limiting early voting to 9am -5pm, disadvantaging those who work and extending the long lines
- Limiting the number of drop boxes
- Eliminating early voting on Sundays, which penalizes the black church that traditionally holds Sunday voting drives
- Requiring a driver's license or other official ID in order to apply for a ballot. This penalizes the estimated 230,777 Georgia voters who do

poisoning to some 250 Massachusetts children and their families annually. Many have quite elevated blood lead concentrations, some to alarming levels. They are at high risk of suffering its toxic effects on the brain and the body later in childhood and as adults. Childhood lead poisoning is still a public health crisis in Massachusetts in 2021.

I support national efforts to reduce the number of lead hazards in a child's environment that might lead to their exposure to this neurotoxic metal. Background sources can be eliminated through enforcement of housing codes, abatement of indoor and outdoor residential hazards, replacement of lead municipal water mains and pipes to insure leadfree drinking water, and recommendations for periodic testing of private wells used for a family's drinking water, again to ensure its safety.

I am concerned that a planned outdoor firing  
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SAME TIME LAST YEAR: The cold, blustery weather of the past few days had us longing for warmer spring weather and sunnier images. We looked in our archives and found this gorgeous photo taken on May 8, 2020, by Nicole, of the Town Clock framed by cherry blossoms blooming in town. Those pink blossoms just make you want to smile.

Photo by Nicole Harnishfeger