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RAY’S WAY
[Re “Changing Stations,” May 29]: In 2000, my husband, Michael, and I had not been married very long when we decided to take on a new venture, the Town and Country Motel on Shelburne Road in Burlington. Later, we redeveloped the land into Clock Tower Square. This entire time, we have been business neighbors with Ray Kaigle and Kaigle’s Citgo. We have often said how lucky we have been to be next door to him all these years.

If you want to learn how to run a business, you watch Ray. If you want to see a great work ethic, watch Ray. If you want to know how to treat customers and retain them for years, watch Ray. If you want to know how to have a business in 2019 that thrives without the need of a website, watch Ray. He is there early, stays late, calls you if he sees something suspicious. If you are in a real jam, he will try hard to help. If he can’t, he will find someone whom he personally knows can.

Thank you, Ray Kaigle; you will be missed. We look forward to hearing about your next chapter. Because if we learned anything from you, we know you will not be stopping anytime soon.

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LAWN GONE
Thank you for [Nest: “Earth Angels,” June 8] — a good primer into the art of helping to heal the Earth by tending to our yards with a goal of healthy soil. It is encouraging to hear the science in how we as individuals can help make a difference in climate warming.

Science offers us guidance following a better understanding of what constitutes healthy soils. Now our eyes view a perspective of the beauty of diversity (of living plants and insects). Now we know we can earn credit toward our “Earth angel” wings, while enjoying more butterflies, dragonflies and birds — and many more startling and beautiful creatures alive in a healthy ecosystem.

In our yard, we are allowing nature to thrive without the need of a website, hellstrip plantings, and citizen science. People interested in this should refer to Margot Harrison’s May 8 review of the film.

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WATCH THIS FILM
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It is also a unique cinematic experience! Check out Margot’s review for much more on this!

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BETTER BUS SERVICE
The article about the changes in bus service focused on the first-day confusion of riders facing schedule changes and the unreliability of Green Mountain Transit’s computer tracking system [“Correct Change? Green Mountain Transit Rolls Out New Routes, Apps,” June 19].

Most riders use the map and guide, and it is vastly improved — real maps for each route, not the sometimes-wandering squiggly red lines.

Of course on the first day there was confusion... but most buses now run every 20, not 30, minutes. Once people get used to the new schedules, this is a big improvement.

But the biggest change is on Sunday. Used to be that Sunday service was mini-mal — just 19 buses on three lines. Now Burlington buses run full Sunday schedules — 64 buses on all the local lines. You can visit Shelburne Museum on Sunday. Students can go from the University of Vermont to the airport with one bus, not two. There are year-round airport buses on weekends, not just Memorial Day to Columbus Day. And GMT has added a new bus to Barre.

Seven Days should have published an article before the changes went into effect, not after. It could have been informative and helpful and not written by someone who never rode the bus.

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