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Solutions to our problems require discussion

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As I get out of bed everyday now, I honestly wonder what's next?

Maybe I will soon be asking, where am I?

Are the bridges still open, or have protesters wearing hats with fins at the Bourne Rotary sealed them off declaring that forever more Cape Cod will be known as the Shark Republic?

Are the lighthouses lining the coast occupied by sunglass-wearing young people wanting the nighttime illumination dimmed to conserve energy?

Have the beaches been seized by seals seeking amnesty from the sharks that prey upon them offshore without fear of prosecution?

Have beach chairs been banned as instruments of the elite? Is it true that only towels are permitted on the few beaches not reserved for the seals?

Has the Melody Tent been converted to serve as a makeshift hospital for non-COVID-19 patients only?

Has the Shining Sea Bikeway been renamed Perdition Pathway?

I could go on, but why bother? Seems just like a bad dream.

I live in a wonderful country. I didn't say a perfect country. I relish seeing school sports start again and watching the parents cheering on their kids to victory. I want to go to the movies without wearing a face mask and social distancing. I want to swim in the ocean while avoiding the sharks. I'm thankful that the police and fire departments are only a phone call away if I need them.

I appreciate that we all have freedom of speech to express our viewpoints. I appreciate that we can vote for our candidate of choice. I don't like paying taxes, who does? But I hope the money that the government collects from you and I is used to make this country a better place for everyone. Better schools, better education, better airports, better trains, better hospitals, better highways, better air, better water, better neighborhoods.

I mean, isn't that what we expect in this country? Haven't things gotten better since our parents' time? Maybe not as fast as we all want them to go. I'd like a COVID-19 vaccine developed faster. I'd like a train that services the Cape. I'd like to see kids grow up thinking they will be all right.

If the protesters and sharks win and close down the Cape and Islands, will that make it better? I doubt it. There is always a solution to our differences. But to find the solution requires discussion, not threats and name-calling.

So whatever your cause, express yourself. This is a wonderful country full of wonderful, hard-working, intelligent people who are all looking for the same thing.

I liked the movie "Jaws," and while we in this country may need to find a bigger boat now, let's try our best not to end up like Quint. That would be a bad dream come true.

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