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It's a seller's market

Our region has become a hot spot for real estate sales. Find out why.

In a candid conversation, local broker and owner of Whipple City Realty Group Gloria Saunders tells us why the local market is red hot. "I've never seen the market this busy. We have a list of buyer clients just waiting for homes to come on the market because the current inventory does not meet their needs," she says. But should you sell? There's a lot to know.

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Gloria Saunders of Whipple City Realty Group



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The recipe for success

Local writer Rio Riera Arbogast begins a new series on local restaurateurs, debuting with Lynn Wilbur and her family's popular eatery. "We gave [people] what they wanted and it took off," Lynn explains. The perfect recipe for success in our area: Great food and fostering a sense of community.

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Lynn Wilbur and her Country Cafe

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It may not be racist, but could it be better?

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

I went to a high school in one of these Upstate New York fading cities and, just before my senior year, the school district decided to turn the three high schools into one high school.

Each high school had its own unique tradition, and I played sports and rather liked the team name we had, the Titans (this was before any major league team had this name; and the Denzel Washington movie with that name hadn't yet happened). We were unique.

But when the schools combined, the administration asked students to pick a new name and, to give everyone a sense of choice, three names

were presented. They weren't unique at all. The Raiders was the name eventually picked. Perhaps the other two names presented were the Bears and the Lions, or something similarly common.

This was a long time ago, and the lone high school in my former hometown is still using the name Raiders. Maybe some people look at that name fondly by now.

That said, I am on Facebook pages devoted to high school nostalgia, and no one seems to be heartbroken over the lost Titans name. People realize that life goes on.

And I understand how playing sports for a school is a bonding experience. Especially contact sports like football, a sport that Cambridge has

been historically good at.

And it's 100 percent true – if people who like the current name, Indians, are called racist or treated as less evolved, they will dig in. Because the allegations are false, and people hate to be unfairly tagged.

I really doubt the founding fathers and mothers of the name Indians in Cambridge had any negative intent. Perhaps the name was chosen rather unceremoniously, as my high school Raiders name was.

But instead of digging in, perhaps Indian-name proponents may want to use this opportunity to come up with an even better name,

While Cambridge High School has won state titles, it's the word "Cambridge" that people remember. No one says, "Remember the Indians!" That's because a lot of schools use that name – even in our immediate region, there are other schools using that name.

Don't keep the name because you know it's not racist; use this opportunity as an excuse to get a really unique name for the team.

Perhaps Greenwich has the most "woke" name in the country. Even the boys are Witches. Schuylerville has the name Black Horses. I'd never heard that name before.

The writing is on the wall. Professional teams like The Washington Football Team (formerly Redskins) and Cleveland Indians are changing. And, in their cases, rebranding will cost them tens of millions of dollars. Rebranding locally? The idea could actually *make* money, if a fundraiser is tied to it.

Even if the Indians name is kept now, could you imagine it still being used 10, 20 years from now, as soci-



ety and demographics change?

The name is sure to change – eventually. But now, with the professional teams leading by example, Cambridge school district residents

'Is it a lack of moving forward that holds a town back?'

can define their future. Sometimes it's a lack of moving forward that can hold a town back.

If the name is changed now, current residents can have a sense of ownership for this future. And the whole process of choosing a name could lead to positive discussions that help define a region.

Sure, it's a horrible feeling to be castigated because you like tradition and an historic name represents that tradition, and you and other generations put in the sweat and tears to make that name meaningful. But giving up the name and then having the power to pick a new one isn't a loss. It's a win. And a challenge, and athletes rise to a challenge.

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Basketball is back

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, the Greenwich boys basketball team opened their season at home. The Witches started quickly with a 10 point lead, eventually falling to Hoosick Falls 60-57. Pictured: Jesse Kuzmich led all scores with 32 points; Andrew Conlin goes up for a shot in the lane. Photos by Dan Pemrick.



The local real estate market is really hot

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

In a candid conversation, local broker and owner of Whipple City Realty Group Gloria Saunders tells us why the local housing market is red hot for sellers.

The average “sold” price for a home right now in Greenwich Town is nearing \$210,000. That’s up from \$178,000 at this same time last year. And mortgage rates are low; perhaps 3 percent or less.

But should you sell? There’s a lot to know.

When I caught Saunders, she was on the road. I asked her if I could go photograph a current listing.

“All of our local listings have been sold,” she said. “We have a new one in Bolton and hopefully next week Argyle and Cambridge.

Here’s our conversation:

DJ: *So, it is true that it's a seller's market right now in Greenwich and surrounding areas?*

GS: Yes, It's a seller's market for sure in Greenwich and most of

the Greater Capital Area. Most homes are going under contract in a few weeks or less, and many are receiving multiple offers.

DJ: *When was the last time you saw the market this hot locally?*

GS: I've never seen the market this busy. We have a list of buyer clients just waiting for homes to come on the market because the current inventory does not meet their needs.

DJ: *Besides Greenwich, which other local towns are hot?*

GS: All of Saratoga, Washington, and Warren counties seem to be as busy as the local market.

DJ: *What are buyers looking for? Why here?*

GS: Buyers are looking for homes with land and more square footage. Some buyers are simply taking advantage of the low mortgage rates to upsize/downsize depending on their needs.

DJ: *Who are the typical buyers? (For example, young couples with kids, people from downstate, etc.)*

GS: We have more out-of-state and downstate buyers than in past years. We are also seeing more first-time buyers due to great mortgage products and rates.



DJ: *What should sellers know before selling?*

GS: We meet sellers before listing and walk through their homes with tips on easy staging/repairs to maximize the sale price. We also discuss that buying in this market is tough.

DJ: *Is there any end in sight? When might the market cool?*

GS: That's a great question. I imagine if rates start to creep up we will see a slight pullback. Otherwise, I have no idea.

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The great salt mines of GHOP

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Journal & Press

When we were young, going out to eat happened on the rarest occasions. Take out was a once or twice a year phenomenon. Of the most memorable take out we ever got was that from Greenwich House of Pizza. The memories of GHOP are not necessarily planted in their gourmet cuisine, but more so in experiences surrounding it. Their single glass door opened to a darkened hallway. There were no entry lights nor any signs. At the end of the dimly lit hallway was the counter. It was a tall counter narrowly carved into the back wall. The light blue walls appeared green under the dim yellow lights. The hallway was so narrow that standing to wait for your order became uncomfortable when another patron would enter the restaurant. There was no place to sit or kneel. Take out only and the standing room was awkward at best. If it were not for the heat from the pizza ovens, there would have been only the cold, unwelcoming ambiance of the space. To the left of the counter was a secret door. A door so mysterious that it was decorated with “keep out” “employee only signs.” In a place so small, I wondered; how could there be such a mysterious and secretive door? Where did this door go to? It certainly was not an emergency exit. It was the eighties, and the front door was

straight behind his. It was intuitive on how and where to go in the event of an emergency. But this door? This door was at the back of the tiniest restaurant we had ever been to. Where could such a door go? With our curiosity in this door, grew our fear of the door. The only explanation was that it was magical. Like that of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, this door went somewhere.

One day while placing and waiting for our semi-annual pizza, my brother and I finally mustered the courage to ask what was behind that door. “Why the salt mines of course,” answered my father. “The salt mines where naughty children are sent. So, you better be good when you are in here, or the owner will send you to the salt mines.” Pure terror struck me. All the poor children on the other side of that door! Chipping away at giant white boulders in the hot sun! We stood there and peered at the door. I could almost hear them in their tattered clothing tapping at massive chalky boulders, sweating in the volcanic sun. That dark hallway got a lot darker that day. The light at the end of *that* tunnel was only the light of the sun shinning on the alabaster rocks and glistening off the sweat of a naughty child’s brow. *How long has this been here? How do you even get to a salt mine from here? That door truly was the*



entryway to the great mystery beyond. Where did all the salt go that they were mining? Were they mining salt for the whole world? Or just locally for the pizzas? How did they even entrap so *many* kids? This haunting image of powdery white mountains and bright sun was etched into my mind.

I must admit that until the House of Pizza began expanding and renovating, it still struck fear into me to go into the restaurant. That mystery door still stood, dark and ominous with the cries and tapping hammers of poor sun-drenched children, mining the salt that was used on the pizzas. I was happy to know that in fifteen years of living away from Greenwich, the House of Pizza had since gotten rid of their salt mines and replaced them with public restrooms.

The great salt mines of GHOP; and all through this one door at the end of long dark hallway. While the hallway is still there, it is brighter and cheerier. Of all the changes we go through in life, metaphorically or physically, I am grateful that the House of Pizza changed from the dark ominous hallway with a salt mine at the end, to the more pleasant place that it is today. Like the restaurant and our imaginations, we must grow and discover that not all our fears are true.

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Eddie Awards

The second annual Capital Region Thomas Edison Music Awards – aka the Ed-dies Music Awards – will be broadcast live at 7 p.m. May 2 from Universal Preservation Hall in Saratoga. The event is presented by KeyBank.

The awards show has been twice rescheduled. It was originally planned to be held in front of an audience at the Proctors Main-Stage last spring and then was rescheduled due to the pandemic to be broadcast in December from UPH. A surge in COVID-19 cases late in 2020 resulted in further postponement.

Greenwich Chamber, Journal partner for poll

Area business owners, large and small, are invited to participate in the "One Year Later: COVID-19 Business Impact Survey" by the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce (GGCC) in partnership with the Journal & Press newspaper.

The survey is open to businesses and organizations in Southern Washington County and members of the GGCC.

Participation in this survey is completely voluntary. However, if you feel uncomfortable answering any questions, you can withdraw from the survey at any point. It is very important for us to learn your opinions.

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The Journal & Press will announce the results of this survey in its next issue.

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Gardening plans and homecoming dreams

Kate Sausville

Journal & Press

As the days get longer, and the sun starts to feel warmer, my thoughts turn to garden planning. Despite having a decent amount of property, I have only attempted a “real” garden once since we have lived here. It was mostly a bust. We have a lot of deer, rabbits, woodchucks, squirrels, and heaven knows what else, that enjoyed the fruits of our labor. We may have netted some zucchini and a few scraggly cucumbers, but it was a lot of work for a little return. Since then, I have used containers to garden with better degrees of success. The downside is that you are somewhat limited to what grows well in containers. But this year, I am feeling a little more inspired, and am attempting some raised bed gardens.

Since this is a bigger garden project than I have tackled, I reached out to a family friend, Brian Wells. Brian, his wife Bonnie, and his son Brian Jr. own 3B Farm and Homestead in Greenwich. Brian gave me a lot of good advice on the size and build of the raised beds and even included some pictures so I could get a better idea. He discussed the merits of square foot gardening over planting in rows, where to buy the best soil locally, as well as his irrigation methods. His enthusiasm was contagious, and I found myself getting a little carried away with my plans. Thankfully, my husband pumped the brakes before I took to the plow, but it led me to wonder more about the modern homesteading life, and why it seems a growing number of people consider themselves homesteaders.

According to Brian, both he and his wife Bonnie were raised in homes where gardening and preserving food was just the way things were. He recalls it wasn't until he purchased his first American Guinea Hogs that he became more aware of the modern homesteading movement. Modern homesteading is about raising and growing food to be as self-sufficient and self-reliant as possible, and Brian is also very keen on those points.

During the height of the pandemic, Brian and his family were not worried about going hungry. His pantry was full of food that they had canned and preserved. They have the added benefit of

knowing exactly where their food comes from and what is in it. In an era of food recalls, this can be especially comforting.

While Homesteading may be more involved than just having a garden, Brian insists that one not have tons of land to be a successful homesteader. Currently, they have about two acres of property and much of it is wooded. He says that being creative with space is more important. Even with just two acres, Brian is able to raise hens, ducks, geese, meat rabbits, and American Guinea Hogs. In the spring he has meat chickens and turkeys as well.

Homesteading is different from typical farming. Farms are usually larger operations with crops grown for profit. While many homesteaders like Brian sell some of their products, it is usually is not for a large profit. Agriculture is

‘Being creative with your acres is more important.’

heavily subsidized, which is why we can buy chicken breast at the store for \$1.99 a pound. Homesteaders do not get those subsidies and therefore bear the true cost of raising livestock for food. Like farming, homesteading does involve long hours and hard work. Animals need to be fed and watered daily, regardless of how cold it may be outside or if you are not feeling well. It makes it difficult to take a vacation or even have a day off. Early mornings and late nights are normal. Missing out on plans because something needs to be repaired or cared for immediately is to be expected. Losing animals to predators, disease, or your own mistakes can be heartbreaking, and Brian says that processing



day is never easy. You can invest a lot of time and energy into a garden and have nothing to show for it, between deer, weather, insects, and blight. Homesteading can be messy and at times, stinky.

Despite this, Brian feels the benefits of running your homestead far outweigh the cons. He feels homesteading is an active, healthy lifestyle that gets you up and moving in a meaningful way. Because you raise, grow, and preserve the food yourself you have the freshest and best tasting ingredients with a minimal amount of preservatives. He says it's a great way to raise a family, as your children grow up knowing the value of hard work and food by helping to raise and grow their own, as well as learning valuable life-sustaining skills. By far though, he feels the biggest benefit of homesteading is the sense of satisfaction that comes from it.

If you would like to learn more about homesteading or just want to follow along, you can subscribe to Brian's podcast *The Homestead Journey*.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich, a preschool teacher for Head Start in Saratoga County, wife and mother of two teenage daughters.





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- ★ Screening to occur in school in the fall

Kindergarten Enrollment

- ★ Eligible students turn 5 years old before December 1st
- ★ Unlimited enrollment
- ★ Students attending Greenwich Pre-K will automatically be enrolled in Kindergarten
- ★ Students *not* attending Greenwich PreK need to pre-register online or contact Tracy Dennis
- ★ Virtual Ready, Set, Kindergarten to be held over the summer
- ★ Screening of new students to occur in school in the fall

HVCC talk

Voices: A Library Lecture Series is presented each semester by Hudson Valley Community College. The lectures will be streamed live online due to the current COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings. All are welcome to attend; live stream access information is available at www.hvcc.edu/voices.

Next up is "Food is a Human[e] Right!" on Wednesday, March 10, noon to 12:50 p.m. Jammella Anderson, community activist, birthworker and yoga teacher, works with marginalized and underserved communities to fight food insecurities and food apartheid. She will discuss how systemic oppression prompted her to establish Free Food Fridge.

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Applicants must complete a 600-word essay on one of two topics, which are:

- The role Philip Schuyler played in the development of Old Saratoga; or
- How living in an historic village or area has influenced my life.

Submit applications by May 1 to Patricia Peck, 178 Wagman's Ridge, Saratoga Springs NY 12866.

A short statement with the name, address, and career plans of the applicant and the college that the applicant will attend should accompany the essay. Announcement of the scholarship recipients will be made at commencement.

Frances Ostrander was a charter and life member of the Old Saratoga Historical Association who worked diligently for nearly fifty years to raise funds and secure furnishings for the Philip Schuyler House and to assist in giving tours of this historic landmark.

The Association provides programs and activities that help people understand and appreciate the historical significance of the Schuylerville area. For further information call 518-584-4129.

Visiting Salem Art Works (SAW)

Sara Idleman
Journal & Press

I was on a Zoom meeting last Saturday morning. One of the participants was connected from the Baja in Mexico. The sun, surf and sand were intoxicating. To say others were envious is an understatement. I was no exception. But as I moved through the day, got out and about, it came to me that living in upstate NY has its own beauty, even in winter. Yes, it's a challenge, especially for farmers, road crews and others forced to work outside and essential workers who deal with snow and ice simply to get to work.

As a child, while I was skating on the pond or sledding, enjoying the simple childhood pleasures of winter, my dad was dealing with frozen pipes in the barn, tractors that wouldn't start and going out on a cold winter's night to check on the cows in the barn. Winter is a challenging time for those of us in the Northeast. I can't move through the day without thinking of those who must carry on in the winter months.

This year, however, it seems we've had more blue skies, sunshine and, certainly, snow cover than in previous years. In spite of the challenges, it has been stunningly beautiful. I've been fortunate in that I can get out and about and enjoy that beauty.

A good friend from Salem reached out to me last week to say I had not mentioned Salem Art Works in my previous column and that it was a

great spot for outdoor winter activities. It never occurred to me that SAW was open in the winter months. In addition to the programming offered at the site, the facility includes the 119-acre Cary Hill Sculpture Park. It is among the sculptures that winter activities abound. On the sunny Sunday afternoon I visited, people were hiking, sledding, snowshoeing and dog walking. It's open to snowmobiles as well as it is part of the Washington County Snowmobile Trail.

The hill is impressive, from my perspective a real screamer. As I was remembering times from own childhood, four kids were descending, no, flying toward the bottom. Yep, they were screaming all the way down, only to roll off their saucers and laugh hysterically. No doubt, it was quite a ride. They were all from Salem and had mastered the hill.

Getting out and about to Willard Mt, area parks and SAW has been refreshing this winter. Doing so, it occurs to me that I haven't touched on skating, my favorite wintertime activity as a kid, I'll delve into that in the next issue.

Sara Idleman is a lifelong resident of Greenwich. Recently retired from the workforce, she's delighted to now focus on her favorite interests and hobbies.



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Covid rapid testing in Cambridge

The Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad, with the assistance of Washington County Public Health and Public Safety, has established a COVID-19 Rapid Testing Site at its Education Center, 33F Gilbert Street, Cambridge. CVRS has secured all required approvals from New York State Department of Health and will be conducting rapid testing for residents of Washington County.

The testing site will be open Thursdays 3:00 to 7:00 pm, Fridays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and Saturdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, by appointment only. Rapid tests will be performed at the site and results will be provided at the time of the test. All results will be entered into the New York State's Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System and all positive results will also be forwarded to Washington County Public Health.

There is no charge for the testing, however, CVRS will be conducting a small fundraising event to raise funds to procure more testing supplies. This will include a "donation box" at the testing site.

To schedule an appointment, call the CVRS COVID Testing Hotline at 518-222-8502 or send an email request to covidtesting@cambridgeems.com. You will be contacted by a team member within 24 hours to schedule the appointment.

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A chat with Salem supervisor Evera Sue Clary

By Darren Johnson
and Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

The Salem community has remained tightly connected through the historically catastrophic moments of past year. Though times have been very tumultuous and many businesses and families have felt the strong effects of the pandemic, Town supervisors and officials have rallied for assistance to help keep the sense of community alive through the unnerving terrain that we have been treading. The Journal & Press recently sat down with Evera Sue Clary, Salem Town Supervisor, to discuss the #SoSalem Fund and other various ways the pandemic has changed her governing style of Salem:

DJ: *How has the pandemic changed governing in Salem?*

ESC: It has increased everything in my world by at least a third to fifty percent more. Even though we are shut down, what happens is that you have a community that has different needs than they might have had before, businesses that are having a hard time, a school that does not know what they are doing the next day. People like consistency, and we do not have consistency

right now. As a town official, I want to reassure people that this is something we can all get through together and we can work together very carefully. I have been kind of looking at this year as a building year. Last year was for navigating this and doing it safely.

DJ: *What tasks are keep you busier than pre-pandemic?*

ESC: Salem has a community assistance fund that was developed many years ago and it sits there, so I thought it is something that could be used for people in need, such as the elderly in quarantine having difficulty with their medications or having a hard time bringing in groceries. And I realized when a family is in crisis they can't wait for six weeks to ask permission through the town board to see if they can use that fund to get help. So, what we did is we started a #SoSalem Fund, which is exactly for the community of Salem.

DJ: *How do people of the community get in touch with the #SoSalem Fund?*

ESC: They call me on the phone (518-854-3277). What we do with that fund is, there are three of us that sit on that committee. The other day I got a call from an elderly lady that lives by herself and she was coming home from rehab, and she was not sure if she had fuel oil in her tank, so we went out to check to see if they had it and if they don't we put it in for them. Then we ask them what else they need, and they will call me. We go out and get medications or whatever people may need, and we do the co-pays or if they can do it that is fine, if they can't, that is okay too. We try to assist families to not feel so anxious, they have support and people care about them.

DJ: *How did you start the #SoSalem Fund?*



Via Facebook

ESC: We started it last January. A family went into quarantine, and all of a sudden they were in quarantine and that does not mean they had two weeks worth of groceries coverage necessarily. We will go out and do grocery shopping and whatever people of the community need, so they can stay in their house without feeling like they are missing out on something. It has worked out very well.

DJ: *Wow. How does this all work get done?*

ESC: It is good. There are three of us and we try to chat every morning over instant messenger to try to figure out what the needs are and how we can help. For people who need heat, we have a heat fund in Salem that is done through the rotary, and so oil is another phone call to another group that will help to get oil in the tank or provide heat. It is almost like a small case management system here in Salem.

DJ: *Is it a big fund? Tell me more about where the money comes from.*

ESC: People have been very generous with donations. They drop checks off to the Glens Falls National Bank for the #SoSalem Fund and it seems like when I get a big expense and big check comes in and fills the fund back up again. Last year Salem Food Pantry needs increased in large numbers, so the #SoSalem Fund went out and bought cleaning supplies to add to the Salem Food Pantry offerings.

Bancroft Library earns charter

The Salem Bancroft Public Library is pleased to announce that the New York State Education Department approved its Absolute Charter application at the Board of Regents meeting on February 8th. The library was required to apply for a new absolute charter when the Village of Salem



was dissolved a few years ago. The Library then began operating as a Town Library with a provisional charter. Our Board President, Ed Donoghue, would like to thank the Board members for their perseverance and the many hours of hard work that went into meeting the requirements in order to obtain the Absolute Charter.

Thank you for the paper; LED concerns

To the Editor:

I just wanted to tell you how much I appreciate the Journal & Press. Our local communities so need news beyond what's available on social media. The editorial judgment and discretion that goes into compiling a newspaper like the Journal & Press is an invaluable service that saves readers time and helps them to focus on what really matters in their towns.

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Sincerely,

Kathy Roome

Cambridge NY

P.S. Please ask Cody Fitzgerald to keep writing for you after he

leaves for college!

LED Lighting Is Unsafe

Dear Editor,

The elected officials of the Village of Cambridge are operating the Board with little to no regard for the health and safety of their community. Recent changes with the utilities in the Village have impacted the health, safety, and livelihood of many residents. These changes were made despite objection, protest, and clear factual evidence presented to the Mayor and Board. In spite of these clear and present dangers, the Mayor and Board moved forward with their changes, placing money above humanity, and making the Village of Cambridge inaccessible to residents and visitors with disabilities. Villagers have lost access to their homes, lost their jobs, and in a shocking case,

emergency treatment and vehicles were unable to reach and assist a resident who was in need of emergency medical attention. These upsetting outcomes and damaging events could have been prevented and avoided, there were multiple letters written, arguments presented at town meetings, and personal pleas submitted. All of which were met with political stalling tactics and callous bureaucratic responses. The Village Board and The Mayor of Cambridge do not listen to their constituents when it comes to their health and safety, they continue to place budget considerations over the lives and livelihood of the people of Cambridge.

Town elections are upcoming. Voters who think local government

should put their residents' needs above their own political aspirations and personal enrichment should consider voting to change the faces on the Village Board in the Mayor's Office.

Thank you,

Cooper McCue

Current property owner in and former resident of the Village of Cambridge NY

Letters policy

Letters to the Editor should be 300 or fewer words and emailed to editor@journalandpress.com. They must be signed and written by local residents about local issues. Partisan letters by or about political candidates are discouraged. Please buy an ad instead. Otherwise, we welcome your opinions!

Horse tack swap meet

To celebrate the completion of the new Horse Arena the Washington County Fairgrounds will be kick-

ing off the 2021 season with a Horse Tack Swap Meet on Saturday, May 8th, 2021 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Many have spent 2020 organizing barns, attics, and basements, now take the final step and get rid of all of your gently used horse-related tack and equipment! Businesses and Non-Profits with equine-related business and services are welcome to apply for booth space as well. Booth Spaces are \$10.00 for a 10x10 booth – set up a table or bring your horse trailer or truck to display your items for sale. Booth signs ups are available on the



Washington County Fairground website or by calling the Fairgrounds at 518-692-2464. Throughout the day equine demonstrations on equine care and equine-related events presented by the Washington County Draft Animal Association and the Tri-State Liberty Club will be happening throughout the grounds. Whether you have been around horses your whole life or just getting started this event is sure to have something for everyone!

NBT program

NBT Bank is currently accepting applications for its Management Development Program. This program prepares participating associates to assume mid-level professional roles inside of NBT at the completion of this 12-month training process. The Management Development Program is ideal for recent college graduates looking for a way to fast-track their career development with direct, guided access to technical and soft skill training, cross-divisional work experiences, performance coaching, mentoring and special projects that include community involvement.

Qualified candidates will hold a bachelor's degree in Finance, Accounting, Economics, Business Administration or a related degree with prior work and volunteer experience desired. Go to www.nbtbank.com/Careers to apply.

Hillary Clinton pens mystery novel

Kate Aurthur

Variety

Special to Campus News

"What Happened," Hillary Clinton wrote that in the aftermath of her loss to Donald Trump, she took solace in watching HGTV -- and reading the mystery novels of Canadian writer Louise Penny. Shortly after that, Penny began including the Clinton family in the acknowledgments of her books. And now the two are collaborating on a thriller, "State of Terror," to be released on Oct. 12, 2021. The book will be published in an unusual collaboration between St. Martin's Press and Simon & Schuster.

According to the press release from Simon & Schuster, the plot of "State of Terror" appears to be inspired by Clinton's time as President Barack Obama's Secretary of State: "The story follows a novice Secretary of State who has joined the administration of her rival, a presi-

dent inaugurated after four years of American leadership that shrank from the world stage. A series of terrorist attacks throws the global order into disarray, and the Secretary is tasked with assembling a team to unravel the deadly conspiracy, a scheme carefully designed to take advantage of an American government dangerously out of touch and out of power in the places where it counts the most."

Penny is a prolific mystery writer, releasing her Armand Gamache novels -- there have been 16 in total -- at a clip of once per year. Set in Three Pines, a cozy village on the border of Quebec and Vermont, idyllic but for all the murder, Penny published the first book in the series, "Still Life," in 2005. The books have become best-sellers.

"When it was suggested my friend Hillary and I write a political thriller together, I could not say yes fast enough," Penny said in the press release. "What an incredible experi-



ence, to get inside the State Department. Inside the White House. Inside the mind of the Secretary of State as high stake crises explode. Before we started, we talked about her time as Secretary of State. What was her worst nightmare? 'State of Terror' is the answer."

Hillary Clinton added, "Writing a thriller with Louise is a dream come true. I've relished every one of her books and their characters as well as her friendship. Now we're joining our experiences to explore the complex world of high stakes diplomacy and treachery. All is not as it first appears."

Salem Holy Cross news

Salem's Holy Cross Catholic Church holds Mass on Sunday's at 8:30 AM. Mass at St. Patrick's, Cambridge, is held on Sundays at 11:00 AM. Reconciliation Services are being planned for Holy Cross and St. Patrick's at dates and times to be announced. St. Patrick's Saturday Mass has been canceled for the foreseeable future. St. Joseph's in Greenwich will continue to post Sunday Mass on You Tube with Fr. Kacerguis as celebrant and Maureen Cossey as music minister. The link is www.tinyurl.com/SJG-liturgies.

A Reflection on the Lenten Scriptures will be held virtually on Zoom, from 6:30-7:30 every Monday evening during Lent. It will include the Sunday Scriptures, a reflection, and a discussion by either Mary Rosmus or Jeff Peck. Participants should pick up the readings in the 2021 hymnal available inside the backdoor of the parish house at Holy Cross or in the parish house vestibule at St Patrick's. There is no cost and to receive the Zoom link, please email — jeffreypeck@battenkillcatholic.org.

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. Communities are focusing on improving their health. People can help by visiting crsrice-bowl.org to learn more.

Lent is a time for introspection and self-reflection. A good resource is Living Well Through Lent 2021: listening With All your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind at stpatrick'slifelongfaith.weebly.com/season.

Free tax help

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a national program sponsored by the IRS to provide free tax preparation for qualified residents. Locally, Tri-County United Way, in partnership with Cornell Cooperation Extension — Washington County and the Moreau Community Center have created a network of VITA volunteers who serve residents of Warren, Washing-

ton, and Northern Saratoga counties. In 2020, the local VITA volunteers filed 1,800 tax returns and generated \$3.5 million in tax refunds /credits providing a significant economic impact to the region and establishing financial stability for thousands of individuals.

To learn more about the VITA Free Tax Preparation, call 1-800-211-5128 to make your tax appointment. Tax appointment operators will be available Monday – Fridays, 9am – 4pm until early April, 2021.

Meeting Notice

The Easton Library has announced a Board of Trustees meeting will be held Monday, February 22, at 7:30 PM. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has suspended the Open Meeting Law until February, 26 2021. To combat the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 Easton Library is doing its part by holding their meeting online. The public may attend via Zoom. Please visit their website: <https://easton.sals.edu> for the link.

Questions new ‘Jeopardy!’ hosts don’t want

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

Back in 2018, when he was happily cancer free, the late “Jeopardy!” host Alex Trebek announced he was pondering retirement. Immediately I began polishing my resume.

In an earlier column, I pleaded with executives at Sony Pictures Television, distributors of the popular quiz show, to consider an unknown host for the role. Specifically, me. Someone whose updated LinkedIn profile would include “Unbridled passion for a game that involves more than ‘buying an o.’”

The television world hasn’t hired an unrecognizable face for such a high-profile assignment since 1993, when NBC announced some Harvard kid named Conan O’Brien would take over for David Letterman, after the latter moved to CBS. O’Brien eventually found his stride; true his late-night show (now on TBS) will be ending in June, but 28 years is pretty remarkable for a guy previously known for writing “The Simpsons” dialogue.

Trebek bravely hosted “Jeopardy!” until just 10 days before his death. All-time “Jeopardy!” champion Ken Jennings was tapped as the first replacement, performing admirably amid intense speculation that he would eventually be elevated to permanent host. But the creative minds at Sony have other plans.

For now, anyway, they have taken the easy and overdone-to-death route: Hiring a revolving cast of celebrities because, gosh, the public is hankering to see more of Anderson Cooper. Or Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers. Or “Today” show co-host Savannah Guthrie. Or TV doctor Mehmet Oz. All four have been promised tryouts, according to published reports.

True, celebrities love “Jeopardy!” They also love to brag on social media when the game includes them. A simple Twitter search yielded celebs like Billy Eichner taking a screenshot of the “Jeopardy!” board and gushing, “Oh my God I was a clue on JEOPARDY today!!! WHAT IS... AMERICAN HORROR STORY!!! I’m freaking out!!!”

Whoa, Billy. Dial it back a few exclamation points.

I’m not saying the upcoming hosts would be reading clues about themselves during their stints, but, in the event a columnist/comedian, disgruntled about being passed over for Trebek’s job,

was to get a job as a WRITER on the show, then “Jeopardy!” viewers can expect to see the following scenarios playing out in upcoming episodes:

“Hi, I’m Anderson Cooper. Let’s play ‘Jeopardy!’ Our returning champion picks first.”

“Anderson, I’ll take Media for \$400.”

“The answer is: ‘This major cable operation was often referred to as ‘fake news’ by the Trump administration.’”

“What is CNN?”

“That is correct. Well, it’s not really correct. I mean, we’re not fake news. You want fake news? Head over to Fox. That’s where’s you’ll see some...”

“Anderson, I’ll take Inebriated New Year’s Eve Hosts for \$600.”

“I’m not reading that one.”

NEXT WEEK

“Hello, ‘Jeopardy!’ fans. I’m Aaron Rodgers. Let’s kick off ‘Jeopardy!’”

“Thanks Aaron. I’ll take Famous Fans for \$800.”

“The answer is: ‘Against an over-the-hill Tom Brady, these fans braved icy temperatures to watch their team inexplicably kick a field goal on a crucial fourth down, costing them a trip to Super Bowl 55.’”

‘More research needs to be done. Just don’t drink bleach.’

“Who are Cheeseheads?”

“Yeah, that’s right. And it wasn’t even that cold. And, yes, it was a stupid call. I could have hit Davante Adams easily!”

NEXT WEEK

“Hello, I’m Savannah Guthrie. Wake up to ‘Jeopardy!’”

“Thanks, Savannah. I’ll take Rhyme Time for \$400.”

“The answer is: ‘The married name of a TV host if she wedded a famous Star Wars character.’”

“Who is Hoda Yoda?”



“Correct. Can we take a break? I feel an uncontrollable bout of laughter coming on.”

NEXT WEEK

“Greetings, ‘Jeopardy!’ fans. I’m Dr. Mehmet Oz. Let’s feel better with ‘Jeopardy!’”

“Thanks, Doctor. I’ll take Fables for \$1,000”

“The answer is: ‘This doctor occasionally spouts debunked medical theories, including that hydroxychloroquine cures COVID-19.’”

“You.”

“Phrase it as a question please.”

“Who are you?”

“Correct. And more research needs to be done. Just don’t drink bleach.”

Sony higher-ups, if you don’t want these potentially embarrassing moments to be a part of the show, my offer to host still stands. You know where to find me.

I follow @Jeopardy on Twitter.

Greg Schwem is a corporate stand-up comedian and author of two books: “Text Me If You’re Breathing: Observations, Frustrations and Life Lessons From a Low-Tech Dad” and the recently released “The Road To Success Goes Through the Salad Bar: A Pile of BS From a Corporate Comedian,” available at Amazon.com. Visit Greg on the web at www.gregschwem.com.



Sam Neill on 50 years of acting, directing

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You can take the boy off the farm, but you can't keep the farm - especially the dino ones -- away from Sam Neill.

From the sheep of his new movie "Rams" to the bunnies of upcoming "Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway," the Emmy-nominated New Zealand actor is entering his milestone 50th year of professional acting with projects incorporating his love for animals. However, it's the not-so-farm-friendly dinosaurs of "Jurassic World: Dominion" that mark one of the largest-scale and most memorable projects of the 73-year-old Kiwi's career.

Neill reprises his role as paleontologist Dr. Alan Grant in the new film -- partly filmed during the pandemic and due out in 2022 -- and jokes that the cast excitably churned out what could become a six-hour movie.

"It's going to be a big film. [Director] Colin Trevorrow has that childlike sense of wonder, playfulness and inventiveness that [Steven] Spielberg has. We really

shot a six-hour movie. We were all very gung-ho," Neill says, speaking with *Variety* at his Two Paddocks vineyard and farm headquarters in New Zealand's lusciously picturesque Central Otago region.

"Hopefully, there'll be thousands of massive cinemas ready for it because it's a big film for big audiences."

It's been 27 years since Dr. Grant, Dr. Ellie Sattler (Laura Dern) and Ian Malcolm (Jeff Goldblum) went up against dinosaurs in "Jurassic Park," and 19 since Neill returned for "Jurassic Park III."

So, where will viewers find Dr. Grant in 2022? "Same character, but different world, different times. Dr. Grant and Dr. Sattler haven't seen each other for some time, so you'll see how that pans out," says Neill.

Completing filming was a feat amid COVID-19. Reflecting on the jet-setting career Neill enjoyed pre-pandemic, he had filmed "Rams" in Australia, wrapped Apple's upcoming "Invasion" series in New Jersey, shot pick-ups in Marrakesh, then arrived in Eng-

land to commence "Jurassic World: Dominion." Two nights later, he retreated to Australia amid the spread of the virus.

"No one knew whether 'Jurassic' would continue, be postponed or be abandoned altogether. The world turned into a darker place and that was strange, but I found it liberating in a creative way," Neill says.

Neill's lockdown life *Down Under* garnered global interest thanks to social media posts, in which he performed with his ukulele, shared cooking demonstrations and started short film series, *Cinema Quarantino*, co-starring pals like Helena Bonham Carter.

"I hadn't played my ukulele for a couple of years, so I started singing and making little films with friends. It was a strangely productive time."

"Jurassic World: Dominion" resumed production in July in London. Neill was tested three times weekly for COVID-19 while staying near Pinewood Studios with a cast and crew of around 750, including Bryce Dallas Howard and Chris Pratt.

"It was somewhere between rehab, summer camp and Easter break," Neill laughs. "We were compulsorily in each

other's company and much richer for it. If we were shooting in L.A., we'd go off to our different caves every night, but we got to know each other so much better."

"I never felt less than privileged to be in work last year," Neill adds. "So many people haven't had a sniff of a job for over a year and I can imagine how frightfully depressing that is and how much anxiety it must induce."

The struggles of 2020 are why Neill, who returned to New Zealand and his web-famous farm animals in November, believes "Rams" couldn't arrive at a better time. He stars alongside Australian icon Michael Caton in the film, which was adapted from the award-winning 2015 Icelandic movie by Grimur Hakonarson.

Made by Australian production company WBMC and directed by Jeremy Sims, "Rams" follows neighboring sheep-farmer brothers whose decades-long feud reaches boiling point when disease threatens their flocks.

"I've been watching Academy movie screeners and almost everything's depressing," Neill says. "'Rams' looks like a knockabout comedy about daggy Australians, but it's more complex. It's about humanity and it's funny, but sweet and sad. The feedback I've received is, 'I've been in lockdown for

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Centenary update, fish fry

The Centenary United Methodist Church has announced: "As we continue to transition and attempt to keep everyone safe, the weekly Sunday services at 9:30 am are being streamed on FACEBOOK live. Please join us at that time or view as you are able. If you would like to be a part of our ZOOM congregation, please email centenaryumcgreenwich@gmail.com. We will be keeping people updated as to Holy Week services and events along with when we will be going back to in person services. You can also look on our website centenaryumcgreenwich.org for updates.

The group also announced:

"Fish Fry season is upon us! Centenary UMC will be offering two Fish Fries during Lent. Both will be drive thru, curbside pick up. On Friday March 12 4:30-6 p.m. and again on Friday, March 26, you can partake in our famous fried fish on a bun, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans and homemade apple pie. Price is \$12. Reservations will be taken at 518-321-8676. Thank you for your support."

Carrot cake rolls

Support the Hartford Vol. Fire Co. Auxiliary by getting a Carrot Cake Roll with Cream Cheese filling. Homemade, but sold frozen. Easy to thaw and serve! Only \$15. Orders Must be phoned in by March 19th. Pick up on March 27 at the Firehouse on Route 40. Contact Diane at 518-632-5351 to reserve.



(cont.)

months and this is a film about real people and real things that made me feel better. It's just what I needed coming out of a bleak time.'

"And it involves sheep!" Neill adds about the parallels with his own life in New Zealand, having moved from a home nearer the tourist hub of Queenstown to a house built at Red Bank Farm and Vineyard, also known as Two Paddocks HQ. "I've even got a nice ram we might meet. He's a friendly chap."

"Rams," out in select theaters and streaming on Apple TV, Vudu and other platforms, merged Neill's love for acting with farm life, shooting in Western Australia's Mount Barker.

The film comes five decades after the actor first graced screens in New Zealand series "The City of No," before a breakthrough film role in 1977's "Sleeping Dogs."

"Sleeping Dogs" director Roger Donaldson played a part in the vintner ambitions Neill now juggles with acting. In 1993, the filmmakers planted their first vineyards, side-by-side, in the wine region of Gibbston Valley, birthing Two Paddocks. Neill now has four paddocks throughout Otago and produces around 8,000 cases annually, specializing in pinot noir.

Alongside winemaking, he has continued acting, with New Zealand films like "Hunt for the Wilderpeople," global blockbusters includ-

ing "Thor: Ragnarok" and television shows like "Peaky Blinders" and "Alcatraz."

"50 years ... that's unthinkable," he reflects. "No wonder my beard's grey. That's 50 years of continually thinking, 'I wonder if I'll get another job?' That never goes away. But [insecurity] keeps you on your toes. You can't afford to get smug. I'm always learning.

"For instance, I had a long discussion with Chris Pratt about how to leave a room. It sounds straightforward, but there's many ways to leave a room in a scene. He's got some good ideas!"

At 73, Neill's long from leaving the room. He hopes to do more presenting work, having hosted documentary series "The Pacific: In the Wake of Captain Cook with Sam Neill," and would love to work with Michael Caine or Tom Hanks. "[Tom's] a warm, lovely fella and that warmth's evident in his work."



Jeff Goldblum, Richard Attenborough, Laura Dern and Sam Neill in "Jurassic Park."

With a career spanning 50 years, Neill also recognizes the array of opportunities in television. "It used to be if you were a movie actor, there was nothing worse than doing television. It was like getting herpes: once you'd done one television project, you were blighted with that forever. But I didn't care less. If it was interesting, I would think about it.

"Now, if you don't do television, it's likely you won't do any more interesting work because there's so much fantastic stuff being done for long-form television -- which was always there, but people didn't want to touch it," says Neill.

ACC's 'Celebrity Chef' via Zoom

SUNY Adirondack announced its annual Celebrity Chef Series, featuring a presentation by Chef Jet Tila via Zoom at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4.

Tila is a popular TV personality known for his modern take on Asian cuisine. He has appeared on several culinary shows, including "Iron Chef America," "Chopped," "Anthony Bourdain's No Reservations" and "The Best Thing I Ever Ate."

He will demonstrate how to make Asian pork lettuce wraps. Those who wish to participate can pick up a demonstration kit from the Dining Hall before 6 p.m. the day of the event.

Tila visited SUNY Adirondack's campus last year, during which he offered a food sampling and copies of his cookbook, "101 Asian Dishes

You Need to Cook Before You Die," were available.

A graduate of Le Cordon Bleu and California Sushi Academy, Tila first earned a name for himself by offering backyard cooking classes. He has since written for the Los Angeles Times and been a contributor to National Public Radio and the Food Network.

He has opened several restaurants, experimented with food experiences and holds three world records: creating the world's largest stir-fry (4,010 pounds), the largest seafood stew (6,656 pounds) and the largest California roll (422 feet).

To attend the virtual event, use Zoom meeting ID 956 5411 8505 and passcode 128463.

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New super for Saratoga Battlefield

National Park Service Regional Director Gay Vietzke has named Leslie Morlock as superintendent of Saratoga National Historical Park in Stillwater, New York. Morlock begins her new role on March 28, 2021.

“The victory at Saratoga changed the entire course of the American Revolution,” Vietzke said. “The park has an important role to play as we get closer to America’s 250th birthday in 2026. Leslie’s background in planning, visitor use management and partnerships provides a crucial skill set needed to lead the park as we approach this milestone.”



“I am honored and excited for the opportunity to serve as superintendent at this pivotal site in the history of the United States,” Morlock said. “Saratoga National Historical Park is a unique place to learn about a key turning point in American history, explore nature and honor those who walked the hallowed grounds before us. I look forward to working with the dedicated park team, the Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor, other partners, and the community to preserve this important site for future generations.”

Morlock comes to Saratoga from Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area where she served for eight years as chief of strategic planning and project management. During this time, she oversaw a variety of programs, including safety, lands, leasing, project management and environmental compliance. Morlock spearheaded the planning effort for the park’s newly released Visitor Use Management Plan. Prior to joining the National Park Service, Morlock worked for county governments in Colorado, Pennsylvania and New York and as an archeologist in the private and public sectors. She started her career at Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park. Morlock holds a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology and environmental studies from Grinnell College and a professional graduate certificate in Leadership for Public Lands and Cultural Heritage.

Morlock is originally from southeastern Minnesota and has been living in the Pennsylvania-New York region for the last 19 years. Leslie, her husband, Jim, and their dog Murphy are looking forward to taking on the 100-mile challenge exploring the trails at Saratoga.

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This is an unusual tax year

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

Tax filing season for calendar year 2020 opens February 12, a few weeks later than usual. Unlike last year, when the deadline to file and pay any tax owed was extended to July, this year, we revert to good ol' April 15, so it's time to get organized.

If you didn't learn the lesson of electronic filing last year, this is the year to dump the paper. Those who had electronic files with the IRS got stimulus checks faster than paper filers. To make the process seamless, choose direct deposit, "the safest, most accurate and fastest way to get a refund," according to the IRS.

Stimulus Checks

If you received an Economic Impact Payment of \$1,200 (\$2,400 MFJ for 2020) plus \$500 for each qualifying child, it is NOT TAXABLE! If you did not receive the payment (or think you were short-changed on the amount), focus on Line 30 of Form 1040 and Form 1040-SR, "the Recovery Rebate Credit." Even if you did not earn enough income to file a return, you may have to do so to get your cred-

its, which can increase any refund you would have otherwise received or lower the amount of tax you owe.

Unemployment Benefits

The IRS says "unemployment compensation is taxable and must be reported on a 2020 federal income tax return." That includes all state unemployment benefits, as well as all emergency federal benefits awarded under the CARES Act. You should have received Form 1099-G, which highlights the amount of unemployment that you received.

There are 15 states that do NOT levy taxes on unemployment: Alabama, Alaska, California, Florida, Montana Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming. If you don't live in one of the 15, you will also be on the hook for state taxes on your unemployment benefits.

Home office/Telework

If you are a W-2 employee, you are not eligible

for the home office deduction, even if you are working from home. If you are self-employed, the home office deduction is still available, as long as you use a portion of the home for conducting business on a regular basis and your home is your principal place of business.

If you worked from home in a different location, you could see tax benefits -- or penalties -- for the change in location. Check your primary state/city rules about other jurisdictions and make the necessary adjustments.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

The Earned Income Tax Credit is geared toward low-to-moderate income workers. EITC reduces the amount of tax someone owes, but here's the cool part: even if you don't owe any taxes or aren't required to file a return, you can get the money. The amount of the credit (a maximum of \$6,660 for three children or more) is based on whether or not you have kids. To find out if you qualify, use the EITC assistant on IRS.gov.

IRS Free File

The IRS works with a number of tax preparation companies to offer FREE online products for those who make \$72,000 or less. Each provider sets its own eligibility rules for products based on age, income and state residency, so you need to do some homework. Go to IRS.gov/FreeFile and use the "Free File Online Look up" tool to find the right product.

Resources:

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA): Free tax help to people who make \$57,000 or less, persons with disabilities and those who have limited English language abilities

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE): Tax help for individuals who are 60 and older

Where's My Refund? Find the tool here: <https://www.irs.gov/refunds>

Donate blood

Record-breaking cold and winter storms across much of the U.S. has forced the cancellation of hundreds of American Red Cross blood drives in about 30 states and caused more than 15,000 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. The Red Cross is urging healthy individuals, especially those with type O blood, to give now to ensure blood products are available for patient emergencies when help can't wait. Make your appointment to give blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or

enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Argyle

3/12/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Argyle United Methodist Church, 12 Sheridan St

Greenwich

3/8/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Middle Falls Fire Department, 1034 State Road 29

Saratoga Springs

3/4/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Gideon Putnam Hotel, 24 Gideon Putnam Rd

Lenten fish fries

Christ the King Center in Greenwich, NY will be hosting Lenten Fish Fries every Friday during lent from 5-7 PM. There will be 6 in total, starting February 19th and ending March 26th. More information and a link for reservations can be found at ctkcenter.org or by calling the group at (518)-692-9550.

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More cars, hoarding gold and fish spearing

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

Here are some snippets from past editions of The Journal & Press from early Marches decades ago:

100 Years Ago March 09, 1921

Washington County folks have been very badly bitten by the automobile bug during the past year, according to figures just made public by Secretary of State, John J. Lyons. Registration figures show a total of 3,689 cars in this county, a gain of 1,099 for the year. This amounts to an increase of more than 41 percent in this county, while in the state at large, the increase is only 19 percent.

In this county, there is one car to every twelve

inhabitants, while in the entire state, the ratio is one to fifteen. Washington County now has 3,050 passenger cars, a gain of 895 for the year, 434 commercials, an increase of 111, while its chauffeurs number 533, a gain of 155. There are 23 dealers, 76 omnibuses, 6 trailers, and 148 motorcycles in Washington County.

80 Years Ago March 05, 1941

Hans Philips, 41, Hoosick Falls gasoline station proprietor who gave himself up to state police Saturday and turned his pockets inside out to show them that he was carrying \$300 worth of gold, will be turned over to the custody of his brother, a Connecticut man.

A large sum of money found in his filling station at Hoosick Falls will be placed in Cambridge Valley Bank to be used for his care. State police have been unable to find out how the gold, which is now illegal to have, came into his possession.

Philips arrived in Hoosick Falls about a year ago and established a filling station. The community knew very little about him except that he was friendly to all who came to the station.

70 Years Ago March 14, 1951

The annual spring fish-spearing order of the state conservation department sets the dates of March 20 to November 30 for the taking of ten kinds of fish with spears or long bows in all waters not inhabited by trout, except as prohibited in the order. Fish which may be taken by these means are bullheads, carp, catfish, dogfish, eels, garpike, mullet, sucker, herring and sheepshead. In Washington County, spearing is prohibited in all waters except Lake Champlain and the Hudson River below the Fenimore Bridge at Hudson Falls.

60 Years Ago March 08, 1961

What was thought was going to be a minor repair job on the village of Greenwich water system turned into a major operation last Friday afternoon, and as a result, there was no water for sup-

per at most homes. In fact, the water supply was off from about mid-afternoon until well along in the evening.

The trouble was at a valve on Fisher Street, where a leak had developed and some 30,000 gallons of water were running away every day. The repair appeared to be a routine job. The plan was to shut off water to the school and the customers on North Road to fix the valve. It didn't work that way because the shut off valves didn't hold.

40 Years Ago March 12, 1981

This may be the machine age for most people, but a Salem couple has plunged into the publishing business with a specialty magazine devoted to an animal of work that machinery supposedly replaced – the draft horse.

An anachronism, you say? The nearly 7,000 readers of *The Evener*, a national magazine now in its sixth year, will tell you otherwise. They say that draft horses are still being used and there is a place for them in their world. The magazine's readers include those who never made the change-over from animal to machinery as well as those who made the switch and are going back to animals because they suit their needs better. In addition, the magazine is also of interest to those who breed draft horses and those who compete in draft horse pulls.

20 Years Ago March 01, 2001

Sigurd Manfred Rascher, 93, of Shushan died on February 25, 2001. A memorial tribute is planned for the future.

Mr. Rascher came to the United States in 1939 to be a saxophone soloist with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra at Carnegie Hall, and the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra in Washington D.C., and Town Hall in New York.

He chose not to return to Europe and was joined by his wife, Ann Mari, and their son, Staffan. They moved to Shushan from New York City. With a shortage of music teachers in the area during WW2, he was asked to teach at Salem Washington Academy and then in Greenwich and Granville.



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Terminating business partnerships

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I have a long-term business associate and am thinking of just sending an email terminating him. I don't want to damage my reputation but it's uncomfortable to talk to people about issues. Besides I shouldn't have to justify. Is there any downside to sending an email?*

A: Yes, important business relationships warrant a conversation about what you want, and the issues at play when you're thinking of terminating a professional relationship.

Think of the word "terminate." The word brings up assassination. Do you really want to end any professional relationship by "terminating" it?

In addition to harming your reputation consider the career upside of practical empathy. How do you expect to be treated in professional relationships? Would you want someone to send you a text or just break up with you via email?

Most of us only invest in important business relationships because we have a large element of trust the relationship will continue. We deliver high performance to others when we experience loyalty and low anxiety about the relationship continuing.

Few of us would give much, if anything, to people prepared to terminate professional relationships last minute with no conversation. If you

want to receive quality services from others commit to diplomatic conversations about what you want and no abrupt exits.

In my work I often find people feel slighted or angry about things that when discussions have occurred. These misunderstandings only occur because one or both people lack the courage or skills to have an actual conversation.

If you want to receive high performance from people with whom you have business relationships ask yourself if you are willing to discuss issues and needs. Are you willing to provide the same level of courtesy and communication that you yourself want?

In our planned obsolescence world we can treat others like disposable Kleenex. Once other people realize we have no loyalty they will dump us if they are smart. They'll also warn everyone in our business circle to avoid us.

All good things do come to an end. How you want to leave a business relationship is with advance notice, discussion about issues, and gratitude for everything done for you.

How you don't want to leave a business relationship is abruptly, with no conversation, and not enough notice so the other person can accept new work. Be aware the person you terminate may have turned down other projects or customers for the express purpose of serving your

needs.

We all know the golden rule that we ought to treat others as we wish to be treated. If you leave business relationships with zero empathy for the impact you have on others few people will want to work with you. We only receive loyalty and empathy if we offer it to others.

In business empathy is a critical career skill. You will be expected to negotiate problems. Obviously no one that works with you can solve problems they have no opportunity to discuss.

Lastly, if you leave a professional relationship badly you burn that bridge forever. If the day comes you need that person's help and want to walk over that bridge you will find it no longer exists.

Q: *Is it my imagination or are peo-*

ple behaving worse than usual these days. Is there a best way to cope with so much upsetting behavior?

A: Yes, people are flooded with stress which increases everyone's struggle with their inner self-destructiveness and self-hatred. You'll cope better if you're aware the origin of the bad behavior of others is their own self-loathing rather than a reaction deserved by you.

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The \$470,000 in contributions during 2020 helped local organizations focus on food insecurity, affordable housing, workforce development, student success, mental health, financial wellness, economic development and supporting emergency assistance funds among many others.

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Hometown hero

United States Navy Officer Candidate Ryan Heslin (**pictured, right**) of Schaghticoke, NY, and a 2015 graduate of Catholic Central High School, is hoping to make his mark in the Navy as a Naval Aviator. A true American patriot, Heslin joined the Navy for one simple reason, "I joined the Navy to become a part of the illustrious Naval community," he said.

Officer Candidate School, located in Newport, Rhode Island is a grueling 13-week long program that will put Heslin and his classmates to the test morally, mentally, and physically. If he passes and graduates with his class in March, he'll be commissioned as an Ensign



and join the ranks of the Navy's leadership.

School admins upset

The School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS) supported the New York State Education Department (SED) submission of an application for a full waiver from the federal government's requirement to conduct standardized testing this spring. SAANYS and its members recognize that teaching and learning in our current environment is inconsistent at best. A statewide testing process would be extremely complex and inequitable, likely with reduced participation, and the resulting data an inaccurate reflection of what our students are actually learning and experiencing. The process as framed by USDE will not provide a comprehensive base of information on student learning loss or socio-emotional needs.

Commented SAANYS Executive Director Kevin Casey, "Teaching and learning this school year has been unconventional to say the least, and the insistence to forge ahead with a conventional testing

experience for all seems illogical." Continued Casey, "The 'flexibility' in testing options offered by the USDE cannot cure the inequities imposed upon many by the pandemic. To truly understand what each student needs as we move forward, we must rely on the expertise of the local school administrators and teachers who have been working with their students each day of this unprecedented school year."

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Joshua Chambers, 45

Joshua Chambers, 45, a resident of Greenwich and Saratoga passed away Friday, February 12, 2021 at Loma Linda Hospital because of a brain hematoma.

He was born November 22, 1975 in Cambridge, NY to Joseph and Betty (Hamilton) Chambers.

Josh was first and foremost a son, brother, friend, nephew, and cousin. He was a talented musician, poet, theatre director genius, risk taker, obstinate pain the ass, avid reader, college professor, tennis player and songwriter.

Ernest Hemingway once said, "Only bullfighters and jockeys live their lives all the way up". Josh

seemed to live by Hemingway's quote. He was a prolific songwriter, director, and writer. Josh left a lasting imprint on many of the areas he loved the most including Greenwich High School, Skidmore College, Cal Arts, Fovea Floods Theatre Company, and Throw Down Bouquet Band.

Josh wrote hundreds of songs and directed hundreds of plays with his beloved Fovea Floods Company. He also directed plays in Saratoga, Schenectady, Washington DC, NYC, Los Angeles, San Diego, Boulder, and Austin, TX.

Times Union entertainment critic Steve Barnes wrote in a tribute to Josh's life in the Sunday, February

14, 2021 edition "Josh Chambers artistic fecundity and superabundance of gifts across multiple creative disciplines awed collaborators and audiences alike".

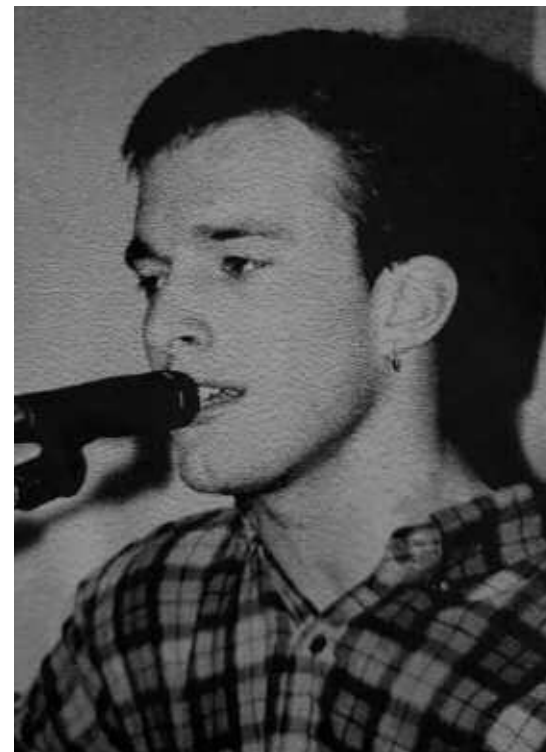
Times Union Critic Michael Eck reviewed a play that Josh wrote and directed called "Paul Pry" and said it was "The most fun, most challenging piece of theater you will see in the Capital District" adding that it is a madhouse of masks, music, blood, sex, terror, and hilarity.

Josh always saw and focused on the good in people and their talent. He had a way of enhancing the good and instilling confidence to expand their talent.

Josh is survived by his devoted and loving mother Betty Hamilton Chambers who was at his side in the hospital as he passed; his father Joseph Chambers and his brother and best friend Michael (Alexa) Chambers.

There are too many people to thank for the outpouring of love and support the family has received.

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A celebration of his life for family and friends will be announced at a later date when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Online condolences and messages to the family may be made at www.flynnbrosinc.com.

Timothy Flatley, 75

Timothy Flatley, 75, of Greenwich, NY, passed away on February 21, 2021, at Troy Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing in Troy, NY, where he had been living for the last few years.

Tim is survived by his brother, Edward Flatley (Dorothy) of San Jose, CA, his sister, Jane Garstang (Harold) of Leesburg, FL, his sister Leona Read (Peter) of Greenwich, NY, and his sister Maura Flatley

(Daniel Zlatin) of Nepean, Ontario, Canada. He is preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Anna Mary (Bell) Flatley and his brother John Flatley.

No services are being planned at this time.

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Review: 'Young Rock' tests political waters

Daniel D'Addario

Variety

Special to Journal & Press

"Young Rock," NBC's new sitcom about the early days of Dwayne Johnson, can't resist peeking into the future. And there, the wrestler-turned-movie star is on the path to political glory.

The show is mainly consumed with telling cute and likable stories about Johnson's upbringing as a child and his coming into his own as a young man. Like a comic spin on "This Is Us" with triceps presses instead of trauma, the show skips around three formative points in Johnson's youth, then pivots into the future to show Johnson (playing himself) running for president in 2032 and telling his story to the voting public, in scenes set on an interview show or on the campaign trail. That he looks just the same as he does now, unchanging as a mountain, is part of this show's image campaign: It took a lot to make Johnson who he is today, and now he's such an unshifting fixture on the landscape that his childhood makes for a new American folklore.

That within the framing device is amiable and pleasant, if consistently buffed to a sheen worthy of an image-conscious celebrity. The three Young Rocks (Adrian Groulx in childhood, Bradley Constant in high school, and Uli Latukefu as a college athlete) are well-equipped to play a celebrity whose chief selling point to fans is his charm. All manage to pull off a consistent performance through the years as a young man coming into his own in a Samoan and Black wrestling family.

The degree of difficulty may be lowered a bit, though, by the tendency of the show to play things fairly soft; unlike other family sitcoms of recent years, this show feels consciously old-school, up to and including that the stories tend to provide soft landings for all involved. The edge of "Fresh Off the Boat," another period family comedy also executive produced by Nahatchka Khan and Jeff Chiang, feels somewhat missing here. For instance, high-school-era Dwayne's taking a date to see his wrestler father (Joseph Lee Anderson) grappling in a makeshift ring at a flea market seems like it might have the potential for embarrassment -- until the giddy joy of wrestling makes everyone happy. "Working the gimmick was how my fam-



Dwayne Johnson

ily lived, and we all embraced it," Johnson himself says; "the gimmick" is a sort of confidence game on a potentially hostile wrestling audience or a society that didn't necessarily have room for a family that looked like the Johnsons. The show works a gimmick of its own, pushing a sort of relentless sunniness that it'd be churlish to reject out of hand.

In the main, these featherweight stories have a simple, charming appeal, with period detail, subtly shifting between time jumps, tending to distract from just how little is going on. Meanwhile, the grown-ups -- Anderson, Stacey Leilua as Johnson's mother, and Ana Tuisila as his wrestling-promoter grandma -- add just enough heft to make the show work. (The marriage between Anderson's and Leilua's characters, two Americans struggling towards a dream, seems to have depths the show might plumb further.) When the show is in the past, where it spends the bulk of its time, it charms and has room to develop.

It's in the framing device that I most strongly resisted the show's pull. Johnson, in real life, has mused about a potential future in politics; as such, this show represents not merely a flight of fancy but, possibly, something like a test balloon. The conversation around the potential of a future Johnson administration reached a brief high point as Donald Trump prepared to accept the Republican Party nomination for President in 2016; the idea was that the best way to fight star power was with more star power. Politics-

as-usual was over, so why not bring in a fellow who at least -- on film and in the ring -- seemed like a good guy?

What happens with Johnson's future would likely have happened regardless of "Young Rock," a nice show about a celebrity learning what it took to make him himself. But on the one hand, NBC's record when it comes to behaving responsibly or with proportion when it comes to using the tools of the media to craft the images of future political leaders is about as bad as it gets. On the other, Johnson's attempting to keep his options open creates a sort of studious vagueness. Perhaps running for president is a bit like being a mega-movie star -- you have to try to create a big-tent coalition and avoid alienating people in either line of work. (Well, unless your image is the mean boss who loves firing people.)

But this show about the making of a young person lends us only the vaguest sense of what it all really means -- what he learned beyond big terms like "family" and "hard work." Johnson tells us that his version of the gimmick was not leaning into untruth, as some wrestlers might, but to "be me, but with the dial turned up to 11." Loud though his aspirations are, three episodes of "Young Rock" gave no further sense of who Johnson is -- only what he wants. That may someday be your vote, but for now, it's your attention, and it can be hard to feel he's earned it.

Independent Restaurateurs of Our Region

Lynn Wilbur of Lynn's Country Cafe

Rio Riera Arbogast
Journal & Press

Lynn's Country Cafe is an iconic family-owned Greenwich breakfast and lunch establishment known for its homemade comfort food and casual atmosphere. The restaurant's success is intrinsically linked with its history of meaningful relationship building. Now twelve years old with no sign of slowing down, Lynn's demonstrates how local investment can translate into collaborative generosity.

Lynn's current Main Street location is the culmination of several years of Washington County culinary experience. Owner Lynn Wilbur's restaurant endeavors originally began in Hudson Falls and later moved to Schuylerville. Eventually, Lynn decided to transition her services and established Greenwich's first food truck business. Her mobile breakfast menu served employees at local car dealerships, construction sites and Fort Miller. Eventually, Lynn and her daughter Joe-de decided to open up the cafe's current brick and mortar after being repeatedly approached by a local landlord. Another daughter, Dakota, chose to become an active member of the team two years later.

The family's leap of faith was immediately received with great enthusiasm. "We gave [people] what they wanted and it took off," Lynn explains. She attributes the restaurant's prosperity to its thoughtfulness in terms of both food and community. The cafe's menu offers hearty breakfast and lunch items with an eye for freshness and affordability. Lynn's buys nothing frozen and all house bread, pastry and jam is homemade. Morning dishes, such as their pancake wrap stuffed with sausage, egg and pepper jack cheese, compliment afternoon dishes like chicken and biscuits with hand-cut french fries. The cafe maintains a com-

mitment to providing accessible and savory comfort food. Lynn details, "we would rather serve one person all week than charge a big dollar price and serve them once a week". While the menu itself continues to evolve, prices have remained the same for the past five years.

Close ties to Greenwich's social fabric serve as equally foundational in the cafe's achievement. As Lynn notes, "We are a family-run business with a really homey atmosphere; people have been coming back for that, I think, more than anything." The Wilburs' presence as long-time Greenwich residents contribute to local enthusiasm for their business. This connection is illustrated by the cafe's relationship with advertising; rather than promote itself via print, Lynn's has relied entirely on word of mouth to grow its patronage. Lynn's homegrown dynamic is also evident in her relationship with the concept of success itself. "I'm not looking for fame and fortune," she expresses, "I'm content being in Greenwich, I love it. I love being close to my children and grandchildren, I see them there every other day, they can walk over [to the restaurant] from school. Success to me is having them around". It is this family-oriented ethos that the restaurant leads with, thus establishing itself as a beloved town staple.

Lynn's commitment to community goes beyond its menu and physical space. The cafe also proudly hosts fundraisers for townspeople in need of financial support. These efforts are inspired, in part, by the family's gratitude for Greenwich's compassionate response to Joe-de's passing nine years ago. "When Joe-de passed," she shares, "Christ the King and this whole town were so generous and so wonderful, that we've been trying to pay back ever since." In one fundraising example, a local woman prescribed costly cancer medication was directly gifted \$6,500, entirely sourced through a chicken dinner hosted by Lynn's. The cafe also serves as an informal gathering space where people can network. Plumbers, carpenters and craftspeople at large often find opportunities to mingle with both contemporaries and clientele here, especially while sitting at the restaurant's popular counter space. Mirroring the restaurant's use of word of mouth as a promotional tool, entrepreneurs are similarly able to grow their businesses through interpersonal recommendation. The cafe's cultivation of camaraderie has allowed for these exchanges to naturally develop within its walls. "Sometimes,"



Lynn reflects, "I look around and even when the dining room is full, I say to myself, 'this is just like my kitchen at home'. People would come over... they'd hang around and we'd eat. So what I'm doing is fulfilling my need to feed."

Devoted patrons have ensured Lynn's Country Cafe's endurance throughout the current pandemic. While restaurants across the state have shut their doors due to revenue loss, this space has only continued to blossom. As soon as restrictions were lifted on eateries, customers started regularly returning to dine and order take-out. Lynn's gratitude for Greenwich and its support of her work is evident when she emphasizes "just how much we appreciate Greenwich. I'm thankful for twelve years here, all the people that give to us and that we're able to give back. I'm just thrilled with that, I really am. Whatever we can give back, we will do." An inherent attitude of reciprocity has allowed Lynn's to establish itself as an influential local space that nourishes people inside and out.

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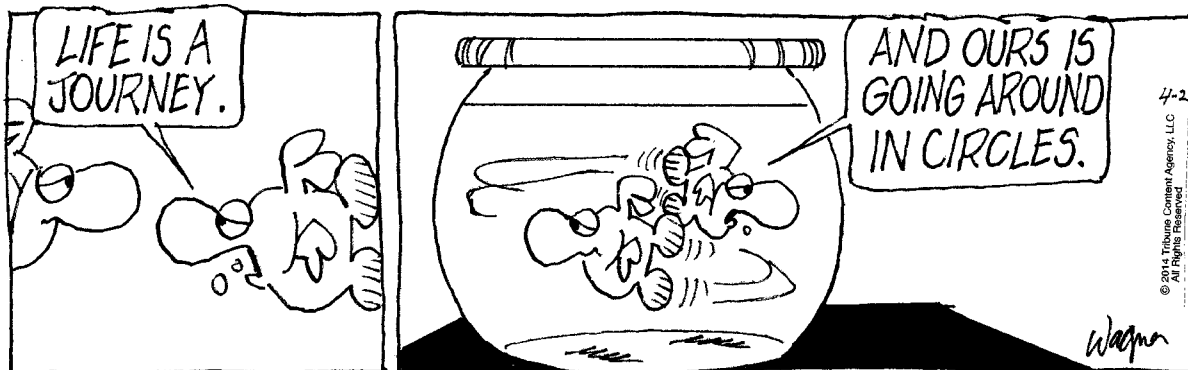
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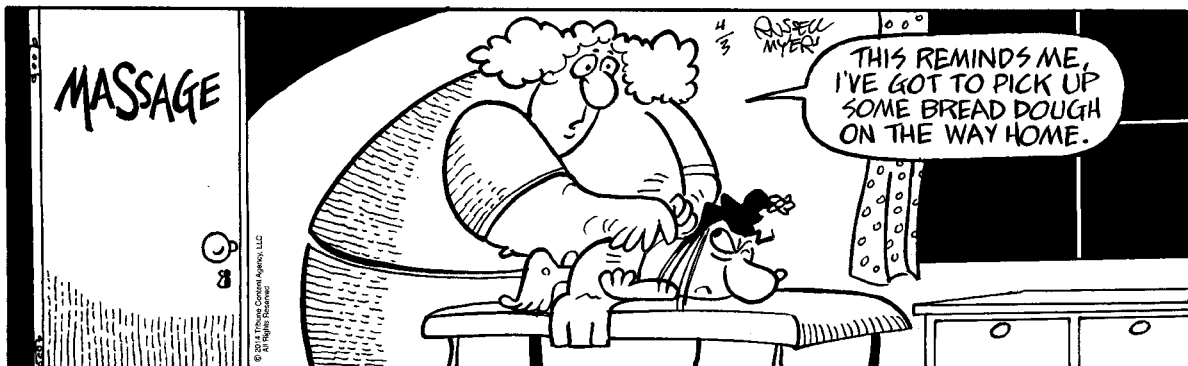
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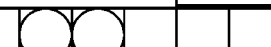
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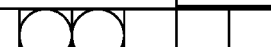
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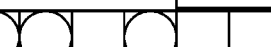


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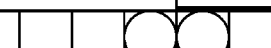
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Philip Toye Gay, 89

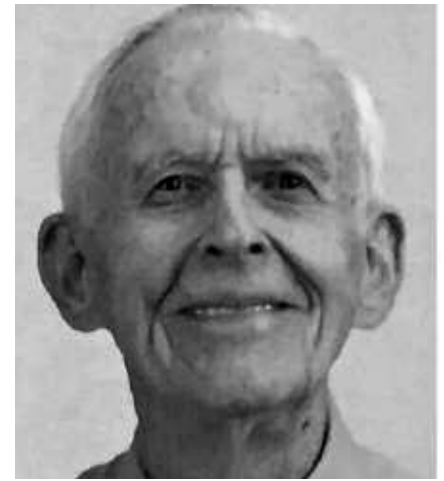
Philip Toye Gay, 89, formerly of Greenwich, NY, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2021. Philip is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Wanda Lee (Eitner) Gay.

Philip was born in Tewksbury, MA to Robert and Beatrice Gay on April 30, 1931. He graduated from Tewksbury High School and Northeastern University, where he received his BSE in Chemical Engineering. Among Phil's co-op jobs was testing rubber soles on sneakers by walking through scenic towns in Vermont. After serving in the Army in Panama as a meteorological specialist, he worked for Goodyear in Akron, OH, where he met Wanda, a pediatric nurse, on a blind date.

Phil and Wanda married on June 1, 1957 and moved to Delaware, where he worked for Playtex. Returning to New England in 1961, they lived in Sharon, then Walpole, MA where Phil worked for Hollingsworth and Vose, an industrial paper and advanced materials company. During this time he obtained several polymer related patents. In 1976 they moved to Greenwich, NY, where Phil served as Director of Research at H & V Greenwich until his retirement, marking 31 years with the company.

Phil and Wanda were active members of the United Church of Greenwich. They enjoyed travelling together, visiting many places including Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Canada, Alaska, Spain and many National Parks. In 2018 they moved to the Watermark in Southbury to be closer to family.

Phil was a quiet, gentle man with a playful sense of humor. He was adored by his family and friends as a great husband, father, co-worker, citizen and friend. Throughout his life Phil enjoyed tennis, skiing, wood-working, gardening, tinkering and puttering in his beautiful yard. While at Watermark he enjoyed exercise classes, walking, birdwatching and gardening.



Phil leaves behind his devoted children Cheryl Barbato of Providence, RI, Linda (and husband Thomas) Kaelin of Woodbury, CT, and Robert (and wife Jennifer) Gay of Wakefield, RI; grandchildren Zene (Jennie) Colt, Susannah Colt, Sarah Kaelin and Sam Kaelin; great-grandchildren Zene and Anna Colt, niece and nephew Adrienne (Kevin) Fee and Jeffrey (Trisha) Gay, and sister and brother-in-law Marsha and Adrian McLean of Ontario. Phil was predeceased by his brother Thornton and his sister Flora. Arrangements are entrusted to Munson-Lovetere Funeral Home. A private burial will be held in the spring, and a celebration of life will be announced at a later time. The family is grateful to the caring individuals at the Watermark and the Springs as well as Hale Home Care and Autumn Lake Healthcare. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Audubon Bent of the River (Southbury, CT) at bentoftheriveraudubon.org, or Capital City Rescue Mission (Albany, NY) at capitalcityrescuemission.org.

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Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 Hardly a routine favor
7 Rubs out
15 Project that led to the first moon-walk
16 "And how!"
17 Rounds of shots
18 Meditation goal
19 Money in music
20 "___: a Dog": 1962 film based on a 1919 novel
21 Fruit with a Med-jool variety
22 Fathers and sons
23 Portable Asian dwellings
25 "Live at Red Rocks" musician John
26 Fathers and sons, say
27 Tiny resistance unit
29 Petrol measure
31 Start of a Seuss classic
36 Galleria degli Uffizi city
37 Range in which 7

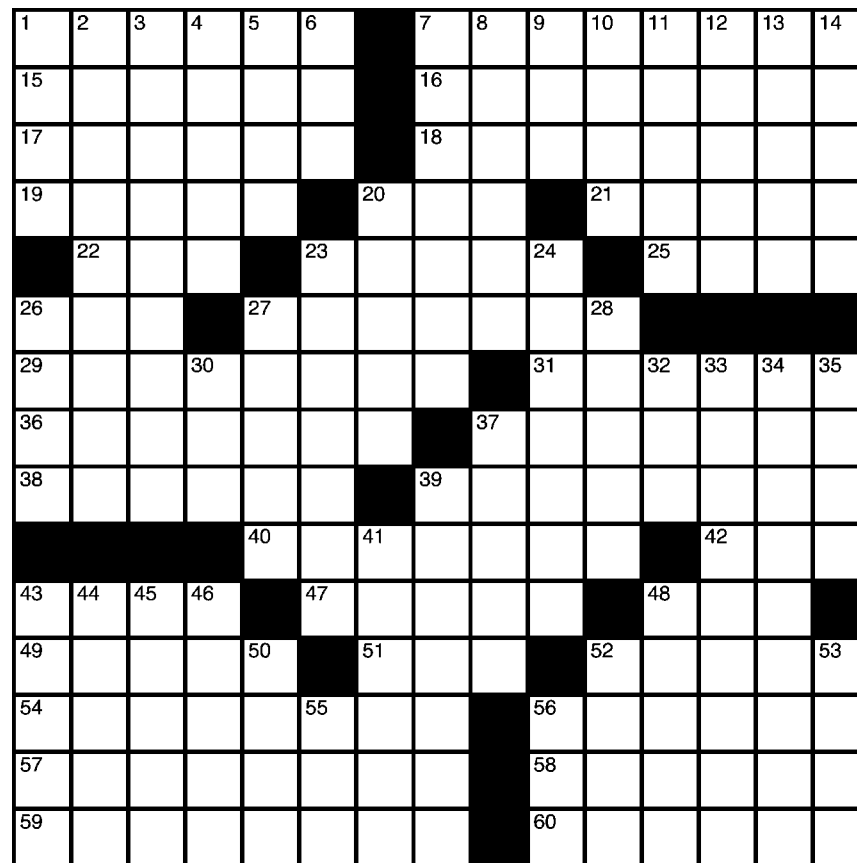
- is neutral
38 "Swords into plowshares" prophet
39 Had difficulty
40 Maker of many jets
42 Fields of cookies
43 ___ entry
47 Plant that has become invasive in much of the Eastern U.S.
48 One acting badly
49 "Swan Lake" maiden
51 Vitamin bottle abbr.
52 Marathoners' sources of energy
54 Telemarketing tactic
56 "Scream" scream
57 Rule that keeps you from spelling weirdly?
58 With great intensity
59 Colonists
60 Dr. Scholl's product

Down

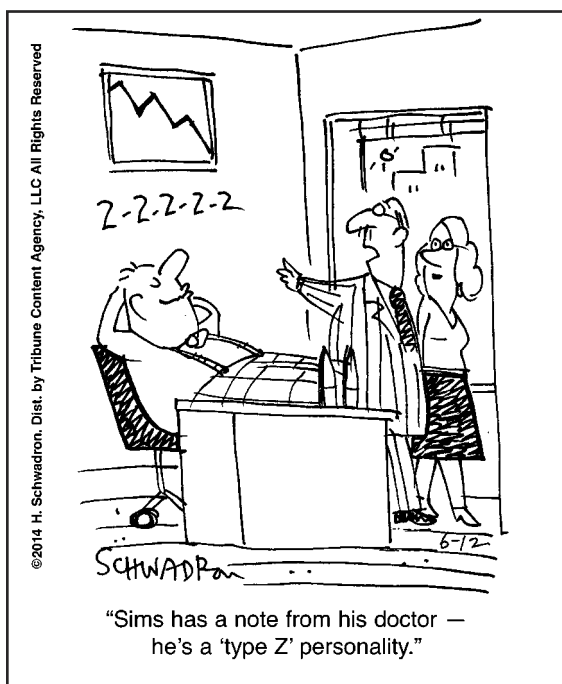
- 1 Stalwart political group
2 Apples since 2012
3 The best of times
4 Harmonica-playing chipmunk
5 Gin flavoring
6 Ring decisions
7 Off-the-wall
8 No longer fazed by
9 Time meas.
10 VA concern
11 Mount an attack on
12 Kiwi-shaped
13 Bashes
14 Just baked, say
20 Riches
23 1994 co-Nobelist with Yasser and Simon
24 Fluffy toy
26 Ex-U.N. chief Annan
27 "Anaconda" rapper Nicki
28 Kenyan tribe
30 Worn welcome symbol

- 32 Game show VIPs
33 Enclave in Italy
34 Warning signal
35 High-tech capacity units
37 Pie sometimes topped with pineapple
39 Gatherings before snaps
41 Salon device
43 Day of films
44 Brick of the Southwest
45 High land
46 Up in the air
48 Long-eared critters
50 Biol. branch
52 "Big Brother" host Julie Moonves
53 Terrier breed from Scotland
55 "What ___ the odds?!"
56 Go downhill fast

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



Fast Facts

Tax prep time

Time in hours it takes to prepare and pay business taxes

Most

Brazil: **1,501 hours**
Bolivia: **1,025**
Venezuela: **920**
Libya: **889**
Chad: **834**

Least

Bahrain: **23 hours**
Hong Kong: **35**
Qatar: **41**
Liechtenstein: **49**
Estonia: **50**



U.S.: **175**

Source: World Bank
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Word Find

By Frank J. D'Agostino (solution page 30)

Find these words that are associated with school clubs.

Anime
Baking
Band

Book
Camping
Canoeing
Cartooning
Chess
Choir
Cooking
Dance

Debate
Drama
Glee
Hiking
Math
Media
Mentoring
Music

Outdoors
Painting
Radio
Rowing
Skiing
Swim
Theater
Trivia

Find Mr. D'Agostino's puzzle books on Amazon.com.



When (and when not) to go to Cancun

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

We've all been there. The state that you were elected to represent is going through a natural disaster and you just have a sudden urge to fly to Cancun. I, for one, hate when this happens, and Lord knows I've been there. Let's go step by step and figure out how to make sure you go about it correctly once you find yourself shamelessly returning.

First, let's start with the excuses-

You may have this Pavlovian instinct to blame Jesus. If you recall your past behaviors, it's possible that you've told cancer patients to their face that they don't need easy access to insurance because "you're keeping them in your prayers." It's important to remember that your God is not everybody else's God, and you can't use him as an excuse.

Obviously every parent's instinct is to blame their children, so naturally you say that you wanted to be a good parent and say yes to their trip. To clarify, you may think it's perfectly okay to ditch your state in a time of crisis and then blame your children for it. Although this is a

surefire ticket to parent of the year, you might want to refrain from doing this.

Obviously this may be hard for you, but it's important to be honest. My best advice is to look in the mirror, try and get past the fact you look like the Pillsbury Doughboy after his third divorce, and practice telling people the whole truth. With that, we have to note a few things you should hit on-

Be sure to let people know that you clearly had no intention of returning. You should mention that you invited your college roommate on this trip, and that you were likely going to spend a significant amount of time there.

Note your dog, that you left at your house alone in freezing temperatures while you and your family took off to Cancun. Put your middle school level education to use and note the irony that your dog is named Snowflake, the derogatory term you use for those that you believe are weaker than you, when you can't even withstand the situation and temperatures in your state.

Acknowledge Beto O'Rourke and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who have

dreds of children by providing education resources and support to them and their families.

"I am very proud to announce that more than \$4 million taxpayer dollars will return to the district to improve the education and development of children in Washington County. Community-based programs for kids are more important than ever, as the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in many North Country children missing out on in-person learning and tragically falling behind," said Congresswoman Stefanik.



been raising money for victims of the cold front in your state and (in a concept foreign to you) didn't profit one penny off of it.

At this point, you might realize that literally no one likes you anymore. You've

burned every bridge, and the failed orange tyrant that you've been

licking the shoes of for four years has no use for you anymore, so your career is over. In true American fashion, none of your supporters cared that you supported a terrorist attack on the Capitol building, because it didn't affect them personally. Now that they're feeling the effects of your incompetence, you have committed political suicide, it's time to realize that you have the likeability of a Pringle, and reflect on your pathetic little career.

You've gone out numerous times and stated that you do not believe in climate change, then do not comment on the issue when your Southern state freezes over. You attacked Steve Adler on Twitter for flying to Cabo, noting how he was insensitive and selfish for doing this mid-crisis.

You demonize immigrants who cross the Mexican border to leave a bad situation, then shamelessly do the exact same thing. It's become

'At this point, you might realize that literally no one likes you anymore.'

clear through your past and current actions that you care about no one but yourself, and so long as you can continue benefiting from others suffering, you won't care enough to change. You should do the people of Texas, and the people of America, a favor- resign and give the Pillsbury Doughboy his reputation back.

Cody Fitzgerald is a current high school senior satirizing anything and everything he can get his hands on. Aspiring to become "one of the cool" High School English teachers, he hopes to share this outlook/coping mechanism with future generations.



\$4.5M for Wash. County Head Start

On Feb. 24, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik announced the Washington County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. will receive a \$4,472,455 grant for their L.E.A.P. Head Start and Early Head Start Projects. The council has five operating centers across Washington County, serving hun-

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SNAKE COYOTE TURTLE

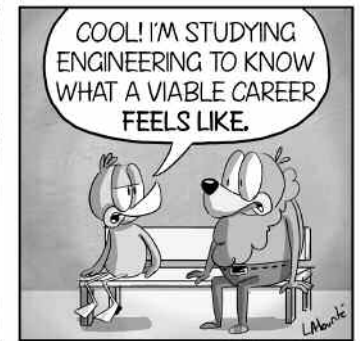
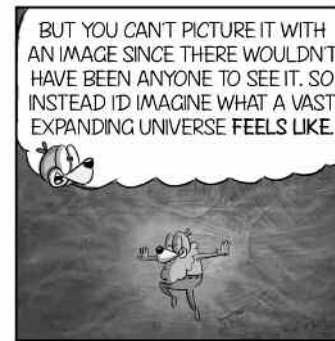
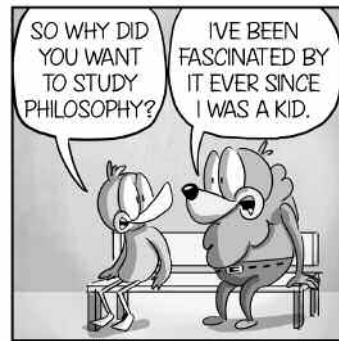
Jumble: SORRY BERRY POETIC DEBATE
Final Jumble:
"BOOT-A-PEST"

Salem Sudoku

(solution below)

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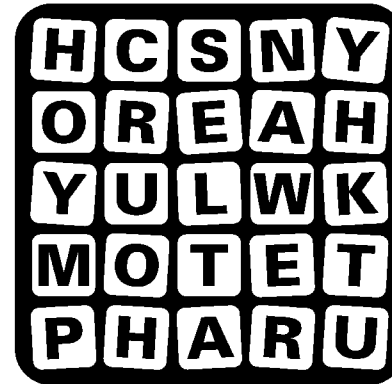
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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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Cuomo, the GOP and NY's road ahead

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

About ten or eleven months ago, I wrote a short editorial recognizing Governor Andrew Cuomo, a man who I find little common ground with normally, for his efforts to step up and put out reliable information about COVID-19 as the first wave crashed over us. During a time where, to put it generously, questionable information was being put out by a feckless Trump administration, the Governor put out information which was helpful, level-headed, practical, and consistent. It was necessary. I ended my editorial with the comment:

“When this is over, and it surely will be, I may very well return to my previous opinion of the Governor and he may return to being the imperious and vindictive man I’ve observed him to be. And I’ll surely call him on it. And I’d surely look forward to my party running a gubernatorial candidate of the quality that Congressman Chris Gibson could have offered us.”

I continue to stand by this opinion with one caveat – I forgot to account for the possibility that I might return to my previous opinion prior to COVID being over.

The thing about arrogant, imperious and vindictive people is that when caught doing wrong, they tend to dig in deeper to their position – their imperiousness reflects their own very high opinion of themselves and their performance. I need not point out numerous cases in point from the Oval Office over the past four years. Governor Cuomo made a bad decision – a really bad decision – which ended

up spreading COVID-19 through nursing homes like fire through a crisp, dry hayfield. Yet he conducted himself as though he was untouchable - rather than acknowledging or addressing this issue, according to the New York State Attorney General, the Governor’s office instead tried to minimize it, including undercounting COVID victims in the nursing homes. In other words, he basically did the same thing that was happening in the Oval Office – he was politicizing an ongoing pandemic.

As if to provide a bit of unintentional tragic-comedy, like George W. Bush’s “Mission Accomplished” banner, last October the Governor released a book, “American Crisis: Leadership Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic” touting how he “took charge.” It hit the bookshelves just as another wave of the pandemic was crashing over us. The virus didn’t read his book and it might have been a tad early to start touting anything – we’re still in this fight, and maybe it might be better to focus on vaccinating the population. As for the book? Well, I’m sure it’s coming to a bargain bin near

‘The person who agrees with you 80 percent of the time is a friend and ally.’

you.

If Cuomo survives this nursing home scandal he will have been politically weakened. Now that it has received national coverage his

ability to intimidate his way out of it has lessened. The opportunity will come up again for Republicans to fight for the Governorship for the first time since Governor George Pataki left the mansion in 2006. I would love to see someone of the quality of Republican Governors Larry Hogan of Maryland or Phil Scott of Vermont here, and whoever it is, it will be extremely important that the New York Republican Party get behind them. However, to do that, it will need to get out from under the thrall of the weird, Populist, conspiracy-addled version of the GOP. And not all state Republican Parties have been able to do that.

We have some very talented Republicans in New York. I’m impressed by the 24th District’s Representative, John Katko, who I find to be a man of integrity – however, I expect that he will be vomited up by the party for having the temerity to vote his conscience on Trump’s second impeachment. Hopefully, the State GOP understands what it takes to win the Governor’s mansion here. Hint: it won’t come from legacy remnants of the last four years like “Q-Anon,” “Stop the Steal,” or the “Deep State.” Seriously. That baloney is SO, well... 2020. Along with the conspiracy weirdness, it’s also time to toss the social wedge issues. Start talking about more important things like the State’s economy, small business and trade. Start talking about infrastructure. Start talking about why the state is hemorrhaging people. You’re going to have to be able to capture more than the rabid base – you need to be able to capture moderate Republicans, independents, and disaffected Democrats.

As President Ronald Reagan said, “The person who agrees with you 80 percent of the time is a friend and an ally, not a 20 percent traitor.” This was an attitude rather common in a more independent thinking pre-1992 Republican Party. I would welcome its return.

Lance Allen Wang is a Councilman in the Town of White Creek who is also an Iraq Veteran and retired Army Infantry officer. He lives in Eagle Bridge, N.Y., with his wife Hatti.



Gold medalist via Zoom

Olympic Gold Medalist Abby Wambach will make a virtual appearance at Hudson Valley Community College on Thursday, March 4 under co-sponsorship of the Cultural Affairs Program and Athletics Department. The live event will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and include a Q&A session. It is open free to the public with pre-registration at www.hvcc.edu/culture.

Abby Wambach is a soccer icon, speaker, bestselling author and activist for equality and inclusion. She is a two-time Olympic Gold Medalist and FIFA World Cup Champion, and was the United States’ leading scorer in the 2007 and 2011 Women’s World Cup tournaments, and the 2004 and 2012 Olympics.

After winning the Women’s World Cup in 2015, Wambach retired as one of the most dominant players in the history of women’s soccer. A true leader on and off the field, she is dedicating this chapter of her career to fighting for equality and inclusion across industries.

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