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A large crowd rails against a 14-acre gravel mine; Planners table decision.

In a quiet corner of Greenwich, a surprise proposal from a property owner to turn former polo fields into a gravel and sand mine rallied neighbors, and many of them showed up at a recent Town Planning Board meeting, in person and via Zoom, to protest. While previously, the board had seemed reluctant to intervene, they now are taking more time to deliberate.

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-darren johnson photos

These signs are watching

The Village of Greenwich installed these somewhat pricey speed monitoring signs this year. Did you know that they not only tell drivers if they are under the limit (25 to 30 MPH), but also record data as to how many people actually surpass that limit? Mayor Pam Fuller says the data's pretty good!

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Traffic sign data tells a reassuring tale

Pam Fuller
Journal & Press

In the last year and especially in the past few months, with many people confined to their homes, we've had a number of complaints about traffic and specifically about cars and trucks speeding through Greenwich. The impression too is that the volume of traffic has increased in the past few years.

Since our police force is small and our officers are busy, we decided to experiment with electronic speed signs, which flash the speed that cars and trucks are moving as they drive by. We started by borrowing a portable electronic sign from the County which we moved around to different speed hotspots in the Village. Our impression was that the original sign had a positive effect on drivers, so we purchased three of the signs, which are located on Main Street near Corliss Avenue, on Church Street and on Gray Avenue where people come into the Village from North Road.

The signs are expensive—about \$2,700 each—so while we think they're effective we wanted to have some hard data before we put them all over the Village.

I was thrilled to find out that we recently received some hard data from SafePace Cloud, which collects the data from our signs. The signs are computerized so they keep track of both the number of cars that pass them and the speed of the cars. Village residents should find this data interesting, because while we do have speeders

coming through our Village, they definitely in the minority. The reports also provide a total number of vehicles, and while we don't have any data from the past to compare these numbers to, the total vehicle traffic does seem high.

The first sign we put up was on Church Street, which as we know is used as a cut-through from Main Street in front of the library to Salem Street. From August 1-10, 13,461 vehicles drove up Church Street. Of those, 689 were traveling at a speed over 30. That is 5%. The speed limit on Church Street is 25, so cars going between 26 and 30 are speeding, but not excessively.

On Main Street during the same time period, 38,723 vehicles passed the speed sign. Of these, 1,049 were traveling faster than 35 mph in a 30-mph speed zone, or just under 3%. The complicating factor for Main Street is the truck traffic. Large trucks are

loud and can be perceived as traveling faster than they are. But Main Street is also Route 29, a State highway, so we can't restrict truck traffic.

The third sign, on Gray Avenue, had the lightest traffic. From August 1-10, 4,438 vehicles passed that speed sign, with 41 exceeding 35 mph, or just under 1%. Only 5 vehicles exceeded 40 miles per hour.

We hoped that reminders of their speed would slow people down, and it might be true that with-



Church Street -dj photo

out them we would have a higher percentage of speeders. And we will continue to strive to move our speeding rate closer to 0%. I hope, though, that Village residents find these statistics both interesting and reassuring.

Pam Fuller is Mayor of the Village of Greenwich.



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Hey, hey, they're the Tech Monkeys

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

There's no need to go to a chain store all the way in Wilton to get computer repair and advice.

Local residents and "Tech Monkeys" Christopher Payant and Vincent Vacirca met working for such a company, became fast friends and decided to help people closer to home, opening their own office in Schuylerville on Route 29, not far from Saratoga Apple. You can drop by, give them a call at 518-507-6118 or visit their site tech-monkeys.com for help.

They also do housecalls throughout the region: Greenwich, Salem, Cambridge, Argyle, Schuylerville, Saratoga – not a problem.

They announced their opening at a Schuylerville Small Business Association meeting just before the COVID-19 outbreak, and, at first, they thought they were doomed, but the pandemic has also helped in some ways that couldn't have been predicted: Now more

than ever people need secure and reliable computers and Internet hookups.

So the Tech Monkeys have been keeping busy. Currently, they are offering free evaluations and tuneups for under \$50. They've especially been getting many back-to-school calls and from people setting up home offices and wi-fi as the pandemic continues.

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Payant said. "They don't have to do anything to manage it. We can handle it from here."

The Tech Monkeys also can help set up home security and monitoring systems.

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Christopher Payant and Vincent Vacirca. –darren johnson photos.



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By bread alone

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

The large tree in our yard seems to be dying. We started to notice it last year, the very top started to go brown well before it was time for the leaves to start turning. It is a very large tree, and probably one of the oldest in our neighborhood. Our home sits on land that was part of the Barbour farm. Even now when I must give my street address, someone usually replies "Oh, the old Barbour place!" Our whole neighborhood was pastureland, so there were not many mature trees to start with. I love my tree. It gives great shade in the summer, as well as privacy. I find it amusing that the Google street view of our home is all tree. But now, our tree needs some major TLC.

Living in the country you get used to doing a lot of projects and maintenance yourself. Part of the issue is that it's not always easy to find someone to come "all the way" out to us. But I think a lot of it has to do with the fact that country people don't like to pay for a job they feel they can do themselves, and probably better than the other guy. In our case, this job is far too big for us to tackle on our own, and I am hoping to be able to have our tree for a few more years. The first person we had to look at it advised us to cut it down. Thankfully he also gave us the names of several people who might be able to save the tree, though clearly, he had his doubts. I reached out to one of his recommendations, Annie Miller. I have known Annie for several years in her role as the director of the Greenwich Free Library, but I had not realized that she also had her degree in horticulture. Annie

agreed to pop over and look at the tree. This is another aspect of country living, neighbors helping neighbors. In fact, by the end of this project I'm sure we'll have had many opinions and ideas on how we should proceed. Thankfully Annie agreed that the tree was worth saving and gave her recommendations on how to move forward.

As a thank you to Annie for taking time out of her busy schedule to come over, I'm making her a loaf of homemade bread. I have not been able to make bread in a while due to supply shortages of yeast. I did not realize how much I missed the simple act of putting together the dough and kneading it to the right consistency. Bread is also a fun thing to make with young children because they can help mix and knead. There is nothing like homemade bread for toast, sandwiches and French toast.

Easy Homemade Bread (no need for a mixer)

- 2 cups warm water (105 – 115 degrees)
- 1 tablespoon Instant or Rapid Rise yeast*
- ¼ cup honey or sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 Tablespoons oil (canola or vegetable)
- 4– 5 ½ cups all purpose flour

1. In a large bowl add the yeast, water, sugar, salt, oil, and 3 cups of the flour. Mix to combine. Add another cup of flour and mix to combine. Add the rest of the flour a ½ cup at a time and continue mixing until the dough begins to pull away from the sides of the bowl. The dough should be smooth and elastic and slightly sticky to



the clean finger but not overly sticky. Add a little more flour if needed.

2. Knead the dough on a floured surface for 5-8 minutes. You can really get a lot of aggression out on the dough (not that I would know anything about that)

3. Grease a large bowl with oil or cooking spray and place the dough inside, turning to coat. Cover with a clean dishtowel or plastic wrap and allow to rise in a warm place for about 1 ½ hours.

4. Heat oven to 350. Spray 2 9x5 loaf pans generously with cooking spray on all sides. Punch dough down to remove air bubbles and divide into two equal portions. Shape balls into long logs and placed into greased pans. Bake

bread for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown on top.

5. Give the top of the loaf a gentle tap; it should sound hollow. Invert the loaves onto a wire cooling rack. Brush the tops lightly with butter and allow to cool for at least 10 minutes before slicing. Enjoy!

*You need rapid rise or instant yeast for this recipe.

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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Thank You!

Thank you to my family and friends who gave up their dinner hour to celebrate my 90th birthday and make my day! Thanks for the flowers, cards, gifts and parade of cars and good friends and, of course, the great dinner! Thanks to all!

Betty Dixon

Lions raffle nets over \$8000

On Aug. 13, eight Lions members met for their August business meeting. At the meeting the winning tickets were drawn for the raffle were announced. The following is a list of lucky winners:

Pete Simoneau - 1st prize Chicken BBQ for 25 of his closest friends!

Mickki Harrington - 2nd prize Dux Decoy

Stacia Brigadier - 3rd prize Adirondack chair

Pete Pitkin - 4th prize Lawn Art Sculpture

Ryan Davis - 5th prize Gift certificates to local businesses

Congratulations to all and a big shout out to Bing Collins for suggesting the raffle and getting the ball rolling and to other generous raffle gift donors as well as all members who worked hard selling tickets. The Lions cleared \$8,005 as a result of everyone's generosity!

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Public hearing on Christie Road mine

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

“There’s a lot of people here that want to speak, and everyone has a right to be heard,” prompted Chairman Bill Tomkins at the beginning of the public comment section of the August 20th Planning Board Meeting. The evening mainly focused on the discussion of Special Use Permit #2019-03, regarding the proposal submitted by the group “Greenwich Materials, LLC” for a sand and gravel mine to be built on Christie Road and Route 29.

After hearing over 30 members of the public speak in person and a handful over Zoom, the Board decided to unanimously pass a resolution to table the decision regarding the permit to a future meeting, and hold a separate workshop in the near future to delve deeper into the concerns brought up by members of the public.

Tensions were high at this meeting. Before the public hearing section even started, there were so many concerned residents packed into the town office that not everyone in the audience could hear the Board members talking. After some members of the public pointed out this problem, with one audience member pointing to the adjacent room of community members and exclaiming that “these people can’t even hear,” a separate computer playing the Zoom recording of the meeting was placed in the hallway for the overflow. Many residents also attended the meeting virtually, with over 35 callers viewing the live Zoom recording of the meeting.

Almost all of the speakers at the hearing raised deep concerns about the mine proposal, many touching on issues regarding traffic, noise, air, and water pollution, property

value, and aesthetic damage to the rural area.

One of the top issues raised by community members was water pollution and water table degradation. Notably, local nonprofit organization the Battenkill Conservancy submitted letters both to the DEC and to the Board read aloud at the meeting. The Conservancy raised issues regarding water quality aspects, as well as issues with the wellbeing of the “consistently shown...high presence of macroinvertebrate species” that reside in the site’s nearby water body, Whittaker Brook. “The application [for the mine] fails to note any presence of rare wildlife or endangered species,” the letter mentions. The site proposed would be in very close proximity to a CT-classified stream, an NYS-classified wetland, and the Battenkill

‘There’s no way the mine can be beneficial for the river.’

River.

Local resident and fisherman Bryan Harrington also brought up concerns regarding the impact of the mine on the Battenkill River’s fish populations, which includes the Eastern River Brook Trout. “I’m concerned about the runoff



from the tributaries, and as far as the overall effect on the river,” says Harrington. “There’s no way [the mine] could be beneficial for the river.”

Board member Morgan Snyder commented that after hearing the comments made by the public, he was “concerned about the water table and the wells. That I had not thought of.” Chairman Tomkins agreed, stating that “the issues of wells and groundwater is something we need to understand more about.”

Many community members residing adjacent to the proposed mining site spoke about the value of their homes and properties being hurt if the mine were built. A few residents stated they were okay with the proposal, including Lionel Schultz, who said he believed that there is “good to be had from it, and after I spoke with the [applicants], I am very pleased. I don’t have an issue with it, and my house is right across the street from it.”

However, most residents that spoke were wholeheartedly against

the mine being built so close to their homes. “I purchased my property for the rural location and quality of life, for the serenity of the area and natural beauty of the farms streams and lakes,” explained Emily Banfield, a resident whose home is located across the street from where the proposed mine would be. Banfield spoke about the numerous studies she found regarding property value degradation that comes with noise pollution from gravel mines. She said that in one study, “homes within a half mile of the operation suffered a 20 percent drop in property value, and homes even two miles away suffered a 10 percent drop. There are 16 close properties to the proposed area.” Banfield mentioned that after looking at the total potential losses in value, the effect of nearby homeowners could “be a total reduction of \$39,600 loss in equity immediately, and the total cost to our community could be \$2.2 million.”

Air and noise pollution were among the main concerns as well. The proposed mine site, according to its application and the DEC

(cont.) Large crowd; permit approval delayed

Mined Land-Use Plan, would operate 61 hours a week, with “approximately 10 to 20 trucks [entering and leaving] the site per day on days when the mine is in operation.” Many residents opposed these plans, particularly because of the noise that would accompany it.

“In my opinion, any constant, irritating noise in a quiet, rural area is unacceptable. An active mine operating 11 hours a day and five days a week...immediately adjacent to our property is clearly objectionable,” said local resident Tom Rybaltowski. “There are 65 homes within a half a mile of this project.”

Former bus driver Karen Harding also mentioned the concerns of the sounds. “10 hours of beeping every day...even a modified beeper for ten hours...it has to be loud enough for the people behind you can hear you.” Harding also mentioned the issue of traffic, commenting that “to pull out in front of that driveway [from the mine] with that tree line like that, you’re just asking for trouble.”

The traffic concerns stem from the addition of so many trucks on Christie Road, as well as Routes 29 and 49. “My concern is more trucks, more noise, more traffic...I have trouble pulling out onto 49, the condition of that road is deteriorating,” said Annie Delio, a resident of Cossyuna. “All of these trucks pulling out will deteriorate that road. It’s an accident waiting to happen.”

The few proponents of the mine mainly focused on the positive aspects of new business in Greenwich. Local Greenwich businesses owner Melanie Decanto mentioned the potential tax benefits that could come with a new mining business like the one proposed. “I just don’t see why everyone is against businesses coming into Greenwich,” said Decanto. “I know a lot of people are against this, but I think the DEC has been going through this and testing. I don’t think they would have given a permit if there was anything wrong, and I think people are blowing it out of proportion.”

Resident Shirley Dewey had similar thoughts, stating that “Greenwich needs to have more businesses in the town to get more revenue and more jobs. This town lacks busi-

nesses.”

If the public hearing highlighted anything, it was how concerned residents were about their homes and their community. Greenwich resident Mary Green, whose property “is closest to the actual mine,” submitted a petition she had circulated to the Board that had over 123 signatures, all from residents that live by the proposed site “who feel the mine would affect them.” Green summed up the thoughts of the concerned public best, stating that she hopes “that the Planning Board would consider our health, our safety, our welfare, our property value, our aesthetics, and our beauty.”

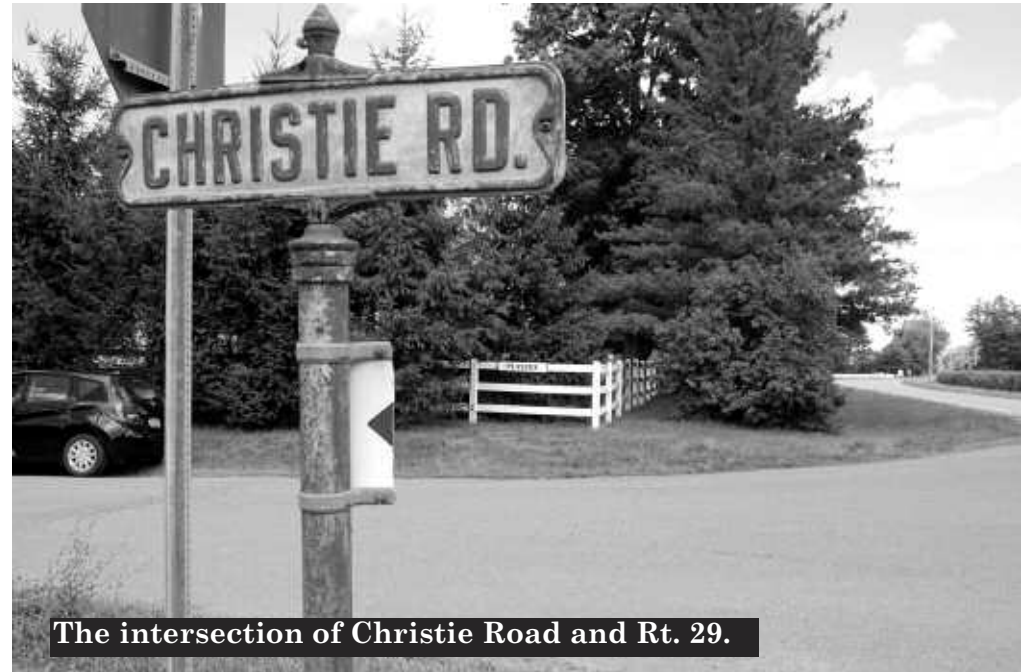
‘I just don’t see why everyone’s against businesses coming to Greenwich.’

“The Board should carefully consider the concerns of the community and make a decision beneficial to the majority of the stakeholders, not just the applicants,” summarized resident Banfield.

After hearing the public commentary, the Board ultimately decided that the concerns raised at the meeting were too significant to ignore. Board Member Jim Nolan proposed the resolution to table the decision, stating that “I think enough comments were made tonight that we need to follow up on [them] before we



Zoning Board member Dawn Sharts speaks out against the mining site proposal.



The intersection of Christie Road and Rt. 29.

can make a decision.”

A workshop meeting will be held on September 10th at 7:00 pm to further examine the concerns raised by the public, and to determine if further action needs to be made before any final decisions can be rendered regarding the permit application. The Zoom video link of this meeting will be posted on the Town of Greenwich website when made available.

John Farndell, 68, civic leader, husband

John Clayton Farndell passed away August 25, 2020, in Saratoga Springs, due to lung cancer.

Born April 11, 1952, in Brooklyn, NY he was the son of George J. and Joan T. Clayton Farndell.

John grew up in Oceanside, NY on the water where he loved to go fishing, dig for crabs and clams. He attended St. Anthony's Catholic School and graduated from Oceanside High School. He then graduated from New York Institute of Technology and became an Architect. He was also dispatcher for Oceanside Fire Department. Passing his boards, he then started his career with different firms in NYC. He had a chance to work with one of his professors during the summers building homes in Bolton Landing. He loved it up here and decided to return and eventually got a job working for Warren County Planning. In 1990 he went to work for New York State Division of Housing Community Renewal where he oversaw the design and construction of 249 projects, 1,472 buildings and 16,591 residential units. He was very proud of the work he oversaw.

John had also been a Boy Scout assistant leader when his son was in Boy Scouts. He participated in Career Day at Schuylerville School and Hudson Falls School. He loved to dress up as Santa and visiting Hudson Falls School where his daughter is a teacher. When his son was in the New York Army National Guard, John and Betty became part of The Coon Platoon, helping with our soldiers and their family needs while they were deployed. He was the Zoning Board Chairman for the Town of Greenwich for many years. Upon his retirement from the state, he became one of the caretakers at St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich where he cherished the many friends he made. He also started the Geezer Lunch Group with his retired coworkers, which he enjoyed once a month. He also did architectural designs for several people in the area. He was always putting his handywork into the house. He lived in the house he loved and made it a better and safer place to live.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by one brother, George Thomas

(Tommy) Farndell; stepmother, Beryl Maureen Bittman Farndell; nephew, Erik Wagner; niece, Elizabeth Wagner; mother-in-law, J. Miriam Doner; and niece, Lorri Armstrong.

Survivors include his loving wife, Betty Jo Doner Farndell, whom he said was his love and best part of his life, renewing their vows on their anniversary in 2018; son, Jason Farndell (Darcy Sabo); daughter, Jocelyn (Ben) Lawrence; stepsons, Allen Daniels, Norman (Lisa) Mullen Jr., Christopher (Tammy) Mullen Sr.; sister, Barbara (Rick) Wagner; brother, Rick (Gary Lavariere); stepbrother, Mace (Pam) Bittman; stepsister, Lauren Bittman; grandchildren, Jassie Farndell, Jacob Farndell, Jamie Sabo, Jadlyn Sabo, Austin and Ava Lawrence, Jasmine Daniels (Matt Bivens), Devin-Reece Daniels, Christopher Jr. and Reagan Jo Mullen, Bret and Daniel Hulett; great grandson, August T. Bivens; his aunt, Priscilla Farndell Haynes; along with numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, nephews, great great nieces, nephews, cousins, and many good friends far and wide.

Thank you to the Doctors and Nurses at Saratoga Hospital for the excellent care he received in ICU and A3floor.

The family will celebrate a private Funeral Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich. Burial will follow in Greenwich Cemetery.



In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his memory to St. Joseph's Church, 36 Bleeker St., PO Box 547, Greenwich, NY 12834, or the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Flynn Bros. Inc. Funeral Home, 80 Main St., Greenwich, NY 12834. Online remembrances can be made at www.flynnbrosinc.com.

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Thrifting during the apocalypse

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

Quarantine has given many the time and opportunities to effectively de-clutter and down-size, resulting in clearer mindsets and more suitable workspaces. The question is – where does all of the stuff in black bags and clear bins go – grandma’s blender, the wedding dress that never got worn, vintage cowgirl boots, 80s romance movies and flashy garments galore? Some might say that Marie Kondo started a movement with her trendy organization tactics and minimalist values. There was a long stretch of time where many of my college aged friends spent their weekends buying stacking boxes from Bed, Bath and Beyond because it gave them a sense of control and order during the unnerving times of midterms and final exams. For many, cleaning up and getting rid of unnecessary items can be a cathartic, meditative practice, which seems to fit perfectly into the dreary unknown of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Local thrift shops like Faerydale in Greenwich give community members a chance to donate their unneeded items and search for new-to-them gems. Faerydale owner, Robyn Schutt, originally opened the consignment boutique in Salem in 2011. One year ago, she decided she needed more space to spread out and decorate the shop to her liking, which inspired the big move to Greenwich, in what is now the Big Lots! Plaza. As a mom, she thought this

business model would give her the freedom and flexibility she desired. Like every other small business in our town, Faerydale has been affected by the pandemic, “COVID affected business in a huge way. I was shut down for 2 1/2 months. It was really hard. But we made it through. Customers and consignors have been a true blessing, since, supporting us since we reopened. It has been busy.”

Second Hand Rose, the thrift shop in Schuylerville was closed for a few months due to COVID-19, but luckily they were able to stay open due to their low costs. Reverend Scott Cunningham says, “There have been changes due to the pandemic. We now ask people to sign in as they enter, masks are needed, and our bathroom which was open to the public, is now closed.” The donation system has also been altered and is currently by appointment only. Donated items spend four days outside to kill bacteria and viruses.

Both of these local thrift shops could use your help now more than ever. If you are able to donate or stop in for back to school shopping, please do so. Faerydale and Second Hand Rose are staples to our community and represent the value of consignment and recycling – two solid small town values.



Robyn Schutt



Photos at Faerydale by Clifford Oliver Mealy.



A tale of two tornadoes

Sandy McReynolds
Gill Room Historian

The sudden appearance of a darkening sky, the bending of the tree tops as the wind picks up speed—is a sure sign that a storm is making its way to someone. On June 24, 1923, between three and four o'clock on this early summer day, Vly Summit was the victim. The unexpected tornado kept a tight path from the northwest and lasted three to four minutes, surely a true eternity for those caught in the midst of the devastation.

As quite a bit has changed in 97 years since this happened and the information recorded—I can't give you the current locations or property owner's names. However, I'm sure there are many that may know the old references.

Aside from the number of trees mowed down in the path of the storm throughout the community, there were many structures that suffered damage as well. Several barns owned by F.K. Brownell were completely destroyed as was a barn on the Richard Harrington farm. Mr. Harrington also suffered the partial loss of his house roof, as did Mrs. Lucy English.

Two farmers, Clark Thomas and Walton James, had barns that were moved from their foundations by several feet, suffering severe damage. Two hen houses were damaged in the storm as well, Parker Allen lost part of the roof on his and B.F. Van Orman's was totally destroyed along with some of his fruit trees.

Telephone poles were also casualties. Service was down for quite a while as the roads were cleared to do repair work. "The church

road from Summit to Archdale was closed about twenty-four hours by trees and other obstructions blown across it. The men of the neighborhood made a bee and cleared the wreckage of the buildings, trees, and poles from the highway on Monday." Aside from a few chickens, no one was injured.

For our second storm, we're going to go back a few years further, to 1916, to a tornado that hit a part of the village. Noted as the "John Street Tornado," it hit on Sunday evening, July 2, 1916. It began as a typically warm July day and as evening approached, the temperatures took a sudden drop off. A thunderstorm began and at about 8:15 that evening and the heavens opened up.

The path of the storm was west to east, with the Dunbarton Flax mill receiving the most damage. The storm continued up John Street then crossed the Battenkill, before settling once again—this time on Rock Street.

On the Dunbarton mill property, a flax storehouse, a thirty by eighty foot brick building was unroofed and almost entirely destroyed. "...the roof and walls down to the top of the first story were swept off. The side walls are also tipped out of plumb clear to the ground, only the end walls are nearly intact. The building is a complete wreck." Some of the flax in the storehouse received damage and it is through the dedication of the employees that further loss was prevented. As news of the damage spread, employees gathered to cover the exposed flax with canvas coverings to prevent further damage. Estimates to the damage of the Dunbarton property were between four and five thou-

sand dollars.

John Street damage was devastating. Over twenty-three trees, many of them large shade trees, were severely damaged. On the south side of the street a majority of the houses lost their chimneys. Other damage sustained along the street included broken windows, fences, and out buildings blown over. Two houses had their roofs torn away. Another house was struck by lightning, the slate shingles splintered along the ridge. The sidewalk was raised in several spots as large trees were pulled from the ground. Many of the residents' fruit trees were stripped of their branches.

The Continental Paper Mill on Rock Street suffered damage from the storm as well. Several of the

'Telephone, electrical lines were down throughout the area.'

cupolas were removed and other parts of the roof were damaged. One house had a large tree blown onto it, cause extensive damage. "...nearly every place on the street suffered some damage to buildings, trees, or fences."

Many other streets in the village suffered to some extent. Telephone lines were down throughout the area and the power was shut off Sunday night due to breaks in the wires. Trees were taken down or damaged throughout the village.

The destruction carried on into

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**Destructive Wind Struck Town
Sunday Night.**

neighboring towns, including South Cambridge, which was hit most severely. Many fruit trees were destroyed, a sixteen foot diameter elm tree was wrecked as well. "The greatest damage is sustained by Thomas McGowan in the loss of his press barn. The barn measures sixty feet long and thirty feet wide, with eighteen foot posts. The barn is badly twisted and torn and moved off the foundation."

Cossayuna reported considerable damage as well. Several farm silos were victims of the intense wind. Hebron suffered losses too. All but one out building was destroyed on Earl Safford's farm, he also suffered the loss of a horse. Four cows were killed in Hebron, on a farm owned by John Q. Wilson after the barn collapsed.

Sandy McReynolds manages the archives in the Greenwich Free Library's Gill Room. She also is town historian.

Choose your own political adventure

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

As election season approaches, naturally we're going to run into conflict with some family members. Today, I want to make sure you're as prepared as possible, so I've set up a test to ensure you're ready for every possibility.

1. Someone mentions who they're voting for in the election, what do you say?

A) Mention that you agree/disagree with who they're voting for (Go to 2)

B) Keep your mouth shut (Go to 3)

2. Someone else in the room disagrees with you and begins to obnoxiously force their opinion onto you, what do you do?

A) Argue back and tell them why you feel the way you do (Go to 4)

B) Politely tell them you disagree and subtly try to change the subject (Go to 5)

3. The conversation continues and eventually someone looks at

you and asks who you think should win, what do you say?

A) Tell them who you plan on voting for (Go to 6)

B) Say you don't follow politics and try to change the subject (Go to 5)

4. The conversation escalates and (per usual nowadays) turns into a Corona discussion. Naturally, a mask denier begins to speak, what do you say?

A) Tell them masks are useful and necessary for public health (Go to 7)

B) Agree with them and say that masks are useless (Go to 8)

5. You change the subject successfully but your aunt begins to complain to you about her divorce. You avoided politics, but was it really worth it? You lose.

6. The person you're arguing with whips out Facebook and uses a political minion meme to attempt to make their case. Do you contain your laughter?

A) Yes (Go to 10)

B) No (Go to 11)

7. They continue to argue with you, what do you do?

A) Try to use logic to prove them wrong (Go to 9)

B) Realize you're not going to get anywhere and not even try (Go to 9)

C) Compare a mask denier to a flat earther (Go to 9)

8. You're an idiot. Stop reading this article and go check out some science (not on Facebook). You not only lose the game, you're losing at being a functioning member of society.

9. They're probably going to argue with you but they are likely a brick wall that refuses to acknowledge science. You might have to deal with the conversation, but just know that you are well above whoever you're debating with. You win.

10. You haven't laughed at them, so they still feel like they are winning the argument, do you let them have this win or attempt to push a little more?

A) Let them feel good about themselves (Go to 12)

B) Try to go further and win the argument (Go to 13)

11. Oh no (in a sarcastic tone), you made them cry. They act quickly and remove you from their Facebook friends list. You have now successfully cut off communication with this person and got them to be the one to do it! You win!

12. Well, I'm proud of you. You didn't necessarily win the argu-

ment, but you did avoid a major blow up where you lose a few brain cells just talking to them. You win for being the bigger person.

13. There is not much else to say at this point other than the other person is fuming. They finally blow up and say "You're one of the people ruining this country!" What do you say?

A) Argue back even more (Go to 14)

B) Chuckle at what they said and walk away (Go to 16)

14. You're not gonna get anywhere, and to be honest you're just as bad as the other person. Stalemate.

15. The time is now. Pringles has been laughing at us for years as we try to reach into their improbable design of a can. We need to act. This needs to change. #WarOnPringles

16. Congratulations! You got them just mad enough to the point where you can walk away as they are steaming from the ears. We love a good relationship breaker. You win!

Cody Fitzgerald is a Schuylerville (NY) High School senior aspiring to become a screenwriter and comedian.



4-H winners announced

Each year the Washington County 4-H Leaders Association awards college scholarships to 4-Hers who have excelled in 4-H projects and community service activities. Each recipient receives an award of \$500 once they've completed a semester of schooling.

This year's winners are Lynn Brownell, a Cambridge graduate, who is currently attending Lehigh University; Kara Hammond, a South Glens Falls graduate, will be attending College of Saint Rose; Liam Kennedy, a Greenwich graduate, received the Lyndon J. Howlett scholarship and is planning on attending SUNY Cobleskill; Alyssa Rowland, a Cambridge graduate, received the 4-H Memorial scholarship and is planning to attend College of Saint Rose. For more information on the 4-H Program in your area, contact your local Cornell Cooperative Extension Office.

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Free rabies clinic

Washington County Public Health has announced that it will be holding another Rabies Clinic by appointment only. The clinic will be held on Saturday, September 12, at the Fort Ann Highway Garage on State Route 149, Fort Ann.

New York State law requires all dogs, cats, and domesticated ferrets to be vaccinated against rabies. The clinic will be another "drive-thru"

clinic. Pet owners will be in their vehicle the entire time, except to get their pet out of the vehicle for the vaccination. At the point of vaccination, the vet-tech will meet the owner outside their vehicle to bring carrier/leashed pet to the vet the rabies vaccination.

Pet owners must wear a mask at all times. RSVP before Sept. 10. Call 518-746-2400 to register.

Poster contest

Washington County students are invited to enter the Washington County Poster Contest. Prizes will be awarded for artwork to inspire people to register and vote. Three prizes will be awarded in each age group: Group One, Ages 5-9; Group Two, Ages 10-14; and Group Three, Ages 15-18. The poster can be "virtual" (created with software) or "real" (created with art supplies and photographed for submission). Artwork must be original and cannot promote

any political party, candidate or political issue. The work should inspire people to register to vote, to vote, or both.

Deadline for submission is National Voter Registration Day, September 22. The contest is sponsored by the Washington County Democratic Committee. For a complete list of rules, go to washingtoncountymocrats.com/poster-contest/. For more information, contact Linda Salzer, 518-683-6926.

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The murder he almost got away with

Rachel Clothier
Journal & Press

My preference is to write stories that are old enough that no relatives of the parties would be bothered by bringing up painful memories. I hope that it is not a mistake in writing about a murder that happened just before my lifetime. When I read about it my head started spinning, I could not believe what I was reading. Did we have our very own local “Making of a Murderer” story?

On Monday July 22, 1974, a 16-year-old woman was reported missing from a camp on Cossayuna Lake. She had told her friends that she was going to walk to Beatty’s store, and she never returned. An extensive search for her was conducted. Miraculously, before she was even found, the State Police had a man in custody and by that Friday had a confession from him. The suspect, 23-year-old Kenneth Yarter Jr. had been seen at the local store the same day that Susie Zanta had gone missing. Yarter was originally from Argyle, but had moved away. He returned the area that summer. I don’t know what would have pointed the police in Yarter’s direction, I assume his criminal rap sheet from Florida produced some major red flags.

Yarter was taken in for questioning on a Thursday. He was intensely questioned until the wee hours of the morning on Friday. In his confession he admitted to pick-

ing up Zanta with his car because she wanted to run away, he brought her to Gordon Road where he sexually assaulted her. He admitted that when she threatened to turn him in, he told her that she wouldn’t be telling anyone and he punched her repeatedly in the head, and then put her body in the lake. He then explained that he rejoined his fiancé and friends as if nothing happened.

The three-mile lake was dredged all weekend. The search of the water was called off when a report came in that a farmer had discovered the remains of Ms. Zanta in his cow pasture on Kilmer Road. The autopsy report that was not immediately shared with the defense attorney, revealed her injuries could not have been inflicted with a closed fist. Had Yarter made the whole thing up to throw

‘Released by the courts, he caused more pain.’

the investigators off? Or was he not the right guy?

Yarter’s defense to the charges was that he was beaten, sleep deprived and forced into a confession. Physicians reported no injuries to Yarter when he was taken into custody by the State Police. Later, when he was locked away in the Washington County Jail, he had black and blue marks on his back, groin and other areas. Zanta’s father accused Kenneth’s brother Sheriff Deputy R. Yarter

of causing the injuries to protect his brother.

Yarter’s confession was ultimately suppressed by the court so that it was not used against him. Without it the authorities did not have enough evidence to convict him of the rape and murder. Fortunately, Yarter did not go free, he was transferred to the custody of Florida State Corrections to serve time for his parole violations. Zanta’s parents were rightly enraged that their daughter’s case was left unresolved. Both Isabella and Raymond Zanta advocated for victims right for years following their devastating loss.

Tragically, Yarter went on to be a serial rapist creating multiple victims in New Jersey in 1980, and Florida in 1991. Kenneth Yarter’s crime in New Jersey very much paralleled what happened to Zanta. The victim reported that she was kidnapped, sexually assaulted and repeatedly punched in the face, exactly what he confessed to doing to Zanta. The New Jersey victim was able to plead for her life and got away. Her witness testi-

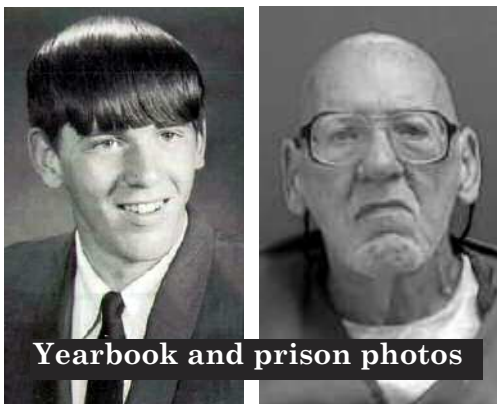
mony was critical in bringing justice. Yarter was sent to prison, but again freed on a technicality after just 11 years. He reoffended and landed in a Nevada State prison. To escape what he thought were horrible conditions, Yarter confessed again to murdering Zanta. The case was finally reopened, and Yarter was convicted of her murder on 1996. Ironically, after the trial he was sent back to Nevada Department of Corrections. He’s currently serving his sentence in Florida, after a transfer. His current release date is set for 2031, when he will be 80. However, he then will likely be transferred to fulfill other states’ sentences.

There was no making of a murderer, only a manipulation and obstruction by a dangerous criminal who knew too well how to frustrate and abuse the judicial system.

Rachel Clothier is a history buff and legal researcher, in the Village of Greenwich.



—chris smith illustration



Yearbook and prison photos



'Ellen' announces changes

Elaine Low

Variety

Special to Journal & Press

"The Ellen DeGeneres Show" has implemented several new perks for its weary staff, including increased paid time off and a liberal medical leave policy, following a dramatic address from the daytime host in late August.

Staffers will receive five paid days off to use at their discretion, birthdays off, and paid time for doctors appointments and family matters, one source familiar with the series told *Variety*. The news was delivered by "Ellen" senior producers Mary Connelly and Andy Lassner at a Monday virtual town hall, which saw a teary DeGeneres apologize to employees for months of damaging reports and accused on-set toxicity that occurred "on her watch," another insider familiar

with her remarks said.

A WarnerMedia spokesperson declined to comment on the matter.

In addition to firing a trio of top producers – Ed Glavin, Jonathan Norman and Kevin Leman – who were accused of sexual misconduct in a July report from BuzzFeed, DeGeneres addressed poor communication with her crew, first reported by *Variety* in April. On the call, the Emmy winner said she had only learned of the issues by reading *Variety*, which left her "heartbroken," according to sources.

Insiders said the new perks and a direct address from DeGeneres have improved morale this week, as rehearsals for DeGeneres' spinoff show "Ellens' Game of Games" resumed, and the talk show team began waking up production offices and sound stages.

A human resources executive provided by "Ellen" distributor WarnerMedia has already begun work and has attended several zoom meetings, another insider said. The executive does not report to show leadership, providing anonymity to workers with grievances and a dedicated advocate.

Connelly and Lassner told staff plainly "don't be afraid," during the call. Sources said this applied to communication about workplace issues, circumstances surrounding the pandemic, or even rumors that no one should make eye contact with DeGeneres (which she denied).

The ousted producers were accused of sexual harassment and racism, as well as fostering an atmosphere of fear and intimidation. Only Leman responded to his termination through an attorney, saying he was being "scapegoated." The producers



were dismissed less than a month after a formal investigation into the show was launched by WarnerMedia.

In April, longtime crew members were told to expect salary reductions, even as the show continued to produce the same amount of episodes in quarantine with the use of non-union workers, *Variety* reported. At the time, a Warner Bros. Television spokesperson said communication could have been better, and the union crew was restored to full pay just before the original report was published.

Donate blood, get free haircut

During Childhood Cancer Awareness Month this September, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood to support kids, teens and young adults battling cancer, as well as others in need of transfusions. Blood drives are also essential in helping ensure blood is available for patients this winter. To learn more and sign up to host a blood drive this fall and winter, visit RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive.

Those who come to give blood or platelets Sept. 1-30 will receive a coupon for a free Sports Clips haircut via email several days after their donation. The coupon is valid through Nov. 30, 2020, at participating Sport Clips locations. Donors must have a valid email address on record to receive the coupon. Donors are urged to make an appointment to donate using the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/sport-clips, by calling 1-800-733-2767.

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Wait staff should eliminate these phrases

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

An old CNBC video on restaurant tipping recently went viral faster than the time it takes the average waiter to recite the list of daily specials.

The video, starring now former CNBC reporter Zack Guzman, suggested restaurant patrons arrive at a tip simply by doubling the tax, as opposed to tipping the standard 20 percent on the post-tax amount. Guzman showed his recent restaurant bill of \$108.88, a meal the viewer could see included two glasses of chardonnay, a slice of key lime pie and a post-meal espresso. Guzman failed to reveal what else he ordered; let's hope it wasn't more of the same.

Using the tax doubling method, Guzman triumphantly announced he had saved 4 dollars! He then assumed New Yorkers such as himself ate out 100 times a year, resulting in a \$400 annual savings.

Twitter, naturally, went ballistic.

Guzman, who looks like Mario Lopez' twin brother but now with fewer career options, found himself the subject of vicious rants, mostly from the restaurant server community.

"Zack Guzman should probably not go out to eat again for a while," read one of the few responses suitable for inclusion in this column.

I found myself siding with the serving community, who, for the most part, cheerfully spends their days depositing meals in front of us and then listening to us complain our salads contained arugula and we SPECIFICALLY requested it be removed, which is why I usually tack 25 percent onto my bill. Post tax.

Waitstaff, don't worry about Guzman. He will eventually reach middle age, gain 30 pounds and realize he should have avoided key lime pie. Think of the money he could have saved on pants! Instead, let me give you some pointers that could increase your tips; pointers that have nothing to do with whether you remembered to bring me extra sour cream or place the bacon bits on the side.

It starts, and ends, with eliminating what I refer to as "wait-speak." Here are a few phrases that need to be stricken from your interactions with diners:

1. "Not a problem."

I recently asked for water in a New Jersey cafe and was told it was "not a problem." I should think not. Furthermore, I spent the rest of my meal wondering which beverages DO cause problems.

"Excuse me; may I have a Diet Coke?"

"EVERYBODY DOWN. THIS IS NOT A DRILL!"

"On second thought, I'll have a Diet Pepsi."

"Not a problem."

2. "Sounds good."

At an Irish-themed establishment near my house, the waitress, upon hearing my dinner order, replied "Sounds good." Again, I was confused. Did those two words signal the end of our interaction, or was she hoping I'd order a similar meal for her?

"I'd like my steak medium rare. How would you like yours?"

Of course my choice sounds good. I just spent 20 minutes perusing the menu. I have yet to order a meal that begins with the phrase, "I'm

'A server shouldn't ask, "What are WE having today?"'

not crazy about this, but I'll have the..."

3. "That's MY favorite."

I would prefer it if you didn't respond to my meal selection with that phrase. Perhaps it is your favorite, but now my dinner companions are questioning their choices, for fear you will respond with, "Sea bass? More like canned sardines, if you want my honest opinion. But would you like yours fried or pan-seared?"

4. "What are WE having today?"

Alas, I've saved the most grating habit for



las; the one that could reduce your tip dramatically, depending on my mood. Please, under no circumstances, should you insert yourself into the ritual of ordering, or assume there are invisible guest at my table when I'm dining alone.

If you and I are dining together, I will let you know. Furthermore, I will order for you, first asking what your favorite item is and then ordering it in such a way that it will sound good. That's not a problem, is it?

Please keep these suggestions in mind, and I'll reciprocate by including a generous tip.

I'll also identify Zack Guzman if I ever see him at your station.

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.



Boy Scouts stay active

Aidan Fahy
Boy Scout Troop 27

On August first, the Boy Scout Troop 6027, sponsored by Greenwich Elks Lodge 2223, traveled to the Summit Bechtel National Scout Reservation in Beckley, West Virginia to attend a week of High Adventure Scout Camp. While there, the 6 Scouts and 3 adult leaders had the ability to do 9 different activities that challenged them in some way, and also performed a Community Service project to improve the local communities around the Summit. These activities consisted of High Ropes Courses and Ziplines to Mountain Biking and Rock Climbing all of which the scouts enjoyed doing. The service project consisted of the scouts digging a ditch and smoothing a road for emergency vehicles at The Summit. They did all of this under the su-

pervision of Summit Staff Members who made sure that all CDC safety measures were being followed while providing a great time for everyone and creating lasting memories for the Scouts. The Scouts that went would like to thank the Summit for providing them with a great time and everyone that made it possible for them to go. This trip was made possible by the support of the community who bought food from the troop at our Eagles Nest food bath at the Washington County Fairgrounds, and those who donate their deposit bottle and cans at our bins around the community. Visit the Eagle's Nest building at the Food Truck Corral Friday nights at the Fairgrounds. The troop is still ac-



tive at this time, holding weekly meetings while following CDC guidelines. If you are interested in joining please contact Scoutmaster Jeff Conkey at 518-321-4926 for more information.

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The Farmers Market is growing. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a vendor please contact info@gather103.com.

Please note that COVID-19 safety measures are in place to ensure a socially distant shopping experience. All guests and vendors are required to wear a mask at all times. It is important now more than ever to support small business and fuel our local economy. This is a great opportunity to do so!





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Money answers

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

Many of you have sent me questions on a wide variety of topics, so for the next couple of weeks, I will answer the most popular queries that I have received.

Debt/Deficit: A number of you are worried about how the trillions of dollars that the government is spending to help individuals, companies, and the economy overall survive the pandemic, will impact the nation's finances. The short answer to "Should we worry about the federal deficit/national debt?" is: "Not now."

According to the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, in an effort to combat the pandemic-induced recession, the federal government had little choice in spending money to mitigate the effects of the crisis. As a result, "debt and deficits will now grow much higher, to never-before-seen levels both in dollars and as a share of Gross

Domestic Product (GDP)."

Most economists agree that government spending is really the only choice in the current environment. Maya MacGuineas, the president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, said, "combating this public health crisis and preventing the economy from falling into a depression will require a tremendous amount of resources - and if ever there were a time to borrow those resources from the future, it is now." That said, after the crisis and recovery is complete, the country will have to address the debt and deficit -- my guess is that this will occur through higher taxes.

Early Retirement: COVID-19 has prompted a lot of you to consider retiring earlier than expected. Some of these decisions are voluntary, while others are forced, due to the employment crisis. The first issue to consider is how you will address health insurance until you qualify for Medicare (age 65). The next step is to

run the numbers. Can you manage to support yourself on the assets that you have amassed, along with Social Security? Can you hold off claiming Social Security retirement benefits until your Full Retirement Age? Until you an answer these questions with clarity, try not to make any big decisions.

Roth Conversions: Some of you are experiencing a drop in earnings this year, which may be reason to convert your traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. Remember that the money you have contributed to a traditional IRA (or any pre-tax retirement plan) has not yet been taxed. Converting into a Roth IRA means that the amount you withdraw and then convert is added to your income and you have to pay taxes on it.

If you think that your tax bracket is likely to rise in the future, either because you will earn more money, or you think that the government will be forced to raise taxes to dig out of the aforementioned debt we have amassed, then paying the tax due at today's rates on your traditional assets may save you money in the fu-

ture. While converting your funds at current rates removes uncertainty in the future, it only works if you pay the taxes due from money outside of the retirement account.

Mortgage Payoffs: Paying off your mortgage seems like a laudable goal, but there are potential pitfalls. Many of you who are already retired asked me about tapping your 401(k) accounts to pay off housing debt. That may not make sense, depending on your tax bracket. Others could only pay off the mortgage using all of the savings that are in the bank--no-go on that idea either, because you don't want to drain all of your liquid assets for the psychological benefit of being mortgage-debt free. But, if you are able to afford the pay off and still maintain plenty of liquidity, then go for it.

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On protesting

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *What is your take on our social unrest and what likely outcomes do you see in the social justice protests in and outside of business?*

A: In any important social evolution there's a polarization of opinions and then an integration of these opposites into a more mature society. We are in the time of polarization right now. Protests don't create solutions, but they do put a spotlight on problems. Many protesters are peaceful and then there is the mix of those that seek to create chaos and crime. For those just watching the protests it can be hard know who is who.

I find most people are ahistorical in how they perceive recent events. Think back to the hippies. Authorities

and the government were appalled at their interest in sex, drugs, and rock and roll and disrespect for rules. Many in authority thought our country had gone to the dogs and would never return.

Over the decade hippies experimented with new social ideals. Some hippies dropped out but most realized they needed to work with the "man" to change the "man." Business has flourished with the brilliant innovations, and out of the box thinking of the people formerly known as hippies. Our society has benefited immeasurably from the evolution that came after the original chaos the Hippie movement created.

We are in such a time again but with more violence involved. We don't want to throw out the baby of important social change just because agents

of chaos have jumped into this bathwater. These protesters, like former hippies, may be those who end up doing the work of changing the system from within and we'll enter a period of rapid social improvement.

Protests, even former Love-Ins, don't create the actual solutions to the actual complicated problems we face. Eventually the same people attending and supporting the protests will need to join together with the establishment to make our society more empathetic, collaborative, and respectful of differences. Revolution becomes evolution and that becomes the new establishment.

We can easily criticize and get angry at what we believe is wrong. The uplifting reality of the peaceful protests is the sheer numbers of Americans with passion to create a better world. I loved a film clip of protesters doing yoga on New York streets since it's hard to be an en-

raged yoga practitioner. Unfortunately the violence of outside agitators is diluting the important message of social justice.

You each get to choose right now. Are you going to be a force for integration or a force for division? The lens you look through will determine whether you alienate or collaborate with true social change.

If our current crises become a launching pad of a society that chooses empathy over hate, solutions over criticisms, and collaboration over division then we may emerge from this crisis transformed in ways that makes meaning out of our current suffering.

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A fatal accident; Hannaford ribbon cutting

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

The Journal & Press has had several iterations. At one point there were separate papers called The Greenwich Journal and The Salem Press. And for decades, the newspaper owned other historic papers, The Fort Edward Advertiser and The Schuylerville Standard, but dropped that from the masthead. You can find archives of these papers and more in the Greenwich Public Library's excellent Gill Room or online at nyhistoricalnewspapers.org.

Here are some snippets from past editions from early Septembers many decades ago:

100 Years Ago
September 01, 1920

The Greenwich Journal would be very glad if conditions permitted it to

announce a decrease in subscription price instead of an advance, which is announced this week to become effective October first. Everyone is looking forward hopefully to a period of lower prices, but in the printing and publishing business this period still seems far off. Instead of declining, the costs of conducting this business are still rising. Since the price was advanced from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a year, two and a half years ago, the cost of newspaper has doubled, and practically every other item of cost that enters into the making of a newspaper has advanced, many in like proportion. When it becomes necessary, as it frequently does, to renew machinery or equipment the cost is staggering, and none of the houses from which the newspaper purchases its supplies seem to have any qualms about advancing the prices.

90 Years Ago
September 10, 1930

In order to secure more material for the foundation of the new South Bay bridge near Whitehall. The contractors last Saturday set off what is said to have been the largest single blast ever fired in this vicinity. Four tons of dynamite was used to loosen rock to be dumped into the seemingly bottomless mud of the bay which had already swallowed a huge chunk of the hillside.

80 Years Ago
September 11, 1940

Three young people were instantly killed, and a fourth seriously injured in a head-on crash on the Cambridge-Arlington road last evening at about 11 o'clock. The accident occurred when a pulp truck, driven by Olive Kettler, 43, of Cambridge and a Dodge Sedan operated by Bernard Nelson Jones, 18, of Jamaica, Vermont, crashed on a curve near the McEenithan home about a mile and a half from Cambridge at the time of the accident and the young people were driving toward Arlington.

60 Years Ago
September 14, 1960

First day enrollment at the Greenwich Central School last Wednesday was 1,214 students, eighteen more than the opening day in September of 1959, Supervising Principal Edgar Synder reports.

The enrollment is down just a little in the elementary school and up in the secondary school this year. The total enrollment in the kindergarten through sixth grade this year is 732, compared with 735 last year, while in the junior and senior high school there are 482 students this year, while on opening day of last fall there were 458.

50 Years Ago
September 11, 1980

Helping to preserve the environment is an ongoing project for the Students To Oppose Pollution (STOP) group in Greenwich, whose solution to pollution is a recycling program that has been going on once a month since 1972.

Hundreds of Greenwich students have been involved in the program, which was spearheaded by Mrs. Linda Austin, biology teacher at GCS, in cooperation with Willard's Mountain chapter DAR and Liberty Post, American Legion. David Nestle, history teacher, has also been a major force in keeping the project going.

30 Years Ago
September 13, 1990

The village board listened to Tom Marcotte, part-time patrolman, about the Neighborhood Watch Program. Plans have been made to get this program off the ground. Three meeting dates have been set up. The first one is Saturday, September 15, 10:30 a.m., to be held at the Greenwich Free Library.

20 Years Ago
September 14, 2000

Hannaford Supermarket has scheduled its grand opening celebration to begin with a ribbon cutting and flag raising at 7:45 Sunday morning. Local dignitaries and Hannaford officials will participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony, and the American Legion Post 515 will conduct the raising of the American flag.

The public is invited to participate in coffee and confections, beginning at 8 a.m. when the store officially opens its doors for the first time. Later in the day, Hannaford will present a check for \$10,000 to the Greenwich Free Library and checks for \$1,000 each to the Town of Greenwich Youth Program and the Middle Falls Volunteer Fire Department.



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The River on the Border, Part II

Liv Thygesen
Journal & Press

Above the white water, I caught the glimpse of a rope gliding through the air in my direction. I knew I needed to grab a hold in order to be pulled to the safety of the raft. Pushing hard with my arms, I launched myself toward the end of the rope. It was imperative that I did not untuck my legs as that would risk breaking them against the rocks. Using all my arm strength I swam toward the rope and toward the raft. Again, they threw the rope in my direction. I grabbed it! Holding on with all the strength I could muster and with the last of the air I could suck in, they began pulling me in. The water rushed over my face as the rope drew me closer to the raft. I closed my eyes and imagined myself being pulled to safety. A strong arm reached over the edge of the raft and gripped my lifejacket. It wrenched me from the rapids and dropped me into the raft. Coughing up water and shaking my head free from the confusion, I looked up to see smiles and expressions of relief. The gratification of the raft's safety was short lived, as we rounded a bend and flowed smack into the roughest part of

the river.

The raft lurched as the side hit a massive rock protruding from the white rapids. The rubber bowed and squealed against it as we spun and tipped, filling the raft with water. "Hold on!" our guide yelled as we all grabbed our paddles and pushed against the rock; water spilling in over the side. Quickly, we all regained our seats on the edges of the raft and began paddling. "Izquierda!" called the guide. And those of us on the left of the raft pushed our paddles deep into the foamy brine. "Derecha!" He instructed, and the right side of the raft repeated the action. In this fashion we pushed and navigated the torrents. "Alto!" our guide called, as we rounded the final stretch of the rapids. Per instructions, we lifted our oars and ceased our paddling. As the water calmed, we sank back into our raft. Finally, able to breath. Finally able to relax. The warm tropical sun felt good on my face. To our right was Costa Rica and to the left was Panama. Howler monkeys shrieked in the trees around us. Sloths hung from branches that draped over the river. Behind us, the rushing rapids whispered "next time" as our raft drifted downstream.



There are moments in life that can pull you down and cover you, as if to drown you. It is critical to maintain focus and understanding of the big picture and what lies ahead. Knowing that the river will calm and the peril that you're facing is not indefinite will put the rapids of life behind you. Stay focused. Stay close to your training and know that calmer waters lie ahead.



Liv Thygesen has been a marine, educator and community advocate. She owns Sip & Swirl in Greenwich.

Slate Valley Museum announces improvements

The Slate Valley Museum's Board and staff have spent the last few months planning for the future in an uncertain time. Like all cultural and educational organizations, there have been, and continue to be, many unknowns. The mandated closure of museums and other public spaces resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak earlier this spring has created a lot of anxiety.

For the Slate Valley Museum, this pause created an opportunity to explore tasks that may be more challenging to complete when the building is open to the public. "We knew that there were improvements in the facility that we wanted to make, that needed to be completed in the near future, and this seemed like the ideal time," said the Museum's board president, Molly Celani. "Additionally, we now need to make enhancements for COVID safety. We decided to

keep the Museum closed for on-site visits during the summer months, and use that time to complete some of our facility's priorities."

Planned improvements and activities include HVAC upgrades, development of new exhibitions, as well as new health and safety measures throughout the facility. Additionally, staff members are working to address the ongoing needs of the permanent collection.

"This is the perfect time to address collections planning and assess our current needs. The collection continues to grow, which is wonderful, but we want to make sure that we are always looking ahead and doing all that we can to provide for its safe-keeping and care. This foresight and preparation is central to all that we do as a museum," explained Interim Director Sarah Kijowski.

In terms of programs, other offerings for the public, or general inquiries, the museum staff remains accessible online and by phone. "The Museum will begin celebrating its 25th anniversary in September. Our staff is planning a number of programs and activities that will be flexible. We will be able to offer them in some form either on site, on-line, or both," explained Celani. "We also have a 25th Anniversary Committee that is developing activities focused specifically on our celebration, which will take place throughout the rest of this year and into 2021. We look forward to sharing updates as our plans unfold."

The Slate Valley Museum is located at 17 Water Street in Granville, NY. Tel. 518-642-1417 www.slatevalleymuseum.org.

Bancroft Library names new director

The Board of Trustees of Bancroft Public Library announced Lori Stokem has been selected to be the new Director of the Bancroft Public Library. Lori brings to the position a keen appreciation of how this Library has evolved to become a hub of the community.

Well known as a beloved teacher for 20 years at Salem Central School, Lori's interest in reading helped her hone the uncanny skill of being able to pair the right novel with each student, even the most reluctant readers. Her particular interest in supporting literacy in our community has been on full view as co-founder of Books In Kids' Hands, a non-profit literacy program that seeks to nurture a love for books among Salem's children.

Lori brings with her a long history of involvement with Bancroft Library. As a student in Salem she relished how she and her classmates could walk from school to Bancroft to check out books. While they weren't allowed to browse the stacks, the librarian would ride her motorized chair to the second floor and bring books down to the students. Lori was here in Salem when the heart-breaking, great fire engulfed the upper floors of the Bancroft Building.

After going to school and living in Boston, Lori returned to Washington County, earning her B.A., then her M.A., in Education at Norwich University, then Vermont College, respectively. During this time, Lori not only frequented the Library as a mother with her children, but also as a teacher, creating summer reading lists, thus strengthening the bonds between Bancroft Library and Salem Central School. With the expansion of

her family, Lori has enjoyed the great pleasure of being a grandma in the children's nook.

Keeping Bancroft Library a vibrant center of the community during these uncertain times is a challenge Lori recognizes. Not unlike her schoolgirl days, at the moment patrons are not able to browse the stacks. Instead, Bancroft offers curbside pick-up of its own collection as well as the collections in the vast Southern Adirondack Library System. The reopening of the Library, begun before her arrival, is now Lori's to ably shepherd, and we know she will do just that. Her goals include encouraging strong partnership ties to Salem CSD, reviving the clubs and activities the Library has hosted, and developing educational opportunities, while attending to the Library's ever-evolving collection.

The Library's regular patrons know that former Directors Peg Culver and Susan Getty have gone above and beyond in the stewardship of Salem's public library.

Knowing the excitement, the history, and the love of this institution that Lori Stokem brings with her as the new Library Director, we can be confident that Bancroft Library remains in the best of hands.

Library Reopening Plans

Bancroft Public Library is moving to Phase 4 in their reopening plan. Beginning Monday, August 31 patrons will be allowed in the library for brisk browsing of the stacks and check-out of materials. Due to occupancy limits, only 5 browsing patrons will be allowed in the building at a time. Curbside



Lori Stokem

pickup will remain available for those who prefer it. Masks are required in the building and we ask that anyone handling materials in the stacks use hand sanitizer before doing so. 3 public computers continue to be available for use. Library hours will remain:

- Monday 1 - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday 4 - 8 p.m.
- Wednesday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Thursday 4 - 8 p.m.
- Friday 1 - 4 p.m.
- Saturday 10 am - 2 p.m.

The Library is located at 181 South Main Street. For updated information on Library hours and offerings please visit bancroftlibrary.org, email slm-director@sals.edu or call (518) 854-7463.

SUNY ACC re-accredited

SUNY Adirondack has earned reaccreditation by the prestigious Middle States Commission on Higher Education, an independent national association that evaluates institutions of higher education to assess their level of academic excellence and success in meeting the needs of students.

Higher education institutions must be accredited to be eligible to receive funding for financial aid to offer students. SUNY Adirondack was last accredited in 2008.

"The independent evaluators from Middle States have again recognized the steadfast dedication to student success and academic excellence of our SUNY Adirondack faculty and staff," said Kristine Duffy, president of the college. "This reaccreditation reinforces what our students and community have come to expect from us: a commitment to continuous improvement that helps all students succeed in their individual academic goals and supports the needs of our community."

Classes begin Sept. 9. Register at SUNYACC.edu.

Movies/TV series now available on video

Jay Bobbin

Special to Journal & Press

Stuck at home? Here are some new video releases:

“ROGUE”: Megan Fox hasn’t done many action-driven projects lately, but she’s back with guns blazing -- and that isn’t just a figure of speech -- in this tale of mercenaries enlisted by an African politician to retrieve his kidnapped daughter from an enemy organization. Fox plays one of the would-be rescuers, who soon find their mission more complex than they anticipated, so they seek refuge at a supposedly abandoned farm to regroup. They eventually discover the place was used by poachers to breed lions, and (see if you guessed it) one of the animals is still around ... and hungry.

“IRRESISTIBLE”: Jon Stewart turns director for the second time with this comedy, with his script giving longtime acquaintance Steve Carell -- whose career got a major boost from his being part of Stewart’s comedic crew on “The Daily Show” -- as a political consultant who sees his own fortunes resting with a military man turned farmer (Chris Cooper) who draws a lot of attention through a video that goes viral. The strategist persuades the new celebrity to run for mayor of his Midwestern town, but opposition presents itself in the form of a longtime political rival (Rose Byrne) who arrives on the scene and also factors into the contest.

“YOUNG SHELDON: THE COMPLETE THIRD SEASON”: With “The Big Bang Theory” having ended the season before, this prequel series from executive producers including Chuck Lorre and Jim Parsons (the latter also the narrator of the show, as the older Sheldon) was left to carry the CBS franchise by itself. Mary (Zoe Perry) continues to have concerns about her young son Sheldon’s (Iain Armitage) greatly ad-

vanced mind, fearing that his being so smart so young may lead to problems for him on other levels. As for Sheldon himself, he feels he’s so far beyond what he’s being taught in the classroom, he devises his own unique brand of independent study.

“THE GOONIES”: Very fondly remembered by many viewers from their youths, this 1985 comedy-adventure is among several Warner Bros. titles getting elaborate home-video relaunches with their debuts in the 4K Ultra HD format. Directed by Richard Donner (“Superman: The Movie”), written by Chris Columbus (“Home Alone”) and executive-produced by Steven Spielberg, it’s the tale of several kids who unite to follow a map to a supposed treasure and stop the foreclosure of their homes. A sinister family also wants the riches, putting the youngsters on a literal run for the money.

“MAGNUM P.I.: SEASON TWO”: The CBS reboot of the detective series sees a lot of focus on Hawaii-based private detective Thomas Magnum’s (Jay Hernandez) romantic relationships in its sophomore round. After his involvement with a lawyer (Brooke Lyons, who left to co-star in NBC’s ultimately short-lived “Lincoln Rhyme: Hunt for the Bone Collector”), he finds his connection to this version’s Higgins (Perdita Weeks) deepening.

“SESAME STREET MONSTER HITS: ROCK & RHYME WITH ELMO”: In case you didn’t know Elmo wields a mean guitar, that becomes clear in this obviously child-oriented release that sees the popular character lead a combination of nursery rhymes and related clips from the iconic PBS and HBO series -- which has been marking its 50th season lately. As an example, “Do You Know the Muffin Man?” is matched to



“Young Sheldon”

“Sesame” staples Cookie Monster and Gonger baking actual muffins.

“WASHINGTON”: Before he became America’s first president, George Washington built his reputation on the battlefield, and this profile of him -- originally televised as a three-part miniseries by History, with noted historian Doris Kearns Goodwin among the project’s executive producers -- traces those early years of his growth as a military man and then a politician, Jeff Daniels narrates the profile, which casts Nicholas Rowe (“The Crown”) in the title role as Washington makes a move toward leaving public service for an early retirement and a quiet life as a farmer. Of course, as fate would have it, it didn’t work out that way.

“DEEP BLUE SEA 3”: As with the first sequel to the original shark thriller, this follow-up has bypassed the theatrical market to go straight to home video for its debut. The plot will seem familiar to anyone who knows either of the first two films, since it again deals with genetically enhanced sharks -- this time being studied by a scientist (Tania Raymonde,

“Lost”) who’s interested in the effects of climate change on them. Her mission is disrupted by the arrival of an ex-flame (Nathaniel Buzolic, “The Originals”), a marine biologist who has his own purpose for surveying the sharks.

“MASTERPIECE MYSTERY: ENDEAVOUR, SEASON 7”: In the same week that its three-episode run ends on PBS, the latest round of the series about the young Inspector Morse (portrayed by Shaun Evans) arrives on home video. Evans also directed the first episode, which finds Morse in Venice for the New Year’s holiday as 1970 arrives. It’s not long before he returns to Oxford, where he rejoins longtime police-detective colleague Fred Thursday (Roger Allam) on a murder probe. The other cases involve a battle between gangs and a supposed accident at a college. The “Endeavour” tales won’t stop here, since the show has been renewed for an eighth season; Abigail Thaw -- whose father, John Thaw, played television’s original Inspector Morse -- continues as a regular cast member.

Will we ever have a viable third party?

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

I'd always hoped there would be a serious third party in this country in order to address the duopoly that the Democrats and Republicans have, and I say that as a member of the GOP. No one should have to make a choice between two candidates or party dogmas they don't believe in, yet it happens repeatedly. In the end, it takes resources to mount a major national campaign, and the resources are concentrated in the two-party system. The last third-party campaign conducted that garnered a significant part of the vote was the Ross Perot campaign of 1992 (which garnered almost 19 percent of the popular vote), and a lot of that was funded by Mr. Perot.

The Libertarians are intriguing. The third largest party in the country, the Libertarians received their highest percentage of the national vote in 2016, at 3.27 percent. Gary Johnson and Bill Weld served as an antidote to an increasingly right-wing populist leaning and socially conservative Republican party. The two were considered credible – one a former two-term Republican Governor of New Mexico who led his state into a financial surplus and the other a moderate former Republican Governor of Massachusetts who was appointed a US Attorney by President Ronald Reagan.

The problem, sadly, is that the Libertarians have never really coalesced around what they stand for. There are many types of Libertarians. For instance, “Anarcho-Capitalists” believe that all government services should be provided by corporations rather than be monopolized by governments while “Minarchists” believe that government is still needed to serve a few collective needs like defense. “Libertarian Socialists” believe government is a monopoly, but that nations should be ruled by work-share cooperatives or labor unions. “Classical Liberals” believe that all people have basic human rights and government exists to protect those rights. “Civil Libertarians” believe government should not pass laws that selectively fail to protect people in their day-to-day lives (the American Civil Liberties Union is representative of this type of Libertarian). “Fiscal Libertarians” (“laissez-faire capitalists”) believe in free trade, low or no taxes and minimal corporate regulation. “Geolibertarians” (“one taxers”) are Fiscal Libertarians who believe that land can never be owned,

but rather rented, and that income and sales taxes should be eliminated, with land rental fee used to support collective interest like defense through democratic processes. “Objectivists” are followers of Ayn Rand's fiscal libertarianism; with a wider philosophy of individualism and the “virtue of selfishness” (I call these “Lord of the Flies” Libertarians). “Neolibertarians” believe in a strong military and maintain that we should overthrow dangerous and oppressive regimes, while “Paleolibertarians” are isolationists.

Whew. That's a lot to unwind. The Johnson-Weld ticket of 2016 was a Classical Liberal, Fiscal Libertarian ticket with a hint of Paleolibertarianism. In 2020, Jo Jorgensen is the Libertarian Party candidate. “The freedom to trade and travel are fundamental to human liberty,” she says. “As President I will use my Constitutional authority to eliminate trade barriers and tariffs, and work to repeal arbitrary quotas on the number of people who can legally enter the United States to work, visit, or reside.” That part about eliminating trade barriers and tariffs? Heck, that sounds more Republican than anything I've heard since 2016.

I don't believe Jo Jorgensen has a path to victory, nor, realistically, did Gary Johnson. She has no transition committee, nor are there huge num-

**‘I do not believe it's a
“throwaway vote.” Voting
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bers of elected Libertarians throughout the country to promote and support Libertarian policies. If there were, because there is not any type of Libertarian orthodoxy as shown above, there exists the potential for infighting and dysfunction (come to think of it, very much like our existing two parties). But the point here is that the Libertarians deserve the opportunity to bring that internal crisis to a head and mature as a party if the voter support is there. If the Libertarians ever get 5% of the vote, they are officially considered a “minor party” by the Federal Election Commission, entitling them to public matching funds.

So, what are my thoughts on voting third party? There's two sides of that coin. I do not believe it is a “thrown-away” vote. Just like not voting at all



Gary Johnson –TCA

does send a message, voting third party sends a message. Can Hillary Clinton complain that Gary Johnson may have caused her to lose? No. What did she do to try and attract those voters, after all? Their vote belongs to them, and no one is “entitled” to it.

The other side of that coin of course, is the second-order effects. A third-party vote, in my personal view, needs to be seen strategically. Voting third-party may very well give you the ability to avoid what you consider an unfair “lesser of two evils” choice. But what if it helps give the party you like even less the victory? “Not my problem,” you say. “It's MY vote!” True. You may feel you have a cleaner conscience. But, it is your problem, as you still have to live with the consequences.

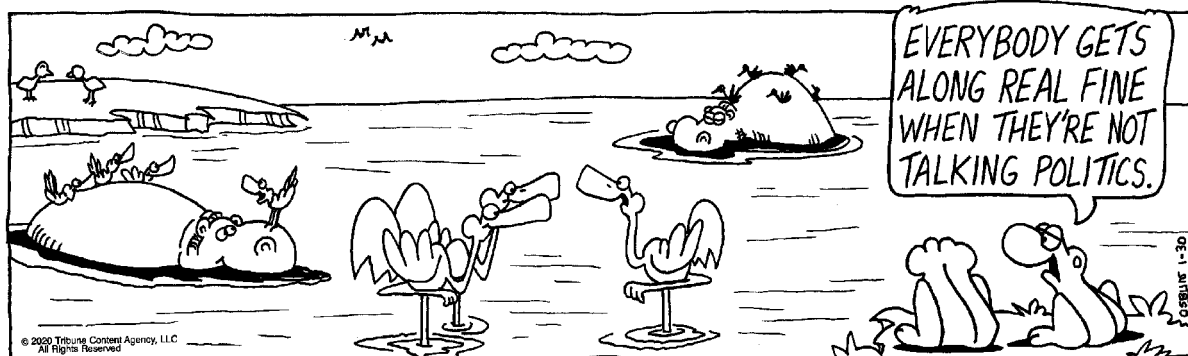
“You pays your money, and you takes your choice,” as the old saying goes.

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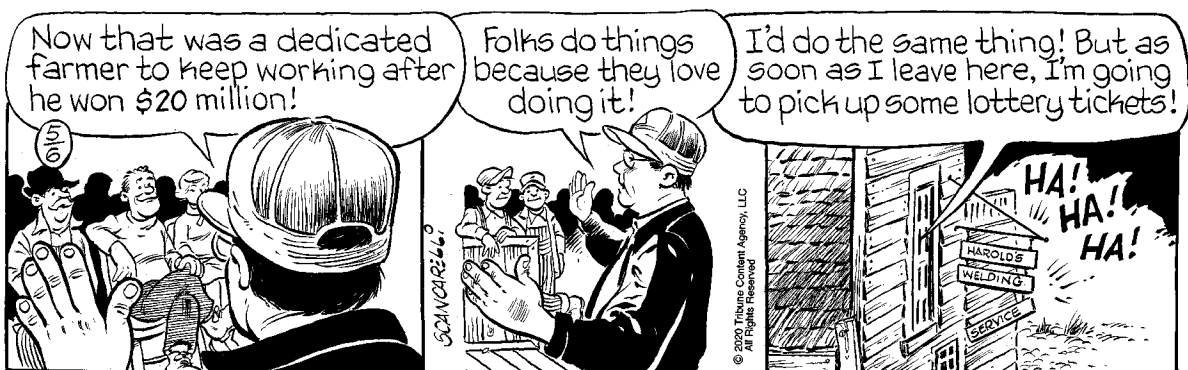


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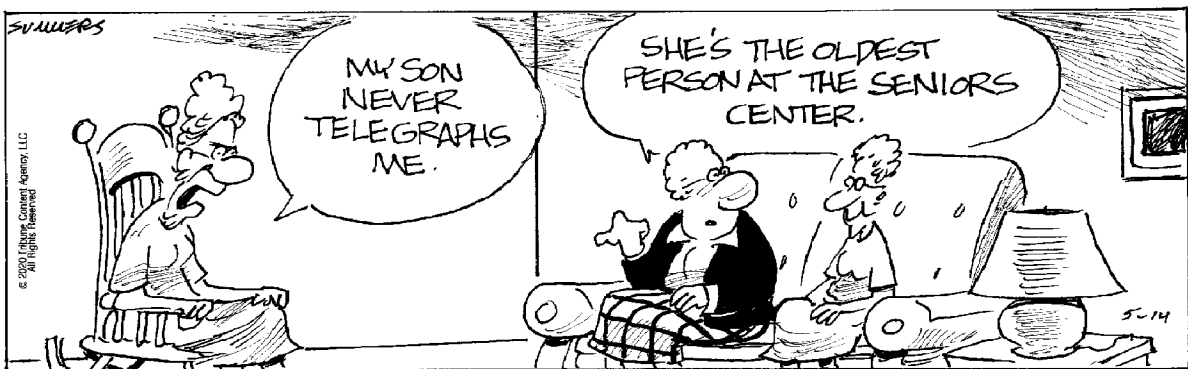
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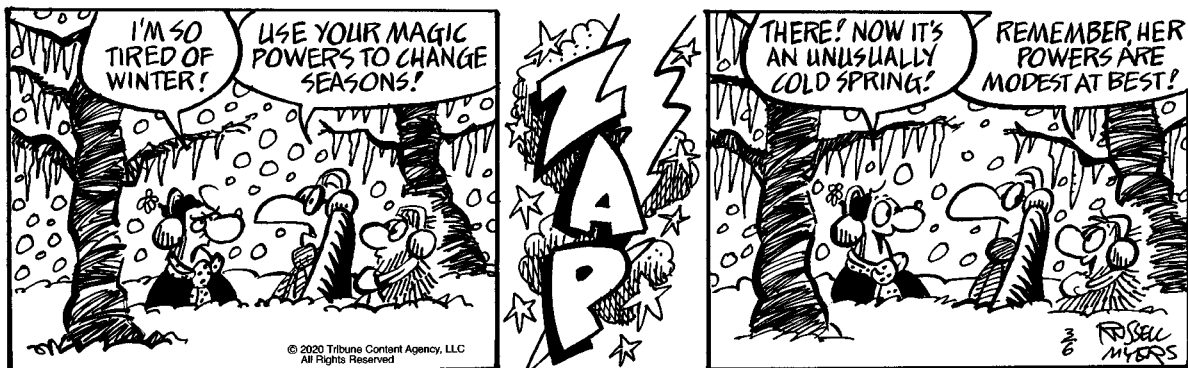
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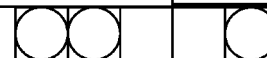
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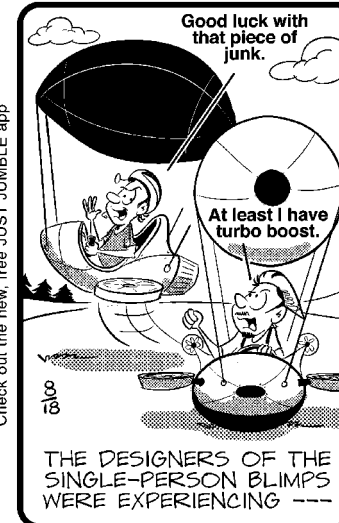
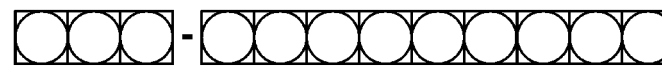
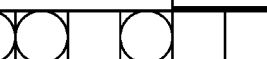
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Congress can help save local journalism

It's good to see Congresswoman Elise Stefanik is a cosponsor of the Local Journalism Sustainability Act, legislation that proposes a series of tax credits aimed at bolstering local newspapers and media in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Local newspapers were facing challenges before the COVID-19 pandemic, and now their challenges are especially unique. The bill is supported by the News Media Alliance, National Newspaper Association and many other groups.

"Our local news outlets are so important to the North Country, especially in our more rural or isolated areas," said Stefanik. "Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our news outlets, newspapers, and TV and radio stations have gone above and beyond to deliver up-to-date information to our North Country residents in a timely fashion. I am proud to be cosponsoring this bill to support readers, advertisers, and publishers and keep local news media sustained. I look forward to advancing this legislation along with my House colleagues and supporting initiatives like this to keep local journalism thriving."

If passed, the Act will help small-town journalism from established newspapers like The Journal & Press in three ways:

- First, the papers will get a matching tax credit of up to \$25,000 per journalist. This would be helpful, because many small-town papers can't afford to pay staff a living wage. The credit would help papers to be able to attract and retain qualified talent.
- Second, advertisers would get a credit for buying ads in local NEWS media. Free papers that are mostly ads, billboards, Face-

book, Google and other such media wouldn't count. These entities take advertising away from real newspapers, which actually perform a public good and keep money LOCAL.

- Third, everyone would get a tax break for subscribing to real, local newspapers. Hey, The Journal & Press is only \$36 a year, but every dollar counts.

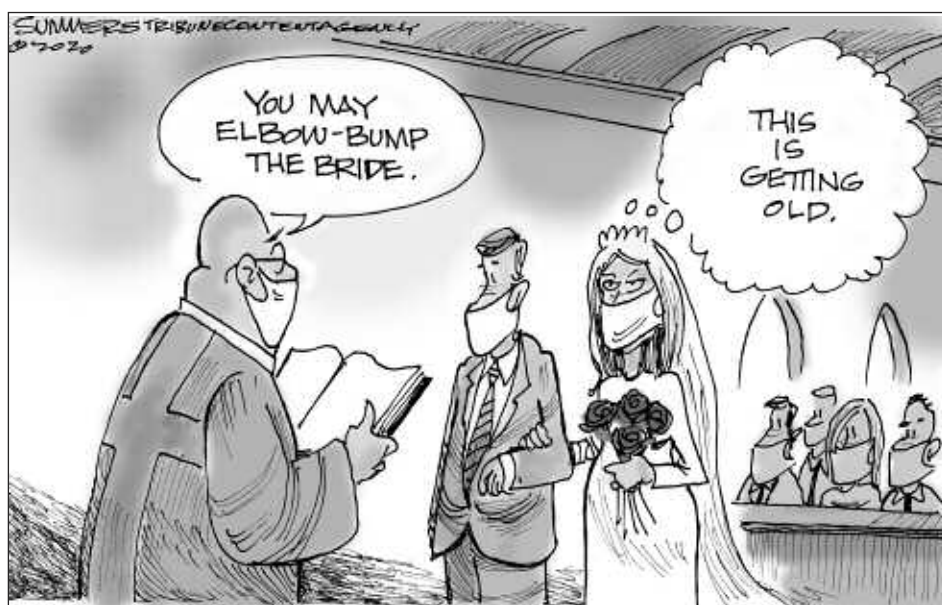
In this era where so many lawmakers seem to discredit the press with blanket statements such as "fake news," it's good to see one local representative lend her support. To be fair, we will interview her opponent, Tedra Cobb, for our next issue, and will find out if she feels the same way. Hopefully, she does.

And that's what we've done this election season – interviewed Democrats and Republicans in each race to help voters decide. That's something the Internet, with its algorithms, can't accomplish. What you see in your social media feeds is stilted.

Talking to both sides? That's what newspapers do.

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History Happened Here

A look at the 1852 Salem Rail Yard

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

The Rutland & Washington railroad company began construction of a railway from Salem, NY to Rutland, VT around 1850. Land for the depot and rail yard was purchased from local Salem citizens in July of that year. The first train passed over the new road on January 27, 1852. The opening of the railroad had originally been scheduled for February 27 of that year, however the death of the company's treasurer and superintendent, Horace Clark, caused it to be postponed. By March, passenger trains began making their first trips.

A roundhouse with the capacity to service 14 train engines was built in 1852. A railway roundhouse is a building with a circular or semicircular shape used by railroads for servicing and storing locomotives, and traditionally surrounds, or is adjacent to, a turntable. Several repair shops were also built at this time.

During the 1840s and 1850s, the United States experienced an influx of immigrants from Ireland.

This coincided with the Irish potato famine. Many Irish workers came to Salem and surrounding communities to work in the village's factories. Irish immigrants made up much of the rail yard's workforce.

Several of the repair shops at the complex burned in a fire which started August 28, 1876. Soon after, the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Company, which had been leasing the railway, took over the station. One could now travel by train from Troy to Salem and onto Rutland.

Traffic on the railway declined over the years, and in early May of 1891, the railway's personnel began taking inventory of the station's machinery. On May 10, the repair shops were closed, a first step towards the closing of the whole rail yard. By 1904, the round-house, a recognizable village landmark, had fallen into hazardous disrepair. It was finally dismantled on December 2, 1904. This proved the definitive end of the Salem rail yards.

Some of the rail yard's functions were replaced by new facilities built nearby, including a new frame passenger depot built in April 1909, and a larger depot constructed south of the rail yard in August of the same year.

A few of the Salem rail yard's other buildings were later sold or dismantled between 1946 and 1948, including the freight house, the depot, and the ice house.

Irish Town, the neighborhood originally inhabited by the railroads predominantly



Irish workforce, continued to exist after the complex was dismantled.

A resident of Greenwich, Jim Nolan is a Professor of Business Analytics at Siena College and serves on several Greenwich area non-profit boards.



Honor a loved one at Salem Memorial/Vets Park

The Salem Memorial & Veterans' Park Committee announced fundraising has begun for Phase 2 of the Salem Memorial/Veterans' Park!

Remember & honor a loved one with an engraved brick paver to be permanently installed at the Salem Memorial & Veterans' Park. All are invited to invest in this community park with the purchase of a memorial brick for Veterans & beloved family members that will remain in the park for reflection & remembrance for ages to come. Visit www.4everbricks.com/donors/smapark to easily purchase one or more engraved pavers. Soon you will be able to pick up an order form at local Salem businesses to mail in your order or make a donation.

Committee Chair, Laura Dunham, says your \$100 purchase of a brick to remember someone dear to

you will help fund Phase 2 of the project which includes landscaping and a flag pole surrounded by the Memorial Bricks honoring veterans and other loved ones along with pathways leading visitors through the park and directly to the iron gate of the Revolutionary War Cemetery. Granite benches have been generously donated and will be situated to allow enjoyment of the striking white stones of the burial ground memorializing Salem's earliest pioneers, two of which were from the French & Indian War, 105 from the Revolutionary War and five were War of 1812 soldiers.

In 2011, a committee of Salem residents gathered to conceive and create a Memorial Park on a neglected property fronting the historical Revolutionary War Cemetery known as The Old Salem Burying Ground. Through local donations

the site was filled, topsoil was added, lawn was planted, and six red maples installed. In 2019, Salem residents met again to map out the next phases of the Salem Memorial & Veteran's Park—a space for quiet contemplation, a site to respect and honor Salem's history, Veterans, and beloved residents.

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Money is being raised to pay for the materials. For \$350, a bunk frame, mattresses, pillows and linens are delivered to local children. The goal for this build is 10 bunks (20 beds.) Tax-deductible donations for the build can be sent to Cambridge United Presbyterian Church, 81 E Main St., Cambridge 12180, with "SHP Build" on the memo line.



A scene from last year's event.

Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

1 Rene of "Ransom" (1996)

6 Not as expensive

10 A bit loopy

14 Part of "the works" on a burger

15 Old man, in German

16 Needle case

17 1950 Gloria Swanson film

20 Peanut butter choice

21 Like wax fruit

22 Note from one who's shy?

24 Laser pointer chaser

25 1979 Jim Henson film

33 Get out of bed

34 Jazz instruments

35 Peruvian singer Sumac

36 Squirrel's hoard

37 Credited in an endnote

38 Place to tie up a boat

39 24-hr. cash source

40 Equestrian

41 "That's ___!"; "Piece of cake!"

42 1988 Demi Moore film

45 News initials

46 ___ bunt: productive MLB out

47 Looks at closely

52 "John Wick" star Keanu

57 2002 Woody Allen film ... or what each of the last words of 17-, 25- and 42-Across can be

59 "Garfield" dog

60 Baseball family name

61 Dalai Lama's land

62 Have a craving for

63 Appraise

64 Clairvoyants

Down

1 PBS painter Bob

2 E pluribus ___

3 Chinese: Pref.

4 Fair-to-middling

5 Previous

6 Chem class

7 Fair-haired Wells race

8 Flabbergast

9 Chose

10 Actor Danny who appears in M&M's commercials

11 Run ___: drink on credit

12 Roll and bind, as a sail

13 Laundry soap brand

18 Commandment pronoun

19 Red-wrapped cheeses

23 Positive aspect

25 "The ___ is out there": "The X-Files" catchphrase

26 Blackjack request

27 Handy Scrabble tile

28 Eucharistic plate

29 Applies, as pressure

30 Competing (for)

31 "Know what ___?"

32 Wyatt of the Old West

33 Future MD's class

37 1860s North-South conflict

38 Letter before omega

40 Settle, as a debt

41 Climbs

43 Rental from a renter

44 Tortoise racer

47 Website with step-by-step instructions

48 "Star Wars" sentence inverter

49 Tiger Woods' ex

50 1970 Kinks hit

51 Chimney residue

53 Actress Falco

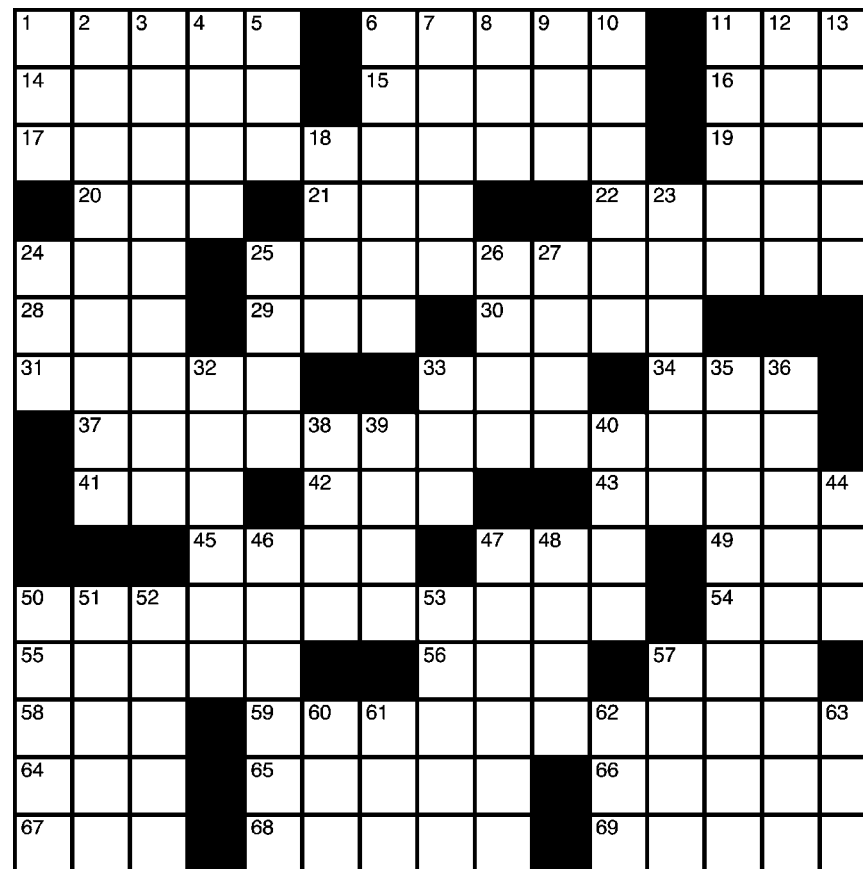
54 Vague feeling

55 The "E" in DOE: Abbr.

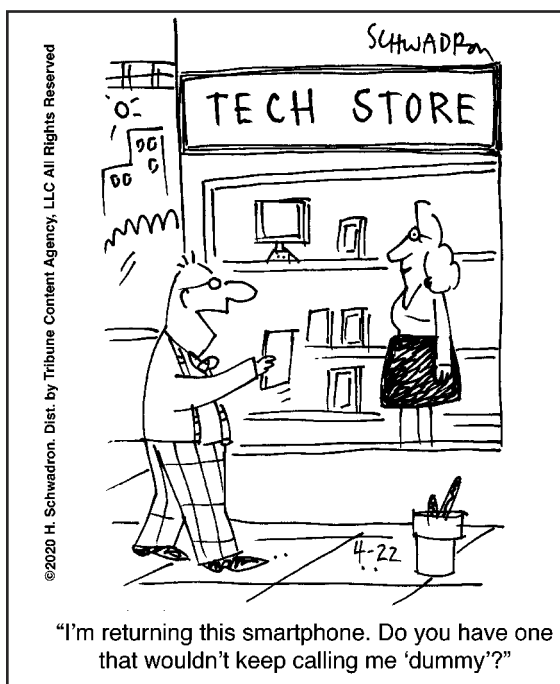
56 Some NCOs

58 Deserving

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9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

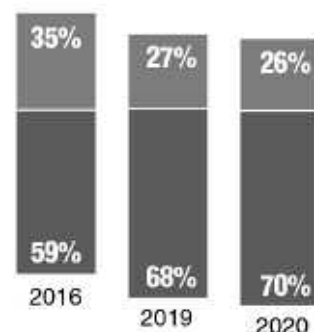


Fast Facts

Politics and social media

% of social media users who say talking about politics on social media with people they disagree with is generally ...

- Interesting and informative
- Stressful and frustrating



Note: No answer/Don't know not shown
Source: Pew Research Center
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Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with jokes!
Comedy
Deadpan
Delivery
Fool

Funny
Gags
Ha-Ha
Hilarious
Humor
Hysterical
Jest
Jocular

Joke
Knee-Slapper
Laugh
Nightclub
Parody
Prank
Punch Line
Puns

Quip
Riddle
Routine
Silly
Sitcom
Skit
Standup
Story

Wisecrack
Witty

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

Salem Sudoku

(solution page 30)

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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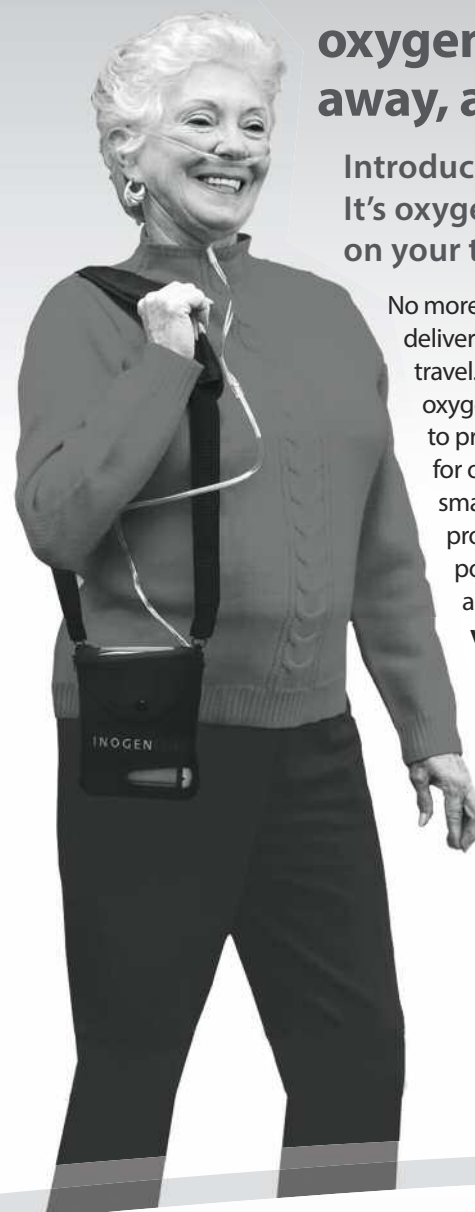
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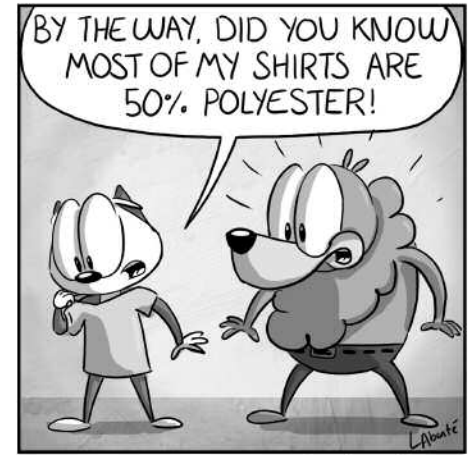
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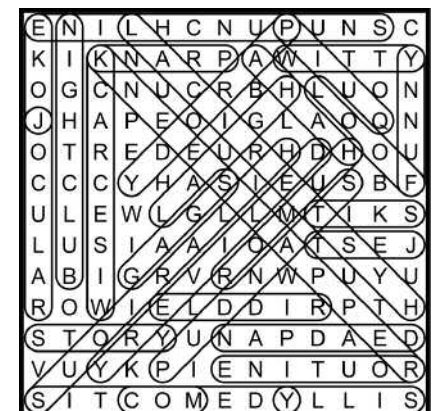
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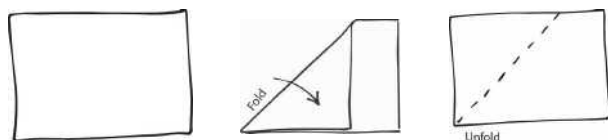


Make a square, make a frame

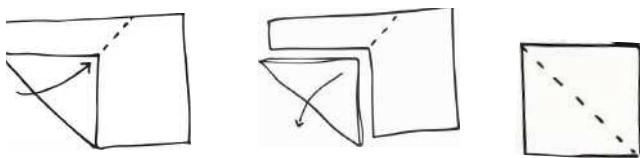
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How about displaying a special drawing within a newspaper frame which stands up on its own?

We start by making a square, so get out your scissors. No need to do any measuring, though, as there's a paper folding method that begets a square.



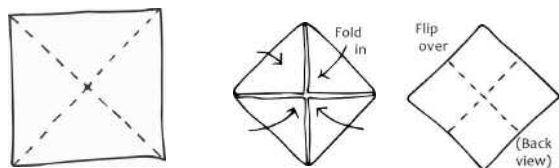
First step is folding a corner of the newspaper in half by lining up two edges that have a corner between them. Now unfold what you've just folded. There should be a fold going off in a diagonal direction.



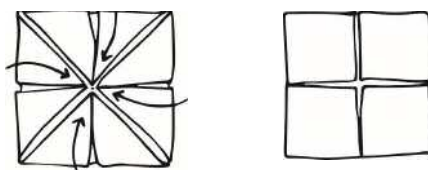
Curl the corner, the one that was folded, so that the point of the corner is lined up somewhere on the fold line. Press down. With this method of making a square you get to choose how large a square to make: how far you travel along the diagonal will determine how large the finished square will be. It looks as though you've just created a triangle, but just wait! Cut the newspaper exactly around the edges of the triangle. Open up the paper, and, there, you have a square.

There is already one diagonal fold line in the paper. Fold a diagonal, corner to corner, in the other direction. Where the folds intersect is the center of the square.

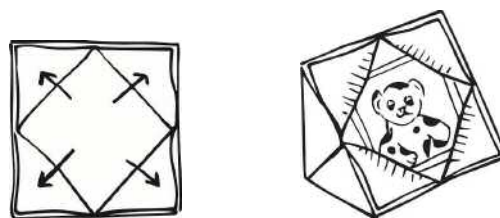
Now fold each of the four corners, one at a time, to the center of the paper. You may notice that now the paper is a smaller square made up of four triangles. Flip the paper over.



Once again, one at a time, fold each for the four corners, to the center of the paper. You now have a smaller square which appears to be constructed out of triangles. Once again, flip the paper over. Again, the square in front of you appears to be made from four smaller squares.



The next step has an opposite motion compared to the previous steps: one at a time, starting at the center of the paper, fold the corners of each of the four squares out to the outer corners.



This is the finished frame. You can slip the corners of a picture under the last set of folded flaps. If you open the flaps in the back of the frame you can get the frame to stand on its own.

As has become my habit, I sent this project off to my math professor friend John Golden to find out what math he would see in this paper frame. I suspected he would like it since mathematicians seem to have a special place in their hearts not only for squares but also for the special triangles that are formed by diagonally folding a square.

In the first step, it's as if four squares in a grid have been folded in half, forming four of those special triangles, which are called isosceles right triangles. Isosceles means "same legs" because two legs of the triangle are equal, and the right triangle refers to the fact that the angle between the legs is 90 degrees, like a corner of a square.

Professor Golden noticed how each step creates different size squares, writing, "The scale is cool because there are so many different size squares, each one $\sqrt{2}$ larger than the next size down because we're turning a diagonal into an edge."

Those few words of his contain so many big thoughts. Professor Golden acknowledged that

writing about the square root of 2 - which he wrote as $\sqrt{2}$ - might not be a good idea. Anyone who loves the relationship thinking that goes along with the square root of 2 knows that mentioning this term is risky, but we live in dangerous times, so here goes.

What's going on here is that there is a relationship between the edges of a square and the diagonal line that connects its corners. That diagonal is less than twice as long as the side of the square that it is in. More precisely, that diagonal is about 1.41 times larger than a side of the square, a relationship which mathematicians call the square root of two.

An extraordinary insight that Professor Golden offered is that we can fit four of our frames in the original square. This makes sense because with



each folding towards the middle a new square is created that is smaller by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ the side times $\sqrt{2}$. Do this twice and the new square is $\frac{1}{2}$ times $\frac{1}{2}$ times $\sqrt{2}$ times $\sqrt{2}$. Rather than trying to think your way through this simply fold and unfold the steps of this paper frame, noticing how the proportions of the triangles and the squares change with each sequence of folds.

Doing this, you will have the good fortune of doing mathematics with your hands as $\sqrt{2}$, the diagonal of a square, comes and goes at your fingertips.

Artist Paula Beardell Krieg of Salem pioneered methods of making books and other folded wonders with children starting in late 1980s. She has been continually active teaching in classroom workshops in NYC and Upstate.



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