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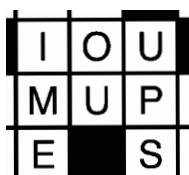
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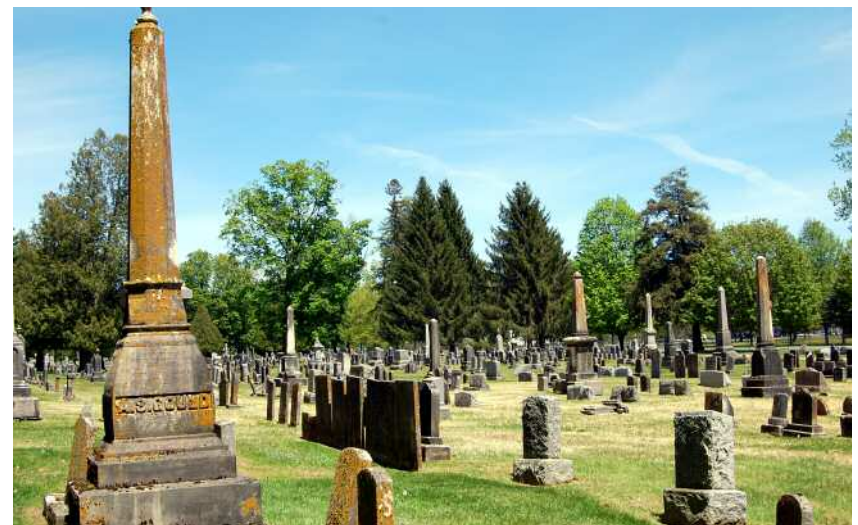
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## An undisturbed location

### A local book club finds socially distanced solitude in an historic cemetery.

Cambridge's Battenkill Books has a reading group that draws members from as far away as Vermont. And in this COVID-19 era, where could they all meet safely? How about beautiful and serene Woodland Cemetery? And this month's book? "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger, set in the summer of 1932 on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River.

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### A department store arrives

When Kmart left Greenwich over a year ago, the area had been left without a department store. Not anymore. The corporation behind Big Lots, a chain similar to Kmart, has refurbished and will take over the 26,882 square foot space that had been left behind. Big Lots plans some big events for October.

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## Village water study is set to begin

**Pam Fuller**  
*Journal & Press*

It's finally happening! The village-wide water project is about to begin.

For the past couple of years, the Village Board has been immersed in discussing and planning our upcoming water project, and we are really excited to report that the funding we had anticipated came through. The project is about to start.

Starting very soon — we hope by late October — water customers throughout the Village and all of our out-of-village accounts will be getting new, twenty-first century water meters. This has been a long time coming, since we have been trying to replace them for the past four years. The current meters have been used since the 1980s, when the Village made the transition to collecting readings from outside the buildings. They are obsolete and can't be replaced because they aren't being manufactured any longer.

How will this work affect residents? First, each customer will be contacted by a representative of the installation company that the Village will hire to do the work. These consultants will go to each residence in order to physically change the meters. Each meter replacement will take just a short time — best case scenario will be about 15 minutes. The catch is that the workers will have to get into each residence; in order to do this they will need accurate phone numbers and/or email addresses so they can reach

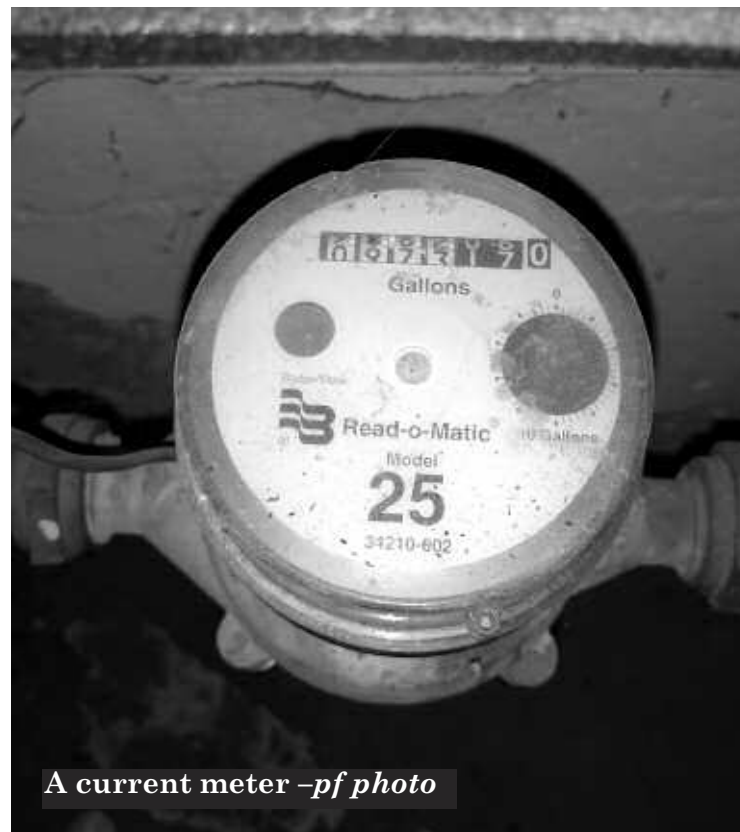
**'DPW will pick up readings by simply driving by.'**

the residents on their lists. The water bills that will be mailed in early October will include a form to residents to complete to give us current contact information.

Once we have the new meters installed, the DPW will pick up the readings by simply driving by with devices with special software, as other companies like National Grid do to collect their data. They will be able to quickly identify leaks since the drive-by collection method is so much faster than physically visiting every meter as they do now. The new meters will be much more accurate, too.

### Water Main Replacement

After the meters, the next big phase of water system improvement will be replacing water mains throughout the Village in places where the pipes are either too narrow or too old to provide enough water. The most critical water mains that need replacing have been identified, the engineering plans are close to final, and we are close to ready to solicit bids from construction companies for the work. We will be starting the work in the spring of 2021. This work will affect all residents since we'll be digging up the streets, so we know public access to an accurate schedule of work will be important. The Village will be scheduling a public meeting in mid-October to explain the up-



A current meter —*pf photo*

coming projects in detail. The time and place of the meeting will be announced soon.

In the spring when the work starts we'll dedicate a section of our website to provide updated real-time information as the project launches.

*Pam Fuller is Mayor of the Village of Greenwich.*



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# Greenwich house defaced, sign vandalized

Annabel Gregg  
*Journal & Press*

Two Greenwich homes were vandalized in the early hours of the morning on September 3rd. Luke Anderson, whose Salem Street home was targeted for the “Black Lives Matter” sign in the front window, called the police after realizing that someone had written a racial slur in spray-paint on his house. “I’m a little surprised that it took this long to get a sort of response [to the sign], but then again I’m surprised it happened at all, too,” said Anderson. He and his girlfriend had their window spray-painted black to cover up the sign, and also had the words “white n\*\*\*\*r” painted onto the front of their home.

The Casey family also had their property vandalized and trespassed on. “There was somebody that came onto the property at my house on 169 Main Street and spray painted the large Tedra Cobb sign in front,” explained Michael Casey. “They crossed out Tedra’s name and wrote ‘lies’ on both sides of the sign.”

Cambridge-Greenwich Police Sergeant Robert Danko confirmed that the incidences happened consecutively, both at around 5:30 a.m. on that morning. Danko said that the department is currently investigating the situation. The police are focusing mostly on locating and examining local security footage nearby the two homes that were vandalized. “We’re going around, trying to check any areas that have security footage [in the area]. We checked with the bank,” he said, referring to the nearby Trustco Bank on Main Street. Local businesses were also called for security footage.

As of this week, village police are still investigating. “We’ve interviewed villagers around the surrounding area, and are currently working on obtaining video from the surrounding area, [but] some of it requires subpoenas,” said Danko.

“I really just saw it as a civil rights issue,” said Anderson, referencing his support of the Black Lives Matter movement that has gained traction in the past couple months after the death of a Minnesota black man George Floyd. “But it’s become a lot more than that.” He said that Black Lives Matter “has become this divisive issue” and has caused more tension in his community than he had wanted to be a part of.

When asked if the incident will discourage him from keeping up the sign, Anderson said that it is likely. “Yeah, I think it will,” he said. The nature of the incident is what was most discouraging. “I’m

upset, I mean, it’s vandalism and it’s so blatantly racist.” Anderson said that he and his girlfriend had had the Black Lives Matter sign up in their window for around five months without any trouble, and the incident on the 3rd seemed out of the blue. “It’s just bizarre,” he commented.

One witness allegedly spotted the vandal in the early morning, but did not have a clear description and did not initially call the police. “The only description we have is an adult male subject with a bowl cut-style haircut,” explained Danko, although law enforcement is looking into further questioning the potential witness and looking deeper into the case.

“The frustrating part is that we can’t seem to catch them, I think it’s the same person from every year,” commented Danko. This is not the first time that a Tedra Cobb billboard has been vandalized. During the 2018 election cycle, the Casey residence had the exact same billboard spray-painted with the exact same message. “It really isn’t surprising because it happened last election cycle,” commented Casey.

“So far, we have not made a decision about what we want to do legally,” said Casey, but the family has not ruled out the possibility of taking legal action.

“We have the moral high ground in this case because we are willing to play a fair game and not take cheap shots,” commented Casey, referencing the political nature of the incident. He added that “you will not see us doing things intentionally to

**‘The only description we have is an adult male with a bowl-style haircut.’**

our opponents...we will play a fair game, that is truthful, loving and compassionate.”

The Elise Stefanik campaign was called to comment on the vandalizing of the Tedra Cobb sign at the Casey residence.

Supervisor Don Ward commented on the events the following morning in a statement, stating, “We must condemn these despicable acts in the strongest of terms.” Ward’s statement also mentioned two other unrelated incidences in Greenwich, including a “family who displayed a Trump flag before their home received an intimidating post



card addressed to ‘a traitor’” and that a Blue Lives Matter supporter was “almost hit by a car that drove onto the sidewalk.”

The Sergeant said the police are “welcoming anyone with any information to reach out to us; either phone calls or email.” The investigating officer of the vandalism case can be emailed at [ptldavis-flynn@cambridgeny.gov](mailto:ptldavis-flynn@cambridgeny.gov) with any tips.

## Letter to the Editor:

I’ve lived in Greenwich for nearly 40 years and never have I been so proud of my fellow townspeople as I was on Saturday, September 5th, at noon. Gathered in Mowry Park were dozens of people standing in silent support of the Black Lives Matter movement for social justice and equity.

Despite it being a perfect late summer day on a long holiday weekend, villagers joined together in immediate response to vitriolic hate crimes that occurred two days earlier in the heart of the village, obvious to all who passed.

I believe that to name these crimes anything other than hate crimes is a mistake. From the on-line research I’ve done since the incidents, there seem to be several appropriate charges that could be brought including: possession of graffiti instruments, criminal trespass, criminal mischief, and aggravated harassment.

I hope that village and town officials will take these incidents, for there were at least two, seriously and support prosecution of the perpetrator(s) to the fullest extent of the law. Greenwich, as the signs read, is no place for hate. —Marilyn (Mimi) Boyd

## If you can't beat them, join them

**Kate Sausville**  
*Journal & Press*

Whether we want it or not, fall is here. I have noticed the leaves changing colors from summer green to brilliant shades of gold, crimson, and orange for a few weeks now. The nights are getting noticeably cooler and the daytime temperatures are milder. My hummingbird feeder has been busy with the birds drinking nectar to gear up for their annual trek to Mexico, or the Caribbean. The divisive Pumpkin Spice has made its autumnal comeback. Pumpkin Spice coffee, baked goods, and even beer dominate the market shelves. Another sure sign of the season is that beautiful yellow school bus pulling up to our door. I'm sure a lot of families have enjoyed that sight this week.

I have noticed that decorating for fall has become a popular trend. As a child I remember we put out a jack o' lantern during the week of Halloween, but with five children I'm fairly certain my mother was not out gathering corn

stalks, hay bales, and scarecrows to create fall ambiance. In any case I dug out my fall wreath from the basement to hang on the front door and changed out my summer flowers for mums. More than that I am not prepared to do quite yet, though a visit to Herringtons pumpkin patch will be forthcoming.

One of our favorite things to do in the fall is to go apple picking. We are fortunate to be surrounded by several apple orchards in Southern Washington county. Aside from delicious apples, each has various entertainment options such as wagon rides, petting zoos, corn mazes, and live music. I love apples the way Bubba Gump loves shrimp, and I can rattle off as many different ways to enjoy them also. Apple pie, apple cake, apple crisp, apples and caramel, apple bread, baked apples... You get the picture. One of the easiest recipes I make is a slow cooker applesauce. This is a nice recipe to make with children. If you have a peeler and corer, they can help with that, as well as adding the



spice, sugar, and water to the slow cooker. The only drawback is that your house smells amazing all day and you wind up eating the entire time to ward off the tummy rumbles. Or maybe that's just me?

### Slow Cooker Applesauce

*3 lbs. apples (any variety)*

*½ cup water*

*1 tablespoon lemon juice*

*½ cup sugar (optional)*

*Cinnamon (optional)*

1. Peel and core apples, chop into about 1-inch pieces.
2. Add them to the slow cooker with all other ingredients.
3. Cook on low for 4-6 hours.
4. Puree the applesauce if you prefer a smoother sauce (optional)
5. Enjoy!

This recipe can be canned (follow safe canning procedure) and makes great gifts.

Fall is a great time to check out and support our local business. Before you go remember to check out their Facebook pages (or call ahead) for the latest updates and new COVID protocols.

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**Hick's Orchard** is located at 18 Hicks Road in Granville.

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



## Legion Riders fundraiser

Sgt. Frederick Mausert Chapter, American Legion Riders of Cambridge, NY, have rescheduled their Spring fundraiser for the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad for Saturday October 3, 2020.

The original date in May was scrubbed because of COVID.

"Turns out it was fortunate that we rescheduled anyway," said Chapter Secretary Lance Allen Wang, "Since it snowed on the May morning that we had originally planned!"

The Second Annual Cambridge Valley Rescue Ride will start at the American Legion in Cambridge, with sign-in beginning at 9:30am.

Donations are \$20 per motorcycle, and \$5 per passenger.

"The October date should be great," added Wang, "It's a scenic ride, and if we get to see some fall colors, all the better."

# Big Lots to open Oct. 10

The corporate folks at Big Lots sent us this press release:

“Big Lots is excited to announce the grand opening of its newest store in Greenwich, New York on Saturday, October 10. This store will reflect a new format, which is part of a broader initiative of bringing savings with surprises in every re-designed aisle while offering trustworthy value and friendly service. Plus, October 10-October 17, customers will receive a coupon for \$10 off \$40 upon check out to use towards a future Big Lots purchase!

“We are excited to introduce our new store format to Greenwich,” stated Joice Wirkus, senior vice president, marketing at Big Lots. “This redesign brings to life our new brand traits and showcases our assortment of affordable solutions in Furniture, Seasonal, Home, Food, and

Consumables. We carry big brands like Broyhill, Sealy, and Ashley Furniture in addition to household essentials like Charmin, Clorox, Tide, Frito-Lay, Coca-Cola, and Pepsi. We are also very proud to serve alongside the Greenwich community and want our customers to know that we are continuing to invest in bringing them the best shopping experience.”

“At 26,882 square feet, the new store, located at 1251 State Route 29, Greenwich, NY 12834, will be a showcase for the continued roll out of a new store layout and design across all Big Lots stores, both in new builds as well as in redesigns at existing locations.”

The new store will replace a Kmart that had been in the Greenwich Plaza up until 2019.



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# Cobb campaigns for healthcare, environment

**Annabel Gregg**  
*Journal & Press*

Tedra Cobb is facing an election for the ages, as campaigns across the country grapple with the challenges posed by the coronavirus crisis. Cobb is vying for the 21st Congressional seat in New York that has been held by Congresswoman Elise Stefanik since 2015. As the election race heats up, *The Journal & Press* wanted to sit down with the Democratic candidate and learn why she's running for Congress, what she stands for, and who Cobb really is.

Cobb has an interesting and expansive background in public service that spans nearly 30 years. "As a firefighter, I started my public service career. That experience taught me a lot about what it means to serve my community," explains the St. Lawrence native. "When an alarm goes off, you don't stop to ask is there a Democrat or a Republican in the house, you just go and you put the fire out." That sort of thinking launched her into a career of public service, eventually going on to serve as a St. Lawrence County Legislator until 2010. During that time, Cobb and her colleagues "were able to do some really amazing things together. We passed a tough ethics law, we lowered the cost of prescription drugs, and we helped seniors with home needing assistance," she recounts.

But what Cobb says was her initial drive to run in 2018, and again this election, was her family. "In 2015, my daughter was diagnosed with something called degenerative disc disease, which basically meant that she couldn't stand or walk," she explains. "It was pretty darn terrifying, but one of the things we were lucky about is that we had insurance through my job.

So Ada, my daughter, got the surgery that she needed. But when Cobb lost her job a month later, she also lost her insurance, something her family heavily relied on. "That's not a story that is unusual here in the North Country," she says.

Healthcare is now one of Cobb's most important campaign issues. Her personal experiences in healthcare are compounded by her professional background. She has served on a domestic violence board and other healthcare boards, and started a community healthcare agency in St. Lawrence county.

Cobb's campaign goals are seriously focused on healthcare equity. "I'm going to fight for social security and make sure that it's not gutted or gambled on the stock market. I'm going to lower the cost of prescription drugs," she says. "How do I get to know what people want other than having conversations with them? I've spent 30 years working to improve access to healthcare. So healthcare is sort of my background and my passion," she explains. Cobb says that in her conversations with people in the area, healthcare is "the number

**'I'm going to support fully funding the EPA.'**

one issue we hear about, across the board. Whether it's insurance or whether it's access to medicine or counselors."

Another important aspect of Cobb's platform is the environment. She mentions how whenever she talks to young people, it's the environment that's most important. I'm a fierce advocate for the environment. I believe in science-



**Tedra Cobb**

based decision making. I'm going to support fully funding the EPA. I'm going to make sure that things like the Scientific Integrity Act pass so that scientists can do what they do best, and stop subsidies for fossil fuels."

Cobb and her family have had solar panels on their house since it was built in 1993. "Living off the grid, I try to live those environmental values. I had no running water for 11 years because we were very early adopters of solar. A lot of changes have been made – good changes toward the future." Cobb even produces enough solar to change the way she travels. "I have a car, and I plug in my car, and I'm able to run my car off my solar because I produce enough energy!"

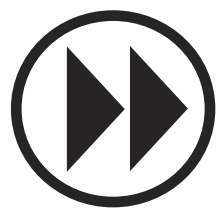
On a personal note, Cobb cares about her family, her home, and being involved in her community. "I'm married," she says, referencing her husband Scott, who is the current President of Northern

Lights Energy, a solar energy company. She and Scott have two kids together.

"I have a garden again. My husband was an organic farmer when we were married, and this is the first year we've had a garden in a few years because my kids left and went to college," she says. "I've canned some salsa again and done some of the things that I think are really unique about the North County. We love food, we love the land."

Another fun fact: she's bilingual. "I speak Spanish. I teach English, I've taught English as a second language. That's something that I really love. When I was working in prison, I was working with people who didn't speak English."

Just like any candidate rolling through this election cycle, the Cobb campaign has done what it can to not only adjust to the challenges posed by COVID-19, but to thrive within it.



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Fighting to represent the 21st district of New York, one of the biggest geographic Congressional districts in the country, Tedra's campaign in 2018 was focused on reaching as many people in each corner of the district with in-person events, meet and greets, and more. But, "in March, we really made sure that we put people's health and safety first. So we pulled our volunteers out of the field to keep them safe," she explains. With COVID making it nearly impossible to get face-to-face with voters, the campaign has turned to other socially-distanced and virtual alternatives to connect with voters.

One method is through upping their phone-banking. "It's important for me to connect with people, to listen to what people's needs are, and to fight for them like I've fought for my own family here," she explains. According to Cobb, the campaign has made approximately 1.5 million calls since April, and is expecting to call thousands more in their Weekend of Action, specifically targeting younger and elderly voters.

"COVID has changed the campaigning, so we've had to really reach people in their homes," says Cobb. Interpersonal connections were also an important target of the phone-banking. "We made about 5,000 senior-to-senior calls [in April]. We had a lot of people on the campaign that were worried about friends and family, so we used our

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infrastructure just to check in on people. And of course we used our website to make sure resources were available to people."

Another is creativity with the types of events the campaign puts on and their accessibility. Zoom is of course utilized to get in touch with

voters in a safe way. For example, Cobb's campaign hosted "an 'Ask the Doctor' Zoom event, because so many people didn't really understand COVID" in the early months of pandemic confusion. "We had a healthcare roundtable, we've had a veterans' round table," she adds.

"We're using every technique we can to make sure we're reaching people where they are, and that we're there to listen to their concerns," says the candidate.

At home and on the virtual and semi-in-person campaign trail, Cobb hopes to put her small town values at the forefront of her agenda. She is hoping to shake things up in Washington, represent the North Country, and continue her fight for adequate health care access.

"So that's why I'm here. I'm running for families like mine. I know what it's like to fight for your kid and your family, and I plan to fight for North Country families like I'd fight for my own."

*Tedra Cobb is running to represent the 21st Congressional District in the November 3rd elections.*

# A letter from Greenwich Materials

**Dear Residents of Greenwich and the Local Surrounding Areas,**

I would like to address some misstatements that have been circulated and published regarding our newly established business, Greenwich Materials.

First, I would like to address the rumor that we are 'out of towners'. Three generations of my family currently live here including my husband and I. My family came to Greenwich in 1974. My father was president of Stevens & Thompson Paper Company. My brother worked there during school breaks. My father and mother still live in Greenwich. My sister who lives here had a local business for over 30 years. My nephew graduated from Greenwich High School. He recently built a home in Greenwich and plans to raise a family here. I was a court clerk for Judge Laura Taylor. I was a member of the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce. My husband and I were married in the Greenwich town office 17 years ago. In addition to the property where Greenwich Materials is located, we have other local property that was purchased in 1999 and is still leased out to a local farmer and to a local excavator.

We currently live at the property where Greenwich Materials is located. The property that we own in Avon, Connecticut, is currently on the market. We used it due to my husband having a job in Connecticut that required his physical presence at the office. We were there during the week and in Greenwich on the weekend. Since he now works remotely, we are selling that property and are currently living full time in Greenwich.

My husband and I have supported our local community by hosting events at our Polo Club business for ASA (Agricultural Stewardship Association), the Salem, Cambridge and Greenwich Chambers of Commerce, Salem Art Works, NYS Tourism, Hubbard Hall and fundraising to build the Salem Fire Department.

We employed many local neighbors for the past 12 years including carpenters, roofers, painters, landscapers, local seed and fertilizer

companies, farmers who lease portions of our 100 acres of land, people who have fed and cared for our animals and a neighbor who collected maple syrup from our trees.

We bought the current parcel where Greenwich Materials is located from the Greens. This parcel is adjacent to the polo club business and the former Tracy Materials gravel mine, which had been in existence for over 30 years. Having bought this property for the sole purpose of developing a gravel operation, we conducted a title search to ensure the mineral rights were in order. We found the Greens had previously sold the mineral rights for the property to an out of state shale gas fracking company which involves injecting chemicals into the groundwater to extract gas and has detrimental impact on the environment. So we had to delay the closing on the property for several months and undertake efforts to determine that those rights had been terminated.

**'We have invested in renovating our facility to allow for social distancing events; an adjustment to our business model in the "new normal."**

At the July public hearings, the Planning Board was presented with photographs of Native American Indian artifacts claiming they were found on the property where the business is to be conducted. Upon further investigation by the Planning Board it was confirmed that those artifacts were not from the property.

There have been misstatements that the polo club is no longer in business and that there will be a quarry at the polo club. The polo club business is a currently operating local small business, which offers vacation rentals and a polo venue. We are proud of the fact that we have respectable revenues, which have increased year over year for the last 3 years gen-

erating tax revenue for the town and providing job opportunities for the local community. While this year has been difficult for us given the COVID crisis impacting travel and tourism related businesses, we have invested in renovating our facility to allow for social distancing events; an adjustment to our business model in the "new normal." We also had polo games this year without spectators. There is no mining or quarry at the polo club. The gravel mining will occur in a 14.6-acre envelope of the 32.3-acre parcel behind the polo club. Only five acres will be mined and reclaimed at a time. The mining envelope is a field surrounded by mature forest, which provide a buffer and the mining area cannot be seen from route 29.

I am proud of the multi-year efforts we undertook subsequent to purchase of the property from the Greens to obtain a mining permit from the Department of Environmental Conservation, which is the highest authority on environmental preservation. Anyone who has family in our local community should welcome a small business which will grow Greenwich. I firmly believe that economic development is key to addressing the socio-economic problems of our town and I am proud to contribute as a local small business owner.

This year also marks the centennial celebrations of Susan B. Anthony who spent her formative years in Greenwich. I am inspired by her and proud that we have a local materials business owned and run by a woman. I thank all our local supporters and I look forward to serving the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Laurel Cole

Owner, Greenwich Materials



# Planning Board will visit proposed mine site

**Annabel Gregg**  
*Journal & Press*

The Greenwich Town Planning Board continued their discussion on the proposed Special Use Permit 2019-03 for the Christie Road sand and gravel mine on Thursday, Sept. 10. Although no definitive decisions were made at the workshop meeting, the mining permit applicants Greenwich Materials said that if the permit were approved, proceedings could begin as soon as this fall.

Although with a significantly smaller public attendance than the tense public hearing in August, some members of the public and petitioner Greenwich Materials did attend.

The Board focused the workshop in regard to the provisions in Local Ordinance 190-32 and answering some of the questions posed by residents at the prior hearing. Eventually they decided that it was necessary to visit the mine site in person to learn more about the property and look deeper into the reasoning behind citizens' concerns. Decisions about the proposal will not be made until after the site visit this week, at the next meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

The Board was most concerned about whether or not they had legal grounds to deny the permit. One of the strongest points of contention was over Section A of the ordinance, stating that "operations in connection with the proposed use will not be objectionable to nearby properties by reason of noise, fumes, vibration, illumination or other potential nuisance."

A resident at the in-person portion of the meeting mentioned that this provision was reason enough to not allow the permit. "I think we proved that it is [objectionable]," she said, in reference to the dozens of concerned citizens at the prior public hearing.

"The issue isn't that that 100 people don't want it, that doesn't compel me. It's when one person finds it demonstrative...I've had a lot of people who have said that they're concerned about the noise and dust, but I'm not sure that that feeling is considered objectionable," said Chairman Bill Tomkins. The Board had previously discussed how dust, one of the biggest concerns brought up by the public, should not be a significant problem.

The Chairman doesn't see much to object to on the part of the Board, given the report submitted by engineer Ben Shubert on behalf of the mine was approved by the DEC. "To me, the simple fact is that I have an analysis that the DEC has accepted. It's the only facts that we have. It was a detailed study. Right or wrong, it's the only facts we have."

Some of the specific problems discussed included dust management at the mine, keeping mine operations at the proper distance from the edge of Whittaker Brook and other nearby wetlands, and traffic.

The Board assured that mine operations would keep the required 100-foot distance from Whittaker Brook, a nearby creek that many residents were worried about contamination. However, photographs and a closer examination of the distancing between the mine and the brook will be further inspected at the Board's site visit and reported back at the next meeting.

## **'Tomkins did float the option that the Board issues a permit only for the year; "to see how it works."**

With traffic, Board Member Jim Nolan suggested that there should be a report on the potential increase of trucks on the road. "The fact that [the mine] is bordering Route 29 and Christie Road, we have a figure given to us...it was 10 to 15 or 15 to 20 trucks. We may want to consider asking the petitioner to provide a traffic study...and the impact it would have on that road. I drove by there and 29 is a pretty hard road to come out on," said Nolan. Tomkins said that engineer Shubert had "already looked at it and had no problems with the access," but the general consensus was that "signage needs to be there" to ensure traffic safety.

One resident of the public did offer a comment regarding the worries about dust. "There's other mines in Greenwich, and how



many complaints do you get about those? The dust is really minimal, it really is."

Other residents were worried about dust "blowing down 29" and the environmental consequences a mine would have on air quality. "Any time there's a windy day, there's going to be dust blowing around, not just when machines are operating. If you're going to have an open pit mine, you're going to end up with tornadoic type action," one commenter said.

In terms of sound, Tomkins explained that noise pollution would only be significant during the "first three days of operation. The beginning of the year will be somewhat noisy, not terribly noisy. Day-to-day operation would not be outside of the ambient noise level...Plus there's the trees and the berm. Does that mean you won't hear it? No. What I learned from the sawmill" – a project that the Board recently issued a similar permit for – "is that the fact that it doesn't make more noise than a bird doesn't mean it sounds like a bird. But is it intrusive? No."

Tomkins did float the option that the Board issues a permit only for a year, to "see how it works," a method they have used in the past for unsure projects. However, no conclusion was reached on the permit decision. The board will meet again this week and will continue their discussion, although it is not clear if the permit will be approved or denied at this week's meeting.

# Book club finds an open space at cemetery

**Laura Carabello**  
*Journal & Press*

Woodland Cemetery, a not-for-profit historic cemetery located on 40+ acres in the Village of Cambridge, New York, recently served as a meeting point for the Battenkill Book Club, a free event sponsored monthly by Battenkill Books, a local, independent bookstore selling general interest, new books in the Battenkill Valley and offering a broad range of books from current bestsellers to the classics, and from history and romance to gardening and cooking. Connie Brooks, proprietor of the popular bookstore who selects the monthly book and conducts the meeting and Robert Wright, president of the Woodlands Cemetery board of directors, hosted the outdoor event on the cemetery lawn fronting the impressive vault just inside the cemetery gate.

“We are delighted to make this idyllic setting available to local clubs and organizations that need a space to meet – especially with the social-distancing issues still posing a challenge,” says Wright. “Each attendee brought a chair and everyone wore masks, making for a COVID-19 book club meeting that will be remain memorable. It was also my pleasure to open the vault and provide an opportunity for participants to see the 35 interior catacombs that are lit by two stained glass windows – ‘David the Shepherd Lad’ and ‘David the King’ from Tiffany Studios in New York City.”

The book club is free of charge and each one-hour monthly meeting draws adults from throughout the region, including Vermont and Washington County, NY. Brooks guides the discussion and facilitates commentary from the attendees.

The September book selection,

*This Tender Land*, by William Kent Krueger, was set in the summer of 1932 on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River. The Lincoln Indian Training School was a pitiless place where Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, were sent to be educated. Reviewers describe the book as “...an enthralling, bighearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole.”

Brooks explains, “Thanks to Bob Wright and Woodlands, we had a perfect pandemic-friendly setting for our meeting – which is an intimate group that seems to grow in size every month. I try to choose a novel that will stimulate thinking and provide an enjoyable read. Our ‘thumbs up/thumbs down’ polling at the beginning of each session sets the tone for the meeting and gives us all a sense of how the book was received. While we don’t always agree, it’s an opportunity for each

**‘It features large shade trees and a lovely view.’**

member to express his or her opinions – which we value.”

Brooks says that while Battenkill Books is temporarily closed to in-store browsing, it is still very much open. “We are still here to recommend books over the phone and take orders – with curbside pick-up, free delivery within the Village and shipping options. All forms of ordering are available except face-to-face. To order call 518-677-2515, email [orders@battenkillbooks.com](mailto:orders@battenkillbooks.com) or shop at [www.battenkillbooks.com](http://www.battenkillbooks.com).”

The Woodlands Cemetery 40+ acre property provided an ideal



**Bob Wright and Connie Brooks**

setting for the book club members since it features large shade trees, well-maintained driving and walking avenues, historic markers and a lovely view from the top of the hill. Wright points out that Woodlands must follow the rules of the NY State Division of Cemeteries and the directive that only the interest of the cemetery trust fund may be used for maintenance.

“With the drop in interest rates,

our funds have become limited,” says Wright. “We need to boost our revenues to meet the demands of upkeep. Bottom line is we need donations and urge everyone to consider a donation – visit the website at [www.woodlandscemetery.org](http://www.woodlandscemetery.org) or email [contact@woodlandscemetery.org](mailto:contact@woodlandscemetery.org). We can’t do this without your help and need money to maintain the lawns, drives and paths so that people can enjoy the grounds and bury their loved ones here.”



**The vault**



## A one-sided job fair

**Cody Fitzgerald**  
*Journal & Press*

If you're like me, you're nearing college age, thinking about a career and you don't really understand reproduction. Today we're going to focus on the middle one (we'll get into what I perceive as the birds and bees at another time). A lot of people are thinking about the careers they want to pursue, which is the first step in realizing we're all going to die one day, and that we're treading into settling-down-and-never-really-being-happy territory. I recently started working, and I won't disclose the company's name because, to put it bluntly, I don't want to make them have to publicly associate with me. I did want to try

and get a job that was somewhat related to the career I want to get into, but Chuck E. Cheese has fallen on hard times. That being said, I've gotten a taste of working and it's inspired me to at least brush upon what could be a very important topic for a lot of people. Here are a few career options to explore:

**Bank Teller** – You can't be afraid of people in masks anymore.

**Liberal Arts Major** – Express yourself with crippling student loans.

**Work for Amazon** – Jeff Bezos will spare you enough money from his \$192 billion to buy yourself a nice iPhone case off Amazon after a few years of work.

**Greeting Cards** – You know, those “Happy Birthday,” “Congratulations,” “I Want A Divorce” cards? People can't always see each other nowadays and this is a good last resort. It's a booming industry.

**Run for President** – You can't be worse.

**Facebook Fact Checker** – Cut out the middle man and just shut down the entire company.

**Work for Pringles** – Destroy them from within.

**Become an Instagram Influencer** – This is where the joke should end.

**Actor, Paleontologist or Masseuse** – No one told you life

was gonna be this way, your job's a job, you're broke, your love life's DOA.

**Get your own TV Show** – Have a lot of kids, TLC will be knocking on your door the next morning.

There you have it, just a few of many suggestions. Remember, whatever you choose to pursue isn't about money. It's about power.

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



## Op-Ed

# Washington County must stand up to hate

**Robin Lyle**  
*Chair of the Issues Committee  
Washington County Democratic  
Committee*

At a meeting of its Executive Committee September 9, the Washington County Democratic Committee issued the following statement on discrimination and social justice:

Washington County, New York, has a history of standing up against discrimination in all forms, from nurturing Susan B. Anthony, who fought for women's rights, to the 123rd NY Infantry Regiment, mustered in Salem in 1862, which fought valiantly against slavery, incurring many casualties. The Underground Railroad ran through Washington County, residents courageously sheltering runaways

from the southern states.

Many residents of Washington County, in response to the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and too many other tragedies involving law enforcement, have honored our civil rights forebears by marching and peacefully demonstrating in support of the grass-roots Black Lives Matter call for racial justice. At the State level, Governor Cuomo has issued Executive Order 203 which requires local police departments to engage their communities in developing a plan to address racial bias. While some will unfortunately always characterize such efforts as anti-police, we believe this is an opportunity for our valued police to engage with community members to build partnerships that will improve life for all.

The Washington County Democratic Committee believes that in these times, we must reaffirm our commitment to treating people fairly, notwithstanding their race, religion, ethnicity, color, sex, disability, gender identity, economic status, or sexual orientation. As Democrats, we take pride in our heritage of fighting for equal rights for all. We are proud to recall that in response to the efforts of robust protests, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 were spearheaded by Democrats, with the active support of many Republicans in the U.S. Senate in an era of bipartisanship that now seems almost unattainable.

We strongly support the efforts of our residents demonstrating for racial justice, and of local police de-

partments in their reform efforts. We all share major concerns about drug abuse and the opioid epidemic, mental illness, domestic violence and homelessness, things our police face every day on the front lines. They do so even though they may be less than ideally trained or equipped to address them. The current focus on police reform is essential, and we must all commit to challenging systemic racism and discrimination wherever and whenever it appears.

The Executive Committee of the Washington County Democratic Committee reaffirms our Party's long history of defending and ensuring equality, equal justice and opportunity for all, and combating discrimination in all its forms.

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# Free college lectures

SUNY Adirondack's Professional Development Committee announces its College Lecture Series, a free four-part program being offered by college faculty and staff via Zoom virtual presentation.

The series begins Sept. 23 and runs through Dec. 9, and features hourlong programs that include question-and-answer sessions at the end.

The Lecture Series kicks off with Dr. Evan Sullivan, a history instructor at SUNY Adirondack, discussing "**The Americans with Disabilities Act at 30: Historical Perspectives**" at 12:40 p.m. Sept. 23. Sullivan will examine the events leading up to President George H.W. Bush signing the Americans with Disabilities Act law into effect in 1990, the history of disabilities in America, how the ADA came to be and the challenges Americans with disabilities still face.

Sullivan earned a doctorate in history from University at Albany, where he studied gender, disability and war in the modern era. His research fo-

cuses on disabled veterans after World War I. He regularly contributes to Nursing Clio, an academic blog on which he publishes articles about the histories of medicine, disability and war.

The College Lecture Series continues with the following programs:

12:40 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21: "**First Artists: Cave and Rock Art of France, Spain and Beyond**," presented by Valerie Haskins, professor of Anthropology and Archaeology, via Zoom;

12:40 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11: "**What Are Concepts For? (Part 1)**" by Dr. Robert Faivre, professor of English, via Zoom;

12:40 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9: "**The Art of Unplugging: Promoting Literacy in the Natural World**" by Krista Rivera, instructor of English, via Zoom.

To receive a Zoom link for Sullivan's presentation Sept. 23, please email [cls@sunyacc.edu](mailto:cls@sunyacc.edu).

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# Salem organizations unite to feed area children

Six organizations came together to ensure thirty-six children would receive nutritious food throughout the summer. Food was provided by the Foodbank of Northeastern New York and the Salem Food Pantry. It was paid for by the Salem Rotary Club. Volunteers from the Battenkill Kitchen at the Historic Salem Courthouse Community Center and Salem High School students employed through LEAP (Learning-Employment-Assistance-Partnership) helped to pack the bags each week. Transportation via bus to the families

was provided by Salem Central School and paid for by the Historic Salem Courthouse Community Center. During these uncertain and financially stressful times, children in the area were not going hungry thanks to these generous organizations and volunteers.

Organizers offered a big thank you to the following for helping to initiate the program: Betty Dickson, Director of Children's Programs for the Regional Food Bank, Karrie Dunham, Gary Dunham and Lonnie Rasmussen of the Salem Food

Pantry, Dottie Schneider and Herb Perkins of the Salem Rotary Club and the Historic Salem Courthouse Community Center, Tom Rogers and Allyson Barber of Salem Rotary Club, Leeanna Pinkerton Barker, Kaia Haskell, Mackenzie Spencer, and Jack Thrasher, Salem High School students, Dr. David Glover, Superintendent of Salem Central School, Patty Burch of the Battenkill Kitchen at the Courthouse, Christine Michael of the Courthouse Community Garden and Janice Quartararo, Historic Salem Courthouse, Executive Director.



Volunteers preparing the packages

## Cool cats and kittens

Salem's Community Cats is hosting a fundraiser flea market and adoption event on Saturday, September 19th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 225 Main Street in Salem. Rain date is September 20th. Come browse wares for sale and check out our adoptable cats. Vendor spaces available, contact Salem's Community Cats on their

Facebook page or at [salemcats.com](http://salemcats.com) for info.



Merry

## On display in Salem

Katrin Waite has been chosen for an exhibition entitled "Everything Is Illuminated". The exhibit will be on display in the Historic Salem Courthouse Community Center's Great Hall now through October 22nd.

Of her work, Waite says: "With all the changes and pain we are going through on so many levels we learn to treasure what makes us who we are. We don't know yet what we are going to keep and take with us in the future. The future seems perilous. However, one thing is for sure: light is eternal. It gives us hope.

And time is always with us and carries us: our memories are valuable and rich. My art captures some of that."

This show is the second installment in the 2020 Great Hall Art Exhibit series presented by the Historic Salem Courthouse Community Center. This year's art series is focused on expanding the genres of art represented. The Courthouse is dedicated to providing a venue for artistic endeavors, craft making, and for unique educa-

tional experiences for our immediate and extended community.

Waite began to paint actively when she relocated from her native Germany to the United States in 2000. The colors of the American landscape and the subtleties of Native American art influenced her artwork deeply. Waite brings interactive perspectives, external layers, shapes, and memories to her work. Waite's art expresses deep-seated respect for nature and for cultures. The integration, the expression, the portrayal of these remains a challenging process that calls for the continuous transformation of perceptions and receptions. Waite's stories turn into a transcendent path to the individual background of the viewer.



"The Valley"

For years Waite worked primarily with acrylics, but as her paintings gained complexity the choice of media grew. Each theme, each motif, each issue called for its own approach, its own media to express it. That led her from acrylics to oil paint, to liquid metal, to mixed media, to rust. As this process unfolded, she introduced graphic elements into her paintings. Each work Waite approaches as a learning process and is careful to balance media and composition.

# Oscars add diversity requirement

Clayton Davis

Variety

Special to Journal & Press

The Oscars made a historic move when they announced their new inclusion requirements for best picture eligibility. For some, this was a welcomed change from the Academy, while others found it to be intrusive to the sanctity of movies and the stories that people want to tell.

For people like me, it was the single bravest act I've witnessed from an awards body that I've loved my entire life. As a Latino/Black man from an inner-city community, who has often felt like he didn't belong in this very arena, it was by far the most appreciated gesture. It encapsulated the example of the change that people in the street have been asking for since the murder of George Floyd.

I'm not comparing the murder of an innocent man to a few actors getting a part in a movie; I'm referring

to those with the capacity to undo the wrongs, to actually undo them. It's about the systemic and alienating structure that is built, not "broken." To say it's "broken" is to say that it was initially constructed correctly, inclusively. It was not. The system must be reformed, molded and adjusted to a world that is drastically more diverse.

There are many filmmakers, producers and studio executives that are not pleased with the announcement. Actress Kirstie Alley shared on Twitter, "this is a disgrace to artists everywhere...can you imagine telling Picasso what had to be in his f—ing paintings."

The Academy isn't telling Picasso what to put in his paintings. Still, if he wants to submit his artwork for an Oscar, he's got to use more vibrant colors or invite a local young painter to watch his process so that perhaps one day when Picasso is dead and gone, this young observer — who's

been watching him for all these years — can grab his own canvas and draw a picture.

We have many masters in our industry, from Steven Spielberg to Quentin Tarantino to Roger Deakins. These icons won't live forever. It is their responsibility to take their knowledge and bestow it to the next generation. This doesn't mean they invite the nephew of the studio head, who already has ample opportunity to follow him on set. It's time for Hollywood to step outside of itself and look beyond the Sherman Oaks, Brentwood and Beverly Hills zip codes for their next proteges.

The arts are the most undervalued and underfunded items in our education system. When budgets are cut in schools, the arts are first on the chopping block. Here's a gentle reminder for Hollywood. There are places all over this country where a teenager has never seen a theater stage before or has no idea what a cinematographer is or does. You have been afforded one of the most unusual professions that exist. You express your deepest, most personal feelings on the world and share that with millions.

If you're Warner Bros., one of the largest, most profitable studios in the world, you must create a paid apprenticeship and internship opportunity for women, POC, LGBTQ+ and people with disabilities. Along with that, you're also training and providing potential skills to new crew members. Do you have the younger versions of Chloé Zhao, Bradford Young, Joi McMillon and Mica Levi in your midst, partaking in your process?

I just painted a picture for you, and "The Departed" is now eligible for best picture under this model. You didn't change a single thing about the film. It still wins the Oscar, and you now have a pipeline of new innovative talent that is going to make you a lot more successful.



The Oscars are not a requirement to make art. Art is a requirement for the Oscars. There are still 22 out of 23 categories where you are eligible without having to change anything. I'm unsure if it fits under this model, but the headlines at the end of the evening on Feb. 29, 2004, would have been very interesting if they read "The Return of the King' Goes 10 for 10 and Not Best Picture." My instinct says you want to be on the right side of history on this one.

The initial and natural go-to analysis of the Academy's announcement was going to be, "How many films would have met the criteria in the past 92 years?" In the last 20 years, and without actively going through financial documents, the initial estimate seems to be probably no film would have been excluded by these new standards. There are some that can surely be questioned such as "The Departed," "The King's Speech" and "The Artist." You can also investigate some closer calls like "A Beautiful Mind," "Million Dollar Baby," "No Country for Old Men" and "Spotlight," but this looks to not change the makeup of the last 20 years.

How about we revisit this conversation on March 15, 2021, the day the Oscar nominations are announced? I am currently predicting and believe the Academy has an opportunity to nominate two women in best director, for the first time in the 92-year history: Regina King ("One Night in Miami") and Zhao ("Nomadland"). Let's see, without having your hands forced, if you can think outside the box.

Until then, history has its eyes on you.

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# The pandemic measured in coffee cups

Greg Schwem

*Special to Journal & Press*

The now infamous Quarantine of 2020 never had an official start date. Unlike Dec. 25, July 4, Feb. 14 and other calendar days synonymous with celebratory events, the world didn't simultaneously lock its doors on one particular day and fire up Netflix.

Was it March 16? March 27? Did you hold out until early April before realizing that, because your favorite sports team was canceling its season and your beloved restaurant was locking its doors, maybe you should take this Anthony Fauci guy seriously?

For me, the quarantine began the day my wife returned from Costco, presented me with a 45-ounce container of Dunkin Donuts Medium Roast Original Blend coffee and said, "That ought to hold you."

Her shopping run also contained the items Americans were grabbing as if the doors to a Brink's truck had just flung open at 65 miles per hour, scattering \$100 bills on the interstate. Toilet paper, sanitizing wipes and gargantuan containers of condiments vied for space inside her SUV. Should an asteroid smash into our home anytime soon, what's left of my body will be coated in salsa.

The label on the Dunkin Donuts java monstrosity stated I should be able to brew 150 cups. As someone who limits his caffeine intake to one cup of coffee per day, and occasionally skips the beverage altogether in favor of tea or water, I calculated that I should be set for five months.

"Where will I be in five months?" I remember asking myself as I opened the container and scooped the first grounds into my office coffee maker. Surely, I'll be traveling again, spending nights in myriad hotels as I've been doing for the last 25 years due to my profession as a corporate comedian and keynote speaker. With so much time away from my home office, it might be upward of a year before I needed to replenish my coffee supply, I estimated.

Yesterday, while preparing my lone cup, the coffee measuring scoop touched plastic. That's right, I was approaching the bottom. And, as the coffee brewed, I realized how little had changed from the day I opened the container.



There have been no plane trips or hotel stays. The only change to my morning routine was that I replaced the coffee maker's charcoal filter after about the 60th cup. Five months after the country shut down, give or take a week, our routines have become so singular that we struggle to remember what they were like pre-pandemic.

Many of us can't remember the last time we packed a suitcase. Bellied up to a bar. Visited

**'Many of us can't remember the last time we packed a suitcase.'**

a hair salon. Went to our closet and picked out a suit and tie or a cocktail dress. Hell, I can't remember the last time I wore pants. Chalk that up to an inordinately warm Chicago summer and the fact that Zoom meetings and Skype video chats only require me to look presentable from the shoulders up.

And yet, I now consistently remember tasks that slipped my mind pre-quarantine. Watering flowers for instance. In previous summers, I would sometimes arrive home to dried up geraniums, as I erroneously assumed they could tough it out for 48 or 72 hours. Not so this year. Each day, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. they receive a drenching and

have never looked better.

I walk the dog more, change the bed sheets more often and scrub my bathroom sink more frequently. I cook more, exercise more and watch more television.

Were COVID-19 to be eradicated from the earth tomorrow, I wonder how much of my new routine would remain. Would I return to neglecting the dog and the flowers? Or would I figure out some way to merge my pre- and post-pandemic lives?

Like the rest of the world, I am anxiously awaiting that day. In the meantime, I had better replenish my coffee supply.

Being an optimist, I'm going to stay away from Costco.

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



## Mansion BBQ

The Knickerbocker Mansion is having an Autumn Chicken Barbecue Take-out Dinner on Saturday, September 26, from 4:30 – 6 p.m. The address is 132 Knickerbocker Road, Schaghticoke. What's Cookin'? A barbecued half-chicken; a baked potato; squash, cabbage salad, a roll, and apple crisp for dessert! Price \$15. Reservations must be made by Saturday, September 19. Call 518 588-7130 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Please remember this is a take-out dinner – no seating will be available owing to COVID-19 concerns. All proceeds will benefit the Knickerbocker Historical Society.

## Register with TasteNY

The Virtual Taste NY Producer Showcase, scheduled for October 27 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., is now accepting online applications for potential vendors and buyers. The first of its kind, virtual food and beverage show, is being hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Washington County and the Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce & CVB in partnership with Taste NY.

The two-hour event will utilize Webex, an interactive video conferencing platform that will enable vendors to present their product and tell the story of their company in a virtual format. Buyers and vendors will have the ability to communicate via a chat feature immediately following each presentation to discuss pricing or offer additional information. In addition to the virtual presentations, both buyers and vendors will receive an electronic directory of all participants before the event so that they can be both prepared and follow along easily during this fast-paced virtual food show.

### Vendor Registration

Potential vendors of the

Showcase should be New York food and beverage producers who are seeking to expand their reach in the marketplace and gain exposure with new buyers. Vendors must register online at [www.lakegeorgechamber.com/tasteny](http://www.lakegeorgechamber.com/tasteny) by September 25. Registration is \$15, and the event will be capped at 50 vendors, so early registration is encouraged.

Registration will provide access to the full list of buyers participating in the event and allow each vendor two minutes to present their products. Vendors will also be offered a free marketing webinar in advance of the event date where they will learn how to develop a fast-pitch to highlight their products.

### Buyer Registration

Buyers are also required to register. Retailers, restaurants, grocers, specialty markets, schools, institutions and distributors are encouraged to participate. Registration for buyers is \$5 to participate and buyers are required to submit an online application at [www.lakegeorgechamber.com/tasteny](http://www.lakegeorgechamber.com/tasteny) by October 20.

## Swam Lake George

The Lake George Historical Association will host a day-long “meet-the-writer book launch” on Saturday, September 26, from 10-3 for “Called by the Water: When Diane Struble Swam Lake George,” written by Struble’s daughter, Gwenne Rippon.

The author will be available to sign books and answer questions. This event will be held outside under the museum tent on the Old Courthouse grounds, 290 Canada Street and is free

to the public. Masking and social distancing will be required as per NYS law. There will be an open mic throughout the day for speakers who remember Struble’s 1958 historic swim.

At the opening event on 9/26 the LGHA will offer an introductory book price of \$12 plus tax. If you cannot make this event, but you would like copies of the book, send \$12.84 per copy and include your address and \$3 for postage to the LGHA, Box 472, Lake



Gwenne Rippon

George, NY 12845, or call the museum answering machine at 518-668-5044 to reserve your copy for pick up at the book launch on Saturday, Sept. 26.

## Fantastic Food Trucks return to Fairgrounds

East hearty on Fridays September 18th through October 2nd at the Washington County Fairgrounds for the final installment of the Fantastic Food Truck Corral on Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m.

Each Friday, the fairgrounds will be welcoming food vendors from around the area for an evening of good food and local music that you can enjoy at one of the Fairgrounds’ socially distanced picnic tables, bring your own chair or blanket, or take your food to go!

To ensure everyone's safety masks are required to visit the food truck event as well as maintaining six feet of social distancing from fellow food patrons and vendors. Handwashing stations with water and soap and hand sanitizer dispensers will be available throughout the corral for all to use throughout the event.

These will be the final weekends for the Food Truck Corral – don't miss out on getting your final funnel cake fix of 2020!





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# Retire smart

**Jill Schlesinger**

*Special to Journal & Press*

It's been six months since the financial fallout from COVID-19 infected the U.S. economy. During this time, I have heard from thousands of you, some who are still struggling with a financial crisis. Many others are okay, but need guidance on how to navigate various money issues. Here are my six financial lessons (so far) from the pandemic.

**Lesson 1: Go Back to Basics.** When dark times loom, it's best to get back to basics. Start by assessing cash flow: what's coming in and more importantly, what's going out. Never has it been more important for everyone to get comfortable with electronic bill paying, tax filing and record keeping.

**Lesson 2: Negotiate, Negotiate, Negotiate.** If You Don't Ask, You Don't Get. If you're struggling with bills, let your lenders know and negotiate with them. You have more con-

trol than you think you do, so don't be intimidated by large institutions or small-time landlords.

**Lesson 3: Seek Help.** Yes, state and federal government programs can be rife with bureaucracy and yes, it may take hundreds of persistent phone calls, but those who toiled often found meaningful financial help by sticking with it. If you are truly suffering, don't be ashamed to seek the counsel of a bankruptcy attorney, who can advise you when it's time to make that difficult decision.

**Lesson 4: Review (But Don't Touch) Your Investments.** The past six months have been a prime example of why timing the market does not work. Back in March, many of you were tempted to throw in the towel and bail out of your investments. Those who were wise enough to fight those emotions and sit still were rewarded with a rapid recovery.

**Lesson 5: You Can Save More Than You Thought.** COVID-19 has

provided a crash course in just how much money is available to save. Gone are the days when cash flow categories like restaurants, clothing and travel are deemed "essential". This is not to say that you should live like you are under lock down forever, but the period has been instructive, when it comes to squirreling away money.

**Lesson 6: You Are Not Alone.** In March, I shifted my podcast from a twice a week schedule to a daily one. I did so because so many of you were worried about stabilizing your finances, protecting your nest eggs, and mostly because you were in need of financial therapy. It's tough making rational choices during uncertain times. When fear kicks in, some of you felt like you must do something, anything, to protect yourselves. Others became immobilized by fear and inertia and needed someone to nudge you along.

I have been honored to be a person who was able to acknowledge your emotions and affirm that it's okay to feel them. I have also been happy to give readers, listeners and viewers a

friendly nudge to make money moves that are in your best interest, and maybe even a kick in the rear for those who have felt stuck. We're all entitled to our freak outs and a little bit of time sitting on the pity-pot. But we also need to take smart actions to see ourselves through crises, and to position ourselves to thrive during the eventual recovery.

In March, I changed my podcast outro. I hope the first part becomes unnecessary in the future, but perhaps the second part will remain as a positive mantra from the pandemic: "Wash your hands, wear your masks, and maintain your social distancing. LIFT SOMEONE UP...DO SOMETHING NICE FOR SOMEONE ELSE...PUT YOUR HANDS (METAPHORICALLY) ON SOMEONE'S BACK...IT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER."

*Jill Schlesinger, CFP, is a CBS News business analyst.*



# A chatty co-worker

**Daneen Skube**

*Special to Journal & Press*

**Q:** *Now that most of my meetings are on the computer I am noticing one member of my team cannot shut up. He monopolizes meetings, and monologues endlessly. I've tried changing the topic, or interrupting him but nothing works. He always talked too much but now we cannot get our work done. How do I shut him up?*

**A:** You'll be able to shut him up if you realize your master of the meeting monologue is talking because he's anxious. If you understand the emotional root of annoying office behavior you have a prayer of stopping the behavior. You need to address his anxiety by paraphrasing him and asking for his help.

Any compulsive activity where we

do too much of anything is based in fear. Moreover, people that engage in obsessive behavior struggle with shame that they cannot control their behavior. Whether we obsessively check a stove, drink, overeat or talk too much compulsive behavior and shame are common bed fellows.

If you directly confront the other person will feel ashamed which will make him or her afraid and then the behavior will get worse. Instead listen closely to what is making your co-worker anxious. In compulsive behavior the fear is usually unconscious and making what is unconscious conscious settles people down. A fear that we can articulate and understand diminishes in power and influence. Many of our fears are irrational. When someone puts our fear into words we can see it is unlikely.

An example of paraphrasing would be, "So Fred, sounds like you worry our department might be shut down if we make a mistake?" Notice that our fear causes us to exaggerate our risk and maximize perceived threats.

After summarizing the core fear in a paraphrase ask your co-worker for help. A statement like, "Fred my understanding is our team needs to get our budget set for 2021 in this meeting can you help us finish getting those numbers estimated before we leave this meeting?"

If the above techniques do not work to stop your master of the monologue then appeal to your team for help. What you never want to do is personally confront your co-worker. Ironically the team will end up seeing you as the problem since it appears you started a fight.

Most people right now are more anxious than they have ever been. They worry about dying, worry about

having no job, and worry about our world falling apart. Anyone that is normally talkative may be trying to disperse their higher anxiety through constant conversation.

There's a saying that you can never get enough of what you never really needed in the first place. If we try filling the hole in our souls that the wind whistles through with compulsive activities it doesn't work and leaves us feeling emptier.

No amount of talking will remove your co-worker's fear. However, your ability to perceive, articulate, and make room for his or her anxiety will allow your team to get back to the task at hand.

*Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru" each Monday.*



## Cattle robbers, the draft, JFK and Nixon

**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 [nyshistoricnewspapers.org](http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org).*

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

### 100 Years Ago

**September 15, 1920**

Dairymen again face a very serious situation in the milk business, according to a statement issued by The Dairymen's League. The New York Milk Conference board has just served notice upon the league that on and after October 1, no manufacturer will buy any milk at any price until such times as milk market conditions improve. This means if carried out to the letter, that a large number of The Dairymen's League will be without their regular market for their product and that the market of every other dairyman will be seriously affected.

### 90 Years Ago

**September 24, 1930**

While returning home from school at the Rock Hill District yesterday, Jay Green's children noticed a bundle thrust into a hole in the stone wall by the roadside. They pulled it out and opened it and found the head of a large calf or yearling. It had been skinned and the color of the animal could not be determined. It had been carefully wrapped in paper and tied with twine. The find rouses suspicion that chicken thieves, who are reported to have been active in Saratoga County, with the occasional excursion on this side of the river, may occasionally turn their attention to larger game. It is difficult to figure out why the rightful owners of a butchered animal should go to any such pains

*The Journal & Press has had sev-*

to dispose of the head. For that matter, it isn't easy to figure out just why cattle lifters should have taken these pains with the head either.

### 80 Years Ago

**September 25, 1940**

Washington County will be called upon to furnish a total of 162 men in the first draft of men to be conscripted for military service, which is expected to be made soon after the registration day on October 16. On that day, all men between the ages of 21 and 35 will be required to register at the regular polling places of the districts in which they live. The first draft, which is to produce 400,000 men, will presumably be followed by a second one at a later date, probably to be determined by the promptness of with which quarters and equipment for men can be supplied. After completing their year of training, draftees will remain in the reserve and subject to call for service in case of necessity.

### 70 Years Ago

**September 27, 1950**

People in Greenwich and the shopping area surrounding it will have an opportunity to have a free chest x-ray next week when a mobile x-ray unit will set up shop in front of the White Swan Hotel here. The unit will be located in Greenwich Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 4th, 5th and 6th, and Monday and Tuesday, October 9th and 10th. Hours will be 2 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. It is hoped that hundreds of people in the towns of Greenwich, Easton and Jackson will avail themselves of the opportunity, and every person over fifteen years of age is urged to do so.

### 60 Years Ago

**September 28, 1960**

Both presidential candidates will visit the capital district this week – Senator John F. Kennedy on Thursday, and Vice President Richard M. Nixon on Friday.

Senator Kennedy will speak from the capi-


tol steps in Albany at 9:30 Thursday morning, and will then leave in a motorcade for short stops at Troy, Schenectady and Gloversville. He will be accompanied by State Controller Arthur Levitt and Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York City. Vice President Richard Nixon's visit is not to attend a political rally, but to pay personal tribute to a friend, Rep. Dean P. Taylor of Troy, who is retiring as congressman of the 31st district after 28 years of service.

### 30 Years Ago

**September 20, 1990**

The Schuylerville Central School board voted to keep a controversial painting on the wall last week following a ruling from a federal court judge that the artwork is pro-Christian.

Several residents spoke at last week's regular board meeting, both for and against retaining the mural. About thirty people, including reporters and cameramen attended the session.




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# Richardson promoted to Senior Enlisted Advisor

New York Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sgt. Denny Richardson, a Schuylerville resident, was recognized as the senior enlisted Airman in the 5,600-member New York Air National Guard during a ceremony at Division of Military and Naval Affairs Headquarters on September 10. Richardson replaced Command Chief Master Sgt. Maureen Doolley, a Rome resident, who retires from military service later this month.

The senior enlisted advisor reports to the commander on training, discipline, advancement, and other issues regarding the enlisted force.

Richardson is the former Command Chief of the 109th Airlift Wing, Stratton Air National Guard

Base in Scotia, New York. He served as the advisor to the commander and senior leaders on matters influencing the health, morale, welfare, quality of life, professional development and effective utilization of more than 900 enlisted personnel assigned to the wing.

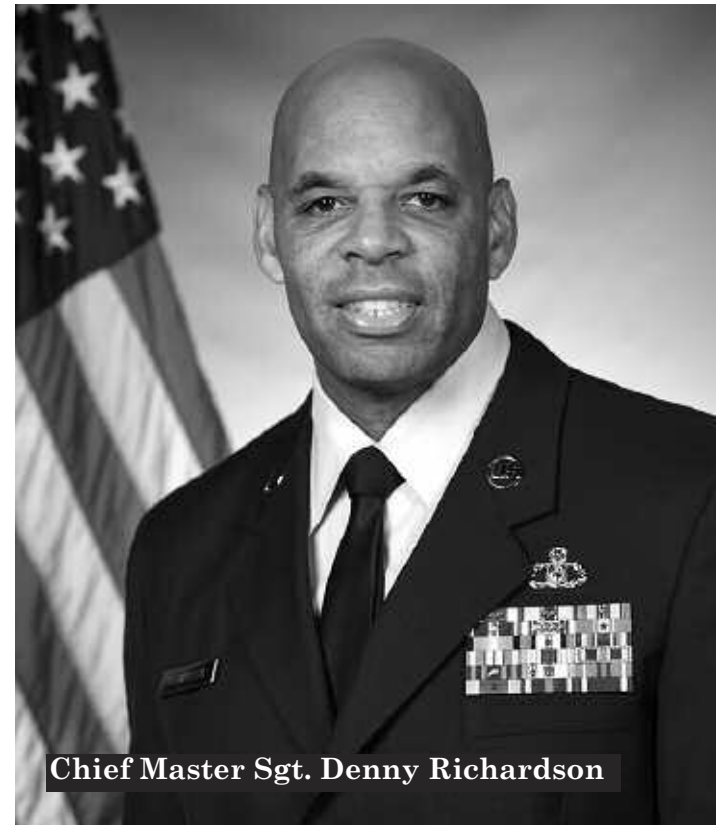
Chief Richardson entered the Air National Guard in 1989, graduated technical school as an Aircrew Life Support Specialist and was assigned to the 135th Airlift Squadron in Baltimore, Maryland.

He volunteered and became a member of the Base Honor Guard for 175th Airlift Wing in Baltimore, Maryland. In this position his talents were recognized and he was assigned as trainer for the Base Honor Guard.

In March of 1997 he accepted a position as NCOIC of Aircrew Life Support for the 139th Airlift Squadron, Scotia, New York.

Richardson deployed on several occasions in support of Operation Deep Freeze to McMurdo Station, Antarctica, and in support of Operation Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom. In June of 2003 he was selected as Aircrew Life Support Superintendent for the 139th Airlift Squadron.

Richardson volunteered as a member of the 109th Mission Support Group Base Honor Guard. He graduated from the United States Air Force Honor Guard Protocol Honors and Ceremonies training course in May of 2002. Upon being selected as the Base Honor Guard Superintendent in 2008 he incorporated numerous changes. He immediately initiated a revised training record program to better track team member's experience level, established regular trainings and scheduled quarterly meetings with wing leadership. Under his supervision, the team, comprised of four full-time Airmen and a core group of 30 volunteers performed



Chief Master Sgt. Denny Richardson

2,200 man hours and traveled 16,500 miles annually.

In September 2014, Chief Richardson was assigned as the Superintendent of the 109th Force Support Squadron. His keen sense and motivational style of leadership made an immediate impact on squadron members. He revamped several Personnel programs which enhanced efficiency and mission effectiveness. Prior to his current position, he was assigned as the 109th Mission Support Group Superintendent.

He was selected as the Command Chief of the 109th Airlift Wing in October 2016.

## Community bed build

Cambridge United Community Center and Good Neighbors are hosting a Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) children's bed build on Saturday, September 19th.

SHP rolls into town with all the

tools, plans and expertise needed. Volunteers (skilled and unskilled) from the community are invited to come to 81 E. Main St. and build the bunk beds. Donations also wanted. Contact 518-677-3863 to help.



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# What's in a name? A question in Cambridge.

**Annabel Gregg**  
*Journal & Press*

A petition started by John Kane to be sent to the Cambridge Central School Board of Education has garnered nearly 200 signatures, calling for the official retiring of the school district's mascot – the Indians.

"I went to school at Cambridge and I graduated in 1978. My high school experience was pretty good, I enjoyed it. But one of the spots that was always awkward was that me and my siblings were the only native family in Cambridge school that was wrapped into using a native mascot, and using a word that even at that time...wasn't accurate," says Kane, who currently hosts the radio talk show "Let's Talk Native."

Kane started this petition three weeks ago, calling for the district to officially stop using the name due to its racially insensitive and offensive nature towards Native Americans.

The historical background of these mascots is what is especially appalling to Kane. "At the same time that these non-native schools were adopting these native mascots, was the time of residential schools, where native children were ripped out of their homes to attend these schools," he explains, talking about the assimilationist boarding schools all around the country in the late 19th century, like Carlisle Indian School. "Kill the Indian – save the man.' The whole role of these schools was to strip their identity away...all the while white students could 'play Indian' at their schools," participating in school spirit with "things like war paint or the Chief's headdresses."

BOE President Neil Gifford explains that what matters most to the school is whether or not Native Americans find the name offensive. "In its current form, [the mascot] is intended to honor their character and culture and was created with their consent. If there is a better way for us to do that, we would welcome the opportunity to find that path together, once the current COVID-19 crisis has subsided," he says.

Kane's background makes him a unique proponent of this name change. Throughout his ca-

reer, he's traveled to different schools around the East Coast to testify at different board meetings and help provide a deeper historical perspective as to why the usage of native imagery, nicknames, and mascots is so offensive. He hopes to do the same at his alma mater.

"My hope is to have a conversation with board members," he says.

Kane is willing to speak to the Board, even if it be over Zoom, and even if it be controversial. "I have been invited by over a dozen schools that are wrestling with how to handle their various native mascots and nicknames," says Kane. "I would love to have a conversation, and I don't mind of that conversation gets spirited. Change is tough for some people."

President Gifford said that the Board would have to look deeper into public opinion of the mascot and name before considering any changes. "Before we would consider any potential for changing the mascot, we would first want to become much better educated about how contemporary Native Americans feel about our use of it. We would also want to understand how district residents feel, and work with them, and Native American representatives to build consensus about the best way forward for our students. That may mean leaving the mascot as is, or changing it," he says.

Not only is Kane's petition calling for the retiring of the mascot and name, he's willing to offer new – and culturally appropriate – alternatives. "What I suggested was to call themselves the Cambridge Pride, and use lions as their mascot. A pride represents the family – the female mother, the cubs, not just a masculine symbol. If I could make a



*Via Twitter*

**'Change is tough  
for some people.'**

recommendation, I wouldn't have [the new mascot and name] be just a variation of native imagery."

Gifford says that if a meeting is requested to discuss the topic, the Board "would definitely consider it."

But regardless of how the Board decides to move forward with this discussion, Kane remains hopeful. "These are the winds of change, and it'll be done away with eventually."

## Heating assistance fund seeks donations

The Cambridge Fuel Fund needs assistance in supplementing households in the Cambridge Central School District to meet their current heating fuel needs. The committee annually designates September and October as "Replenish the Cambridge Fuel Fund Months." During the 2019-2020 heating season the fund provided \$2446.45 to aid 14 households. Recipients have credited the program as being "a lifesaver" and that "it helps with making ends meet." Donations of any amount are welcome, as are fundraisers for the fund. All contributions are tax-deductible. For information or to donate, call (518) 677-3327 or send a check to Cambridge Fuel Fund, P.O. Box 473, Cambridge, NY 12816.

# Movies/TV series now available on video

**Jay Bobbin**

*Special to Journal & Press*

You can go out and buy the DVDs or simply download these via your home streaming service. Here are some new video releases:

**“BAD EDUCATION”:** Hugh Jackman is a current Emmy nominee for his performance in this recent, seriocomic HBO feature, which is in the running itself for outstanding television movie. Originally shown at last fall’s Toronto International Film Festival, the tale casts Jackman and Oscar and Emmy winner Allison Janney (“Mom”) as closely linked school administrators on Long Island, N.Y. Their careers are threatened when a student journalist’s (Geraldine Viswanathan) probing uncovers financial irregularities in their plans to build a school-connecting “skywalk,” prompting them to try to cover their tracks. Also featuring Ray Romano, Alex Wolff and Tony Award winner Annaleigh Ashford, the film is based on actual experiences of writer-producer Mike Makowsky when he was a pupil, though a Robert Kolker article in the magazine *New York* also was a source.

**“FIRST COW”:** Featured at a number of film festivals, director Kelly Reichardt’s widely praised drama casts John Magaro (“The Big Short”) as an early-19th-century cook who feels out of place accompanying a group of fur trappers through Oregon territory. Eventually, he finds a soulmate in a Chinese immigrant (Orion Lee), and they agree to become business partners ... but a rich man’s milking cow is key to their planned venture being a success. Toby Jones (“The Hunger Games”), Alia Shawkat (“Arrested Development”), Dylan Smith, Ewen Bremner, Jared Katsowski and the late Rene Auberjonois also appear.

**“ALFRED HITCHCOCK CLASSICS COLLECTION”** Though any

fan of suspense-master filmmaker Hitchcock likely has his or her own preferred titles to fit a set by this name, the selections here are comprised of four of his most choice features, making their debuts in the 4K Ultra HD format. “Rear Window” (1954) casts James Stewart as an incapacitated photographer who thinks he’s witnessed murder; Stewart returns in “Vertigo” (1958) as an ex-police detective who becomes obsessed with two women (both played by Kim Novak); “Psycho” (1960) features Anthony Perkins’ iconic portrayal of Norman Bates, the innkeeper who gets quite a customer in a fleeing embezzler (Janet Leigh); and the title creatures target Tippi Hedren, Rod Taylor, Suzanne Pleshette and others in “The Birds” (1963).

**“BEAUTY AND THE BEAST 2-MOVIE COLLECTION”:** It was only a matter of time until Disney paired its animated and live-action editions of the classic tale in one DVD set, and that time has come. In the much-beloved 1991 feature-length cartoon, Robby Benson voices the Beast, actually a transformed prince who loves the virtuous Belle (voice of Paige O’Hara); Angela Lansbury, Jerry Orbach and David Ogden Stiers also are heard. Then, Emma Watson is Belle as a “Beast”-ly Dan Stevens pursues her in the 2017 retelling with actors fully present — also including Josh Gad, Kevin Kline, Ewan McGregor, Emma Thompson, Ian McKellen, Audra McDonad and Stanley Tucci. Disney is giving “Cinderella” the same two-versions-together DVD-set treatment.

**“THE GREY FOX”:** Movie stunt veteran Richard Farnsworth might not have been the likeliest candidate for stardom, but it came his way with this fine biography ... as did several international awards. He plays a



19th-century stagecoach robber who spends more than three decades in prison, then can’t shake the desire for the next big score upon his release. Trying to adjust to then-modern times, he’s prompted to emulate the classic movie “The Great Train Robbery” by staging a heist from a locomotive himself. Jackie Burroughs plays the photographer he falls in love with while he’s hiding after committing the crime.

**“CHICAGO P.D.: SEASON SEVEN”:** Minus Jon Seda’s Antonio Dawson, since the actor and character left the series (explained in the first episode here), executive producer Dick Wolf’s NBC police drama had a reasonably full seventh season — though it was cut a bit short when the coronavirus pandemic caused production to end early. The stories open with Voight (Jason Beghe) the prime suspect in the murder of a police superior, but he doesn’t want his squad’s help in clearing him. A crossover story with “Chicago Med” and “Chicago Fire” involves a flesh-eating bacteria that ravages the Windy City, with Upton (Tracy Spiridakos) upset over a victim she knows.

Another tale sees the return of former cast regular Brian Geraghty. Anne Heche continues her guest arc from Season 6 as an ambitious police official.

**“KILLING EVE: SEASON THREE”:** With stars Jodie Comer and Sandra Oh currently Emmy-nominated for it, this third round of the BBC America and AMC saga — nominated for outstanding drama series, among its eight total bids — finds their characters trying to survive without each other, despite the powerful mutual attraction they share. The eight episodes begin with former assassin Villanelle (Comer) apparently ready to settle into wedded life ... but before the nuptials can take place, she’s offered a return to her former profession that may be too hard to resist. As for MI6 alum Eve (Oh), she seems to be acclimated to civilian life, but that doesn’t last long when a shocking death draws her into a fresh pursuit of Villanelle’s organization. There’s more to come here, since Season 4 already has been ordered; with Fiona Shaw and Kim Bodnia also returning,

# A new 'Atlantic' storm

**Lance Allen Wang**  
*Journal & Press*

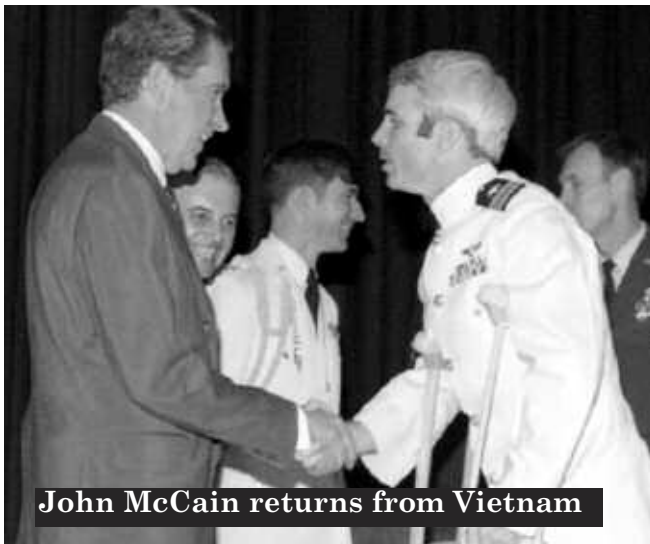
Over the past week there was a storm of controversy due to an article published in The Atlantic magazine which was based upon unnamed sources. The article, of course, is the one which claimed that Donald Trump disparaged our service members as “suckers” and “losers,” and didn’t attend a ceremony for our World War I war dead while in France for vanity reasons.

Needless to say, I’ve been asked my opinion about this by family and friends over the past week, and I think that I’ve surprised a few with my lack of vitriol about this issue. It would be an overstatement to say that I don’t care, but I’m also not going to get upset about an article published in a commentary magazine based upon unnamed sources. Does this mean that I think the article is not true? Not at all. The Washington Post, the Associated Press, and even Fox News confirmed parts of the report. I’m not sure I can confidently accept the President’s denials considering what could at best be a very casual relationship he’s maintained with the truth in three and half years of public comments.

There has been more than enough demonstrable behavior from the President to show a lack of respect for our troops to convince this veteran that anybody who is swayed by the Atlantic’s article is just arriving late to the party.

- His skepticism of the parents of a slain American soldier, Captain Humayun Khan, who spoke at the 2016 DNC; he described Captain Khan’s mother as “devoid of feeling the pain of a mother who has sacrificed her son.”

- His refutation of Frank Luntz’s description



**John McCain returns from Vietnam**

of Sen. John McCain as a war hero – “He’s not a war hero. He was a war hero because he was captured. I like people who weren’t captured.”

- His use of a racially charged Native American nickname for Sen. Elizabeth Warren while participating in a ceremony honoring Native American veterans of the Second World War.

- His comments calling PTSD a sign of “weakness” – “... they see things that maybe a lot of the folks in this room have seen many times over, and you’re strong and you can handle it. But a lot of people can’t handle it...”

- His comments that “I know more about ISIS than the generals do, believe me.”

- His abandonment of the Kurds, who did much of the heavy lifting fighting against the Islamic State from 2014-2016, paralleling our betrayal of the Montagnards in Vietnam.

- His characterization of the departure of respected Marine General and Secretary of Defense James Mattis as a “firing,” when in fact Mattis resigned in protest of our pulling out of Syria and abandoning our allies.

- The redirection of funds meant to improve substandard military family housing to pay for a wall, which as a centerpiece of his 2016 campaign, was to paid for by Mexico.

- His lack of support for the military chain of command in the prosecution of convicted war criminal and Navy SEAL Eddie Gallagher, as well as the pardon of two Army officers convicted of murder.

- He has repeatedly claimed that he was responsible for the passage of the Veterans Choice bill, which his predecessor, President Obama, passed in 2014.

- His blatant gaslighting of military veterans at a Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in 2018, when he told veterans, “Just remember, what you are seeing and what you are reading is not what’s happening...”

This represents but a sampling of the way in which Candidate, and then President, Trump addressed the responsibilities of a Commander-in-Chief. I have left off cases where the troops have been used as “props.” In 21 years of service, more than a few times I’ve seen troops used as a prop for a politico. I’m not going to hold the President to a higher standard.

I have not gone into his degrading of our NATO



**George HW Bush**

alliance in the face of a resurgent neo-Soviet Russia. While the President has made it about financial contributions, a truly transactional business-style approach, he has never acknowledged that we, too, get something strategically out of the relationship. These are not “business partner” relationships.

His lack of knowledge and leadership are not entirely his own fault. He had zero experience to call upon to improve his credentials to be a Commander-in-Chief. He never served. His father never served. His children never served. The last President to go to war was George H.W. Bush, who was also the last President to have a child who has served in uniform. The last President to send his offspring to war was former nuclear submarine commander Jimmy Carter, whose son Jack served in Vietnam.

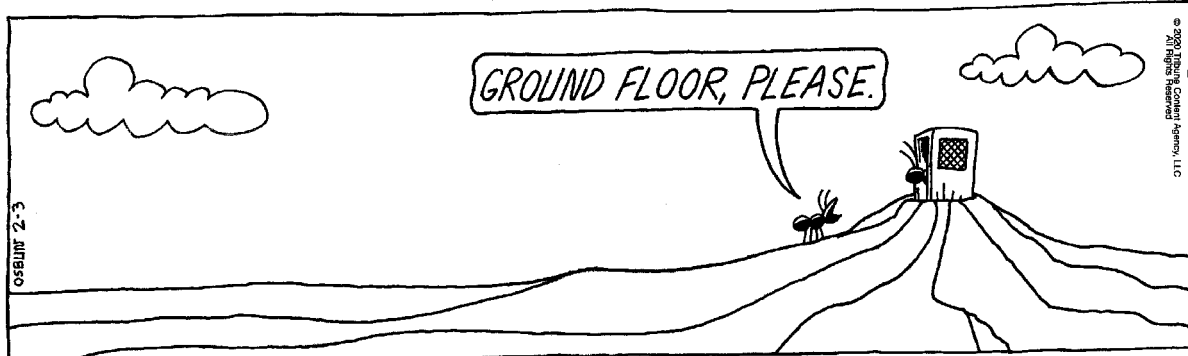
With all of that said, this is not about compiling an “outrage list.” I’m simply spelling out why the Atlantic article neither surprises me nor angers me, and why the President scrambling to douse the fire he started doesn’t offer me any reason to offer him the benefit of the doubt.

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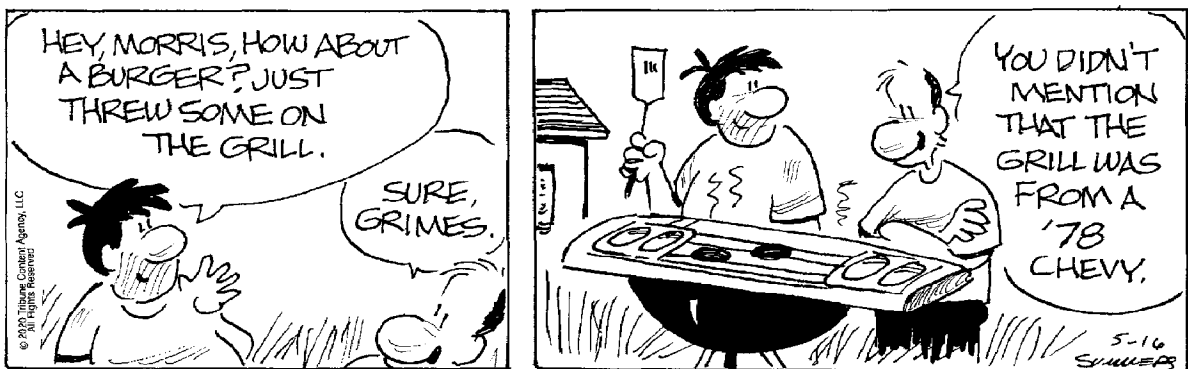
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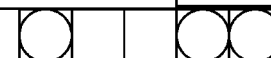
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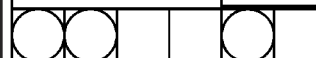


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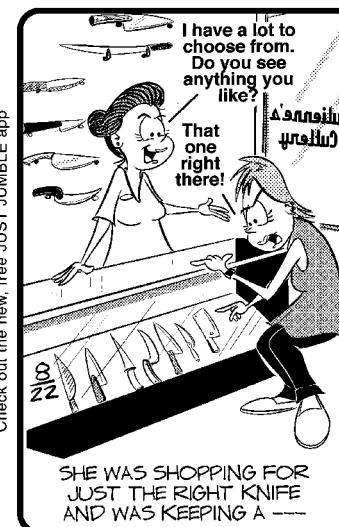
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## Skube's historical interpretation is lacking

To the Editor:

The Journal & Press is a work in progress that must take more care when selecting feature articles from outside sources. Daneen Skube may have a Ph.D. but as her "On Protesting" (September 1-15 issue) demonstrates, this executive coach did not study history. Since 1980 I have taught American history, War and Peace Studies, and Globalization Studies at Skidmore, Hamilton, M.I.T., and Dartmouth. I cringed when reading misleading historical assertions like Skube's "Protests don't create solutions" and her apples and oranges comparison of current protests and the hippies. Non-violent protests have in fact created the world we live in. Consider just a bit of the history Skube ignores. Gandhi's principles guided many leaders of decolonization movements across Africa and Asia in the 1950s. Non-violent "people power" revolutions replaced dictatorships in Greece, Spain, and Portugal in the 1970s, all across South America and in the Philippines during the 1980s, and then brought down the entire Soviet Empire from Eastern Europe to Mongolia by century's end. In America, protests have created the rights all citizens now enjoy. Abolitionists pushed emancipation onto the national political agenda, and decades of protest created the voting rights for women and for African Americans. Sustained protests created labor unions that improved living standards and working conditions. Environmental activists are responsible cleaning our air and water, and now shifting the nation to clean energy. Also remember that the important historical parallels between Black Lives Matter Protests and the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s (and violence directed against them). The essentially apolitical "tune in, turn on, and drop out" counterculture of the 1960s was indeed important, but it was not

a political protest movement.

Skube's "On Protesting" presents ahistorical conclusions while ignoring mountains of easily accessible historical evidence that undermines its central claim. You can do better Journal & Press. Your local histories are fine, but when you next decide to look at the bigger historical picture, get a real historian to write what you publish.

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Political Cartoon of the Week by Scott Stantis



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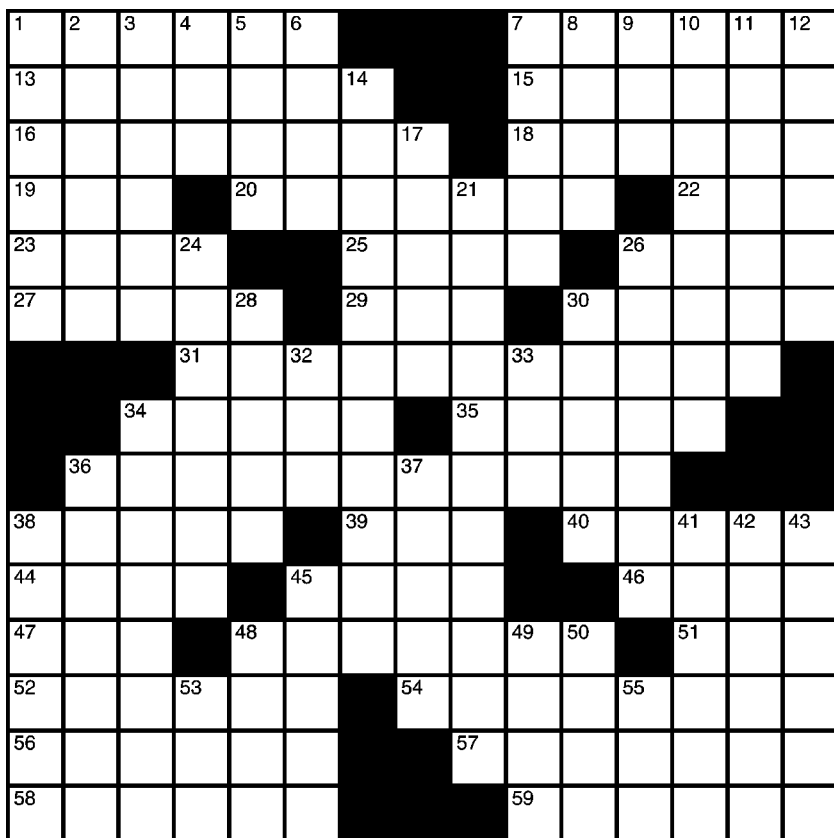


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# Bonus puzzle

Some readers notified us that the grid to last issue's puzzle was wrong. Our apologies! If you're looking for the correct grid for that puzzle, please see our Facebook page at [fb.com/journalpress](https://fb.com/journalpress). Here's a bonus puzzle! Find the answer grid below.



## Across

- 1 Rubber-stamped item?  
 7 Rose's record 14,053  
 13 Dessert for one, maybe  
 15 Cotton farm threat  
 16 Handlers for a mixologist  
 18 Joey of \*NSYNC  
 19 Liquid meas.  
 20 Mythical mount that flies  
 22 '90s sitcom "\_\_\_ and Stacey"  
 23 Maintained  
 25 Invalid  
 26 Steep projection  
 27 Shocker on a cop's belt  
 29 High words  
 30 "All done!"  
 31 Light lunch choices  
 34 Pinkish nail polish

## shade

- 35 Buddies, in slang  
 36 "That could work"  
 38 Sheets, e.g.  
 39 Score half  
 40 Stadium souvenirs  
 44 Some are random and kind  
 45 Alone, in a way  
 46 Maui, for one  
 47 "Told ya!"  
 48 Hillary aides  
 51 Springfield small business owner  
 52 Taste test need  
 54 Sun spot?  
 56 Major course  
 57 Team on a football field  
 58 About 25% of California  
 59 Sent revealing messages

## Down

- 1 "Maybe"  
 2 City for which a creed is named  
 3 Solemn sounds  
 4 Date center  
 5 Each  
 6 It goes with wine  
 7 Really bad  
 8 Hot spots?  
 9 Get in the pool  
 10 Sellers of some beauty products  
 11 Problems for ones making notes?  
 12 Heavy hitter  
 14 Starbucks holiday drink  
 17 Many an Arab News reader  
 21 Capsule for a nap  
 24 Allocates  
 26 Flatbread similar to naan

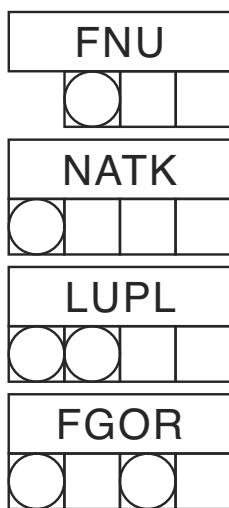
- 28 Showed over  
 30 According to the poet's oldest son, it was written "by a window looking down a wooded hill"  
 32 Shoot the breeze  
 33 Unite  
 34 What's inside  
 36 "Impressive!"  
 37 Sweeties  
 38 Went the distance  
 41 Where a lot of money is made  
 42 Top  
 43 Appeared  
 45 One might be fit for a king  
 48 Litigant  
 49 Bass and such  
 50 Call at a base  
 53 Hurdle for srs.  
 55 Dog in the Reagan White House

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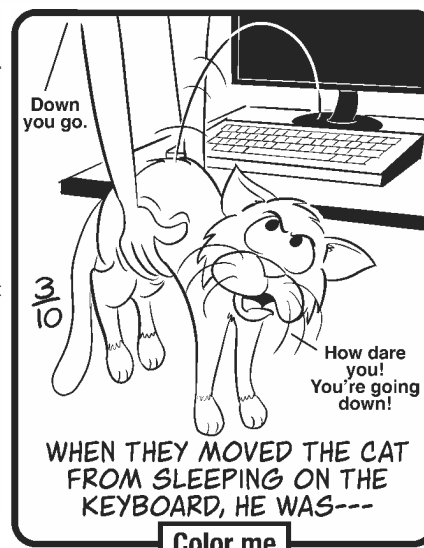
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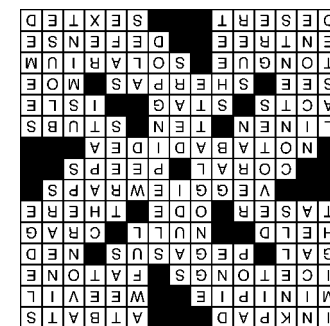
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This year's theme is "Be an American Worth Fighting For." Your donation is 100% tax deductible.

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**National Voter Registration Day Tuesday, September 22, 3-7 p.m.** – Stop by the library for information, forms and assistance. (Voter registration forms are always available at the library, not just on this day).

**National Free Comic Book Day, Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**– Part of a national celebration of comics, patrons of all ages are welcome to stop by the library (outside) and pick up a FREE new comic book. First come, first served. Costumes are optional but masks are not!



Captain Underpants from last year's event

## Free HVCC online lectures

Hudson Valley Community College will present “**Mindfulness for The Busy Person: Why Slowing Down is the Fastest Growing Trend in 2020**” on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 11 to 11:50 a.m. via live stream. Kim Perone, M.A., C.L.C., a success coach and mindfulness trainer at the Center for Clarity, Compassion & Contentment (CENTER4C), located in Burnt Hills, introduces mindfulness in a year that has thrown our families, communities and world into a completely different way of being. Learn how to use mindfulness to improve the quality of your experience, raise your level of consciousness, and navigate the new normal. Virtual event: <https://livestream.com/hvccstreaming/events/9235034>.

Other topics this fall:

“**Elections 2020: A Perspective from Albany**” on Thursday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Spectrum News political reporter Susan Arbetter will share her insights on what could happen in the national, state, and local elections and what those results could mean for New York State. Virtual event: <https://livestream.com/hvccstreaming/events/9235041>.

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# Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

## Across

1 Penthouses, e.g.: Abbr.

5 Smartphone downloads

9 Metaphor for responsibilities

13 Adriatic port

14 March Madness org.

15 "Beavis and Butt-head" spin-off

16 Bickering

17 Start of a Charles M. Schulz quote

19 Rub the wrong way

21 Twelve-step helper

22 Quote, part 2

24 Non-neutral atom

25 Light sleeper's distraction

26 Living area in "The Martian," with "the"

28 A Gabor sister

30 Acts of faith?

34 Classic sci-fi villain

38 Quote, part 3

41 1980s attorney general

42 Shade related to violet

43 Responsibility

44 Bend

46 Cope with

48 Dept. head

50 Quote, part 4

56 Source of a siren

58 "\_\_\_ Mio"

59 End of the quote

61 Avian crop

62 Score symbols

63 "You're kidding!"

64 Whodunit canine

65 Club with a blue and white diamond logo

66 Phillies slugger Hoskins

67 Nair rival, once

Down

1 Old counters

2 Hiking network

3 Defense attorney's concern

4 Be paid to watch, as children

5 Prefix with -gram

6 Techie training site

7 Caroline Islands republic

8 Dost speak

9 Legendary Carthaginian general

10 "You \_\_\_ busted!"

11 Attach with string

12 \_\_\_ City, Iraq

15 The Carpenters, for one

18 Deep-water fish

20 More wicked, in Worcester

23 Touching competition?

27 Guacamole fruit

28 Disease-stricken tree

29 Face off

31 Knee injury initials

32 Key letter

33 La preceder

35 Long shot

36 Coming-in hr., roughly

37 Sales staff mem-

ber

39 Romanov adherents

40 Lyricist Sammy

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51 Yellowish brown

52 "Bridgeshead Revisited" novelist

53 Assortment

54 Thrill

55 Unfamiliar with

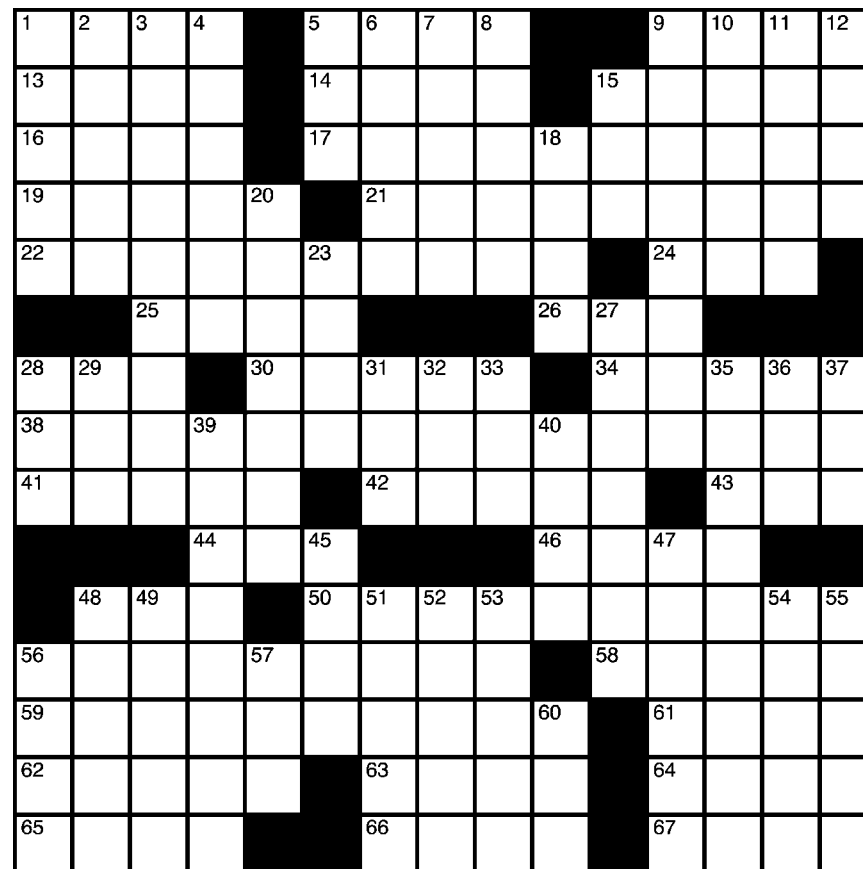
56 Sharable PC files

57 Brain and spinal cord: Abbr.

60 Saints' achievements: Abbr.

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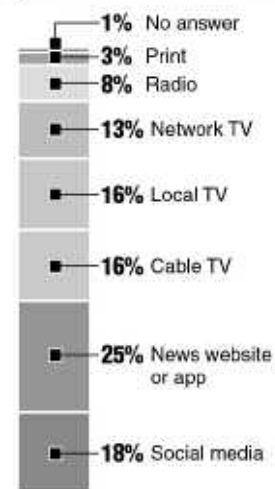
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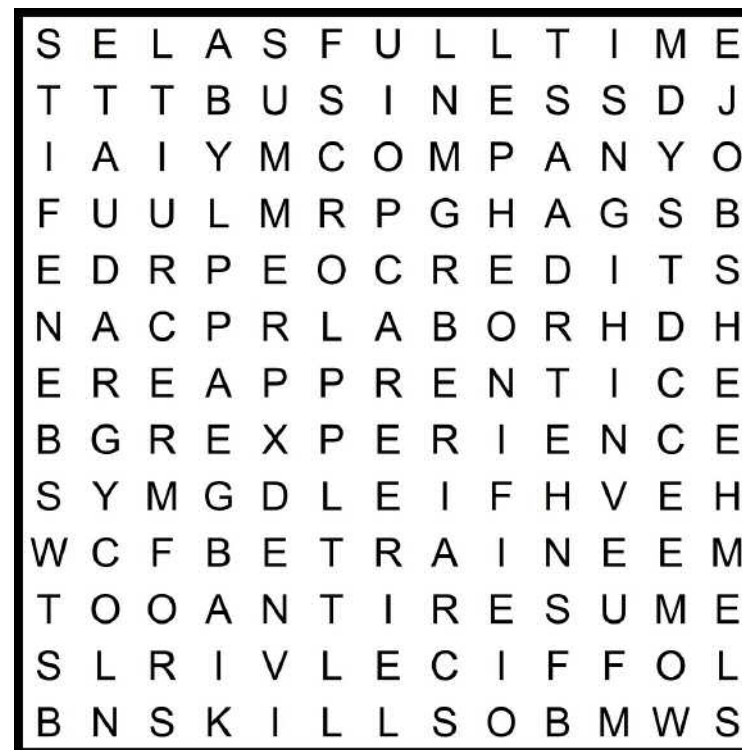
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## Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with working!

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Apprentice  
Benefits

Business  
Career  
Company  
Credits  
Experience  
Field  
Full-time  
Graduate

Hire  
Intern  
Jobs  
Labor  
Learn  
Mentor  
Office  
Recruit

Résumé  
Sales  
Skills  
Summer  
Temporary  
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Work

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# Salem Sudoku

(solution page 30)

		1				4		
	8	4		6			3	
	3						1	2
			2	9			7	
9	6						4	3
	7			8	3			
2	4							9
	9			7		2	8	
		3				1		

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](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

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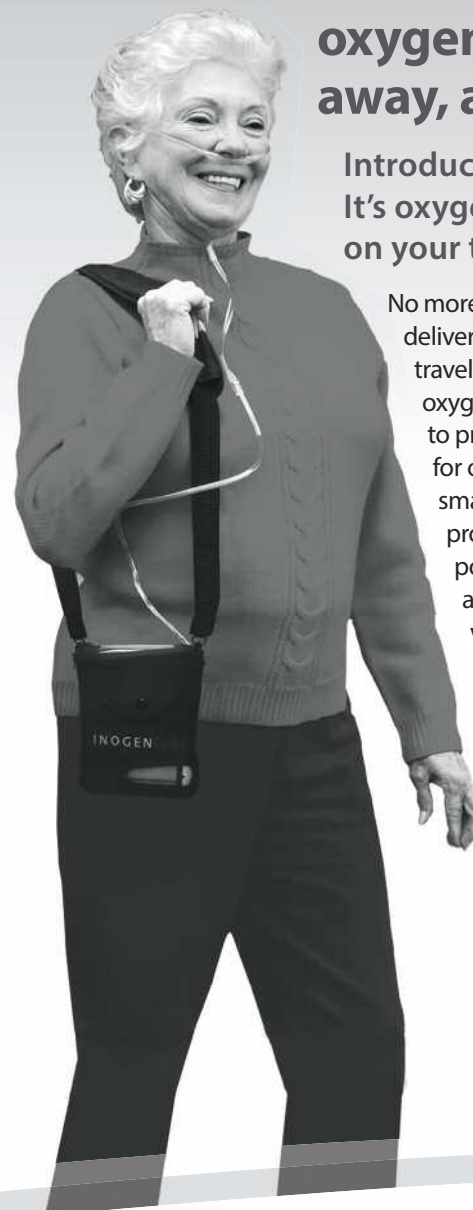
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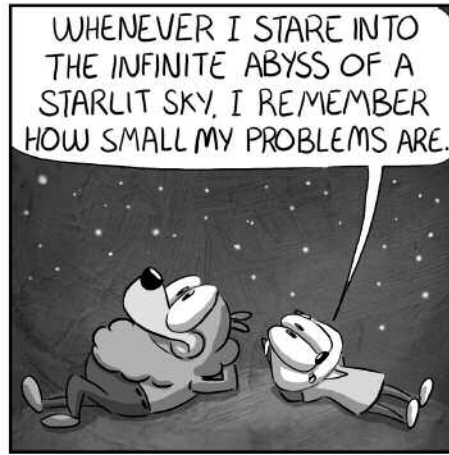
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**Boggle:** TIGER LEMUR DINGO WHALE  
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**Jumble:** PIANO KAZOO HUMBLE STRAND  
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**Annie Miller**  
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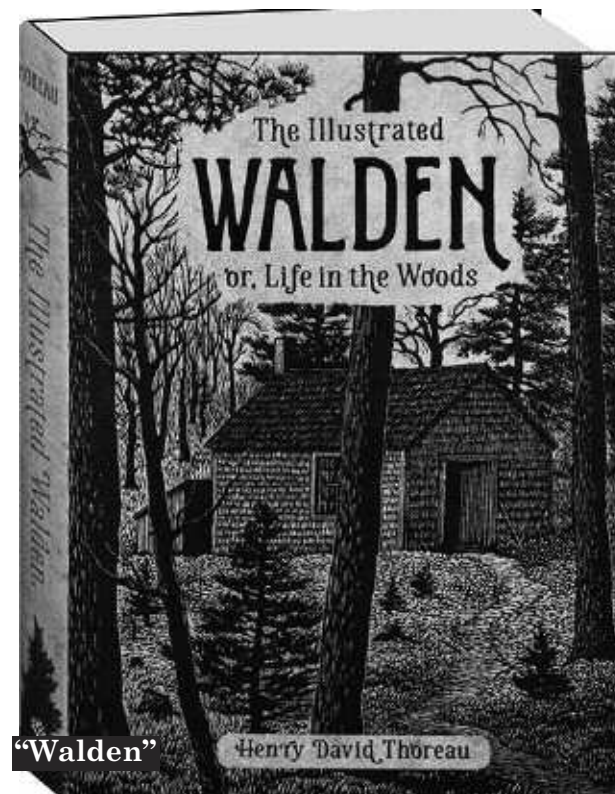
In the last six months, most of us have significantly changed the way we live. Being home all day inspired many to dust off our copies of Marie Kondo's "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" and hold moth-eaten sweaters to our hearts to feel if they "sparked joy." I, myself, dragooned my son into emptying the awkward storage space under the eaves, moved on to my closet and got the whole family out to purge the garage. The basement is next but I'm going to let my husband, the saver in our family, have some time to recover. I'm not as adorable as Marie Kondo and can only push him so far.

Beyond how-tos for clearing out unneeded stuff, there is a long tradition of American writing about giving up on modern amenities and living more simply. Henry David Thoreau's "Walden" is the classic text of this genre and, even if old Henry did get a lot of hot meals and laundered clothes from his sister, is a valuable meditation on how much we need, and don't need, to lead a good life. These days, an odd mixture of technology burnout and technology availability means that the many people who are tired of modern life have all sorts of ways to let the rest of know about it.

In the 2000's, we've already had so many variations on this theme that it's hard to keep up. A

book that was very popular and had a big influence on how many people thought about food was 2007's "The 100-Mile Diet: A Year of Local Eating" by Alisa Smith and J.B. MacKinnon. (The title for this one explains the premise.) Then there was the even more extreme "No Impact Man," a wonderful 2009 documentary about a guy, Colin Beavan, who persuaded his partner, Michelle Conlin, to spend a year cutting back on their environmental impact until they were lighting their Manhattan apartment with candles. Michelle is a somewhat reluctant participant in this scheme and the scene of her rationalizing going out for coffee is hilarious. Like Thoreau, all of these folks have approached increased simplicity as a time-restricted novelty, with a year being the standard length for the project. Whatever they learn in this time, we presume they will carry with them as they reenter the main stream they waded out of.

The "less is more" books I've read recently were written by bloggers who had previously taken on, and thoroughly documented, other life-changing projects. For them, these are not out-and-back trips but steps in a journey from the life they had fallen into to a life they were creating. Before moving to the country and eschewing all technology, as he describes in "The Way Home: Tales From a Life Without Technology" (2019), Mark Boyle wrote "The Moneyless Man" (2010) about giving up that, seemingly, non-negotiable necessity. Cait



Flanders gave up alcohol and overeating in two successive blogger projects before embarking on "The Year of Less" (2018). While one ended up on an off-the-grid Irish farmstead and the other in an apartment in small-town Canada, they both continue to examine their modern lives and question the assumptions they had about what makes them good.

Although it is easy to think of 2020 as a year we'd like to have skipped, the upheavals it has brought have also been opportunities to take a fresh look at how we are living. Spending so much time at home, more people planted gardens and fixed things they would have thrown out. With recreational trips to the mall no longer possible, families went for bike rides and hikes in the woods. Even some of the most hardened teenagers got tired of looking at screens and resorted to paper books and board games.

We probably don't all want to end up in a dark apartment eating yet another helping of rutabaga surprise but, since we've all been given an unwanted head start, maybe now's a good time to reassess our habits and redirect our energies – or at least read about doing it.

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## Celebrate at HCP Labyrinth

Walk, drum, and celebrate the Autumnal Equinox in Hudson Crossing Park's Labyrinth on Tuesday, September 22 at 6 p.m.

The Autumnal Equinox not only marks the change in the seasons, but marks one of two moments in the year when the Sun is exactly above the Equator and day and night are of equal length; also, either of the two points in the sky where the ecliptic (the Sun's annual pathway) and the celestial equator intersect.

With drummers from Rural Soul and dancers along the trails, this is a wonderful opportunity to walk Hudson Crossing's Labyrinth and reflect

on the passing of another summer and celebrate the coming fall.

Note that all state and CDC guidelines will be observed. Pre-registration, COVID-19 release forms, social distancing, and masks are required. Pre-register by emailing [kmorse@hudsoncrossingpark.org](mailto:kmorse@hudsoncrossingpark.org) Limit 12 people. Hudson Crossing Park is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, bi-county park centered on Champlain Canal Lock 5 Island just outside of the village of Schuylerville on Historic Route 4. A unique recreational and educational destination, the park is open every day year-round from dawn until dusk and is free of charge.

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