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Fort Salem Theater

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Salem Area community calendar

Now through Nov 22 Salem Central FFA Fruit & Cheesecake Fundraiser – place orders with Salem FFA members or online at freshfruitorder.org/Salem FFA. Orders are scheduled for delivery the week of Dec 9

Oct 31 @ 4:30 - 6pm Shushan Community “Trunk or Treat” at Methodist Church Parking lots. Open to all

Nov 1 @ 5-7pm SAW Fall Online Art Auction Sneak Peek info: www.salemartworks.org

Nov 2 @ 10-11:15am Bancroft Library World Awareness Children’s Museum presents Day of the Dead program promoting understanding of one of Mexico’s favorite days. Registration required. Call 518-854-7463 for more info

Nov 2 @ 8am-4pm NY Snowmobile Safety Course at the Law Enforcement Ctr. In Ft. Edward. Info: <https://register-ed.com/events/view/219132>

Nov 3 Day-light Saving: Turn clocks back 1 hour Nov 3 at 2:00am

Nov 5 @ 6am-9pm Election Day Voting Polls open hours in New York

Nov 4, 11, 17, 24 @ 7:30pm Salem Boy Scout Troop 61 meeting at Salem UP “White Church” community hall. Troop meetings are every Monday evening at 7:30pm. Info to join Troop 61: trea061@hotmail.com or 518-791-8212

Nov 6 @ 6-7pm Salem Sewer Committee Meeting @ Proudfit Hall

Nov 7 @ 4-7pm CPR Course with Salem Rescue Squad, registration and \$25 fee required. Call 518-854-7463 for more info

Nov 10 @ 2pm Town of Hebron & Hebron Preservation Society will hold a special Samuel Nelson historic marker rededication ceremony at the Town Barn, corner of Bogtown & Chamberlin Mills Roads

Nov 14 @ 3-4:30p Bancroft Library Growth Book Club, meets in Library’s Reading Room

Nov 15 @ 6-7:30pm Full Moon Hike at Merck Forest & Farmland, Rupert, VT More info at merckforest.org/events

Nov 16 @ 10am-3pm Salem CSD Booster Club Craft Fair, space available. Contact Wendy Cary for info: wacary@salemcsd.org or 518-854-6040

Nov 13 @ 6-8pm Town of Salem Board Meeting at Proudfit Hall, 181 S. Main St. Note: Town Board meetings moving to 2nd Wednesday of month going forward

Nov 13 @ 6-8pm Historic Salem Courthouse HSCPA Annual Meeting

Nov 16 @ 11a-3pm Shoppe Off Broadway’s Annual Holiday décor sale



Shushan Trunk or Treat

at Courthouse

Nov 18 @ 9-10am Salem Economic Development Committee at Town Offices

Nov 18 @ 4-5pm Historic Preservation Commission Meeting at Courthouse

Nov 20 @ 6-8pm Salem Central School Board Meeting

Nov 26 @ 5pm: Writer’s Group at Salem Bancroft Library. No experience is necessary, and everyone is welcome. Info: 518-854-7463 or sldirector@sals.edu

Dec 14 @ 10a-3pm Holiday Craft Fair & Cookie Sale @ First United Presbyterian Church “White Church” of Salem. Contact 518-854-3721 or salemrabbits@hotmail.com

Please email TheSalemPress@gmail.com with Community Calendar items.

SCF grants \$21,200 locally

The Salem Community Foundation (SCF) has announced a \$21,200 investment in the Salem community through its first round of highly anticipated grant awards.

The SCF Advisory Board was impressed by the quality of the many applications received and selected four local organizations for awards in this first round. These grants will support projects that address community development, education, art and culture, the environment, and health and social needs in the greater Salem area.

The grant recipients are as follows:

1.) Fort Salem Theater - Awarded \$10,000 to support the paving of their parking lot, increasing capacity from 15 to 34 spaces, and improving safety and accessibility. This project will enhance the experience for guests, particularly seniors and individuals with mobility challenges. The expanded parking will also support local businesses by encouraging theatergoers to arrive early, park safely, and explore downtown Salem.

2.) Georgi Museum - Awarded \$5,000

for ADA accessibility, climate control, and mold abatement work. This is a crucial component of the museum's renovation project, which will allow the museum to reopen to the public. The Georgi Museum houses a rich collection of art, including Italian, Dutch, Flemish, German, and French paintings from the 14th to 18th centuries, along with Chinese tapestries, Oriental figurines, stained-glass windows, and an extensive mineral collection. Located in Shushan, within the Town of Salem, the museum serves Washington County, the Saratoga region, Glens Falls, and Vermont. It is owned by the Town of Salem as part of a bequest from Henry and Jessie Georgi, and a town board subcommittee is focused on its preservation.

3.) So Salem Inc - Awarded \$5,000 to support their mission of assisting individuals, couples, and families in the Salem

Central School District facing unexpected challenges. Formed during the COVID-19 pandemic, So Salem has provided essential support to the community and continues to respond to urgent needs.

4.) Books in Kids Hands Corporation - Awarded \$1,200 to fund the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program for one year. This program provides free monthly books to children from birth to age five within the Salem Central School District, promoting early literacy and encouraging families to read together. The program currently serves 58 local children.

The Salem Community Foundation, founded in 2023 as an affiliate of the Glens Falls Foundation, is dedicated to supporting projects that strengthen the Salem community. For more information about SCF or to learn how to support its work, visit salemcf.org.



Local FFA groups at national convention

Salem FFA, Greenwich FFA, Argyle FFA and Schuylerville FFA just returned from a weeklong bus tour to the 97th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The group left Sunday, October 20 and returned Saturday, October 26.

While still in New York State, the group visited Niagara Falls by Maid of the Mist boat tours. Highlights of the trip were a visit to Fair Oaks Farms in Indiana, which is home to Fair Life milk. The FFA group toured the swine facility at Fair Oaks and saw the birthing process, or farrowing, in pigs.

Continuing on the bus trip to the Convention, FFA students and chaperones toured Ozark Fisheries, the oldest aquaculture facility in the United States, established in 1926,

learning about the fishery business.

The remainder of the trip was spent at the National FFA Convention with over 70,000 FFA members, advisors, and guests in attendance. A keynote speaker on the Friday, October 25 morning session was Temple Grandin, a world-renowned Animal Scientist and Professor at Oklahoma State University who has revolutionized the animal slaughter industry with her ability to see the world from the animal's perspective.

Pictured along the bus tour and at the FFA National Convention are Salem attendees Jackson Kirchner, Oliver Hickland, Erin Carney, and Mady Rea. Amy Maxwell is the NYS FFA Secretary and arrived ahead of the others for NYS Officer duties.



Rededication of Hebron historic marker

On Sunday, November 10, at 2pm, the Town of Hebron and the Hebron Preservation Society will hold a special rededication ceremony at the Town Barn on the corner of Bogtown and Chamberlin Mills Roads.

Hebron historian Debi Craig has been working with Washington County Historical Society board member Sarah Hall to restore the Samuel Nelson historic marker which was placed in the 1990s. Samuel Nelson was born in Hebron November 10, 1792. Nelson, who grew up in Hebron, served 27 years on the Supreme Court of the United States (his former law office can be seen at the Farmer's Museum in Cooperstown). Sarah Hall has taken on the project of preparing and restoring historic markers around the county over the past year.

The Hebron Veterans' Memorial next to the Nelson marker has also received restoration with the help of Hebron resident, Nancy Crosier.

In honor of this event, the Town of Hebron will also be dedicating a new flagpole and solar light, as well as new plantings by the Veteran's Memorial.

The event is open to the public. Parking is available along the road or in the Town Barn parking lot. The program will be held rain or shine. If there is inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at the Hebron United Presbyterian Church, East at 6559 State Rte. 22 in East Hebron. For more information call 518-573-3758.



More election coverage online

Considering our printed paper only comes out twice a month, and that we've built a very decent online audience over the past few years, we have moved our political coverage to our daily newsletter on Substack. It's free to get The Journal & Press sent to you daily in this format.

We don't spam, sell your information or even have ads in the daily newsletter. It's just The Journal & Press, but distributed in more bite-sized pieces.

Election Day is Nov. 5 and this paper will be on stands for much longer than that – and many people Early Vote now anyway – so it makes more sense for us to embrace the immediacy of digital with breaking election coverage.

We've also upped the ante online – we have polls about the candidates and even are doing candidate endorsements in a formal and fair way there, using not only reader polls but also an e-editorial board of Journal & Press contributing writers (who have Republican, Democratic and indepen-

dent affiliations). You can chime in and comment there.

We also can offer fuller photo montages online. For example, in this print edition, we were only able to offer a handful of Halloween Parade photos. Online, we can post dozens, and do!

For people who would like to become paid subscribers to our Substack, that's an option, as well. So far, we have 51 people doing that. They get the PDFs of both The Greenwich Journal AND The Salem Press before they mail!

We love our printed newspaper – in fact, we've doubled-down our commitment to print with this new Salem Press print edition. But we feel that our online presence allows us to paint a more complete picture of life here in the Battenkill Valley.

We encourage people to sub-

scribe to both the print edition and our Substack. They are different things with different personalities and content.

We even have a Sunday Paper edition filled with eclectic content – even recipes – just like the huge Sunday papers of yesteryear! But in electronic form.

You can find our Substack via JournalandPress.com. Again, it's free with no obligation.



Candidates at a recent Journal & Press event

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Director of the Salem Food Pantry

Adam Harrison Levy
Journal & Press

(I meet Melissa Curtis at the Salem Food Pantry, a red brick building behind St. Paul's Episcopal Church on East Broadway. The Pantry is open Saturday mornings from 9:00-11:30 am. Melissa bundles two of her four children into her minivan.)

ADAM: *Where are we going?*

MELISSA: We're heading over to the soccer fields. James and Willow have soccer practice and then we gotta grab Matthew and bring him over to karate...oh, I forgot their shin guards!

ADAM: *So what's your typical Saturday morning?*

MELISSA: It depends on whether my husband is working or not. My poor husband, I couldn't do it without him! If he's home, the baby will stay with him, and I'll drop the kids off at soccer or karate and head over to the food pantry. Every other week he takes them to soccer and karate and I'll be at the food pantry. When the kids are done they get dropped off and I usually have their lunch ready for them, and that's our typical Saturday morning.

ADAM: *It's like a Tetris cube!*

MELISSA: When my husband isn't home I have to put all four kids in the car and fly all over the place and sometimes deliver food if our delivery driver can't do it.

(We stop at the soccer field and pick up Matthew who had a sleepover with his grandma.)

ADAM: *What are the biggest benefits of being a mother?*

MELISSA: It's the amount of love that you can give and the amount of love that they give back to you. It's not like anything else but it's also the hardest thing in the world. Every day you think you're not doing a good
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job. A lot of times I go to bed and I cry. But you wake up in the morning and they are ecstatic just to see you come out of your bedroom. It's just a beautiful thing.

ADAM: *Where are we now?*

MELISSA: Coon Lane. There are two houses where I drop off food. The food pantry delivers to elderly people who can't get out and to people who don't own a vehicle, or if someone is really sick.

ADAM: *How does the food pantry work?*

MELISSA: It's a place where anybody can get food for free. There's no income requirement. You can get all of your canned goods and rice, pasta, and fresh produce – milk, eggs, meat, everything that you need for a well-rounded meal. We try to provide at least four days' worth of food per family member. But we're not limited to Saturdays. I do private appointments. I live two minutes up the road so I'm always willing to meet people. We deliver food as well.

ADAM: *Where does the food come from?*

MELISSA: We get a lot of our food from the Regional Food Bank in Latham, and we get food from local grocery stores like Hannaford and Price Chopper, and local farms as well.

ADAM: *How many families come regularly?*

MELISSA: We average around eighty families a week. Compared to some of the other food pantries in local towns we're amazed by our numbers.

ADAM: *Is that a result of economic difficulties in Salem? Or is it because it's a well-known food pantry and you run it well?*

MELISSA: I think it's a mixture. I make a lot of exceptions and reach out to people who can't make it on Saturdays. I'm not



Melissa Curtis

somebody who's going to say, "These are the hours that my food pantry is open. Take it or leave it." I have great volunteers so if I can't do it, they'll step in, meet people at the food pantry, or deliver food to them. I don't place a whole lot of limits and let people take what they think they need for a week. I don't follow people around. I don't pack their food for them. Some food pantries just give you a box. I feel that's wasteful, because you don't know if they have food restrictions or they're not going to eat that food, and it gets wasted. I would rather people come and pick out their own food.

ADAM: *What's the most rewarding part of the job?*

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RIDE ALONG

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MELISSA: Seeing the financial burden lifted off families. There are extreme situations where there are food emergencies, where somebody in town will notice that there's no food in a house, completely bare cupboards, and we will stock them with more than one box. That's rewarding because you're providing food for somebody that doesn't have anything. There are also situations where you're dealing with homelessness.

ADAM: *Homelessness in Salem?*

MELISSA: A lot of people don't understand that in our town that's a big issue. There are homeless people. There are people who live in campgrounds, that have kids, and that's where they're staying. We'll deliver anywhere that you need food.

ADAM: *Are there other people that use the pantry?*

MELISSA: There is also the middle class.

ADAM: *The middle class??*

MELISSA: Yes, people overlook that. Maybe you make just enough money to pay your bills, but you make too much for any support. You're not getting food stamps, you're not getting benefits, you're not getting free health care but at the end of the day, you don't have extra money to do anything for your kids. Maybe they can't sign up for sports, or extracurricular activities, and you're stressed out all the time but on paper, it looks like you have enough money. Those families are more hesitant to use the food pantry. I'll ask them if at the end of the month, do you have extra money? Can you treat your family to ice cream? Can you guys even go out to dinner? If not, use the food pantry, relieve your burden a little, and maybe have a bit of extra money to do something special with your family.

ADAM: *Do people who think of themselves as "middle class" find it difficult to use the food pantry? How do you overcome that?*

MELISSA: A lot of times, I start with private appointments and I will make sure nobody else is there. Everything is confidential. All my volunteers sign confidentiality

agreements, and I try to make it as comfortable as possible. I tell people, I am a stay-at-home mom, and I have four kids. Do we make enough money to pay all of our bills? Yes. Do I use the food pantry? Yes, because we need to. Otherwise, I don't have a lot of healthy options. Groceries are so expensive, and we are that middle class living just on the line. So I tell my story to people, make it very private, and usually within a couple of weeks they realize this doesn't have to be private. They'll start coming on Saturdays too. When you walk in there is zero judgment.

ADAM: *This shows where we are as a country, where the middle class is under so much stress.*

MELISSA: You used to go to the grocery store and get bags and bags for \$100 right? Now you get three grocery bags, and that's \$100. So they get cheaper food and they feel bad that they're giving their kids essentially garbage. We have a lot of fresh produce, and a lot of what we get is organic.

Adam: *How does this work make you feel about yourself?*

MELISSA: There's a reward to it. It's a lot of work, but it's enjoyable work, a part of my life. And my kids come with me. They help or they just run around like crazy people! It feels good to make a difference. This year we are working with the Salem school. That has opened my eyes to additional poverty in Salem. We're trying to have healthy snacks available because a lot of children are hungry even after their free breakfast and their free lunch. You can tell that they are malnourished. They're not getting enough food at home.

ADAM: *Did you always want to give back to your community?*

MELISSA: Giving back to the community is a huge part of my life. I never thought it would be at the food pantry. I always wanted to be a librarian. But when I started using the food pantry I started volunteering. I was unloading the truck, and I just instantly loved it. It's almost addictive. You just want to get more involved. And then I was on the board, and then from there, I became the director.



ADAM: What enables you to do all these things - being a mother, running the food pantry, sometimes volunteering at the library?

MELISSA: When you're a mom you have to balance so many things, it becomes natural. You learn how to cook with a baby in your arms and with a toddler wrapped around your leg and trying to change diapers and make meals and clean up and kiss boo boos - everything all at once. But it's also important to have something else that's your identity. The food pantry keeps my sense of self, even though you're giving to others, you're also giving to yourself, right?

ADAM: Is there anything else that you'd like to add?

MELISSA: When I went away to college I was like, oh, I can't wait to get out of here because everybody knows your business. You feel like you want to see more of the world. But a lot of people that I graduated with come back to Salem because it's just a beautiful community and yeah, people know your business, but they're going to help you through all of your hard times.

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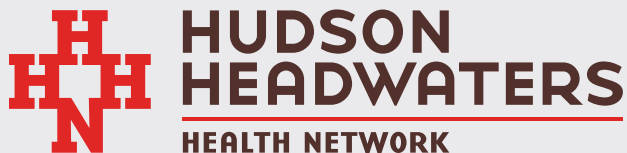


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Voting matters: do it like an honor student

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

The election season is upon us and here are a few thoughts about it.

First, it is crucial to remember that voting is not about popularity; it is about choosing the most qualified candidate. Do not be swayed by the candidate with the catchiest slogans, the biggest crowds, the largest fan base, or the loudest presence online. Instead, ask yourself: Who has the experience, integrity, and dedication to represent my community well? Casting a meaningful vote means moving beyond the bandwagon mentality. Please choose who will truly advocate for your interests, not just the candidate everyone else knows or seems to like most.

Similarly, resist the urge to vote strictly along party lines. Blindly selecting a straight ticket can undermine your voice in areas where a different candidate from the other party may actually represent your values better. Think of it as a civic duty to research each candidate with this in mind, no matter their party affiliation. Before you head to the polls, read about the candidates on the ballot, explore their experience and track record, and get a sense of how they'll handle real issues facing your community. Think of this extra effort as if you were preparing for a test back in your high school days. Do not be the "F" student who merely settles for a basic surface-level understanding of the issues, if even that. Aim to be an "A" student when it comes to voting by digging deeper and asking the questions needed that will help you make an informed choice.

You may have noticed an eruption of lawn signs cropping up along roadsides and intersections. While the sheer number of them might catch your eye, they do not necessarily signal genuine support. One person can easily plant dozens of signs along every intersection, making a candidate seem overwhelmingly popular. Real support is shown when people display signs in front of their homes—these personal endorsements tell you where they truly stand. If you notice a

neighbor with a candidate's sign, consider reaching out in a friendly, constructive way. A neighborly conversation can help broaden your perspective and clarify why they support their choice, creating a space to share your own thoughts as well.

When it comes to elections, it is common to see candidates running for office where the incumbent is considered unbeatable. These are sometimes labeled as "sacrificial" candidates—those who run knowing they likely will not win but do so to ensure that their political party is represented on the ballot. For example, when you vote this year, look at the ballot and see if you even recognize the names of the people running against Kirsten Gillibrand and Elise Stefanik. You get extra points on the final exam if you do, perhaps points should be deducted if you do not. While it is easy to overlook these challengers, they truly could have added value. With greater support from their national parties, their campaigns might have been better positioned to introduce different ideas and alternative solutions into the election. Everyone benefits from contested races, as they keep ideas flowing and give voters real choices.

You might have heard that "every vote counts," yet it is easy to feel disillusioned, especially in states like New York where polls indicate a predictable outcome in national races. But do not fall for this line of thinking. Polls are not crystal balls—they can miss the nuances of how people feel or the factors that influence last-minute decisions. In a close race, every vote has the power to push your preferred candidate closer to victory.

And where votes really count is at the local level. Unlike national elections, local races can be decided by just a handful of votes. Your vote is particularly powerful in



local elections, where turnout is often low, and margins can be razor thin. When apathetic voters stay home, small yet dedicated groups can easily swing the results in one direction or another. Their candidates, when they win, will make decisions that impact our schools, roads, town courts, and other essential services—and not always for the best. Every ballot, including yours, is crucial to ensure we are represented by leaders who truly reflect our community's needs.

To reiterate the random thought for this issue. When you go to the polls this year, do not settle for being anything less than an "honor student." Treat your vote with purpose and intention! Research, engage in conversation, and make choices that align with your values and aspirations as well as what you think will be best for everyone. Voting is not only a right, but also a responsibility—one that can shape the local community, the State of New York, and our country.

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Woodcock

Bob Henke
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I was out driving around in a field at 4:30 this morning. There was a beautiful full moon lighting up the whole area. I had to keep jumping in and out of the vehicle and my night vision does not kick on as quickly as it used to, so I was continually fumbling for a light to handle the myriad little latches I was fighting with. The solution, given the perfect light of the moon, was to simply shut off the lights altogether. This is not an unusual situation for a game warden. I once drove a little over 3000 miles in the patrol car during the month of November, most of it at night, and only had the headlights on four times. (Please hold your admonishing messages. I also drove police vehicles very nearly 2 million miles without a single dent except for one time when I was rear-ended by a drunk at a red light in Lake George Village.)

In any event, turning out the headlights is not enough. In order to function with night vision, you must turn off the interior lights as well. Turns out this is not so easy as it used to be. There is, to be sure, a dimmer switch which, although it will not totally black out the dash lights, does reduce them sufficiently. There is, however, no such adjustment on the “information center,” a six-inch glowing screen right in the middle of the dashboard, which makes it utterly impossible to see a thing without the headlights on. You must basically overpower one set of lights with another.

I admit being depressed that even a one-ton, hard-riding, load-carrying pickup truck has been Los Angelized to this point. I have not even begun to complain about the various beeps, bongs, and tweedles accompanying every action I take from opening the door to putting on the emergency brake. At least that, for all its annoying warbling, is still a mechanical pedal so you can bring the vehicle around in an emergency. However, I find we are being warned and looked after to the point it is impossible to operate naturally.

Operating in the sphere of man-made
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micro-environments, like the one created by piercing halogen headlights, actually cuts one off from a number of natural systems, at the very least rendering them invisible. One of these turned out to be the subject of a question this week.

I am creeped out! I was walking out into the hay field in the dark with no light—LIKE YOU TOLD ME TO DO—to look at the comet. All of a sudden there was some swarm of things that were making whistling all around me and whipping up into the air. I ran all the way back. Thanks for getting my heart rate up to my target level! What did you send me out into and did you know that was going to happen?!? You will pay!

Do not be so excitable. That was a great experience, at least it would have been if you had actually stayed to experience it. You had the rare good fortune of encountering a big flock of migrating woodcock. The whistling sound is from their wings. Their vocalization is a sharp “peent.” You could have been on either end of a flight, i.e., they were either all landing around you or you had scared a resting flock into flight. Unfortunately, you bolted so you will not know.

Woodcock fascinate me. They are essentially a species of shorebird and, like the plovers, they migrate in rather large flocks but generally only move as far as absolutely nec-

Sighting

A reader left me a picture and what was essentially a question. However, I thought it might well be a sighting that many folks may be having this fall. He was essentially complaining about his nephews.

These young miscreants persisted in climbing in his trees and were, he felt, killing his butternut trees by drilling holes in them. His question was, could he treat the damage and would it kill the tree? The answer is no and, probably, however, the villain is not the boys but a bird. The numerous holes drilled in



a symmetrical pattern on smooth-barked trees like butternut, mountain ash, and beech are the work of the yellow-bellied sapsucker. As the name implies, they drill these holes and subsist on drinking the nutritious sap that oozes out. There may be as many as 30 trees the sapsucker tends and visits in the course of its day. It is not just the sapsucker, a type of woodpecker, that benefits. Numerous birds from hummingbirds to chickadees sneak in to steal the sapsucker's bounty and many songbirds check out the holes for insects caught in the sap. Unfortunately, the holes also let in fungi and other pathogens that usually kill the tree after a few years.

essary to continue to find thawed ground to seek food. Unlike their plover cousins, they have chosen to forsake the seashore to live in the woodlands and eat only earthworms. This has necessitated a bunch of changes, including building their heads upside down.

Also known as timberdoodle, Labrador twister, bogsucker and mudsnipe, woodcock have become specialized to one major food source—earthworms, necessitating change in both body and behavior. Their bills are elongated with a prehensile end to aid in this search. The nostrils are high on the bill so they can breathe during the search and

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their eyes are set far back on the head to allow a complete field of view for predators while probing. The bird's ears are ahead of its eyes, between the base of the bill and the eye sockets.

Their head is weird on the inside too. The brain of an American woodcock is unique among birds. The cerebellum, which controls muscle coordination and body balance, is below the rest of the brain and above the spinal column. (In most birds, the cerebellum occupies the rear of the skull.) As everything rotated to the back, the configuration of the brain followed and the modern woodcock has, in essence, an upside-down brain.

Unlike their shorebird relatives, they migrate no further than necessary, some going south only to New Jersey, allowing a return north as early as possible. The adults may have to endure some weeks without food,

but the broods will hatch at the optimum time to find worms close to the surface. This is important, for woodcock reproduce slowly, the average brood being only three or four. They depend on a high percentage of the babies surviving.

While woodcock are by no means extinct, many of us have worried about their population for a lot of years. Woodcock numbers have been slowly declining, 1.1% over the past decade or so. This is purely a function of habitat loss but the mechanism is, like everything else associated with the bird, somewhat unexpected.

In order to raise young, the woodcock requires shrub thickets and young second growth woodlands. 70,000 to 100,000 stems per acre are the preferred density. As the forest matures, the undergrowth is shaded out by the canopy and not only woodcock, but grouse and a myriad of warblers and songbirds, are at the mercy of predators. The "preservation" of large stands of mature timber in the north-

east is ringing a death knell for the woodcock. In a natural system, periodic scouring by fire keeps the woodland diverse and allows the survival of a range of species. The "Forever wild" nature of much of the Adirondacks has forced thousands of acres into climax forest, which is a biological desert. Biologists estimate it would take enough clearcutting to produce 21,624 acres each year of early successional forest in order to restore the woodcock's habitat in the Adirondacks.

So be happy with your woodcock experience. You were exceptionally lucky to have such an encounter.

Contact Bob Henke with your sightings or questions by mail c/o *The Greenwich Journal & Salem Press*, by email at outdoors.tomorrow@gmail.com, on Twitter at @BobHenke, or on Facebook.



Comedy on stage

Schuylerville Community Theater (SCT) announced its fall 2024 show is just about ready to open! "Play On!" is set to take place between November 1-3 in Schuylerville at the townhall building.

"Play On!" Is the hilarious story of one plucky community theatre that is about to produce a show called Murder Most Foul, a new "murder mystery play" with the same title as an Agatha Christie novel but with no relation whatsoever.

The director/theatre manager, Gerry, thought producing the play was a good idea since the inexperienced playwright has agreed to let the company perform the show for no charge. Gerry, however, had no idea what disasters awaited her: the show is hilariously amateur, the "murder mystery" plot doesn't really have a murder, and to top it off the playwright keeps changing the story and script only two days from its premiere! It doesn't help that the cast is disgruntled, and the playwright accidentally

deletes the entire sound effect board.

All of the disasters come to fruition in Act III when the company performs the actual show with hilarious mishaps as every turn.

The show (and the show within a show) features a robust cast of entertaining characters and highlights the incredible comedic talents of:

Rosalyn Annely as Smitty, Robert Biales as Louis, Bridget Dunigan as Violet, Brian Haynes as Saul, Logan Haynes as Billy, Jen Madison as Gerry, Linda McKenney as Polly, Aimee McMaster as Aggie, Jonathan Nichols-Pate as Henry and Bonnie Thomas as Phyllis.

"Play On!" is a hilarious love letter to community theatre.

Schuylerville Community Theater's production of "Play On!" is directed by theater



veteran Dianne O'Neill and this local production has a collection of gifted actors and actresses that are passionate about bringing the production to life with the aid of a wonderful extended cast and crew!

Performances are Fri. Nov. 1 (7:30 pm), Sat. Nov. 2 (7:30 pm) and Sun. Nov. 3 (2 pm). Tickets for the show are priced at \$22 for Adults, \$20 for Students & Seniors. Tickets at this venue are limited and are general admission only.

Tickets can be reserved by calling 518-695-5480 or by visiting www.scttheater.org or <https://www.ticketor.com/sct>.

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Salem Rescue Squad seeks vols

The Salem Rescue Squad held their monthly meeting on October 9th and reported the following:

During the month of September 2024 the Salem Rescue Squad responded to 41 calls for service, 30 of those calls were in the Town of Salem, 8 of the calls were in Hebron and 3 of the calls were in Rupert/West Rupert. The Rescue Squad was unable to cover 6 calls which went to mutual aid. As of the end of September, the Salem Rescue Squad has responded to 398 calls for the year.

In September 17 patients were transported to Glens Falls Hospital, 4 to Saratoga Hospital, 1 to Southwestern Vermont Medical Center and 1 to Albany Medical Center. Other calls either were standby calls, were canceled or resulted in the patients not wishing to be trans-

ported. Each call for service which includes a transport to the area hospitals normally takes 2.5 to 3 hours from start to finish.

The Salem Rescue Square is asking for community help with making sure the area always has Salem ambulances available to respond to our community's needs. To do that, they need volunteers and currently have two main positions open for volunteers: Emergency Vehicle Operators (EVOs) drive the ambulances to and from emergencies, maintain the ambulances, assist with obtaining/storing equipment for the EMTs and assist with lifting. Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) provide basic life support care to patients at scenes and during transport to hospitals. They perform CPR, if needed, and work with other professionals within the Emergency Medical Services System. The Rescue Squad is looking

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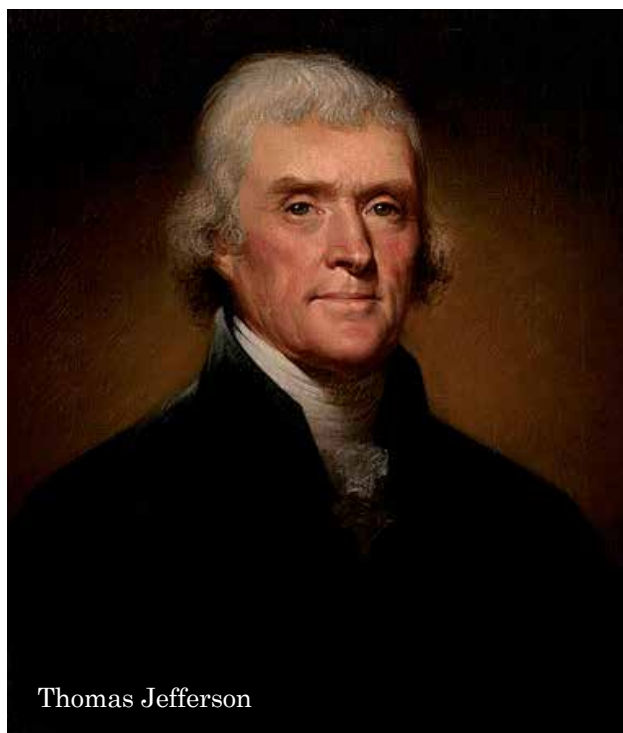
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The irony of Roger Williams

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

It is ironic that Roger Williams (1604?-1683), a former Puritan minister, became the father of a guiding principle of the United States, the separation of church and state. After all, the Puritans were essentially fundamentalists, and even their name was a slur calling attention to their signature intolerance. In colonies where Puritans were in charge, there was little difference between civil and religious government – the Congregational church functioned as state religion, and it was the government’s job to enforce morality and “prevent error in religion.”

Although Roger Williams was steeped in religious theology, he often ran afoul of the religious authorities in the Massachusetts Bay colony for his conclusion “that government must remove itself from anything that touched upon human beings’ relationship with God.” He thought that the practice of forced religious compliance and prayer in Massachusetts “stinks in God’s nostrils.” He was banished by Massachusetts Bay in



Thomas Jefferson

October 1635, and eventually made his way to Narragansett Bay and founded Providence, which he called “a shelter for persons distressed for conscience,” which was his euphemism for religion. Several families of parishioners from his previous congregation joined him.

He would found a government which ignored the tradition of the landowner controlling the political system, sold off his rights to the land to a town common stock, and ensured that he only received a vote equal to the other settlers. He also ensured that the town’s compact did not refer to God’s will, God’s kingdom on earth, or any other reference to deity, believing that it was profane and arrogant. He instead saw that the settlers agreed “to subject ourselves in active and passive obedience to all such orders or agreements as shall be made for public good... only in civil things.”

Roger Williams, as a pastor, primarily wanted to protect the purity of religion from the depredations of politics, or as one researcher’s formula puts it, in Williams’ mind, religion plus politics equaled politics. Or as Williams wrote in 1644, there should be a “hedge or wall of separation between the garden of the church and the wilderness of the world.”

Founding Father and later President Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), author of the Declaration of Independence, was also very adamant about maintaining a strict wall between church and state and considered it one of his three greatest achievements. He reversed Williams’ formula and felt that religion would corrupt the purity of his politics. He, like many of the Founders was a student of the Enlightenment or “Age of Reason.” For the most part he kept his religious beliefs to himself, but incurred the wrath of more religious Christians when he wrote:

“The legitimate powers of government extend to such acts only as are injurious to others. But it does me no injury for my neighbour to say there are twenty gods, or



Raphael Warnock

no god. It neither picks my pocket nor breaks my leg.”

According to *Governing* magazine, “Some declared that if he were elected president, Jefferson would abolish Christianity and confiscate the nation’s Bibles.” Sounds like a hysterical claim ripped from today’s headlines. And as with such claims, political opportunists seized on them, though to his credit, Jefferson never replied or gave the claims any oxygen.

Among Jefferson’s contemporaries, George Washington was of particular assistance to ensuring the nation embraced a variety of religions. In 1790 he wrote with pride to a Jewish congregation, “The liberal sentiment towards each other which marks every political and religious denomination of men in this country stands unrivalled in the history of nations.” That same year he corresponded with another synagogue, and wrote:

“For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.”

The Founding Fathers and Framers of the Constitution provided a framework through which separation of church and state, combined with freedom of religion, can be accommodated easily in this nation. However, in practice, it has not been so easy.

Take, for example, Christian Nationalism.

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There has always been an element of it in this country, the idea that the federal government should show preference to Christianity, if not out and out be replaced by it. While before, the fringe groups got little traction, in the “post-truth” era that MAGA has occupied, “We can’t just laugh these people off anymore and treat them as a sideshow...” as Bradley Onishi, a religion professor at Skidmore College wrote.

Some of the proponents of this philosophy are laughable.

For instance, MAGAficionado and Representative Lauren Boebert (R-CO) made statements like, “The church is supposed to direct the government. The government is not supposed to direct the church. That is not how our Founding Fathers intended it, and I’m tired of this separation of church and state junk.” Her fellow Bobbsey Twin, Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA), spoke in equally ignorant, uncoded speech in 2022, “We need to be the party of nationalism and I’m a Christian, and I say it proudly, we should be Christian nationalists.”

Another who falls into this category is Charlie Kirk, founder of the right-wing Christian Nationalist group Turning Point USA. In 2018 he was:

“... mobilizing college-age Republicans, describ[ing] Jesus as welcoming and tolerant, and denounc[ing] Christians’ ‘sanctimonious approach’ to homosexuality and other issues. He argued politics should be advanced through a ‘secular worldview’ and slammed attempts by the evangelical right, beginning in the 1970s, to impose their version of morality through government policy. ‘We do have a separation of church and state,’ Kirk told the conservative commentator Dave Rubin, ‘and we should support that.’”

Four years later, he was firmly entrenched on the other side of the coin: “There is no separation of church and state,” Kirk said on his podcast in 2022. “It’s a fabrication. It’s a fiction. It’s not in the Constitution. It’s made

up by secular humanists.”

The sad thing is that Roger Williams’ concerns about politics corrupting religion have become true. When Nixon utilized his “Southern Strategy” to win the 1968 presidential election, attempting to absorb the white Southern Democrats disaffected by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, generally the black churches went Democratic and the white churches went Republican.

In the United States, two out of every three citizens are Christian, and there are over 200 denominations of Christianity. No one speaks for all of them. So, when someone tries to paint Baptist and Vice President Kamala Harris as “anti-Christian,” it comes off as patently absurd.

If one religious denomination decides somehow that it breaks politically left, and another breaks politically right – well, they can’t both be correct from a religious standpoint, can they? Sure. They can also both be wrong. After all – 200 denominations and counting. I keep in mind that the belt buckle worn on German uniforms during the early 20th century had the words “Gott Mit Uns” stamped right on them. That’s “God is with us.” Once a political entity decides it speaks for God, then the limits as to level of the mischief or atrocity that can be achieved are boundless.

Today religion is being used as a bludgeon, with former President Donald Trump saying that Vice President Harris is “destructive to Christianity,” or “Anybody who’s Jewish and loves being Jewish and loves Israel is a fool if they vote for a Democrat.” He then, during a period of record anti-Semitism made the ominous statement, “I wasn’t treated properly by the voters who happen to be Jewish.



Williams banished

I don’t know. Do they know what the hell is happening if I don’t win this election? And the Jewish people would really have a lot to do with that if that happens...”

I am steadfast in my faith, and it remains a central part of my identity and my life. However, Roger Williams was spot on – politics pollutes religion. As was Thomas Jefferson - religion pollutes politics.

Is there a way out of the religion/state quandary? I believe so. The recipe is best expressed in the words of Rev. Raphael Warnock (D-GA), “... I believe in our democracy. I believe in the separation of church and state. So, I also am intentional about trying to speak in a way that’s anchored in my faith, but reaches out to people of various faith traditions and people who claim no particular faith tradition at all.”

Amen.

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Swim naked, or fully clothed, feel better

Greg Schwem

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Imagine treading water wearing a business suit. Blue jeans. A sweater. Or whatever you chose to wear when you left the house that morning. Unless you're at a pool party, and alcohol aided your decision to enter the water, you're not there of your own free will. You slipped, you tripped, you misjudged the distance to the dock when you volunteered to leap from the boat and tie it off. You're struggling to stay afloat; the weight of your shoes, belt and other items not associated with swimming are trying mightily to pull you under.

But you survive. Eventually you pull yourself out of the water and congratulate yourself on your triumph. Maybe you laugh at your misfortune.

Now imagine being in that same body of water wearing nothing. Not even a bathing suit. The generic term is skinny dipping. Maybe you're with your spouse, your lover, an equally adventurous friend or you're alone. Your nakedness is protected by darkness. Or maybe it's not. There may be strangers on the shore completely aware of your behavior. They're pointing, shaking their heads in disgust or documenting your escapades with their phones so they can show the clip to their friends and say, "You're not going to believe what I saw on the beach this morning!"

But you don't care. You are not self-conscious or embarrassed. Let whoever is aiming their iPhone at you post the video on TikTok if they desire.

The only emotion you feel is freedom.

I have experienced both scenarios. I won't go into the particulars of each, but I do believe everybody's bucket list should include swimming fully naked and fully clothed.

Start with the latter. Despite the pool scene in "It's a Wonderful Life," where an unsuspecting George Bailey falls into a

swimming pool beneath a gymnasium floor, and dozens of party guests eventually join in the frivolity, swimming while clothed is no fun. Upon exiting the water, your frame feels like it has added an additional 100 pounds. Wet clothes don't dry quickly, so a change of attire is imminent. Staying in dripping wet clothing for too long leads to skin rashes. Wet clothing also stinks.

But oh, how wonderful it feels to shed those clothes. You instantly feel like the weight of the world is off your shoulders because, literally, it is. Your day, and your life, can only improve from this moment forward. Nobody ever says, "Gosh I wish I was still walking around in soaking wet pants." Even babies in soiled diapers eventually cry for a change.

If your fully clothed experience involved jumping into the water to save a potential drowning victim, then you only feel relief. In my case, I felt embarrassed, for I fell in while walking too close to a dock's edge. My companion, doubled over in laughter, eventually asked if I was OK after seeing me flounder toward a nearby ladder and hoist myself out.

"Thanks for nothing," I said. "Nice to know I can save myself."

At that moment I no longer felt embarrassed. Instead I felt independence. Which is always nice.

I've skinny dipped twice. Once solo and once with a female whose identity I will not reveal. Everyone, I surmise, who engages in this form of public nakedness emerges from the water thinking, "I can't believe I just did that."

Followed shortly by, "I can't wait to do it



again. When the time is right."

Maybe that time will never come. But just as we value independence, we also value anticipation. And, as previously mentioned, freedom. Skinny dipping provides both.

As I write this column, I am visiting the Greek Islands. I am surrounded by water. I doubt this trip will involve a dip into the Mediterranean or Aegean seas naked or clothed but, for the reasons I just laid out, both sound tempting.

As long as I have dry clothes, a robe or a large towel nearby.

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Hearing the spiritual call to civility

MaryAnne Brown
Journal & Press

As the 2024 presidential election approaches, political tensions seem to be rising everywhere, often surfacing unexpectedly in daily life. This past week alone, I saw two women in a heated argument over how to properly advance a waiting line, heard more honking in traffic than usual, and spent time consoling others worried about the election's outcome. Some admit that political disagreements have strained relationships with family and friends, leaving them unsure how to navigate these sensitive issues. There's no doubt that this election has left many of us feeling anxious.

Among the books in my home library, one of my most cherished is a 1911 copy of Washington's Farewell Address, passed down from my father-in-law. As the political climate has heated up, I've revisited the words of our first president. In 1796, Washington gave Americans valuable guidance, emphasizing the need for national unity and warning of the dangers of division. He foresaw that partisan conflicts could threaten the country's stability and undermine its government. Washington also believed that a moral and virtuous citizenry was essential to preserving liberty. He urged Americans to manage national finances carefully, warning against excessive public debt that could burden future generations. His words are a timeless call for unity, moral integrity, and thoughtful governance to ensure the nation's success.

Here we are some 228 years after Washington stepped down from the presidency. If we were to bring our American report card to him, I wonder how the "Father of the Nation" would respond. He likely wouldn't be angry with us, but perhaps he would be disappointed and eager to guide us back toward responsible citizenship. Although Washington bid us farewell long ago, the question it raises remains relevant today: How do we, as a politically divided people, navigate our differences without descending into anger

and mistrust? How can we work together to form a "more perfect union?"

Another favorite book of mine, "Choosing Civility" by P.M. Forni, offers practical guidance for these times. Forni, co-founder of the Johns Hopkins Civility Project, outlines 25 rules for considerate conduct. Through his work, he collected definitions of civility from participants in his workshops, including courtesy, respect for others, good manners, and kindness. He concluded that civility is complex, necessary, and deeply valuable. His rules, which include attentiveness, thinking the best of others, and acknowledgment of others, may seem like common sense, but they are essential in today's charged political environment.

Civility is not just a social virtue; it is a spiritual practice rooted in love, respect, and empathy. Many religious and spiritual traditions emphasize the importance of civility. The apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians lists the "Fruits of the Spirit" as peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—all qualities essential to practicing civility. Islam teaches the importance of proper behavior and developing one's moral conscience, while the Sikh tradition upholds equality and respect for all. American Indian values also emphasize deep respect and thoughtful consideration of others' ideas and needs.

Integrating civility into our daily lives will help us navigate political differences with grace. Here are some practical ways to foster civility and deepen understanding. We can practice active listening, with an open mind. If we truly listen, especially when we disagree, we can offer respect and modestly acknowledge that we can learn from one another. We can speak kindly, allowing our carefully chosen words the power to heal rather than harm the other. We can focus on our shared values of family, faith, care of the land and one another which will unite



rather than divide us. We can let go of the need to win every argument. It is okay to let go of debates for the sake of peace. Become a blessed peacemaker; it is very freeing! For those who pray, we can take time to pray before a political or difficult discussion, asking for wisdom, patience and peace. This pause centers us and helps us speak from a calm, reflective space rather than out of anger or frustration.

By choosing civility as a spiritual practice, we offer a powerful testament to the kind of world we want to build for our children. By embracing civility, we can create a more harmonious community that demonstrates to future generations how faith and character can guide us through even the most challenging times. Let's spread the word that this welcoming approach will foster a climate where everyone feels safe, valued, and heard, regardless of political differences. May the Great Spirit protect our elections and help voters to elect trustworthy and wise leaders. Peace.

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RC Churches news

Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Sunday is held at 8:15 AM; at St. Patrick's at 11:30 AM, and at Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls on Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM. Week-day Masses are at 9 AM at Holy Cross on Tuesday, at St. Patrick's on Wednesday, and Immaculate Conception on Monday. Children's bulletins with Gospel activities are available near the doors of the church. Holy Cross will offer a coffee hour on November 3.

Immaculate Conception is having a grand Reopening with an Open House on Sunday, November 3 from 1-2:30 with Mass at 3 pm and dinner to follow.


On All Saints Day, November 1, Mass will be held at 9 AM at St. Patrick's, Noon at Holy Cross, and 6 PM at Immaculate Conception. Holy Cross will hold A Service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday, November 10 at 4 PM for deceased members of the parish and families who have died this year.

St. Patrick's initiated a coffee hour at 10:30 before Mass Which will be held on every third Sunday. Please join in.

As Veteran's Day approaches Holy Cross parishioners can help our current soldiers by creating care packages. The Catholic Daughters are collecting items until November 10. A list can be found as you enter church.

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The first Strong Woman Circle will be held on Fri., Nov. 1 from 6:30-8:30 in the Brieman Bldg. in the parking lot behind the Presbyterian Church, 81

E. Main St., Cambridge. Offered on a sliding scale of \$15-25/woman. Please bring a sacred object for our center table, your open heart, a journal, pen and cash or check. Facilitated by Teresa King. She has been facilitating circles and workshops for 27 years. Registration is required by contacting her at teresaking1@live.com or by visiting <https://thelargerpicture.com>.

Details can be found under Events. Strong Women circles are not affiliated with any religion. Attend when you are able.

Last chance for art buying

November 9-10 will be the last weekend that Whiting Studio Art and Gallery will hold an Open Studio. The public and Plein Air painters are invited to visit the studio between 10am and 5pm. This will be the last chance to purchase art at a reduced price for holiday gift giving.

Plein Air painters are encouraged to set up to paint on location and bring

examples of their work for the public to see and purchase. Each painter will be responsible for sales.

Located at 105 Holmes Road in Argyle NY, the studio is open from May until November each year. More information is available on their website www.whitingartwork.com.

Nipper Knolls takeout dinner

Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. (NKEC) is hosting a take-out spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Tuesday, November 5 from 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. with pick-up at the First Baptist Church of Hudson Falls, 118 Main Street, Hudson Falls, NY 12839. All proceeds will benefit Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc., and the Alfred Z. Solomon Veterans Program (AZSVP).

Dinners are \$9 per person and includes spaghetti with sauce, garden salad, and dinner roll. Walk-ins are welcome. Pre-orders are appreciated and can be made by calling Dan at 518-764-9259 or email [\[ter@gmail.com\]\(mailto:ter@gmail.com\).](mailto:nkequincen-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Located in Granville, NY, NKEC is a 501c3 nonprofit. It is a 100% volunteer organization with no salaries paid, and relies on volunteers and the generosity of financial supporters and fundraising efforts. These combined efforts ensure the NKEC programs including the AZSVP and therapeutic riding program can continue to enrich the lives of people with different abilities.

Located in Middle Grove, NY, the AZSVP is one of an eight-week program designed for veterans to learn horsemanship skills.

Donate blood

The American Red Cross continues to work to restock critically needed blood products uncollected due to the ongoing impact of Hurricane Helene's devastation in the Southeast. Donors outside of affected areas are encouraged to make an appointment to give now and help keep the blood supply stable in the weeks to come.

Since making landfall, the storm and its aftermath have led to the cancellation of more than 100 blood drives, causing thousands of blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. For so many people living with urgent medical care needs, blood transfusions are essential, and donations in the Southeast are key to keeping our nationwide network stocked. The Red Cross operates through a national inventory with the ability to move blood wherever and whenever it is needed most.

The time to give blood or platelets is now. Bring hope to those in need by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. As the Red Cross continues to urge people to give blood or platelets now, our teams are also on the ground providing vital relief – like food, water, shelter and support – in communities devastated by Hurricane Helene. If you're able to help those impacted by disasters big and small across the country, like Helene, please consider making a gift of any amount.

Those who come to give in early November, Nov. 1-17, will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$7,000 gift cards. For full details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Thanks.

Some upcoming donation events:

Cambridge

11/13/2024: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Cambridge High School, 24 South Park Street.

Salem

11/15/2024: 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Salem FD, 53 S Main Street.

Saratoga Springs

11/13/2024: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church, 175 Fifth Ave.

11/15/2024: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saratoga Public Library, 49 Henry Street.

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ner at a local restaurant. If anyone is interested in joining the Troop and such adventures, they should contact Scoutmaster Jeff Conkey at troop27greenwich@gmail.com.

Local polling places

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. Registered local voters can go to the polls to cast their vote at the following locations:

Salem:

1. Salem Volunteer Fire Dept., 53 South Main St.
2. Georgi Community Room, 19 Adam Lane (Shushan)
3. Salem Volunteer Fire Dept., 53 South Main St.

Hebron:

1. West Hebron Fire House, 3165 County Route 30

Jackson:

1. Jackson Town Hall, 2355 State Route 22

Cambridge:

1. Coila Church, 93 State Route 372
2. Coila Church, 93 State Route 372

Greenwich:

1. Cossayuna Fire House, 21 Bunker Hill Road
2. St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 32 Hill Street
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Supporting Upstate small businesses and manufacturers. Stopping reckless government spending causing inflation.

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Delivered \$5.8 million in VA benefits to Upstate veterans. Secured \$415 million for Air Force Research Lab in Rome NY.

✓ STANDING UP FOR SENIORS AND RURAL HOSPITALS

Delivered \$4 million in recovered Social Security and Medicare benefits to Upstate and North Country seniors. Secured funding for rural hospitals and health centers.

✓ LOWERING ENERGY PRICES AND UNLEASHING AMERICAN ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Supporting American energy production to lower the price of gas, heating, and utility bills.

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★ Police Conference of New York

★ NYS Police Investigators Association

★ NYS Fraternal Order of Police



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Tractor Parade's new route, activities

Thanks to title sponsors Capital Tractor and The Fort Miller Group, tractor floats spectacularly decorated in holiday themes by local farms, businesses and families will glow brightly on Saturday November 23rd starting at 6:00 pm. Join the unforgettable family fun as the tractors parade down Route 29 and Main Street in the Village of Greenwich, NY.

This year's parade is new and improved, with all the best of the past, plus new additions to add fun and accessibility. The new parade route will start at Capital Tractor and end at Argyle Brewing Company. This new route gives you over 1.5 miles of viewing options to enjoy!

Tractors will line up in the staging area on Hannaford Dr. and starting at 6:00pm they will make their way down Route 29/Main Street. Judging will take place from the grandstand in front of TD Bank (facing the park) and the parade will end at ABC's taproom at One Main Street.

This new route will not only give many more areas for prime viewing, but also gives convenient, close parking options. Being able to park nearby makes the parade more accessible to people with disabilities or anyone who does not wish to walk a long way. Park in any of the many large lots (Hannaford, CVS, Big Lots, YMCA) and watch from the sidewalks along Route 29/Main St.

Come for the holiday cheer and enjoy lots of options for food, drinks and entertainment even before the parade begins. This year there will be 15 food trucks set up along the parade route, including in Washington Park, in addition to the local shops and restaurants who welcome you. The official tractor parade souvenir booth will offer hoodies, hats and tees for sale by parade volunteers

Everyone's favorites are back; selfies with Santa on Academy Street from 2:00-4:00pm, music in Mowry Park starts at 2:00pm and horse-drawn wagon rides start in the park and run from 2:00-5:00pm. Food trucks set up in Washington Park and along the parade route will open starting at 2:00pm. Beer and wine will be available in Mowry Park starting at 2:00pm.

This incredible community event wouldn't be anything without all the local people who volunteer their time and talents to decorate, drive and ride on all the tractor floats. This year, a hospitality tent will be set up in the grassy area between Capital Tractor and Hannaford, next to the staging area on Hannaford Drive. Sponsored by Hannaford and Walmart, the hospitality tent will welcome all the tractor drivers and their crews to thank them for making the Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade THE local holiday event.

This year's parade honors Grand Marshall Cliff Oliver. Cliff is a talented photographer and respected member of our Greenwich community. He has spent many years capturing and honoring the agriculture traditions and history of our area through his photography and storytelling.

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce is proud to welcome you to the 12th annual Greenwich Lighted Tractor Parade!

Tips & Times to Remember for the Best Parade Experience on Saturday November 23rd:

- Arrive early! Activities, music, food, selfies with Santa and horse drawn wagon rides start at 2:00 pm
- Route 29 will be closed from the circle to Argyle Brewing Company starting at 5:30 pm *There will be no access to Route 29/Main Street by vehicle after this time
- Arrive early to park, enjoy the food, music, and other vendors and settle into a spot to watch the fun!
- There will be tons of parking in lots of businesses on Route 29



Want to enter a tractor?

- Register by November 8th at www.greenwichtractorparade.com
- Attend the last mandatory meeting on November 14th at 7:00pm at Gather, 103 Main Street, Greenwich, NY

Want to volunteer? We would love to have you join us!

- Call the Chamber office at 518-692-7979, leave a message
- Message us on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GreenwichChamber

– Allison Wilshere



Women's clubs convene

On Saturday, October 19, the Salem Area Woman's Club hosted the bi-annual Adirondack District Meeting at Jacob's Well Church in Cambridge. In attendance were members from the following Clubs: Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Women's Club, Century Club of Amsterdam, Mohawk Valley Women's Club, Palantine Literacy Club, Southern Saratoga County Woman's Club and the Salem Area Woman's Club.

The District Meeting day began with coffee and homemade pastries furnished by the Salem Area Woman's Club hosts, followed by a business meeting. All the women enjoyed a luncheon provided by Country Gals Cafe in Cambridge followed by other business matters for the groups before ending the day.

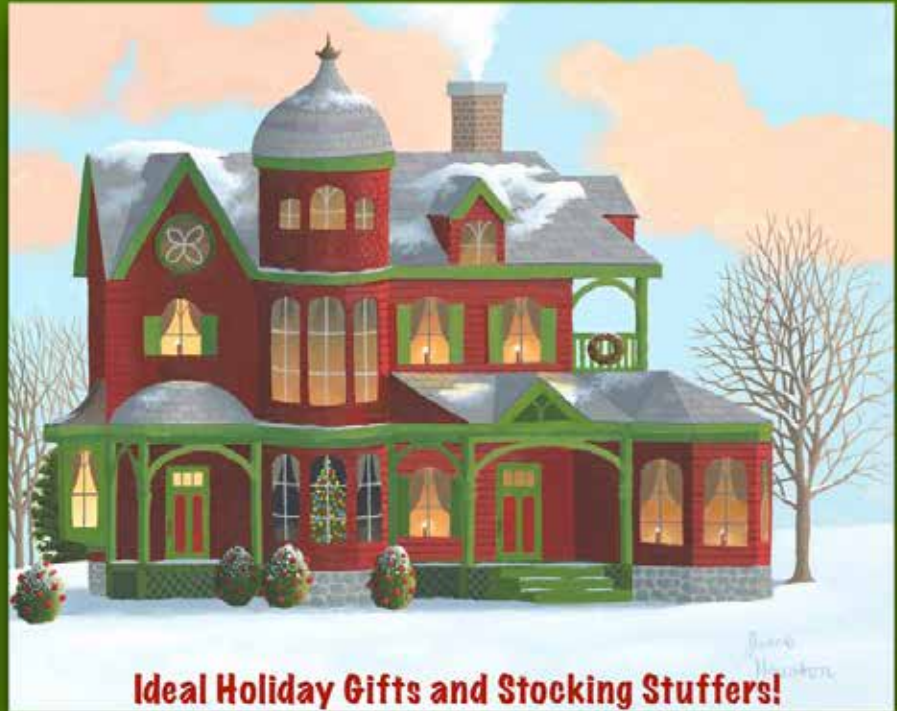
After several months of selling raffle tickets for two pairs of Ed Levin earrings, the winner was drawn during the meeting. Proceeds from the raffle ticket sales will be added to the various charities the Salem Area Woman's Club supports.

The Salem Area Woman's Club is one of the oldest groups in Salem, having organized in 1923 and celebrating their 100th anniversary last year. During the years, the Club has steadfastly held onto their name of "Woman's Club" as it was originally used and not 'Women's Club' as many have suggested. The Salem Area Woman's Club holds monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at the White Church in Salem beginning at 1pm. No meetings are held in the month of January. Guests are always welcome, and it is the Club's hope visitors will soon become members. More information can be obtained by contacting Irene Baldwin or Anna Dickson, current co-Presidents.



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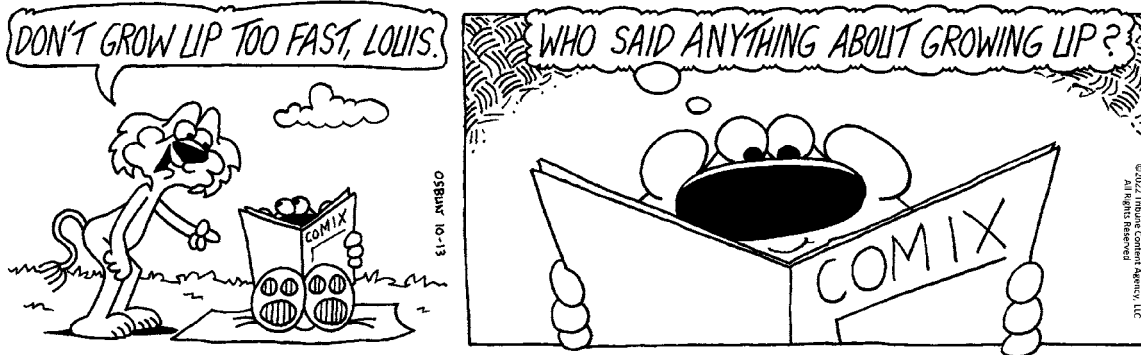
Argyle choir concert

The Argyle Community Choir concert will be held Sunday November 3rd at 3:00 pm at the Argyle Presbyterian Church. A program of sacred and secular music will be directed by Joyce Durkee, accompanied by Lydia Black. Included will be a

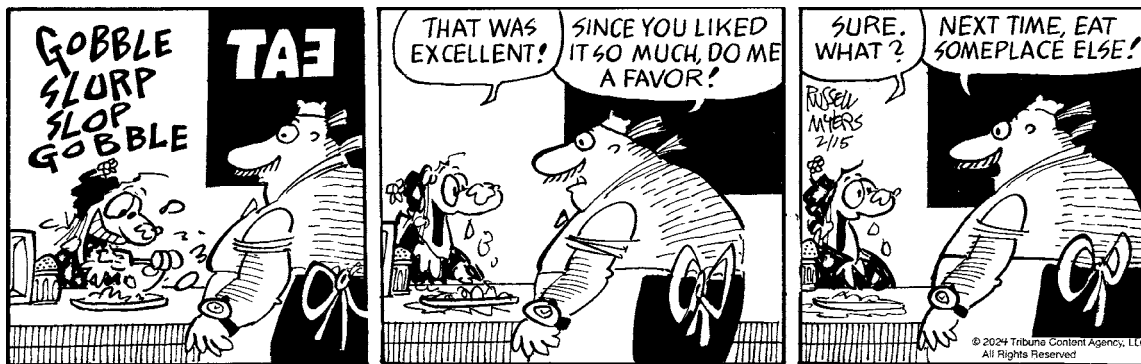
special musical performance by Father/Daughter duo – Ron and Lydia Black. A free will offering will be for Operation Santa Claus that will benefit local children. Join them for a delightful afternoon to upstart the holiday season.

FUN & GAMES

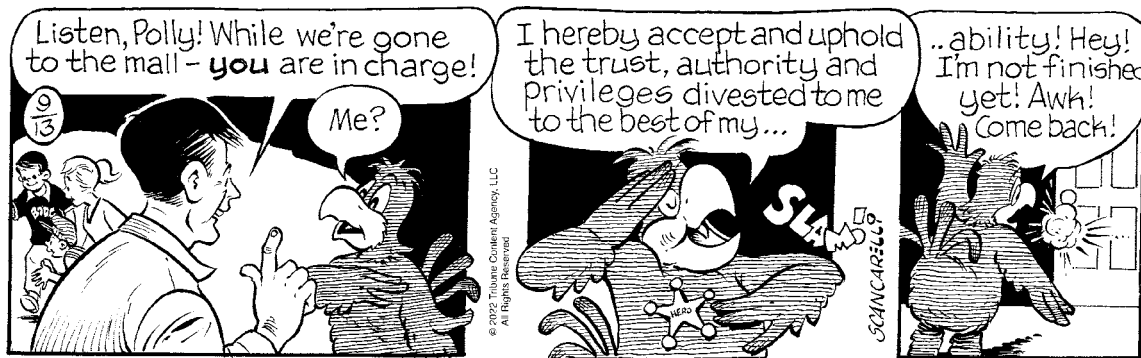
Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



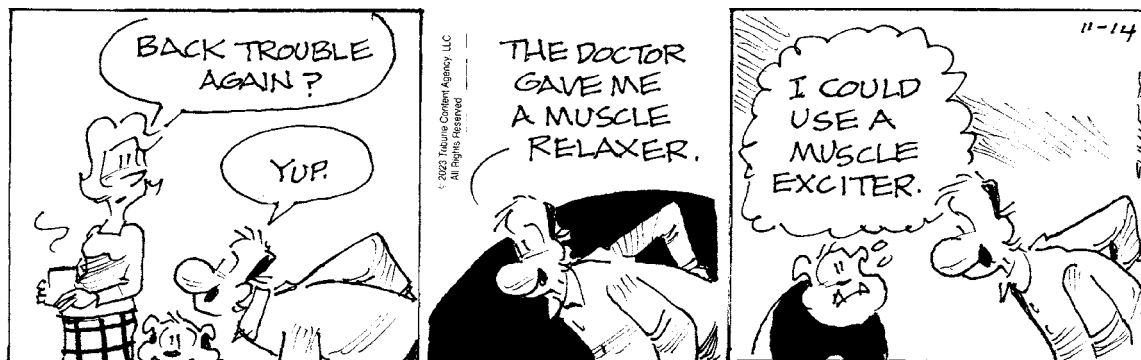
Broom Hilda by Russell Myers



Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli



The Middletons by Dana Summers



9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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□ □ □ □ □

YSZET
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ZPLUEZ
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BAFULI
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



THE SELFIE TAKEN BY THE SMALL TEDDY BEAR CAME OUT ---

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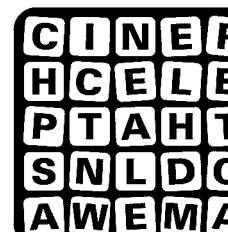
Boggle BrainBusters!

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE
3 letters = 1 point
4 letters = 2 points
5 letters = 3 points
6 letters = 4 points
7 letters = 5 points
8 letters = 10 points
8+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING
151+ = Champ
101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31-60 = Garner
11-30 = Rookie
8 letters = 10 points
0-10 = Try again

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST SEVEN INSECTS in the grid of letters.

Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle BrainBusters:
LADS TOOD IRAD MAU SPAIN LATMA LIBERIA

FUN & GAMES

More Word Play Answers Page 30

SCRABBLE G₂ R₁ A₁ M₃ S₁

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A₁ U₁ T₁ W₄ S₁ S₁ D₂ RACK 1

A₁ U₁ Y₄ G₂ T₁ H₄ H₄ Double Word Score RACK 2

A₁ O₁ Y₄ M₃ C₃ N₁ P₃ 2nd Letter Triple RACK 3

A₁ U₁ P₃ H₄ T₁ C₃ Z₁₀ RACK 4

A₁ E₁ N₁ W₄ M₃ R₁ C₃ RACK 5

PAR SCORE 280-290
BEST SCORE 350

FIVE RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. SOLUTION TOMORROW

Word Find By Frank J. D'Agostino

Find these words associated with an election, (and find Frank's acrostic books on Amazon):

Caucus	Midterm	Runoff
Choice	Party	Senator
Concede	Platform	Swing State
Delegate	Polls	Votes
Democrat	Precinct	Winner
Governor	Primary	Write-in
Incumbent	Promise	
Independent	Race	
Issues	Republican	
Mayor	Results	

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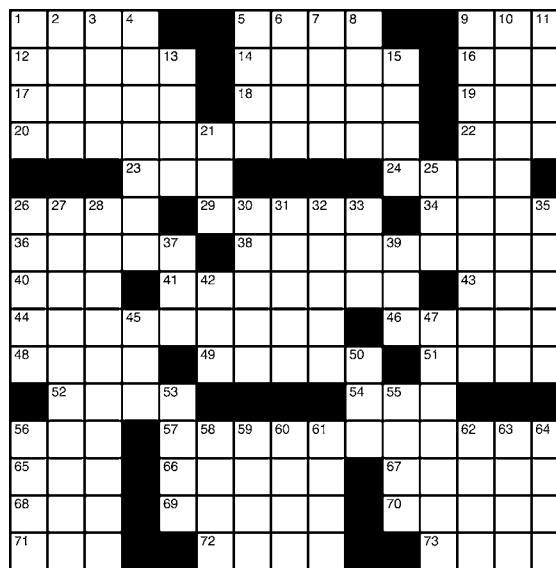


Political Cartoon of the Month by Joel Pett



Crossword

Across
1 Pataky of the "Fast & Furious" films
5 Pronoun on a coffee mug, maybe
9 "What Unites Us" writer Rather
12 Profit (from)
14 Musical narrated by Che
16 Wedding vow
17 With
65-Across, seat of California's Orange County
18 Illuminated
19 Beats by
20 *Aircraft with dual turboprops
22 Stylist's option
23 Rom-
24 "Dark Phoenix" superheroes
26 AFB truant
29 Manual readers
34 Babysitter's handful
36 Get to the point?
38 *Gutsy wager on "Jeopardy!"
40 "See ya!"
41 Eroded
43 Salsa, e.g.
44 *Wildflower also known as wild carrot
46 Curling piece



48 Class struggle?
49 Butt heads
51 Groundbreaking tools
52 Repast
54 Wow
56 "Montero" singer Lil ___ X
57 *Tennyson poetry series set in Camelot
65 See 17-Across
66 Farm song refrain

2 Pastrami spec
3 Squealed
4 Encyclopedia entry
5 Toolbar button with a question mark
6 Diabolical
7 EGOT winner Moreno
8 Wow
9 Australian wind

Sudoku

Each column/row must contain the numbers from 1 to 9, without repetitions. The digits can only occur once per block. The sum of every single row,

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2		7			3	4

67 Jetson who attends Little Dipper School
68 "Loki" actor Hiddleston
69 "¿Cómo está ___?"
70 French flower
71 Mined find
72 With
73-Across, space-saving furniture, and what the answers to the starred clues each do
72-Across

Down
1 "Anything ___?"

10 Fight-or-flight hormone
11 Oasis guitarist Gallagher
13 Technology prefix
15 High point
21 CGI bird in Liberty Mutual ads
25 CFO's degree
26 Ready to swing
27 Gothic estate in Gotham City
28 Words that provide access
30 Great deal
31 CNN correspondent Hill
32 Ancient characters
33 All ready
35 Sorts
37 Dorm figs.
39 Equis beer
42 "CrazySexyCool" singers
45 Unreliable stat from the fashionably late
47 John Donne poem featuring an insect
50 Owns
53 In ___ of
55 Burdens
56 Org. with an alphabet
58 Menu item
59 Creature in Tibetan myth
60 Wasn't truthful
61 Mined find
62 Windy City paper, with "the"
63 Polish
64 Sized up

FROM THE STACKS

The kids are alright

Sarah Murphy
Special to Journal & Press

My colleague KC has a small printed sign posted in the library's office titled "This is how we do it here." It comes from Oodi, the central library in Helsinki, Finland, and it reads a little like a code of conduct, but maybe more like a declaration of kindness. It begins, "Everyone has a right to be at the library. Idle hanging out is allowed, even encouraged." I love this sentiment, and I think it is a big part of what makes libraries essential to and singular in our communities. You can come here without a reason. You can do something here or you can do nothing here. Whatever you decide to do (or not do), you aren't expected to spend money. That's the whole point of the library. Of all the people who use the library for idle hanging out, those that seem to do it the most, and certainly those that receive the most attention for it are kids aged 9-16, and

that attention is often negative.

I get it. Kids that age are loud, unpredictable, utterly self-centered, and often act without any consideration towards others. All of the above also applies to babies and toddlers, but babies and toddlers are very small and very cute, whereas the average 12-year-old is larger than I am and has already learned a bunch of swear words. But I would argue that the descriptors above also apply to me from time to time, and to you, too. On our worst days, we hope that those around us show some grace towards us. Most of us agree that tweens and teens are experiencing daily social and emotional upheaval. Perhaps a little more grace might be afforded to them.

Those who follow political news may have heard recent discourse questioning the validity of women who are not mothers, and specifically those who seek to serve the community. This logic supposes that if one

doesn't have children, one can't be invested in the future. As a child-free woman, hearing this discourse feels disheartening. As a citizen, it feels unbearable. If we are only meant to care about children if we were there for their conception, well, there really is no hope for us as, you know, a functioning society.

I know that the people reading this count themselves among those who care about children who are not their own. But on my worst days, fielding complaints (often second-hand) from adults about children—children who, by the way, are choosing to spend their free and idle time at the library—I am sometimes tempted to believe that on the whole people struggle to see the full humanity of other people's children. They accept them as little kids, and they tolerate them as adults, but during these in-between times, they would simply rather not be reminded of their messy, imperfect existence.

But those are my worst days. On most days, I see groups of people using the library in harmony. I see knitters and chess players coexisting. I see neighbors running into neighbors and young adults running into former teachers. I hear people say, it's nice to see kids at the library.

Sarah Murphy is Director of the Greenwich Free Library.



'Souped' up for Election Day

The Easton Methodist Church, 12053 Route 40, North Easton, will have a "Souper Luncheon" on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Diners may eat in or take out. Choices will be clam chowder, chicken tortellini, chili, hamburger noodle, broccoli cheese and tomato bisque. With dessert, rolls. Cost: \$10.

FUN & GAMES SOLUTIONS

Boggle: ANT BEE
FLEA MOTH WASP
BEETLE CICADA

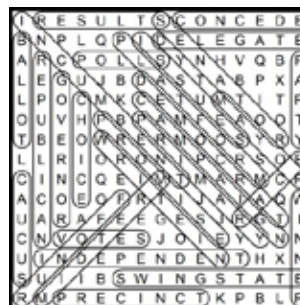
Jumble: TAFFY ZESTY
PUZZLE FIBULA

Final Jumble: A
LITTLE FUZZY

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C ₃	R ₁	E ₁	W ₄	M ₃	A ₁	N ₁	RACK 5 = 64
PAR SCORE 280-290							TOTAL 350

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Is the workplace driving you crazy?

Dr. Daneen Skube
*Tribune Content Agency
Special to Journal & Press*

Q: *I have a co-worker whose mood swings give me whiplash. One day he seems confident and full of energy. The next day I have trouble getting him to help me put together a memo. We work in a stressful industry. Is the job making him act this way or is it something else?*

A: Even though there are days when we believe our jobs are making us crazy, a stressful environment can only aggravate the emotional vulnerability we already have. Many human beings came from ancestors who had lower levels of “feel good” chemicals in their brains. The primitive people who were bliss puppies were probably eaten by a Saber tooth tiger while they were relaxing.

While it makes sense that many of our ancestors were probably anxious enough to spot problems, it doesn't make sense that some of us swing from enormous highs to enormous lows. Yet there are long lists of artists, poets, literary geniuses and creative people who have lived and sometimes died exploring the extremes of human emotion.

In extreme form, some people have a vulnerability to something called bipolar illness. People who suffer with this biochemical issue struggle to maintain mood stability. They often are first diagnosed with depression and typically do not find out they are bipolar for 10 years or more.

The trouble is that many people who have bipolar illness don't have the classic symptoms of giddy mania; instead, their highs show up as extreme irritability and angry outbursts.

Since I can't diagnose your co-worker from a distance, you want to ask yourself if it seems your co-worker's moods have always fluctuated widely. If the answer is “yes,” your co-worker may have been born with a brain that struggles to maintain even moods.

We live and work in a culture that sometimes believes mental illness is “all in your head.” People who have issues with brain chemistry can't just “buck up” as there is no amount of bucking that will change your brain.

When people first find out there are physical reasons why they struggle to function normally, they often feel relieved to know

there is something they can do about it.

Instead of suggesting to your co-worker that he might be crazy, try talking about someone else you knew who found out they were bipolar. Describe the symptoms to your co-worker and let him take it from there.

You don't have to pity people who struggle with emotional illness. However, you can enrich their decision making by suggesting (through your story) that there may be help. You can also approach your manager and suggest an employee assistance program that might support your co-worker. Mental illness is a diagnosis, but with help it is not a destiny.

The last word(s)

Q: *I'm about to graduate from college. Can I find a job that combines making money and really liking what I do?*

A: Yes, people who adore their work rise to the top of their fields and people at the top generally make more money — plus loving what you do is an emotional paycheck.

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., executive coach, trainer, therapist and speaker, also appears as the FOX Channel's “Workplace Guru” each Monday morning. She's the author of “Interpersonal Edge: Breakthrough Tools for Talking to Anyone, Anywhere, About Anything.”

You can contact Dr. Skube at www.interpersonaledge.com or 1420 NW Gilman Blvd., #2845, Issaquah, WA 98027. Sorry, no personal replies.



Veterans Day event

Saratoga National Historical Park, where the bravery and sacrifice of some of America's first veterans helped change the world, will hold a Veterans Day Commemoration and Family Fun Day on Saturday, November 9 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The day will begin at 10:00 am with a ceremony honoring those who have served from the earliest American veterans in the Revolutionary War to today. This short ceremony will include speakers and a moment to remember those who are no longer with us.

Following the ceremony, representa-

tives of veteran's services, organizations, and local military units will be on hand to provide information and celebrate. Refreshments and family friendly activities will continue until 2:00 pm. Veterans can also pick up their free lifetime passes to federal public lands by bringing a veteran marked driver's license or ID.

This program is presented in partnership with the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Military order of the World Wars, Theodore Roosevelt Chapter (New York), and Friends of Saratoga Battlefield.



The Tri-County United Way VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program has been honored with the National IRS “Hall of Fame” Award, a testament to its exceptional contributions and unwavering support for individuals and families with low to moderate incomes. Chosen from 14 national nominees, Tri-County United Way’s VITA program distinguished itself through its remarkable service, community impact, and dedication to financial stability.

Over the past 21 years, more than 200 volunteers have played a vital role in earning this Hall of Fame accolade. While some have moved on and others have passed away, we remain deeply proud of the dedication and positive impact our VITA volunteers have had on our local economy. These dedicated individuals continue to assist low-income families and seniors with their tax returns across Washington, Warren, and Northern Saratoga Counties.

Special thanks go to our most recent volunteers from the last two filing seasons:

Cathy Barton	Nanette Doheny	Frances Hanna	Dianne Lewis	Frank Musso	Will Sawma	Heidi Villarini
Charlene Bolster	Nancy Douglas	Margaret Hurlburt	Michael Linke	Donna Nichols	Mark Semon	Donna Waite
Roseanne Brevot	Julie Gann	Kay Hutt	Lyn MacAlpine	Kevin O'Brien	Stanley Shattuck	Rosemary White
Pat Bryant	Gerry Geddis	Sonya Jurnak	Marge Maxwell	Dee Park	Nancy Skirkanich	Mary Ellen Williams
Loretta Citarella	Victor Greco	Daisy Kavanagh	Sue McNeil	Bree Pisacane	Rachelle Tessier	
Phil Cote	Thelma Hack	ShannonKavanaugh	Douglas Meyerhoff	Joan Prouty	Ann Thibideau	
Larry Crandall	Lydia Hall	Jean Killian	Richelene Morey	Mary Provost	Judith Tholl	
Joseph Dewey	Bill Hamelin	Lee Lenhart	Jeanie Mullen	Arlene Reduto	John Truchon	



VITA, an IRS-sponsored program, offers training to local volunteers, equipping them to complete income tax returns for our community. Volunteers begin their training in December and must pass certification tests before they can assist with tax returns. Without their commitment, many individuals who rely on this vital service would likely have to turn to paid tax preparers. To volunteer, contact Laura Jensen, Director of Community Engagement at Ljensen@tricountyunitedway.org or learn more at www.tricountyunitedway.org.

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The Historic Salem Courthouse, County of Washington, State of New York is seeking bids for an upgrade of the audio/visual equipment in the upstairs courtroom of the courthouse. The system will be mainly used for public presentations, musical events, and occasional video presentations. All equipment shall be installed without direct attachment to the structure of the courthouse. Any mounts, trussing or cabling shall be supported by independent structures, not connected to the courthouse. For copy of Bid specifications and schedule walk thru email President Herb Perkins hperkins450@gmail.com Please take notice this is a Public Work Project, see bid documents for the prevailing wage schedule (PRC#2019002387). All the bids are due in a sealed envelope, or email (hperkins450@gmail.com) , no later

than 3PM on Friday, October 25, 2024 at the Director’s office at the Historic Salem Courthouse PO Box 140 , Salem, New York. The Historic Salem Courthouse reserves the right to reject all bids. Dated: 9/25/24
Herb Perkins 1-518-859-3538 President

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Tru-Home Enhancements LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/10/24. Office: Washington County. US Corp. Agents Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Registered Agents Inc. at 7014 13th Ave suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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LOCAL THEATER

'Our Town' in Salem

Fort Salem Theater announced the cast and creative team for their upcoming production of Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Our Town," running November 8-10, 2024. This classic play explores the beauty and fragility of ordinary life in the fictional New England town of Grover's Corners. This production features an intimate cast of 14 actors, who will portray all 27 characters of the close-knit community, including one local family who will make their Fort Salem debuts together.



Bill Crawford, the pastor at Hebron United Presbyterian Church and co-star of the award-winning cable TV program, "The Reverend and the Rabbi: Faith and Eggs at the Diner," will portray Mr. Webb, the town's beloved newspaper editor. Crawford's daughter, Mari Crawford, stars as Emily Webb, the young woman at the heart of the play. Mari is the creator and star of the one-woman show "Bipolar Badass," which has garnered national acclaim and won her the Bounce Emerging Artist Award at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Mari trained at the British American Drama Academy and Bard College, and has been featured on BBC, NPR, and WNYC, plus stand-up comedy appearances in New York City's Broadway Comedy Club and the West End Comedy Club. Rounding out the family, Julie Faith Parker (wife to Bill and mother to Mari), will play Mrs. Webb. Julie is a published author and ordained minister with a Ph.D. in Old Testament from Yale who brings both her academic and theatrical experience to the role. Her previous stage credits include performances in "Cabaret," "You Can't Take It With You," and "The Children's Hour."

Directing the production, Sarah Murphy, who is also the director of the Greenwich Free Library, returns to Fort Salem Theater after appearing in "Pride and Prejudice" and directing last season's well-received production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." In this production, Murphy also appears in the role of Mrs. Gibbs.

The creative team includes Courtnie Harrington as production stage manager and lighting designer, Jared West as vocal coach, Gina Kowalski as costume designer, Charles J. I. Krawczyk as scenic designer, and Kyle West as producer.

This powerful production of "Our Town" will run November 8-10, 2024, on the Fort Salem Theater mainstage. Additional upcoming events include "Whispering Bones: Ghost Stories" on Friday, October 25, and "The Singing Anchors" featuring Jerry Gretzinger, Benita Zahn, Jessica Layton, and Jay Kerr on piano on Sunday, November 24.

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Troop 61 joins Camporee

The weekend of October 18 saw the Boy Scouts World Brotherhood Camporee take place at Wellesley Island State Park in the Thousand Islands, NY. Salem BSA Troop 61 had nine scouts attend the event, leaving Salem on Friday, October 18 and returning on Sunday, October 20. The boys camped out in tents, cooked their meals on outdoor charcoal grills, and traded patches and council strips at the Camporee "Trading Post" with other Scout Troops in attendance.

The Salem Troop also enjoyed visiting Salmon River Fish Hatchery that specializes in raising Chinook salmon, coho salmon, steelhead, and brown trout. Those attending the World Brotherhood Camporee were close enough to the Canadian border to be able to stop by a favorite Canadian fast-food restaurant, Tim Horton's, to enjoy a snack on their trip to the Camporee.

The highlight of the Camporee weekend for the Salem scouts were the week-

end archery events and the patch trading.

Salem Boy Scout Troop 61 meets every Monday evening at 7:30pm at the Salem United Presbyterian Community Hall. For more information on joining Salem BSA Troop 61 or information about the Salem Troop, please contact Scout Master Thane Rea at trea061@hotmail.com.



Salem vets

Salem Central School will be reviving a favorite community event this year as they welcome local Veterans to the school for a Friday, November 8, assembly dedicated to honor and thank them for their military service.

Veterans are asked to gather together at 8:30 AM in the school cafeteria for refreshments and then process into the assembly together to be honored. The assembly will start at 9:00 AM and all students from Pre-K to 12th grade will be present to participate in various ways to show appreciation for the Veterans' service.

To participate as a Veteran in the assembly, please contact Kim Gariepy at (518) 852-3971 or kimstogar@gmail.com. Additionally, Stacy Riche Parker can be contacted by Veterans through Facebook.

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Parade winners

On Sunday, Oct. 27, the Citizens' Committee for Greenwich Youth along with the staff of the Greenwich Youth Center hosted the 33rd Annual Village of Greenwich Halloween Parade. The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce has previously hosted the parade and had asked the CCGY to take it over to help them be able to focus on the Annual Tractor Parade. The CCGY was very excited to get a chance to help keep this tradition alive and felt it aligned with their purpose to provide recreational, educational and other beneficial activities and programs for the Youth of the Greenwich Community.

The parade began at 1 Main Street and ended in the Town of Greenwich parking lot. Approximately 200 people attended. All participants received a Halloween Treat Bag and Halloween Bookmark. Free cider donuts and free take and go pumpkin and sticker kits were also given out.

The Greenwich Free Library was also open during this time for participants to stop by for a craft and book sale.

Prizes were given out for costumes and there were so many fabulous costumes that the Judges found it very hard to decide. This year's judges were: Amanda Hurley; Village Mayor,

Jim Nolan; Town Supervisor, and Ruylyn Graves; Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce President.

Suzanne Becker announced the prizes and kept participants entertained while decisions were being made.

This year's Best in Show (Parade) prize was given to the Anderson Family who dressed as a circus family. The top prize included a trophy and \$100 cash prize.

In addition to Best in Parade the following participants were chosen:

Most Original: 1. Flower Pot, Julianne Baker; 2. Tootsie Pop Family, Gaynair Family; and 3. Rise of Red, Panza Family.

Scariest: 1. Headless, Ben and Lily Mollica; 2. Sally, Nadia Corson; and 3. Little Vampire, Kade Davis.

Funniest: Dumb & Dumber, Sherman and Mazzula; 2. Driving Me Crazy Cat Lady with Jen, Les, Lillian Wright; and 3. Hot Dog, William Clary.

Best Group: Team America, the Harrington Family; 2. Beetlejuice, Giese Family; and 3. McClaren with Emma, Zoe, Max and Garlic Knot.

Best Dressed Pet: 1. Dragon Dog, Remmi; 2. Star Wars Dog, Reyna; and 3. Super Hero Dog, Indy.



HVCC open house

Hudson Valley Community College will host an Open House for prospective students from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, on the college's main campus.

Attendees will be able to tour the campus and speak with representatives from academic departments as well as the college's student services and academic support offices, including Admissions and Financial Aid.

Hudson Valley enrolls nearly 9,500 students in more than 80 degree and certificate programs each year. Tuition for the current academic year is \$2,528 per semester, plus fees, for New York State residents.



FBLA at Six Flags

The Greenwich Chapter of FBLA had an incredible trip to Six Flags, the Great Escape for their 2024 FBLA District 5, Fall District Meeting. Eleven GCS JSHS students traveled to Queensbury, NY to participate in the meeting. The meeting was hosted by the Lake George Chapter and Role Call included 3 chapters and over 85 students from around the region, including Lake George, Greenwich, Queensbury and Peru.

The chapter will attend the Spring District Meeting in February and compete in districts to qualify for states in April.

GCS FBLA Members that attended the conference:

Ella Smith, Treasurer; Clare Smith, Historian; Wyatt Cary; Jason Carlo; Rylee DeLuca; Gabe Kurland; Catharine Johnson; Sarah Sievers; Isla Shaw; Brayden Stutzman, and Sage Yeager.

FBLA is the largest business career student organization in the world. The Greenwich Chapter is advised by Christine Belden - if you have a student in grades 7 - 12 that would like to join they should contact her at the school.

DAR music scholars

Undergraduate and graduate students studying music can apply for the DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship starting November 1. Sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the scholarship provides a one-time \$5,000 award to one student annually who is pursuing undergraduate or graduate study in music.

Marian Anderson (1897-1993) was a groundbreaking African American contralto and an inspiration for civil rights. "This scholarship pays tribute to Marian Anderson's life, and the Daughters of the American Revolution seeks to honor her legacy through today's aspiring musicians. Her legacy lives on in others who aim for excellence in musical studies, are committed to their communities, and willing to stand up for what is right," said Pamela Wright, DAR President General.

Applicants should be accepted or currently enrolled in an accredited university or college in the United States and have a concentration in music in their course of study. Music performance, composition, theory, or education are all areas that students may be specialized in to qualify for the scholarship. They should have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent GPA on the scale used by the institution. Learn more at www.dar.org/MarianAnderson

Breakfast

Ashlar Masonic Lodge #584, 2543 State Rt 40, Greenwich, NY, invites the community to "Good Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffets" the first Sunday morning of each month. Prepare your taste buds for a menu of pancakes, waffles, farm fresh Thomas Poultry eggs, Ruts Ridge sausage, crispy bacon, home fries, and all the fixings you desire. These start on Sunday the 3rd, 7:30 to 10:30. Adults \$12, veterans and children (12 and under) \$6. They are also raffling off a 58" flat screen TV, drawing in December.



Bancroft Library's November events

Melissa Carr

Bancroft Library Director

Bancroft Public Library invites everyone to the library this month for a variety of workshops and different events.

WMHT Early Literacy Program - A Pocket for Corduroy, Friday, November 1, 2024, 10:30 am - 11:30 am

On Friday, November 1 at 10:30 am, Bancroft Library will host a WMHT's early literacy program. During the fun hour, pre-K to second graders can take part in a fun reading of the classic *A Pocket for Corduroy*, then followed by several crafts and activities. Every child will go home with their own copy of the book, plus a bag of related learning materials and crafts. Registration is required for this event.

World Awareness Children's Museum Presents Day of the Dead at the Library, Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Let's learn about and celebrate The Day of the Dead (el Día de los Muertos), a holiday primarily celebrated in Mexico! Staff from WACM bring this presentation to Bancroft with hands-on stations, art and authentic materials from Mexico. This program allows participants to take part in learning stations, put together a craft related to the holiday (it might be a mask!), and then have a parade. This program is best-suited for kids in 3rd to 6th grades, although attending families can bring older and younger children. Registration is required!

CPR Course - Thursday, November 7, 2024, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The library, along with Salem Rescue Squad, is offering a CPR class this fall. The CPR course will be Thursday, November 7 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Participants need to register for this class, and there is a \$25 fee, cash or checks should be brought to the beginning of the class (the fee pays for your certificate).

Beyond the Piggy Bank, Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Pre-teens and teens can attend this program led by Kayla Moriarty of Salem's Glens Falls Bank.

This class teaches youth how to start thinking about and saving their money. It explores setting up checking and savings accounts and how to save for a new bike, car, or even college! This program is scheduled for the after-school hour so that participants can walk over after school. Parents are welcome to attend as well.

The Growth Collective - A New Book Club at Bancroft Library, Thursday, November 14, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Join together for a new book club at Bancroft! This group will focus on reading books about health and well-being, all in pursuit of personal growth and development. The first book will be *Atomic Habits* by James Clear. Even if you are not able to read the book in time for the club's first meeting, please attend! You can help shape how this group grows over the next few months.

Senior Potluck - Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at noon

There will be a Senior Potluck Lunch (not to be confused with the Pop-Up luncheon hosted by the county!) on November 20th at Bancroft Library. This gathering encourages seniors to bring a dish to share, a story to tell, and join together in good company! Please note, this potluck is usually the 4th



Wednesday of the month, but in November and December, due to the holidays, the potluck will be the third Wednesday.

For more information on any of these programs, or to register, please visit the library website www.bancroftlibrary.org, call 518-854-7463 or email slm-director@sals.edu.

Monthly and weekly groups and clubs (including Book Club, Scrabble Club, Mahjong Meet-Up, the Kickin' Knitters, Birders, and more) meet at the library. Please check out the library's website to see the schedule!

Bancroft Public Library is located at 181 South Main Street, Salem, New York. Feel free to stop by anytime the library is open to access a variety of resources: books, wifi, computers, dvds, audiobooks, makerspace, games, and printing. The library has a great line-up of clubs and groups that meet weekly and monthly, check out our website to learn more: www.bancroftlibrary.org, or call the library for more information on any of our offerings 518-854-7463.

Shushan's unique museums

Kim West

Special to Salem Press

Shushan, New York. Besides being a quaint little town whose name is the only “Shushan” in the United States, it carries the distinction of having not one, but two museums: The Georgi Museum and Park Center and the Shushan Covered Bridge Museum.

PART ONE: THE GEORGI MUSEUM

In 1952 Maria and William Georgi bought the Battenkill river property from Clarence Jackson who had used it for a cow pasture. After the Georgis built a property fence, they sold the fishing rights to the state of New York and had a catwalk was built over the fence allowing locals to continue to use this spot on the river. Included in the fishermen was one old timer, Al Prindle, former postmaster in Shushan, a Norman Rockwell model, and an avid fly fisherman who had a fly named for him by locally renowned fly designer Lew Oatman as a tribute. The current version of this fly named “Shushan Postmaster Streamer” is still available online.

In 1955, a Mr. Erickson and his wife, built the house that currently stands on the property for their son, Henry Erickson, who never lived in it. Instead, the building was used



to store Henry and, his wife, Jessie Georgi's collections purchased during their travels throughout Europe soon after WWII. In the 1980's Jessie, then Henry's widow, moved into the home, making her the only Georgi to have resided there.

Before his death, Henry Erickson was an engineering geologist and collected minerals from as far away as South Africa. This collection was housed in the museum along with Italian, Dutch, German, Flemish and French paintings from the 14th through 18th centuries alongside Chinese and Asian tapestries, oriental figurines, and ornate stained-glass windows.

It had long been both

Henry Erickson and Jessie Georgi Erickson's wish to have the property given to the people of Shushan and the town of Salem. With this hope in mind, the museum and park center were established and bequeathed to the Town in 1989. Although owned and operated by the Town of Salem, The Georgi does not use any taxpayer money for upkeep and is solely reliant on donations, building and grounds rental income, and grants for its continued upkeep and maintenance.

In present day, The Georgi's perennial gardens and beautifully landscaped lawns leading down to the Battenkill are often the site of wedding receptions as well as music and theatrical events. The site, with its playground, picnic tables, and benches are a wonderful place for a summer picnic or a swim in the cold waters of the Battenkill. For more information on Shushan's The Georgi visit the website at thegeorgi.com or on the Facebook page.

PART TWO: THE COVERED BRIDGE MUSEUM to follow in a future issue of The Salem Press.





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