

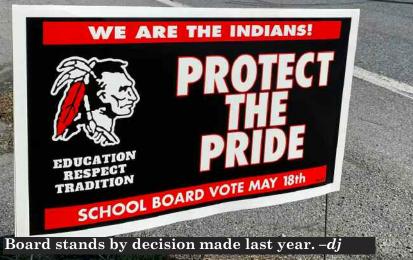
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## **Standing their ground**



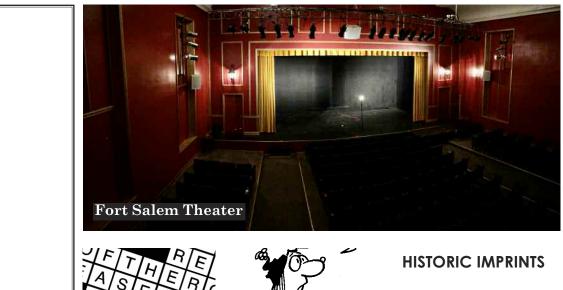




### Cambridge school board appeals state decision to ditch sports 'mascot'

Last year, an outgoing Cambridge school board voted to remove the district's Indian "mascot," but then a new board – running on a "protect the pride" platform and empowered by a landslide election – voted to rescind the previous vote, restoring the name and imagery. But was that vote legal?

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**The Salem Press** 



We devote three pages to regional theater productions, including "Little Shop of Horrors," a lively show to open up the Fort Salem Theater's new season this month. Also, we review the touring "Rent" troupe and a new comedy, "Book of Moron."

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The Schuylerville Standard.

The Fort Edward Advertiser.





### **Country Living**

## Want to get away?

#### Kate Sausville Journal & Press

After two years of sticking close to home, we finally got away for a short trip. A quick drive from here led us to Lake Placid, NY. Lake Placid is well known for hosting the Winter Olympics twice, in 1932 and 1980. The 1980 games are where the famous "Miracle on Ice" took place and the U.S. men's hockey team defeated Russia to go on to the gold medal game. We just happened to be there for the 42nd anniversary and the excitement was still palpable after all these years. Due to this, Lake Placid is very much a winter sports town, and unlike a lot of Adirondack towns that shutter once summer ends, the town is open for business year-round.

There are many options for accommodations around town, but for this visit we staved at the Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort. The location is on the lake and right in the middle of the town, so you get the best of both worlds. Fun fact, the town of Lake Placid is not actually on Lake Placid, but on Mirror Lake. Anyway, once the ice freezes over, the action is on the lake. There is a walking trail on the ice, as well as ice skating and snow shoeing. For those looking for thrills, there is a toboggan chute which you slide down at top speed on to the frozen lake. For the family there are dogsled rides on the lake. The resort has several fire pits you can warm up by, or bring the fixings for s'mores and make a snack. After a day of outdoor activity, you can relax at the indoor pool, the two hot tubs, the steam room, or the sauna. The re-

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sort was pretty busy due to the winter break, but we were still able to enjoy all the amenities of the site.

Lake Placid has tons of shops for when you want a break from the outdoors. Locker Room 5 not only has a good selection of hockey gear, but you can also rent ice skates and snowshoes here for your stay. I stopped in on the exact anniversary of the miracle on ice and the owner's excitement was contagious. Another can't miss shop is the Adirondack Popcorn Company. They have so many different flavors of

popcorn, b u t when we w e r e t h e r e, they had a special U S A

Olympic vari-

which was delicious. You can also buy kernels and seasonings to bring home. A visit would not be complete without a stop in Soulshine bagels, but go early! They quickly sell out of the popular flavors, including their rainbow bagel. There are also your typical vacation tchotchke stores where you can buy your fill of t-shirts and other memorabilia.

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No review of Lake Placid would be complete without mentioning the Olympic attractions. The Lake Placid Olympic Center is where the Miracle on Ice took place. The facility is currently undergoing massive renovations and is closed to the public. When it is open you can tour the facility and see USA hockey games, figure skating championships, and ECAC hockey championships. There is also a museum where you can see memorabilia from the Olympics. Check the website for their grand reopening date. The Lake Placid Ski Jump complex allows you to take an elevator to the top and

take in the view that the skiers have before they hurl themselves down the ramp. Finally, you can actually take a bobsled ride on the track used in the Olympics. They do offer Olympic passports, which will save some money for all the attractions.

Like many tourist industry towns, Lake Placid is not immune from the worker shortage that is going on. Wait times at restaurants, even when going outside traditional busy times, were longer than normal. Some attractions closed early or were not open at all. Before you go, check the websites or make a phone call to ensure what you want to see is open. Make reservations for restaurants, if that's an option. Be patient with the employees and TIP WELL. This was an enjoyable trip and we are already planning to go up again.

For information or help planning your visit, go to lakeplacid.com.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich.



## **Cambridge school board holds firm on logo**

#### Felicia Reich Journal & Press

Following a September 15th decision made by New York State Education Commissioner Betty Rosa, The Cambridge School Board met on February 23rd to discuss the mandated removal of their school district's mascot, the Cambridge "Indian."

The conversation is less about whether or not the Cambridge School District keeps its mascot, but more about the school board defending their decision to repeal the previous school board's vote to replace Native American iconography.

Cambridge's residents have long debated the mascot's role in their community, according to a recent New York Times article on the school imagery controversy, which stated "a state order urged schools to retire [the mascot]" nearly 20 years ago. Given the cultural movement away from similar imagery, such as the Washington Redskins, and after the current school board's July 8th vote to overturn the previous decision, a group of eight parents requested that Commissioner Rosa review the situation.

Rosa ruled that the current board carry out the previous board's decision to modify the district mascot.

The board met on Feb. 22 to decide whether or not they were going to pursue legal action against the commissioner on their right to justly and dutifully represent their constituents.

Cambridge School Board President Jessica Ziehm, on behalf of the board, posed a motion that the board appeals Commissioner Rosa's November 29th decision regarding the Cambridge Central School's nickname and imagery, "authorizing [the school's] attorney Jeffrey Honeywell to commerce any appropriate legal action necessary on behalf of the Board of Education, including but not limited filing an appeal pursuant to Article 78 in the Supreme Court, authorizing them to represent the district during dependency of any such challenge or appeal, and authorizing [herself] as board president to execute any legal documents filed in connection with any such appeal or challenge on the board's behalf."

According to Article 78, an appeal can be

brought to the state courts if a party disagrees with a state agency decision, such as Commisioner Rosa's. The motion was seconded by School Board Vice President Shay Price, and the floor was subsequently opened for discussion.

First to speak was the board's Neil Gifford: "As President Biden once famously said, 'This is a big deal,' for the board of education to assert that we understand the Commissioner's job better than she and her attorneys or the Attorney General's office."

Gifford then questioned School Superintendent Dr. Douglas Silvernell, regarding whether the board's potential action to appeal the commissioner's

mandate might complicate the school's relationship with the state education department, to which Silvernell speculated, "It would not be ethical for [the state education department] to hold up other items based on that."

Next to offer discussion was Ziehm: "It is obscure as to why [Commissioner Rosa] did this –

### 'We forget who our main constituents are and that is students of the school.'

to single one school out." Ziehm remarked that it is more about the school board's rights and how their decision to keep or remove the iconography will impact the budget, than it is about the mascot. Furthermore, "we represent the constituents," she said.

Gifford offered: "It was about one board undoing another board's decision without proper background. It's disingenuous to suggest that [Commissioner Rosa] singled Cambridge out when she was responding to a legal petition by district residents on a very specific legal matter."

Price's position concerned "the process of a school board functioning as it should"...claiming that "a duly elected school board majority made a completely legal vote and it was overturned based on opinion."

Board member Dillon Honyoust, however,



suggested the previous board's decision was premature, given not only that the board was to soon change members, but that they knew how the incoming members stood on the matter.

"Speaking of principle," he said, "the decision we made to rescind the vote was just and rational, considering the large majority of the community [were in support] – not to mention the local native voices were in support of keeping the Cambridge Indian's logo, on top of incorporating more education programs."

Caleb Breault, a board member since 2020, urged the other members to "vote with the students in mind."

"We have to listen to our constituents," he said. "We forget who our main constituents are and that is students of the school... whatever way you vote, that's got to be your main concern."

"Speaking of students' voices," remarked Honyoust, "particularly the native students," of which there are "currently 11... in the Cambridge School District who do have Native American blood flowing through their veins," according to Honyoust, "their voices have not been heard, have been pushed to the side on this matter, and are really confused at this point on what's going on... There's something to be said for the effects that this has had on them."

The vote to appeal Commissioner Rosa's decision passed with a 3-2 majority. Gifford and Breault voted against the motion.

## **Argyle Council meeting notes**

#### Robin Lyle Journal & Press

The Argyle Town Board meeting took place on Wednesday, February 9th beginning at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Supervisor Bob Henke, Town Councilmembers: Steve Bonhote, Kevin Hayes, and Scott Lufkin, Highway Superintendent Mark St. Jacques and Town Clerk Shelley McKernon. Councilmember Patrick Sullivan was absent. Three residents were also in attendance.

During the Finance Committee Report Councilmember Hayes provided three pages of budgetary information. Two were devoted to the Town budget and the last compared the Fire Department budget details for each of the towns comprising Washington County.

Town Budget 2022 The total 2022 budget for the Town of Argyle is \$2,173,205. 71% of revenues required to pay for budget items come from the property tax levy (\$1.5 million) with the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) monies covering another 16% (\$350,000). The remaining 13% of Town costs are covered through other revenue sources such as: sales and mortgage taxes (4.8% and 1.7% respectively), youth revenue from rec field concessions and fundraisers (1.1%), and dog licenses (0.2%).

Highway Costs Hayes' second chart detailed all highway costs and revenues. Highway costs for 2022 total \$1,404,350, or 64.6%, of the entire budget. Highway spending is largely made up of equipment, wages and contractual costs together totaling 84%. The majority of highway costs are covered through property taxes (67%), with the aforementioned CHIPS funds covering another 25%. CHIPS is federal money given to the states to distribute to local municipalities.

Changes to Federal and State Support for NYS Towns Hayes pointed out that, until the mid-1970s, most of a town's highway costs were funded by the federal and state governments, whereas the towns were responsible for only about 25% of the total. This change to highway funding placed a large burden on localities and required towns to either provide fewer services or raise taxes. Research reveals that reductions in federal and state contributions to local budgets in the 1970s were not limited to highway costs. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, "[f]ederal aid to localities fell from 8.4 percent of total local revenue in 1977 to 3.8 per-

Another blow to local government funding came in 2011 with the introduction of a limit on how much school and local taxes can be increased from year to year. The Cuomo administration introduced a 2% cap on school and property taxes in order to address concerns of taxpayers. This limit requires a supermajority to be overridden (60% of voters for school districts or 60% of governing boards for towns and localities). While having the benefit of lessening the tax burden on residents, it has resulted over the years in significantly less money in town coffers. Lessening support from federal and state governments combined with the NYS tax cap dramatically reduces the capacity for NYS towns to fund roads and infrastructure, as well as funding for fire protection, parks and recreation, economic development, education and other services.

In Further News, Supervisor Henke reported meeting with two members of the Argyle Improvement Association (AIA), Carol Kuhr and Mary Lou Strode. They discussed a range of issues from addressing vacant properties such as that of the former IGA grocery store and the Covidien catheter plant, to improving access to Town Board meeting minutes. Henke stated that the town is changing their website and the new one should make posting minutes and announcements a lot easier. AIA respresntatives also asked that Town Board members continue to wear masks even if Governor Hochul rescinds the requirement at work sites for the safety of those in attendance. Henke brought this question to the board and a brief discussion was held but a final decision was not made.

News from the Washington County Board of Supervisors Henke credited Assemblymember Carrie Woerner for two budgetary changes that, if passed in Governor Hochul's 2022 proposed budget, will positively impact county coffers. First, Woerner worked for inclusion of a proposal to end Washington County's responsibility for payments related to the Hudson River - Black River Regulating District which was formed in 1959 to control river flooding. Since 2013, the five counties comprising the district have been required to make payments. While Saratoga and Albany counties have each been paying closer to \$1 million to the district, Washington County's share is about \$200,000. If passed, the 2022-23 state budget will transfer the payments for the regulating district from the county to the state.

Secondly, Woerner worked with her colleagues in the NYS legislature to make changes to the way in which Aid and Incentives for Municipal Fudning (AIM) payments are made. In 2019, the Cuomo administration shifted responsibility for AIM payments from the state to the counties. The governor directed that payments come out of the increases in tax revenues the counties were receiving from online sales. The new budget, if passed, will shift this responsibility back to the state relieving the county of about \$200,000 in AIM payments and allowing it to keep most of its share of the revenues from online purchasing by county residents. Argyle's typical AIM payment is about \$15,000 annually.

#### In other Town Board news:

• Highway Superintendent St. Jacques requested a resolution from the Town Board to apply for grant funding from NYSERDA such as funding to hire a contractor to assess the heating and electric usage of the department and help pay for carbon neutral solutions.

• Two residents in attendance provided a copy of an agreement the Town made in 2000 to maintain Seneca Trail, a road near Cossayuna Lake, including snow removal.

• The first half of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies have already been distributed to Argyle. Supervisor Henke has been informally asking residents what they see as the biggest issue for them in Argyle. He was surprised that several people, young and elderly, mentioned transportation problems, especially getting to medical appointments and general shopping without access to public transportation. Henke raised the possibility of purchasing a van or coordinating with other towns to assist residents. Hayes expressed concern about continuing the service since the money is a one-time distribution. Henke said a spring meeting for a community discussion on ARPA funds is likely.

• A meeting was held to plan for 2022 town celebrations and September 17, 2022 has been selected for the Thistle Day parade.

• The Highway Department received a 2022 Chevrolet one-ton cab and chassis that was ordered over the summer. It will put out bids for a body, plow and sander for the truck.

• The Highway Department has been opening up frozen culverts on McDougall, Lick Springs and Coot Hill Roads and repairing any mail boxes hit while plowing snow.

## **\$6M battlefield reno**

On March 1, Saratoga National Historical Park will begin a \$6-plus million, multi-year project to rehabilitate the interpretive battlefield experience. This important work is being funded through the Great American Outdoors Act.

The project focuses on improving accessibility and interpretation of the Saratoga Battlefield. The work includes rehabilitating the parking areas and pathways at all tour stops to address deferred maintenance, improve accessibility, and replace aging waysides exhibits to enhance the interpretation experience of the battlefield.

In March, the Tour Road will be closed during the week to all traffic, including vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles. It will be available on weekends for pedestrian and bicycle use only. From April 9 through May 27, the Tour Road will be open on weekends only for use by vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. The South Entrance Parking area will be used as a construction staging area and closed for the duration of the project. The closures are in place for the safety of park visitors and to allow for the work to be completed faster.

The battlefield grounds can be accessed by foot via the Wilkinson Trail at the Visitor Center. Equestrians may use the lower visitor center parking area for their trailers and access the Horse Trail via the Entrance Road. Visitors should use extra caution when crossing the Tour Road and when passing through or near Tour Stops actively under construction. Construction vehicles will be traveling in both directions along the road.

The Tour Road and most of the tour stops are expected to be open seven days a week between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day. Visitors should be aware of active construction zones, traffic delays, and construction vehicles on the Tour Road. For your safety and for the safety of the construction personnel, please adhere to the construction closures and follow instructions from park staff and contractors.

You can find updates on park hours and learn more about the project on the park website: https://www.nps.gov/sara/learn/tourroad-improvement-project.htm.







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### **Train tours in CNY**

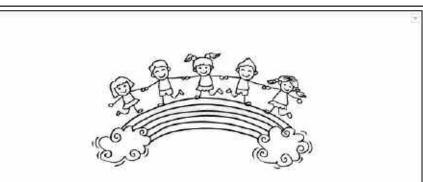
If you're looking to get out of the house and do something fun that's a relatively short drive away, hop aboard the Adirondack Railroad on one of their featured train rides.

The Adirondack Dinner Train: Enjoy an Irish-inspired Dinner and Train ride on March 18th & 19th. from Utica's Union Station to Remsen. Enjoy our hand-crafted Irish-inspired menu from a local chef Patrick O'Connor, Owner of Feast & Festivities by O'Connor's.

Easter Bunny Express: Hop on board the Easter Bunny Express on April 15th & 16th and welcome Easter and the spring season! Travel round trip from Holland Patent Station, along the base of the Adirondack Mountains, to the historic Remsen Depot. At the depot, hunt for Easter eggs and take a picture with the Easter Bunny. Return your eggs and receive a goody bag. The Adirondack RR trains are also available for private charter service and group events. Contact the office (1-800-819-2291) for details and pricing. Visit the website at www.adirondackrr.com.

Since 1992, The Adirondack Railway Preservation Society (ARPS) that operates the Adirondack Railroad has built a successful tourist attraction, operating on track owned by the State of New York, a former New York Central line located in upstate New York and the Adirondack region.

**Arlington** Vermont's first miller and early settler was Capt. **Remember Baker** of the Green Mountain Boys, the militia defenders of New England settlers in the Hampshire Grants. Baker and his family were violently terrorized by Yorkers (<u>250</u> years ago this year!) on March 21, 1772. Read of commemoration plans on a "Remember Baker" Facebook page.



### **Greenwich Central School District**

It's time to enroll your child in PreK and Kindergarten!

Pre-register online at <u>https://www.greenwichcsd.org/page/pre-registration</u> or contact Tracy Dennis at 518-692-9542 Ext. 6100 or tdennis@greenwichcsd.org.

#### PreK Enrollment

- ★ Eligible students turn 4 years old before December 1st
- ★ Limited to 40 in-district students 20 per classroom
- ★ Lottery to occur if enrollment surpasses 40 students
- ★ Screening of all students will occur in June

#### Kindergarten Enrollment

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

### **Regional Theater**

## 'Little Shop' takes the stage in Salem

Now celebrating their 50th Anniversary Season, Fort Salem Theater kicks off their 2022 mainstage programming on March 11 (running through March 20) with *Little Shop* of Horrors, the musical comedy featuring everybody's favorite flesh-eating plant. Tickets are on sale now, starting at only \$15.

A deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical, *Little Shop Of Hor*rors has devoured the hearts of theater goers for over 30 years. Howard Ashman and Alan Menken (Disney's The Little Mermaid, Beauty And The Beast, and Aladdin) are the creative geniuses behind what has become one of the most popular shows in the world. The show features meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn, who stumbles across a new breed of plant he names Audrey II after his coworker crush. This sassy, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down-andout Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it! Seymour is faced with the tough decision of giving into Audrey II's vile demands and continuing down the path to success, or returning back to his simple life. The show contains hit songs like "Suddenly Seymour," "Skid Row (Downtown)," "Dentist," "Feed Me," and "Don't

#### Feed The Plants."

Starring in the musical is Salem favorite Iris Rogers as Audrey and Francesco Carlo Archina as Seymour, Dan Costello as Mr. Mushnik, Sam Jaffe as Orin Scrivello, D.D.S, Jedidiah Shortte as Ronnette, Michaela Torres as Crystal/Voice of Audrey II understudy, Alina Jennings as Chiffon/Audrey understudy, Maureen Cossey as the Voice of Audrey II, and Anna Threet as the Audrey II puppeteer.

The production is directed and choreographed by guest artist Harry Turpin, who appeared in the 30th Anniversary National Tour of Annie. Turpin has directed professionally across the country, including staging titles like Guys and Dolls, White Christmas, Beauty and the Beast, The Who's Tommy, Sweet Charity, Anything Goes, Hello, Dolly!, Grease, and West Side Story, among others. For his work, he has been recognized with the Gregory Award, several BroadwayWorld Awards, and "Best of the Fest" at Seattle Fringe. Little Shop of Horrors marks Turpin's Fort Salem Theater debut.

Dr. John Norine Jr. returns to Fort Salem Theater as Music Director and Technical Director, having visited as a guest artist for *The* 

Marvelous Wonderettes and Next To Normal, among other events. Originally from Utica, NY, Norine has his Bachelor of Music from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, where he studied music theory and history. He then continued his graduate studies at the University of North Texas, where he graduated with Master and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in Performance, studying Orchestral Conducting under Anshel Brusilow and Clay Couturiaux.

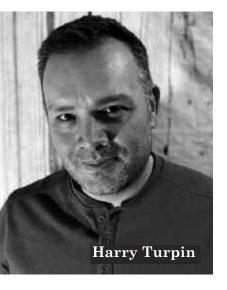
Ethan Drinkwine serves as stage manager as well as the understudy for the roles of Seymour, Orin, Mr. Mushnik, and the Audrey II puppeteer, with Charles J. I. Krawczyk as scenic designer, Robert Healey as Sound Designer, Janelle Farias Sando as costume designer, Courtnie Harrington as hair & makeup de-



signer, and Michael Gallagher as the rehearsal & performance accompanist.

Little Shop of Horrors performs on Fort

Salem Theater's mainstage March 11-20, kicking off the theater's 50th Anniversary Season. Tickets are on sale now, starting at only \$15. For more information visit www.Fort Salem.com.





### **Regional Theater**

### **Touring 'Rent' is excellent, still relevant**

#### Kaylee Johnson Journal & Press

On its 25th-anniversary farewell tour, the esteemed classic Broadway musical that revolutionized the face of theater is now touring around the country to pay homage to devoted fans and new thespians and theatergoers alike. "Rent" is back and as bold as it was when it first appeared on Broadway in 1996. What is so touching about seeing such a timeless artistic gem revitalize and glow on stage again is how it touches new generations of young people and unifies its original audience. I could not help but look out into the theater during intermission, and during that time, I saw faces young and old alike. I, a teacher, even saw some of my elementary students, who were completely blown away by the depth of the show and the diversity of the cast. "Rent," as it always intended to be, is still a show that brings people from all walks of life together.

I saw "Rent" for the first time when I was seven years old. Prior to the show, I had ridden on the infamous Times Square Toys-R-Us ferris wheel and shopped for a look-alike doll at the American Girl Doll Store. New York City was at its magical peak for me, the hustle and bustle of the taxi cabs and street hot dogs made me feel so sophisticated and important. Prior to seeing "Rent," I remember seeing the cast perform in

Macv's the Thanksgiving Day parade on an old VHS recording my parents had for some strange reason and rewinding it again and again, dancing in front of the tube television, liberated with my unbrushed mane of hair and costume high heels. Though I was

possibly too young to grasp the full meaning and layers in "Rent" when I was that young, I understood that at the core of it, everyone deserves love, respect, and decency. At that time, gay marriage was not even legal, and trans rights were not spoken about in society. "Rent" was such a beautifully taboo show to have on Broadway. How bold to touch on topics like addiction, aids, sex, poverty, capitalism, sexuality, advocacy, and longing in 1996. Obviously "Rent," while far ahead of its time, was and still is cherished in the theater world.

Seeing the touring version of "Rent" at the stunning Proctors Theater in Schenectady, New York, made me step back into that magical moment I experienced many years ago. In a childlike tone, glazed with innocence and homey comfort, I asked my partner to take my photo in front of the stage props, which looked nearly identical to the beautifully intricate stage props that "Rent" was centered around 25 years ago. I was excited to be there early, as I got to see something beautiful happen in the audience, strangers, including many LGBTQIA+ couples spoke to each other about what "Rent" meant to them, and I felt a strong sense of unity and acceptance marinade the room in a spiritual way.

The touring cast has the same powerful, knee-trembling effect that the original cast did, and it is a magnificent experience for new theatergoers who were too young to see "Rent" when it was new. The show is meant for any and all, and it will leave you with a lasting impression that makes you consider your place in the world and you can inspire those around you. "Rent" is still touring and will be stopping in Stony Brook, Philadelphia, and Rochester before heading south.

If you are an Upstate New Yorker, I encourage you to check out Proctors Theater, as it brings the magnificence of Broadway to humble Schenectady. Upcoming performances include but are not limited to: "Waitress," "The Prom," "Dear Evan Hansen," "My Fair Lady," "Cats," "Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird," and "Mean Girls." The theater itself is an enchanting sight to be seen, and the shows are of pristine Broadwayquality, at a more economical price, and in your backvard. There is no experience quite as magical as seeing the grit and whimsv of a show unfold on stage, knowing how many fidetails nite



went into making it come to life. Proctors is also located near Jay Street, an artsy, lively district of Schenectady, packed with delicious Italian and other food, a bookstore, quirky coffee shops, and independent art galleries. For more information on purchasing Proctors Theater tickets please visit: www.proctors.org.



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### **Regional Theater**

### **Out of a coma, turns into a 'Moron'**

#### **Darren Johnson** Journal & Press

A pursuit of truth, Robert Dubac's The Book of Moron explores hypocrisy, misinformation, our values, driven not by substance, but by image, and good ol' fashioned information in a very funny oneman-show coming March 26th to the GE Theatre at Proctors in Schenectady.

The Book of Moron has been described as "the funniest show you'll ever think at," probing audiences with such questions as, "If you get mugged by a woman does she only steal seventy cents on the dollar?"

Dubac, an acclaimed comedian and theater talent. has been working on and touring this work for years. "It's a hysterical show." Dubac said of Moron. "It's not a book, it's a play, and," with no relation to the Mormon text, "it's not about religion, it's about stupidity."

"Of course," he said with a smile, "most atheists would think there's no difference."

As to the state of the world in which he origi-

nally wrote the play: "I wrote it prior to the crumbling down of culture that happened prior to 2016 and from there on." Dubac said of his love letter to critical thought, so "it's very current."

It's first performance, in fact, was held a week after the 2016 election.

To find the funny in a given situation is a part of his job as a career comedian. "[The show] is about how we have completely gotten ourselves dumbed down, but I'm able to at least make some humor out of it.

Book of Moron follows a man who enters a coma not by blunt force or other physical head trauma, but by the effects of modern society. "I have brain damage," his character says in the show. "And not the typical kind. You know that kind you got from watching The Bachelorette."

In this intellectual limbo, he's able to use the different characters in his head, such as his voice of reason, inner critic, and inner child, all of which are played by Dubac, to piece together what is true and what is not. Dubac described it as "a combination of storytelling... and a bunch of different characters tell the story..."

To contend with his memory loss, Dubac's protagonist pursues critical thought and truth, in order to make sense of the world around him. "It's kind of an empty vessel," Dubac said of his character's mind, represented through the barren stage design. "I may not have any information, but I have no misinformation either."

"To wake up I have to start with the obvious and use critical thought," Dubac's coma-laden character says in the show. "Okay. Well, obviously I can read so I wasn't home-schooled," he goes on. "But I'm reading a newspaper so I gotta be what? Over sixty? I have a wedding band so I'm married but is it a same sex marriage? Probably. What? Isn't that what marriage is? The same sex over

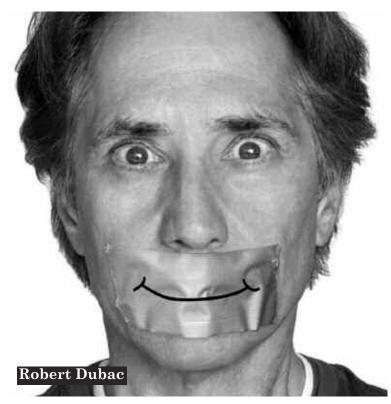
'I have brain damage. You know, the kind you get from in the show – sex, reliwatching The Bachelorette.'

and over again?" The subjects covered gion, politics, media, and race - are topics that people demonstrate particular sensi-

tivities toward. However, through these characters, he takes liberties that he wouldn't normally, conveying the "things we all want to say, that [he] is able to pull off on stage."

Dubac will be touring this show, along with his other one-man shows The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron and Stand-Up Jesus, all along the East Coast, including Old Savbrook, Connecticut and Manchester, New Hampshire.

Written prior to Me-Too, The Male Intellect, which he previously performed in the greater Albany area, centers a man who tries to piece together what women want without any chauvinist influences of the men around him. "He actually does figure out what women want," Dubac detailed, "which was necessary at that day and age and is actually still relevant now."



In another of Dubac's touring repertoire, he plays Jesus who, after coming back as a stand-up comic, takes over the family business. Stand-Up Jesus tells of the title role's effort to clarify some obvious disconnects over the last 2,000 years, "saying 'You've misinterpreted everything. I'm here to set the record straight," said Dubac of the show's premise.

Dubac's career as a comic has earned him praise from the likes of SNL's Dana Carvey, who declares, "If funny were a religion, Bob is nothing short of a miracle!"

On his transition to the one-man show medium, Dubac said, "I used to do a lot of stand-up comedy and I found that this was a different avenue." Performing a one-man show is very different," he explained of his craft, stating, "It has to have humor and then it also has to have a bigger arc and a bigger story, otherwise it is stand-up comedy."

Dubac expressed excitement for returning to the area. "To be honest, it's a great time. It's one way to shrug off all the insanity that's going on in the world, and come out and have a few chuckles."

Tickets are now available on Proctors.org and RobertDubac.com.

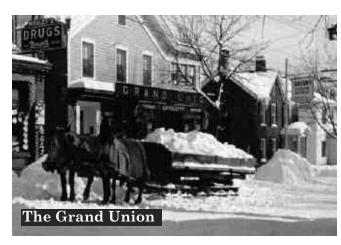
### Washington County – Random Thoughts

# Which Greenwich grocery store are we shopping at today?

Michael Levy Journal & Press

Everyone needs food to nourish their bodies, and everyone should have the right to access affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate foods. But most of us take the availability of foodstuffs for granted, so let us look at a brief history of grocery shopping in one locale in southern Washington County, New York.

Downtown Greenwich used to have several "mom and pop" grocery stores such as Perkins, Curtis', McReynold's, and Lyttle & Little, but that was long, long ago. Identifiable grocery store chains such as A&P and Grand Union also had a downtown presence, adding to the village's food shopping options. In the early 1940s, A&P moved to a new brick and block building and brought the



era of self-service shopping to the village. In 1963, A&P moved again to a new building at the western edge of the village, bringing plentiful parking and a better supermarket experience. But when the entire A&P chain failed, so went the Greenwich location. The building subsequently housed a few different grocery store iterations such as Hygrade Farms and Prideway Foods until it became an I.G.A. store. Grand Union left the village but eventually came back with an even bigger store at the Big N Plaza (renamed K Mart Plaza in 1979). But as the local folks will tell you, Grand Union has been gone for a while.

September 2000 was an interesting month for grocery stores in Greenwich, NY. On September 16th, Greenwich's I.G.A store closed, after being managed and operated by Norm and Suzanne Benjamin for about 5 years. And on September 17th, the very next day after their I.G.A. stored closed, a new Hannaford Store opened its doors, less than a mile and a half away. Thousands were in attendance at the grand opening that Sunday, lined up 3-4 deep from the storefront to the rear of the parking area. American Legion Post 515 conducted the 8 AM flag raising ceremony. T-shirts were distributed to the first one thousand customers and

to the surprise of many, they were all gone within 20



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Hamburg Steak (fresh daily) 22c Shoulder Pork Steak . 18c Small Lean Pork Loins . 25c minutes. Folks observed then that more people passed through the doors of the new Hannaford store on opening day than the combined populations of Greenwich, Easton, and Argyle.



It appeared that the entire world was enchanted with the new Hannaford store, but was this really the case? As it turns out, a group of concerned citizens were not so thrilled. They sent this newspaper numerous "Letters to the Editor" with their apprehensions before the store opened. But there were others who presented a contrasting opinion that a large supermarket chain would improve residents' nutritional habits by making available a vast assortment of food products at much lower costs. But those opposed to the store remained uneasy that a large retail grocery chain was staking its claim in a small town like Greenwich. Their argument was that a large supermar-

ket provides additional services such as a delicatessen, bakery, pharmacy, seafood counter, and now passé services such as film processing and video rentals, all of which would have ruined downtown businesses. Anxieties were also expressed about increased motor vehicle traffic at the intersection of Routes 29 and 40. But the main concerns of those opposed seemed to be that the new supermarket would eliminate competition and take profits out of the community.

Let us fast forward to the year 2022 and see what grocery stores exist in the Greenwich area. Technically, there is only one – Hannaford. Okay, one can buy a limited amount of grocery items at Dollar General, but even as this chain is expanding its fresh food footprint elsewhere, it may be a while before fresh produce and protein sources come to the local outlet. Really, it is not yet a supermarket or grocery store.

According to a 2020 USDA report, the twenty



## Grocery (cont.)

largest food retailers handled 65.1% of the food sales in the USA and their share has grown rapidly over the years. Ahold Delhaize USA, a subsidiary of a large Dutch multi-national and the parent company of Hannaford, is #11 on the Progressive Grocer's 2020 list of the top food and consumables retailers in the United States. Across all their brands, Ahold Delhaize USA operates more than 2,000 stores in twenty-three states.

The retail grocery industry is in rapid transformation mode as new market players emerge, such as Amazon, who purchased Whole Foods in 2017. Online grocery sales, pick-up, and delivery is throwing the gauntlet down at brick-and-mortar stores. With greater industry consolidation foreseeable and inevitable, it is likely some of the twenty largest food retailers won't be able to survive in this new retail grocery environment. Maybe this is why Ahold Delhaize has large ownership stakes in Fresh Direct and Peapod, which are on-line grocery retailers.

How will small, local, and independent grocers compete in this new landscape? Are we will-

ing to let mega corporations increasingly influence our available food choices while determining the culturally appropriate food for this or any other community? What about addressing the on-going food supply chain crisis that is producing empty grocery store shelves and higher prices for the retail customer? Are there any alternative retail grocery models capable of transforming the food supply chain to bring bountiful and more affordable food from producers to our kitchen counters? Can this community survive with just one retail grocery store and what happens if this store closes just like the A&P and Grand Union stores did in the past? What about less fortunate communities

### **Standout students**

Greenwich Central School is pleased to announce the awardees of this month's "Standout Student Award" for the junior high school. The students are:

**Pictured (L-R):** Michael Cronin, Samuel Ziehm, Avery Timmons, Nataly Knapp, Sarah Radovich, Ella Smith, Carson Reynolds and Brayden Wilbur

Each was awarded a certificate of accomplishment and a free Stewart's Ice Cream coupon.

Teachers of these students were able to witness first hand the exemplary effort, achievement, integrity, and kindness offered by each of these young people each and every day. They are extraordinary role models for their



peers, and provide many beneficial qualities to bolster our strong school community. They should be proud of what they represent and deserve heartfelt congratulations.

### **Train tours in CNY**

If you're looking to get out of the house and do something fun that's a relatively short drive away, hop aboard the Adirondack Railroad on one of their featured train rides.

The Adirondack Dinner Train: Enjoy an Irish-inspired Dinner and Train ride on March 18th & 19th. from Utica's Union Station to Remsen. Enjoy our hand-crafted Irish-inspired menu from a local chef Patrick O'-Connor, Owner of Feast & Festivities by O'Connor's.

Easter Bunny Express: Hop on board the Easter Bunny Express on April 15th & 16th and welcome Easter and the spring season! Travel round trip from Holland Patent Station, along the base of the Adirondack Mountains, to the historic Remsen Depot. At the depot, hunt for Easter

> with no supermarkets which are technically known as "food deserts"? And how do we truly ensure food security for all and for posterity?

> As stated previously, food security is a right and everybody needs access to high quality food, at reasonable prices, and for the nourishment and subsistence of themselves and their families.

Just a random thought.

Michael Levy is a government manager residing in Greenwich. He is also a Commercial Pilot and a Ham Radio operator.



### **Village of Greenwich Happenings**

## Main St. biz district plan, zoning updates

#### Pam Fuller Special to Journal & Press

At the next regular meeting of the Village of Greenwich Board of Trustees, on March 14, proposed amendments to the Village zoning ordinance will be presented to the Board and members of the public; these proposed changes were developed as part of the Zoning Update Project. This project has been in progress through 2020 and 2021. The public hearing at the upcoming meeting will be an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposed zoning updates.

The Zoning Update Project is the result of a grant that the Village received from the Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council, building on the previous grant through which the plan for the Downtown Streetscape was developed. We have that streetscape plan in place so we can be prepared to implement it after the new water main pipes have been installed in the business district. During the work on the streetscape plan in 2019 it became obvious that some zoning updates are needed in the business district. We worked with the Chazen Companies on this new grant, as we did for the streetscape. A steering committee was formed, made up of Village Board members, residents of the community, and Chazen representatives.

When we created the 2019 Greenwich Streetscape plan, we knew we would have an opportunity in the next couple of years to make much needed improvements in the downtown business district since the water project is going to involve digging up the area to install new water main pipes. The plan was to enhance the pedestrian experience in the downtown business district, as well as address the parking issues. The recommendations of the study were to upgrade the sidewalks including following ADA requirements, implement a series of actions to address the perceived lack of parking, encourage use of more evenly distributed spaces, address traffic issues at targeted locations, and add new signage that will guide visitors to businesses downtown.

In order to put the Streetscape Plan in place,

we need some adjustments to our Zoning Ordinance, which hasn't been updated since 1995. In March 2021, Chazen representatives reached out to key Village Main Street business owners, many of whom they had interviewed earlier for the Streetscape planning. These businesses were chosen based on their types and some of their unique needs. Chazen representatives asked questions of owners based on the goal of putting the zoning pieces in place that will allow the 2019 plans to move forward. The goals of the Zoning Code update are parking planning, site access, and landscaping.

Key features of the proposed changes to Village zoning code are designating the Downtown Main Street Overlay District. This district will have specific rules applied to it, and new development will be required to undergo a Site Plan Review process. The committee Goals for the district will be to preserve the mixed use that is currently in place, enhance the visual character of the area, improve the physical comfort of pedestrians, and encourage shared parking as well as confirming that adequate parking is planned for new projects.

#### **Main Street Overlay District**

The Village's current zoning allows for out-ofcontext development along Main Street that could detract from the historic character and charm and be counter to the goals of a pedestrian-oriented downtown. The proposed zoning code and zoning map amendments would establish a Main Street Overlay district, within which certain new development and uses would be required to meet supplemental design standards and receive site plan approval. Establishing site plan review for certain uses along the corridor would allow for more predictable development and appropriate site improvements that align with the character of the Main Street corridor.



The proposed zoning code amendments define the process and review of site plan review, which would be undertaken by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Design guidelines are a tool that establishes standards for development, to ensure new development is consistent with a community's vision. The focus of the design guidelines being considered relate to improving the pedestrian experience, a key goal of the Main Street Streetscape Plan that was adopted by the Village Board of Trustees in 2019. The proposed Main Street design guidelines include standards and guidelines related to site organization and building placement, site access and parking, pedestrian access and activation, and parking lot and streetscape landscaping.

The proposed Main Street Overlay District, site plan review procedure, and supplemental design regulations wouldn't encourage additional development or allow additional density. The proposed changes would ensure greater oversight and review of new development in the overlay district. Any development subject to site plan review would be required to conduct its own environmental review in accordance with SEQR.

#### **Parking Standards**

The Village's current parking requirements continued on next page

## **Music from Salem**

Music from Salem invites you to attend the Spring 2022 concert. Don't miss the rare opportunity to experience Joseph Haydn's profound and moving setting of The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross, for string quartet, in a program also featuring poetry by Mark Strand. The Julius Quartet is joined by actor John Hadden at 4pm, Sunday March 20th at Hubbard Hall (25 E. Main Street, Cambridge, New York).

Please visit www.musicfromsalem.org for detailed program information.

Ticket price is \$25. Advance tickets may be purchased at the website box office https://hubbardhall.org/class-registrations-and-eventticketing. For information contact info@musicfromsalem.org or 518-232-2347 or visit our website www.musicfromsalem.org.

## **Irish music at Slate**

The popular Celtic band Gypsy Reel will return for a live performance at the Slate Valley Museum on Saturday, March 12 from 7-9pm.Tickets are available for \$12 per person. Call 518-642-1417 to reserve.

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are out-of-date and in need of updating to current ITE standards. Additionally, many current downtown properties are informally sharing parking. This, as well as other flexible options to meet parking requirements, are included in the proposed zoning code amendments. The Village's zoning code does not currently identify the need to provide ADA parking spaces, a noted need from the 2019 Main Street Streetscape Plan. By updating parking requirements to reflect current ITE standards, parking will be more accessible and flexible within the Village Main Street corridor.

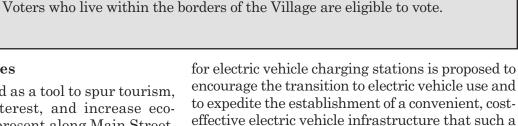
The proposed parking standard amendments are intended to ensure that parking supply is consistent with parking demand and would not result in significant adverse impacts.

#### **Additional Updates**

Food trucks are used as a tool to spur tourism, create community interest, and increase economic growth. While present along Main Street, the Village's Zoning Codes does not define this use or identify food trucks as a permitted use along the corridor. A separate section for food trucks is proposed to permit food trucks in some Village districts. The food truck regulations are intended to promote and protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the community and further the policies of the 2019 Village of Greenwich Main Street Streetscape Plan, by providing for efficient pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular circulation.

Roberts resigned.

Electric vehicle charging stations are exclusively used for the charging of electric vehicles and plugin hybrid electric vehicles. While present in the Village, they are not defined or regulated in the Village Zoning Code currently. A separate section



The Julius Quartet

transition necessitates. The proposed food truck and electric vehicle charging station zoning text changes are intended to define and regulate existing uses that are occurring without oversight currently. These zoning text amendments would increase predictability and minimize the potential for impacts from these uses. In addition to the above, the proposed Zoning Code updates incorporate additional clarifications

and corrections to address ambiguity and inconsistencies.

**G'wich Village elections** 

The Village of Greenwich election will be held on Tuesday, March 15th at Vil-

Two Trustee positions are up for votes. Current Trustees Maria Robinson and

The Village Justice Rachel Clothier is running for her first elected term, after

being appointed to the position by Mayor Pam Fuller after Justice Barbara

Village of Greenwich Elections March 15

lage Hall, 6 Academy Street, from Noon to 9 p.m.

Kyle Vandewater are running for a new term.

Pam Fuller is Mayor of the Village of Greenwich.



## Is the backdoor Roth dead?

#### Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

This Q&A is devoted to your questions about Roth IRAs and other retirement planning options. Send me your questions by going to jillonmoney.com and clicking "Contact Us."

**Q**: I have been doing backdoor Roth conversions for the past five years, but I am hearing that Congress may not allow them anymore. Can you please explain?

A: Let's start with a little background. With a Roth retirement account, you do not take any tax deduction today, but like other retirement accounts, there is no current taxation on earnings or capital gains on trades made in the account, but when you access and withdraw the funds after age 59.5, there is no tax due. Additionally, Roth IRAs are not subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs).

Currently, you can only use a Roth IRA if you earn below a certain amount of money (Roth 401 (k)s and 403 (b)s do not have any income limitations.) However, if you make over the 2022 threshold amount (204,000 - 214,000 married filing jointly and 129,000 - 144,000 for single filers), you can make a 6,000 (7,000 if over age 50) contribution into a nondeductible IRA account and then convert it to a Roth IRA. The process has been

called the "backdoor" into the Roth universe for higher earners.

The Build Back Better legislation that Congress has been contemplating would eliminate the ability to do a backdoor conversation, which has caused many to wonder whether they should proceed with their annual contributions. While it is possible that the legislation would be retroactive to January 1, 2022, as we get deeper into year it seems more likely that if the bill were to pass, it would become effective as of January 1, 2023. To be conservative, it may make sense to wait a few more months to see what happens.

I have also been fielding questions about Roth accounts in general – and whether BBB is just the first step toward eliminating all tax benefits associated with the Roth status. While one can never be 100% sure about future Congressional legislation, IRA expert Ed Slott reminded me that Congress likes the Roth, because it brings in tax revenue today, rather than having to wait for it from folks who pull from their accounts in the future. Until we hear otherwise, I remain a big fan of the Roth and encourage people to consider it as one of the few ways to control future tax liability.

**Q:** I'm a single 28-year-old engineer and work for a startup that doesn't offer a 401 (k). I now con-

tribute \$6,000 to a Roth but want to save even more. What else should I do to save for retirement?

A: A plain old taxable brokerage account is your answer. Although you didn't say how much you make now, I assume that because you are contributing to a Roth, you are under the limit, which means that your tax bracket is historically low. I would argue that given your earnings capacity and the potential for higher tax rates in the future, you would be well served to pay the taxes now, and then invest the money in a tax efficient index fund that does not throw off too much income.

**Q:** I have been converting my traditional IRA into a ROTH in the years before I'll need to begin taking RMDs. Does it make sense to continue to convert and pay the taxes now, before I have the added income that will come from those RMDs? Doing so will eat into my cash on hand.

A: Presuming you leave yourself with one year of living expenses on hand, I

would continue with the conversions.

Jill Schlesinger, CFP, is a CBS News business analyst. She welcomes comments at askjill@jillonmoney.com.



## History book club meets

Washington County Historical Society's recently formed local history book club will meet at noon on Friday, March 11, in the upstairs room of the society headquarters, Wing-Northup House, 167 Broadway, Fort Edward. New members are welcome. Historical society membership is not a requirement. Meetings are on the second Friday of the month.

March's discussion will focus on the Lake George mystery series written by the late Anne White of Queensbury. A brief biography on goodreads.com reports that Anne was a member of Sisters in Crime, Mystery Writers of America, the Lake George Arts Project, the Adirondack Center for Writing, and the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council. She was the mother of six children and high school librarian for the Queensbury School District. In her retirement, she turned to mystery writing. White was born in Whitehall in 1928 and died in Queensbury in 2015 at the age of 87. She was a graduate of Whitehall High School and the College of Saint Rose in Albany. Book titles in the series are: "An Affinity for Murder, Beneath the Surface," "Secrets Dark and Deep," "Best Laid Plans," and "Cold Winter Nights". In her first book, long-lost Georgia O'Keeffe paintings turn up in a Lake George attic near the cottage where O'Keeffe spent 15 summers. Local readers will recognize many familiar landmarks.

Beverage and cookies will be provided. The April meeting of the book club will focus on Twelve Years a Slave, by Solomon Northup, who once lived in Fort Edward. Future selections will include books about the larger Adirondack area as well as some works by local authors.

For additional information, email Connie Harris Farrington at connieandlee@roadrunner.com.



## **Transgender life, and song**

Join a "Reading, Discussion and Book Signing with Author, Educator, and Folk Musician, Connelly Akstens" in the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library on Tuesday, March 15th, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Connelly Akstens will lead a reading and discussion of her recent memoir, "Without Shame: Learning to Be Me" where she tells the many stories of her fascinating life. From her website (www.connellyakstens.com), "Without Shame: Learning to Be Me, is about my transgender life, but it's also about my beloved grandfather, Boston and Cape Cod, my bohemian aunt, a duck in a burlap bag, my eccentric parents, a blowout party for the ages, strange and wonderful restaurants, a worm's eye view of big-time college basketball, the Cambridge music scene in the 60's, Woodstock in the 70's, a lunatic dog and four tuxedo cats, ball lightning, a wedding dress, my years as an Adirondack fly fishing guide, the world's seediest hotel, my long career in music, treasured friends and students, marriage, beachcombing and mortality."

A February 2, 2022, article in the Albany Times Union by Michael Eck articulates Akstens' life work and new book best. To quote Eck: "Akstens, nearly 75, did these things as a man, under her given name of Tom, while certainly not hidden, is not the primary focus of the book. As might be expected of a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, "Without Shame," (264 pages, Potowomut Press, \$27.99) rather, is the tale of a life well-lived, well-told. Born in Beantown, in 1947, Akstens recalls 'mysterious' surgeries as a youth, at Boston Children's Hospital, to 'correct,' she assumed, what was then thought of as an 'intersex' individual. Now, living, since age 55, as 'me,' with her wife Susanne, in the Ocean State, Akstens, who will read passages from the book at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at Greenwich Free Library, has had no additional surgeries, but, as a teacher, mentors fellow transgender folk in navigating their own dysphoria through memoir writing — stating, in the first words of the book's preface, 'For most of my life. I've lived in the shadow of shame.' She also does outreach at SpeakOUT Boston and other con-



ferences while still making time to press fingers to strings."

Health and safety at the event: The event is limited to 40 participants, and all attendees must wear masks that cover the nose and mouth, as well as register for the event in advance. To register, email grn-director@sals.edu, or call the library at 518-692-7157, or visit www.greenwichfreelibrary.org to reserve your spot.

## **Navarro returns to Cambridge**

Dan Navarro returns at 7 p.m. on Wed., March 30, to the The Depot - Argyle Brewing, 6 Broad St. in Cambridge. Tickets are \$25. Call 518-677-7337 or visit www.argylebrewing.com.

Dan's career started as a songwriter, most often with Eric Lowen, for artists as diverse as Pat Benatar (the Grammy-nominated "We Belong") The Bangles, Jackson Browne, Dave Edmunds, The Temptations, Dionne Warwick, The Triplets, Dutch star Marco Borsato, and Austin outlaw legend Rusty Weir.

In the 1990s and 2000s, he and Eric recorded and toured as the acclaimed acoustic duo Lowen & Navarro until Eric's retirement in 2009. Dan has transitioned smoothly into a busy solo career over the past decade, touring nationally almost constantly.

Dan's long awaited first true stu-

dio-recorded album, "Shed My Skin" was released in 2019 and was well worth the wait. Recorded and produced by Steve Postell it, of course, features Dan Navarro / vocals, guitar, percussion, Steve Postell / Guitars, Jon Ossman / upright bass, Brendan Buckley /drums, Peter Adams / piano, Phil Parlapiano / accordion, David Glaser / mandolin, Debra Dobkin / percussion.

He has a parallel career as a voice actor and singer, in films like The Playmobil Movie, Pirates of the Caribbean 5, The Book Of Life, Rio (on the Oscar®-nominated "Real In Rio"), Happy Feet, The Lorax, Ice Age (2 & 3); TV series Turbo Fast, Prison Break, Family Guy and American Dad; records with Neil Young, Andrea Bocelli, Luis Miguel, Jose Feliciano, Janiva Magness, and Jon Anderson of Yes; hit video games Fallout 4 and Uncharted 4, and hundreds

of TV ads for Subaru, Shakey's, McDonald's, Coca-Cola, Honda, Nationwide and more. Most recently, Dan sang on six Lin-Manuel Miranda songs in the Disney Film ENCANTO and, in Feb 2022, "We Don't Talk About Bruno" hit #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 Singles chart.

He has appeared in Washington on artists' rights and intellectual property issues, on behalf of Nashville Songwriters Assn Int'l, SoundExchange, NSAI, SAG-AFTRA, musicFIRST Coalition, BMI and NARAS, including testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Copyright Royalty Board.

Dan has a 22-year-old son, thinks sleep is for babies and is a known abuser of acoustic guitars. "The poets and prophets say, it's all about the journey, not the destination, and in 2021, nothing could be



more true." After a full-stop to touring during 2020, Dan began crisscrossing America again in the spring of 2021 delivering his music to locales new and old.



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### Obituaries

## Marilyn Bain Dixson, 81

Marilyn Bain Dixson, 81, of Greenwich passed away Saturday, February 11, 2022, at Glens Falls Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Marilyn is survived by her 4 children Beth (Carl) Vallone, Ron (Michelle) Eastman, Kari (Art) Vogel, Kevin Dixson; 16 grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Julia Chapman and Lisa (Ron) Billings, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Richard Dixson, her parents Frank and Janet Bain, her brother Ronald Bain, sister Bonnie Bain and brother-in-law Bruce Chapman.

Respecting Marilyn's wishes there will be no calling hours or services. In lieu of flowers donations in honor of Marilyn, can be made to Easton Greenwich Rescue Squad.

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



### **RC churches news**

The area Catholic Churches have announce their Lenten schedules. With Lent coming, the CRS rice bowls will be available near the doors as people reflect on global hunger during the 40 days. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

March 2 is Ash Wednesday and the following is its schedule; 9 AM Mass at St. Patrick's, 9 AM service at Immaculate Conception, Noon Mass at Holy Cross, 5 PM Service at St. Patrick's, 6 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception. and 6:30 PM service at Holy Cross. Lenten Scripture Reflection begins Wednesdays, March 9 via Zoom at 7 PM.

Reconciliation Services are as follows; March 27 at 2 PM at Immaculate Conception, March 30 at 6 PM at St. Patrick's, and April 3 at 2 PM at Holy Cross.

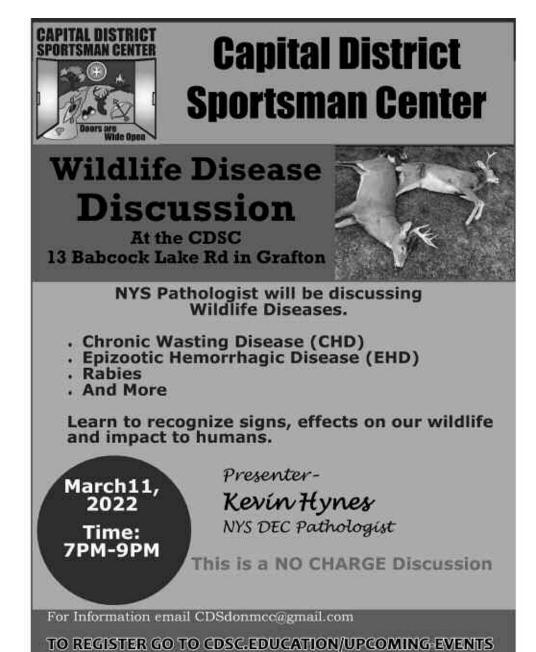
Holy Week Schedule includes the following: Holy Thursday, April 14 at 6 PM is Mass of the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross, Good Friday, April 15 at 3 PM at Immaculate Conception is the Scriptural Way of the Cross, while at St. Patrick's it will be at 6 PM. Holy Saturday on April 16 at 8 PM, the Easter Vigil will be held at Immaculate Conception.

Masses for Easter Sunday will be as follows. 8:15 at Holy Cross, 10 AM at Immaculate Conception, and 11:30 AM at St. Patrick's.

To get this schedule, the bulletin, and other information, go to the the website battenkillcatholic.org and click on the little lamb on the top right to sign up for flocknote.

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### For Kids (and Their Parents and Teachers)

## March comes in like a Lion

#### **Shirley Renauld** Journal & Press

Does March come in like a lion? Will it go out like a lamb? Or vice versa? What will it be like in between? Some think of it as the Mud Month, some the Windy Month. It means to look at outdoor conditions as we plan our activities, especially on the ice. Nationwide it means basketball, not football, lacrosse in the snow?

But in New Orleans at least, it means Mardi Gras. For us, in English, it means Fat Tuesday and our last day to indulge because it traditionally ends the holiday season and there will be less celebration for six week until Easter. So, have fun! You've used up your reds anyway. Good thing, for the Mardi Gras colors are Springtime colors: green, gold and purple. What can you make and wear, the shinier, the better. to dance and parade as you see in the media? Traditional are eye masks – on a popsicle stick on one side for easy on, easy off; crowns and headpieces. Get family and friends together for dancing and parading (outside, please): Have you been making and saving recyclable materials for rhythm instruments? Use them. It's another time and use for some kitchen utensils (sorry, Mom). Wash them off when you come inside so you can use them for making the traditional King Cake. How can you make it a circle? Cupcakes formed into a circle? Use a bundt pan or an angel food pan (what are they)? Don't forget a good coating of oil if you want to get it out in one piece! Don't forget to put a ring in before baking – not for eating! But whoever gets it when eating is special in some way. Are you brave enough to make some yeast dough? You can braid it and form the circle. While it's baking, make your white icing, then divide it and use food coloring to make the three colors to cover segments. (How do you make the purple?) When will you share and enjoy it? Who got the ring? What's the prize – to clean up?

But when that's finished, it's time to relax. Find all the Dr. Seuss books you can because the next day is his birthday. So many creative characters and made-up words. Enjoy the fun in them. But he also teaches youngsters about colors, counting and rhyming. Which ones do that? He also wrote thoughtful ones to carry a message. What is he trying to tell us in *The Sneeches? If I Ran the Zoo?* Seasonal ones?

You can create your own, name and write about them. You can dress up like the Cat in the Hat – I know someone who does.

Dr. Seuss lived not far from us: Springfield, MA. If you're up for a road trip, maybe on one of these indoor days, you could visit the Dr. Seuss Museum there. Enjoy the sculptures, the reproductions of rooms he worked in, with actual supplies that he used, and create one of your own. But you better have leftover holiday money to do so.

(PS: If you're getting this too late to do suggestions on their days, they're fun to do any day.)

It would be less costly to visit our very own local gallery, The Laffer Gallery in Schuylerville. Visit with Eric. Look at works he has in his current show and learn about the local artists who created them. What else does he have going on?

March 5 is the beginning of the Iditarod in Alaska. Have you heard about it? If so, you know that it's a dog sled race consisting of 16 Alaskan huskies pulling a sled with the musher and all their food and supplies. Get out your map of Alaska. Find Nome because this is the end of the race, with great prizes for the winner. It originally

started in Anchorage, but had to be moved farther north to Willow, near Fairbanks to have enough snow (Does that tell us something about climate change?) There are check points along the way, which are rest stops, thank goodness. As you follow the race in the media, you can pin-point it on your map.

In 1973 the Iditarod was started as a race for fun this time of year. But it had a precedent in reality. In 1925 there was an outbreak of diphtheria among children in Nome. There was serum (what's that?) in Anchorage but, with Winter conditions, the only way to get it to the children was by dog sled. It was Balto, the lead dog of musher Gunner Kassen's dogsled team that got it to the children in time. Their story was recorded by our local book illustrator, Donald Cook. (and Amy, thanks for the puppets). Most recently, it was made into a movie. Both are available for your enjoyment. Visit the



sculpture of Balto the next time you visit Central Park in NYC.

Everybody's looking for signs of Spring. The calendar says it starts on the 20th, but will it? Have you seen any green in nature, yellow in forsythia? What bird sounds have you heard? Or was it ice as the channel of the Hudson opens? Have you been taking advantage of the longer daylight? More heat from from the sun with its less slant? Remember to make your clocks spring an hour ahead by the 13th (Good thing your phone will or you'll be late for school on Monday.) Get out all the green you can. Did you or will you see a St Patrick's Parade?



### **Interpersonal Edge**

## Giving kids the best shot at success

#### Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

**Q:** I run my own successful business and have little kids. Do you give clients with children advice on how to do their own executive coaching with their children?

A: Yes, provide practical tools, emotional resiliency, and model effective work habits. Do not make the common mistake of thinking self-esteem is key to success.

During Jerry Brown's tenure as governor of California he implemented a statewide program improving self-esteem in public schools. At the end of the study the results showed academic achievement plummeted as self-esteem rose. Turns out feeling good about ourselves is not key to success.

Success requires learning to act effectively when we feel badly. We all love feeling good but happiness is not perpetual for anyone. If you can teach children tools to act well regardless of whether they feel good you teach them tenacity, grit, and a work ethic.

There's an effective therapeutic technique creating by a University of Washington professor Marsha Linehan called Dialetical Behavior Therapy (DBT). DBT teaches emotional self-regulation which means making skillful choices even when upset.

Since no one has telepathy they can only know what we do and say. If we teach our kids to use effective interpersonal skills when they're upset then they'll thrive.

If we didn't receive emotional understanding as kids we may think the secret to raising kids is validating feelings. Studies on parenting outcomes show it's more effective to validate feelings while providing logical consequences. Example: "I see you're angry and if you hit your brother again you'll not be going to the park with us."

You also want to teach kids to use their words. A child that says, "I hate you," alienates his playmate. A child that says, "If you push me I will not play with you," is a skilled communicator.

Also involve kids in your business. Have them watch you while you pay bills, do taxes, write emails, and talk about your work. Look for opportunities to give them small jobs in your business. Successful entrepreneurs usually come from parents that are entrepreneurs.

Fan the natural talents of your children with an eye on money making future jobs. Sit down at young ages and do a lifestyle audit where you look up apartments, car costs, groceries and create budgets. Many graduating seniors have not connected a preferred lifestyle with the paycheck they'll need.

Look for opportunities for internships in industries with bright futures. Realize trade schools for kids not academically oriented are lucrative as few young people are going into trades. The National Association of Junior achievements also offers summer camps where kids can become business owners for a week.

Stay aware of careers which are likely to be replace by artificial intelligence. Steer your kids to jobs that require human interface.

Lastly realize even if you provide optimal parenting your kids may struggle with mental health issues, learning disabilities, or addiction. The only perfect parents are people with no kids so be compassionate with yourself on choices your kids make that you cannot influence. You can only provide an enriched environment and realize your kids have the final power over what they choose.

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saquah, WA 98027. Sorry, no personal replies.

## **Historical Association event**

Twenty-five years ago the Greenwich Historical Association's Spring Annual meeting included a presentation given by an Eagle Scout candidate.

The scout had compiled an inventory of barns in the Town of Greenwich, including photos and interviews with the current owners. It was funded in part by the Greenwich Historical Association, and is a good example of the kind of project the Association has

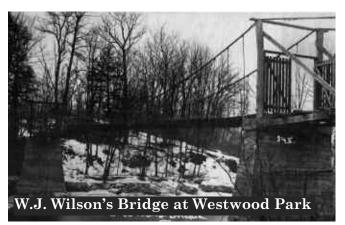
ample of the kind of project the Association has continued to support since its charter was awarded in 1981.

The Greenwich-Easton Historical Association (GEHA) is actively seeking new members, particularly individuals who can help identify opportunities for the Association to provide information and support to individuals who are engaged in learning about our region's history.

The GEHA will hold its Annual Meeting Sun-

### **Topic: 'The Parks of Greenwich.'**

day, March 6, 2-4 p.m., in the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library. There will be an election of officers, a short business meeting, followed by a program: "The Parks of Greenwich Over the Years," by Sandy McReynolds. Take a PowerPoint stroll with Sandy to learn the history of the many parks that are and have been in Greenwich throughout the decades. Some were short-lived or



lost to time. Others have flourished and are still a central part of the Greenwich community.

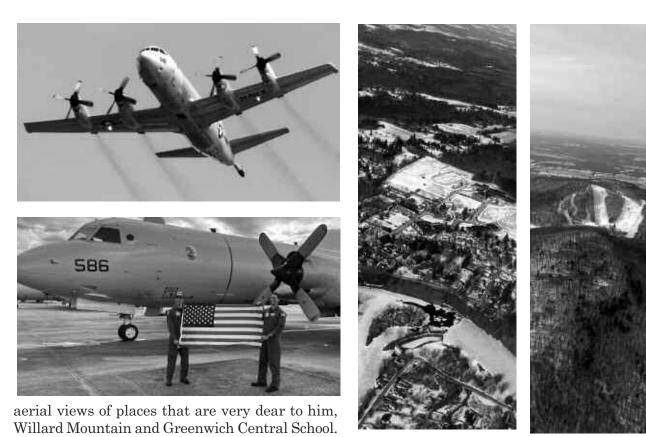
Plan to attend, and consider becoming an active member of the Greenwich-Easton Historical Association. For more information about the GEHA visit their Facebook page.

## Fly by

Naval Aviator Lieutenant Commander Matthew Lamb made a fly-by on a P-3 naval aircraft over Easton, NY and Greenwich Central School on February 16, 2022, in honor of his family and home town.

Matthew, son of Randy Lamb and Deborah Lamb-Daus, was raised in Easton on a family farm. He graduated from Greenwich Central High School in 2003 and entered the Navy immediately following graduation. After six years of enlisted duty, Matthew was accepted into officer training, OTC Program in Newport, Rhode Island, in 2009. He then achieved his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Colorado in Boulder and was accepted into Naval Aviation training in 2012 at Pensacola. He is presently stationed at Jacksonville Naval Air Base in Florida.

Matthew says he has felt blessed in his experiences as a naval aviator and is very grateful to have had this opportunity to honor his family and local community. He was even able to take some



## **Tingley to talk at Greenwich Library**

Greenwich Free Library will host author Ken Tingley discussing his recent book, "The Last American Editor," with WAMC radio host, Joe Donahue on Thursday, March 10th at 6:30 PM in the Community Room at the Greenwich Free Library.

"Ken's book is a vital reminder of the necessity of local reporting and small-town newspapers. I am thrilled to bring Ken and Joe, two superstars of local media, together to highlight Ken's book, and to discuss the past, present, and future of journalism," says Sarah Murphy, library director.

Ken Tingley was the editor of The Post-Star in Glens Falls, N.Y. from 1999 to 2020. During his tenure, the newspaper won a Pulitzer Prize in editorial writing in 2009, and was recognized by the New York State Associated Press Association with its "Newspaper of Distinction" award nine times while winning more than a dozen national awards for its journalism.

At The Post-Star Tingley wrote an award-winning local news column that was regularly honored by the New York State News Publishers Association and the New York State Associated Press Association. When Tingley retired in July 2020, his column had been named a finalist by the National Society of Newspaper Columnists in 8 of the previous 10 years, and was honored with a first-place award in 2016.

He married his wife, Gillian, in 1982 and they had a son, Joseph, in 1996.

"The Last American Editor" is Ken's first book. His second book, "The Last American Newspaper," is a memoir of his time at The Post-Star, and will be published in 2022 by McFarland Books.

Considered one of the nation's pre-eminent radio interviewers, Joe Donahue is Senior Director of News and Programming for WAMC/Northeast Public Radio and has been with the station since 1994. He is best known for his continuing work as a talk show host and interviewer on the daily program, "The RoundTable." He also hosts the weekly nationally syndicated half hour program with renowned authors, "The Book Show."

Health and safety at the event: "Anyone who reads the paper or listens to Joe on the morning radio knows that precautions are necessary to ensure the health and safety of everyone at the library," says Murphy. The event is limited to 25 participants, and all attendees must show proof of full vaccination at the door.

Registration is required. Email grndirector@sals.edu or call the library at 518-692 7157 to reserve your spot. Books will be available for sale through Battenkill Books in Cambridge.



### **The Right Side Column**

## I can't help but notice (part II)

#### **Roger De Korp** Journal & Press

#### I can't help but notice...

... The Omicron variant has blown through the United States, and is on a major decline, The variant, which infected the vaxed and unvaxed, the masked and unmasked, presented minimal symptoms in the vast majority of people, and had mutated to spread and burn out quickly. With this decline in cases, some Blue states' governors are ending their mask mandates, although some not until March or later (Red state governors had already ended them, or never had mask mandates). Some Democrats are singing the praises of the current President in regards to this, as if he had anything to do with the decline in cases. According to Liberal bastion Johns Hopkins University, under Biden's first year in office, with a full year of vaccines, masks, and mandates of both, the death toll from Covid 19 was almost

100,000 people more than in 2020. In a study, Johns Hopkins also concluded that the lockdowns decreased the death toll of the pandemic by 0.2 percent in the U.S. and Europe: other deaths due to lockdowns (fentanyl, other drug overdoses, suicides, delayed screening for cancer and heart disease and other illnesses, adverse reactions to the vaccines, etc.), far out-weighed the minimal decrease. And in addition, the lockdowns crippled the U.S. (and world) economy, causing millions of small businesses into shuttering their doors permanently. And yet, the President of the United States has extended

the Federal State of Emergency. ... Speaking of Executive overreach, the all looks-no substance Prime Minister of Canada invoked his country's Emergency Powers Act to crush the Freedom Convoy truckers protest in Ottawa: his newly hand-picked Ottawa police chief ba-

sically has promised to hunt down. criminally

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prosecute, and financially cripple each of the truly peaceful protesters (the only violent acts were those of the police while they were breaking up the protest). On February 21st. Trudeau announced that the truckers in Ottawa had been dispersed, but "the state of emergency is not over"; unbelievably, Canada's Parliament granted his request to extend the Emergency Act, which it seems, is based solely on his

desire to have complete power over the Canadian people. When asked why he wouldn't meet with the truckers, Trudeau stated on Februarv 1st. "I have attended protests and rallies in the past when I agree with the goals, [and] when I supported the people expressing their concerns and their issues. Black Lives Matter is an excellent example

### 'The lockdowns crippled the US (and world) economy."

of that. But I have also chose to not go anywhere near protests that have expressed hateful rhetoric, violence towards fellow citizens...". It is clear that the alternate universe that Leftist leaders inhabit in the U.S. has metastasized to north of our border.

... The NFL has shoved down our throats a narrative of "Social Justice" and "End Racism" for the last two seasons because, you know, we're all racists out here and we want the worst for people of color. The NFL has spent millions on public "service" spots on TV and placed slogans on the back of helmets and in the stadiums. And how do the NFL team owners show that they are the champions of these causes, and thus, so much better than you and me? They hire ONE Black Head Coach out of nine openings after the 2021 season, bringing the total of Black Head Coaches in the entire league of 32 teams to TWO. Seventy percent of NFL players are Black. I do believe the best person should be hired for the job, no matter their skin color – White, Black or whatever – and there are legitimate reasons

each team hired the coaches they did, but based on the NFL population, this doesn't come close to passing the smell test.

...Here I thought, like almost everyone else, that then candidate Biden chose Kamala Harris as his running mate because she is a Black-Asian woman in spite of how insincere, disingenuous, and unpopular she was and is. But now I'm convinced that he chose her BE-CAUSE of those things – she's his impeachment insurance policy. De-

> spite having the worst first year record of any president, certainly in memory, and concerns about his mental acuity, there has not been one whisper of impeachment (Trump wasn't even sworn in yet when impeachment

threats directed at him started). Why? Because simply put, as terrible a job as he is doing, everyone knows that she would be even more of a disaster. Choosing her was the best thing for him – and the worst for us.

... Despite Cancel Culture best efforts, it is finally being revealed that almost every one of the things that the Left has tried to advance have turned out to be untrue or abject failures; as time goes on, more and more will be revealed as well. Defund the police, bail "reform", BLM, Covid lockdowns and mandates, the CDC, Russia Collusion, and literally and unfortunately, all of Biden's policies since taking office. Hopefully from this we will relearn that cancelling discourse and debate is something none of us can tolerate.

More to come, no doubt.

Roger De Korp is a retired retail multi-unit supervisor. He resides in Greenwich with his wife Colleen.



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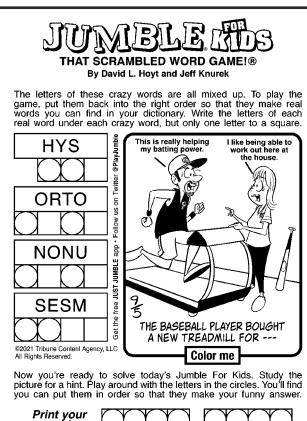
### Cody's Column

## How to pick a college

#### **Cody Fitzgerald** Journal & Press

Yes, you should still go to college. Even though you've had your bank account cleared paying for practice books so you can pay for a real SAT exam so you can pay to submit those scores to a college that you have to pay to apply for and then can pay to visit and then pay to see that you may or may not have been accepted and then pay to secure your spot if you did so you can then pay to go to that college, it is still a good experience. Obviously, this is a big choice and one that is entirely up to you, but if you so choose, I'm yet again going to spare my resources here and help you discover the best college for yourself. Here's a list of some pro tips:

Try to go on a tour the same



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day others are, that way you can get a feel of how rich and snotty the campus

Realize college is nothing like Community

• Find some other people who have the same major, that way you can see if you're going to be the smart one in class or not

Scout the area around college for places to eat so you do not need a \$14,000 meal plan

• Don't just let them glance by a dorm building. you're going to be living there and you've got to ensure that it isn't a shack

• Don't get blindsided by whoever adds you from a Snapchat or Facebook group.

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• Figure out if your college has chances are you will never actu- a car policy for freshmen so this doesn't sneak up on you later

### 'Find a pool table and accept that you're going to become that kind of person.'

Find a pool table and accept that you're going to become that kind of person

- Throw some political bumper stickers on your car and see if you get keyed
  - Make sure you find the right state- it should have a good climate, believe in COVID and supand women's port LGBTQ+ rights
  - Although it may seem

obvious, make sure the college you're going to has your major, as this has happened to about 5 people I know and I will forever make fun of them for that

There you have it, follow these simple tips and you might be 1% closer to finding a college you love, and subsequently giving it all of your money!

Cody Fitzgerald is a 2021 Schuylerville High School grad satirizing anything and everything he can get his hands on. Aspiring to become "one of the cool" High School

English teachers, he now attends Siena College and hopes to share this outlook/coping mechanism with future generations.



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### **Through the Decades**

## Poetry, murder, horse

**Darren Johnson** Journal & Press

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

140 Years Ago
March 2, 1882
SOME DAY
(A poem my Miss Phelps)
Some day, some day of days threading the street,

Some aay, some aay of aays threading the street, With idle, heedless pace, Unlooking such grace, I shall behold your face, Some day, some day of days thus shall we meet.

Perchance the sun may shine from skies of May, Or winter's icy chill, Touch whitely vale and hill, What matter? I shall thrill, Through every vein with summer on that day.

Once more life's perfect youth will all come back, And for a moment there I shall stand fresh and fair, And drop the garment, care I Once more my perfect youth will nothing lack!

I shut my eyes now thinking how it all will be. How face to face, each soul Will slip its long control, Forget the dismal dole Of dreary fate's dark separating sea.

And glance to glance, and hand to hand in greeting,

The past with all its fears, Its silence, and its tears, Its lonely, yearning years, Shall vanish in the moment of that meeting.

### 120 Years Ago March 5, 1902

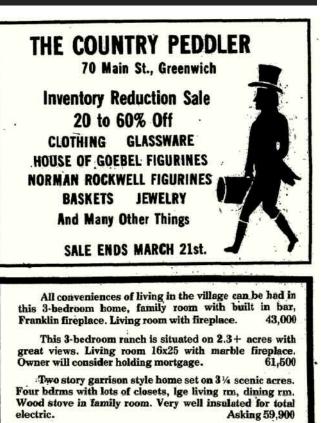
MURDERED BY A MANIAC – Aleck Ikey, of Wells, Vt., killed his wife Thursdays afternoon at that place with an axe. The woman had no wanting of the the act, which was apparently committed under temporary mental derangement. The man told his son what he had done and the latter notified the constable, who placed Ikey in Rutland jail. ... [Ikey] said that he had eaten morphine every day for 20 years. He began taking it one summer to allay the pain of severe headache caused by exposure to the sun while having and the habit grew on him until he could not break it. During several days previous to the crime, the murderer said, his wife had been putting arsenic in his morphine in order to get him out of the way. For that reason he decided to kill her. From a son of the murdered woman, it was learned that Mrs. Ikey several weeks ago, seeing that the morphine habit was deranging her husband's mind, decided to try to break it. She accordingly began mixing *flour* with the drug to reduce its strength, and it was this which Ikey thought was arsenic.

## **Seniors to reconvene**

The Old Saratoga Seniors will start meeting again in March. The Town Hall is renovating the meeting room so they will be meeting at the American Legion on Clancy Street for March 2 and March 16 at noon. There will be a sandwich luncheon. Bring your own lunch. Also money will be due for the trip to Pennsylvania in May. New members and guests are always welcome. Any questions, please call Pat, 518-338-2329.

### 90 Years Ago March 2, 1932

The Greenwich and Schuylerville offices of the American Railway Express company were combined and that



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meant the retirement of the last horse employed by the company in the Eastern New York division, Pete, who had been driven by John Fullerton of Greenwich.

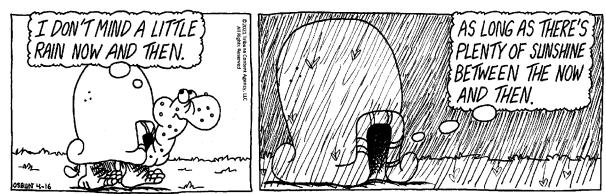
#### 60 Years Ago

#### March 7, 1962

Approval by the state of New York for the Mary McClellan hospital school of practical nursing in Cambridge was received the week before and the school was scheduled to open April 15, 1962. Mrs. Lloyd M. Felmly, RN, MN, of Cambridge would be the director of the school.

### The Funny Page

#### Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli



### The Middletons by Dana Summers



Broom Hilda by Russell Myers



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### **High School Sports**

## Local teams in basketball playoffs







The Greenwich girls basketball team remained undefeated at 22-0 with a sectional playoff win over Chatham, 78-20, of Feb. 24. NaNa Rojas had 27 points and 9 boards. The Witches are next facing Berne-Knox at 6 p.m. at Colonie High School on March 1.

#### **Greenwich Boys Advance**

Coach Tyler Herrington's game plan was pretty simple — play great defense, run, attack the rim, and keep Lake George's 4-year starter and leading scorer #22 Cameron Orr in check.

Greenwich turned to their own #22 freshman Joey Skiff with help from Deontae Bennett and teammates. Greenwich held Orr to 7 points while Skiff scored 19.

Also: Jayden Hughes scored 7 points and hit a big 3-pointer to answer a Lake George run.

Jesse Kuzmich scored 19 points, many from forced turnovers he turned into fast breaks.

Deontae Bennett added 12 points to the Witches 72-51 win. The game was played in Saratoga Springs.

Greenwich was next slated to play Hoosick Falls at Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls as of press time, Feb. 28.

#### **Cheer Champs**

Schuylerville Varsity Cheerleading made history on Feb. 26 by earning their first Section 2 title. Coached by Charlene Becker, Schuylerville will compete Saturday, March 5, at the State Finals in the Large D2 division. Other teams who will also be representing Section 2 at the State Finals at RIT are Saratoga (coed division), Shaker (small division 1), Guilderland (Large division 1), and Hudson Falls (small division 2).

-Basketball reporting and photos by Dan Pemrick. Find many more photos and capsules on our Instagram or Facebook pages.

### Cambridge Crossword

#### (solution page 24)

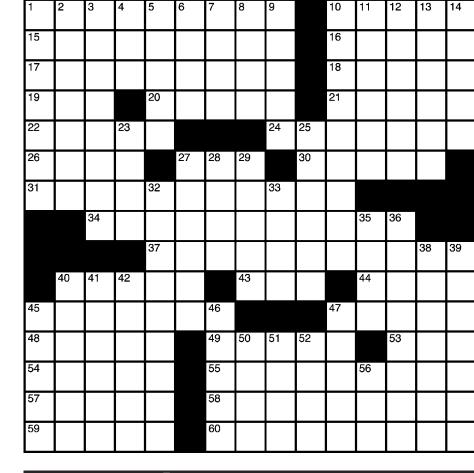
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50 Wrinkled-nose 51 Study intently, with "over" 52 "Picnic" Pulitzer Prize winner 56 NBA position ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



### Word Find By Frank J. D'Agostino (solution page 24)

Find these words that are associated with money. Assets

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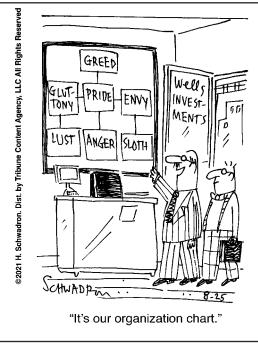
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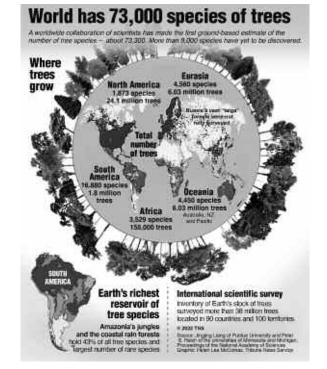
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### 9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



#### **Fast Facts**





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## Looking out over the edge in Ukraine

#### Lance Allen Wang Journal & Press

As I write this, thousands of Soviet – correction, thousands of RUSSIAN troops – are staged and ready to invade the former Soviet republic of Ukraine. Ukraine's existence has been fraught for almost a decade, ever since the Russians seized Crimea back in 2014 and encouraged an ongoing insurgency ever since.

It is entirely possible that this situation will be resolved one way or another in the next few weeks. However, even at this stage, it is important to look at some of the lessons that this situation does, or will, teach us. Also, it presents a case for a number of strategic and tactical considerations as well.

Vladmir Putin is attempting to rebuild a superficial illusion of the Soviet Union's former glory – a "Make Russia Great Again" shtick. However, their former glory rested on a deeply flawed economy. As it is today, Russia's economy is not even in the top 10 in the world and diverting resources into a major incursion into Ukraine has the potential to severely damage it, hurt their trade relationships, and trigger further international sanctions. The infrastructure for their trans-national oil pipeline would be in harm's way in case of major combat operations as well. There are many arguments which would support that this attempt at intimidation is simply a resource-draining case of saber rattling.

On the other hand, our interest in Ukraine is primarily based on an old Cold War strategy-containment.

We're not looking to "roll back" the Russians. But expansionist tendencies don't play well in Europe. The butcher's bill for the 20th Century sadly attests to this fact. Another interest is ensuring that this does not cascade into a larger war, where nuclear missiles stand watch over NATO countries, and are also possessed by non-NATO countries like France... and Russia. Lastly, our allies, who saw us retreat from the world into an "America First" isolationist posture in the last decade and seemingly draw closer to autocratic governments, need to be reassured that America still believes in what President John F. Kennedy gave as a mission statement for America in the late 20th Century -"... we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of liberty."

Vladmir Putin wants to ensure that Ukraine does not become a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Understandable. The three former Soviet Baltic republics – Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia – are all members of NATO. You don't need to like Russia to understand the existential threat now on their border. One of the things which pushed America into World War I was our intercept of the "Zimmerman Telegram," which betrayed German attempts to enlist Mexican support against the United States. Soviet nuclear missiles in Cuba were enough to push President Kennedy to essentially threaten nuclear war in response. No one likes the enemy literally at their gates.

The Cuban Missile Crisis points to a potential peaceful solution. Ukraine does not need to be a member of NATO, for the reasons described above. However, there needs to be a concession on Putin's part for diplomacy to work. He needs to publicly state that Russia will not invade Ukraine. In 1962 that was the exact deal worked out with the Soviet Union. Russia would not have missiles in Cuba and would remove any that were currently there. The United States pledged not to invade Cuba. Additionally, we also quietly removed some obsolete nuclear missiles from Turkey a few months later.

few months later. There is no reason that we should not be able to negotiate away Ukraine's membership in NATO, which in the end was not particularly logical or necessary.

If Putin does invade Ukraine, it has the potential to become a very long and costly war to the Russians. Much like when the Russians were in Afghanistan, aid provided by the West can offset many strengths that the Russians would bring to the table. While Russia possesses overwhelmingly more tanks and air assets than the Ukrainians, the provision of surface-to-air missiles and the hightechnology Javelin anti-tank missile will help exact a heavy cost. In Afghanistan, where Russia utilized helicopters to achieve mobility, we provided anti-aircraft missiles which gave the Mujaheddin the ability to destroy helicopters, losses which eventually caused the Soviets to pull out by 1989. Ukraine, however, is tank country. Its wide open plains are inviting to Russian armored formations. While inviting, tanks can be destroyed at a distance with the "fire-and-forget" technology of the soldier-portable Javelin missile. This has the potential to be as much of a game changer as the Stinger missile was against the Russians in Afghanistan.

Lastly, let's talk about one other aspect of this. Sun Tzu, the famous ancient Chinese military philosopher, stated that the greatest victories are the ones won without fighting. While that hardly inspires strains of martial glory, glory is overrated. War is a means to an end. Sun Tzu said that the first thing that should be attacked are an enemy's alliances. He didn't mean attack the ally, rather attack the existence of the alliance itself.

One of the biggest victories of the Cold War was the opportunistic opening of China by President Richard Nixon. What is important is that it took advantage of mutual suspicions and competing goals between Russia and China. We are the largest market for Chinese goods, and they are the third largest importer of American goods. Yes, they have major human rights violations which need to be addressed. Yes, they engage in theft of intellectual property. We, however, share common interests and trade needs. We are integral to each other's economy. That is a basis for negotiation of differences. We gain no advantage by pushing China deeper into Putin's corner.

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



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### **Legal Notice**

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Greenwich Central School District on January 18, 2022, a special meeting of the qualified voters of the School District be and the same is hereby called to be held in the cafeteria of the Greenwich Primary School Building, 10 Gray Avenue, Greenwich on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

#### PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Greenwich Central School District be authorized to (1) construct, reconstruct, renovate and improve various School District buildings, facilities and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum cost of \$3,605,000, (2) expend \$925,000 from unappropriated fund balance to pay a portion of the costs of such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, taking into account state aid and the amount expended from unappropriated fund balance, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$2,680,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

The vote upon such proposition shall be by ballot registered upon voting machines and by absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 8:00 p.m. to cast their ballots. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the date of the vote. The School District may require all persons offering to vote to provide one form of proof of

residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk.

Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on or prior to March 14, 2022 if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the School District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive their absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return their original military ballot application and

military ballot by mail or in person.

The District Clerk of the School District shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission. All absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2022. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. prevailing time on each business day prior to the day of the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his challenge and reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

Dated: January 18, 2022

Rachel Logan

**District Clerk** 

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### Library, worm farm compost

Greenwich Free Library is now composting. After an online information session on Feb. 22, the library has partnered with Adirondack Worm Farm and Chief Worm Wrangler, Bill Richardson, to offer composting right at the library.

And it's so easy! After registering your household, just bring your container of compostable materials (see website link below) to the library during "compost hours" at the back porch and you're done! Participants should register their households by emailing, calling, or stopping by the library. Compost drop-off hours are as follows:

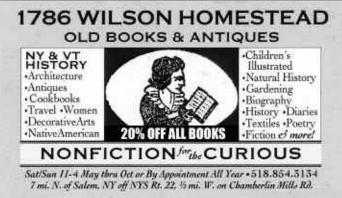
Tuesdays: 10-11 am

Thursdays: 5-6 pm

Saturdays: 12-1 pm

If these times are inconvenient for you, call ahead during library hours (518-692-7157) and they will meet you at the composter to take your materials.

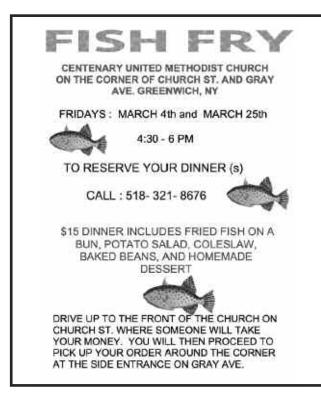
Check out Adirondack Worm Farm's website for more about the company as well as a list of what is and what is not compostable in this program: www.adirondackwormfarm.com.



## ACC, library sponsor 'Amended' podcast

Wendy Johnston is a soughtafter expert in American government and political science, quoted in articles about policy and contributing to scholarly texts.

Beginning March 1, anyone interested can dive into a conversation with Johnston through "Listen and Discuss: Amended Podcast," a collaboration between Crandall Public Library's Folklife Center and SUNY Adirondack. During each of six sessions, Johnston will facilitate discussion about one episode of the podcast "Amended," an exploration of



women's quest for equality.

"The 'Amended' podcast and our community Listen and Discussion come at a critical time, a time when more states are passing restrictive voting laws, gerrymandering district lines, limiting the number of polling stations and ballot drop-off sites," Johnston said. "Restricting access to the ballot impacts us all."

Johnston in the past collaborated with Tisha Dolton, librarian and historian at the Folklife Center, to facilitate a Politics and Community Read and Discuss pro-

gram. Both scholars have backgrounds in women's rights and women in history.

"Amended' appealed to both of us," Johnston said of the decision to partner on "Listen and Discuss." "The podcast reaches beyond the narrative of how a few bold white women fought for women's suffrage to explore the diversity and intersectionality of the quest for women's equality."

Johnston, a highly regarded associate professor of political science at SUNY Adirondack, worked extensively on a docorate in Political Science and Government with a concentration on American government from University at Albany, a master's degree in Political Science: American Government/Public Policy from University at Albany, a bachelor's degree in English and Political Science from the College of St. Joseph, and an associate degree from SUNY Adirondack. She is vice president of SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges.

"This subject matter is important," she said of "Amended." "The quest for equality is a diverse movement where the intersectionalites of gender and race/ethnicity, gender and socioeconomic status, gender and sexual orientation meet. We must recognize the di-

verse voices still seeking equality."

Held at 1 p.m. March 1 (and 15, April 5 and 19. and May 3 and 17. "Listen and Discuss: Amended" isfunded by SUNY Adirondack through a grant from Humanities New York.

The discus-

### **Help Wanted: CDL Class A driver**

CDL Class A driver needed for local bulk feed deliveries. Loads originate out of the Cargill Animal Nutrition plant in Salem, NY. Local work – home every night. Average of 50 hours per week – Monday thru Friday. Would consider part-time. Full time benefits include health, dental and vision insurance, 401K, and vacation time. We are a small, family owned business with the benefits of a large company. Applicants must be able to demonstrate good attendance, attention to safety and competent driving skills.

Applicants with relevant work history may apply by emailing amy@walkers-farmhomeandtack, or apply in person at Cargill Animal Nutrition, State Route 29, Salem. Please contact Amy at 518-639-5223 with questions regarding this position.

### **Local history**

**Salem Easter pies** 

The Deacons of the First United Presbyterian

The price is \$13 for these homemade pies. They

Church in Salem are selling pies for the 9th year from

come frozen ready to bake when you need a large full

pie for your guests. This is just in time for Easter. The

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church on April 2nd. There are many varieties of pies

offered. Please call Jane Keys at 518-854-3418 to

place your order. The Deacons appreciate your support

for their fundraiser and give back to the community

Smith's Orchard Bake Shop.

and church with the profit earned.

Heritage Hunters will present a Zoom program, "In Memoriam: Casualties of the Battles of Saratoga." The program will be Friday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. It will be led by Eric Schnitzer, Interpretive Ranger and Military Historian, with the Saratoga National Historical Park in Stillwater. Eric will discuss his research in identifying the American casualties, using a variety of methods including genealogy. Non-members can contact Ginny at 518-885-9309 or bhumphre@nycap.rr.com, for the Zoom link to the free program.

sion will be held virtually at 1 p.m. on the following days:

• March 1 — Episode 1: Myths and Sentiments;

• March 15 — Episode 2: Any Woman;

• April 5 — Episode 3: Of Rights and Wrongs;

• April 19 — Episode 4: Embers and Activism;

• May 3 — Episode 5: The Submerged Half;

• May 17 — Episode 6: Walking in Two Worlds

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