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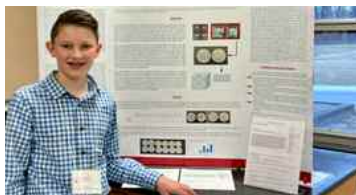


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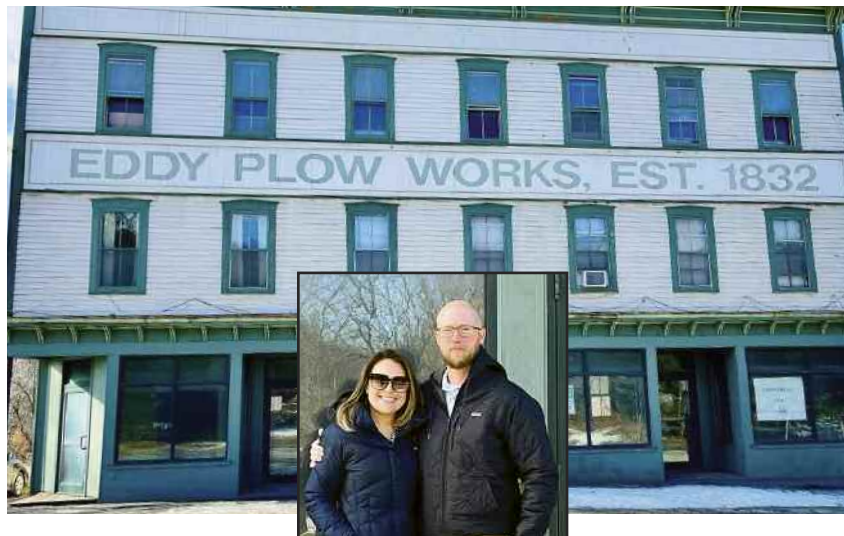
A new day for Eddy Plow



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Reviving the 1832 building

Jessica and Steven Townsend have a vision for the 1832 building they recently purchased. Once renovated, it will be home to professional offices serving the community. But, for now, there's a lot of work to do.

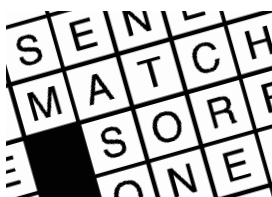
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Civil War statues

Michael Levy tells the story of Greenwich's Civil War monument (inset) portraying a Union soldier as well as that of the statue's Confederate "brother," "Old Joe," a controversial figure in downtown Gainesville, Georgia.

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Ditching the 24/7 news cycle

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

If you feel like the world has become more divided and bitter in the past few years, you are not alone. The constant media bombardment, both on television and the internet fills our heads with everything that is wrong in the world. If you follow the news, you get the impression that the sky is falling on a daily basis. All this negativity is not good for our physical or mental health. We see it clearly on social media sites, where the divide makes people anything but social.

It turns out, there is a reason people spend so much time watching news, either online or on television. According to Jim Davies, a professor of Cognitive Science at Carleton University in Canada, everything about news media is designed to reel us in. The dramatic headlines, music, and

even the colors used on the screen, signal to our brains that what is being presented is important and exciting. In response, our brains will release the neurochemical dopamine, which marks the experience as meaningful and makes us crave more. The advent of cable news television and social media mean our exposure to news is 24/7, so it is possible to get that dopamine high at any time.

Knowing that the media outlets (all of them, not just the ones you don't like...) intentionally try to hook you has made me reconsider how I get my news and how often I check in. I realized how often I was mindlessly scrolling social media, reading news "stories" and the comments. The more time I spent plugged into social media and news outlets, the worse it became. I would tell myself I was just going to check Facebook or my email only to emerge hours later, anxious and overwhelmed. To combat the overload, I started reading my news from local sources (such as the Journal Press) so I could be aware of issues but not overwhelmed by them.

Despite my limits, the news has been weighing heavily on my mind this past month. With the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the news and social media platforms have blown up. We are bombarded with stories and photographs of the war. As media outlets vie for the most viewers, the stories become more gratuitous. War is horrible, and we should be aware and doing what we can to help the people who need it. However, the sensationalizing of the war has been disturbing to witness. Even the President of the Ukraine is not immune, having been turned into an international sex symbol on social media. People are dying and the focus should not be on the fact the man looks good without a shirt.



So, what is the solution to the 24/7 media blitz? Setting limits to start, and being mindful of where you get your news. Ask yourself what that media outlet is trying to gain by the stories and slant they put out. On a personal note, I have worked to cultivate an attitude of gratitude. Not to bury my head in the sand, but to move my focus to the things that are right in my life and the world. I realized you could tell a lot about a person's mindset, if their view was positive or negative. When someone focuses on the negative, they complain.

'Not to bury my head in the sand, but to move my focus to the things that are right.'

A lot. When you are focused on the positive you process the negative, but don't dwell on it.

Another suggestion is to limit social media by taking it off devices and making it less easy to mindlessly scroll. Use it as a tool to actually be social. Find out where your local events are happening and attend them. Get to know your community, talk to your neighbors. We are entering the best time of year weather-wise in our area. Put your phone away, turn off your television, and get out and enjoy it. You'll be fine, Chicken Little.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich.



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Correction

Regarding the article that ran in the March 16-31 issue of the Journal & Press titled "Solar panels are area's fastest growing crop," we have a correction.

Boralex did not donate to educational or other programs at the Grassland Bird Trust, the group tells us.

Congressional candidate visits Greenwich

Felicia Reich
Journal & Press

With congressional elections quickly approaching, I teleconferenced with one of North County's Democratic candidates, Matt Castelli, to discuss his years in the CIA, the future of the 21st district, bipartisanship, and his message of dignity for all.

Castelli, a former CIA Officer and Director for Counterterrorism in the Obama and Trump White Houses, now a candidate for US House, NY-21, held two campaign events in Washington County on March 20. Each event, one in Greenwich at the home of Alan and Mary Lou Stern, and the other in Granville, hosted approximately 30 voters who signed petitions for a potential June 28 Democratic Primary.

"Country Over Party," reads Castelli's campaign slogan, a sentiment he learned early in his childhood. Castelli's mother, a lifelong Republican, and father, a lifelong Democrat, built a home together despite their differing views on government, fostering his belief in bipartisanship.

"Politics was never that important growing up. It didn't underscore every single issue or event like it does now in our lives. We used to live in a world and a time in which," he emphasized, "we would just make decisions."

"It wasn't a matter of what political party you were a part of," reflected Castelli of a political environment bearing little resemblance to that of the last decade or more, particularly at the national level.

He likened the nature of politics today to having "this element of professional wrestling with one side against the other," for its entertainment value over effective governance.

"But that's not a way to produce actual problem solving," he pointed out. "That's not the way we run our households, at least the household I grew up in, or it's not the way we run our businesses."

Washington County Democratic Committee Chair Alan Stern commented that Castelli's career in the CIA and as the Director for Counterterrorism in the Obama and Trump White Houses, as well as his demonstrated record of public service, earned him the committee's endorsement for the national position.

"We conducted interviews with all four - at that time - candidates in this race on the Democratic side... And then we held a ranked choice vote with

all the members of our committee - over 100 folks - and Costelli took it by a longshot," said Stern.

In order to address the most compelling issues of our time, Castelli suggested we come together and listen to one another with an open mind. "So long as we're fighting with one another, we'll never be in a position to fight for one another."

Mutual respect runs throughout his campaign, with a diverse team composed largely of women and led by a member of the LGBTQ+ community, he described.

When asked if he would be willing, under the Federal Supremacy Clause, to sponsor a law that makes recent anti-LGBTQ+ legislation in states like Texas and Florida illegal across the country, he agreed in earnest, referencing a current nondiscrimination bill, the Equality Act, which he

'They're tired of the divisiveness we've seen on both sides.'

would fully support, should he be elected.

In response to a recent tweet by Republican incumbent Elise Stefanik which read, "It's simple, you are either born a biological male or biological female," Castelli wrote the following: "To the LGBTQ+ community and all those who are harmed by this dangerous language: I see you. I stand with you. Hate has no place in #NY21."

According to Castelli, leadership in both the North Country and Congress can benefit from change. During a recent interview with WAMC Radio, he was quoted saying that he does "not believe that Congresswoman Pelosi should continue on as Speaker of the House."

When asked to clarify, he offered her long tenure as fertile soil for a new voice to come forward as the house speaker.

"We're at a time when I think we've gotten tied up with certain personalities... I think folks are



At a March 20 event in Granville -photo courtesy of Alan Stern

tired of some of the challenges that we've been facing as a nation. They're tired of the divisiveness we've seen on both sides, and I think some fresh perspectives would help out with that."

New leadership, he expects, would be "focused really on problem solving and hopefully embracing bipartisan solutions," with the current Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill provided as a good example of the kind of action he wants to continue.

"So much of what we've seen in Congress has been votes related to messaging - sending a clear message either for or against something and not actually delivering a clear result."

His background in counterterrorism equips him not only to produce the tangible results he described, but also address rampant partisanship by "cutting through the noise" of misinformation and disinformation.

"In the world in which we live in right now, particularly when dealing with foreign adversaries, there's a lot of noise out there purposely created by our foreign adversaries...who are obscuring their true intentions, capabilities, locations, and certain things."

"For our senior policy makers to make informed decisions about how to protect this nation, we need to... be able to elevate the true, real information."

"A lot of those noise-makers out there are creating a tremendous amount of insecurity within our communities," he said of politicians that create division in order to retain power. Rather, Castelli said he plans to adhere to a greater degree of transparency and accountability amidst what he called a "trust deficit."

A new day for Eddy Plow Works, est. 1832

Carmelina Albanese
Journal & Press

In 1832, Walden Eddy of Saratoga County opened Eddy Plow Works and manufactured iron plows that were best suited for farm work and gardening. The plow was celebrated as the “Old Rough and Ready Wrought Iron Beam” and was number one of its kind at the time. Following Eddy’s death in 1894, the company continued manufacturing plows under different names and ownerships including Eddy, Reynolds, Langdon & Co., Eastern Tractor Company, and Greenwich Manufacturing, Inc. In 1917, a fire in the building was the first devastation to occur, followed by the Great Depression in the 1930s that furthered financial strains and difficulty in the operations occurring in the Eddy Plow building. In 1954, the building suffered yet another fire that caused the manufacturing of agricultural equipment within it to cease. Following fire, Eddy Plow was purchased by Karl Karlson, who would become one of

A Cambridge couple has purchased the historic building with hopes to revive the space for professional and communal use.

the longest owners of the building. Karlson used the building to open Karlson Glass Works, a business that would manufacture electronic lenses used for electronic circuits, television cameras, and x-ray tubes. This was the last notable business enterprise experience in the Eddy Plow building’s history.

Today, the historic building still stands on Eddy Street in the village of Greenwich and has recently been purchased by Steven and Jessica Townsend. The couple, who both grew up in Cambridge and reside in the area, were looking for a space to expand Jessica’s mental health counseling practice where she specializes in trauma. With an increased office space, the Townsends planned to draw more clinicians to practice in the Capital Region area and satisfy the need for this insurance-based care.

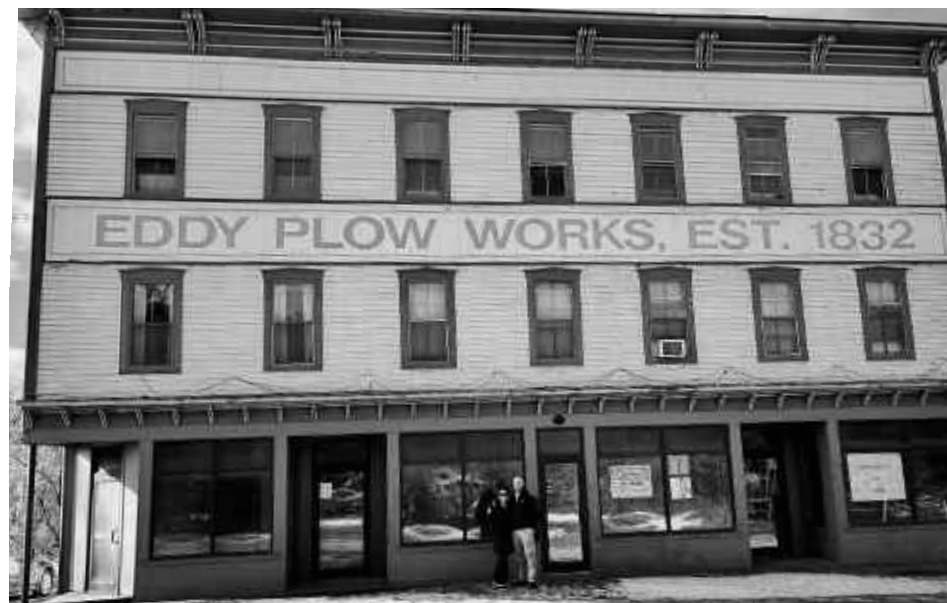
Originally, Jessica was not particularly interested in the Eddy Plow Works building and had reservations because of its large size. Though Steven, who has always loved the building, insisted the two looked at it. In her hopes to use the outing only as a chance to get a lunch date with her husband, Jessica was granted with

much more than she had expected. Upon entering Eddy Plow, the Townsends said they “immediately appreciated its historical elements and could envision the building’s potential.” And what further sealed the deal: the seven acres the building is situated on including water frontage of both Fly Creek and Batten Kill River.

For the future, the couple has dreams of creating spaces both inside and outside of Eddy Plow to be utilized and appreciated by the Greenwich community. The three floors— each boasting 2000 sq/ft, will serve different purposes. Only half of the first floor will be designated for the expansion of Jessica’s counseling services, while the destiny of the remaining 1000 sq/ft has yet to be decided. The second floor will remain two equally split apartments,

while the plans for the third floor—a large attic space—will be envisioned based on safety codes. It has been rumored that the previously mentioned owner, Karl Karlson, was able to use the large attic space to play tennis. As for the outside, the Townsend’s first order of business will be to create a usable lawn space along the Battenkill River with the help of Steven and his family’s excavation business. In the warmer months to come, the two would like to have the lawn be a place to host food trucks and for the community to be able to come together for lunch and dinner.

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Jessica also hopes for the greenspace around the river to eventually be a place for meditation, mindful walks, and yoga.

The Townsends, who have previous experience owning historical properties in Troy, have a keen eye and sensitivity for the charming elements of old buildings. The original hardwood floors are still in the building, as well as the tongue and groove woodwork on the ceilings and some of the walls. The couple would like to preserve as much as they can when they begin work on the building. Much of the challenge when renovating an older building, such as this one, is the importance of following safe and appropriate code. The Townsends hypothesize the potential need to install fireproof drywall and if required, they plan to transition and utilize the existing woodwork to function as an aesthetic rather than a structural necessity. With the many considerations for the unoccupied spaces of the building as well as its structural demand still on the horizon, the Townsends say, "The historical integrity of Eddy Plow drew us to this project. At the same time, we would like to move

the building into the future as its potential has been stalled for several years." Aside from the outside work, such as window replacement and new siding completed by a previous owner, Greenwich has yet to see Eddy Plow get a new look. The Townsends plan to give the building its deserved, revitalized look and help regain its significance within the community once more.



Jessica and Steven Townsend

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Greenwich FFA results School music festival

On March 19, the Greenwich Future Farmers of America chapter boarded a 5 a.m. school bus and made the 3 hour trek to Oxford Academy. There, they spent the day competing in the next level of leadership contests. After qualifying this February to compete in Eastern Regionals, students had been preparing for weeks and their efforts were well recognized. Danielle Boyea placed 3rd in the Employment Skills Contest. Chloe Bentzen placed 4th in the Jr. Creed Contest and Kayla Stewart was named Eastern Region Jr. Creed Champion. Reagan Bittel placed 4th in the Extemp Speaking Contest and Lauren Chuhta was named Eastern Region Extemp Speaking Champion.

Lauren Chuhta was also named the Eastern Region Prepared Speaking Champion. The Parliamentary Procedure team consisting of Ciarrah Hebert, Matt Bink, Caitlyn McClay, Lauren Chuhta, Noah Davis, and Kylie Lundberg placed first. Congratulations to all 19 members who challenged themselves with these competitions.

– Provided by Lauren Chuhta.



Top throwers

Greenwich throwing standouts Keegan Collins and Kiersten Alling participated in the New Balance Nationals Indoor Track and Field Championships in the weight throw on March 11 at the Armory in New York City. Competing in the Rising Stars division, Alling was 9th in a field of 28 throwers, with a personal best of 38' 8 3/4". Collins was 15th, with a distance of 37' 1/4". On the season, Collins has a best throw of 39' 9 1/2". Additionally the girls were first and second among all underclassmen in Section 2 in the shot put this season.

Keegan's best shot put was 35' 1/2" and Kiersten's best was 33' 8 1/4". They will compete in the shot put, discus and hammer throw during the spring and summer seasons.



The Washington County Music Teachers' Association (WCAMTA) All-County Band Festival will take place at Greenwich CSD Auditorium on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2.

Outstanding musicians from 10 schools in WCAMTA were selected

by teacher recommendation to perform at the festival. They will come together to rehearse on Friday and Saturday, with a culminating performance at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The public is invited to attend the concert. Cost: \$5 adults; \$2 students/seniors; \$0 children under 5.

ACC Gandhi talk

SUNY Adirondack is proud to offer "Gandhi's Doctrine of Nonviolence: Theory, History and Principles" with Dr. Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of famed activist Mahatma Gandhi.

The interactive presentation will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday, April 4, in Scoville Auditorium, with Gandhi attending live via Zoom. This event is free and open to the public. More: www.sunyacc.edu.

Soups, basket raffle

There will be a Soup Luncheon and Basket Raffle on Sunday, April 3, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Greenwich. Admission is \$5. Many kinds of soups will be available. Eat in or takeout available. Also, it's only \$5 for 25 chances on basket raffles. Drawings will be at 2 p.m. and you need not be present to win.

The Elks Auxiliary would like to invite you to stop by and check out their soups and our baskets. BPOE # 2223 Elks Auxiliary is a non-

profit organization that donates all proceeds to the community. This supports scholarships to the Elks district of Argyle, Cambridge, Greenwich, Salem and Schuylerville and any needs brought to the group's attention by the community.

Stop on in and help support community needs. Please contact Donna Blair for any other information at 518-692-2347. E-mail eccdb@verizon.net or text 518-260-6618.

Olde Saratoga Seniors

The Olde Saratoga Seniors' next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6, at noon. It will be back at the Town Hall, Spring, St., Schuylerville. It will be a casserole luncheon. Final payment is due for the trip in May. There are numerous programs being announced by members for those interested. Attend and find out what is going on that's new. Anyone is welcome and they are always looking for new members. For more information contact Pat Temple at 518-338-2329.

Robert's Rules aren't right for town meetings

Dear Editor,

The most recent rules of order modifications as proposed at the March 8, 2022 Town of Greenwich Town Board meeting are unconstitutional, illegal and are discouraged by New York State and the Association of Towns. Item 3 in the proposed rules is unconstitutional in that it is "compelled" speech, dictating what the public is forced to state at a public hearing. Item 3 as proposed dictates that the member of the public must state their name, address and where or not they are in favor of the given topic. Forcing the words "I am in favor of..." or "I am opposed to..." is compelled speech. Item 8 removes the communication, abilities and purpose of the town board members and the supervisor.

What the town leadership is proposing for public hearings is discouraged by the Association of Towns and town board meeting practices as outlined by New York state. In the May/June 2021 edition of the Talk of the Towns bimonthly publication, New York State (NYS) and the Association of Towns (AOT) both discourage the use of Roberts Rules of Order as the Town of Greenwich leadership has presented them (p 20). *Do Roberts Rules*

of Order apply to town board meetings? In a word, no. Not unless the town board adopts them as its rules of procedure, which for a variety of reasons, might not be the best course of action for the town (p20).

Not only are these modifications a violation of our first amendment rights as we are being compelled to speak with a scripted dialogue, these modifications are highly discouraged by NYS and the AOT. Mr. Mumby stated that these changes were needed so that the board had a clear understanding of what the public wishes to express during public hearings. This is contrary to what the AOT describes as contributing to an organized and smooth public hearing.

Under Town Law 63, the town board determines its own rules of procedure, and while the town board could adopt Robert's Rules as the procedure to follow, these are a few things to consider before doing so. First Robert's rules of order can be complicated and may [...] lead to [...] disorder. The rules are voluminous and were written with a large parliamentary body in mind, much of the procedure may not translate as well for smaller legislative bodies (p 20).

Additionally, Mr Mumby stated that Robert's Rules were necessary for good order and flow of a meeting and that no violations of the constitution will occur under this modification. What he failed to disclose was that there are instances of Robert's Rules which are against state law. Under the proposed changes in rules of order, items 3 and 8 limit public freedom of speech and limit the input of fellow board members and the town supervisor. Under Robert's Rules, the supervisor cannot make motions while presiding or vote unless the vote is by ballot. *As a member of the town board, the supervisor is vested with legislative power, and curtailing the ability to vote or make motions would limit this authority (p20).* Robert's Rules conflicts with what is required under state law (1990 N.Y Op. Atty Gen. [inf] 1072).

In summary, Items 3 and 8 of the proposed rules of order for the Town of Greenwich are unconstitutional, violate state law and are highly discouraged by lead state governing agencies.

Sincerely,

Liv Thygesen

Greenwich

'Sorrow Songs' to visit Greenwich Library

"The Sorrow Songs": in The Souls of Black Folk" will be presented and performed by MaryNell Morgan, Ph.D. in the Community Room of the Greenwich Free Library on Tuesday, April 5th, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

Join Dr. Morgan for an acapella performance of "The Sorrow Songs" that are presented in "The Souls of Black Folk" by W.E.B. Du Bois (1903). The songs are also known as traditional spirituals. Dr. Morgan will share some of Dr. Du Bois's words about these

Dr. MaryNell Morgan

songs and invite audience participation.

Dr. MaryNell Morgan describes herself as a lifelong learner and educator: "When I retired from my job as a professor, I thought that I would continue to teach through singing, in the form of lecture – performances of "The Sorrow Songs in The Souls of Black Folk." I am still hoping and praying that I will be able to make this dream a reality before I reach the end of my journey."

Dr. Morgan has made an engaging career as a university professor, with singing as her avocation and as a teaching tool. Much of her work has focused on the life

and work of William Edward Burghardt (W.E.B.) Du Bois, a leading thinker of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. In addition to creating and presenting "The Sorrow Songs in The Souls of Black Folk," she served as a consultant to the PBS documentary, "W.E.B. Du Bois: A Biography in Four Voices," produced by Louis Massiah, Director of Scribe Video Center.

Beginning her life's journey in rural Georgia, she now lives in rural New York with her husband, William L. Brown. Dr. Morgan has two step-daughters and two grandchildren.

Health and safety at the event: The event is limited to 40 participants, and all must 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.

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Greg Schwem
Special to Journal & Press

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“Please click here to request another series of characters that look like they came from an eye chart at your optometrist’s office. You have four more attempts.”

“Whew. You did it on your last try. Way to go! Now you just need to click on every square containing the color white.”

“Try this one. Click on every square where you see a road.”

“Close enough. You have successfully installed our app. Now, please download the latest version, 15.0.7.3.2, which we released while you

were trying to find the roads. Please close all other apps on your phone while the installation takes place. The new version will be installed in approximately 13 minutes. Or three hours. Or two days if your internet connection sucks.”

“Your app is now up to date. You may sign in.”

“First, we need your credit card information and a scanned government issued ID. This could be a passport, driver’s license, Social Security card or anything else that could make your life a living hell if hackers stumble across it. But that isn’t going to happen. Rest assured; we NEVER share your personal information with outside sources. And we’re serious. That’s why we capitalized ‘NEVER.’”

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ating another user name, password and avatar. Spend this time away from your phone by going to another device and Googling, ‘What is an avatar?’ Or just beat your head against a wall.”

“Make sure you store your digital wallet login information separately from where you keep your other password information. If you cannot access your digital wallet, you will NEVER be able to retrieve the funds you placed there during a night of drinking with your friends because Steve told you it was time to start investing in cryptocurrency. By the way, Steve did not offer to pick up the check. What does that tell you about crypto?”

“Please check your inbox for a verification email. Simply click the link and you will be able to use our app. If the email does not appear between 30 seconds and 24 hours, please check your spam folder. If you do find the email in your spam folder, please add our address to your ‘contacts’ folder so we can send you periodic updates about changes to the app. If you have questions, our chat bot is here to help.”

“Please be advised that our chat bot only knows how to say, ‘Refer to your app.’”

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



Donate Blood

The Red Cross blood supply remains vulnerable and those interested in giving are urged to make a blood or platelet donation appointment in the days and weeks ahead.

You can donate blood on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the American Legion on Clancy St. in Schuylerville; or on Thursday, May 19, from 12 to 6 p.m. at the Salem Fire Department.

Just show up or visit redcrossblood.org to learn more.

Marion Darlene Quackenbush, 69

Marion Darlene Quackenbush, 69, of Moneta, VA died Thursday, March 17, 2022 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of John Lee Quackenbush.

She was born June 22, 1952 in Cambridge, NY, a daughter of the late Forrest Francis Cook and Maryon Frances Cook Hickerson. She was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, the Moneta Moose Lodge and a retired machine operator.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, John Lee Quackenbush, Jr. and his wife, Linda of Greenwich, NY; two daughters, Dawn Quackenbush (Rodney Barrett) of Lake Luzerne, NY and Hollie Willsey and her husband, Richard of Fort Edward, NY; one brother, Forrest Cook and his wife, Lorraine of Salem, NY; three sisters, Nancy Saddlemire and her husband, Robert of Moneta, VA, Donna Blair and her husband, Don

of Greenwich, NY and Joanne Cook of Apoka, FL; five grandchildren, Tyler, Schuyler, Christopher, Rylee and Isabel; one great granddaughter, Amelia Rose; a number of nieces and nephews whom she loved and called her "Aunt Meme".

She was preceded in death by granddaughter, Kirsten Quackenbush and a sister, Sylvia Jean Cook.

A Celebration of Life will be held 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Saturday, April 16, 2022 at VFW Post 7291, 63 Able Avenue, Greenwich, NY.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the American Heart Association, 4217 Park Place Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.



Barak Cahen, 51

The family of Barak Cahen, 51, of Greenwich are deeply saddened to announce the unexpected passing of their son and brother at his home outside of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, with his wife Sharon by his side.

He was born in Albany, NY in 1970, Barak was the youngest child of Gideon and Elaine Cahen of Greenwich.

He graduated from Greenwich Central School in 1988, and in 1990 earned an associate degree in Graphic Design from the Junior College of Albany. He then earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts, in Industrial Design from the Rochester Institute of Technology in 1992. The following year, Barak moved to The Netherlands---the homeland of his father---



where he began as an industrial design professional in Amsterdam. A short time later he would shift to teaching design technology and eventually Food Technology/Design. He enjoyed a distinguished and fulfilling career in secondary education in an international school. He educated thousands of students from all parts of the globe over his 25-plus year career there.

Barak was completely dedicated to teaching at the highest level, while also making his classroom laboratory a welcoming and fun place for his students. His manner with children was extraordinary and he wrote to his wife Sharon, that he was "born to work with children." He will be remembered for his extraordinary kindness, willingness to help others, his huge smile, and sense of fun. He will be missed beyond measure.

In 2012 Barak was predeceased by his father Gideon.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving partner of 17 years, his wife Sharon Titus Cahen of Amstelveen, The Netherlands; his mother Elaine and brother Adam of Greenwich, NY USA; his sister Alison Cahen Lohr, brother-in-law Fred, niece Lucie, and nephew Oscar of London, England, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends worldwide, none closer than his childhood friend Darin Raney of Greenwich.

His colleagues have set up a tribute page for Barak and is accessible online at: www.forever-missed.com/barak-cahen.

A memorial service will be held in Amsterdam on Saturday, March 19, 2022. His state-side memorial service will be announced in the Spring of 2022.

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

Civil War monuments

Michael Levy
Journal & Press

A silent sentinel stands watch over the village of Greenwich, New York. From devastating downtown fires and Whipple City festivals to the comings and goings of villagers from various businesses that also have come and gone, the silent sentinel has maintained vigil over Greenwich since 1917.

From a nine square foot base and sitting twenty-six feet high, the silent sentinel with his distinctive mustache, stands atop four columns. He wears the uniform of the Grand Army of the Republic, symbolizing a typical Civil War soldier of the North and more specifically the 123rd Regiment of New York Volunteers. Being from Greenwich, he is likely from Company A. In his left hand, he grips a slightly furled American flag while his right is reaching for a saber. The flag represents the national color provided by the ladies of Washington County just before the regiment departed on September 5, 1862. The



Greenwich Monument

real silk national color accompanied the 123rd New York Volunteers on campaigns through 1865. It had thirty-four stars reverse appliquéd in the canton and unit's designation embroidered in the center stripe.

The monument, built by Temple Brothers of Rutland, VT, is made of gray granite from Barre, VT. At the dedication ceremony on October 21, 1918, twenty-five Civil War veterans attended and Francis Hugo, who was the Secretary of State of New York at the time, gave a speech. There are 101 soldiers' names memorialized on a bronze plaque on the rear of the monument. The statue was dedicated "in the memory of A.M. Cook Post No. 326, and all resident veterans of the Civil War". It was commissioned by the A.M. Cook Woman Relief Corps (WRC) No.79, an auxiliary of the long-gone Grand Army of the Republic organization.

The 123rd New York Volunteers mustered into service on September 4, 1862, at Camp Washington, Salem, New York. Their duty in the Civil War included fighting at the Battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia, (May 1863), Gettysburg (July 1863), and followed by numerous other battles, including Major General William Tecumseh Sherman's 1864 Atlanta Campaign and his "March to the Sea."

The 123rd started on the Atlanta campaign with Sherman's army early in May 1864. The Regiment was engaged in the siege of Atlanta, and on Nov. 15, 1864, it moved with Sherman's army on the march to the sea, taking part in the final campaign of the Carolinas the following year. During this campaign it was engaged at Chesterfield, Averagesboro, Bentonville, Aiken, Smithfield, Raleigh and finally Bennett Place, which will be addressed later.

After the final surrender of the war, the 123rd marched to Washington, participated in the grand review, and mustered out on June 8, 1865. The 123rd lost during its term of service: six officers and sixty-eight soldiers killed and fatally wounded; 95 enlisted men died of disease and other causes; total deaths, 169.



"Old Joe" in Georgia

Most associate Appomattox Court House with the end of the Civil War since it was where Robert E. Lee and his Army of Northern Virginia surrendered to Union commander Ulysses S. Grant. But the significance of a lesser-known event that happened after Lee's surrender had a more far-reaching impact. The surrender at

'Did you know that Greenwich's monument has a Confederate brother named "Old Joe"?'

Bennett Place near Durham, NC, resulted in the surrender of 89,270 Confederate troops on

April 26, 1865, the largest surrender at the end of the Civil War. Confederate general Joseph E. Johnston and Union general William T. Sherman met three times beginning on April 17, 1865. Members of the 123rd Regiment were present. And so were soldiers from the 27th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company D from Hall County, GA. Coincidentally, this Confederate regiment was at some of the same battles as the 123rd was, including Chancellorsville and Bentonville.

Accepted Durham County lore was that both Union and Confederate troops fraternized at Durham Station during the surrender negotiations. Even though the Union troops were encamped in a line from West Point to Chapel Hill

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Civil War (cont.)

and the Confederate troops were further west near Hillsborough, Confederate troops likely came east during the timeframe of the surrender or their subsequent parole proceedings. So, it is conceivable that members of the 123rd Regiment had interactions with the 27th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment that did not involve mortal combat.

Did you know that Greenwich's soldier monument has a Confederate brother named "Old Joe" standing in downtown Gainesville, Georgia? This 1909 memorial is dedicated to the Confederate soldiers from Hall County and the 27th Regiment. Standing proudly on the town square, the city's 28-foot statue of a Civil War soldier strikes an imposing glance northward, clutching a rifle atop a marble pedestal adorned with a Confederate flag.

And while the monuments in Greenwich and Gainesville have notable similarities such as height, similar dates of installation (which was a few decades after the fighting had stopped), and the fact that both were commissioned by women auxiliary organizations and not the veterans of the war, there is a major distinction that is difficult to reconcile. These Union and Confederate monuments do not offer homogeneous representations of the Civil War.



Bennett Place Unity Monument, N.C.

Wording on the Georgia monument states it is in honor of "Our Confederate Soldiers," and of "the defenders of the Confederacy" and was "dedicated to Southern convictions" and "consecrated to Southern valor." Fundraising for the statue took more than a decade, led by women of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC).

The UDC, formally organized as a national body in 1894 enjoyed its greatest popularity between the years 1913 and 1921. During this period, the organization embarked on a series of massive campaigns to educate the nation about the Confederate cause and to memorialize that struggle in marble and bronze. This group of Southern women, united by the desire "to instruct and instill into the descendants of the people of the South a proper respect for and pride in the glorious war history," sought to memorialize both the Confederacy's military heroes and the women involved in the Confederate cause.

The Gainesville Confederate monument has been a target for relocation and removal for one reason or another every couple of decades going back to at least the 1950s. Its iconographical connection to slavery is more than subtle, especially significant after George Floyd's murder and the protests that followed. Today, Old Joe remains one symbol of a divided country that should have been reunited back in 1865.

So, what was the Woman Relief Corps' intent for the Greenwich monument back in 1917? Was it to express pride of the Union's victory over a rebellious South? Was it to honor the sacrifices of the veterans and dead who served with the 123rd? Was the purpose to celebrate the

preservation of the Union? Was it to signify the end of slavery in this country? While the Greenwich soldier is not as controversial as his southern friend, what does he truly represent in these modern times?

One defining characteristic of the Gainesville soldier is that he is facing North. Legend has it he is keeping an eye out for Yankee raiders. Perhaps he is just looking for his friend from Greenwich so that together they can once again reunite the different factions in the United States. Through a careful discussion of the symbolism of each monument, we may be able to end the division that currently exists in this country. Just another random thought.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Greenwich Central School District, Washington County, Greenwich, New York, will be held in the High School building in said District on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a vote will be taken of all those qualified to vote at School District Meetings in said District at the Greenwich Primary School Building, Greenwich, New York, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 and the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. E.S.T. until 8:00 p.m., E.S.T.; at such time the voters of the District will vote upon the following matters:

ANNUAL BUDGET

To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS

To elect one five-year term commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2027, to succeed Laura Lemoine whose term expires on June 30, 2022.

To elect one two-year term commencing May 18, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2024, to succeed Stacy Perkins who vacated her position on October 14, 2021.

To elect a one-year term commencing May 18, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2023, to succeed James Nolan who vacated his position on December 22, 2021.

PROPOSITION #1 - EQUIPMENT

Resolved, that the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) acquire one (1) school bus and two (2) transportation vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$195,500; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law, taking into account state

aid and trade-in values; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$195,500, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION #2 - ESTABLISH A CAPITAL RESERVE

Resolved, that the Board of Education be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, with a probable term of ten (10) years, for the purpose of financing the construction, reconstruction, renovations, additions and improvements to various District buildings, facilities and sites, and the acquisition of furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required in connection with such buildings, facilities and sites, with such Capital Reserve Fund being funded from unallocated fund balance and future budget surpluses?

PROPOSITION #3 - ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Greenwich Central School District be authorized

to: (1) seek additional incentive State Aid, as the purpose of this proposition is solely to

authorize an Energy Performance Project/Contract for the purpose of obtaining the additional

10% incentive State Aid; (2) acquire and install in various District buildings and on various

District sites certain improvements to enhance energy efficiency and pay incidental costs

related thereto at a maximum aggregate cost of \$1.2M max; (3) expend such sum for such

purpose as appropriated from time to time by the Board of Education taking into account State

aid received including any incentive State Aid; (4) levy the necessary tax therefor, to be levied

and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined

by the Board of Education as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law; and (5) enter into

an energy performance contract and related financing documents in the principal amount of

not to exceed \$1.2M max.

LIBRARY PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to increase the appropriation to support the Greenwich Free Library from \$103,519 to \$106,044 and the appropriation to support the Easton Library from \$44,123 to \$45,190 annually?

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2022-2023, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the district during business hours beginning fourteen days before the vote, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Middle Grade school, not later than Monday, April 18, 2022, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots/military ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on each of

the five (5) days prior to the election between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 17, 2022, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. 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 annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election 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.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board and in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referendum or propositions to amend the budget, otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Greenwich Central School Board of Education at the Middle Grade Building on or before April 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. prevailing time; must be typed or printed in English, must be directed to the Clerk of the School District and signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters or any proposition for the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

Rachel Logan
District Clerk

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'A casino in the palm of their hands'

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Sports betting was legalized in New York in January of this year and, quickly, \$1.7B in bets were placed in the state in the first 24 days leading up to the Super Bowl. The casinos that operate the sports apps raked in \$125 million in profits; 51% of which goes to the state in the form of tax revenue. The NCAA March Madness tournament is finishing as of press time; surely more people have been betting the 67 games involved with that, along with other sports, as such gambling is becoming quickly normalized. One web site estimates a third of all legal sports bets in the country now come from New York.

But, while TV and the Internet are now filled with endless ads for sports books, and while politicians are all beaming – nary a negative word to be said publicly – the fact of the matter is when more gambling options present themselves, more people will become hooked, leading to devastation in their lives. And the state budget only allows for 1% of gambling tax revenue to fund gambling addiction help centers for the first year; less, apparently, in future years.

I spoke with Brandy Richards, a Team Leader for the Northeast Problem Gambling Resource Center. Her office covers the Capital Region and North Country.

If you need to reach them, visit www.NYProblemGamblingHELP.org, call 518-801-1491 or email NortheastPGRC@NYProblemGambling.org. They will help those who think they may have developed a gambling problem, as well as “affected others” who have a gambler in their lives and need support.

Here is our conversation:

DJ: *Have you gotten an increase in calls since sports betting was legalized?*

BR: We're definitely seeing an increase. We can attribute that to lots of different things. The 1-877-8-HOPENY number is out there, as a mandatory part of the advertising. ...

We do keep track of what the calls are about,

and in the Capital District's 15-county region, slots and the casino are still No. 1, followed by sports betting, horse racing and the lottery and then cards and other things.

Casinos lead the pack because there are numerous ones in our region, but sports betting quickly has taken over the second spot.

DJ: *What makes sports betting different?*

BR: Our concern with the mobile sports betting is the accessibility, and it's attracting people who may have never gambled before. It's attracting a lot of new folks.

And there's concern on our end for the younger generations being pulled into this with “risk-free” [advertising] promotions that are out there. ... It's really easy to lose track of time and money with the type of cashless system the apps use.

They have a casino in the palm of their hands.

DJ: *I downloaded one of the apps and am amazed at how many gambling options are allowed. You can bet by the minute. This isn't traditional sports betting, where you place a simple bet and then wait three hours for the game to end. It's instantaneous.*

BR: It's hard for people to put in place protective barriers when you have access right there. ... It's also something that's really easy to hide, until perhaps it's too late.

It is very easy for them to chase losses and say, “Now I can bet on the very next play of the game.”

DJ: *The ads for these apps are everywhere.*

BR: For people already in recovery, we're finding this is a significant trigger for them. They are seeing advertisements and getting mailings.



A bus with a huge gambling ad pulls into SUNY Albany

DJ: *And gambling addiction is different than others; it can hit you when you're older, too.*

BR: Yes, gambling addiction can spring up and overtake anyone at any point in their life. Everything can spiral out of control. There is a lot of violence, including domestic violence, that goes along with gambling, along with divorce, even crime. We see stories on the news all the time about people embezzling funds, or committing insurance fraud or taking out credit cards in their spouse's name.

DJ: *With casinos, people can voluntarily opt-out (it's called “voluntary self-exclusion”) and be put on a list not to be let in to casinos. But what can people do to avoid gambling apps on their phones?*

BR: We can help with voluntary self-exclusion or help find therapy that costs them nothing. Also, there's peer support and step programs. There also may be counseling by text and telehealth. There are also in-patient facilities for gambling addiction for extreme cases. We just want to meet people where they're at when they call. There are no stigmas.

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The Fed tries to fight inflation

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

As expected, the Federal Reserve raised short term interest rates from the emergency levels that have been in place for two years to a range of 0.25 - 0.50 percent.

It was the first increase in the federal funds rate since December 2018, which was then the conclusion of a three-year cycle that included nine quarter-point increases and pushed up rates to a range of 2.25 - 2.50%. The Fed's accompanying statement to the December 2018 meeting noted that economic activity and job gains were both "strong."

The big difference between the last Fed campaign and this one is inflation. Then, the central bank was trying to slow down the economy a bit (GDP expanded by 2.9% in 2018), but wanted overall prices to rise a little more, not less, so that workers could continue to see wage gains. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for December 2018 showed annual inflation growing by 1.9% from the prior year, which seems positively dreamy these days.

This time around, the central bank is chasing inflation, which stands at a four-decade high of 7.9% and carefully watching the Russian war in Ukraine, which has caused a further escalation of energy prices. Central bankers know that as gas prices reach all-time nominal highs, many will be forced to make choices about their limited resources and could pull back on spending, which would in turn slow down economic growth.

Remember that the Fed has two main objectives: to make sure that the economy is strong enough to create jobs and to keep inflation in check. That's a delicate balancing act in the best of times - in the post-COVID/Ukraine War era of surging prices and clogged supply chains, it's even more difficult. The Fed must thread the policy needle of cooling down hot prices without inducing a recession by lifting rates too quickly. They probably wish that they started the rate hike cycle months ago to quell inflation, but we are where we are and there's no going back in time.

There could also be a darker side to the shifts in consumer reactions to price spikes. Analysts say that inflationary fears can trigger hoarding and demand for higher wages, which can create an inflationary spiral. Even if we don't start hoarding, higher prices could at least impact the economic growth that was expected for 2022 and at worst might trigger a full-blown recession.

How does this impact my life?

Beyond the broader economic risks, the Fed's actions could help savers earn a little more interest on savings, checking, CDs, and money market accounts. Loans for things like credit cards, autos, adjustable-rate mortgages, and small businesses could cost more. While the Fed does not directly control the longer-term bonds

that impact fixed mortgage rates, those too have started to rise, which could make buying a home more expensive and might also cool down the hot housing market.

What about those gas prices?

Some of you have asked about rising gas prices, which I know is difficult for many Americans to absorb. The easy answer is to drive less, but that's not an option for a lot of workers, who need to get to their jobs and don't have public transportation options. If you need to continue driving consider paying cash, which can save about \$0.10 per gallon; stick to regular gas if your car or truck allows - no need to pay up for premium; and ease up on the gas pedal: speeding and aggressive driving burn gas faster. If you are using apps to find cheaper prices, don't go crazy, you spend your cost savings by traveling to the cheaper alternative.

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Fiber Tour returns; visit 11 farms

The Washington County Fiber Tour returns April 23-24. In visiting local farms and the mill, you will have an opportunity to learn about fiber animals and how fiber is processed for numerous uses such as yarn, roving, felting, etc. Most farms offer educational demonstrations and fun workshops throughout the weekend suitable for both adults and children. Take the opportunity to shop local and purchase beautiful yarns, fleeces and finished products from local farms and enjoy what makes Washington County so special. This self-guided tour of 11 farms and the fiber mill is free and open to the public.

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www.washingtoncountyfibertour.org for details about the farms and specific activities being offered. Announcements about the tour are also listed on Facebook and Instagram. The Fiber Tour takes place rain or shine, and visitors should dress for the weather.



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Chamber series at Courthouse

Chamber Music at the Historic Salem Courthouse, now entering its 15th season, will present music by the masters on three Sunday afternoons this spring. On April 3rd, the season opener will feature violinist Kaori Washiyama and pianist Daniel Shulman in works by Bach and Mozart, as well as Chopin and Schubert.

On April 24th, Washiyama and Shulman will be joined by violinist Andrea Schultz and cellist Michael Finckel to play Robert Schumann's Quintet for Piano and Strings, Op. 44. Continuing with Schubert,

this program also features Mr. Shulman performing the exquisite G Major Piano Sonata, Op. 78, written during the composer's mature final years, just before the age of 30!

On May 15th, the spring season finale is high-

lighted by Schubert's monumental and magnificent Piano Trio in E-flat, Op. 100. Cellist Maxine Neumann, who will also be heard in Faure's "Elegy," is the guest artist. More than a curiosity, though a relative rarity on concert programs anywhere, is Bartok's demanding Sonata for Solo Violin, composed with Bach in the background. It will be performed by Ms. Washiyama.

These events are friendly occasions with high quality music that is both accessible and uplifting. The concerts allow for neighbors to gather and are a welcome respite from the trials and tribulations of the world.

All events start at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per show, available at the door (or \$65 for the series). The Courthouse is at 58 E. Broadway in Salem.



Puppets in Education visit Salem

Puppets In Education, a program of the nonprofit Vermont Family Network, partnered with Upstate Chevy Dealers to support a day of virtual presentations at Salem Washington Academy on March 16. The puppets provided virtual programs on Kindness (online and in-person) and a workshop for older students on Anxiety/Worry.

Anxiety workshops were provided to Salem's fifth and sixth grade classes. The workshops included a group discussion, videos, activities, and presented information on what anxiety is, why we have it, and what we can do to lessen it. The goal was to create a positive environment for them to support each other, as well as augment the mental health work

schools are already doing.

For Salem's third grade classes, Puppets in Education presented our virtual Kindness presentation. To meet the ongoing needs of school communities, the group recently their our Kindness presentation to include information to help kids be kind, even when big emotions make it hard. Emphasized was being kind to ourselves



and others. They discussed tips that help children if they are experiencing or seeing mean behavior. They helped identify and normalize talking to their trusted adults in their lives. The children left with tools to protect themselves and learned how to be an "Upstander" for others.

The group reports that they continue to be amazed at how engaged and present children are with these virtual presentations. The group reported: "Even through a screen, we are reaching kids and making a difference! The children actively participated in the interactive portions of the show, answering questions with heartfelt answers, and making connection signs when they connected with the puppet or presenter. During

the anxiety workshop, some of the older kids shared, 'I stress about my friends and whether they like me,' and 'To feel better, I take a deep breath, have confidence in myself, and have a positive attitude, and tell myself I did everything I could.' During the Kindness presentation, some of the third graders said, 'I get worried when my brother punches me. Sometimes I talk to my mom when that happens,' and 'I have experienced a lot of pushing and hitting when people want toys.' When asked the third-grade classes what kind things they've seen or done, they said, 'I saw someone hold a door for someone else,' and 'If you saw that someone couldn't reach something, you could help them get it.'"

History book club

Washington County Historical Society's local history book club will meet at noon on Friday, April 8, in the Old Fort House Museum, 29 Lower Broadway, Fort Edward. This location is for this meeting only.

The club meets on the second Friday of the month. April's discussion will focus on "Twelve Years a Slave," published in 1853.

The May 13th meeting of the book club will focus on two works by Hollis Palmer of Saratoga, "Maggie's Revenge" and "To Spend

Eternity Alone." Both feature unsolved murders in our local area.

Mr. Palmer will be the speaker at the Greenwich Free Library on June 7 at 7 PM, sponsored by the Washington Co. Historical Society.

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.



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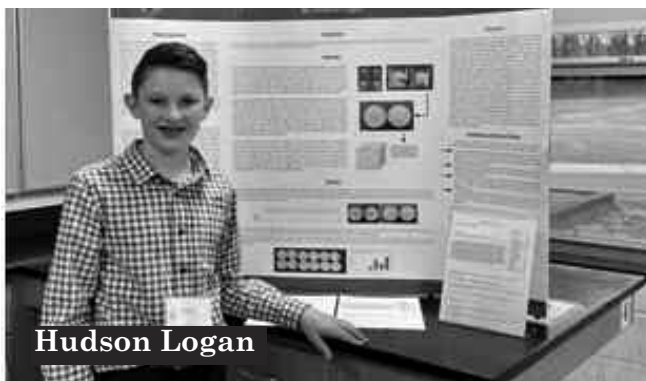
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Greenwich students shine at science fair

Seventeen Junior High Greenwich Students Competed March 26th at the 32nd Greater Capital Region Science and Engineering Fair. Students presented their novel research and engineering projects to a host of over 40 science professionals and researchers from Regeneron, Global Foundries, Knolls Atomic Lab, Albany College of Pharmacy, Momentive and more. The students

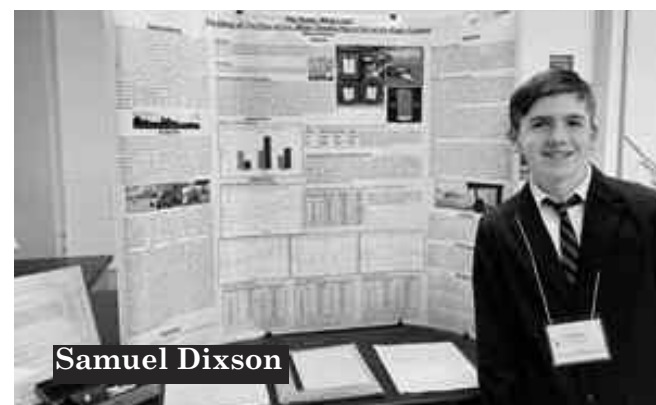


Hudson Logan

have been working on their innovations and research since September. Congratulations to all the awardees.

1st place Junior Division Awardee was Hudson Logan, for his research, "Greasy Grimy, Grocery Bags! The Effect of Amount of Use of Reusable Grocery Bags on Bacterial Contamination." 3rd Place Junior Division Awardee was Samuel Dixon, for his research, "Hay Sugar, What's Up? The Effect of the Time of Day Timothy Hay is Cut on the Sugar Content." Logan and Dixon will compete later this year at the State STANYS Science Congress at MOST-Museum Of Science and Technology in Syracuse, NY. They will also be eligible to compete in this year's Broadcom Masters Competition.

The 1st Honorable Mention awardee was Jonathan Morency, for his research, "Testing North and South of Finch Paper on the Hudson River: The Effect of Manufacturing Products on the



Samuel Dixon

River." The 2nd Honorable Mention awardee was Levi Murray, for his research, "Applying Dairy Milk Tests to Plant Based Beverages." And the 3rd Honorable Mention awardee was Charlotte Collins, for her research, "Going Green with your Laundry." All honorable mention awardees will compete in this year's Broadcom Masters Competition.

RC churches news

Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church is at 8:15 AM and Tuesday at 9 AM. St. Patrick's celebrates on Sunday at 11:30 AM and Wednesday at 9 AM. Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls is Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at 10 AM and Monday at 9 AM. Masks are optional while inside the church. April 13 is Holy Thursday with Mass at Holy Cross at 6 PM followed by a potluck dinner.

The CRS Rice Bowl program to address the wide spread need for nutrition in Rwanda and elsewhere is ongoing. It takes resources to help children thrive. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

The Diocesan Appeal has been by direct mail solicitation. The parish asks for help in meeting the annual assessment. It also can be done on line at the Diocese of Albany website. Thank you.

Making twisted pretzels became popular for Christians in the seventh century. The twisted shape resembles two arms crossed in prayer. This article and recommended cookbooks for Lent can be found on Family Resources for Lent page of our Lifelong Faith Website. This and other information can be found at www.battenkill-catholic.org.

April 8 will be the last Lenten fish fry at St. Patrick's. Don't miss it!

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All that comes with April

Shirley Renauld
Journal & Press

As our last snow melts into April, we remember Farmer Will Allen: it's time to plant, both outdoors already and in. I know, some of you do something else on April 1 – hope it's fun and kind. But some people plant early/snap peas already because peas like the cool weather. Choose a south-facing wall of a building where they can also climb. Will the April showers water them? Indoors, better get the living Easter baskets started. Make mini greenhouses with clear plastic containers that vegetables or take-out food came in. Fill with garden soil*, cover with seeds and water generously. When you close the cover, make sure you leave a vent or you'll have condensation(?) inside. Place your "gardens" so they get sun, as from a south-facing window. Grain seeds (rye, wheat) from a farmer or farm store germinate (?) quickest. Check daily and keep moist. Remove the covers as the plants grow, water as needed and trim what gets too tall. It should be ready to hide your Easter eggs.

*Yes, you might get dirty as you garden, but if you want plants to grow, you need soil: nutrients for plants to grow. More later...

How are you going to color your eggs? Most people hard-boil them and color the shells. Best to use eggs with white shells--why? Boil them gently so they don't crack. Best to do this activity closest to Easter and keep them refrigerated. They color best in water with food coloring and a bit of vinegar added. Use washed recyclable containers for the different colors and plastic spoons to move the eggs. Mix colors a drop at a time to make new colors. Keep the eggs refrigerated until you put them in the grass of your living basket to

share. Then, how will you make your egg salad? How else will you use them? Compost the shells for enriching your upcoming garden. (Do you have a compost collection?) Give the grass to your cat to chew on, then add the soil back to your garden for reuse.

But make that colored water earlier. If you want to make an egg tree with real egg shells: Blow out the eggs first: Gently make small holes in both ends of the egg (A corsage pin with its easy-push bulb on the end is easiest on your fingers.) Blow into one hole – over a dish! – and out comes the white (actually clear until you cook it) and the yolk – from the slightly bigger hole.. Now you have the two parts to work with: Make your scrambled eggs, or maybe French Toast with the insides that you just blew out – and that maple syrup you got. On to coloring the shells. Oh, these empty shells float! How come? More of a challenge? Once colored, how do you hang them? Maybe tie a string on half a toothpick which you stick into one hole. (Better make sure you got all the water out.) What color is the skin on your fingers if you didn't wear clear gloves? Where will you hang your eggs, indoors or out? How creative was your coloring, and maybe decorating?

Maybe you used eggs from your own chickens, Maybe they were already colored (how come?), Easter eggs all year long!

You're going to be using lots of eggs (any accidents?). You might want to make a visit to the Thomas Poultry Farm in Bacon Hill some morning (thanks Jennifer and Brian). Get the white eggs you need for coloring in quantity. There you can see and choose eggs from the very small to extra large, fresh from the chickens. You can also see an assembly line in progress as eggs are prepared for sale in local stores or to restaurants..

You might have a source for eggs of increasingly larger sizes from other domestic fowl: duck, goose, turkey, which are fun to compare as you work with them.

You might decide to make your egg tree with colored plastic eggs. You still have to make a hole for hanging. Very carefully hold a nail with pliers to heat the point, which will then melt the plastic to make the hole.



Of course you will participate in an egg hunt. A community one? Will your extended family have one. Will you help fill or hide the eggs? What do you like to find inside the eggs? Save the plastic empties for use next year.

Then there's the Easter Bunny... Do you get a visit?

Have you read *The Velveteen Rabbit*? It's a thoughtful story of a stuffed rabbit that wishes to become real through the love of a boy. Does it succeed? You recall the series of stories by Beatrix Potter, especially *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* and then his cousin Benjamin Bunny. Why do you think she wrote them – and connected them?

Perhaps you're thinking about a pet rabbit. Why would you want one? How could you enjoy it? So much to consider: Have you seen the various breeds, with their various sizes and colors, perhaps at the fair. You'd be taking on a responsibility: its housing with bedding, food and water, daily care, periodic cage cleaning.

After Easter you have Spring Break. Yes, a break from schoolwork but so much seasonal work and play to do. What's on your list?

PT Help Wanted at Law Office

Part-time secretary or administrative assistant needed on a flexible basis for a law office. Send a letter and resume to the office at 138 Main Street, Greenwich, NY 12834, or call and leave a message at 518-692-8400.

An upside to hearing loss

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I have moderate hearing loss and have hearing aids. Still, I find in a crowded room I cannot make out what people are saying. I also notice most people assume I can hear well and am not listening. Could you write advice for your loyal readers struggling to have good workplace relationships that also have hearing loss?*

A: Excellent question. As many of my columns assume, others can hear us. If you struggle with hearing issues, the responsibility is on you to graciously let others know you have this issue. The responsibility will also be on you to become a master at non-verbal communication and perhaps even take classes in lip reading.

We tune out the least important part of human communication: the words. Words typically comprise only 7% of the meaning in conversations. Tone of voice and body language convey the rest. This can be seen as an unexpected benefit of hearing loss.

Think of tone of voice as the music

in human relationships. Take a complaining co-worker. Even though you may not make out his or her words, you can probably hear the predictable up and down music of complaint. You may not know the topic of the complaint, but you know your co-worker is feeling like a victim.

When it comes to learning body language there's a lot you can do without hearing well. Start watching television with the sound turned off and guess what is going on between the actors. You can even get your family involved in this homework. Now turn the sound back on and see how often you already knew what was happening.

If you tune out the words and focus only on body language you'll discover body language and words often disagree. Words can lie but body language never lies. People can choose words that misrepresent the truth. But, since body language is automatic and unconscious, the body often broadcasts the truth.

Since hearing loss makes specific

words hard to make out, especially in crowded situations, you'll have the benefit of focusing on body language. You may often be the only one in the room who sees what is really going on since you are not distracted by words.

With co-workers you should let them know about your situation - that you cannot make out words when there's lots of background noise. There is nothing wrong with requesting background noise to be muted. In other settings, you may request written materials or technology that allows you to see content.

Many of us want to keep working as we get older. Most of us will experience moderate or even severe hearing loss as we age. If we try to hide this challenge because we're embarrassed about it, then we make it impossible for others to help us. But if we're open, but not demanding about our struggle, we make it rewarding for our co-workers to help us.

The fact you wrote me demonstrates that listening and hearing others matter to you. The fact that

you're interested in knowing the thoughts of your co-workers means you've already won half the battle to connect. Realize that your hearing loss may end up being a professional asset as you have to listen when the body talks. In doing so, you'll always be tuned into the truth!

The last word(s)

Q: *I have a work friend who always listens to my problems. She is a great person to vent to about my frustrations. Lately, she's been avoiding me. Did I do something wrong?*

A: Yes, you did something ineffective. Delivering endless monologues that make you feel better without reciprocal interest in and time for the other person is not an office friendship.

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning. You can contact Dr. Skube at www.interpersonaledge.com.



Bingo to benefit Nipper Knolls

Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc., a nonprofit organization, announced they will be the recipients of proceeds generated from two dates of Bingo games hosted by The Modern Woodsmen on Thursday, April 7 beginning at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 10 beginning at noon. The location is The Modern Woodsmen Hall, 10 Main St., Wells, VT.

Nipper Knolls Equine Center is 100% volunteer organization. There are no administrative costs or salaries paid. Through the generosity of our volunteers and financial

supporters, the program has enriched many lives of special needs children, their families and military veterans.

There are also volunteer opportunities with the program. Volunteers receive training and previous experience with horses is not necessary. To learn about volunteer opportunities and when the next volunteer orientation is scheduled please call 518-642-2252 or e-mail nipperknolls@yahoo.com

Learn more about Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. by visiting:

www.facebook.com/nipperknolls or www.nipperknolls.com.



Drag show at ACC

Slay, SUNY Adirondack's Drag Show, is at at 7 p.m. April 8 in the college theater. Also performing are Lexxi Pro, Sara Tonin, Gemmarhoid, Typhoid Mary, London Jae Precise, Myles and Emily Precise. Tickets, which are free for SUNY Adirondack students and \$20 for all others, are available in SUNY Adirondack's SEDI office in Warren Hall or online at <https://square.link/u/iw5Vji9J>.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

ARGYLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District, Washington County, Argyle, New York, will be held in the school library in said District on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM, E.D.S.T., for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review on May 3, 2022 at the Argyle Central School.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District, Washington County, New York, will be held in the atrium of the Argyle Central School in said District on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 8:00 PM, E.D.S.T., for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the Education Law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that said vote and election will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 PM (Noon) and 8:00 PM, E.D.S.T., in the atrium at Argyle Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to voting by ballot upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect one (1) member of the Board for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2027 and to succeed Travis Dessaint, whose term expires on June 30, 2022.
3. To appropriate monies to the Argyle Free Library and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for

2022-2023, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at the Argyle Central School.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with Clerk of said School District at her office in the School, not later than Monday, April 18, 2022, between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots (where applicable) will be obtainable between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 13, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on weekdays prior the day set for the annual election and on May 17, 2022, the day set for the election, and said list will be posted at the polling place at the

election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

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Kevin Baylor fundraiser

The Salem Volunteer Fire Department Inc. will be hosting a Chicken BBQ/Auction/Basket Raffle/50-50 Raffle fundraiser for one of their own on Saturday, April 2, 2022. The Auction will start at 12:00 noon and will go until all items are gone. The Basket Raffle will start after the auction is done. The dinners are \$15 and will be ready for pick-up starting at noon. Dinner tickets are at Salem Hardware, A & J Agway, call 518-321-9430, and watch people's Facebook page as there will be a lot of people selling dinner tickets. There will be a 50-50 raffle also. Kevin Baylor has suffered a severe stroke and is currently in Albany Medical Center.

The FD is seeking donations of any kind, no matter how big or small, for the auction/raffle. If you would like to make a monetary donation, send it to Kevin's wife VENMO acct: @Jean-Bay3. If you need to mail a check mail it to the: Salem Vol. Fire Dept. Po 449 Salem, NY 12865. All checks should be made payable to cash or Kevin/Jean Baylor.

Contact Kathy Fleming at 518-854-9631 or text 518-424-5936 for any questions concerning the Auction Fundraiser or the Basket raffle. If you have any other questions on anything, contact Steven Saunders at 518-321-9430 or Lenny Keys at 518-937-7097.

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The consequences of hate (part II)

Roger De Korp
Journal & Press

In last issue's column, I wrote Part 1 of the Consequences of Hate – the visceral, and for some, pathological hate for Donald Trump.

Ultimately, as the consequences of the hate for Trump have, are, and will hurt the United States, they have, are, and will hurt the free world. The current President, who in part campaigned on his long foreign policy experience was elected despite how poor that foreign policy record was. In the short 14 months that this President has been in office, this is his foreign policy record:

1) He has encouraged hundreds of thousands of foreign citizens to breach our southern border and directed their transport to all parts of the U.S.; this facilitated invasion of our country will adversely affect us for decades to come. The drugs smuggled through this invasion, including

China made fentanyl, has already cost our country an estimated 100,000 plus lives.

2) He accelerated the withdrawal date from Afghanistan with zero conditions on the Taliban and etching that date in stone, ordaining a Taliban takeover of the country; his non-plan was responsible for thousands of Americans and their Afghani aides being left behind, the loss of a reported \$80 billion in weaponry, and the death of 13 American soldiers slaughtered during the withdrawal. Through this, Biden sent a clear signal to both our allies and enemies as to just how impotent he is.

3) In spite of intelligence reporting as early as October 2021 that Vladimir Putin was amassing troops and weapons on the borders of Ukraine, Biden didn't help fortify the border. Since the invasion, he's been slow on sanctions and he has slow-boated weapons (wouldn't it have been great to be able to send the

weaponry he left in Afghanistan?); Before the invasion, he told Putin he would not put U.S. troops on the ground or cover Ukraine airspace, which green-lighted the invasion (U.S. troops should not be inserted, but if your goal is to deter an enemy, you make him think all options are on the table, just as Putin is doing). He has straggled behind our allies in taking action, tiptoeing not to anger Putin, even though Russia, along with the U.S., and others, signed the 1994 Budapest Memorandum, which in exchange for Ukraine relinquishing their nuclear arsenal, committed to "to respect the independence and sovereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine" and "to refrain from the threat or use of force" against the country; these countries promised to assist Ukraine if it was attacked. As such, we bear at least some responsibility to assist Ukraine decisively in this struggle. Biden's non-action since October to lead this country and NATO into fortifying Ukraine to deter Russia from invading that country has put us in a dangerous, untenable position with no good options. This is courtesy of the man who during his campaign said he would go "toe to toe" with Putin. I cannot imagine a President less capable of getting the world out of this catastrophe.

4) The President is putting forth his best effort to sign another Iran nuclear deal, which is even weaker than the first one. Most military and Middle East experts believe it will unquestionably ensure that Iran will have nuclear weapons within the next ten years. For the coup de gras, as unbelievable as this is, Biden is having Russia represent the U.S. in these negotiations; as part of this nuclear deal with Iran, Russia would receive enriched uranium and trade considerations from Iran. Russia brokering this deal is akin to the U.S. in

1940 using Adolf Hitler to represent us in negotiating a non-aggression pact with Japan. This President is having a country that hates us, negotiate a NUCLEAR agreement with a country that hates us even more. And the Iran deal is exactly why after a month into the Ukraine invasion, Biden has not completely sanctioned the Russian economy.

President Trump's foreign policy results would have been hailed as "historic" and "masterful" had his name been Barack Obama or Joe Biden. If Trump had been elected to a second term, the wall on the southern border would've been completed and illegal immigration would be a fraction of what it is now, with the resulting less drugs and human trafficking; withdrawal from Afghanistan would have been planned and organized, and completed only if the Taliban met the conditions they had agreed to for a U.S. withdrawal; Ukraine would have been fully fortified, even assuming Putin would've brought troops to the border in the first place (and we're seeing a stronger NATO because Trump forced those countries to become so); Iran, which has an evil to the core regime, would be withering and dying, if not dead already; China would not act on a potential move on Taiwan.

These are only some of the Consequences of Hate. So far. Millions of people hoped against hope that the Man in the Basement could rise to the enormous challenges of the Presidency, but knew in their heart of hearts that he couldn't, and many of them voted for him anyway. Because they hated Donald Trump.

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



An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Dana Summers



“Is It Cake?” How is this a show?

Cody Fitzgerald

Journal & Press

While I was out for a run the other day, I got a notification on my phone that Netflix had a new TV show out called “Is It Cake?” As you can probably figure out, cake artists make replicas of real life items and people get to guess, you guessed it, which is the cake. While I am normally someone who keeps my opinions to myself, I do have to, just this once, come out publicly and say that this is incredibly stupid. It’s clear to me that Netflix is short on ideas as of late, so I’d like to help them out- here are some ideas I had for some brand new Netflix originals-

- Gordon Ramsey’s 512th cooking show
- Social experiment where we give teachers a living wage and see what happens
- MTV plays music
- Bo Burnham does something that doesn’t leave me with a sense of existential dread
- Nazi or Not C: Showing pedestrians photos of politicians and making them guess if they are white supremacists or if they do not have the letter C in their name

- Is It Steak?
- Is It Fake?
- Is It Awake?
- Is It A Lake?
- Is It Drake?
- Is (That Child) A Mistake?
- Teaching Dave Chappelle Trans Rights
- Are you smarter than an anti-vaxxer?
- Taking one of those Facebook influencer mothers that record their children without their consent and then post it online to show how great of a parent they are, except we just record their jail sentence
- The Price is Right (Adjusted for Inflation)
- The Cuomo Brothers fighting over how has to take out the dog
- Making CEO’s live on their employees wages for a day (not even a joke I wanna see



this happen)

- Ted Cruz reading nursery rhymes to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson
- James Corden sits in silence for 45 minutes
- To Catch A Senator
- The Masked Russian Asset
- Meal or No Meal: Congress decides if they want to help people this year
- Johnny Knoxville rides a bike with no obstacles to see if he can do it

I’ll direct deposit my paychecks, Netflix.

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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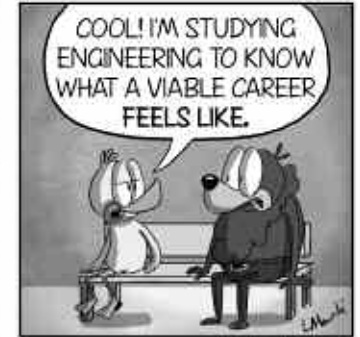
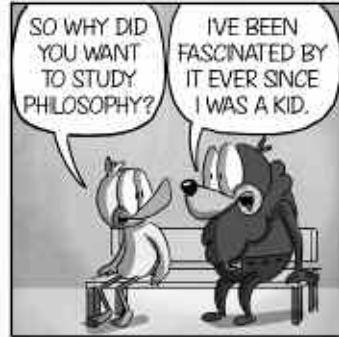
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Answers

Boggle: INDIA CHINA SUDAN KENYA HAITI SPAIN ITALY CHILE EGYPT GHANA

Jumble: HANDY MIGHT UNSURE CANOPY

Final Jumble: "THYME" ON HER HANDS

Kid: BOY YANK BORN DOCK - "CRABBY"

SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION

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| H ₄ | E ₁ | L ₁ | L ₁ | C ₃ | A ₁ | T ₁ | RACK 3 = | <u>63</u> |
| B ₃ | U ₁ | G ₂ | A ₁ | B ₃ | O ₁ | O ₁ | RACK 4 = | <u>62</u> |
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Boggle BrainBusters!

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GOKM
AGLM

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

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3 letters = 1 point
4 letters = 2 points
5 letters = 3 points
6 letters = 4 points
7 letters = 6 points
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YOUR BOGGLE RATING
151+ = Champ
101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31-60 = Gamer
21-30 = Rookie
11-20 = Amateur
0-10 = Try again

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



9-5-21

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Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST 10 FIVE-LETTER COUNTRIES in the grid of letters.

Answers to Last Sunday's Boggle BrainBusters:
SEA BAY LAKE COVE POND INLET OCEAN LAGOON

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Losing Confederates stymie the news

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

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

160 Years Ago

April 3, 1862

FORTRESS MONROE, March 26, via Baltimore, March 27 – Contrabands report the Rebel steamer Merrimac, having been fully repaired, was brought out of dry dock on Monday morning; that her crew had been placed on board, and that she was ready for action. Several new guns of heavier metal than used before had been placed on board of her. The Rebel steamers Jamestown and Yorktown have also been greatly strength-

ened, and were fully prepared for action and ready to accompany the Merrimac. The flag of the Yorktown with the Commodore's pennant was flying when the contrabands left. Three deserters arrived here today in a boat from the south side of James river. They belonged to a North Carolina regiment, and report that the Rebel steamer Merrimac has been daily expected to come out and attack the Monitor for the past three days. The Rebel gunboat Jamestown made a reconnoissance today, coming down some distance below Craney Island. The deserters represent that there was a great panic among the rank and file of the Rebel army, on account of the rumors of Union victories. The newspapers are carefully kept from the Rebel soldiers, and they have been so often imposed upon by false statements of Rebel victories that they are much dissatisfied. The deserters say that during the excitement that prevailed at Norfolk immediately after the fall of Roanoke Island, it was believed that if a demand had been made upon General Hughes, he would have capitulated.

100 Years Ago

April 5, 1922

OLD TIME NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN GREENWICH – The Journal is indebted to NF Stewart for a copy of a newspaper published in this village nearly 83 years ago. It is the Union-Village Democrat, dated December 31, 1839. The Democrat was one of a numerous crop of newspapers that flourished here, each for a short period, previous to the establishment of the Journal in 1842. John

W. Lawton was editor and publisher of the Democrat, and its office is given as “West end of Tefft's Mechanics Row.” It is a four page paper, five columns to the page. The subscription price was “two dollars per annum if paid in advance, two dollars and fifty cents if delayed six months and three dollars at the end of the year.” ... Like all village newspapers of that period, the Democrat is rather disappointing to the seeker of information of local happenings. It was not until the close of the Civil War that country editors discovered the field of local news and began to develop the country and vicinity correspondent. Only the advertisements and in the heading is there anything to show that the Democrat belonged to Union Village rather than to some other town. ... One notice apparently published as an advertisement invites the public to attend the Union-Village Lyceum and hear a lecture by CR Ingalls, subject “Ought Washington County to be Divided?” The local paper of December 31, 1839, recorded no births, deaths or marriages, no appendicitis operations, weekend visits, public meetings or official proceedings. ... There are no announcements of food sales, missionary meetings, dances or church notices, no recordings of trips by automobile. In short, it is entirely different from the local paper of today, but it probably doesn't vary from present standards any more than this newspaper will from those of the readers of 83 years hence. Our greetings to the fellow who runs across this paper in the year 2005. We'll bet he thinks we were a queer lot.

60 Years Ago

April 11, 1962

The Greenwich committee of COST, the organization opposing the county sales tax, invites all interested to join a caravan of cars that will leave the White Swan Hotel Friday at 9:15 a.m. to go to the county office building in Fort Edward, where the county board of supervisors will meet that morning at 10. ... Petitions asking the courts to stay the enforcement of the sales tax were distributed, and in Greenwich 270 signatures were received and notarized.

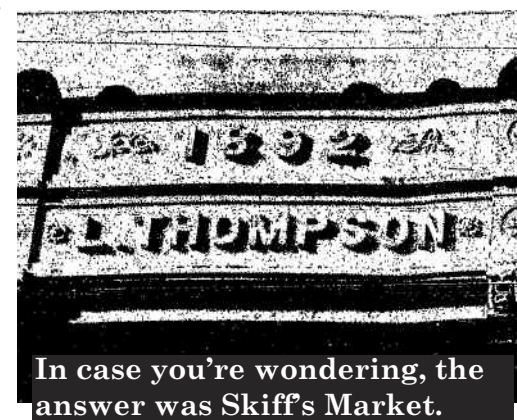
45 Years Ago

April 7, 1977

Beginning today and continuing for 10 weeks, readers of The Journal-Press will have their knowledge of the area challenged by a series of photographs. The Greenwich Historical Association is sponsoring a contest in which scenes and structures, perhaps seen from an unaccustomed angle, must be identified. All photographs will be taken by Meredith Hoag within the village and town of Greenwich. Prizes of \$8, \$4 and \$3 will be awarded. ... Picture 1, shown here, was taken in the village.



An ad from 100 years ago.



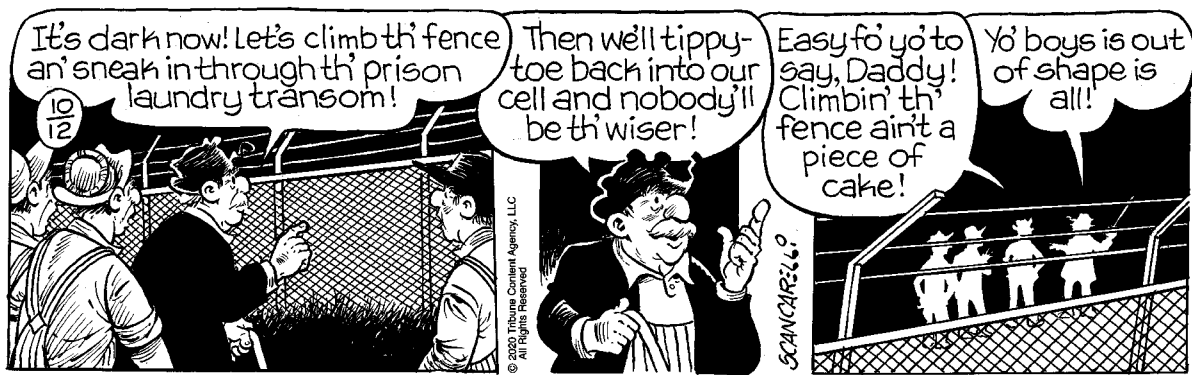
In case you're wondering, the answer was Skiff's Market.

The Funny Page

Animal Crackers by Fred Wagner



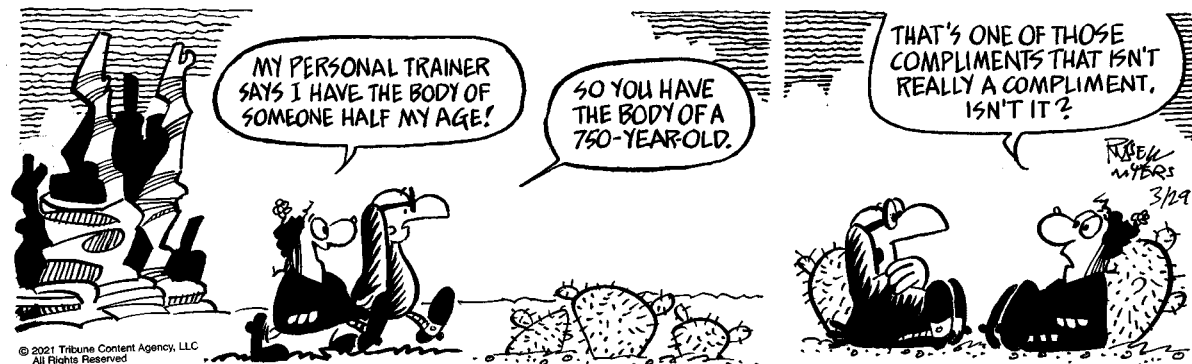
Gasoline Alley by Jim Scancarelli



The Middletons by Dana Summers



Broom Hilda by Russell Myers



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FIVE RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

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

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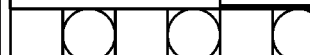
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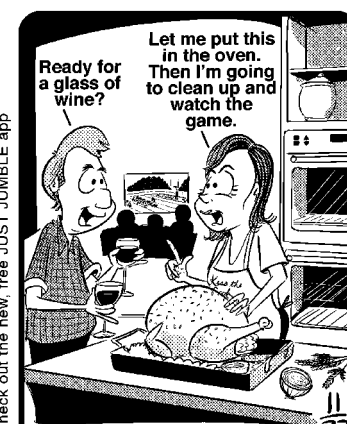
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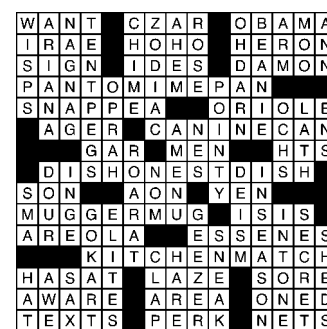
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



AFTER RUBBING THE SEASONING ON THE THANKSGIVING TURKEY, SHE HAD ---

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



Puzzle
Answers
Page 24

Merrill finds success with college rugby

Helena Winterbottom
Journal & Press

Tess Merrill is a freshman at Endicott College and a local to Greenwich, NY. A nursing major, she attended Greenwich Central High School, and many accomplishments she has achieved for rugby on a college level have garnered her much recognition. Since joining Endicott College's Rugby team playing the Outside Center position, she has won All-American Honors from National Collegiate Rugby representing Endicott College. The team went to CCRC Championship, and finished the season going to the Collegiate Rugby All-Stars 7's National Cup in Houston, Texas. Merrill has provided much to talk about in terms of her performance in the game, with consistently impressive performance.

Merrill was interviewed for this article. She is bright and auspicious, and the experience of talking to her is quite delightful. She has proven already that she has a lot to offer and has excelled at the sport of rugby.

Q: What are some pitfalls you experienced in your career?

A: CCRC Championship playing against Salve Regina and were down by 2 tries 10 minutes into the game, we were able to bring ourselves up, won by 40 points, that was a pitfall but we came back from it.

Q: What win have you had that's felt your most victorious?

A: The Salve game. It was one of the highlights of our entire season. It brought us to nationals while we

played in Syracuse. It was a very muddy tram, we stuck together and were very positive and won the first game. We lost against Cortland the next day. We could not go to regionals.

Q: Why nursing?

A: Huge passion for having a career that is not only self-fulfilling but watching involves other people succeed with your help. I want to change the world, but by helping.

Q: Who in your life makes you feel most inspired?

A: My parents are a huge part of my support system; have been with me every step of the way and have given me a passion for sports all my life. Growing up having my coaches have been really involved with the game and have been pushing me to my fullest potential.

Tess conveyed this information to me while contemplating her future in the sport of rugby, and her desire

'I want to change the world, but by helping.'

to advance in the realm of the sport. She is very inspired by the motivation granted to her by her parents and her coaches, who she says make her feel inspired to be better at both the sport and at her general athletic pursuits in general. Tess has a lot of promise and potential in regards to her personal ambitions when it comes to the sport of rugby and in



Tess Merrill
Freshman

her generally livelihood, believing in herself to an extent that feels inspiring. Tess is excited to bring her team to greater ambitions and goals before graduation, because she believes she has the capacity to achieve such things without pushing her teammates to the brink of stress and without confusion of knowing who is in charge of the goals themselves.

Tess has shown more promise as an individual athlete than most people in her league and that is saying a lot. Her prominence in context of the team and their most recent season has highlighted her as a key player when considering who will take Endicott's team on to greater success. Tess has been able to prove

her abilities as a leader through her ambition and drive through her abilities as an athlete and a teammate. Kindness and endearment permeate her attitude towards the sport and generally her approach towards the future accomplishments the team might be able to accomplish.

In regards to coming seasons, Tess hasn't provided anything to consider for readers to observe when taking into account when and what to look forward to in regards to collegiate rugby. While we know that her abilities have been gleaming much to look forward to, we can only hope that there are good things to come as far as the trajectory of Endicott College's success in the league.

Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 "I ___ out!"
 5 Slavic title derived from "Caesar"
 9 President born in Hawaii
 14 Wrath, in a hymn title
 15 Syllables from Santa
 16 Egret, for one
 17 Highway reading
 18 ___ of March
 19 "Good Will Hunting" actor
 20 "Even dialogue wouldn't have saved that show," e.g.
 23 Stir-fry ingredient
 24 Camden Yards player
 28 Golden ___
 29 Alpo holder?
 32 Needlefish
 34 Guys
 35 Abbr. after Shaker or Brooklyn
 36 Misleading gossip?
 41 Richard Wright's "Native ___"

42 ___ Center: L.A. skyscraper

- 43 Urge
 44 Face of a petty criminal?
 48 Egyptian goddess
 51 Anatomical ring
 52 Dead Sea Scrolls sect
 55 Pilot lighter, and a hint to the four other longest puzzle answers
 58 Goes after
 61 Do nothing
 62 Hot under the collar
 63 On top of things
 64 Pentagon measure
 65 Lacking depth and width
 66 Phone messages
 67 Exec's benefit
 68 Lepidopterists' tools

Down

- 1 Tiny tufts
 2 "God Is a Woman" singer Grande

3 "Stop badgering me!"

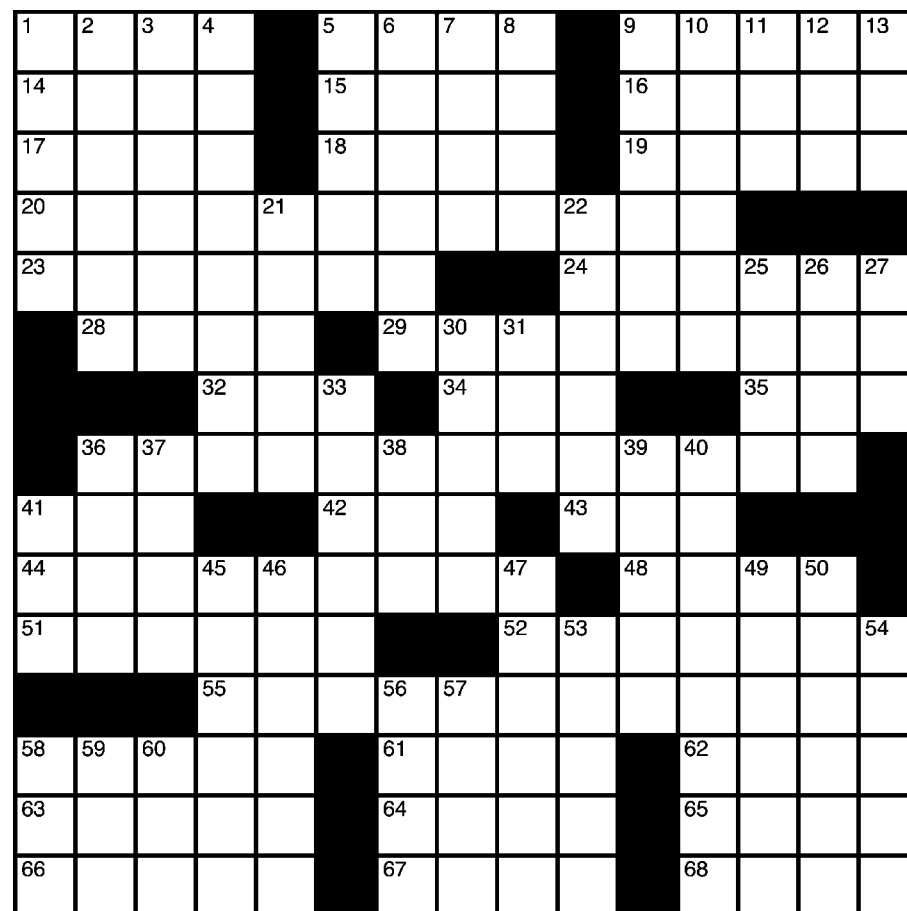
- 4 Camper's supply
 5 Wind instrument?
 6 Belt with 12 parts
 7 "I'm standing right here"
 8 Flower with hips
 9 "Phooey!"
 10 Brimless cap
 11 Limb with biceps and triceps
 12 Low in the field
 13 Martin who wrote many of the "Baby-Sitters Club" novels
 21 Winfrey of HBO's "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks"
 22 Sharp
 25 Folk singer Phil
 26 Wood strip
 27 Minnesota twins?
 30 "May I see ___?": diner's query
 31 1980s-'90s game console

- 33 Find incredibly funny
 36 Stern

37 "Bus Stop" dramatist

- 38 ___ de plume
 39 Reason-based faith
 40 Available and fresh
 41 Like a wee bairn
 45 Small racer
 46 Select groups
 47 Eccentric type
 49 Pray aloud, perhaps
 50 It's not for everyone
 53 ___ preview
 54 Tool storage sites
 56 Thunder sound
 57 Rabbit-like animal
 58 Bowler, for one
 59 More than impress
 60 Jazz instrument

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with Westerns.

Badge

Bandit
 Bank
 Boots
 Bounty
 Brawl
 Cattle
 Cowboy
 Duel
 Forts

Hats
 Herd
 Horse
 Indians
 Lawmen
 Marshal
 Mountains
 Piano
 Posse

Prairie
 Ranch
 Rider
 Saddle
 Saloon
 Sheriff
 Spurs
 Sunset
 Texas

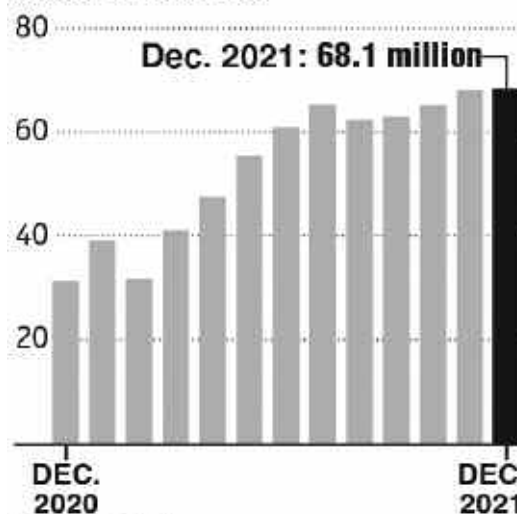
Trail
 Wagon

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

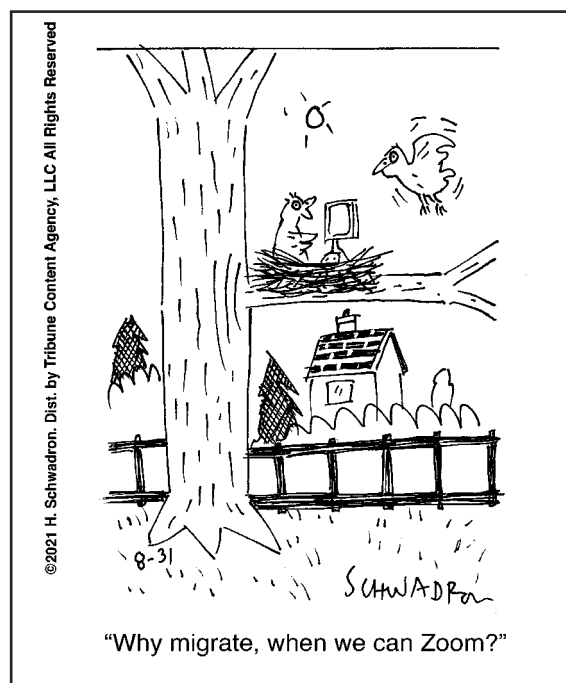
9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

Fast Facts

Monthly scheduled passengers on U.S. airline flights, international and domestic, scale in millions



Graphic: TNS
 Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics



Dancing with the Devil

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

With nuclear saber-rattling being part of Vladimir Putin's playbook in Ukraine, invoking the apocalyptic visage of nuclear war, one must wonder whether our National Security Advisor, Jake Sullivan, steels himself for the ominous phone call before he goes to sleep at night. In 1979, one of his predecessors did have to face the worst possible three in the morning phone call...

The loud buzzer jarred him out of his sleep. "Zbig" Brzezinski, President Jimmy Carter's National Security Advisor, shook the cobwebs out of his head and picked it up – it was his military aide. "... [he told him that] 250 Soviet missiles had been launched against the United States. Brzezinski knew that the President's decision time to order retaliation was from three to seven minutes. Thus, he told [his military aide] he would stand by for a further call to confirm Soviet launch and the intended targets before calling the President... When [his aide] called back, he reported that 2,200 missiles had been launched. It was an all-out attack..."

One particularly chilling detail of the recounted situation is quite unimaginable - "Sitting alone in the middle of the night, Brzezinski had not awakened his wife, reckoning that everyone would be dead in half an hour..." Luckily a follow-up call about a minute before the National Security Advisor was to call the President with retaliation options revealed that no other tracking system was showing indications of a Soviet launch, and the alert spun down. The culprit? A failed microchip, with a value of about ten dollars.

Nuclear war remains one of my biggest concerns. During some of the tensest periods of the Cold War, we danced on the high wire – luckily each time, there was a net beneath us. I can think of five times during my lifetime alone where we fell off the wire, each time, a "net" – be it by protocol, check and balance, or just the courage of one person, caught us and kept us from plummeting off the precipice and into nuclear war.

During the incident described above, which took place in June 1980, fortuitous timing allowed Brzezinski to integrate information from other sensors, which indicated no attack, along with experience from seven months prior, where technicians accidentally loaded a training tape into the main North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) computer in November 1979. According

to the Joint Chiefs of Staff report on the 1979 incident, "... unknown to the technicians, two minutes of early warning data... went into the main NORAD computer tagged as real data... Normal processing of this input data by the main NORAD computer resulted in NORAD's missile warning display system, high speed data, and teletype users receiving indications of an attack on the United States by some 1,400 Soviet ballistic missiles."

These were not errors that could be blithely treated as an "oopsie." Each time, "threat assessment conferences" were convened by senior civilian and military authorities. By the time of the June, 1980 accident, tensions were high with the Soviet Union, who had invaded Afghanistan six months prior. But three years later, things got even uglier and pushed us further out to the edge.

Tensions were sky-high in the summer of 1983.

'I have great concerns with the casual approach to nuclear weapons.'

The Soviet shoot-down of a Korean airliner had blood boiling between the United States and Soviet Union. Several weeks after the downing, an early warning satellite signaled Moscow that an American ICBM had launched. Soon after, it reported five missiles launched. It was only the cool head of Soviet Lieutenant Colonel Stanislav Petrov, who felt there were far too few launches to be a real attack, that kept the world from plummeting into the nuclear abyss while he struggled to confirm his suspicions. Several weeks later, there were major exercises of NATO forces in Europe, which included simulated escalation to nuclear war. Soviet leader Yuri Andropov, with a KGB background, was suspicious that these exercises, called ABLE ARCHER, could be cover for an actual surprise nuclear attack. During the week-long exercise, Soviet nuclear missiles were placed on alert, Soviet nuclear-capable aircraft were armed, fueled, and on the runway, and all KGB agents worldwide were placed on the lookout for any signs of preparation for nuclear attack by NATO.

In 1995, President Boris Yeltsin became the first Russian leader to activate the "nuclear briefcase" with the launch codes due to a report of a missile launch. Russian nuclear submarines were



immediately placed on alert. It turned out to be a Norwegian research rocket. The Russians had never notified of the launch earlier – but the information never got to the Russian radar operators.

I have laid out many possible areas of failure. Technical glitches like failed microchips. Human errors like playing a training tape on the real NORAD computers. Inability for one hand to notify the other hand what it was doing. Inability to understand how an opponent might react.

I have great concerns with the casual approach to nuclear weapons that we now take. The farther we get from the Cold War, the more cavalier our approach gets. And if there is any lesson from the cases I have described here it is that more than once, we have found ourselves one glitch, mistake or misunderstanding away from a tragedy of extinction-level proportions. Donald Trump rattled nuclear sabers repeatedly – both with North Korea and with ISIL. He never fully grasped the idea of deterrence, asking interviewer Chris Matthews "... why are we making [nuclear weapons]? Why do we make them?" when challenged regarding threatening nuclear weapons use. More recently, Vladimir Putin has made nuclear threats regarding Ukraine.

The days of assuming our leaders are smarter than us, with passion, vision, and mastery of the civilization-ending technologies with which we have entrusted them have passed. Nuclear saber rattling needs to be treated with the same seriousness as joking about a bomb on an airliner. Prudence, if not outright decency, must dictate it shouldn't be done.

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.



Help Wanted

Youth Services Coordinator

Greenwich Free Library seeks an energetic and creative person to coordinate programming and services for children and young adults. This is a part-time (20-25 hours per week) position. Starting hourly wage is \$16. Includes paid personal and sick time. The weekly schedule can be flexible based on availability, but some weekend and evening hours may be required.

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- When necessary, coordinate and/or attend offsite and/or outreach program sites
- Contribute towards juvenile and young adult collection development activities such as reading reviews, recommending library materials for purchase, weeding, and

evaluating donation materials

- Provide reference and readers' advisory for youth patrons as well as the adults who care for them
- Inform library patrons of library policy
- Engage in physically demanding tasks such as lifting or moving books and furniture
- Perform as-needed circulation desk duties
- Perform related duties as assigned
- Participate in professional development opportunities

Qualifications

- One year of experience working in a public library or related setting
- Associates Degree or higher, or equivalent experience working in libraries
- Ability to learn and use library automated systems
- Fluent use of social media to promote events and engage with patrons

- Knowledge of and interest in children's and YA literature

The ideal candidate loves working with children, possesses strong customer service skills, and communicates well both in person and in writing. This is a great opportunity for an early career library professional who wishes to deepen their connection to the community and learn more about librarianship. Greenwich Free Library is a member of the Southern Adirondack Library System.

Candidates should send a resume and brief cover letter to Sarah Murphy at smurphy@sals.edu.

We will be reviewing applications until April 15th.

Greenwich Free Library is an equal opportunity employer.



Legal Notice

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

(PURSUANT TO SECTION 501 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW)

Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel and which will appear on the Ten-

tative Assessment Roll of Town of Cambridge which will be filed on or before May 2, 2022.

An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the

Assessor at 518-746-2130 or 518-760-3139.

Dated April, 2022.

Lori K. Barber
Sole Assessor

Help Wanted

The Greenwich Central School district is seeking a candidate for a full-time cleaner. This is a second shift position during the school year and 1st shift during the summer. The salary is \$14.05 per hour with an excellent benefit package



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Greenwich Town Board meeting notes

Felicia Reich
Journal & Press

The Town Board meeting was held on Tuesday, March 8th. First on the agenda was a presentation by Town Assessor Colleen Adamec regarding tax season.

Adamec provided information on the tax roll, as well as property assessments.

Property taxes foremost are affected by the school budget, she described, which has the highest going tax rate. The School Budget Voting Day is in May.

In May, Grievance Day for Greenwich is the fourth Wednesday following the fourth Tuesday. This is the deadline to appeal.

“It’s a very hot market,” Adamec said of housing, therefore assessments are going up.

Final Roll date is the first of July.

The first rate to come out based on that roll is in September, followed by the next tax in January. Adamec encourages people to be aware that the Village Tax comes out almost a year later from the Final Roll date.

When asked to describe a property assessment, she explained, “Your assessment should equal

roughly the price for which you can sell your property,” and are based on market sales as of July first of the prior year. A property tax brochure with further details can be found in the Town Assessor’s office.

Assessments can change for three reasons, Adamec listed: new construction, demolition, or change in the market value.

Residential property assessments are determined by a comparison of five sales that are most similar to the property being appraised. “We’re in a small town. There’s never going to be two houses that are identical... You’re trying to find the best sales that are applicable to your house,” she clarified.

On February 10th, Adamec hosted a public meeting on tax exemptions. Included in the meeting were possible exemptions people could be eligible to receive, as well as the necessary forms to apply for these exemptions.

For any further questions, please call or make an appointment. Adamec is in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Regarding ARPA funds, Supervisor Nolan stated that “in the near future, we’re going to develop a mechanism as a board for public input as to how they would like some or all of these monies spent.”

He emphasized the monies must be spent by 2026 and cannot be used to lower taxes.

Battenkill Conservancy’s Executive Director Lorraine Merghart Ballard announced the Battenkill Conservancy’s 10th annual ‘The Battenkill Runs Through It’ River Festival. This family friendly

there should be flexibility to accommodate for personal circumstances in order to ensure that town business moves forward.

Two grants have been awarded to Hudson River Park. “Grant monies were awarded to create a Master Plan for HRP but the grant was declined,” reported Nolan. “Bids were received in 2021 for renovations of the main building but were deemed too high. The plan was to re-bid in 2022.”

“Given the time constraints on grant monies and the lack of a master plan, I think the Town Board needs to quickly discuss how it would like to proceed.”

Regarding the vacant second floor of Town Hall, “Andrew Mollica is close to completing work on the second floor offices. Water damage has been repaired, molding and trim replaced, priming and painting is being completed. At some point, the Town Board needs to discuss the possible uses of the four vacant offices on the second floor. The Village has floated the idea of utilizing some of the space and the courtroom for the Village court operations. Once again, further Town Board discussion is needed.”

event will be held on Saturday, May 28th.

Public hearing was then held to discuss the legal authorization of town board members participating via video conferencing in town board meetings while outside the geographical limits of the Town of Greenwich.

Some residents felt it to be town board members’ duties to attend meetings in person as paid town officials, while others proposed

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Scouts visit Fla.

Scouts from Greenwich Troop #6027, sponsored by Greenwich Elks Lodge #2223, recently took a trip to Florida National High Adventure Sea Base, which is one of the 4 national high adventure scout reservations owned and operated by Scouts BSA. While there, the scouts paddled 4 miles across the ocean to get to Munson Island, where they camped for a week without electricity, access to their cell phones, or the internet! The scouts spent a day fishing where they caught nu-

merous fish, another day snorkeling in a reef, and another day where they cleaned the beaches of the island of trash that had washed ashore. All the scouts involved loved the trip and wished that they could have spent more time there. If interested in joining scouting please contact scoutmaster Jeff Conkey at troop27greenwich@gmail.com, or visit www.beascout.org to learn more.

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