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## COVID-19

# Northwest Corner COVID cases climb

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SHARON — Citing concerns about rising COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in the Northwest Corner, school and health care administrators said they are taking proactive measures to monitor the recent uptick, which they expect will climb in coming weeks following family gatherings during spring break and the Easter and Passover holidays.

“Litchfield County is the only county in Connecticut coming in at a high transmission rate of the virus right now. We’re hearing about a lot of it in the community,” said Bill Pond, administrator of Noble Horizons in Salisbury. “The challenge is the community coming in. Visitation is in full swing.”

In an April 20 interview, Dr. Mark Hirko, president of Sharon Hospital, reported that Litchfield

“We think that we’re probably undercounting by two-thirds the number of positive cases out there [due to the prevalence of home testing].”

Dr. Mark Hirko,  
President of Sharon Hospital

County has experienced a “47 percent increase in positive cases within the past two weeks,” which he said is cause for concern.

Currently, Salisbury and Kent are the only two Northwest Corner communities listed in the red, or “high alert” zone on the Connecticut Department of Public Health’s color-coded map, which is updated every two weeks. As of April 14, one COVID-19 case was reported

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Participants at the Earth Day rally in Salisbury were entertained by a musical group featuring Charlie Kiel on an unusual instrument, the trombonium, second from right in photo.

## Calls to action on Earth Day

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — There was music. There were dogs. There was general relief at being out and about on a pleasant spring day.

But the Earth Day rally on the town Green Saturday, April 23, quickly became serious.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) and Eileen Fielding, director at the Sharon Audubon Center, were the featured speakers.

The number fluctuated, but about 40 people turned out.

Al Ginouves, chair of the Salisbury Democratic Town Committee, acted as master of ceremonies. He

began by mentioning a “chilling report” from the United Nations about climate change.

Ginouves said individual actions are necessary to combat climate change, and gave examples: Recycling, using a clothesline instead

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## Speaker addresses racial wealth gap

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Thomas Shapiro believes there are options “already on the policy table” for addressing racial disparities in personal wealth.

The author of “Toxic Inequality: The Overdue Reckoning on Race and Wealth,” is the Salisbury Forum’s speaker on Friday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Shapiro’s talk marks the first

live, as opposed to online, Salisbury Forum event since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a phone interview Friday, April 22, Shapiro said there are solutions to ending the personal wealth gap between Black and white Americans.

Items such as cancellation of student loan debt, “baby bonds” or some form of savings accounts for children, and eliminating barriers to first-time home ownership are currently under discussion in pol-

icy and government circles.

Shapiro was particularly focused on home ownership. He said the gap between home ownership rates between whites and Blacks has increased steadily since the mid-1980s.

Shapiro said he will provide background at the start of the talk, and then get into the nuts and bolts of what can be done.

“We actually know how to do this,” he said. “It’s a question of will and power.”

## A herald of spring

# The ‘Peent’ call of the woodcock

A herald of the spring season in Northwest Connecticut—the unmistakable “Peent!” call of the male American Woodcock (*Scolopax minor*)— can be heard in the right habitats at dusk.

Fields, bogs, and forest clearings facilitate the dramatic performance of the species’ display for females, including a fantastic aerial display that is most effectively observed in the open.

But while males may be visible and audible on their singing grounds during the springtime, the species overall faces challenges in Connecticut finding suitable habitat during its various life stages.

After mating, the female woodcock seeks

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PHOTO BY FYN KYND

Adult American Woodcock

Listen to a woodcock’s call at  
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VACCINATION RATES BY TOWN				
Town	Population	Initial Vaccination	Series Complete	Boosted
Cornwall	1,362	94%	84.7%	53.8%
Falls Village	1,053	100%	100%	70%
Kent	2,777	100%	88.3%	47.8%
North Canaan	3,251	65.6%	59.2%	34.4%
Salisbury	3,606	100%	96.3%	47.9%
Sharon	2,689	76.5%	69.4%	34.4%

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## Town halls grapple with masking rules, remote meetings

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Confused about whether or not to wear a face covering while visiting municipal offices? Unsure about whether a board, budget or commission meeting will be held in person or virtual?

The answer lies within each municipality, whose leaders are responsible for making those decisions based on the town’s risk level for COVID-19, according to

an informal survey of town clerks.

For example, anyone visiting Town Hall in Sharon is required to wear a mask. Not so at town halls in Falls Village, North Canaan, Salisbury or Kent, where face coverings are optional. And while masking is also an individual’s choice at Cornwall Town Hall, the public is required to maintain 6-foot social distancing.

In Salisbury, First Selectman Curtis Rand reported that board and commission meetings have been mostly remote, which are a popular option among both board



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# Our Towns



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## On track: New look coming for caboose

Members of the Housatonic FFA chapter began preparation work on the caboose near Jacobs Garage in Falls Village on Wednesday, April 20. The caboose will be repainted later this spring.

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A PHOTO FROM 52 YEARS AGO

### Country Cooks

By Ruth SoRelle



MRS. BERTHA FOWLKES, LAKEVILLE  
Oatmeal Cake

AS IT RAN ON APRIL 2, 1970

Over the years, we've shared favorite recipes. Because food is community. Bertha Fowlkes, above, one of our Country Cooks, was a beloved member of the community and passed just last year at the age of 98. She was married to William Fowlkes, not Ray Fowlkes, as was incorrectly printed in this space last week. Our apologies for the error. We hope Ray, William and Bertha are all somewhere discussing the latest error in The Lakeville Journal. We are sorry and miss you all.

- Janet Manko, Publisher

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## Earth Day panel praises commitment

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Earth Day 2022 was marked by a panel of speakers on Friday, April 22, each with their individual perspective on what can be done to find alternative non-polluting, non-depleting, renewable energy resources.

Conceived and coordinated by resident Susan Claw and sponsored by the Cornwall Library, the panel included historian, author and activist Jeremy Brecher, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway who has served in that office since 1991, and solar energy expert James Laporta. All three are Cornwall residents.

Among the Northwest Corner towns, Cornwall

distinguishes itself as the Greenest Town in the State, earning the title not only for the treasure of its natural beauty, but also because most who choose to live here are fully committed to the environment and its protection.

According to the World Health Organization, used as a lead-in by Brecher, 99% of the world's population is inhaling unhealthy air. When he has flown over Connecticut to observe smog levels, he saw significant smog over urban areas but somewhat clearer air over the Northwest Corner towns.

"We, too, are affected by smog and air pollution, though," Brecher cautioned, also pointing to instances of more severe weather patterns

affecting Cornwall.

The introduction and spread of invasive plants, Brecher said, is due to changing climate.

Simply put, Brecher said, the major cause of climate change is the burning of fossil fuels.

"If we don't start in a year or two to reach the goals of the Paris Accord, those goals will be impossible to reach. There is zero time to get started," Brecher said. The Paris agreement calls for zero emissions by the year 2050.

Before he was a farmer, Ridgway said that he was a writer who authored a single book in 1981 titled "Renewable Energy in Northwest Connecticut," with illustrations by local artist Marc Simont.

"The issues are just as relevant today," Ridgway said.

"We have moved in a direction," Ridgway said of the 40-year interval. He said that the war in Ukraine comes down to energy, a huge political price to be paid for not being energy independent.

"Think about our Earth. It's more than environmental survival, it is the very survival of democracy."

Turning his attention to Cornwall, Ridgway pointed to the advent of virtual events that result in reduced pollution because people no longer need to drive to meetings, settling down to work from home. Bikeways and bike shops are enjoying brisk business in Cornwall, he added.

"People in Cornwall like to dig in the dirt," Ridgway noted, and they subscribe to simple frugality, the annual rummage sale and the goings-on at the transfer station, now under renovation. Composting is getting to be common among residents,



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

### History points the way

Visitors to West Cornwall and Cornwall Bridge will notice a new addition to the information kiosks: A display showcasing a concise history of the area thanks to the Cornwall Economic Development Commission's collaboration with the Cornwall Historical Society. Included are scan codes to access information about walking tours, sites to explore and the town's website.

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Join us this summer for **125**, our month-long anniversary series of festivities — including our sensational first ticketed gala — that honor our history, our dedicated coverage of the area, and most of all, celebrate **you**, our readers.



**August 13**

## **SALISBURY ASSOCIATION**

### **Life of A Community**

#### **The Lakeville Journal Celebrates 125 Years**

Be our guest at the opening reception of Salisbury Association's retrospective chronicling the history of the century-spanning Lakeville Journal.

**August 14**

## **ACADEMY STREET • SALISBURY SUMMER FAIR**

### **The Lakeville Journal's 125th Anniversary Day**

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## **THE MOVIEHOUSE FILM SERIES**

### **Movies Make The News, News Makes The Movies**

Grab a front row seat with us at The Moviehouse in Millerton for a series of our favorite newsroom films that continue to captivate journalists and readers alike.

**September 9**

## **THE SALISBURY FORUM**

### **The Future of American Journalism**

The Salisbury Forum and Lakeville Journal Foundation present a compelling discussion with distinguished media professionals on where newspapers are headed next, moderated by Foundation board member and investigative journalist Brian Ross.

*Stay tuned as more of the celebration is announced, including an event at the Sharon Playhouse.*

**September 17**

*The Newsprint Jubilee*

The closing night you won't want to miss — you are invited to our first gala event. Save the date for an end of summer affair to remember. Tickets available soon.



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# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

NATURE: DEE SALOMON

## Taking Back the Landscape From Thorny Invaders

“Barberrians at the Gate!” declared Fred Balling as a group of 30 fellow Cornwallians, some gloved and armed with bypass loppers, met in front of a residential property to learn about the methods to identify and remove *Berberis Thunbergii*, or invasive barberry.

Organized by the Garden Club in Cornwall, Conn., with the support of the Cornwall Conservation Trust and the Cornwall Conservation Commission, the talk and demonstration were led by two Garden Club members: Heidi Cunnick and myself, Dee Salomon.

“Our Garden Club events usually center around what to put into the ground,” I said as I introduced the event. “But today we are going to talk about what to take out of the ground.”

We tried to impart a sense of urgency around barberry removal in the talk that preceded the hands-on demonstration.

Barberry not only prevents people from accessing the woods due to its needle-sharp thorns — but those thorns also act as a protective dwelling for mice from predators.

As mice proliferate so do Lyme-carrying ticks. Barberry elimination reduces tick populations by as much as 60%.

Heidi provided another statistic that appeared to make an impression amongst the attendees: Researchers have found 82% fewer native tree recruitments (the establishment of seedling trees) in barberry-infested forests.

Given the demise of native



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

tree species such as chestnut and elm, as well as current risks to beech, hemlock and ash, we could end up with fields of barberry where there was once a forest.

And with that, Heidi identified barberry, along with bittersweet vine, burning bush and Japanese honeysuckle as stealthy invaders of a front yard garden. The group then walked into the woods, inspired to tackle the barberry on the site.

### WEAPONS FOR OUR WAR ON INVASIVES

Heidi brought a heat flame tool (Weed Dragon Propane Torch, approved by the Garden Club of America for home use), a weed-whacker with a brush cutter attachment (Ryobi) and a weed wrench. The latter was demonstrated on a burning bush, as the multi-stemmed barberry is not well-suited for the wrench.

Of all the tools, the most practical and least costly is a simple pair of long-handled clippers or bypass loppers. There were enough loppers, and enough barberry, for many to participate by cutting the stems of the barberry about 2 inches above the soil.

### WHY GLYPHOSATE WORKS

The bright yellow color of the barberry stem interior is a hallmark of its identity and made the next step of the process — the careful application of a dab of glyphosate herbicide — easier to demonstrate. Tinted blue, the yellow tips turned a bright blue-green

after the application of the herbicide.

Heidi stressed the importance of understanding the risks and proper use of glyphosate. She had information sheets to hand out along with a few of the applicators, called “buckthorn blasters” that were ordered from NA-ISMA, the North American Invasive Species Management Association.

“Dee and I have been talking for over a year about how to motivate people to take responsibility for eradicating invasives on their

property,” Heidi said. “People often don’t realize the extent of devastation that a handful of invading plants can cause.”

“The invasives that harbor ticks have health implications for ourselves and can drive down property values. We want people to access their land and enjoy the beauty that comes from being stewards of their woodlands.”

For information on identification and eradication of local invasives, go to the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group <https://cipwg.uconn.edu>.

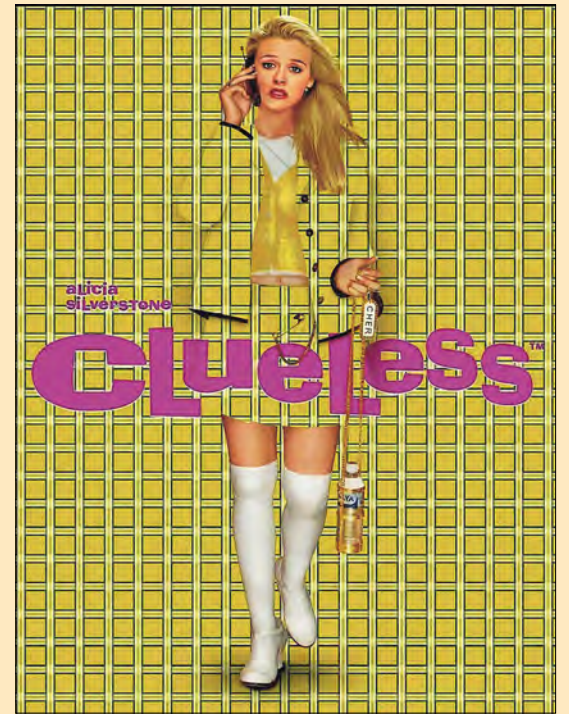
## AUDITION FOR ‘INVASION!’ AT ANCRAM OPERA HOUSE

Ancram Opera House in Ancram, N.Y., is accepting head shots and resumes from actors for casting consideration for its August 2022 production of “INVASION!” by Jonas Hassen Khemiri, translated by Rachel Wilson-Broyles. Professional performers (union and non-union) and non-professional community members are invited to submit audition materials to [casting@ancramoperahouse.org](mailto:casting@ancramoperahouse.org). Auditions will take place on or around May 16.

“INVASION!” is a satirical comedy centered

on a name: Abulkasem. What is introduced as an amorphous word of many meanings spirals and shape-shifts into a kaleidoscopic range of identities. Abulkasem is an uncle visiting from Lebanon, a renowned theater director, an asylum-seeking apple picker, the world’s most dangerous terrorist. In a whirlwind of interconnected vignettes, we search for the answer. Who is Abulkasem?

For additional audition information and submission guidelines, go to [www.ancramoperahouse.org/auditions](http://www.ancramoperahouse.org/auditions).



Alicia Silverstone is a modern-day Emma in Amy Heckerling’s “Clueless,” which will be the featured film of the Boondocks Film Society on Thursday, May 19.

## GET ‘CLUELESS’ WITH THE BOONDOCKS FILM SOCIETY

Today it would probably be called “fan fiction” but back in 1995 when “Clueless” was released, it was just considered a hilariously funny modern film version of Jane Austen’s novel about a meddling matchmaker with a heart of gold, whose name was Emma.

“Clueless” is a wonderfully fluffy film that has become a cult favorite, thereby qualifying it to be a Boondocks Film Society feature.

It will be screened at the Four Brothers Drive-In in Amenia, N.Y., on Thursday, May 19.

As always with Boondocks events, there will be a pre-screening party at 6:30 p.m. with music, food and craft cocktails. The screening begins at dusk.

Live music will be performed by Brass-kill, described as a

“raucous party band” that will play film-inspired tunes.

For those who haven’t seen it yet, “Clueless” brings Jane Austen’s sharp observations about women, friends and dating into the Valley in Southern California in the 1990s. Spoiled socialite Cher seems clueless as she meddles

in the lives of her friends; but it turns out (surprise) that she’s actually got a big heart and maybe even a high IQ.

It was directed by that savant of teen life, Amy Heckerling, who also brought us the iconic teen film “Fast Times at Ridgemont High.”

Tickets are \$20 per person (there is not a per-car rate). Go to <https://boondocksfilmsociety.org/> for information.

— Cynthia Hochswender

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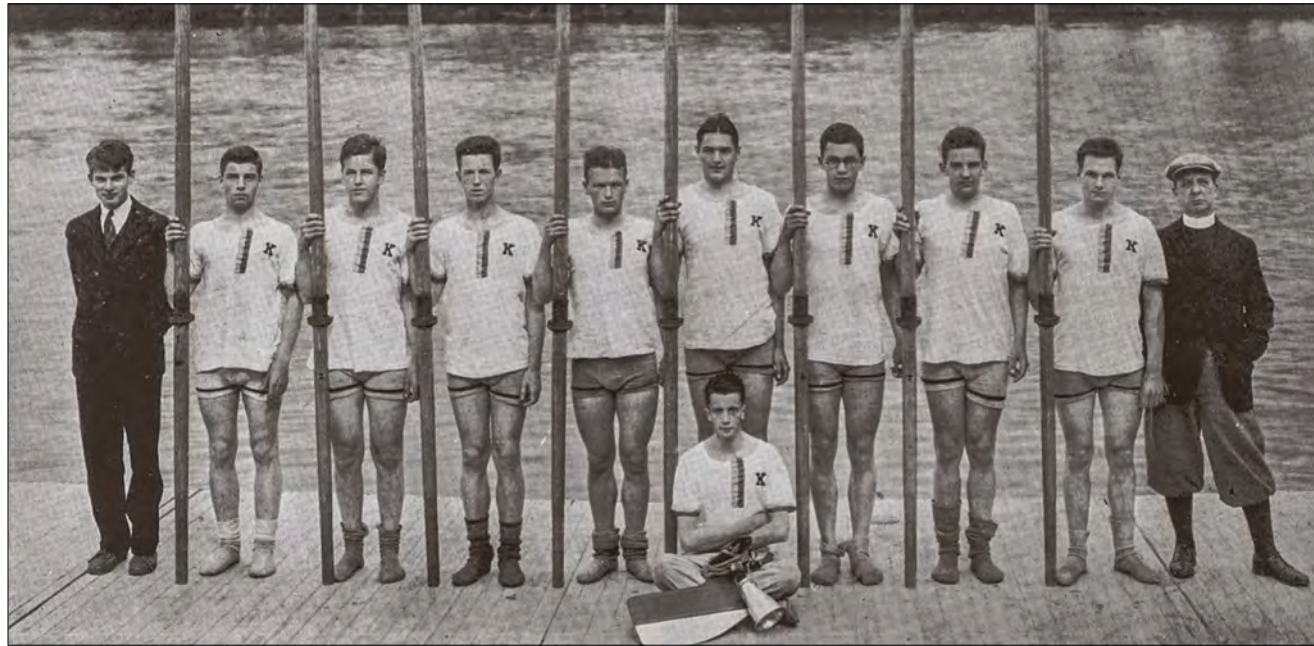
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PHOTOS FROM "KENT SCHOOL BOAT CLUB: THE FIRST 100 YEARS"

Peter Davis Mallory's history of the Kent School championship rowing team includes portraits of every team, including many that are charming trips back in time, such as this one from 1928.

**SPORTS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

# A Lovely Way To Spend A Day on the Water

When you stand on the sidelines of a prep school sporting event, it's fun and beautiful and traditional in a way that's not that different from reading an F. Scott Fitzgerald short story or watching an old film or television show.

Prep school sports are different from, say, Big 10 sports or even large high school football games. For one thing, the settings are intimate and almost always lovely. The parents and athletes and even the coaches seem timeless. Spectators dress neatly. They bring their well-behaved lovely dogs. It's all picturesque.

And in fact the sports action is often very good. In the Tri-state region there are a half dozen independent boarding schools, some of which have championship teams in ice hockey, basketball, baseball, golf, wrestling, swimming and diving, track and field and cross-country, tennis and soccer.

The regional high school in Falls Village also has some outstanding athletes and athletics (golf, girls basketball, tennis and cross-country in particular are worth watching).

Most matches in these sports are held outdoors and therefore, even with COVID restrictions in place, the public can come watch. The schools post their schedules on their websites.

Many of the most exciting sports are in autumn and winter. But in spring there is rowing. The Salisbury School in Salisbury, Conn., and the Kent School in Kent, Conn., have long and distinguished histories in this ultra-prep sport.

**A DAY OUT ON THE WATER**

With rowing, you don't get the fun of standing on the sidelines of a grassy field in autumn, wearing a toggle coat and cashmere sweater.

Instead, you get to

spend a beautiful spring day standing on the shore of a lake or river watching the young athletes power their small boats gracefully along the surface.

Anyone who's read and loved the nonfiction bestseller "The Boys in the Boat" understands that rowing has a long and glorious history in the U.S. and England.

For those who read that book and are thirsty for more knowledge, or for those who are just learning about rowing, a new book written by a Kent School alumnus (and rower) lays out the history and high points of the school's century-long commitment to rowing.

The book is called "Kent School Boat Club: The First 100 Years" and was published this

spring by Peter Davis Mallory, Class of 1963.

It is also a history of the school and its founder and headmaster, the Rev. Frederick Sill, who had been a coxswain on the Columbia rowing team in his youth. Students at Kent began to badger the headmaster to start a rowing program; it seemed logical, as the school is right on the Housatonic River, which is at its most powerful in spring.

Some rowing shells and equipment were found and off they went. The school is now co-educational and there is a strong women's team as well; and the school's deluxe boathouse sits proudly on the riverbank, with a six-person indoor rowing tank and displays showing the blazers and trophies worn and won

at past regattas in the U.S. and England.

If you can't or don't want to venture south to Kent (or north to Salisbury) to watch a live crew competition, this book is a decent substitute. It's full of photos that start off old and nostalgic and preppy and end up in gloriously modern full color.

"Kent School Boat Club: The First 100 Years" can be ordered from the Kent School store (call 860-927-6141).

The cost is \$150 for the two volume-set (1922 to 1982 and 1983 to 2021).



"Kent School Boat Club" has photos from the club's earliest days in the 1900s up to today.

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**ART**

**Kent Memorial Library**, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. [www.kentmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.kentmemoriallibrary.org)  
An Exploration of Color by Kathleen L'Hommedieu and Her Students, through April 29.

**MASS MoCA**, 1320 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Mass. [www.massmoca.org](http://www.massmoca.org)  
Taking Collective Action to Build Community and Fight Racism w/ Daniel Park & Deen Rawlins Harris, May 4, 6 to 9 p.m.

**BOOKS**

**Hotchkiss Library of Sharon**, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. [www.hotchkisslibrary.org](http://www.hotchkisslibrary.org)  
Poetry Reading Day, April 28.

**Amenia Free Library**, 3309 Route 343, Amenia, N.Y. [www.amenialibrary.org](http://www.amenialibrary.org)  
Monthly Book Club, May 4, 6 p.m.

**DANCE**

**Fisher Center at Bard**, Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y. [fishercenter.bard.edu](http://fishercenter.bard.edu)  
Faculty Dance Concert, April 28 to 30.

**KIDS**

**NorthEast-Millerton Library**, 75 Main St., Millerton N.Y. [nemillertonlibrary.org](http://nemillertonlibrary.org)  
Civics and Me for Tweens and Teens, May 1, 4 p.m. (online).

**MISC.**

**Berkshire Botanical Garden**, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. [www.berkshirebotanical.org](http://www.berkshirebotanical.org)  
Get Growing: School Gardens and Children's Gardens, April 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MOVIES**

**The Moviehouse**, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.themoviehouse.net](http://www.themoviehouse.net)  
NT Live: The Book of Dust - La Belle Sauvage, April 28, 7 p.m.; The Duke, opens May 6. Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness, opens May 6.

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## Viewpoint

*The Good Book of Biology*

## The story of molecular biology of the cell, told clearly for all

Many years ago, never mind how many, a biology student from Manila wrote to me about earning a PhD at Columbia University. At the time, I was head of the PhD program in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at the Columbia University Irving Medical Center. Every year we recruited a number of graduate students who would spend the next five years taking courses, doing thesis research, teaching, and learning the craft of science.

An application from the Philippines was a long shot but we had enough funding to take a few foreign students. The application is arduous, containing the standard questions anyone applying to college knows about. We also look for something unusual and our applicant (now a successful part of American science) had two such items in his resume. First, he had built a working replica of the first microscope made by Antonie van Leeuwenhoek in the late 17th century, and second, his essay told us there were only three copies of "Molecular Biology of the Cell" in the Philippines (probably an underestimate), and he owned two of them, which he had read. So, we invited him to New York where he did his thesis in my lab.

I confess I have buried the lede, which is the story of "Molecular Biology of the Cell." By 1979, scientists could sequence DNA, find and manipulate specific genes, and had discovered that the cells of higher organisms had molecular innovations that bacterial cells lacked. Immunology advanced, cell biology, and other fields developed. These advances deserved a clearly

written book for students, and frankly, for their teachers, who knew specific fields like bacterial genetics, but were vague on other areas of biology where we knew molecular biology was going to lead us. If today science can make mRNA vaccines and produce therapeutic proteins to control inflammation, among other astonishing practical discoveries, which are due in part to the fact that our students and their mentors studied from "Molecular Biology of the Cell."

The first edition came out in 1983 from Garland Publishing, a firm with an interest in scientific textbooks. Garland was owned by Elizabeth (Libby) and Gavin Borden of New York and Norfolk, Conn. The first edition was planned in Norfolk. The idea for a new book came from Jim Watson, the Nobel Prize winning Director of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories on Long Island, whose previous books, the *Molecular Biology of the Gene* and *The Double Helix* covered an earlier period. Jim Watson and Gavin Borden knew each other and because, according to Libby, Jim thought Gavin was fun, Garland became the publisher.

Recruiting six excellent scientists to cover all aspects of cell and molecular biology was difficult. They had other things to do; all ran labs and taking summers to write a book was hard for them and their families, who were not allowed at writing sessions. The 1983 edition defined the style and the process

of writing and editing. The diagrams and photographs were created and frequently revised as the text changed. The story of this period has been captured in a manuscript by Heather Ann Burton titled, *A Window on Collaboration: The Story of Molecular Biology of the Cell*. It has not been published, but it is a trove of information about the authors and publishers, their personalities, tensions, and capacity for coop-

eration. The spirit of collaboration comes through. Libby says that the first edition was difficult because they were creating from a blank slate. Garland had invested quite a lot of money but neither Libby nor Gavin knew how many copies they would sell. She thought a hundred or so in the first few weeks. In the event, they sold tens of thousands in the first six months. The seventh edition, much advanced in science and publishing formats, will appear on July 1, 2022. Most of the original authors, American and British, remain. Bruce Alberts, a legendary scientist and passionate supporter of science education is now the lead author.

What made it so good? Clarity. Simple declarative sentences, excellent headings, and colored diagrams backed by images make it a joy. The book was beautifully designed. This was a relief from earlier texts, some of which I had fought through as an undergraduate or graduate student. The hardbound copy (even the 4th edition) was described by Libby as too heavy to pick up, but too in-

teresting to put down, which is true. One of my colleagues, preparing for a lecture, held a hard copy to his chest, did crunches, and then looked up muscle contraction. It's a versatile book.

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### THE BODY SCIENTIFIC RICHARD KESSIN

## Will Putin's war finish off the myth-rich Black Sea?

The Black Sea, which recently received in its depths the Russian battleship Moskva, on its way to join the battle against the Ukrainians, was anciently the setting of another Black Sea voyage that did not end well. This was the voyage of the Argo, celebrated in the third century BC epic *Argonautica*, composed by Apollonius Rhodius. The epic relates the launching of the 50-oar ship, the Argo, manned by 55 Greek heroes and led by Jason, half-brother of the king of Iolous, on the west coast of Italy.

The king hoped that, by sending Jason on a long and dangerous voyage to bring back the golden fleece of a ram from a distant Black Sea kingdom, he would never return — which may remind readers of King Claudius' plot to get rid of Hamlet. The Argo was a magical ship, which, equipped with a prow that, prefiguring modern

technology, could both speak and guide the ship on its long journey from the west coast of Greece through the Bosphorus into the Black Sea, then north to the kingdom of Colchis, now the Republic of Georgia. There, with the assistance of the king's witchy daughter, Medea, who falls in love with him, Jason steals the golden fleece and sails for home, with Medea.

What happened upon the return of the Argo is the subject of Euripides' *Medea*. Composed and performed a century before Apollonius wrote the *Argonautica*, it describes Medea's rage when Jason deserts the woman whose help has been invaluable in obtaining the golden fleece and, who, once safely home, spurns or ditches his foreign wife and marries the daughter of King Creon of Corinth. Furious, bitter, and vengeful, Medea murders her two sons by Jason as well as Creon and his daughter, to whom Medea has given a gold diadem which, when donned, releases "a fearful stream of all-devouring fire," killing the young bride. Medea leaves the scene of her crimes in a cart drawn by dragons.

What has happened to the Black Sea\* in our time is another tragic story, as reported by the August 5, 2019, press release from DFWatch\*\*, an online newspaper based in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, and published by Georgian NGO Journalists for the Future. The headline reads: "The Black Sea contains toxic concentrations of several

pollutants, a new study has found," the study being a reference to the Joint Black Sea

Survey, which the Government of Ukraine was carrying out in accordance with the EU-Ukraine

Association Agreement study. Presented in Odessa on July 29, 2019, it found that insecticides, pesticides, biocides, pharmaceuticals, flame retardants, and industrial pollutants were among the major pollutants. The report further states: "124 chemicals dangerous for the sea ecosystem and human health were identified in the study. 83% of the marine litter found in the Black Sea is plastic."

As if that wasn't enough bad news, the report notes: "The cancerous substance benzo(a)pyrene, commonly found in soot, is present in the Black Sea in levels exceeding its toxicity threshold." One can only expect that Putin's "special operation" in Ukraine will further pollute a sea ringed by Ukraine to the north, Russia and Georgia to the east, Turkey to the south, and Bulgaria and Romania to the west — and finish off whatever aquatic life is left in the Black Sea.

\*Black Sea: Google offers a list of possible explanations for why the sea is called "black."

\*\* The initials stand for Democracy & Freedom Watch, www.dfwatch.net.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Let's make the world a brighter, friendlier place

With homebound folks glued to the news of the Ukrainian concerns informing more of the world that "Europe could be next", I ask, "Are we planning to help one another here in the U.S. in each state to be safe from abuse and danger of all kinds?" This Passover, Easter and spring season is one that many consider a time of community and restoration.

A newborn person (not necessary to dub only a babe or blank slate, which can diminish the overriding aspect of their spiritual and emotional authenticity, something more online forums such as Humanity's Team are appreciating with insights from science and spiritual theories that we are much more than meets the eye yet also may be coaxed or forced to be chipped not only for GPS or using a prosthetic but connected with the internet.)

Having time, permission and forums to ponder things over a longer period of time is something I have aspired to do on my public outreach efforts online and in forums over many decades. Many say "one person can't do much to save the world," yet many such people joining together is what has carried humanity out of darker times and into a greater consideration of what is possible for the one and the many.

Promoting hope and meaningful ways to stay connected was key during the pandemic and is currently the lifeblood of the spirit of those seeking sanity and resolution to what Russia and the likes has pursued to the dismay of many who hope "someone else can figure that out."

I hope to network with others on my public Facebook page and more who want to help create Caregiving Response Teams in the U.S., in every state and town, to prevent the kinds of problems that land many capable people in the streets or steeped in conflict whether due to confusion, care needs or counseling of many kinds (life isn't as easy to live as it used to be when the rules and cost of living were not so high.)

Thanks to all pitching in to make the world a brighter, friendlier place at a more humane pace. Sri Chinmoy who founded NYC Meditation is an ongoing inspiration to many, another "just one" who made an incredible contribution humanity can benefit from in these challenges times. Let's each step into our Winning Team Spirit Game every season of the year and of our lives!

Catherine Palmer Paton

Falls Village

## Give your lawnmower a vacation in May

The bees are in trouble. Their dire situation is an unfortunate combination of many environmental factors including insecticides, colony collapse and short sited farming practices. One third of our food supply is dependent on bees.

"Do not mow in May" started in the United Kingdom and is now happily spreading in this country. It is simple and effective: Do not mow your lawn in May. Let the dandelions and wild violets flourish. Let the bees dance among the flowers, and collect pollen.

This simple practice increases bee diversity as well as the number of bees. We can also save on gas, and decrease emissions from our lawn mowers. We can do a very important something for the pollinators and for our food supply by doing nothing.

So, talk it up among your neighbors, and let your lawnmower have a vacation in May.

Jill Esterson

Salisbury

## The Alamo - Mariupol

The fight for life is all they know  
They raise their hands to take a stand  
Holding out long as they can  
In face of death defenders saith  
We'll hold our ground 'til our last breath

We wonder how we can help now  
To stop that madman in Moscow  
Send cash, send arms, to help and harm  
To fight invasion, keep displaced warm  
Stop war drums, pray peace may come  
Again to my friends shattered home.

Peter Fitting

Salisbury

More letters previous page.



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With the arrival of spring, pools are being opened which is wonderful for people, not so great for animals and amphibians. While people can easily get out of a pool, everything else cannot and end up drowning. There are some easy solutions available so that everyone wins, here are a few options: Critter Skimmer replaces your existing skimmer cap and allows for an escape hatch, their web site is: <https://critterskimmer.com/>. Another wonderful option is the Frog Log which provides an escape ladder from the pool, their web site is <https://froglog.us/>. Finally, for larger animals and family pets, there is the Skamper-Ramp, found at <https://www.skamper-ramp-store.com/>. These products will ensure that everyone, including our wildlife, will have a safe spring and summer.



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