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PHOTO COURTESY LAURA TEDESCO

Laura Tedesco has been working with the U.S. government to save cultural treasures in Afghanistan.

Afghanistan

A 'monuments woman' whose mission is to save the arts and culture

By Cynthia Hochswender

Many people first learned about the Monuments Men of World War II by reading Robert M. Edsel's book about them, or seeing the 2014 film "Monuments Men."

Of course there were many heroic women who also helped protect the cultural treasures of Europe from Hitler, Goering and others.

But the book and the film were primarily concerned with the men who were in charge of the American team tasked with finding and saving some of the great works of Western art.

A new podcast is out now called "Monu-

ments Woman," and it features an ongoing conversation between two experts in Afghan art and cultural treasures. The idea for the podcast came from producer/director/writer Christian Bruun (whose film "Calendar Girl" is proving to be one of the big draws for this year's online Berkshire International Film Festival).

When he was living in New York City, Bruun became friends with both George Gavrilis and Laura Tedesco. Tedesco is now an archaeologist and anthropologist working with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs.

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Patriot Day observance Sept. 11

NORTH CANAAN — The annual Patriot Day observances will be held on Sept. 11 outside St. Joseph's Church in North Canaan, beginning with quiet prayer at midnight on Friday, Sept. 10, and ending shortly after midnight on Sept. 11.

There are no speeches or entertainment. These 24 hours are spent in quiet, for the most part.

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Kori Ann Wiggins from Housatonic Valley Regional High School was in the FFA barn on Saturday, Sept. 4, during the Goshen Fair, helping introduce youngsters to some of the baby animals in the students' petting zoo.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Agriculture and tradition at fair

GOSHEN — The Goshen Fair was held over Labor Day Weekend, as is the tradition, with hundreds of people coming out for fair food, fair rides, fair games and the important judging of animals, from tiny cavies to massive beef and dairy cattle.

Contests of strength and skill included everything from tractor and cattle pulls to the increasingly popular lumberjack and lumberjill competitions in areas including sawing and ax throwing.

Students from area high school FFA pro-

See GOSHEN FAIR, Page A6



PHOTO COURTESY ERIK EDSTROM

Erik Edstrom with his platoon in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, in 2009.

Salisbury Forum speaker works to rescue his Afghan interpreter

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Decorated war veteran Erik Edstrom is on a mission to save his Afghan interpreter from retribution from the Taliban for helping American troops.

Edstrom, a senior fellow at the Eisenhower Media Network and author of "Un-American: A Soldier's Reckoning of Our Longest War," was booked months ago to be the guest speaker at a free Zoom webinar on Friday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by The Salisbury Forum — well in advance of the crisis in Afghanistan.

Edstrom, a Bronze Star recipient, had originally planned to talk about patriotism, and whether or not American's current brand of patriotism is serving the nation. But current events, his quest to aid his Afghan interpreter and his in-

volvement with #AfghanEvac, has shifted the focus of his upcoming presentation.

The past weeks for Edstrom have been a whirlwind of interviews with media, check-ins with the man he refers to only as "Rock" and constant monitoring of encrypted group chats through the #AfghanEvac Signal channel.

Edstrom graduated from West Point in 2007 — the first class to apply to the academy after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. He served for two years with the District of Columbia National Honor Guard. Like many young men at that time, he embraced America's policy of waging a global war on terror. But by the end of his service, he came to feel that war on terror was not just a tragedy, but also a crime.

See EDSTROM, Page A6

Aid and advances in coping with and avoiding Alzheimer's

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — Geer Village Senior Community sponsored a talk on advances in detection, treatment and current Alzheimer's disease research on Tuesday, Aug. 24, on Zoom.

The talk precedes the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's, scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 19, beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Lime Rock Park.

Tina Hogan, Community Outreach Specialist for Geer Village, said this year, for the

"The biggest thing I learned was to go into my mother's reality and not argue. If someone insists that it's Wednesday, agree that it's Wednesday."

Kristen Cusato

first time, bicyclists will be welcome to ride around the track if they prefer.

"We are encouraging people to register early," Hogan said. For information, Hogan's phone is 860-824-3819, or email her at thogan@geercares.org. To register for the walk online, go to www.alz.org/walk.

More than six million people are living with Alzheimer's disease in the U.S., said guest speaker Kristen Cusato, who serves as director of communications for the state's chapter of the national Alzheimer's Association.

Indications of cognitive decline can be reversed, recent studies have shown, by changing behavior.

For example, Cusato said,

lifestyle changes can make a difference, including changes in cardiovascular health, sleep patterns, social or cognitive engagement and education as well as increased activity. People who use more than one language are less likely to suffer from cognitive decline, Cusato noted.

Research is ongoing and getting results. In Connecticut, the state chapter has awarded more than \$2 million in funding to Yale University and UCONN Health, where studies are being conducted in brain imaging and development of an early blood test as an indicator of risk for Alzheimer's. As a policy, all researchers are bound to share their data with other researchers.

Presently being studied is

a correlation between air pollutants and risk of developing Alzheimer's. Already indicated is that as air quality improves, risk declines, Cusato said.

Also being studied are the negative effects of isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic leading to long-term cognitive decline.

Should people wish to participate in such research studies, the Alzheimer's organization invites them to go to www.alz.org/trialmatch to be notified of ongoing studies in their area. Cusato said she herself has participated as part of the healthy control group, also a necessary part of research.

Cusato explained how her interest in Alzheimer's arose. Her late mother suffered from the disease beginning at an unusually young age. Over the years of living with her mother's decline, Cusato said she developed a series of coping

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Three-day forecast

Friday Sun, high 72°/low 54°
 Saturday Sun, 73°/54°
 Sunday Cloudy, 75°/57°

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

The following information was provided by the Connecticut State Police at Troop B. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Bus backing up

On Aug. 31 at approximately noon on White Hollow Road in Salisbury an All-Star Transportation school bus driven by Zachery Ross Blodgett-Fredenburg backed into a parked 2018 Honda Accord driven by Kristen Nelson, 32, of North Canaan. Blodgett-Fredenburg was issued a verbal warning for unsafe backing.

Struck a tree

On Aug. 31 at approximately 2:30 a.m. on Jackson Hill Road in Sharon a 2006 Toyota Corolla driven by Beverly Gentry, 26, of Lakeville collided with a tree off the right side of the road. Gentry and her passenger, Peter Nugent, 28, of Sharon declined medical attention. Gentry stated that a deer had run into the road. She was issued an infraction for failure to maintain the lane.

Stray shopping cart

On Sept. 1 at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Route 41 in Sharon a 2015 Subaru Forrester driven by Nadine Macura, 52, of Amenia collided with a shopping cart that had rolled onto the road from the parking lot of the Sharon Farm Market. No police action was taken.

The Lakeville Journal will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com.

Correction

An article in the Sept. 2 Lakeville Journal about an appeal filed with the state Democratic Party by a group of Falls Village residents refers to a lack of a quorum at a town Democratic committee meeting on July 20. That meeting was in fact on Jan. 14.

Send Family & Friends announcements to editor@lakevillejournal.com

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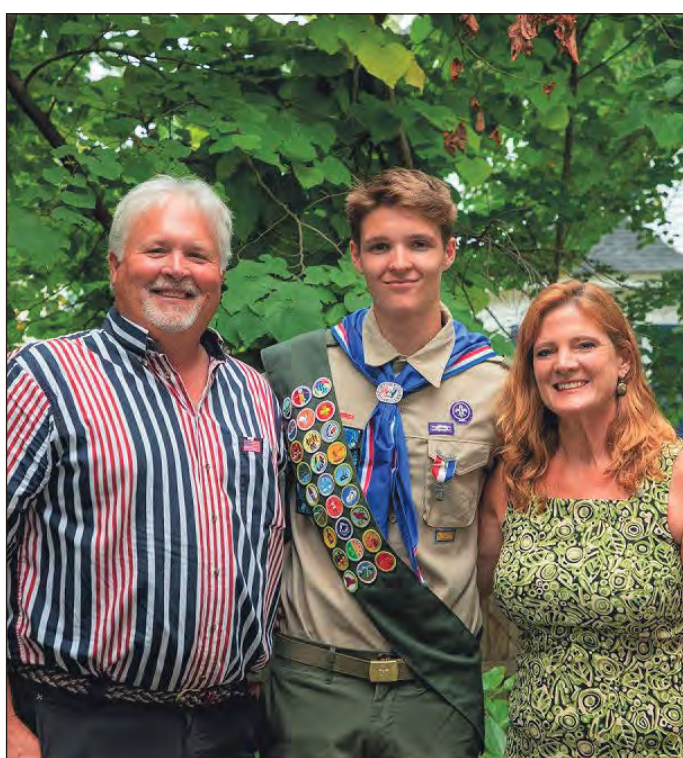


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Good Eagle Scouting

Landon Good, center, attended his Eagle Scout Court of Honors ceremony at the Salisbury Congregational Church along with his parents, Anthony and Jennifer Good.

What is causing all the wildfires?

MILLBROOK — Large fires are becoming more frequent and severe across the western U.S. Since 1984, annual burned forest area has increased by about 1,100%.

The Cary Institute will offer a virtual talk exploring what is causing the increase in fires, on Thursday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m.

Cary President Joshua Ginsberg will lead the discussion with forest ecologist Winslow Hansen, fire ecologist Phil Higuera from the University of

Montana and natural resource sociologist Catrin Edgeley of Northern Arizona University.

In addition to looking for causes, the panel will talk about forest management.

This virtual talk is free and open to all, with time for audience questions and answers. Zoom login info will be sent with Eventbrite registration confirmation.

Go to www.caryinstitute.org and click on Events at the top right.

TURKEY WATCH



PHOTO BY DAVID SINGER

David Singer snapped this photo of an extended turkey family poking around his backyard in Lakeville on Aug. 22.

Wild turkeys, looking very domesticated

LAKEVILLE — David Singer has enjoyed the show put on by turkey families over the years at his house on Belgo Road in Lakeville.

"We regularly host turkeys on our property, from single hens to pairs and large groups of 20 to 30 turkeys," he said. "Sometimes the males are in full plumage — which is very amusing as it seems to make it difficult for them to walk. They seem very self-important."

Every year there are more and larger flocks of turkeys crossing the roads in the Northwest Corner. They seem to like the forest the best, and Singer says he believes that's where his turkey visitors come from. They aren't necessarily attracted by food,

although they do manage to get some meals on the property.

"We are surrounded by woods. The turkeys often enter our property from the woods. They eat the goodies that fall from the trees. We have a vegetable garden, but it is fenced in and they cannot access it."

Last week, before the heavy rains that came with Henri, Singer captured this image of parents and "poult," during the drizzly late afternoon on Sunday, Aug. 22.

"That same family of two adults and nine little ones have made four separate visits to our backyard today alone — during the morning and afternoon. They have been stopping by the past week or two." — Cynthia Hochswender

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2021-0143 by Stephen Richardson & Demetra Spiliotopoulos for a detached apartment on a single-family residential lot at 14 Laddie Lane, Lakeville Map 7, Lot 11-2 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburycrct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburycrct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
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 09-09-21
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Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2021-0145 by Toneisha & Troy Ramcharran for vertical expansion of a nonconforming dwelling in the Aquifer and Flood Plain Overlay Districts at 24 Cleveland Street, Lakeville Map 49, Lot 116 per Sections 401, 403, & 503.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburycrct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburycrct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
 Martin Whalen, Secretary
 09-09-21
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Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2021-0144 by William & Kathleen Reiland for a detached apartment on a single-family residential lot at 63 Washinee Heights Road, Salisbury Map 67, Lot 2-2 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburycrct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburycrct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

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Notice of Application
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 This is to give notice that I, Adam Sarosi
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 Have filed an application placarded 08/31/2021 with

the Department of Consumer Protection for a Restaurant Wine & Beer Permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 107 Main St., Falls Village, CT 06031-1311

The business will be owned by: Falls Village Cafe, LLC
 Entertainment will consist of: No Live Entertainment
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARY CHEVALIER Late of North Canaan (21-00395)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated August 26, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
 Christopher J. Chevalier
 c/o Linda M Patz
 Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP
 7 Church Street
 P.O. Box 101
 Canaan, CT 06018
 Beth L. McGuire
 Chief Clerk
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF NANCY L. SMITH Late of Salisbury (21-00361)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated August 24, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
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See you at the Gala!



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Our Towns

Distributing necessities to help those who call Sharon home

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — As a reminder to residents that it is time to complete applications for winter heating assistance, the town held a combination fuel assistance and free distribution event for food and school supplies at the town garage on Saturday, Aug. 28.

Hosting the well-planned event was the town's relatively new social services agent, Mary O'Reilly, who has been serving in her new position since early May.

"The season for applying for fuel assistance is now," O'Reilly said, urging residents to complete the required forms within the next two months to get included in the system, before the Nov. 1 deadline for submitting the application.

"You need to re-apply each year," she said as a reminder. "I am not able to do it automatically for you."

She urged people to contact her by phone or email well in advance of the deadline.

As an added incentive, the Saturday event was "an ideal way for people to come and pick up non-perishable foods, as well as necessary school supplies," all donated by federal and state agencies.

"We had 600 boxes of non-perishable goods," O'Reilly estimated, acknowledging that some residents may feel awkward about accepting donations, especially if their own need is temporary.

Although it is not required, those very same people may be in a position to donate to others in the future, or to volunteer, and sometimes they do. Boxes were distributed to anyone who came to the pick-up point on Saturday.

O'Reilly said that she anticipates holding similar events in the future as they provide a good opportunity to connect with residents and provide in-

formation conveniently.

"I can't believe it," O'Reilly said of her work in her first four months. So far, she said she has really enjoyed getting to know all the different agencies in the Northwest Corner and meeting like-minded people who are active helpers in the community.

O'Reilly has also learned about the wealth of shared resources among area towns.

Federal funding for rental assistance for tenants and landlords is beginning to flow through the UniteCT program, O'Reilly said. "It's a happy ending for landlords and tenants," she said. "I am happy to be a part of it."

"I welcome people to contact me," she said. People often offer donations of medical equipment to be passed along. "I can connect the dots for people," she said, helping them to access what they need, or to suggest area agencies and programs that can offer expert advice or im-

mediate relief.

O'Reilly is in the Social Services Office at Town Hall on Tuesday through Thursday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Her phone is 860-364-1003 and email is sharon.social.services@gmail.com.

As a former Spanish teacher at Housatonic Regional High School and after years of teaching at Sharon Center School, O'Reilly's language experience is helpful in reaching out to the town's migrant population.

She has been a resident of Sharon for 20 years, but community service has always been a part of her life.

"It has been a lifetime of being a helpful person," she said, learning the value of service from her parents. Her father served as mayor of Springfield, Mass., and her mother emphasized the importance of helping others.

"They set a pattern of volunteering and outreach," she said.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Reminding residents that it's time to sign up for winter fuel assistance, Sharon's Social Services Agent, Mary O'Reilly, oversaw distribution of supplies of donated food and school supplies at a drive-through event on Saturday, Aug. 28.

One business closes its doors to anyone without proof of vax

By Cynthia Hochswender

NORTH CANAAN — Concerns about COVID-19 and its impact on businesses have created an odd dynamic tension. Community members and business owners are eager to have life return to normal; but at the same time, the infection rate is climbing back up, nationally and even locally.

One small business owner has decided to take a step toward caution with a new rule at his country club and restaurant that all patrons and staff must be able to show proof of vaccination before they can enter.

"The map indicating the spread of COVID clearly shows that the cases, fueled by the Delta variant, have drastically increased in the Southern states, especially those states with lax mandates," said Joseph Quattrocci, who is the owner of the Canaan Country Club and its Belted Cow Farmhouse Tavern. He is also the owner of the Wheels of Time vintage auto garage in Pine Plains, N.Y.

"I've been watching the maps every day for months and I am seeing the red move north daily," Quattrocci said. "We are very lucky that we are so forewarned."

Watching the statistics on the state's COVID-19 website, Quattrocci has become concerned at the relatively low percentage of North Canaan residents who are vaccinated.

As a result, he said, "I felt it was my responsibility to both our employees and guests to establish a stricter vaccination policy."

He stresses that he is not trying to punish or exclude anyone from coming to the golf course and tavern. He has even gone so far as to create a partnership with Walgreens in North Canaan.

"Anyone who gets their first vaccination (Moderna) at Walgreens before the end of September will be given either a \$50 gift certificate to the restaurant or a free nine-hole round of golf, including a cart," Quattrocci said.

Although the restaurant policy is that all patrons and

staff must be fully vaccinated, exceptions will be made for anyone who participates in the Walgreens partnership.

Incentives or not, there are those who adamantly defend their right to remain unvaccinated. There has been some negative commentary directed at the country club on social media but Quattrocci said that mostly people have been understanding.

"The response has been overwhelmingly positive," he said, but added that, "there have been a few guests who are upset with the new policy." As has been the case often in recent years, political differences and differing opinions about the vaccine have even interfered with friendships.

"I feel badly about that," Quattrocci said.

No appointment is necessary at Walgreens to get an

appointment. Vaccinations are available from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then 2 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then 2 to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

The golf course and pro shop at the Canaan Country Club are open Monday through Friday at 8 a.m., Saturday and Sunday at 7 a.m. and on holidays at 7 a.m.

The Belted Cow Farmhouse Tavern has food service Monday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; the bar is open daily from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The menu offers everything from burgers to seared tuna, from crispy chicken wings to a charcuterie board.

For more information and the full lunch and dinner menus, go to www.canaan-countryclub.com.

Bull's Bridge Road scheduled for spring repaving

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Details of plans to resurface a portion of Bull's Bridge Road were discussed at a public hearing held on Thursday, Sept. 1, on Zoom. The hearing drew 13 participants and was led by First Selectman Jean Speck.

Charles Horn, of Cardinal Engineering in Meriden, Conn., described the project involving pavement rehabilitation of 2/3 of a mile (3,000 linear feet) from the intersection of

South Kent Road westerly past South Kent School.

Plans do not call for re-routing of Bull's Bridge Road, Horn said, and it will retain its present width of 20 feet. For 1,000 feet of the project, the entire road will be replaced, from base to paved surface, and for the remaining 2,000 feet, the road will only be repaved. Plans also call for installation of guardrails where needed.

In preparation for the project, the town crew will replace five drainage cul-

verts.

Estimated to cost \$600,000, the project will be supported by 80% federal funding, 10% state funding, and 10% (or \$60,000) from town funds.

Horn reported that the job will be posted in January and the contract awarded in February, with work slated to begin in early spring 2022.

A recording of the meeting is posted on the town's website. Any questions about the project can be directed to Town Hall.

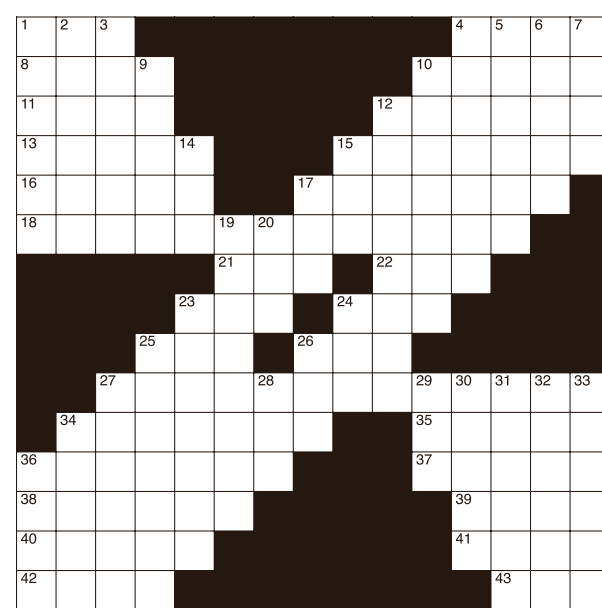
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- Painful intestinal obstruction
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- Make the grade
- Type of screen
- Christian fraternal organization (abbr.)
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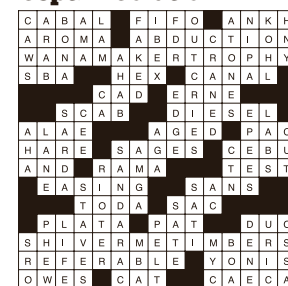
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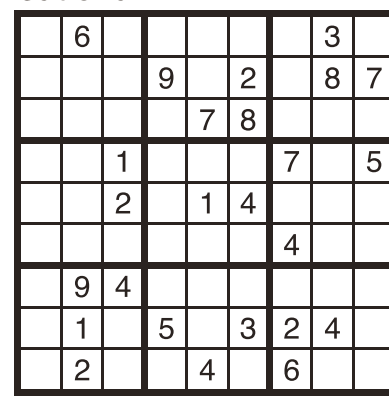
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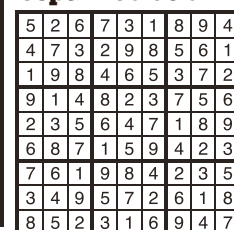
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WHAT DOES PATRIOTISM MEAN ANYWAY?



Erik Edstrom

A West Point graduate, U.S. Army Ranger, Afghan veteran, and Bronze Star recipient questions what it means to be a patriot in his book, *Un-American: A Soldier's Reckoning of our Longest War*

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Sophie Allen (left) and Olivia Oberle fueled up on doughnuts before resuming their stilt walking at the party.

Historic Festival kicks off with a parade and a party

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — More than 100 vintage cars rolled into downtown Falls Village on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 2, at the conclusion of the Lime Rock Park Historic Weekend race car parade.

The cars left the track at about 4 p.m. and, after winding through Lakeville and Salisbury, fetched up in the downtown area of Falls Village, which was barricaded off to allow the parade cars to park.

Wanda Houston and her group were already playing when this reporter showed up a little after 4 p.m. Olivia Oberle and Sophie Allen, in white tails, were walking around on stilts (they later changed to rainbow tops and spangly pants). One youngster had to jump to get a low five from Oberle.

There was food and drink and lots of car talk. And although the sky darkened somewhat, it didn't rain.



Wanda Houston performed after the vintage car parade Thursday, Sept. 2.

Kent asks you to have a say in how town will look

KENT — The Kent Planning and Zoning Commission is conducting a community survey to get input from residents, property owners and visitors as part of updating the Town Plan of Conservation and Development for Kent.

The current plan was adopted in 2012; state statutes require that it be reviewed and updated every 10 years.

The survey provides an opportunity for people to identify issues of concern to them and suggest priorities and strategies for the updated pPlan.

The survey can be accessed from the front page of the website at www.townofkentct.org. The survey can also be ac-

cessed directly at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Kent-CT-POCD.

For those who don't have access to computers or smart phones, paper copies of the survey will be available at Town Hall, the Kent Senior Center, and the Kent Memorial Library. The survey will be open for responses to and through midnight Oct. 3.

"This survey is a great opportunity for people to tell us about the issues they feel are important to them, to Kent, and all of us who care deeply about the future of this community" said Matthew Winter, chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Staff changes made at Lee H. Kellogg

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Town of Canaan (Falls Village) Board of Education met Tuesday, Aug. 31 to approve new hires and contracts with the new interim principal and executive secretary for the Lee H. Kellogg School.

Robin Faust is the interim principal, replacing Lexie Juch, who resigned Aug. 11.

Laurie Wadsworth replaces Kristen Panzer as executive secretary and board clerk.

The board also approved the hiring of Michael Hritz as part-time music teacher, replacing Bethany Franklin.

Panzer has taken a new job in the private sector, according to her resignation letter. She was on the job for six and a half years, and has offered to make herself available to help ease the transition.

Franklin is now the mu-

sic teacher at Sharon Center School.

Juch's resignation was not made public by Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter's office until Sept. 1. Carter, in sending out the bulletin, apologized for not making the announcement earlier, saying "it has been incredibly busy for the past few weeks."

The Region One announcement stated that on Aug. 11 the school board "received notice of the relocation and resignation of Principal Alexandra Juch."

The board also approved attendance at LHK of four new tuition students. Faust said that brings the total of tuition students to eight.

Faust said the first couple days of school went smoothly. She said she made a point of checking in with students who did not attend school in person last year.

Cornwall Town Hall Players return with 'A Doll's House'

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — The popular Town Hall Players of Cornwall are emerging from the pandemic by presenting four limited-attendance performances of "A Doll's House" by Danish playwright Henrik Ibsen.

Directed by Robin Frome, the production has its roots in a recent master class that Frome conducted online and then in person. The Cornwall run is brought about by one of the master class participants, Fred Thaler of Cornwall, a cast member who encouraged Frome to stage the production in Cornwall as a project of The Town Hall Players.

Auditions for Frome's master class were held last March. The class got started in April on Zoom. Only in early July did the cast get together in person. The first rehearsal for the mid-September Cornwall performances was Aug. 15, Thaler said during a conversation on Monday, Aug. 16.

Making it his own 'Doll's House'

"Every director has his in-

put on the play," Thaler said. For this production, Frome artistic director of The Sherman Playhouse) introduced some adaptive adjustments.

For example, the children will not be present; they will be out of sight, off stage. Within his master class, Director Frome interviewed professionals who had been involved with the play over the years and could offer insights. Those insights have molded the current production, Thaler explained.

"It will be a simple set, but indicative of the period. It will be more representational," Thaler said.

Happy to be back 'in person'

In choosing this production to share with the Cornwall community, The Town Hall Players hope to provide thought-provoking entertain-

ment. They also aim to make the experience educational.

The cast is enthusiastically anticipating bringing the production to a live audience, Thaler said.

"The characters come alive in interpersonal interactions that cannot be achieved remotely," he explained.

"And the chance to interact with an audience brings another dimension to reveal more about the character and yourself. It's the audience that you need to complete what you are doing."

This production of "A Doll's House" is the first event scheduled for the Town Hall Players since the pandemic began. Audience size will necessarily be limited for each performance.

Performances are planned for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10 and 11, and Sept. 17 and

18. Tickets can be reserved by email in advance; there will be no tickets sold at the door. Audiences are limited to 25 for each performance. Donations will be accepted (suggested: \$20). The fully vaccinated cast asks that the audience also be fully vaccinated.

Proceeds will benefit the Cornwall Town Hall Players to provide for future performances. To make a reservation by email, contact thecornwalltownhallplayers@gmail.com.

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Pre-1939 cars and drivers took to the track for fierce competition at the Lime Rock Historic Festival weekend.



There were book signing events throughout the weekend, with authors including local race heroes Skip Barber (an owner of the track) and Sam Posey, who signed a car part for one enthusiastic fan.

Hot time at Historic Fest despite a soggy Sunday at the Park

By Cynthia Hochswender

LIME ROCK — If car fans have to choose one day out of three for bad weather, most would vote to rain out the parade or concours day, to ensure that the track is dry and safe for racing on the other two days.

And that's how it turned out during the 39th Historic Festival at Lime Rock Park over Labor Day Weekend, when there was excellent weather for the parade through Salisbury and Falls Village on Thursday; the practice laps on Friday; and the actual races on Saturday and Monday.

Sunday, when racing is not allowed at the track, was the concours, with vintage (and some new) cars lined up along the edges of the mile-and-a-half track. It was chilly and wet, with a steady downpour that lasted all day. The turnout nonetheless was large and enthusiastic, with lots of cars and lots of people.

More than 200 cars were studied by a panel of judges. Best in Show was awarded to Anthony Wang's 1967 Ferrari 275 GTS/4 NART.

Tom Cotter (a car collector famous from books and YouTube) and Wayne Carini (host of television's Chasing Classic Cars) had cars in the judging.

Carini's 1938 Jaguar SS100 was awarded Best Foreign. Cotter's 1952 Cunningham C-3 Vignale Coupe was selected as the Honored Collector's Choice Award, which was presented by

Free Wi-Fi

FALLS VILLAGE — Thanks to a grant from the Foundation for Community Health to the Falls Village Community Development Corporation, there is free Comcast Wi-Fi in the community space inside the Falls Village Cafe. The signal extends to the town Green.

Steven Harris, whose notable collection of Porsches was the centerpiece of this year's Historic Festival weekend.

- Other awards went to:
- Best in Class P356 & Autodromo Watch Award: Richard Strahota 1955 Porsche 356 (Pre-A)
 - Best in Class P911 & Autodromo Watch Award: Steve Torkelson 1965 Porsche 912
 - Turtle Invitational Award: D. Mullunery 1998 AMG
 - Sports Car Market Award: Murray Smith 1965 Porsche 911S
 - Greenwich Concours Award: Jean Linderman 1910 Stanley
 - Hagerty Spirit of Motoring: Allan Warner 1932 MG
 - Concours Special Award: Andrew Benenson 1949 Bentley
 - Concours Special Award: Nathaniel Mundy, 2020 Glickenhau Boot, 1967 McQueen Baja Boot
 - Outstanding Porsche: Richard Strahota 1955 Porsche 356 (Pre-A)
 - Best American: Robert Skrip 1965 Buick Roadmaster.

Martha Eliot Sloane

FALLS VILLAGE — Martha Eliot Sloane, 75, of Falls Village, died unexpectedly on Aug. 23, 2021, at the Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. She was the loving wife of Randolph Hogan.

Born on July 8, 1946, in Princeton, N.J., she was the daughter of William Milligan Sloane and Martha Chamberlin Sloane.

Martha spent her professional career in New York, the city she loved. She possessed a tireless work ethic and had held executive positions with the firms Baker & Taylor and R.R. Bowker & Company.

A natural ability to work with and listen to people led her to launch Martha Sloane Consultants, a successful executive recruitment firm, focused on publishing and finance. She loved her firm and her clients.

Martha was resilient, energetic, generous, and sweet to the bone. Helping people in all situations and walks of life came naturally. Everyone remembers her infectious laugh. She loved to dance and was a devoted doo wop music fan. When she wasn't tending to

family or her French Bulldogs, she could be found in her garden.



After New York City, Martha lived in Upper Grandview, N.Y., for many years before retiring to Falls Village in Amesville 10 years ago. She is remembered as a beloved member of this community and was active in several organizations.

In addition to her husband, Randy Hogan, Martha is survived by her sister, Isabel and her husband, Drew; her two brothers, Alex and Ward, and their wives, Jeanne and Michelle; her niece, Jessica Robbins and her husband, Dan; and her nephew, Nick. Jessica and Nick were the apple of her eye.

Besides her parents, Martha was predeceased by her brother, Bill.

The family plans to celebrate her life later in the year. Memorial contributions may be made to the Little Guild Animal Shelter, 285 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 07796, www.littleguild.org.

The Kenny Funeral Home is taking care of arrangements.

Activities for dogs and owners

CORNWALL — The Little Guild Animal Rescue in Cornwall earns Best in Show for planning the most interesting events to support its mission of finding homes for animals.

Coming up on Sept. 25 is the Great Country Mutt Show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the town Green. Everyone is a winner at the show, which is organized along Westminster principals (but with less severe judging).

Admission is free for spectators and all show dogs. To register, and to choose a competition category, go to www.littleguild.org/gcms-registration.

There will be an auction, raffles, food trucks, music and more.

Coming up in October is a different format of dog competition: The annual Run & Wag 5K, also known as the Connecticut Doggie Cup. Registration must be done online by Oct. 10. The race itself will be on Oct. 16 at noon, taking off from 16 Pine St. (the town Green).

For rules, details, registration information and the course map, go to www.littleguild.org/runandwag5k.

— Cynthia Hochswender

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ANCRAMDALE — Reinhold F. Kluge Jr., 87, of Ancramdale, passed away peacefully on Aug. 31, 2021, at his residence.

He was born in Bronx, N.Y., on Dec. 30, 1933, the son of the late Frieda (Graebner) and Reinhold Kluge.

After completing high school, he attended and graduated from SUNY Oswego in 1956. He then obtained his master's degree from the University of Connecticut.

In 1985, he was married to Geraldine O'Hara in Mount Kisco, N.Y.

Reinhold was an Industrial Arts teacher at Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, N.Y., prior to his retirement, at which time he developed and owned Artisan Construction Enterprises.

Being a builder, in 1957 he began building a home in Wolfe Island, Ontario, which would serve as their second home until it was sold in 2013.

Reinhold was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating. He took numerous hunting trips to Montana and Canada. Be-

ing a passionate duck hunter, he enjoyed the Eastern Shore of Virginia, especially Chincoteague. He was a proud life member of the Camp Fire Club of America, of Chappaqua.

Reinhold is survived by his wife, Geraldine Kluge; his daughter, Karen Green and her husband, Bart; his son, Kenneth Kluge; four grandchildren, Kyle Green and his wife, Joanna, Hayley Green and her husband, Florian "Loki" Cech, and Sean and Cody Kluge; and three great-grandchildren, Karly and Ashton Green and Carter Kluge.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Raymond Kluge.

Visitation for family and friends was held on Sept. 5 at Peck & Peck Funeral Home in Copake. Inurnment will take place privately in Ferncliff Cemetery.

Donations in Reinhold's memory are requested to the Conservation Fund of the Camp Fire Club, 25 Camp Fire Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514.

To leave a message of condolence, go to www.peckand-peck.net.

Worship Services

Week of September 12, 2021

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10am www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Greenwoods Community Church 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Konnection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 413-229-8560 www.greenwoodschurch.com</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people Pastor Savage Frieze 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am AT THE PILGRIM HOUSE 50 GRANITE AVE, CANAAN: FISHES & LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSETS for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour & Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627 www.trinitylimerock.org</p>
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<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mmgates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School 9:15 a.m. "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 am, Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
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<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday worship service during July and August, 10 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online sermons. Bible Study Guides also available by request: info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org Or contact us at 860-364-5002</p>
<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>	

EDSTROM

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"I'm in full agreement that the U.S. should be out of Afghanistan," the veteran explained. "When it was announced that we were going to get out, I punched the air. It's been a complete disaster for a very long time."

But within days, his elation turned to anger and disappointment over what he described as the Biden administration's poorly executed withdrawal from Afghanistan. "We painted ourselves into a horrific corner."

Edstrom never lost contact with Rock, whom he agreed to sponsor for a Special Immigrant Visa seven years ago.

"My guy got rejected arbitrarily, and it took two years

to get an appeal," said Edstrom, who has spent the past five years monitoring the status of Rock's application.

He said he has reached out to Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-Mass) to help move the visa along, with no success.

"My latest update was that the administrative processing of SIV's is continuing," Edstrom said, calling the process "abysmal."

Rock is "still stuck ... and not due to lack of will or influence or connections."

No true best-case scenario

Tens of thousands of Afghans served U.S. interests during the past two decades, said Edstrom.

Rock risked his life many

times to guide and protect American allies — including Edstrom, who led a platoon of soldiers in Kandahar Province during a deployment to Afghanistan from 2009 to 2010.

"Rock has been living a precarious existence over there for years, hiding from the Taliban."

Based on their last conversation, "He's taking it stoically, as Afghans do. They are used to bearing a heavy burden."

The odds, though, are not in Rock's favor.

"The best-case scenario," explained Edstrom, "is that he gets out, and abandons his wife and children."

His family ends up in a refugee camp, and legal representation is needed to eventually extricate them. "The worst case

scenario," added the veteran, "is that he stays where he is and gets murdered and leaves his wife and children anyway."

That, said Edstrom, "is the human cost of Americans going to war."

#AfghanEvac

Edstrom spoke with The Lakeville Journal by phone on Aug. 27 from his home in South Boston, four days before the completion of the U.S. withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan, ending America's longest war.

Discouraged by what he sees as inadequate government efforts to protect Afghans who supported U.S. military, Edstrom is working now with a group called "#AfghanEvac," which he teamed up with on Aug. 20, as the Taliban moved back into Afghanistan.

The goal is to smuggle Rock to Pakistan and from there get him either to the U.S. or another safe nation.

"I will put him on a private jet if I have to pay for the seat for him. It's not over" pledged Edstrom.

#AfghanEvac is a group of about 100 veterans, human rights advocates, private sector employees, members of the intelligence community and others with contacts in Afghanistan determined to help friends and allies escape the reach of Taliban. For many members, it is a matter of honoring promises made and friendships forged.

Of the more than 100,000 people evacuated from Afghanistan, Edstrom said that "barely more than 5% were our Afghan

allies."

In exchange for aiding American soldiers, he said, Afghan interpreters were promised that their service would earn them freedom once the war ended through Special Immigrant Visas or SIV's.

"That process has been mired in bureaucratic purgatory," said Edstrom. "It's an absolute shit show."

One member of #AfghanE-

van, according to Edstrom, referred to the group's unfolding humanitarian rescue missions as "Saving Private Ryan: Kabul Edition."

Find out more about Erik Edstrom and Afghanistan in the Salisbury Forum free Zoom talk on Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Register at www.salisburyforum.org/home-page-events/2021/9/17/erik-edstrom-what-does-patriotism-mean-anyway.

PATRIOT DAY

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At appropriate moments, bells will toll, bagpipes will play.

Special observances will be offered at 8 a.m., 8:46 a.m. (when American Airlines flight 11 was flown into the North Tower) and 9:03 a.m. (when United Airlines flight 175 was flown into the South Tower).

At 9:13 a.m. volunteers will begin reading aloud the names of each person killed in the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Special observances will continue at 9:37 a.m. (when American Airlines flight 77 was flown into the Pentagon), 9:59 a.m., the time of the collapse of the South Tower, 10:03 a.m. (when United Airlines flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pa.)

and 10:28 a.m. the time of the collapse of the North Tower.

The reading of the names will be finished in the early afternoon and then there will be a pause to reflect. Next, volunteers will read the name of each soldier who fought and died in service to, the United States of America since that day. That list has grown to 7,000 names.

At 7:08 p.m., taps will be played and at 9 p.m. the flag will be lowered. The reading of names will then be moved to the vestibule of the church, concluding sometime after 11 p.m. There will be a closing prayer at midnight.

For additional information, email Nick DeAngelis at patriotday1@comcast.net.

GOSHEN FAIR

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grams took turns in their new, large FFA barn, to host a petting zoo and offer explanations of some of the many areas that FFA students study these days. No longer just the future farmers of America, these students learn about environmentalism, aquaculture, floriculture, forestry and more.

Everyone seemed happy and friendly. There were very few masks on attendees, although most of the vendors and competitors wear masked.

The next big regional fair will be at the Bethlehem fair-ground from Sept. 10 to 12.

— Cynthia Hochswender



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Haley Leonard from Housatonic Valley Regional High School was in the FFA barn on Saturday, Sept. 4, during the Goshen Fair, explaining the intricacies of putting together a proper floral arrangement.

ARTS AND CULTURE

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Her main area of expertise is Afghanistan. She is the Monuments Woman around whom the podcast is organized.

She and Gavrilis became friends through their shared interest in cultural history in general and Afghanistan in particular; and it was Bruun who came up with the idea that they should team up and do a podcast (the first that Bruun has worked on).

"The idea had been floating around for a while. Laura has had the idea in her mind for 10 years that these treasures need to be talked about and not forgotten."

Gavrilis did a nine-hour oral history interview with Tedesco in spring. The initial idea was to create a documentary format, with narration and a story line.

"But realized what we had, with the intimacy of these conversations between two friends" and decided to run them in more of an interview style.

This has also allowed the trio to continue to make new episodes; the eighth was "dropped" last week and so far a total of 15 have been recorded. The conversations are all done with a sophisticated virtual conversation software that

allows Gavrilis (who is in New York City) and Tedesco (who is in Charleston, S.C.) to speak as though they are sitting side by side. The podcast production company does an initial edit and then Bruun (who is in Los Angeles) listens and makes notes before the final episode is released.

When the first episodes were made, there was some knowledge that the U.S. would withdraw soon from Afghanistan. But there is an immediacy to the events that have followed, with Gavrilis and Tedesco talking about current events as they also talk about ancient history, noting in one episode that Kandahar has just been seized by the Taliban.

Some of the conversation centers around Tedesco's own life and her decision to travel to a dangerous part of the world while her children are still young. But most of the conversation is about the beauty of Afghanistan and its people and culture — and the threat that exists to both with the takeover by the Taliban.

In an email conversation last week, Tedesco said she can't comment on what could happen now that the Taliban has returned to power. She did add

some details about her work:

"I moved to Kabul in July of 2010 and lived there full time for 16 months. In the winter of 2011, I returned to the States to continue working for the U.S. Dept of State's Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs in Washington, D.C., and I traveled to Afghanistan every few months. In total I have made 45 trips to Afghanistan in the past 9 years."

As the show continues, the conversation goes from more general observations about the nation and its history (including a spree of destruction of statues and other cultural treasures by the Taliban in the 1990s) to more specific observations about particular regions and works of art.

Bruun, who primarily makes documentary films, thinks that the podcast will likely become a film — which would allow the audience to actually see the places and works of art that Tedesco is describing.

The question is whether those works of art will still be around when it's possible for film crews to return to Afghanistan. Some of course can be seen in photographs. But it's possible that the descriptions Tedesco shares in Monuments

Woman will be the last evidence of many of these works.

Bruun feels hopeful that some of the works will be preserved.

"It's not an abandoned mission," he said. "Laura is in South Carolina but she is still working for the government. There is an intent and desire to keep going."

Of course many Afghanistan natives — especially those who helped the U.S. — are being brutally ended, there is the question of whether art matters anymore. This is one of the topics that Gavrilis and Tedesco discuss. There is no obvious answer; it's worth listening to hear the thoughtful discussion.

ALZHEIMER'S TALK

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strategies that proved useful to her.

"The biggest thing I learned was to go into my mother's reality and not argue," Cusato said.

"If someone insists that it's Wednesday, agree that it's Wednesday."

The important thing, Cusato advised, is to reduce agitation if the person is upset. Assure her often that she is safe where

she is.

The Alzheimer's Association maintains a 24/7 help line as a free service for caregivers, Cusato said. An expert on the line can offer advice on the spot for an ongoing dementia situation that needs to be dealt with immediately. Often, it's a matter of advice about what words to say to calm things down or return to normal. That help line number is 800-272-3900.



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Dec. 28, 78 South Road from Richard S. Ford and Margaret Ford Pudlinski to Richard J. Ford for \$400,000

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Dec. 30, 169 Cream Hill Road from Thomas G. Wolf to Lauren Taggart and Baxter Wasson for \$800,000

Jan. 19, 49 Pierce Lane from Sandra Lea Sandmeyer et al to Tatiana Kotchoubey for \$120,000

Jan. 21, 251 Furnace Brook Road from George T. Charleston to Michael Budden for \$499,000

Jan. 25, 256 Dibble Hill Road from Elizabeth Paley to Brian Martin for \$342,500

Jan. 28, 85 Cook Road from JP Morgan Chase Bank NA to Anthony Macchiaroli for \$80,000

Feb. 2, 15 Stone Hill Road from Amy B. Cupp and Scott D. Dragoo to Bente Dahl and Peter Busby for \$108,000

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9/11: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

An Artist Whose Studio Was in The North Tower Muses on 9/11

Donald Bracken now lives in Cornwall, Conn., but in the late 1990s he was living in New York City and working as an artist in a building that most of us think of as being largely dedicated to finance: The North Tower of the World Trade Center.

"Four of the artists in the show, myself included were in the pilot artist in residence program, launched by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council in 1997," Bracken said in an email last week.

"From 1997 to 2001, 130 artists worked in the World Trade Center in unused office spaces.

"The space where I worked was a 10,000-square-foot room on the 91st floor of the North Tower, that had the floor tiles removed and the ceiling tiles removed. You could see the pipes. There were no lights."

The show he mentioned, above, is one he created and curated for the Five Points Gallery in downtown Torrington, Conn., and features work by himself, Susan Crile, Charlotte



PHOTO OF WORK BY DON BRACKEN

Donald Bracken has curated a show of work at Five Points in Torrington, Conn., by himself and five other artists remembering the New York attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Ghiorse, Pamela Lawton, Gwinn Loman and Torild Stray. The show opened at the end of August and is on display until Sept. 25.

The terror attacks on the building where he had worked for four years obviously had an impact on him.

The 20th anniversary of those attacks was incentive enough to put this show together; the diffi-

cult withdrawal in recent weeks from Afghanistan — which coincides with that 20th anniversary — was not anticipated when Bracken proposed the show.

There was already a lot of thought and emotion kicking around in his head, all of it intensified in recent weeks. Bracken is trying to make sense of it.

Before the terror

attacks, Bracken said, "I made paintings looking through the windows of the North Tower of the World Trade Center on the 91st floor of New York City, a living organism, the landscape, the weather — from a vantage point that framed a world that no longer exists.

"My paintings that were

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BOOKS: DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

The Benefits Of Forgetting

The next time you misplace your glasses, lose your car keys, or can't recall someone's name, take heart. Forgetting is not necessarily a failure of your mind. It is a required function that helps your mind to work best.

That was the underlying message Dr. Scott A. Small, a physician specializing in aging and dementia, gave to about 70 participants during a recent Zoom presentation sponsored by Noble Horizons senior community in Salisbury, Conn.

Small is a professor of neurology and psychiatry at Columbia University, where he is director of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. During the hour-long presentation on Aug. 17, he discussed his latest book, "Forgetting: The Benefits of Not Remembering." The distinguished memory researcher offered insights into memory loss and Alzheimer's.

Forgetfulness, said Small (who splits his homes in Millerton,

N.Y., and New York City), is more than just normal: It's actually beneficial.

"If you know somebody who is bitter with pain, a tyrant, vengeful, antisocial, you know someone whose memory-forgetting balance is off," Small said. "Fear results when the brain burns too hot and operates on fear memories. You become antisocial and can't open up your heart to become prosocial."

When old information is pushed out of the brain, he said, new memories form. Small explained that a structure buried deep in the brain's temporal cortex, the hippocampus, allows the brain to save memories. An area in the prefrontal cortex, located behind our foreheads, is the area that helps us open and retrieve memories.

Whenever you save a document onto your computer hard drive, Small explained, or open a previously stored file, you are playing with your computer's memory just as

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

10:00 AM

Freedom in Black & White

Tyler Stovall, author of *White Freedom: The Racial History of an Idea* in conversation with Manisha Sinha, author of *The Slave's Cause: A History of Abolition*.

12:00 PM

"A Soul Admitted to Itself": Solitude, Sociability, and Poetry

Fenton Johnson, author of *At the Center of All Beauty: Solitude and the Creative Life*, in conversation with Margaret Gibson, CT State Poet Laureate, and author of *The Glass Globe: Poems*.

2:30 PM

The Hidden Lives of Ordinary Things

Object Lesson Series: Dinah Lenney, author of *Coffee*, Kim Adrian, author of *Sock*, and Matthew Battles, author of *Tree*, in conversation on the lessons we learn from objects in our lives.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

10:00 AM

"I Caught This Morning Morning's Minion, Kingdom of Daylight's Dauphin..."

A bird walk on Dennis Hill (CT State Park) with Sharon Audubon Center director Eileen Fielding.

1:00 PM

"What It's Like to Be a Bird"

David Allen Sibley is the author of *What It's Like to Be a Bird: From Flying to Nesting, Eating to Singing - What Birds Are Doing and Why*, as well as the author and illustrator of the series of guides to nature that bear his name, including *The Sibley Guide to Birds*.

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TREES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Photographs That Are Lovely, Dark and Deep

It's easy to take Tom Zetterstrom of North Canaan, Conn., for granted. He's always there, working hard to protect the trees of our landscape (especially the elms). He doesn't really ask for our help, he just ...gets to it. What he does ask for, however, is that we notice. That we notice the beauty around us, especially the beauty of the trees. And that we notice threats to those trees, notably the non-native invasive plants that choke them and make our roadsides and forests a) unsightly and b) un-

healthy and c) a haven for disease-bearing ticks. To help us see what we might otherwise miss, Zetterstrom tirelessly visits all our area towns and offers workshops on how to stop the spread of Japanese knotweed, or whatever is the most aggressive interloper in any given year. But he helps us notice in another way: Zetterstrom is an award-winning photographer whose work is not only in many museum and private collections, it's also in the Library of Congress. His photos are of

(yes) trees. That his work has earned so many accolades will clue you in to their beauty. The images are black-and-white silver gelatin prints, shot on a film camera, soft focus and ghostly. They make you understand what the druids meant when they said that spirits live in trees. The photos are usually in black and white, usually soft and glowy, always haunting. Someone described them recently as being shot "in portrait mode," with the background softened to the

point where it seems to disappear. For those of us who know Zetterstrom but perhaps have never seen his photographs, for those who already admire the beauty of the trees around us (in forests, in parking lots, on historic town greens) and want to see them get the loving artistic treatment they deserve, there is a show of his work opening Friday, Sept. 17, at the Berkshire Botanical Garden's Leonhardt Galleries. There will be an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. There are 36 of his images in Portraits of American Trees.

In addition to the gallery show, Zetterstrom will also offer three talks on the art of tree photography, on

Sundays Sept. 19 at 1 p.m. and Oct. 10 and 24 at 11 a.m.

And of course, because he is as passionate about protecting trees as he is about creating beautiful images of them, he will offer four talks in a series called Whose Woods These Are: Defeating Japanese Knotweed on the Wild and Scenic Housatonic River on Sept. 25 from 10 to 11 a.m.; History and Preservation of the American Elm in New England on Oct. 2 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.; Defeating Oriental Bittersweet and Protecting Standing Forests on Oct 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (there will be a cut-and-treat workshop along with the talk); and Pruning Young Elms, designed for arborists, tree

wardens, horticulturalists, and the public on Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to noon (again, the talk is followed by a hands-on workshop).

To find out more and to get directions, go to www.berkshirebotanical.org.



PHOTO BY TOM ZETTERSTROM

"Elm Street, 1978, Oblong Valley, CT"
Tom Zetterstrom of North Canaan, Conn., is more than just a photographer of trees and more than just a specialist in preserving and maintaining tree health. He is both. Learn more this month at his show and workshops at the Berkshire Botanical Gardens.

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in response to 9/11 are about fractured reality, mortality, healing.

"The perception of the omnipotence of NYC was shattered on 9/11.

"My work delves into the collective psychic wounds that are felt to this day and repeatedly reopened,

as in the recent events in Afghanistan. Through the lens of the windows of the World Trade Center, I remember the time before and after 9/11."

"Remembering Ground Zero: 20th Anniversary Show" is at Five Points Gal-

lery in Torrington, Conn., until Sept. 25.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and by appointment at 860-618-7222.

There will be a Meet the Artists Zoom talk on Friday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m.

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your brain does with your own.

By clicking open, he said, you can scroll through your saved files, retrieve the right one, and recall it to your computer screen. Similarly, the prefrontal cortex scrolls through and recalls saved memories.

When we sleep, Small told participants, we clear our minds and clear our slates. People who are sleep-deprived, he said, tend to have "too many memories that haven't been trimmed down."

For example, individuals suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) possess too many fear memories, resulting in brain malfunction. Small refers to this as the "brain burning too hot."

The forum also featured a question-and-answer portion, where participants posed questions such as: What kinds of tests are out there to determine if someone has

Alzheimer's or is simply experiencing normal forgetting, or age-related forgetting? What can people do to keep their brain healthy? Can microbes in the gut affect what is happening in the brain? How has COVID-19 affected the brain and memory?

If you were not able to attend the Noble Horizons presentation and would like to watch a replay of Small's talk and find the answers to the above questions, a recording of the event can be viewed on Noble Horizons' website, www.noblehorizons.org.

For a deeper dive into the mysteries of the brain and an explanation of how the right mix of forgetting and memory allows you to be emotionally healthy, Small's book, "Forgetting: The Benefits of Not Remembering," illuminates the mysteries of the brain with personal stories and the latest scientific data on the topic of memory and memory loss.

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EDITORIAL

Affordable housing already thrives; why not build more?

What does it mean that the current affordable housing in Northwest Corner towns is solidly booked, most often with waiting lists? According to Kent Affordable Housing's President Virginia Bush Suttman, their 24 units at South Common and 13 at Stuart Farm are fully occupied, and the group is always scouting for the next opportunities to help fulfill the need. Peter Halle, co-president of the Salisbury Housing Committee, says all 33 units at Faith House and Sarum Village I and II are full, with a long wait list. "That problem does not abate," he said.

Given that it is already the case that the affordable housing operating in each community is well-used, one would think each town could find enthusiastic support for additional housing that would serve those in the community who need to find homes that are easier to maintain and pay for. After all, can anyone point to those who already fully occupy such housing in each town as having any kind of a detrimental effect on their surroundings? On the contrary, they are in general very much part of communities in which they live and contribute to their continued vitality.

As Labor Day has just passed, it's a good time to take note of the employers in the area who are trying to fill positions crucial to their operations. If you've kept track of the help wanted ads in this newspaper alone, you will have noticed that the private and public schools as well as banks and health care facilities are searching for people to fill jobs. And in last week's Lakeville Journal, there were 18 educators in Region One who are either brand new or new to different positions at each school.

All these folks have to live somewhere, and wouldn't it be better if they could live closer by, rather than having to drive a distance to arrive at their jobs?

With the restrictions due to the global pandemic being pulled back somewhat, and in that many of the jobs in the area require in-person work no matter the circumstances, the need to provide more affordable housing in the region is only increasing.

Kudos to all those volunteers who have been working to find sites and strategies to build more such housing. The need is clear. It's the path to addressing that need that is often not clear enough, or easily agreed upon.

Now is the time to find common ground to make the current projects happen if our towns are going to be viable as fully functioning communities in the future, even the near future.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — September 1921

Miss Marian Burdick is teaching in the Undermountain district at South Canaan.

The week end auto travel was the heaviest thus far this season, the roads leading into the Berkshires resembled a procession those days.

Julius Dennis, the 11 year old son of John Dennis of Ore Hill, who was injured last Sunday morning when the horses of a milk team on which he was riding ran away, was able to leave Sharon Hospital on Tuesday. The team of John O'Holloran of Ore Hill became frightened at an automobile while passing under the railway bridge. Just what happened is difficult to learn but when the horses ran, young Dennis was thrown out, two wheels passing over the shoulder and upper part of the body, inflicting painful bruises, but it is not thought they are of a permanent or serious nature.

A.H. Heaton & Co.'s store is being improved by the construction of a cement front stoop to replace the former wooden one.

50 years ago — September 1971

Chief Circuit Court Judge John J. Daly notified selectmen in the towns of Salisbury and North Canaan Tuesday that local court sessions will end this month. The move stems from an effort by the Chief Court Administrator of the State of Connecticut, Justice John P. Cotter, to promote economy and efficiency by centralizing

court functions.

For the first time, the Housatonic Audubon Society will have a hawk watch in its own territory. On Sept. 18, birders will meet at 9 a.m. at the town hall in Salisbury to proceed to Cooper Hill, right across the border in Sheffield, Mass., to observe and report on the migration of hawks. The choice of this location is experimental. It is believed that western Connecticut is a major migration route for hawks and the birds have been sighted from this vantage point.

Salisbury Cemetery had a strange appearance Wednesday morning. Resident State Trooper Robert Smithwick found gravestones overturned, stone ornaments and urns grouped in small clusters and the flags from veterans' graves pulled up and planted in a Druidical circle around vandalized tombs. Trooper Smithwick is investigating the incident.

Michael Hickey of Lakeville was taken to Sharon Hospital in the Salisbury ambulance Sept. 2 after his car struck a deer on Route 41 near North Wales Farm. Mr. Hickey was treated in the emergency room for face lacerations but did not require hospitalization. The impact caused extensive damage to the front end of the car.

The road is roughed in at Rolling Hills, a subdivision of 52-plus acres off Route 41 between Lakeville and Sharon owned by Gordon Casey of Kent and Richard Schneider of Sharon. Subdivision approval was given to the owners last



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Settling Mist in Lime Rock

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the distant past:

A family's escape from Afghanistan

I was living in Alexandria, Egypt in the 1980s as my husband worked at that time at the regional offices of the World Health Organization. At a dinner party, an older man sitting next to me told me a story about his childhood. He was a Pashtun, an ethnic tribe living in Afghanistan and Pakistan. His grandfather was the chief of the village. In the middle of the night, he remembers as a child being lifted onto the saddle in front of his grandfather. He was told to be silent. The whole family quietly rode out into the night. They had to escape because the villagers were angry and they knew the grandfather supported the British. The family was fleeing for their lives.

That young child grew up to be a doctor at WHO. It was he who told me this story. I thought of him when I watched the people who supported Americans in Afghanistan try to flee. Centuries ago, after we won the American Revolutionary War the Loyalists, people who supported the British Crown, fled from the Colonies to Canada and Great Britain.

Sharon

Liz Piel

May by the Planning Commission for the land to be divided into 19 building lots.

Funeral services were held Friday from the Newkirk Funeral Home for North Canaan's last resident physician and a longtime servant of the community, Dr. Robert Cowan Sellow Jr. of North Elm Street. Dr. Sellow died last Wednesday afternoon in Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington, the victim of a lengthy illness. He was born Dec. 10, 1907, in Mill River, Mass., the son of Harriet (Prout) Sellow of Canaan and the late Dr. Robert C. Sellow. He lived in Canaan most of his life.

Three Winsted men have purchased the 105-acre Canaan Country Club, according to a warranty deed filed this week in the North Canaan town clerk's office. Former owner William Michel Jr. has sold the property to Earle Julian, Dr. Erly Paul Gallo and Dr. Francis Gallo.

Top drivers in the L&M Grand Prix at Lime Rock Park on Labor Day afternoon were David Hobbs of England who won the Formula A race, and Sam Posey of Sharon, who came in second after leading for the first 15 laps.

25 years ago — September 1996

After Oct. 4, Southern New England Telephone will not put through calls within Connecticut that have the wrong area code. For Northwest Corner SNET subscribers, this means the official end of "203" and its replacement by the call numbers "860." The new call

number has been in use since August 1995, but some subscribers have been reluctant to make the change involving as it does new business cards, new stationery and new fax numbers.

Daniel Ayers, a mechanic with Brewer Brothers Chrysler dealership in Canaan for 16 years, was honored recently for earning master technician status for the past five years. Mr. Ayers was presented with a mantel clock inscribed with his name and achievement.

North Star Video owners Dominic and Nettie Frasca this week purchased the former Watta Crete building on Railroad Street next to the Canaan Market. In a matter of weeks they expect to move and reopen as North Star Video Warehouse, occupying what was once actually used as a warehouse. Two office suites at the front of the building (one currently occupied by Alternative Employment) will be renovated to become a Chester Fried Chicken and Ribs franchise.

These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible.

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Saigon falls again

Saigon falls again, but it has changed its name to Kabul.

You can bet on one thing. If you ask any one of the scores of millions of chthonic Republicans, of whom there are legion, they will tell you the following.

One, never trust the Taliban and two, it would not take the scraggly cootie-infested beards six months or six weeks

or six days, what about six hours?, to overrun Afghanistan.

The Rethuglicans who live under the

earth will tell you that! Mucker Carlson, his mouth filled with grubs, will tell you that.

And that women and girls will take it in the neck and every other part of the anatomy.

I am a big Joe and Kamala fan, but who is advising them, Secretaries Winkin, Blinken and Nod?

We have, what, 28,000 troops in Korea, some 70 years after the war's end? Oh, sorry, it was never declared a war, but will forever be dubbed a "conflict", but we cannot leave 2500 in Afghanistan to give the country a modicum of stability? There have been no casualties there since February 2020 and we have kept the Mangies at bay.

Now, well now, did you note the photo of one of them raising his rifle to strike a woman who dared to stand in line with her family trying to leave the country? What temerity! Back to the cave, Hussy!

Now Americans have been warned to stay away from the airport. The Pentagon insists the airport is secured. Really? What about getting to the air-

port? Uber, anyone? Do we tip the driver? Will he be blown up by an I.E.D.? Or beheaded, perhaps.

As we come up on the 20th anniversary of 9/11 — can you believe it? — let us not forget that 15 of the 17 hijackers were Saudis, pals of Master Saw Bones, Crown Prince MSB, and did we go to war with Saudi Arabia? Or did not the twice-

lost Schlumpf visit that land as one of his first official acts?

Irony, thy name is DJT, which

sounds awfully close to DDT, the now banned herbicide. If we ever get around to convicting the former — I know, fat chance, less fat than the Duffer — perhaps he will be banned as well. Hope springs infernal.

I am reading "On This Earth, We Are Briefly Gorgeous" by Ocean Vuong, who came here as a child with his Vietnamese parents fleeing that first Saigon.

He recalls his mother, hearing her first Fourth of July, being terrified at the "mortars" coming. She is being taken back to Vietnam. A riveting scene.

Out of great suffering sometimes comes great art. This time I would give up whatever great art comes out of the Afghan experience, if I could eliminate the great suffering. Ars longa; Dolor longer.

May there not be a third Saigon. Peace and Blessings on us all.

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When vaccines were celebrated and diseases were eliminated

Those of us who came of age around the middle of the last century remember with sorrow and horror the annual polio plagues and the fear of getting polio, also known as infantile paralysis, a crippling disease that impacted our growing up summers.

We remember too the fearsomely named iron lung, a huge mechanical

respirator that enclosed most of a polio victim's body to enable the sufferer — often a child — to breathe. And we remembered not being allowed to go swimming and sometimes having to stay indoors, not going out to play in some summer months.

And then, in 1955, my senior year in college, we received the good news about a vaccine discovered by a University of Pittsburgh scientist named Jonas Salk. Salk's injected vaccine was followed by the Sabin oral vaccine a few years later and their application was enthusiastically welcomed.

Polio was gradually controlled as the vaccines did their jobs. But it took a while. By 1988, there were still as many as 300,000 cases worldwide, mostly in Asia and Africa. But by 2017, there were just 22, according to the World Health Organization.

So why are things so different today? Why are we a nation divided about something as advantageous as a vaccine by politics, region and even faith in science? True, we were more innocent then, possibly more willing to believe what science taught us, to believe that government existed to help and protect its people. Not exactly misconduct.

But today, there are those who would insist we were more ignorant then, more gullible, more accepting of questionable conduct from scientific and governmental institutions.

There is, of course, one principal reason for this change in logical thinking. In those days we were without the mixed blessings of the internet and social media. We were principally informed by news disseminated in the newspapers and on television and to a lesser extent, on the radio.

True, these media were not always bias free. Readers selected newspapers whose editorial pages contained mainly positions agreeable to them. The popularity of television news depended on the acceptance of the anchorman and people like CBS's Walter Cronkite, and NBC's David Brinkley and Chet Huntley were widely admired and believed. For two decades, even during times of strongly disputed political positions, Walter Cronkite was considered the most trusted man in America.

Politicians like Joe McCarthy, George Wallace and lesser known demagogues did have some success in dividing us on particular issues but there was nothing like today's web sites, with official or patriotic-sounding names, causing a person to believe something merely because he read or heard it on the internet.

There was no cable news and radio was mostly an entertainment medium. The most popular talk show on the most powerful radio station in the state, WTIC, was Mikeline, which featured disputes over recipe ingredients. When a caller brought up a serious issue for discussion, he was sternly told by the announcer that "we do not discuss controversial topics."

And when it came to science and medicine, we were united in thanks when a vaccine came along that led to the elimination or the drastic reduction of diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough, measles and other often fatal diseases.

Finally, I should cite one

more fact about Jonas Salk and the character of the best of our people way back then. Salk was 34 years old when he began working in 1948 in a small lab at the University of Pittsburgh to determine the different strains of poliovirus and develop a vaccine for them.

He found it seven years later and was immediately and rightfully hailed as a miracle worker and national hero. On the popular CBS interview program, Person to Person, Salk was interviewed by the great broadcaster Edward R. Murrow, who told him, "Young man, a great tragedy has befallen you, you have lost your anonymity."

Then Murrow asked, "Who owns this patent?" Salk replied, "Well, the people, I would say. There is no patent. Could you patent the sun?"

Today, if the money was right, they'd try.

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Small world, deeply worrying events

They say as you get older, you know more people, have more connections. And, yes, that's true. What catches up to you, every once in a while, is just how common events and facts may be — so common that you suddenly find yourself knowing so many similar events when you never expected even one.

I now have five friends and colleagues who have been struggling every hour of every day to get trusted people and families out of Afghanistan. Some have tried to get families past the Taliban to the airport and, hopefully, into the American sector. People calling each other hourly, seek faxes and emails with paperwork, stamped by the U.S. State Department or the UK Ministry or the French government, to

wave in front of machine-gun waving Taliban regulars opposing their leaving to safety.

No one is fooled with Taliban verbal promises that these interpreters, employees, of "the West," have nothing to fear. The reality has been threats, physical and verbal abuse, children terrorized and never to be forgotten, guns being pointed in faces — including children's.

In the same way you may have heard of Kevin Bacon's game of six degrees of separation, let me assure you that if you look into it, you have less separation than six degrees to get to men, women, children

who have been in harm's way, outcast in their own country as it implodes into civil war.

Make no mistake, the Taliban may seem to have control, but that's a momentary illusion. And within the Taliban there are factions ranging from bloodthirsty terrorists to men who want to make money and retain power. Outside of the Taliban there are pro-Western holdout communities who are arming and getting ready for civil war.

Caught between are these families, these devoted interpreters, assistants to the media, these local coordinators for decades of media and business

interests' needs. Yes, if you look for the connection to you, you can find it — it's less than six degrees of separation, that's how small the world is now. These people are known to you — it is personal and that's why you should care.

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A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

PETER RIVA

Outside of the Taliban there are pro-Western holdout communities who are arming and getting ready for civil war.

My most recent revelation: I am finally, undeniably, a grownup

You can always think that the world is an orderly place when growing up as a kid and surrounded by grownups who look like they know exactly what they're talking about.

Growing up as an 11 or 12 year old kid, I was always aware of the conversations of the grownups like my father, uncles and neighbors, as they were debating, and each offering their own version of the current events. And I still remember how the grownups, whether in the churchyard or the backyard of a house, as they sipped on their sweetened teas, discussed, argued and at times raised their fists up in the air to make sure the point they were making was loud and clear. And even though at times a mere discussion on a mundane topic turned out to be a shouting match, it provided to my childish mind a sense of comfort and security knowing that regardless of how bad things were, the grownups were in charge and somehow they will find a reasonable and just solution for all the challenges we were facing at the time.

But my confidence and my complete reliance on the wisdom of the grownups shattered, actually on the exact date when the entire world anxiously waited for the scheduled historical moment of the first humans

landing on the moon. I remember vividly how so many of our neighbors actually purchased their first black & white TV sets so they could watch the landing in their own homes with their family members and friends. Since we didn't have a TV set, my family went to my aunt's house where we watched a real human being who actually landed and walked on the moon, a vision that for my childish and innocent mind could have only happened in a fairy tale.

Unfortunately, this fantastic event, which was regarded as the triumph of all mankind, suddenly was transformed into what we call nowadays, "fake news." How so? Many of the grown ups began spreading the belief that this whole thing about Americans landing on the moon was simply a made-up story and it was all staged.

"These people walking on the moon are nothing but actors on a Hollywood movie set," they said. And astonishingly people not only believed in but singlemindedly negated and refused to acknowledge the brilliance of human ingenuity and

scientific triumph. That was the first time my childish mind had to struggle to decide if what I witnessed on TV was the real thing or if it was just a reality show. But from that moment on my trust in the wisdom of the adults evaporated in my consciousness.

It seems that not much has changed from the days of the first humans landing on the moon, and as a child I grew up deciding between a lie and the truth. Nowadays everyone, regardless of age, acts like a grownup. And unlike in the olden age where there was a sense of what's right and what's wrong, and there were the good guys and the bad guys, and one trusted the members of their own families, in our current age you can't even trust your own brother or sister who have been brainwashed into believing in something that is totally misguided and inaccurate.

This is when I decided to examine, at least within my own mind, and redefine the concept of growing up and what being an adult means to me. Unlike my own elders who punched

the table and screamed at the top of their lungs to make their point of view to be heard, I decided that simply listening and observing is far wiser than trying to convince those for whom deception and myth is the only truth.

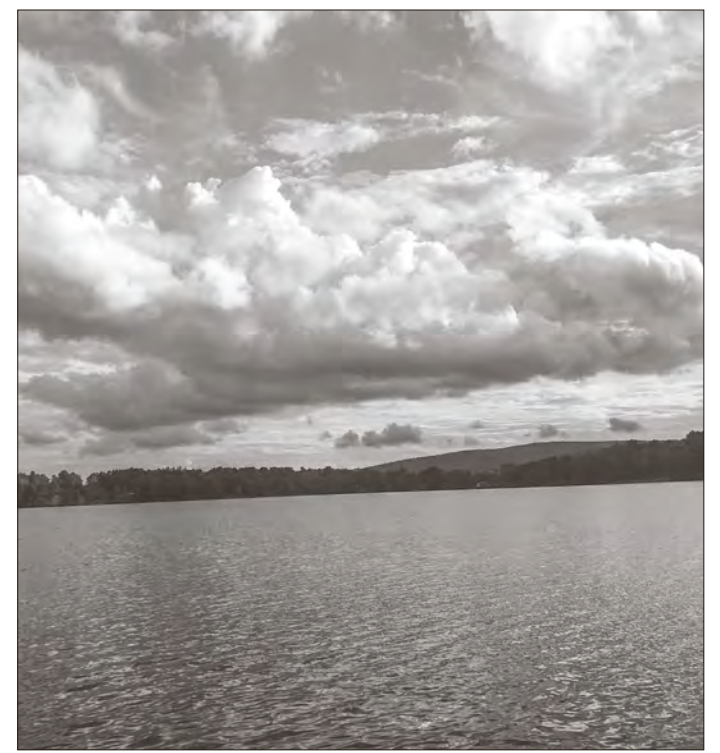
Of course, such an easy-going and a non-aggressive approach would be viewed by my elders as being weak and spineless, but for me it is a sign of growing up and that I am becoming a man in my own right. Hey, I can't even believe I am saying this, but I am finally a grownup.

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I AM WIDE AWAKE

VAROUJAN FROUNDJIAN

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