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## Cannons sound and bagpipes lament

By Patrick L. Sullivan

NORTH CANAAN — At 8:46 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, a cannon boomed and bagpipe music began at the Church of St. Joseph on Route 44.

It was part of a ceremony remembering the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

An enormous American flag, suspended from a fire truck ladder, hung over a tent. Outside the tent was a memorial to the 13 military personnel recently killed in Afghanistan.

Inside were exhibits about the 2001 attacks, and a space for a flag-draped coffin.

The cannon sounded at 8:46 a.m., 9:03 a.m., 9:37 a.m., and 10:03 a.m., commemorating the times when hijacked airplanes hit the two World Trade Center buildings in New York, and the Penta-

gon, and when the final flight crashed in a Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11, 2001.

After the 9:03 a.m. cannon firing, a reader began intoning the names of the victims, beginning with American Airlines Flight 11.

The cannon was provided by the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment. Commanding officer David Wilson noted the First Litchfield is a privately chartered militia under state law.

The resounding boom was created with a charge of 6 ounces of black powder.

Lee Collins of Lime Rock was the bagpiper.

Traffic was halted momentarily on Route 44 for the cannon shots.

The prevailing mood was quiet and somber. Small groups of people came, looked at the exhibits, exchanged a few words, and waited for the cannon to sound again.



Remembering 9/11



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN  
Lee Collins, above, offered a bagpipe salute during the 9/11 memorial, accompanied by a cannon blast.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department volunteer Skip Kosciusko, at left, spoke with Cornwall resident Richard Schlesinger following a ceremony honoring the volunteers who assisted with Schlesinger's July medical emergency. The recognition event was held on Sunday, Sept. 5.

## First Responders More than just 'heroes'

By Leila Hawken

reached 89 degrees.

CORNWALL — As a closing chapter in the remarkable story of Cornwall resident and CBS News correspondent Richard Schlesinger's dramatic rescue from a July medical emergency, the spotlight turned to shine on the First Responders, each of whom played a part in the multi-faceted rescue. A ceremony to honor their service was held on Sunday, Sept. 5, at the West Cornwall Fire House.

Having collaborated in responding to the emergency call, 19 First Responders were gathered and introduced by Elizabeth Ridgway, captain of the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) team. She reported that the group came from the Litchfield County Dispatch office (the region's 911 service, known as LCD), the Connecticut State Police, the fire department and Northern Dutchess Paramedics.

"Emergencies do not occur on schedule," she said. All had answered the call to service on July 17, when the morning temperature had already

The 911 call came in at 11:41 a.m. As the situation unfolded, three dispatchers were actively engaged. The confluence of their efforts and the rapid response of volunteers dispatched to the scene was likely what saved Schlesinger's life, Ridgway said.

Their efforts brought Schlesinger safely to Hartford Hospital for what ended up being quadruple-bypass surgery — and an ultimate assessment that the episode had resulted in no cardiac damage for the patient.

"I had no idea that so many people were involved," Schlesinger said, praising each and every person involved.

"I make my living with words," he said, and yet, looking out at the faces gathered at the local firehouse, he acknowledged that words were hard to find.

"I owe you guys a lot. Thank you for saving my life," he said. "What an incredible effort this was and how incredibly grateful I need to be.

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## Practicing on Lakeville's courts for an Olympic win



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Marcus Daniell, at left in photo, practiced in Lakeville in preparation for his bronze medal win in doubles tennis at the Tokyo Olympics. After retiring from tennis, he will devote his time to philanthropic work.

By Leila Hawken

SALISBURY — When the men's doubles duo representing New Zealand earned the Bronze medal during the Tokyo 2020 Olympics recently, the lights were on in Salisbury, signaling a joyous distant connection to the win and all that went into it.

The story begins with the COVID-19 pandemic that brought world-class tennis star Marcus Daniell, representing his home country of New Zealand, to

stay with his future in-laws, Kathy and Michael Voldstad in Salisbury. There he would continue his Olympic training as protected as possible from the virus.

Pre-pandemic Olympics plans were built on the expectation that the family would travel to Tokyo, but it was not to be. Kathy Voldstad shared her memories of her son-in-law's Olympic victory, viewed on home screens.

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## Understanding town plans: what they are, why they matter

By Cynthia Hochswender

KENT — The Town Plan of Conservation and Development, or POCD, is for most people either mysterious or completely uninteresting.

But it shouldn't be.

People who live in and come to the Northwest Corner of Connecticut are almost always drawn here by the beauty of the houses, the lawns, the fields, the forests.

It is, largely, planning and zoning regulations that define and protect all that beauty, and what used to be known as "rural character."

The document that essentially creates a town's zoning regulations is the town plan.

Glenn Chalder has been a town planning consultant in Connecticut for about four decades. In the Northwest Corner he has worked

on zoning-related projects with Salisbury, Falls Village, Norfolk and Cornwall. He is now guiding Kent through the process of updating its town plan.

In the early stages of working on a town plan update, he said, the goal is to draw out of people what matters to them and how they want their town to look.

He divides topics into three categories. The first is conservation.

"What does a community want to protect or preserve: open space, historic resources, natural resources, the kind of things that make a community feel special to people."

The second category is development.

"How do you want to guide growth or change? The world is changing quite a bit. Town centers are important — but they're struggling in the age of the internet; why drive downtown when I can order what I need online?"

"If someone drives into town to the hardware store,

*"What does a community want to protect or preserve: open space, historic resources, natural resources, the kind of things that make a community feel special to people."*

they might stop to get coffee or groceries. But now they're not going to that hardware store.

"So you're looking at business and economic development. Where do people work? How do we address housing needs? I worked with Norfolk on their plan, which identified housing costs as a major impediment to attracting younger people to town."

The third topic is infrastructure.

"These are the services and facilities that a community needs: transportation, cell phone service, high-speed internet, libraries, town halls, police, fire."

If you can get community input on those three topics, Chalder said, "that is how you get a successful town plan."

And once that town plan

is voted on and accepted by the members of a town's planning and zoning commission (which is responsible for the town plan), it's important to then translate that vision for the future growth of the community into planning and zoning regulations.

Every town has slightly different priorities for its town plan, Chalder said. In Kent, he has the general sense that people don't necessarily want regulations to tell homeowners what their houses should look like. But, he said, they care about the village center.

Like most towns along the Housatonic River, they also care about the horizon line.

"The Housatonic River Management Plan that was

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### Three-day forecast

**Friday**..... **Thunderstorms, high 77°/low 70°**  
**Saturday** ..... **Rain, 83°/72°**  
**Sunday** ..... **Cloudy, 85°/70°**

## 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.

### Disturbance

On Sept. 6 at approximately 4:30 a.m. Troop B responded to a report of a disturbance on Lower Road in North Canaan. Following an investigation, Fawn Rosier, 30, of North Canaan was charged with breach of peace in the second degree. She was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 7.

### Struck a fire hydrant

On Sept. 7 at approximately 8:45 a.m. on Miner Street in Falls Village a 2020 Ford Eco-sport driven by Bonita Greenwood, 70, of Falls Village drove off the roadway and struck a fire hydrant. Greenwood was issued a verbal warning for failure to maintain the lane.

### Multiple Subaru collision

On Sept. 7 at approximately

4:30 p.m. a 1999 Subaru Forester driven by John Thomas Zetterstrom, 76, of North Canaan took a left turn onto Railroad Street in North Canaan, failing to grant the right of way and causing a collision with a 2004 Subaru Legacy driven by Richmond Shirlock, 49, of North Canaan. Zetterstrom then reversed his vehicle and backed into a 2019 Subaru Ascent driven by Amy Helminiak, 45, of North Canaan. Zetterstrom was issued an infraction for failure to obey a stop sign.

### Disturbance

On Sept. 8 at approximately

## Marches for women's rights

There will be two marches in the Northwest Corner on Saturday, Oct. 2, as part of the nationwide event sponsored by Women's March Global to protest the recently passed abortion legislation in Texas.

One group will meet at 10 a.m. at Kent Town Hall. Another group will gather at 2 p.m. on the Green in front of The White Hart in Salisbury. All are welcome to participate.

6 p.m. Troop B responded to a report of a disturbance on Main Street in North Canaan. Following an investigation, Mateo Quintana-Bringas, 30, of North Canaan was charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the third degree. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 9.

### DUI

On Sept. 9 at approximately 11:30 p.m. on Belgo Road in Salisbury, Troop B investigated a report of a vehicle parked with an unconscious driver. After failing a standardized field sobriety test, Jason Leonard, 39, of Lakeville was charged with operating a motor vehicle

under the influence of alcohol or drugs. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 24.

### Struck a tree and fled

On Sept. 10 at approximately 11:45 p.m. on Salmon Kill Road in Salisbury a 2008 Toyota Tacoma struck a tree off the side of the road. The vehicle then fled the scene. The collision is under investigation.

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](mailto:cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com).

## 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.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.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@salisburyct.us](mailto:aconroy@salisburyct.us). Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

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 Martin Whalen, Secretary  
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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.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.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@salisburyct.us](mailto:aconroy@salisburyct.us). Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

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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 Cleaveland 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

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# Our Towns

## The sun shone on the Cornwall Ag Fair



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Donated apples were fed into a manual cider press operated by volunteer Dean Saccardi at the Cornwall Agricultural Fair on Saturday, Sept. 11.

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Celebrating the return of the annual Cornwall Agricultural Fair, after a year of pandemic hiatus, the community turned out in large numbers to visit the exhibits, buy farm products, see the animals, picnic on food truck fare, and visit with neighbors.

The fair was held on the Town Green on Saturday, Sept. 11, under sunny skies.

“Another spectacular day,” said state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) as she circulated.

One of the anticipated highlights was the awarding of prizes for the Barnyard Animals project initiated by the Cornwall Association to benefit the Cornwall Woman’s Society Scholarship Fund.

Representing the Cornwall Association was Treasurer Casey Cook, who presented awards of \$50 each to first and second place winners in three categories. First place for cows went to Bridge It The Cow by Leanne Percy; second place went to Miss Amoorica by Kolleen Pinette. For the roost-

er, it was Rainbow The Rooster by Jessie Bate and Colonel Cockerel by Jessica Sampias. For the pigs, it was Oreo by Connie Steuerwalt and Penelope Pig by Denise Bate.

Cook reported that all of the barnyard animal entries found permanent homes through an online auction that raised \$3,325 to benefit the Scholarship Fund of the Cornwall Woman’s Society.

Woman’s Society member Wendy Weinberg announced that the group’s popular Rummage Sale is expected to be held next summer; volunteers are planning now.

“Keep your stuff until next summer,” she urged all potential donors.

There was a pause at noon as everyone gathered at the flagpole to honor lives lost on and since Sept. 11, 2001. Bagpiper Lee Collins of Lime Rock played “Amazing Grace” and gently segued into “Auld Lang Syne.”

The Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller of the Cornwall United Church of Christ said in a prayer, “We honor those who rushed in; hear the prayers of our hearts.”

## Vote on West Cornwall wastewater project Nov. 20

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — The project to install a wastewater system in West Cornwall is wending its way through a process that could bring federal funding to the town. In anticipation of that, the Board of Selectmen, met on Tuesday, Sept. 7, and established a schedule for residents to consider and vote on the project this fall.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said the funding could cover 80% of the project. The funds are expected to be awarded in early December. The project is in the House Appropriations Committee’s budget, currently awaiting Senate approval.

For its part, the town must vote on the project before the end of the year.

Steering clear of the Nov. 2 municipal elections, the selectmen selected the referendum target date of Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Building back from the projected referendum date, there must be a town meeting held two weeks before the referendum. In advance of the town meeting, a public

hearing would be scheduled in mid-October, allowing for the Cornwall Chronicle to publish details of the plan in its October issue.

Details would also be posted on the town’s website at the same time, and will be included in The Lakeville Journal.

This year there will be more stringent voting regulations in place, Ridgway said.

If a voter is in town, voting must be done in person. Absentee ballots will only be available if the voter is not in town or has a medical condition preventing travel to the polling location. A concern about COVID-19 will no longer be accepted as a reason for voting absentee, he explained.

“It’s hard to peg town action on a potential Congressional vote,” Ridgway said, but if the town votes to authorize going ahead with the West Cornwall project, the project can then move forward if the approximately \$3 million is awarded.

“This fall is the time to vote,” Ridgway said, adding that he has been in contact with the town’s bond counsel about the process and the timing.

## Looking for liability on affordable housing funds

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Last month, Board of Finance member Lou Timolat and Selectman Dave Barger spoke directly (via Zoom) with Miguel Rivera, Housing and Community Development Manager at the state Department of Housing, and asked if the town has any liability for the Falls Village Housing Trust’s (FVHT) River Road affordable housing development.

Timolat and Barger reported to the Board of Finance on Monday, Sept. 13. Timolat said the primary question for Rivera was not whether the town has a responsibility for the correct use of grant funds. “We always do,” he said. “We always will.”

Nor was the question about what happens if a given project runs afoul of environmental or archaeological regulations, he continued.

The question Timolat and Barger wanted answered was can the state “claw back hundreds of thousands of dollars” in grant funds if the housing is not completed within the designated seven-year period?

The answer from Rivera was

“yes.”  
 “The town has significant liability at the tail end” of the process, Timolat reported.

“This doesn’t address likelihood,” he added.

They asked Rivera whether the town and the housing trust could enter into a supplemental agreement to protect the town against liability. Again Rivera said yes.

Timolat said the questions were strictly about money and liability, not about the politics of affordable housing.

He then made a motion that a committee be formed of finance Chair Dick Heinz and member Dan Silverman to create an agreement between the town and the Falls Village Housing Trust to protect the town against liability if the housing for some reason does not get built. The motion passed unanimously.

During the Board of Selectmen’s meeting immediately following, Daly Reville (an alternate on the finance board who has been raising concerns about town liability) asked whether the finance board’s request for a compre-

hensive opinion from the town attorney on the matter would be met. Barger said one of the purposes of the Zoom meeting with Rivera was to get enough information in order to ask the attorney the right questions.

During public comment at the finance meeting, Jandi Hanna, FVHT president, said there are two situations in which the town would be liable for repaying the Community Development Block Grant: if the town mismanages the funds, and if the housing doesn’t get built.

She cited Rivera as saying that there have been “hundreds” of grants in the state that proceeded according to plan.

She also said it was “rep- rehensible” that opponents of the River Road housing had been allowed to “influence” the Board of Finance.

She said “misinformation from opponents” had divided the town, not the River Road housing.

Colter Rule noted that the town is specified as the responsible entity on the grant application, and wondered what the benefit to the neighborhood would be.

A letter from Laura Werntz also noted the town as the responsible entity.

Denise Cohn, during public comment at the selectmen’s meeting, said she was familiar with the grant process through her work with the Falls Village Children’s Theater, adding that there was some town liability in that case as well, and it’s the town attorney’s job to protect the town.

## Tours and talks offer library project updates

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon last week presented the first in a series of information sessions about the renovation and expansion.

Lorna Edmundson, chair of the Capital Campaign, led one session on Zoom on Thursday, Sept. 9.

Several Zoom events planned through September and October will offer additional opportunities to learn about the details of the project, which was many years in the making. The aim is to nurture engagement within the community, to celebrate the progress — and to encourage residents to consider donating before construction begins.

“Fundraising is going well,” Edmundson reported, noting that the campaign is entering its home stretch toward the original \$3 million goal.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2022 and be completed within nine or 10 months, Edmundson said.

The concept of the project has been to meet the 21st-century needs of library users, including access for handicapped patrons, comfortable reading and public meeting spaces, and efficient access to technology. Throughout, every aspect of the renovation has remained sensitive to the architectural integrity of interior and exte-

rior historic features.

For residents who would prefer tours in person, they will be offered on Saturday mornings including Sept. 18 and 25, and Oct. 2, 9 and 16. All sessions at the library will begin at 11 a.m.

The schedule of updates, Zoom links and more information about the construction and the events, photos and even a fly-over virtual tour can be found on the library’s website at <https://hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org>.



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# Our Towns

## Breakfast and lunch options continue to grow in Kent

By Cynthia Hochswender

KENT — A dark secret of the restaurant industry is that the long hours and high stress can take a toll on workers, leaving some with addiction issues.

Jason Perillo has seen evidence of this often in his years as vice president of communications and chief marketing officer for High Watch Recovery Center in Kent.

Therefore it's not surprising, and it's actually very logical, that High Watch has opened a restaurant in the village, staffed in part by alumni and clients of that facility's program, and called Wilson's by High Watch.

"All of our staff are individuals who are in recovery themselves, and the vast majority of them come from a culinary background," Perillo said.

It's lemons into lemon cake situation. Thanks to the large number of restaurant workers (front of house and in the kitchen) who have successfully returned to work, High Watch has been able to get advice and guidance "from our alumni network, with so many individ-

uals who are incredibly talented and have helped us develop a well-rounded menu."

A similar program has had great success in Falls Village, where the Mountainside Café on Route 7 is run and staffed by people in recovery at Mountainside in North Canaan.

It's been helpful for clients to get slowly back into the work world, while in a safe and supported environment. Working at a restaurant can be stressful; clients can be rude and the ebb and flow of diners is unpredictable. It helps people in recovery if they can get some practice working their way through the strains before they are back on their own in the world.

"The staff is a great mix of well-trained, established culinary talents who will have the opportunity to train individuals who don't yet have all the skills they need but are eager to acquire them," Perillo said.

Wilson's by High Watch had a slow opening early in August. It is in the renovated space that was formerly home to Kent Coffee and Chocolate (which is now up the road a piece, on

Main Street).

Its name comes from Bill Wilson, "who was the founder of Alcoholics Anonymous and one of the founders of High Watch back in 1939," Perillo said. "He stepped on the property in the fall of that year and immediately knew there was something special about it."

High Watch continues to expand and innovate. Wilson's is the newest addition to the roster of the center's offerings — and it's one with immediate benefits to the town of Kent and its visitors as well as to the center's clients and alumni.

There's an extensive menu (with scrumptious online photos) of dishes and drinks that can be ordered in person or online for pickup.

"We wanted to offer not just coffee and baked goods but really put on the menu a full array of breakfast and lunch options, everything from a build-your-own-breakfast sandwich option to a wide array of sandwich and salad options for lunch," Perillo said.

The café had really only been open for one weekend



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Wilson's by High Watch is now open on Main Street, Thursday through Monday for breakfast and lunch.

when Perillo was interviewed, but at that point, he said, "Our two big sellers have been the build-your-own-breakfast, which is available all day, and

the fried chicken biscuit for lunch."

There are plenty of light and healthy options as well, with lots of vegetable dishes.

Although there are now several excellent small eateries in the center of Kent, Perillo said that the intention is not to compete with them.

"Restaurants do well generally when they're surrounded by other restaurants," he said.

"We are one more addition to what is already a wonderful offering of eateries in downtown Kent and we want every single one of them to succeed."

To see menu items and prices (and to order online), go to <https://wilsonshighwatch.com/>. The restaurant is at 10 N. Main St. and the phone number is 959-300-0080. The café is open Thursday through Monday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Out and about at Labor Day art sale in Cornwall



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

CORNWALL — The traditional Labor Day Art Sale at the Cornwall Library kicked off on Friday, Sept. 3, with a cocktail reception. The show continued through Labor Day Monday.

The community turned out to greet one another and view works on display, happy to be back in each other's company after a year of quarantine.

Sales benefited the Cornwall library and its programs.

— Leila Hawken



## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at area town halls in 2020-21.

### Cornwall

March 2, 179 Warren Hill Road from Cynthia Parkinson and Melissa Tucker to Jason Robert Klein and Douglas Joseph Kane for \$250,000

March 11, Cream Hill Road from Catherine and John Guilsher to Fred Erik Nilsen for \$75,000

March 22, 11 River Road South from Anna Christine Gray and Hollenbeck LLC to Melani and Richard King for \$335,000; and 8 Twixt Road from Louise R. Riley to Erika and Travis Feehan for \$705,000

April 6, 187 Warren Hill Road from Legull LLC to David Beahm for \$530,000

April 14, Valley Road from Jean C. Beacon and Jean B.

Bryant to Cornwall Conservation Trust, Inc. for \$150,000

April 21, 120 Dibble Hill Road from Olive B. Goddard to James Herity and Elizabeth Mitchell for \$93,000

April 26, 23 Kent Road from 23 Kent Road So LLC to Jose Gonzales for \$347,500

April 27, 91 Cemetery Hill Road from June L. and John W. Dinneen to Elizabeth Martins for \$225,000

April 28, 57 Todd Hill Road from Maureen E. Prentice to Melissa Gamwell and Kevin Greenberg for \$685,000

May 3, 68 Whitcomb Hill Road from Paul H. Baren Est. to Daniel Seth Kammerman and Abigail Esther Gelfand for \$995,000

May 10, 31 Woodruff Lane. from Derek A. and Kim L. Jacobs and Pauline Sobotka to Fabian Astic for \$930,000.

## Clothesline Art Show Sept. 18

SALISBURY — Salisbury Family Services' Clothesline Art Show and Sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. under a tent on the Green at The White Hart.

Forty Salisbury resident artists and artisans will be there displaying and selling their work. Admission is free and artists may keep all proceeds; this sale is an opportunity for Salisbury Family Services to offer thanks to artists in town.

There will be early buying opportunities for event sponsors from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Free admission; masks required. There will be a silent auction of a drawing donated by Alan McCord. For more information, go to [www.salisburyfamilyservices.org](http://www.salisburyfamilyservices.org).

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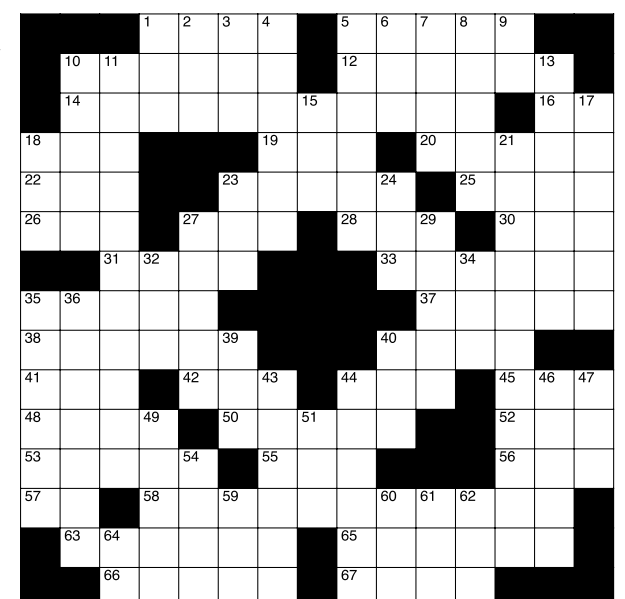
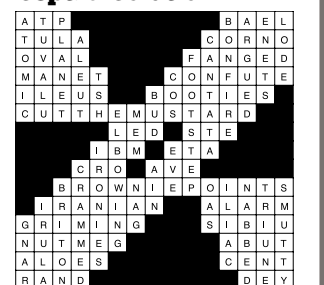
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- Insane
- Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
- Taxi
- Trainee
- Comedian Carvey
- Some couples say it
- Belong to he
- High schoolers' test
- Young goat
- You drive on one
- Denotes a time long ago
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- By and by
- A way to sell
- A line left by the passage of something
- Indicates near
- Where wrestlers compete
- Prosecutors
- Body part
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Indicates silence
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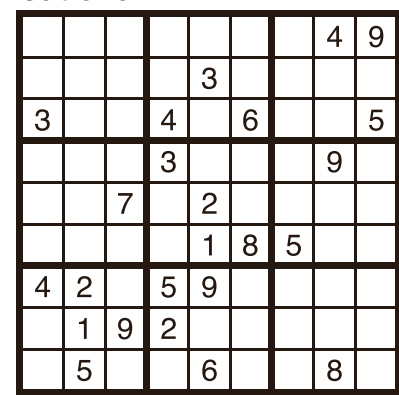
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- Skeletal muscle
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- One's interests
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- Partner to "oohed"
- Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
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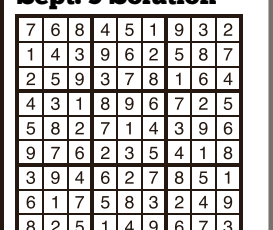
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## TENNIS

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"We watched the tennis matches from home," she recalled. Marcus' wife of a few months, Caroline, and the Voldstads' eldest daughter, Katie and her daughter, Sofie (age 15), were home in Salisbury. The match took place in the wee hours so they had all set their alarms, ready to watch on their computers from their beds and exchange inter-bedroom text messages for commentary. Another daughter was watching on her computer from her apartment in Washington, D.C. Many friends around the world were up, watching and texting, Voldstad said.

"When Marcus won the medal match we all met up in the hallway, hugging and jumping and exclaiming over the wonderful outcome," she added.

### Tears and triumph in Tokyo

Commenting last week on details of that Tokyo win, his training regimen, advice to young tennis players developing their skills, and on his new non-profit enterprise, Daniell shared a wide-reaching perspective.

Paired with doubles partner Michael Venus, together they defeated the U.S. team 7-6 6-2 to earn the bronze medal. Approached by the press immediately following the win, Daniell recalled that he was asked if he had anything to say to those back home. Tears started to flow quite unexpectedly. In retrospect, he said he suddenly visualized all of the people who had helped along the way and made sacrifices to bring him to that victory.

"The medal ceremony in Tokyo was surreal," Daniell said. "There was a huge group of photographers, but no one else in the stadium."

He added that he can only imagine what the scene might have been if the stadium had been full of fans.

Asked about future Olympics, Daniell pointed out that the next Olympics in Paris is less than three years in the future, when he will be 34. At any age, a tennis career exacts "a huge toll on the body, the mind, and personal relationships."

"I'm not yet sure whether I want to continue playing until the end of 2024, but if I do, I think it would be my swan song," he said.

Reflecting on his months of training in the Northwest Corner, Daniell said he came and went from the area, but was here between April and July early in the pandemic and then on and off as his career permitted. His practice hours were divided between the courts at The Hotchkiss School and the Lakeville public courts.

He noticed that on occasion a few people would stop to

watch, but for the most part the charm of being in Lakeville and Salisbury was the relaxed and peaceful practice atmosphere, without what he termed "tennis hype."

Most of Daniell's practice time on the court, he said, was spent productively with either renowned coach Edgar Giffenig or Giffenig's daughter's boyfriend, Inigo. He adds that his bride, Caroline, should be credited for having filled in on occasion by tossing him innumerable balls during practice.

Caroline and Marcus met five years ago when Marcus was playing in the U.S. Open in New York City and Caroline was a law student there. They were married on a beach in New Zealand in July 2020, witnessed by a handful of Marcus' siblings and their partners. A larger celebration is planned for the future when the pandemic wanes, Voldstad said.

Turning to advice for aspiring young players, Daniell recalled that he started playing tennis as a toddler, as soon as he had figured out how to walk. However, he began to take it seriously at around 15 years of age.

"Enjoy your childhood and do a range of things before specializing. Tennis is a short, intense career," Daniell said. A range of experiences and interests will bring more choices when the tennis career ends.

"He is very thoughtful and intellectually curious and always challenging himself to learn or master something new," Kathy Voldstad said in describing Daniell, affirming his advice.

"He is also gracious, kind, thoughtful, compassionate — and great fun," she added. "He makes and keeps friends around the world."

"Focus is key to improvement," Daniell emphasized as an additional thought for young players, whether on the court or in the gym. "This takes time and effort to develop, and I wish I had learned it sooner." He cautioned against "coasting" through practice, "thinking that you are working hard, but you're really not."

Daniell suggests watching Rafael Nadal to see 100% mental focus at play on the court.

### High Impact Athletes

Developing an idea that dawned in June 2020, Daniell launched High Impact Athletes, his nonprofit organization, the following December. The organization helps professional athletes and others to direct a portion of their earnings toward selected charities around the world.

"We help athletes (and the general public) find the most impactful donation strategy," Daniell said. Those strategies take into account tax benefits

among other factors. Tax benefits differ among countries, he noted. For example, he receives no benefit if he donates as a New Zealander, but U.S. or U.K. residents can benefit on their taxes from donations.

"After all, if you can realize a tax benefit, you can donate more," he pointed out, bringing a more positive impact where it is needed in the world.

The charities linked to High Impact Athletes are evaluated and thoroughly vetted, Daniell noted, or donors can choose to donate to the organization's Maximum Good Fund to divide the donation equally among the charities.

"The organization takes no cut of the donation, meaning that a full 100% of the donation will go to the intended purpose where it can do the most good," Daniell said.

At first, Daniell recalled, he was approaching athletes to ask them to participate, but now, they are starting to seek him out, a good sign.

Daniell is pleased to report significant impact around the world, noting that "more than 2,000 children have been protected from preventable blindness, 10,000 people have been protected from malaria, 450,000 animals have improved conditions on factory farms, and over 20,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent has been removed from the atmosphere."

"The per-dollar impact a donor can make through the most cost-effective charities in the world is truly staggering, and that's why I believe High Impact Athletes has the potential to have an extraordinarily large positive impact on the world," Daniell said.

For more information about High Impact Athletes, go to [www.highimpactathletes.org](http://www.highimpactathletes.org).

## HEROES

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"What you do is exceptional. Saving a life is who you are. You don't hesitate. You run to help, because that's what you do."

He added that, "The temptation is to call you 'heroes,' but that word is overused. You do what you do because you are who you are."

Honored with plaques for their service were Litchfield County Dispatch members Lauren Heafy, Tom Kenney and Kelly Knowlton; Connecticut State Police Troopers Roy Dungan and Lance Carlson; CVFD emergency personnel Diane Beebe, Mike Carano, Joyce Hart, Skip Kosciusko, Ted Larson, Patience Lindholm, Rod MacNeil, Ian Ridgway, Will Russ, Dick Sears, Jessica Slaven and Dave Williamson; and, from Northern Dutchess



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Gathering for a group photo at the Cornwall firehouse were some of the volunteers who assisted in the July 17 medical emergency call to save the life of Cornwall resident Richard Schlesinger, at center. All received plaques in tribute to their swift and caring professionalism during a ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 5.

Paramedics, Ronald Jocko and Lauren Martin.

According to Ridgway, in the aftermath of the dramatic rescue, 39 residents have completed CPR training and

another 29 are signed up for the next two classes. Ten more slots remain available. Ridgway invited anyone interested to contact her by email at [emscaptaincornwall@gmail.com](mailto:emscaptaincornwall@gmail.com).

## PLANS

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created about 20 years ago identified the inner and outer corridors along the river."

The inner corridor extends up from the river, and the outer corridor extends up to the nearest ridgeline.

"So if someone wants to develop a property in the horizon district, they have to meet special standards."

Until recently, residents of Northwest Corner towns often specified in their town plans that they wanted to maintain "rural character."

That is no longer possible, Chalder said, because there were concerns that those words were being "weaponized," to exclude diversity. Towns can still talk about specifics of what they feel makes their town unique.

"Stonington is a seafront

town with a working harbor, for example. It's different from the Northwest Corner, which has more farms."

Town plans have changed in recent years in other ways, too, not just the elimination of the concept of "rural character." Underlying the plans is also the requirement by the state that all towns must have an affordable housing plan by 2022. Most town plans, moving forward, will address that issue in some way.

In all towns in Connecticut, Chalder said, it is the planning and zoning commission that is in charge of the town plan.

In Kent, it is a subcommittee of the commission that is in charge of the surveys and the creation of a draft plan.

There will be public hearings, so that town residents can comment and ask for changes.

But once the draft is complete and everyone has had a

chance to look at it, there will not be a town meeting vote. It will be up to the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve it, when the time comes.

Once that happens, the commission will begin adjusting the planning and zoning regulations so that they reflect the new town plan.

If towns do not revise their plans every 10 years, Chalder said, the state can withhold discretionary grants, such as funding for open space preservation.

But he feels Kent has started the process early enough to meet its December 2022 deadline.

Kent residents are being asked to participate by answering survey questions online. Find the survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Kent-CT-POCD](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Kent-CT-POCD) or call Donna Hayes at the Land Use Office at 860-927-4625.

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# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment



Damien Lewis, at far right, was one of the young stars of "Band of Brothers."

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## Band of Brothers, Generation Kill: Thank You for Your Service

If I asked you to name some great war movies, you could likely rattle off a half dozen without much thinking. But TV does not dramatize war very often or very well. We do have Ken Burns' fine documentary "The Vietnam War," but I can think of only two miniseries worth mentioning here; each depicts a very different war.

### BAND OF BROTHERS

You have certainly heard of and possibly seen this classic, which many consider the best miniseries of any kind. Let me remind you what makes it great and urge you make time to

watch it for the first time or again.

The story: Based on Stephen Ambrose's book of the same name, this 10-episode HBO show follows Easy Company of the 101st Airborne Division from jump training to the Normandy invasion to the Battle of the Bulge and to the liberation of Dachau.

The cast: Winner of an Emmy for outstanding casting, the main cast includes David Schwimmer as Captain Herbert Sobel, the flawed leader of Easy during training and Damian Lewis as Dick Winters, the company commander

who leads them in combat.

The production: Led by co-producers Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg, the production is nothing short of astonishing (at a cost of \$125 million).

There are few more thrilling TV moments than the early episodes showing close to 100 C-47s taking off from England heading to Normandy, and then the night sky filled with flak and descending parachutes. This is a sight unlikely to be seen again; airborne troops are now delivered by helicopters rather than jumping from planes.

### GENERATION KILL

In March 2003, the U.S. launched a pre-emptive invasion of Iraq, beginning a war based on misinformation and lies. This in no way diminishes the courage and service of the men and women who fought in it.

Their story was told in a 2008 HBO miniseries about an elite Marine recon company heading north in the desert in their lightly protected Humvees, a trip marked by confusion and firefight.

In the final devastating episode they roll into Baghdad and are ordered to stand aside while civil conflict begins. Their interpreter says, "You took this country apart and you can't put it back together."

**Generation Kill** is notable for its authenticity and its dialogue, which is jumpy, profane, and laced with black humor. It was written by David Simon, creator and head writer of "The Wire." Marines love this show and say it's 80% on the mark.

Both shows are based on actual events and are honest in balancing heroism with the terror and violence of battle.

When you watch these shows together, as I did, you see the difference in production and tone, but the similarities are more striking. The weapons may have changed somewhat, but one firefight looks very

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## ARTES AND COMIDA LATINA IN GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS.

Come to Great Barrington, Mass., for three weekends of Latin arts and culture, with Spanish-language films at the downtown Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center (Sept. 18 and Oct. 21) and an afternoon Festival Latino on Sept. 25.

The Sept. 18 film is the Disney film, in Spanish, about a young Chinese woman named Mulan who masquerades as a man so she can take her father's place in the Imperial Army.

The film on Oct. 21 is an Ecuadorian comedy called, "Dedicada a mi ex," about a love-lorn 21-year-old who thinks music might bring a broken relationship back to life.

Tickets to these two films are free;

both shows begin at 6 p.m. Go to the Mahaiwe website for more information on reserving seats and on COVID-19 safety protocols, <https://mahaiwe.org/>.

The 25th annual Festival Latino of the Berkshires will be from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, rain or shine, at Green Park and Saint James Place on Main Street in Great Barrington. There will be dancing, music, educational/cultural activities and, of course, food (but no alcohol).

Admission is free of charge and the festival is open to the public. To learn more, go to [www.facebook.com/festivallatinooftheberkshires](http://www.facebook.com/festivallatinooftheberkshires) or [www.festivallatino.org](http://www.festivallatino.org).

## GOSPEL FESTIVAL RETURNS TO HUDSON VALLEY SEPT. 18

The second Hudson Valley Gospel Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls, N.Y., presented by Arts Mid-Hudson.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students with ID, seniors and veterans/active military. Children under 5 are free.

Gates will open at noon. People are welcome to bring picnics and seating, but not alcohol.

Purchase tickets at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/2021GospelFest>.

For more information go to [www.facebook.com/Hudson-Valley-Gospel-Festival-2020-114483336659793](http://www.facebook.com/Hudson-Valley-Gospel-Festival-2020-114483336659793).

## FLEA MARKET, HISTORY TOUR

The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society will hold its annual Peddlers Flea Market on Saturday, Sept. 18 (rain date Sunday, Sept. 19) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Canaan Meetinghouse, 12 Route 63, in Falls Village, Conn.

There will be vendors, a

huge book sale and refreshments. At the same time, the Meetinghouse will be open for self-guided tours as part of the Housatonic Heritage Walks ([housatonicheritage.org/events/heritage-walks](http://housatonicheritage.org/events/heritage-walks)). For more information, call 860-824-8226.

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### ART

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**Kent Art Association**, 21 S. Main St., Kent, Conn. [www.kentart.org](http://www.kentart.org)  
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**MASS MoCA**, 1320 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Mass. [www.massmoca.org](http://www.massmoca.org)

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FreshGrass Festival 2021, Sept. 24 to 26.

### BOOKS

**Hotchkiss Library of Sharon**, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. [www.hotchkisslibrary.org](http://www.hotchkisslibrary.org)  
Fall Discussion Series with Mark Scarborough, Sept. 30, 10 to 11 a.m. (online).

**Scoville Memorial Library**, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org)  
Exploring Heritage: Author Talk with Julie Metz & Menachem Kainer, Sept. 30, 7 to 8 p.m. (online).

### DANCE

**Jacob's Pillow**, 358 George Carter Road, Becket, Mass. [www.jacobspillow.org](http://www.jacobspillow.org)  
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### KIDS

**Oblong Books & Music**, 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. [www.oblongbooks.com](http://www.oblongbooks.com)  
Free Virtual School Visit: Jewell Parker Rhodes, PARADISE ON FIRE, Sept. 22, 9:30 a.m. (online).

### TALKS

**The Salisbury Forum**, Salisbury, Conn. [www.salisburyforum.org](http://www.salisburyforum.org)  
ERIK EDSTROM: "What Does Patriotism Mean, Anyway?" — a Zoom Webinar, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m. (online).

### CONVERSATIONS ON THE GREEN

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Climate Change: Sunrise or Sunset, Sept. 26, 3 p.m. (online).

### THEATER

**Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center**, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. [www.mahaiwe.org](http://www.mahaiwe.org)  
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**Shakespeare & Company**, 70 Kemble St., Lenox, Mass. [www.shakespeare.org](http://www.shakespeare.org)  
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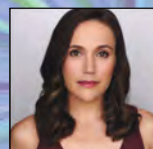


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You don't *have* to make traditional jam to do so: You can freeze most fruit and then pull it out in mid winter to make a summery tart or pie.

But if you do make jam, I have learned that you need to plan ahead. I usually make one or two batches a year, maybe a marmalade in winter and some peach jam at the end of August.

I now know enough about canning and preserving to realize that at this time of year (even when there isn't COVID-19), it can be very challenging to find canning supplies such as packaged pectin and small jars that are suitable for making preserves.

I like to use Ball Liquid Pectin, which stores ran

out of in about late August — long before I ran out of fruit that wanted to be preserved. As I ran around fruitlessly (haha!) searching for pectin, I began to wonder why no one just uses gelatin to make their fruit "gel" together.

I went online and discovered that people do in fact make preserves with gelatin. And when I tried it myself, I learned that actually, gelatin is absolutely the best and easiest way to make jam from fresh raspberries.

Using gelatin to make raspberry preserves has a couple advantages.

First, it allows you to use less sugar. When you use pectin, they insist that you use lots and lots of sugar and warn that if you reduce it at all, your fruit will make a lovely wet sauce but will not "jam" properly.

When you use gelatin, that's not a problem. You

can use as much or as little sugar as you like. I used a 2:1 ratio for my first batch (which was delicious) and used slightly less than that for my second batch (which was also delicious).

Another plus: gelatin allows you to cook the fruit more gently, which is helpful when you're working with something as delicate as a raspberry. To make real jam, you have to boil it hard before you put it in your sterilized jars.

Using powdered gelatin allows you to boil the fruit just long enough so the sugar melts. This lets you keep the berries intact; otherwise you end up with a lovely sweet liquid that is full of seeds but has no lumps of lovely berry bodies.

Careful readers will notice, however, the downside to this jam: You really can't preserve it. To do so, you'd need to boil it hard, which would destroy

the berries and leave you (again) with a liquid full of seeds. This is a refrigerator jam, so you need to eat it within a month or so.

But because you're not using pectin to jell it, you can use berries from your freezer to make this jam. So I've put most of my berries in the freezer (be clever and measure out four cups of berries into each freezer bag) and will plan to make raspberry jam (with gelatin) all winter long.

If you don't want to use traditional gelatin, try seaweed-based agar agar.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## RASPBERRY GELATIN JAM

Adapted from [www.oureverydaylife.com](http://www.oureverydaylife.com)

- 4 cups raspberries
- 2 cups sugar (or to taste)
- Juice of half a lemon (or less)
- 1 packet of powdered Knox gelatin (or agar agar)

Mash the berries only very slightly in a nonreactive (e.g. ceramic) saucepan, and bring them to a gentle simmer. Add 1/4 cup of the sugar, to help bring out the juices, and then take out a 1/2 cup of juice and put it on a small plate.

Turn off the heat under the berries.

Put the juice in the refrigerator for about 5 minutes to cool it down, then sprinkle one packet of gelatin over the top of the juice. Let it set for about 15 minutes.

About 5 minutes before the gelatin finishes setting, turn the heat back on under the berries and bring them to a boil, stirring gently so you don't break up the berries too much.

Add the remaining sugar and cook it for about 5 minutes, so it dissolves into the berry juice. Turn off the heat. Add the lemon juice and stir. Gently coax the set gelatin off the plate and into the berry mixture. Stir gently until the gelatin dissolves.

Spoon into jars or a bowl and put in the refrigerator for about two hours, until it sets. Stir it to keep the gelatin from getting too firm. You can add additional berries, if you like. This should last for about a month in your refrigerator.

## ...Streaming

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much like another, and for "boots on the ground," all wars must seem the same.

The most basic tenet of military training is to obey orders without hesitation or question. When it comes to war we are still back in the 19th century: "Theirs not to reason why, theirs but to do and die."

But when we look away from the screen, we cannot help asking why.

Then we think of the enormous difference in the mission and the outcome of these two wars and the leaders who sent soldiers into battle: Roosevelt and Churchill and Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld.

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EDITORIAL

Local treasures: our public servants

It's not easy serving in public office. Ask anyone who has done it, if you yourself haven't, from a student class president to a U.S. senator. They serve many different constituents who often cannot come to agreement among themselves on just about any issue, making it that much harder to please them all at any time. It's got to be more about acceptable compromise, which is certainly next to impossible in the current toxic, polarized political climate.

Yet so far, there have still been good people who step up to serve in Connecticut at the local, state and federal levels of government. Here's hoping we can all agree on this: Having citizens willing to serve all their constituents, not just those in their political party, is critically important for our democracy.

Now is a good time to consider our current legislators at all levels of government, with the November elections closer than we think. Our municipalities will elect their selectmen, and all the other elected officers on the slate, and each position is as important to the functioning of the towns as the next. With so many controversies surrounding housing and land use, the planning boards in each town will have their hands full in the terms to come. So will the school boards in every town, as well as Region One's.

Town clerks are elected in some towns, appointed in others, but their duties are among the most important to the day to day operations for any town. They are the public information officers who serve as liaisons between local government and the public, according to the ct.gov website. They are responsible for public records, vital statistics and licensing. They have certain significant duties in reference to elections, and registrars of voters are responsible for others. Town clerks are bound to abide by the regulations defined by the state Freedom of Information Act, and must be aware of the way the act affects the release of public records. Also in accordance with Freedom of Information Act requirements, they must post meeting notices for local government bodies. And of course, they issue all types of licenses, including marriage, liquor, hunting, fishing, dog and trapping. And much more.

Be aware of what your elected officials do for your town, state and country before you vote in November. This year, The Lakeville Journal Company is applying for nonprofit status, and if that is approved before November, this will be the first election cycle in this ownership's memory that there will not be political endorsements in this space. That is a requirement of media that are 501(c)3 nonprofits, that they not take a stand for one side or the other in elections.

We will have profiles of candidates, as always, and encourage all our readers to educate themselves on the issues and vote. We just won't suggest to you whom we believe the best candidate to be. But don't take that to mean we don't care. There is nothing of more importance to our democracy, as noted, than having our fellow citizens being willing to serve to the best of their ability.

So thank you to all those who are now serving in office, and to those who are considering doing it. We wish you well in a tough time and will continue to inform our readers of the activity at the local level of government in all the Region One towns.



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

The hydrangea thrive

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to camp helpers

Thank you to a wonderful cast of young actors, theater professionals, musicians and puppeteers for a grand performance in honor of Grumbling Gryphons 41st anniversary. After a week of relentless rain and humidity, the sky cleared and the play began.

On Aug. 14th a lively production of St George and The Dragon, written and directed by Leslie Elias was performed for an outdoor audience of nearly 100 folks at Grumbling Gryphons Headquarters. A triumphant and talented tribe of children who came from as far as Alaska, came together with teen and adult actors to perform an enchanting dramatic production beset with jesters, royalty, dragons, snakes, ceremonial dancers, wild animals, mummies, St George and the Mad Doctor.

Adding to the magic were two lively musical bands -The Merry Minstrels with Rachel Gall, Jane Prentice and Kathy Lyon of Still, The Homegrown

Band and guitarist percussionist Arieh Saed who accompanied the thespians with beautiful strains of lyrical and lively traditional tunes. The Berkshire Stompers got everyone on their feet with their exuberant and powerful music, led by Charlie Kiel, Shamu Sadeh and a talented band who played for the finale's celebration and outdoor professional. The breathtaking and larger than life Golden Lady danced (created and performed by Ellen Moon) with jubilant children whilst the enormous 10-person Dragon danced along.

Green is Gold; Fire is Wet; Fortunes Told; Dragon's Met!

Bravo to our cast and players of Theater Camp 2021. Thank you children, staff, musicians and artists for your creativity and hard work.

A special thanks to our artist in residence and costume maker, Lory Bevans, who created art with the children during camp; to our Lady Gryphon of Sharon Katherine Almquist for her elegant performance and to Kaitlyn Carozzo, Catherine Paton, Daniel Saed, Johnny Segalla, Micah Conway for their help during theater camp and performance. Thank you to parents, grandparents and our dedicated team of merry-makers.

This was our first performance ever outdoors at Gryphon Headquarters. The stars aligned and magic was made. See you next year! With love, thanks and safekeeping to all.

Leslie Elias, Artistic Director

Cornwall

More letters next page.

Thanks to a caring community

Regarding the unfortunate car accident I had on Taconic Road on Friday, Aug. 27, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Neil, Ronda and all the other kind people (whose names I don't know) who came to my help at that time, as well as to the excellent care at Sharon Hospital. Thank you, thank you! I feel so lucky to be part of such a caring, competent community.

Agneta Smith

Taconic

ron condominiums continues apace this week. Builders Desmond and Yovan recently granted an easement to the Hotchkiss Library for its driveway and parking area, according to records at the Town Clerk's office. The library granted an easement to the builders to lay sewer, storm and water pipe lines over library property.

A new optical center opened in Lakeville this week on the triangle of land bounded by Farnam Road and Route 41. The proprietor is Daniel Longaven, a tall, friendly man with dark wavy hair who took up residence in Amesville last year with his wife, Doris, and two teenaged children.

25 years ago — September 1996

The 10-pointed star on the green is gone. And the 29-year-old "tradesman," as the star-maker calls himself, wants it back. At midnight three Saturdays ago, he unloaded 100 pounds of gorgeously painted steel on the triangle of grass in Cornwall Bridge where routes 4 and 7 meet. "My wife helped me," he said in an interview this week. Then the two of them went home to see what would happen. "I was expecting a little reaction of course, and then after a month or two I'd take it away, in all anonymity." But that is not exactly what happened. The star stirred a LOT of reaction. And then some-

body ELSE took it away. But the anonymity is something he wants to hold on to, for a while anyway. "I'm not an artist. This is just a hobby," he said.

Lee Ellen Sohl, the new Title One instructor at Kent Center School, has a lot to keep her busy. She has a collection of animals that numbers well over 40 and she brings her well-known petting zoo to numerous village events. She is a teacher, an artist, one of Kent's dog wardens, an ice hockey coach, a newspaper columnist and vice president of the PTA. When she installed herself at her new Center School desk last week, she brought with her four hermit crabs for company. It seems certain she will incorporate her pets and her love of animals into the new teaching position.

Cara Buck has been promoted to director of sales and marketing at radio stations WKZE AM and WKZE FM. Ms. Buck has been with WKZE for almost two years and has extensive prior sales experience.

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

Deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m. Send to publisher@lakevillejournal.com. Letters are no more than 500 words.

Check public docs to know what is going on

A recent article and a recent Letter to the Editor makes reference to confusion over the liability of the Town of Canaan/Falls Village for River Road Homes. The Town of Canaan/Falls Village has applied for a Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Housing for \$725,800 for site clearing, earth moving, gravel for trenches, sub-base courses for paving and storm drainage. In the CDBG grant application, Project Information (Exhibit 00.5) identifies River Road Homes as the Project Name and The Town of Falls Village, CT as both the Responsible Entity and the Grant Recipient. The Certifying Officer Name and Title is listed as Henry Todd, First Selectman. The document concludes with the signature of the Responsible Entity Official Signature. This document was signed by Henry Todd, First Selectman, Town of Canaan, CT on June 16, 2021. Chapter 2 of the CDBG Small Cities Grants Management Manual defines The Responsible Entity as follows,

"Under 24 CFR Part 58, the term responsible entity (RE) means the grantee under the state CDBG Program. The responsible entity must complete the environmental review process. Environmental review responsibilities have both legal and financial ramifications. As part of the assurances and agreements signed by the responsible entity, the Chief Executive Officer of the responsible entity agrees to assume the role of "responsible federal officer" under the provision of the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This means that if someone brings suit against the responsible entity in federal court on environmental grounds, the CEO will be named as the defendant. There may be financial implications associated with any lawsuit and, of course, fines, judgments or settlements that may result. The State of Connecticut accepts no responsibility or liability for the quality or accuracy of the local environmental review process."

Both of the documents cited are public documents. The CDBG Small Cities Grants Management Manual is available on the Department of Housing website. The CDBG application is also a public document and a Citizen Participation Plan is included in and is a requirement of the application.

Laura Werntz

Town of Canaan/Falls Village

An uplifting story

What a delightful story in the Sept. 2 edition about Noreen Driscoll taking in five Appalachian Trail hikers as storm Henri threatened. It was so good to have a positive story for a change. I think all of them will remember those days forever.

Carolyn McDonough North Canaan

We need Klarides to run

In 2022, Connecticut voters will have an important choice to make at the ballot box for Governor. Ned Lamont may be a nice guy, but he has proven unwilling to make the structural reforms necessary to take the state in a new direction. Connecticut can't afford four more years of Democratic party rule, and to win back the state house Republicans need a new face with a different message.

Themis Klarides, the former House Minority Leader, has taken the initial steps to run for governor, and I believe she's the best candidate for two reasons: 1.) She's the one Republican candidate who can win; 2.) Once elected, she's the one candidate who can govern from day one.

Themis can win because she can appeal to the unaffiliated voters who comprise over 40% of Connecticut's electorate. She can take the fight to the Democrats with an issue-focused message that appeals to these moderate voters.

Themis led the most effective reforms our state has seen during her tenure as House Minority Leader. Thanks to her, Connecticut now has limits on spending and borrowing. As governor, Themis won't be afraid to take on the entrenched interests in Hartford.

She not only has the experience to govern, she has the guts to make the tough decisions our state so desperately needs.

I'm encouraging Themis to run for Governor, and I'm urging voters to support her for the gubernatorial nomination in 2022. Themis is the complete package, the real deal. Connecticut needs Themis Klarides.

In full disclosure, I was the GOP nominee for State Treasurer in 2018.

Thad Gray

Lakeville

Salisbury's fresh waterways

In early August I walked Glacier National Park's magnificent Highline Trail. The Highline Trail runs along the great continental divide. This is where half of the annual glacial melt eventually flows into the Pacific and the other half reaches the Atlantic, CT's nearest ocean. Along its winding path to the oceans Glacier Park's watershed provides fresh

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — September 1921

LIME ROCK — Mrs. Fenton burned her hand quite badly one day this week.

James Bradey, the general handyman, wishes to say that he will do any kind of work the coming winter; furnaces cared for, snow shoveled, in fact if you want such work done he is your man. Better see him now and engage him for the coming winter.

LIME ROCK — Mrs. Gillette is suffering from hay fever.

50 years ago — September 1971

Chief Circuit Court Judge John J. Daly this week defended the abandonment of court sessions in 17 localities including Salisbury and North Canaan as necessary for the courts to survive. The number of criminal cases handled by the circuit courts has increased 60 percent over the past 10 years and the number of motor vehicle cases 120 percent with no additional judges, he told The Lakeville Journal.

Edward Ernest Kleinschmidt, who celebrated his 96th birthday last Thursday at his Twin Lakes residence,

has racked up an impressive score of patents in his long telecommunications career. At last count they totaled 118, including the teletype machine, a phototelegraph, a macaroni-twisting device and the teletypewriter, which enables car and truck operators to receive printed messages while traveling on the road.

The Xavier Kollmeier house on Woodland Drive, Lakeville, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shanley. Mr. Shanley is the new manager of the Canaan office of the Southern New England Telephone Company. The Shanleys have four daughters.

David Colt, 21, of Winsted, was taken to Sharon Hospital last Thursday night after a one-car crash in Salisbury. State Police report that Colt was traveling west on Route 44 east of Salisbury center, when his car ran off the left side of the road and struck a bridge abutment. The car was totally demolished. Colt escaped with facial lacerations and a fractured ankle and was reported in satisfactory condition in the intensive care unit at Sharon Hospital on Monday.

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# The rise of the superweeds; we brought it on ourselves

Those of us who garden as a hobby are familiar with the frustration of trying to get ahead of the weeds that compete with our flowers, vegetables and shrubs. With work we are able to more or less stay ahead of weeds at least in smaller, restricted areas and for most of the growing season our crops survive.

For farmers, especially those tending large, industrial type farms, weeds have always been an enemy that threatened their livelihood and in recent

years the threat has become much worse. The weeds seem to be winning.

An analogous problem has been going on in medicine for the past 75 years. With the development of antibiotic drugs, many diseases were either conquered or controlled, at least for the time being. But excessive and often indiscriminate use of antibiotics has reduced their effectiveness in killing bacteria, with more and more new drugs being developed to replace the older, less effective

ones. But the bacteria seem to evolve to survive the antibiotics faster than the new medicines are developed to kill them.

Pesticide use (both herbicide and insecticide) really took off after World War II. The common existing herbicides, while effective at controlling weeds, tended to be too toxic for the crops being planted in the same locations and dangerous for the farmers applying them. In 1976, the giant chemical company Monsanto introduced Roundup, an herbi-

cide containing glyphosate, its proprietary herbicidal product, and not long after they intro-

duced Roundup Ready crops, patented seeds that grow into plants genetically engineered to be tolerant of glyphosate. Now crops could be sprayed without damage after plants had emerged from the ground. Roundup in its various formulations has been the world's best selling weed killer for most of the past 40 years.

Roundup Ready seeds proved to be a hit with farmers from the start. In the United States, by 2014, 94% of the planted area of soybeans, 96% of cotton, and 93% of corn were genetically modified varieties, mostly Roundup Ready seeds.

Herbicide resistant crops have become a big business. Farmers are required to purchase the seeds exclusively from the purveyor and face legal challenges if they save and replant the seeds from the crop they may have previously planted.

Herbicide resistant crops have certain advantages. They are less expensive to produce. They enable farmers to till the soil less often, leading to better water retention, reduced runoff, and less greenhouse gas emissions. Manufacturers claim better soil health as a result (although this is vigorously challenged by organic growers who claim that pesticide residue always has untoward effects).

But within a few years, herbicide resistant seeds were

causing problems. Farmers were using more and more glyphosate to control the ever

more resistant, difficult to control, weeds that were evolving in their fields. Many started to add dicamba and 2,4-D, a major herbicidal component of Agent Orange, (used to defoliate Viet Nam), and other chemicals to their sprays.

Globally, hundreds of different weeds have developed resistance to hundreds of different weedkillers. In the United States, 43 different weeds are known to have developed strong resistance to glyphosate.

In addition, climate change has become a serious factor in the development of superweeds. Mounting evidence suggests that temperatures of 90 degrees F or above can make some herbicide resistant weeds even more resistant and cause other weeds to be less sensitive to certain chemicals. Many superweeds grow faster and bigger because of the warmer climate and because

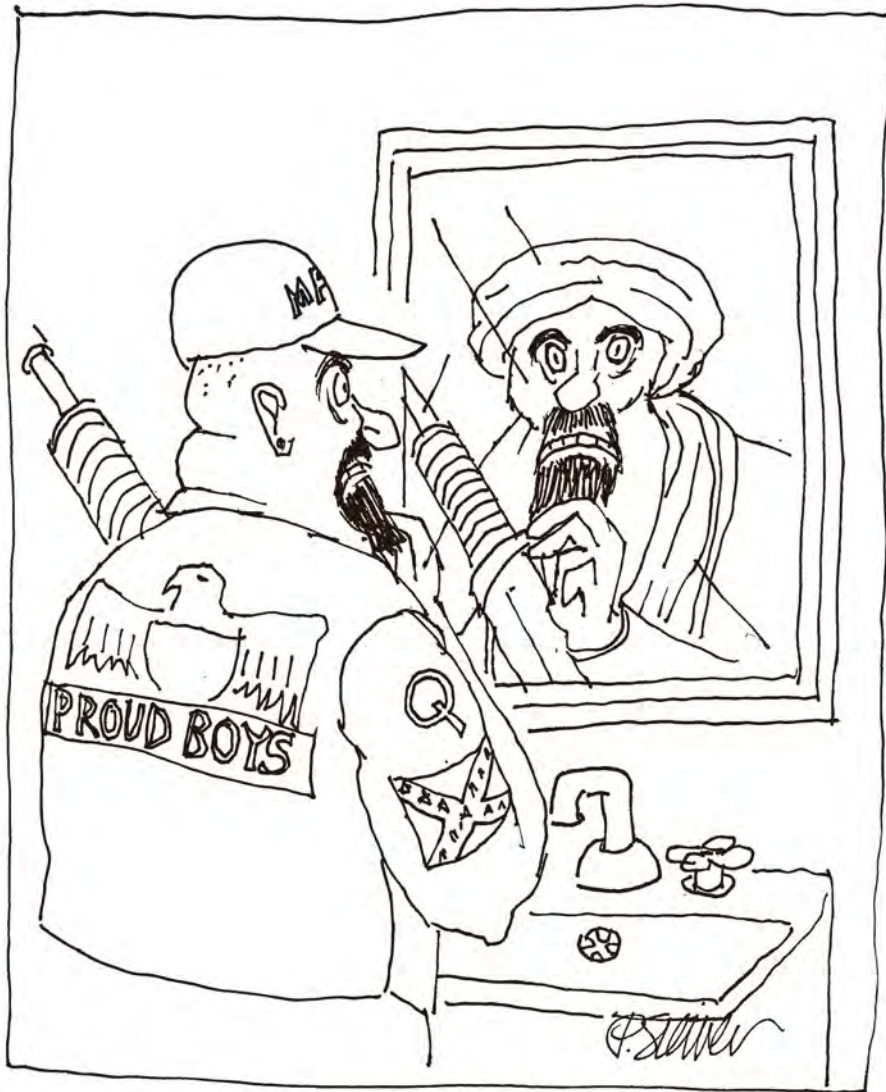
of increased CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere. Together with herbicide resistance, increasing climate change will make superweeds even more difficult to control.

Perhaps the best way to combat superweeds is to return to more traditional, and more expensive, methods. They include crop rotation, planting cover crops, and in some cases hand pulling and removal of weeds. Persuading Midwestern farmers to do this, with miles and miles of fields growing corn and soybeans for animal feed, may be difficult. The movement has begun however with organic and small farms growing diverse assortments of crops, mostly for people, not livestock. Despite many limitations, organic herbicides are becoming more popular, but generally work best only on newly emergent seedlings and are no match for the current generation of superweeds.

Monsanto was acquired in 2018 by Bayer, the German pharmaceutical manufacturer. In the 10 months following Bayer's acquisition of Monsanto, its stock lost 46% of its value because of investor apprehension concerning the 11,200 lawsuits filed against its subsidiary. In June 2020, Bayer agreed to settle over 100,000 Roundup lawsuits, agreeing to pay \$8.8 to \$9.6 billion to settle those claims, and \$1.5 billion for any future claim. Many other suits are still pending.

The U.S. patent for glyphosate expired in 2000 and similar products are being manufactured by others worldwide.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.



**Farmers are required to purchase the seeds exclusively from the purveyor and face legal challenges if they save and replant the seeds from the crop they may have previously planted.**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Justicemaking in the dark: no way to run the Supreme Court for the nation

"We want a Supreme Court which will do justice under the Constitution — not over it. In our courts we want a government of laws and not of men."

— Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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### Salisbury's fresh waterways

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water for countless creatures and communities. Had it not been for farsighted conservationists' passing a bill to protect the area in 1910 by establishing a national park, the world would not have this pristine treasure and its crystal-clear watershed. It is astonishing that Glacier Park's melted ice and Salisbury's waterways eventually meet in the Atlantic. This got me thinking about Salisbury's forward thinking Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission (IWWC) and its recent efforts to protect our local fresh water sources for generations

to come. The world is rapidly losing fresh drinking water and this is the right time to think globally by acting locally, as it cannot be known what may happen to our local lakes and waterways a century from now. Salisbury is fortunate to have the IWWC whose members sincerely care about our community and its water sources. Natural treasures require binding protections before they are lost forever and I am grateful to each and every member of the IWWC for their good, voluntary work to protect our local water.

Anita Jorgensen  
Taconic

### Good can come from evil: Nat'l Day of Service

The nationally recognized, National Day of Service and Remembrance on 9/11, is a chance to help others as we honor lives lost, and honor our first responders, and those who serve to defend our freedoms, both at home and abroad every day.

At the Lee H. Kellogg School, we believe the words, "We are people who act. We do our part to make the world a better place." On Saturday, September 11th, families of Kellogg joined together with those in the Falls Village community in our first 9/11 Day of Service. Community members engaged in picking cherry tomatoes from the Adamah Farm at Camp Isabella Freedman to be donated to an area homeless shelter, cleaned the inside of the Beebe Hill Schoolhouse, weeded the rose gardens and other gardens in town, weeded the bricks of honor around the flagpole at the Falls Village Daycare Center, weeded and planted bulbs in the garden at the Kellogg School, planted hydrangea trees by the veterans' monuments, washed windows at the Falls Village Senior Center, picked up trash on our local roads, and planted mums around town. Thanks to Freund's Farm Market for providing the mums.

By joining together on 9/11, it helps us to realize that light comes from darkness, and goodness comes from evil. Many thanks to all who joined together in this day of service.

Robin Faust  
Interim Principal  
Lee H. Kellogg School

Falls Village

annual Merits Docket caseload — has dramatically shrunk from 200 in the 1960s, to 184 in 1982 to 62 in 2020-2021. However, the number of Shadow Docket cases have soared in the Robert's Court since 2017 (41 in 4 years vs 8 from 2001 to 2017).

For clarity, Shadow Docket cases are those for which SCOTUS doesn't have to show its work — like a high school algebra exam where the taker submits only a numerical answer not how the answer was arrived at: no presented explanation. Like a carpentry project with an exhibit name but no physical exhibit. In the recent upswing of "in the dark" decisions, Justice written Shadow Docket opinions are only dissenting decisions. Why won't prevailing Justice(s) be legally out front — "show their work" — their legal

### Bad behavior at sale

The day before the recent Norfolk Library book sale, I was asked by the library employee in charge to help set up. As a town resident, I agreed.

Knowing some libraries don't want book dealers involved with their sales, I stated my own background in bookselling and rare book research. No one voiced any objection, and I spent several hours helping set up tables and carry books. I also answered questions about evaluating and pricing their better books. If they were hoping I'd buy some, I wasn't interested.

Next morning I came back to help finish setting up before the sale started at noon. This time the manager confronted me loudly, angrily and publicly — peremptorily demanding I leave at once because I was a bookseller.

As a town resident, a library-supporting taxpayer and a fully transparent volunteer, I was taken aback, to say the least. The manager had been brusque the day before, but this angry, accusatory confrontation was beyond the pale.

I spoke to the director, but she also wanted to evict me. She apologized for the manager's behavior, saying it was a common occurrence, but her idea of fixing the problem was simply to chalk it up to "stress" and offer me a cookie (declined), hoping I would just walk away.

With my volunteer status revoked, I decided to wait with the large crowd for the sale to start, and to observe.

There was much to see. At one point, a few of the people waiting were walking around the outside perimeter of the tented sale area, which was roped off with yellow police tape. They were all dutifully outside the tape, but the manager came racing over at full tilt, her arms waving wildly and screaming repeatedly, "Get the hell away from there!"

Later, some others who were waiting in the hot sun moved to the shade behind the tented area on the library's lawn. They too were outside the taped perimeter, but another sale worker angrily ordered them away, saying no one was allowed to be close enough to see under the tent.

This suspicious, adversarial attitude is not unusual. Some libraries think it's cheating if anyone glimpses any books before the sale starts. Book dealers are common suspects.

It's certainly true that some dealers (and others) occasionally try to jump the line or otherwise cheat. In 25 years of attending sales and helping at some, I've seen such behavior on all sides, including library staff helping themselves to books.

But the answer is to ban individual bad actors - including abusive staff. Allowing them to scream at patrons and volunteers, or trying to placate those who were bullied with baked goods, is no way to run anything.

Mark Godburn

Norfolk

grounding — beyond a thumbs up, thumbs down?

On Sept. 3, the Texas Heartbeat Act shadow decision was issued at midnight, Friday night, no majority opinion/explanation/ reasoning provided, no majority Justice(s) signature — seemingly a back-door sly to overturn Roe vs Wade. Justices without deliberation, briefs, or oral argument denied women their constitutional right to manage their own bodies without government restrictions.

Stunningly this latest SCOTUS "night court" decision followed an ole precept that DC events on Fridays bypass scrutiny: "take out the trash" — "quick while no one is looking" initiatives. So a Supreme Court Justice carefully banks on weekend low news coverage to announce a stinger Shadow Docket decision?

The Texas Heartbeat Act is atrocious, unconstitutional, instituting a snitch culture to pit citizen against citizen. Alarming isn't just this decision but the trend it indicates — the Supreme Court drifting from a full slate of centuries — true transparent decisions to a creep in dark night of "slipped one over on ya" judicial outcomes. Shadow Dockets in 2020 reinstated carrying out federal death sentences when none had been executed for 16 years. For 45's administration, 11 such executions were enacted from July of 2020 until Biden's inauguration — all Shadow Dockets. A lame duck president's Court overturned federal stays to execute 11 death row prisoners in six months (three death row inmates are exonerated annually.)

SCOTUS Shadow Docket decisions since 2017 have been made on immigration, Muslim bans, capital executions, monies for 45's wall, abortion, evictions in a pandemic. Stay alert.

"Will a nominee embrace and uphold the essential meaning of the four words inscribed above the entrance of the Supreme Court building: Equal justice for all"

— Edward Kennedy

"We must not make a scarecrow of the law, setting it up to fear the birds of prey, and let it keep one shape till custom make it their perch and not their terror."

— William Shakespeare  
Kathy Herald-Marlowe

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