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Local Elections '99

Election Day this year is Tuesday, the second of November. It is strictly a local election and those who vote will find only a handful of contested races. That's because the Republicans chose to endorse the Democratic First Selectman, Gordon Ridgway, and the Democrats cross-endorsed a bunch of Republican incumbents: Town Clerk Cheryl Evans, Tax Collector Helen Migliacci, and two members of the Board of Finance, Ralph Gold and Kenneth (K.C.) Baird. All are running for another term. In addition, Town Treasurer Hendon Chubb, a Democrat, is running unopposed.

So, it comes down pretty much to some interesting contests for seats on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Education, and here is how they line up: For Board of Ed., Democrats are running incumbent Jim Terrall along with Alec Frost and Catherine Tatge. The Republican candidates are Maureen Donahue, Scoville Soulé, and Joe Gwazdauskas. Because of the current makeup of the Board of Ed., at least one Democrat must be elected.

The Planning and Zoning races pit Democrats Chris Hopkins and Steve Senzer against Republicans Jim Gold and Richard Lynn for two open seats.

In all other races, those nominated will au-

tomatically be elected. They are the incumbent selectmen, Democrat Earl Brecher and Republican Jack Preston; Republicans Hunt Williams and Joanne Wojtusiak for Zoning Board of Appeals; Board of Finance alternates, Republican Sally Hart and Democrat David Grossman; Board of Assessment Appeals, Democrat Richard Bramley and Republican Roger Kane; and a bunch of candidates for the Park and Recreation Commission—Republicans Brian Kavanagh, Valerie Hurlburt, and Julieann Russ, and Democrats Carla Bigelow and Deirdre Fischer. —John Miller

Halloween in Dudleytown

Residents of the roads leading to Dudleytown have long complained about the destructive and unmannerly behavior of visitors—mostly young—to Cornwall's legendary "ghost town." The spooky ambience of the place has been enhanced recently by the appearance of Dudleytown on numerous Internet websites devoted to the uncanny—notably the *Blair Witch Project* movie site. And Halloween is coming.

Camping, blocking roads, drinking, making noise—among other alleged sins—the Dudleytown "tourists" may finally have created the conditions for a crackdown. An ordinance authorizing state police to ticket drivers parking illegally on the roads to

Dudleytown will be presented soon to a town meeting—possibly the annual meeting scheduled for October 22. White signs with *No Parking* in red would be posted on the roads. In addition to ticketing by the state police, the ordinance would authorize the town to tow offending vehicles right off the mountain.

For all the nuisance created by nighttime invaders, daytime visitors are often the hikers whom residents even now welcome to the local woods. However, the Dark Entry Association, which owns the Dudleytown area, is considering closing those woods to non-members. The group has not come to a decision. "I don't like excluding people," says Association member Anne Chamberlain. "But the parking signs and the towing are fine. It's a matter of health and safety." —Charles Osborne

Don't Tie 'Em, Bag 'Em

I went to the Dump not long ago to get rid of some newspapers. Then I saw the sign—DEAR CORNWALL (it said): PLEASE BRING NEWSPAPERS LOOSE IN BROWN BAGS. THANK YOU.

What? Not neatly tied up like mine? The sign went on: "The processors charge money to untie bundled newspaper. They can process a loose load CHEAPER and FASTER. Thanks for helping RECYCLE. CORNWALL, USA."

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public reaction has been. "There have been a few complaints—one person said he'd just bought a ball of string and didn't know what to do with it—but others say bagging it is easier. A few ask, 'Where do I get the paper bags?' I tell them, 'When you're shopping and they ask "paper or plastic," say paper.'" "But what if you're like me and use cloth bags?" I asked. "We've got lots of paper bags in back."

Back home, I undid my bundle, a bit sadly. I've always sort of liked bundling up my papers and tying them tight with twine. I found a paper bag with no trouble, laid it flat, and started loading in the papers. I managed to get most of them in with no trouble. When the bag was full I weighed it—17 pounds. Not as heavy as the tied bundle, but not bad. I decided I could get used to it. But what am I going to do with all this twine? —George Kittle

Polo Days in Cornwall

Those attracted to Cornwall by rural simplicity may be surprised to know it once fielded a polo team. We were Bill Behn, Gordon Gay, Craig Behn, and I. There being no teams in our class to play against, there was no need for uniforms. Bill's outfit included W.W.I cavalry leggings and one of Rebie Behn's hats. Gordon wore a polo shirt, breeches, and riding boots. Craig wore whatever he put on when he got up in the morning. I got my breeches from a model who posed for historical murals: they looked like those worn by the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Bill was a blacksmith and owned several horses. For polo he rode a horse he had picked up at one of Steve Chase's auctions in Kent—not fast, but handled well in tight spots. Gordon rode a gelding that had been schooled to do police work. The riot control training came in handy in our *mêlées*. Craig didn't care which of his father's horses he rode; he could ride anything. My horse, Nina, had been declared unreliable at Col. Samsonov's riding academy in Washington, Connecticut. I got her on a horse deal.

A polo mallet is a thing of beauty—strong, light, and flexible. It responds to a flick of the wrist. We had two of those. Bill made the other two, as the late Adelaide Gay put it, "out of bean poles and stove wood." They felt like extra-long croquet mallets. We played our games two to a side, and

divided the mallets one of each to a side. Our ball was a softball painted white. A horse will

shy when startled, so I decided to prepare Nina for polo by hitting tin cans. At the first impact three things happened simultaneously: I smashed the can, Nina leapt sideways about six feet, and I fell off.



Polo players are often called centaurs, because of the way the man and horse move as one. With us it wasn't like that; man and horse kept their individual personalities. Sometimes they even went separate ways. *Mêlées* were very frustrating, the four of us bumping and pushing each other, trying to locate the ball somewhere below. Strong language was used. Pasterns, hocks, and shinbones were whacked without mercy. It was a bit like a rugby scrum, which would end when a horse accidentally kicked the ball into the open, and play would resume.

The open field whamo was a very satisfying shot. But, if you were wielding the home-made mallet and swung and missed, the extra momentum could take you farther than you cared to go. I remember once ending up cheek to cheek with Nina. Sensing something was wrong, she came to a halt. As I slid off I managed to grab her mane, and wound up kneeling in front of her with both arms around her neck.

The best field to play on was at Housatonic Meadows in Cornwall Bridge. It was flat, the grass mowed regularly. The drawback was we had to clean up afterwards. The Gay farm, which was under less restrictive management, had a cow pasture lot that was level but had many boulders. Hard-hit balls would ricochet from one boulder to another, giving the sensation we were part of a monster pinball machine. One day Adelaide brought the girls to watch daddy play polo, but they only lasted until the first *mêlée*, when Adelaide decided that it was no place for children.

There was a time when we considered asking Ted Gold, who had played polo at Yale, to give us some pointers to spruce up our game. But we discarded the idea and decided to develop our own style. Like so many spirited endeavors of those days, the Cornwall Bridge Behners became a casualty of W.W.II. —Marc Simont

Cornwall Cup '99

By now you know how it works: the previous year's champion, in this case Cornwall Village, awaits the winner of a game between the other two Cornwalls. I wasn't there (CCS) but my sources told me West Cornwall scored 29 runs defeating Cornwall Bridge. No one could remember how many runs the losers got, but the winning coach, Dave Cadwell (who recruited a ringer from nearby Sharon with a 06796 mailing address), said, "It was so much fun—who cares what the score was." In the final, it was Cornwall Village having lots of fun as they were crushed by the new champs, West Cornwall, 15 to 4.

—John Miller

Dates for Hunters and Hikers

For the benefit of hunters and hikers, here is the fall season hunting schedule:

Small game: The season is open now through December for various species.

Turkey—archery: Now through November 19; December 22 through 31.

Turkey—firearms: October 16 to 30.

Deer—archery: Open now to November 16 on state and private land; December 8 to

21, private property; December 22 to 31, state and private land.

Deer—firearms: November 17 to December 7, state and private land; November 1 to December 31, private land—landowners.

Sundays: No hunting; no hunting implements in the field; some exceptions for private preserves.

Hours: In general (some exceptions), a half hour before sunrise to sunset for deer and turkey; for small game, a half hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset.

For more information, call DEP Wildlife at (860) 424-3011. Wearing orange makes it all much safer; take your trash home.

—Jim Levy



Welcome

Blake Martin to Yvonne and Martin Buckley

Congratulations

Sarah Hubbard to Walter Nicholas Sisk, Jr.

Land Transfers

Stuart T. Fulton to Martin Horner and Anne Orsoni, house and 8 acres at 87 Furnace Brook Road for \$134,000.

Estate of Mary Swift Calhoun to Jeffrey A. Wasserman and Anne C. Newburg, 6 Valley Road for \$365,100.

Gordon and Susan Link to Emily S. Buchanan, house and 10 acres at 56 Hall Road for \$400,000.

Patricia B. Butler to Karen R. A. Tansey, house and 59.3 acres at 365 Cream Hill Road for \$915,000.

Leeanne C. Malahan to Daniel J. Casey and Shannon Caranci, house and 16.8 acres at 67 Bunker Hill Road for \$135,000.

Estate of Mary Swift Calhoun to Hugh and Lynn Cheney, house and one acre at 29 Jewell Street for \$120,000.

Timothy J. Musios and Mary Oren to Rodney and Marsha Smith, house and 29.5 acres on Warren Hill Road for \$1,750,000.

Barbara Ensor and Steven D. Hoffman to Anne Schwartz and Grant Hanessian, house at Yelping Hill Association, Inc., for \$226,500.

Glorious Day! Thanks, Floyd

At the Ag Fair on Saturday, September 18, the Cornwall Green area hummed with activity all day long. Fifty-four people brought 35 loads of goods to enter into competition. No money prizes, just amateur judges, ribbons, and the fun of competition and helping make a special day. Six tents sheltered contests from flowers to leeks. Don Polk won the hay toss, 29 feet 6 inches. Women outdid the men in corn husking. Two well-endowed cows starred in the \$1,300 Cow Pie Bingo extravaganza, won by Noushin Ehsan. Bagging the

evidence, she said, "It's the only thing I've ever won."
—Cilla Mauro

They Read 2,673 Books

About 50 children and their parents gathered at the Library on Saturday, September 4, to celebrate the success of this summer's reading program, *Travel The World With Books*. Ninety-eight children in the program read a total of 2,673 books. Radha Patel was our biggest reader with a total of 139 books! Another 25 kids read over 30 books each.

Through the Library's fund-raising campaign, matching sponsor dollars for books read, the children raised a total of \$2,727 (books over 200 pages were worth more) for the new library and children's wing and were shown how this money translated into doors, windows, chairs, and books. All the children went home with certificates and globe-related prizes. If you were unable to attend, but handed in your reading log, stop by the Library for your certificate and prize. —Amy Buck

Painting the Town

The annual Paint the Town and silent auction, to benefit Cornwall Extras for Kids on August 28, drew 39 artists with 72 works of art and scores of eager bidders. Fifty-two art works were sold for a total of \$1,810, of which \$1,021 benefited Cornwall Extras for Kids. The occasion attracted seasoned and budding artists, including children who sold their first art. In addition to pictures of the Covered Bridge and the local flora and fauna, there were submissions entitled *Vincent Van Crow* and *Thalia's Geese*, *Turtle on a Log* and some interesting digital photography. —Robin Freyberg

CCS Expansion: First Step?

The call for this year's Annual Town Meeting, Friday, October 22, 7:30 P.M. at the Cornwall Consolidated School, will include an important issue to be voted on (with no adjournment to referendum): endorsement or rejection of a school building committee and of a budget for this committee. Formation of such a committee was among the recommendations of a school space study group formed earlier in the year. A budget figure will not be in the call, but the sum that has been the focus of recent discussion is \$25,000.

Routine matters will also be in the call: approval of the Town Report and of the current five-year plan. The town meeting may also consider

an ordinance sanctioning state police ticketing—and town towing—of illegally parked cars, particularly in the Dudleytown-Dark Entry part of town (see page 1). —Charles Osborne



Letters to the Chronicle

VALLEY SPEEDWAY

Thanks to Dick Frank for writing about speeding traffic on various Cornwall roads. Valley Road, posted with a 25-miles-per-hour limit, also frequently becomes a real speedway. A lot of that traffic seems to be Dudleytown related.

In his mention of Essex Hill Road I wish Mr. Frank had included the YIELD sign, very rarely observed, at the foot of Essex Hill Road as it meets Valley Road. Perhaps he has never noticed it.
—Ann Peterson

THE PRICE OF SPEEDING

In July, a young couple, driving much too fast on Town Street by our house, went off the road and hit a telephone pole. (The driver was reaching for a cassette and momentarily took his eyes off the road.) Thanks to seat belts and air bags they walked away from their destroyed SUV with only bad bruises. The pole, meanwhile, was totaled, knocking out power for much of Town Street.

Within minutes of our call to 911, the town emergency crews appeared (Rescue Squad and fire engine) followed by SNET, which spent most of the night replacing pole and wire. Earl Brecher, Gordon Ridgway, Connie Hedden, and others did a wonderful job.

The efficiency and caring of our local emergency services were impressive. We are all lucky to live here.
—Erica Prud'homme

SPEED AND TAXES

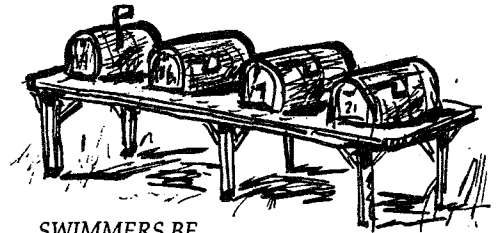
As a resident of Great Hollow Road, I concur with Mr. Frank's assessment of the speed with which cars are traveling on our country roads.

It is quite apparent that speed signs, deaf child signs, and stop signs don't mean much to some of the residents and unfamiliar travelers in this area.

Great Hollow Road is maintained by the state past the Ski Area. Beyond that point it is maintained by the Town of Cornwall. Incidentally, they ran out of oil and sand again. We are being short-changed. Imagine being short of money at tax time; what do we say, sorry, I'm a little short right now, come back next year? Stay alert!
—Florence Allen

Events & Announcements

Voter Reminders: Have you registered to vote? (See "Local Elections '99," page 2.) The cutoff date is 8 P.M., October 19; you must register by this date in order to cast your ballot in the municipal election on November 2. The Registrars of Voters are now Jayne Ridgway (Democrat) and Annie Kosciusko (Republican), who has replaced Lisa Cruse. They will be on hand on the following dates to register new voters: October 6, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. (Town Office); October 16, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. (Town Hall); October 19, 9 A.M. to 8 P.M. (Town Office).



SWIMMERS BE AWARE

In an August Chronicle letter, Katherine Freygang points out the delights of swimming at Mohawk Pond. Although the swimming season is over, it is important to note that there is a No Swimming sign posted at the boat launch, and has been since last year. D.E.P. officers have been known to enforce this restriction and expel swimmers.

I used to swim at Mohawk, but it is no longer the unknown gem of old, often crowded with folks looking to cool off. Unfortunately, many of the swimmers are apparently unaware that the area is a boat launch, making no attempt to get themselves or their dogs out of the way of boaters using the ramp. Perhaps this is what prompted the appearance of the sign. I have nearly given up on several occasions trying to get my kayak on the pond because of swimmers who were oblivious to my attempts.

So, if you are willing to risk expulsion by a D.E.P. officer by swimming at the boat launch, all the same please respect it as a boaters' facility.
—Jean Bouteiller

WEEDS IN THE WATER

I am wondering if others were bothered by the water weeds at the town beach, and if there is a way to rid the water of them. They grow to the surface, making swimming less than pleasant. The tiny kids' area was pretty weed-free, but the adult area was not. I paid the \$20 fee and forced myself to swim one time.
—Carol Ohmen

NEW SIGN, NEW ROOF

I would like to offer compliments to the people responsible for two small Cornwall improvements. First, I want to say how nice I think the new sign looks at the Hitching Post Motel. Its red, white, and blue lighting is a cheerful sight, especially on dark nights. Second, I was pleased to see the new roof protection at Rumsey Hall. It will at least keep out the rain, pending (one hopes) the building's full restoration.

—David A. Grossman

A 60-Plus Wellness Screening will take place at CCS on Tuesday, October 12. The health screening, performed by nurse practitioners, offers tests including hearing, vision, glaucoma, blood and stool tests, Pap, pelvic and breast exam, EKG, and blood pressure. Suggested donation: \$20. Only ten spaces are available; an appointment is necessary. Call Jill Gibbons, 672-2603. Torrington Area Health District representatives will be offering flu and pneumonia vaccinations that day from 10 A.M. to noon only. There is a nominal fee for the shots; no appointment is necessary.

Introduction to Quilt Making: A sampler of quilt block designs will be taught to adult beginners by Jill Gibbons in 12 classes, Mondays 7 to 9 P.M., September 27 to January 24. Students will learn the basics of quilt making as they sew a variety of traditional quilt block designs. When completed, the blocks may be constructed into a sampler quilt measuring 48 inches square. Students should bring a portable sewing machine to class. A list of materials and supplies will be given out the first night. Location: CCS Library. Fee: \$60.

Art in Cornwall: At the Cornwall Library, Mike Redmond will be showing drawings of wildlife through the month of October. At the National Iron Bank, following the showing of Harry Colley's photographs in September, there will be an exhibit of digital photographs of West Cornwall and environs by Peter Barrett. At the Wish House, the show of Ella Crampton Knox's paintings will continue through the end of October.

Classical Guitarist Jeffrey Gibbons will perform a benefit concert on Sunday, October 17, at 3 P.M. at the UCC. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Housatonic Youth Services Bureau, entering its tenth year serving children and families in northwest Connecticut.

Library Trustees Re-elected: At its annual meeting on September 9, the Cornwall Library Association re-elected three trustees whose terms had expired: Audrey Ferman, David Grossman, and Jessica Fowler. The Association also approved its first formal annual audit report, prepared by Robert E. King & Co., CPAs.

The Cornwall Historical Society has a new president—James D. Gold, elected by the Society's board in July. Gold succeeds Michael Gannett, the longtime Society head who remains Cornwall's Town Historian. As he takes office, Gold is making an appeal for a used computer and printer (less than three years old). Anyone interested in making the donation can call Gold at 672-6492. The Society is open on Tuesdays from 9:30 A.M. to noon, and on Saturday mornings when a special exhibit is on view.

Cornwall Trivia: 3

Here's one for you sports fans. Who is the only Cornwall resident (apart from tennis champ Ivan Lendl) who was a national champion in any individual or team sport? (Thanks to Brian Christaldi for pointing this out.) You'll find the answer printed upside down at the bottom of the coupon. And all you need to be a champ in our book is to send in that coupon with a check.

Yes, I want the Chronicle to continue.
Here is my tax-deductible contribution of: \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Please mail the Chronicle to the out-of-town address above; a \$10 contribution will be appreciated.

Larry Pool, national champion, squash, 1928 & 1931

A Cornwall House Tour: On Saturday, October 9, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., a number of Cornwall houses will be open to the public as a benefit for Prime Time House, an agency dedicated to helping those recovering from mental illness. Tour tickets are \$25. Tickets for tour and 4:30 P.M. reception (refreshments and architectural talk) are \$50. Boxed lunches at Cornubia Hall are \$5.

The following buildings are included: Richard and Suzanne Frank house, Mary Sams/Bill Rashbaum house, Harry DePolo/Carol Nelson house, The North Cornwall Meeting House, Tim and Marie Prentice "Village," Stephen and Jane Garmey house, and Adam Van Doren's Studio Mill.

For advance reservations and a tour map call Amy Cady at 672-0233. Tickets will be available at the house sites and at RiverGrille in West Cornwall the day of the tour.



Household Hazardous Waste: The next collection day will be October 30 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Torrington Water Pollution Control Plant. The tickets required will be available at the Selectman's Office in October. They come with a map showing the drop-off place. Any questions, call Joyce at 672-4959.

The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 9 and 10.

On Saturday, from 9 to 10 A.M., early birds will be admitted for \$15; after that admission is free. Sunday there will be a bag sale from 9 A.M. to noon. The Friends need volunteers to sort on October 6, 7, and 8 and sell on the 9th and 10th. Please call Celia Senzer at 672-6898.

Cornwall and Its Antient Settlers is the title of a newly issued booklet by Timothy Stone, 19th century pastor of the First Church and based on his manuscript history of the town, written in the 1840s. Edited by Michael Gannett, the booklet has been published by the Historical Society. It provides a thumbnail history of Cornwall's settlement and some of its early settlers, including the location of their homes as identified by a map and today's house numbers. The booklet is available at the Society, the town's two libraries, and Barbara Farnsworth's bookstore. A review is planned for the November Chronicle.

Park and Rec. Festivities: The annual hay ride will be on Saturday, October 9, from 2 to 3 P.M. (rain date—Sunday, October 10). At CCS, we will meet Fred Scoville and his son, Stephen, who will pull us up Cream Hill. We return to apples, cider, and doughnuts.

A Halloween party will be held at CCS on Saturday, October 30, from 2 to 3:30 P.M. for children pre-school through fourth grade. There will be a costume parade, a haunted house, a craft table especially for pre-schoolers, and treats for all. A dance will be held for fifth through eighth graders from 7 to 10 P.M. that evening. Be sure to come in costume!

Tai Chi: Leslie Elias will be teaching Tai Chi Chuan, an ancient Chinese Martial Art, which is both healing and strengthening for the mind, body, and spirit. New students are encouraged to participate in this inspirational lifelong practice and join Cornwall's growing Tai Chi community.

Starting October 13: weekly classes at CCS gym for beginners, 7 to 8 P.M.; for experienced students, 8 to 9 P.M. \$5 per class (first class is free, sliding scale available). Registration and information, 672-0286.

A Horse Show at Gunn Brook Farm in Cornwall Bridge will take place on October 9 and 10. The show is open to both participants and spectators. Saturday will feature hunters and jumpers; Sunday will show off western riders. Those interested can call Marianne Pirota at 672-0203.

Library Ghosts: Groans, whimpers, and screams will again fill the air on Saturday, October 23, from 7 to 8:30 P.M. at Town Hall. That night, the Library will present "Gory Hour," an evening of ghost stories read by some of Cornwall's greatest ghouls. Ages five and up; cider and treats to follow.

How a Land Trust Can Work with a Town: Laurie Boynton, advisor to Land Trusts in Litchfield County, will talk at CCS on October 24 at 2 P.M. Everyone invited.

CCS PTA is sponsoring a gift wrap sale through October 20. Please order from your favorite student or call Lisa Cruse, 364-7030. Proceeds fund special programs for students throughout the year.

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