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Tale of Town Halls (cont’d)
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The Black Fly Story
With Cornwall’s infamous bugs out in force, zeroing in on eyes and ears and raising itchy little red welts on shins and wrists, the Chronicle is offering this primer on the black flies who, year after year, persecute us so cruelly. It is based on a talk with Connecticut State Entomologist Lou Magnarelli, who has spent time in Cornwall and knows at first-hand what we have to put up with.

Who exactly are our tormentors?
“What we’re talking about is not one species of black fly,” Magnarelli says, “but several—someplace between five and ten different species, which emerge from their larval homes at different times all summer and into the fall.”

Where are those larval homes?
Some species breed in the Housatonic, others in their tributaries and their tributaries—whenever there is running water. “Black flies have tremendous flying potential,” Magnarelli says, noting that some species can fly up to eight miles.

Note: Deadline for July Events & Announcements and Calendar listings is June 15.

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*Check time and place at Town Office*
Is there anything we can do about these pests?

Not much. Wearing a light-colored hat may help (the flies are attracted by dark colors). And insecticides may help. Some people (Pat Quinn is one) like to soak their hats with insecticide. Hats are also available with netting that covers the head and face—or even, for the desperate, with netting that comes down to the ankles.

Have we anything to be thankful for?

Yes. Our black flies aren’t nearly as ferocious as some that flourish in the Adirondacks and northern New England. “In June,” Magnarelli says, “you wouldn’t be able to stand near a stream where they were, because they would attack you so fiercely.” That’s good to know.

—Spencer Klaw

**Congrats, Grads!**

The Cornwall Consolidated School eighth grade graduation will be held Friday, June 9, at 7 P.M. at the CCS gym. Congratulations to Sara Carchrae, Russell Cheney, Kevin Harmon, Caitlin MacNeil, Bianca Marchetti, Allison Ripley, Stephen Scoville, William Terry, and George Wolfe.

**Those Other Senior Citizens**

As graduation nears, Cornwall’s high school seniors are getting nostalgic, but are more than ready to broaden their horizons. Those attending HVRHS will march up the aisle at 6 P.M. on June 13. As already reported here, the top four students in this class are from Cornwall.

Jennifer Heiny will enter the Integrated Humanities Program at the University of Vermont. Utah Ingersoll plans to major in environmental studies at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. Eric Augustyn will focus on business at UConn, Torrington. Mariana Matthews plans to major in theater at the University of North Carolina. Justin MacNeil will study at Dean Junior College in Massachusetts. Heidi Hedden will be in the nursing program at the University of Pennsylvania. Dana Lugar will attend a Connecticut truck-driving school or enter the work force.

After going to France this summer, Sarah Kochman will attend the University of Alaska to study zoology or wildlife management. Julie Batten plans to enter the nursing program at Western Connecticut State University while holding down a job at Northwest Lumber. Melissa Borggrevé, who graduated in January, will attend Heidelberg University—or a school closer to home—for pre-law studies. Alexis Sullivan, a January Taft graduate, will be off to Reed College in Oregon. Jalana Lazar, a Hotchkiss graduate, plans on a pre-med program at Tufts University. Sandra Belci, a newcomer to Cornwall, will head for Catawba College in North Carolina. Jay Wolfe will do local forestry work next year while deciding on his future plans. And, finally, Daniel Gingert will study liberal arts at Emory University in Georgia.

All of this year’s graduates plan to both work and relax this summer in preparation for the “journey” ahead. The transition from being a big fish in a little pond to a little fish in a big pond is always marked with anxiety. However, with its family atmosphere and lack of television reception, Cornwall has prepared them well.

—Daniel Gingert

**Pleased To Thank**

The Cornwall Child Center Treasurer is smiling! The annual major fund-raiser, the auction, brought in $15,600 and the raffle $1,500. We are grateful for the support of the community.

—Ginny Potter

A Brush With Imagination

Lili Gross Bauer’s paintings are now livening the Cornwall Library. This is superb professional work. She uses her expert brush to take you on an imaginative journey filled with color, humor, and fantasy: striking yellow sunflowers in a tall vase; a mound of umbrellas in a rainstorm in an Asian city; a nun jumping rope; teenagers in an art museum; a full-figured matron in a bright yellow dress, filling a phone booth.

Take a look at the painting of a concert hall stage and try to tell me what’s going on; it puzzles me, but it’s my favorite of the exhibition. Bauer’s offbeat use of color, exaggeration, and distortion produces weird spin-offs of reality. But she knows how to do it so it’s fun.

—Alfred Breidenberg

**Love’s Labor Not Lost**

The Marcal Paper Co. now pays Cornwall $135 per ton of glossy and office-waste paper. Six months ago the rate was only $25 per ton. So, keep sorting and sending those old magazines and love letters to reduce solid waste and produce helpful income for the town.

—Eliz. Tobin Terrill

**Welcome**

Margaret Tyler Hopkins to Debra Tyler Hopkins and Chris Hopkins

**Good-bye To A Friend**

Patsy Van Doren

**Congratulations**

Thomas Brashears to Vivian Ditisheim

**Land Transfers**

Elmer Nelson to Bradford J. Harding and Margaret McMorow, house and 16 acres on Dudleytown Road for $315,000.

Estate of Margaret O. Hurburt to Amanda Chase, house and 11.78 acres at 34 Furnace Brook Road for $107,000.

Maria Basline to Stephen A. and Christine E. Halas, house and 44.19 acres on Kent Road for $142,500.

John L. Ashton to Alison Holtzschue, 4.6 acres on Flat Rocks Road for $60,000.

James Taylor to Peter D. Stiglin, house and 2.9 acres at 228 Kent Road for $127,405.65.

William A. Spitzer and Carol S. Spitzer to Anthony J. and Elizabeth England Scott, house and land at 288 Great Hollow Road for $150,000.

**World Games Visitors**

Yes, an Olympic torch runner will pass through the covered bridge in West Cornwall about 8:30 on the morning of Tuesday, June 27. Cornwall will be playing its part in the big picture of the Special Olympics World Games at the end of June. Months of planning will culminate when the 58 athletes and coaches and four press members from Turkmenistan arrive at Mohawk Ski Area for the welcoming ceremony on June 26 at noon. Officials from the towns of Sharon, Goshen, Litchfield, and Cornwall, all the host families, and committee members will extend friendship and present gifts to the guests. During the next two days there will be time for rest, practice, and fun. At the Goshen Fairgrounds on June 28 there is to be a barbecue and hoe-down with bands to provide a good American experience for all. Then on the 29th everyone departs for New Haven and the long-awaited excitement of the World Games.

Funds are still needed; contributions to the Special Olympics Hometown Committee may be sent to Cornwall coordinator Bill Dimmen, Popple Swamp Road, Cornwall Bridge, CT 06754 (672-5740). —Ginny Potter
Cornwall Library News
The Cornwall Library will be open longer hours, and a new program for children six and older will start in June.

The theme for the summer is "Reach for the Stars." Star stickers will replace those leopard spots as the children count books read. Judy Gafney will offer a special half-hour reading and discussion time from 7 to 7:30 on Wednesday evenings beginning on June 21. While children can receive their earned stars whenever they visit the library, the program with Judy will add both focus and fun.

A WALK INTO SPRING
This morning on my almost-daily walk past Mohawk Ski Area I looked for the familiar pair of Canada geese on the pond in front of the lodge. One seems to have an injured wing and the

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Correction: The May issue incorrectly reported the age range for the July soccer camp. The correct ages are 5-17.

Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day: To achieve the consummate in spring cleaning, go that extra mile and rid your house and barn of hazardous wastes like cleaning products, small batteries, oil-based paints, insecticides, pesticides, etc. Make this the year that you earn stars whenever you visit the library, and fun.

TRAGEDY AT THE DUMP
I'm hoping you can help me out with this. It's rather an important item. Enclosed is a $5 bribe. I understand this is not feature material, but I seem to remember Polly Calhoun once putting out a plea for the return of a borrowed book, so I thought perhaps...

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE?
Ten years ago, in a fury of rage at the nuclear proliferation of a company in which I had inherited stock, I sold it, gagging on the capital gains tax, and began my search for a cleaner investment.

I finally settled on the Clorox company, bought the stock, and urged my friends to use the products of bleach and cleanser put out by MY company. The dividends came in and I was happy until I recently read a long, scientific article from Greenpeace, which proves that chlorine/dioxin has been shown to be one of the leading causes of breast cancer.

Since I have been a recent victim of breast cancer, I fired off a letter to my broker to get rid of my Clorox stock and find me something less noxious. Now I am trying to think of the most effective way to get the Environmental Protection Agency after the guilty company.

—Polly Calhoun

Drug/Alcohol Prevention: The Cornwall Drug & Alcohol Prevention Council is pleased to announce the opening of its new Parent/Teacher/Student Resource Library located in the CCS library. Materials available are books, audiotapes, and videotapes on subjects of interest to anyone dealing with young people, and may be borrowed for up to two weeks. The council is funded through grants from the Connecticut Department of Public Health & Addiction Services.

Call to Artists: The West Cornwall Merchants Association invites all artists to participate in its fourth annual "Paint the Town" benefit. Unlike past years, artists may now produce their paintings at any time up to July 14. There will be a silent auction on July 15, coinciding with a day-long outdoor jazz festival and bazaar in West Cornwall. Part of the proceeds from the auction will benefit the (continued on back page)
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Cornwall Child Center. In another change, organizers will coordinate arrangements between artists and Cornwallians who are interested in having a specific scene or building rendered. For more information call Todd Piker at 672-6545 or Pat Spaulding at 672-6800.

Hammond Beach Regs: Both Cornwall residents and summer renters must have a permit to use the beach. Beach permits are available from the Town Office for $10 (individual) or $20 (family), in person or by mail. (The Town Office is open Monday–Thursday, 9–3; tel. 672-4959.) Guests pay $1 a day and must be accompanied by the host-resident. The beach opens June 17 and will be open every day, 11–7, weather permitting, until Labor Day. For everyone’s safety, it is important for families to obey the beach regulations. A swim lesson schedule will be sent home with CCS students and will also be available at the lake. Sign-ups for swimming lessons will be held at the beach 11 A.M. to 5 P.M., June 19–23.

Jubilee School Visit: Forty-five students and adults from the Jubilee School in Philadelphia will be in Cornwall June 12–16, hosted by the United Church of Christ. Everyone is invited to a very informal program on Thursday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the church—a celebration of the partnership of Jubilee and Cornwall.

The Canby Singers of New York return to CCS Saturday evening, June 24, at 8:15 for their 37th annual Cornwall concert. Edward Tatnall Canby, who founded the Singers in 1953, will be the anchorman at the concert. The program will feature music by Brahms and Lassus, a group of Italian madrigals, songs by Henryk Mikolaj Corecki, and a major work by Guillaume de Machaut. Admission is free—no contributions.

June, Moon, Spoon, Soon

A lovely month, June. It has the longest day, soft summer nights, baseball, swimming, and, of course, lots of weddings. Weddings are expensive; if you’re planning one, feel free to skip your Chronicle contribution. As for the rest of you, please go to your checkbook as soon as you come in from the porch.

Democrats Elect: At a caucus on May 9 the Democratic Town Committee elected as officers Stephen Senzer, chair; Barbara Klaw, vice-chair; Charles Osborne, secretary; and Philla Osborne, treasurer. The committee’s next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., June 13, at the Town Hall. All Democrats are invited to attend to help identify potential candidates for November’s town elections.

New Life for Library: With the election of a new board of directors, the Hughes Memorial Library in West Cornwall has begun a major revitalization program. Library officers are: G. Robert Stetson, president; Josie Whitney, vice president; Nancy O’Donnell, secretary; and Barbara Farnsworth, treasurer. Estelle Stetson is librarian.

To raise needed funds for building repairs, a flea market/tag sale will be held June 24 on the lawn adjacent to the library on River Road. Donations are needed for the flea market. Table space is also available for rent to people wishing to sell their own things tag-sale style. For more information or to rent table space, please call Josie Whitney at 672-6172.

Senior Bend and Stretch: Visiting Nurse and Home Care Northwest, Inc. is sponsoring a free clinic for seniors on Tuesday, June 20, from 11 A.M. to noon at the United Church of Christ. Joseph Gwiazdauskas, RPT, and Ruthellen Griffin, dance therapist, will lead a "Bend and Stretch for Fun" session. For information, call 491-3740 or 1-800-752-0215.

Cornwall in Concert: To benefit the La Casa Program for the construction by Cornwall volunteers of a small house in disadvantaged El Florido, Mexico, come to the UCC at 4:30 p.m. on June 11, and enjoy: 1) Beth Samuels and Patricia Stanley Hochstetter in duets with Natasha Ulyanovsky, organist; 2) gospel music by Joan Hinchen and friends; 3) songs by Marie and Tim Prentice; and 4) the culminating vibrations of the Coltsfoot Singers. Admission is $10 and a reception will follow. For reservations (recommended) and information call Jim Whiteside at 672-6180.

Counselors for Seniors Needed: The Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging is looking for volunteer counselors for the Health Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (HICAP). If you’re interested in being trained to counsel seniors on problems with Medicare, Medigap, Medicaid, and other related programs, please call Jill Gibbons at 672-2603 or 0033. The two-day training is scheduled for June 28 and 29.

Birthday Party: The Cornwall Library will mark its 125th anniversary with a celebration on July 15, beginning at 5 P.M. Organized by the Friends of the Library, the day will include music, readings, activities for children, and hors d’oeuvres and wine. Volunteers needed. Please call Lisa Lansing (672-2659).

Child Center Registration for the fall program will be held at the new Center on Tuesday, June 6, from 10 A.M. to noon and on Thursday, June 8, from 3 to 5 P.M. The Child Center will also be offering a six-week summer program for ages 3 to 8. For information, please call Pam Brehm, Director, at 672-6989.

Extras for Kids Benefit: Save Sunday, June 18, for a tour of the spectacular June gardens of John Green and Tom Bechtle, and a wine and hors d’oeuvres fund-raising party. Hours are 4–6 P.M.; suggested contribution is $10. Their house is at the intersection of Town Street and the Goshen-Sharon Turnpike. Parents needing funds for their kids’ summer activities are encouraged to call Scott Cady at 672-0143. All applications are strictly confidential.

June is for Dogs: Dog owners are reminded that June is the month to license all dogs at the Town Clerk’s office. A valid rabies vaccination certificate is required. There is a low-cost ($8) vaccination clinic scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2–4 P.M., at the Ag.Ed Department at HVRHS for pets who need an updated certificate. Licenses are $6 for neutered or spayed animals, $16 for all others. More information may be had from the Town Clerk’s office, Mon.–Thurs., 9 A.M.–4 P.M., 672-2709.

Summer Women’s Groups: Women interested in joining or starting weekly/biweekly groups to meet for discussion and support are invited to an organizational meeting on Saturday, June 17, at the UCC Parish House at 10 A.M. Call Philla Osborne 672-6296 or Celia Senzer 672-6898.