

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Incinerators are not power plants

To the Editor,
Last Tuesday I spent 90 minutes in the car, 7 hours on a bus and four and a half hours in Albany. I was with more than 30 concerned residents of the Finger Lakes Region lobbying legislators to remove garbage incinerators from "Article Ten," the expedited power plant siting process. Incinerators are not power plants, and they have no place in an agricultural and tourist area.

The Governor said as much in a statement issued on Tuesday morning: "The Circular energy trash incinerator project is not consistent with my administration's goals for protecting our public health, our environment, and our thriving agriculture-based economy in the Finger Lakes."

Importing and burning municipal solid waste in one of the State's most environmentally sensitive areas is simply not appropriate."

The legislation, if enacted, would prohibit the State Siting Board from pre-empting "Home Rule."

Home Rule would allow the Town of Romulus (or any other town that is facing a trash incinerator) to decide whether they will allow 240 trucks a day to make their way from New York city down route 414 (two lanes - one each way) to the spot which has been described as the very worst location for an incinerator

- in the country.

It is less than 2 miles from the K-12 school, and upwind. It is less than five miles from Seneca Lake and Cayuga Lake. The smokestack would be 260 feet tall - the equivalent of a 26 story building. That will add to the bucolic ambiance that draws people to the Finger Lakes!

There are alternatives. We need to drastically reduce the amount of waste we create. See a better way.world/2020 for ideas for easy fixes.

Given the Governor's statement, it is unlikely that this project will go ahead, but the Finger Lakes region is seen as an easy target. We already take 45% of the state's waste. And there will be other attempts to dump on us.

Senator O'Mara and Assemblyman Palmesano are against the incinerator, for which I thank them. Please encourage them to make sure that Senate bill (S8109) and Assembly bill (A10277) pass before the end of this legislative session.

Elizabeth Whitehouse, Corning

Addressing anti-gun rhetoric

To the Editor,
All gun owners are killers, All conservatives are racist, The NRA is a terrorist organization.

True statements? No.

By using that same logic, all blacks are gang-bangers, all Hispanics are drug dealers, and all Muslims are terrorists.

We all know that every single statement listed is false.

Let's be realistic. We are told by our politicians and community leaders, that we can't judge entire groups by the actions of a few deranged individuals. We all agree on that.

With that said, why do most anti-gun groups continually lump gun owners and NRA members in to one big group of extremists. Where is the logic?

There are well over 250 million guns in this country, but the death rate by guns is around 33,000 per year.

As tragic as all of these deaths are, it's nowhere near epidemic.

The facts prove that cancer, smoking, obesity, and even medical errors each cause more deaths than guns annually. Not to mention heart disease and automotive accidents, which are higher yet.

It seems to me that all the anti-gun rhetoric is more unsubstantiated fear and misinformation than anything based on facts.

School shootings are, and should be addressed, by all means. Why fear an armed protective force for our children?

Shouldn't they be afforded the same protection as every one of our politicians, or for that matter, "celebrities"?

Let's at least start there for now, at least until we can determine the real underlying cause for so many kids killing fellow students.

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COMMENTARY | STATE SEN. TOM O'MARA, R-BIG FLATS

A big business that's about to get bigger

According to Cornell University, in a May 2017 publication titled "Industrial Hemp: From Seed to Market," there are approximately 25,000 products being manufactured or processed using industrial hemp.

These products fall into nine submarkets: agriculture, textiles, recycling, automotive, furniture, food and beverages, paper, construction materials, and personal care. The total retail value of hemp products sold in the United States is fast approaching \$700 million.

Not only is it a fascinating industry - rich in both history and potential - it is well on its way to becoming a billion-dollar industry. It's big business - and it's about to get bigger and better. With federal action on the horizon (we hope) to legalize hemp and thereby remove many of the key roadblocks currently facing farmers and processors, the U.S.-based hemp industry is expected to explode.

That is exactly why I have been working closely over the past several years with my Southern Tier counterpart, Assemblywoman

Donna Lupardo of Broome County, to put New York State in a strong position in this coming race for an economic foothold for our farmers and processors. It means job growth, revenue, and numerous other spin-off benefits.

Since 2014, we have worked closely with Governor Cuomo and his administration to enact new laws and policies that have jump-started the industry's growth in New York State. We are also members of the state's Industrial Hemp Working Group, established last year as part of a new law we sponsored (Chapter 88 of the Laws of 2017). The group is comprised of researchers and industry leaders, and works to examine and develop policy initiatives, and promotion and marketing opportunities.

Last week in Albany, we hosted a legislative "Hemp Forum" to keep state government's attention focused on the burgeoning industrial hemp industry. The forum featured experts from Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) leading a panel discussion on the growth, manufacturing and processing of industrial

hemp. Dr. Larry Smart and Dr. Christine Smart of Cornell's Industrial Hemp Research Team and other panelists engaged in an informative, interesting and, we all hope, productive discussion on the past, present and future of industrial hemp in New York. You can view a video replay of this forum on my Senate website, www.omara.nysenate.gov.

We are moving forward to ensure that the development and growth of the industrial hemp industry will provide valuable new economic opportunities and a competitive edge for farmers and agribusinesses statewide. We just need to keep taking the next step and that was the focus of last week's forum.

Assemblywoman Lupardo said, "The collaboration between farmers, producers, academia, and government is exactly what we envisioned when we first began working on this topic. These partnerships have already positioned New York State as a national leader in the industrial hemp industry."

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Alfred State

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A Morning with Dr. Bertha Madras: An Opioid Epidemic Seminar

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, June 20, 8 a.m. - 12 noon
LOCATION: Orvis Auditorium, Alfred State College **COST:** \$69

- Update area professionals on the current opioid and prescription drug epidemic
- Understand what we can do as professionals, as clinicians, as community members
- Discuss the latest in effective treatments
- Understand the brain and the science behind active addiction and then recovery

Information on Dr. Madras can be found at: <http://speakersforchange.org/bertha-madras>

Animal Crimes Investigation for Law Enforcement

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, Aug. 8, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
LOCATION: Lake Lodge, Alfred State College **COST:** \$25
INSTRUCTOR: Investigator Reno Di Domenico, Director of Law Enforcement, Humane Society of Greater Rochester

Understand the elements of an animal crime investigation. Participants will learn where to look for evidence and find resources to secure a successful arrest and prosecution. Topics will include history of animal crimes, what is the officer role, Article 26 of the NYS Agriculture and Market Law, and companion and livestock investigation.

Applied Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Children and Adolescents: Core Skills and Practical Adaptations for Clinical and Educational Settings

DATE/TIME: Friday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **COST:** \$65
LOCATION: Lake Lodge, Alfred State College **INSTRUCTOR:** Dr. Scott Anderson

This all-day workshop will begin with an overview of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for children and adolescents, focusing on evidence-based behavioral strategies and cognitive approaches. Seminar focus is on foundational clinical principles and techniques that can be applied to a variety of anxiety and depressive disorders. In the afternoon, topics include practicing CBT in various settings. There will be an emphasis on hands-on learning (i.e., role-plays and demonstrations).

The Bulletproof Mind Seminar for the Law Enforcement Community

DATE/TIME: Oct. 24, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. **PRESENTER:** Lt. Colonel Dave Grossman
LOCATION: Orvis Auditorium, Alfred State College **COST:** \$80

- The consequences of denying and ignoring the violence in our society
- School violence and the simple steps needed to deter the threat
- Violence in the media/video games and its effect on children
- The duty and responsibility for legal CCW permit holders, off-duty law enforcement, and any other responsible citizens to ensure the safety of our schools, workplaces, public transit, etc.
- Mental preparation for combat and the sheepdog mindset
- Preparation and stress inoculation to help with the physical reaction to combat situations and the after effects of combat and killing
- Combat breathing, applications and advantages

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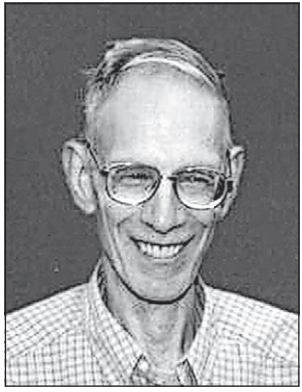
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OBITUARIES & NEWS

OBITUARIES



James A. Murphy

James A. Murphy, 82, of Culpeper, VA departed on Pentecost, 5/20/18. He was born to Joseph J. and Gertrude M. Murphy. He graduated from St. Joseph's University and from Iowa State University with a PhD in physical chemistry. He met his wife, Catherine, in the lab next door. He worked 30 years as a research chemist at Corning, Inc. He is an inventor on 11 patents in thin films and optical wave guides at the Patent Office where his son, Tim, works. His son, Paul, followed with 5 patents in optical

measurements for CMC. A co-worker described Jim as a "gentle giant". His son, Tom, wrote that he was the kindest person he knew. With his children, Jim constructed the interior of a new home on Delevan Ave. He taught CCD for 15 years at St. Patrick's in Corning and Precious Blood in Culpeper. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, his children; Timothy (Judith), Thomas, Anne (James) Broker, Paul (Sheilah), his grandchildren, Patrick, Jack, and Emily; and nine loving nieces and nephews. His funeral Mass will be in Moorestown, NJ, with interment at Holy Sepulchre.

Martin "Jeff" VanGelder

BATH, N.Y.; Martin "Jeff" VanGelder, 62, passed away on Thursday May 24, 2018 at the Steuben Centers after a long illness. He was born in Williamsport, PA., on September 22, 1955

the son of the late Frank VanGelder and Lamora Frazier VanGelder.

He graduated class of 1973 from Haverling High School. Jeff earned a Teaching Degree from Brockport University. Jeff enjoyed Music and Kayaking.

He is predeceased by his parents Frank and Lamora VanGelder and a sister Karen.

He is survived by his son Bryan (Katie Fuchs) VanGelder, brother Tim (Ronica) VanGelder of NC., nephew and niece Mitchell and Erin, and friend Kim VanGelder.

Jeff's Graveside Service will be held on Thursday May 31, 2018 at 11:00am at Nondaga Cemetery with Reverend Stanley Bhasker Officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in Jeff's name to the Finger Lakes SPCA 72 Cameron Street Bath, New York 14810.

Arrangements are being handled by Bond-Davis Funeral Home of Bath.

DEATH NOTICES

Carl A. Heffner Sr.

Carl A. Heffner Sr., 69, of Corning, died Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Calling hours are 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesday at Carpenter-Flint Funeral Home, 10 Wall St., Addison.

Graveside services will be held in Addison Rural Cemetery at the conclusion of calling hours.

Betty J. McConnell

Betty J. McConnell, 83, of Painted Post,

died Thursday, May 24, 2018 at home.

There are no calling hours.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are with Carpenter's Funeral Home.

Parkland, Santa Fe reactions divergent

Following Texas shooting, students focus on 'gun safety' rather than side with gun control activists

By Brittney Martin, Katie Zezima and Todd C. Frankel
The Washington Post

SANTA FE, Texas — After a week of quiet introspection after a mass shooting took the lives of 10 people in a high school here, some students are beginning to emerge from a shocked, muted sadness to address what they feel is at the heart of the problem: The nation's inaction on preventing pervasive gun violence.

They have been treading lightly for fear of upsetting the community at a particularly sensitive moment, in a place where firearms are embedded in the culture, a way of life. They saw the divisiveness that the activism around the Parkland, Florida, school massacre created and the angry public debates it drew in recent months. They are steering clear of discussing gun control, preferring to focus on "gun safety" as a way to show that they don't want to take guns away from their fellow Texans.

But they are resolute in their belief that some type of change is needed to prevent the killing of more students.

"The truth is that whatever we are doing as a society, or not doing, is not working," said Megan McGuire, a 17-year-old junior at Santa Fe High School who on Friday spoke out publicly at an event in Houston with members of March for our Lives, a youth group that started after the February school shooting in Parkland. "Inaction is not an option. We must do something and we must get it right."

Though those associated with the Parkland movement saw another grim opportunity to seek change and to gather momentum for gun control because



Mourners embrace the family of Christian Riley Garcia as they pay their last respects to the teenager during his funeral at Crosby Church on Friday in Houston. The 15-year-old Santa Fe High School student was one of 10 people killed May 18 during a mass shooting at the school. [BRETT COOMER/HOUSTON CHRONICLE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

of the Santa Fe attack, the shootings came with the reality that each community chooses to grieve — and respond — in a different way.

Organizers began to trickle in to Santa Fe — some dispatched by the Brady Campaign to End Gun Violence, a gun-control group — almost immediately after the shootings last week in a subtle effort to console, offer help and discuss the politics of guns. Parkland students and other activists reached out but have kept a distance, sensing a lukewarm reception.

There has been little support for calls for gun control here in this rural Texas town. Many do not blame guns for the tragedy, and this particular shooting lacks the obvious warning signs and suspicions that someone should have done something more to prevent it. Santa Fe has been grieving in private, a response more typical of such shootings than the burst of activism that happened after Parkland.

"I think that we made Parkland the new norm for mass shootings, and Parkland was an exception," said Marcel McClinton, an organizer of Houston's March for Our Lives, who traveled to Santa Fe with a student activist and a Brady staffer. McClinton survived

a shooting rampage outside his church in 2016, when an attacker got off 200 rounds, killing one person and injuring six, including two law enforcement officers. He said the congregation drew close ranks afterward. "I think Santa Fe's response is normal."

The four Santa Fe students who spoke out Friday said that the two places have little in common despite their shared grief.

"We are not Parkland and we don't want to be compared," said Kennedy Rodriguez, an 18-year-old senior. "Because although we are young adults who are using our voices, which is amazing and inspiring and we do share commonalities, we're different."

The Santa Fe students have been in touch via text messages and on social media with students from Parkland, who have offered support and guidance on issues including how to grieve while in the media spotlight. The Texas students are advocating background checks for family members of gun owners, mandatory gun lockups in homes — such as gun safes or trigger locks — and funding for gun-violence research.

"It's very important to me," said Bree Butler, an 18-year-old senior. "Nobody else deserves to go through this."

INVESTMENTS | BENJAMIN F. EDWARDS & CO. AND DAVID W. DAVIES

Understanding the U.S. economy: It's complicated

Have you ever had this experience? An expert is on television discussing the state of the U.S. economy: overall, it's stronger, the expert says, but there are signs of weakness in consumer spending and durable-goods orders. But those are balanced, the expert says, by big jumps in GDP. Savings rates are in good shape, too. And the trade deficit is shrinking.

If it sounds like you're not getting a straight answer, don't blame the expert. It's because the American economy is a huge entity that can be analyzed on scores of different criteria.

Because of its complexity, the economy is likely to have a continuous mix of good news/bad news. And while news about the American economy is worth paying attention to, rarely does everything point the same direction.

Let's take a look at how we measure an economy, for starters, and also what activities it takes into account. Then we'll see where most of the action is in the U.S. economy.

Think in terms of trillions of dollars

Economic performance is assessed in terms of dollars involved. One of the most important measures of an economy is Gross Domestic Product, or GDP. This represents what the country as a whole is producing from one period to the next. If a factory created \$10 million worth of products each year, that \$10 million would be counted as part of the GDP.

But it's not just things we make that count as part of our production. A real-estate agent selling \$1 million in homes also would be added

to the GDP, as would a McDonald's restaurant that pays its workers \$400,000 a year. A state university's payments of millions to its faculty, staff and administrators gets added in, as do payments to a city's police and firefighters. In fact, about 80 percent of the U.S. economy is represented by service industries, including technology, financial services, healthcare and retail, among others.

When it's all added up, it amounts to trillions of dollars: \$18.6 trillion in 2016. (1) Comparisons vary, but the U.S. economy is typically ranked as the largest in the world.

Measuring the efficiency of production

Also critical to understand is how efficiently a country creates its GDP. Overall, the more efficient it is, the higher the wages its workers receive and the higher the standard of living. By such measures, the U.S. is among the leaders, but not the most efficient — ranking right at the edge of the top 10 countries in the world, depending on the survey. On average, an American worker contributes roughly \$52,000 to the economy per year. (2)

That's far behind Switzerland, for example, which has an average worker productivity output of closer to \$75,700 — good enough for a ranking of either number two or number five depending on the organization doing the ranking. But Switzerland has fewer than 5 million people in its labor force, so its overall GDP is well under \$1 trillion. On the opposite extreme, China's labor force is measured at about \$6,900 per worker, but because the country has

more than a billion workers, it has a massive GDP.

Also confounding easy analysis is the role that automation plays in productivity. Machines increase output, but eliminate jobs. Besides the toll on workers, unemployment — or underemployment — hurts an economy as well.

But wait! There's more

Wages, trade, deficits, debt, growth — there are dozens of other important factors that go into determining where an economy is headed at any given minute. But if you're willing to get beyond the frustration of not having an easy answer about how the economy is faring, you may find the complexity fascinating.

1 <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.MKTP.CD>
2 <https://trading-economics.com/united-states/gdp-per-capita>

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O'MARA

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Dr. Christine Smart, Director of the School of Integrative Plant Science at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, said, "Industrial hemp is one of the more exciting emerging crops we've seen for New York agriculture. As New York State's Land Grant university, we're conducting cutting edge

research and providing outreach that will provide hemp growers with valuable tools that are optimized for New York growing conditions and the many possible economic usages for industrial hemp. I truly appreciate the support received for our efforts from New York State."

Federal action to legalize hemp is the key building block and we are doing anything and everything we can to encourage the federal government to act.

Industrial hemp is

clearly a valuable cash crop. Clothing, consumer products like soap, insulation, building materials, paper, food, biofuels, health care products, and much more are made from the plant's stalks and seeds. Now, however, the United States imports from other nations most of the hemp fiber and seeds utilized in these products. We are working to change that fact.

Read more from the Cornell CALS Industrial Hemp Research team at <https://hemp.cals.cornell.edu/about/>.

LETTERS

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Blaming the tool used instead of the real problem is only allowing the killing to continue.

Think about it.

David Sutfin, Hornell

Developing a fab lab

To the Editor, Many of you are aware that when I ran for local office, I ran on a platform of direct democracy and resiliency.

I strongly believe that these ideas are still important, and that they should be put into practice in real concrete ways.

That is why I am

currently working on developing a fab lab cooperative here in Corning.

This project has three goals in mind. The first goal is to provide a much needed service to the public through the optimum use of computerized and automated decentralized manufacturing. A fab lab allows for the access of tools by the community in an efficient and sustainable way.

The second goal is to provide employment that is secure and an income that is stable for members of the community. A cooperative allows for job security and income stability as a vital component to a successful economy.

The third goal is to

demonstrate the effectiveness of both a fab lab and a cooperative as a viable economic alternative. The combination of a fab lab and a cooperative is a working model of a new type of society, a society that has more democratic participation and common ownership.

I hope that this project will be of interest to artists, engineers, or people who want to make something unique. We are at the stage of acquiring equipment for the space we already have, and if anyone in the community would be interested in joining us in this endeavor, they would be very welcome. My email is dcr420dcr@hotmail.com.

Darin Robbins, Corning