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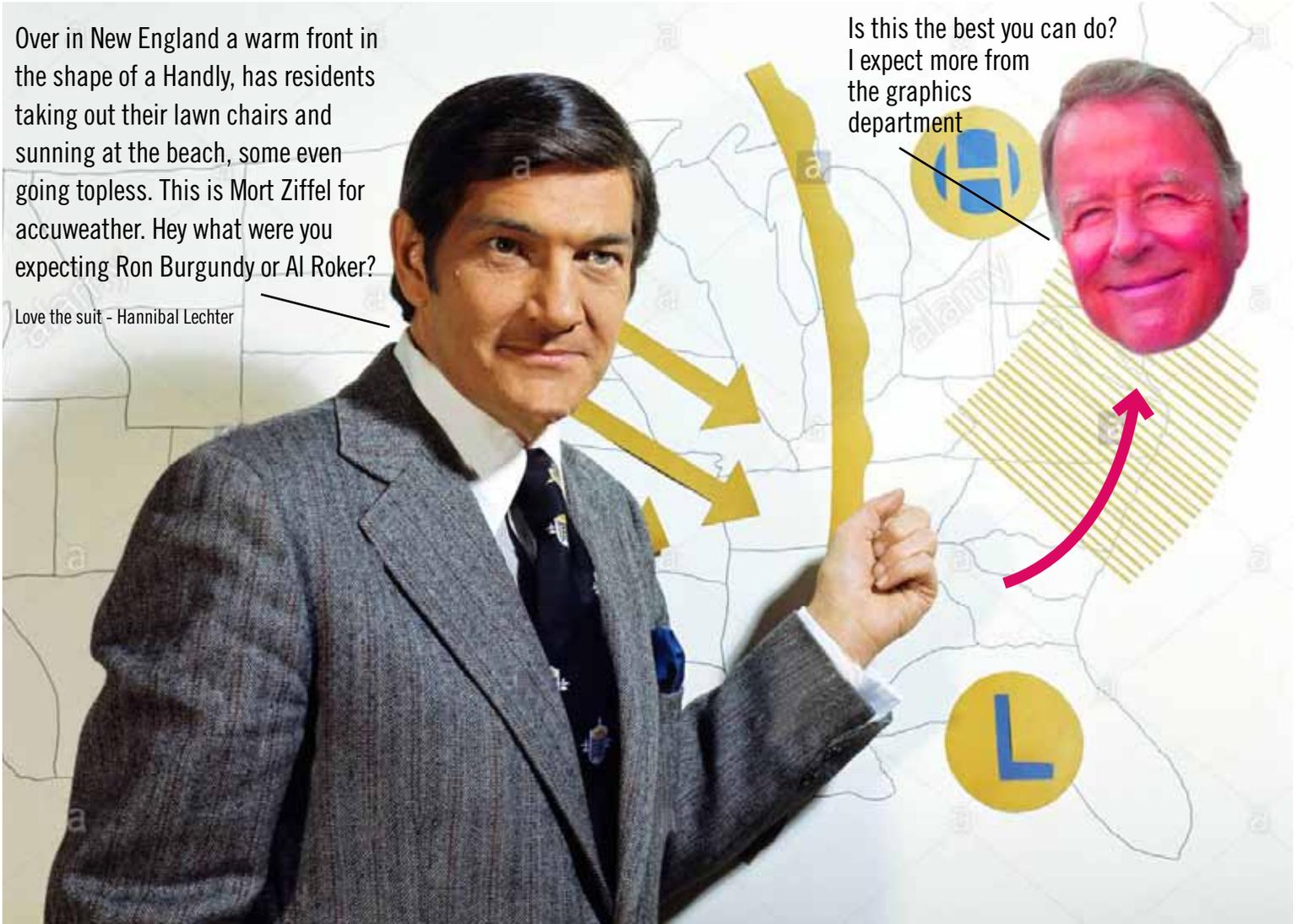
AUTUMN HEATWAVE!

MILD WEATHER FOR NOVEMBER EXTENDS WHITE LEG SEASON

Over in New England a warm front in the shape of a Handy, has residents taking out their lawn chairs and sunning at the beach, some even going topless. This is Mort Ziffel for accuweather. Hey what were you expecting Ron Burgundy or Al Roker?

Love the suit - Hannibal Lecter

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Last weeks news, Thursday Nov 5.20

VP Diane

Welcome/Call to Order: 12:15 PM

Pledge by Dave Olson

Song: Diane and Freddi

"Star Spangled Banner" sung by Whitney Houston

Guests and visitors: David Edward, guest of Brian Murphy, Heidi guest of Lex, and our speaker Meg Heckman

Sprocket: Eric Immerman

Invocation: Julie Flowers

Birthdays: Margaret Belmonte Nov 06

Announcements:

Jim Davies has moved, and according to his daughter, he would LOVE visits - just give them a call! They probably wouldn't think of it, but visits in one of the common, open areas (there's a nice pub with a fireplace) are probably a safer bet than in the apartment right now. A max of 2 people can visit at a time, and they ask that you let the facility know by booking a Calendly appointment here: <https://calendly.com/bvfamilyvisits/assisted-living?month=2020-10> (This link might change monthly e.g. <https://calendly.com/bvfamilyvisits/assisted-living?month=2020-11>). The appointments say 15 minutes, but visits can be up to an hour.

The board met this morning (November 5th) to discuss the Christmas gift program. Sue Gabriel helped brief the club on the outcome. As a club we are supporting a gift card program for children—it's a joint effort between Beverly Bootstraps and Family Promise. 550 children have signed up. Considering those large numbers, we will support as a club with an amount TBD—and we are being asked to support as individuals as well. Moiph sent out a link with a flyer after the meeting: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/l/2DN5X2382V1DY>

Brian gave a recap on our Tricks, Treats, Trivia event organized by Jillian Dubman and Rachel Hand on Oct. 29th. The winner was "The Cool Table" led by Dave Olson and Rachel Hand. Prizes are in the mail. Consensus is a good time was had by all, and that perhaps we can do it again

in January.

Reminders/Updates:

Next meeting will be held in the evening; not our normal lunchtime meeting. The meeting will be a tribute to Jack Good.

Sergeant:

Was supposed to be Bill Beckman, with help from Mike Jones. Somehow, it ended up being Brian Murphy.

Happy/Sad Dollars...

Hopefully Marshall's surgery went well.

Frank Kinzie had happy dollars for being able to join the meeting.

Scott Dougherty had happy dollars for the same reason.

Rick Mooney had a happy \$100 - he's happy to be back after a trip to the finger lakes. Lex announced Heidi as his guest and is happy to have done trivia.

Maureen Trefry had sad dollars as an honorarium for Travis Roy. He was the speaker when Maureen attended the Rotary District Conference. After his debilitating accident, his talk touched on how blessed he felt to have good insurance through the NCAA. The theme of Moiph's sergeant duties was Presidential Trivia!

No one got the right answers in the allotted time, so here's a quick list of the questions. Maybe someone reading the Sprocket will perform better (sans Google!!!)

1. 3 women have been nominated on their party's ticket—who are they?
2. Trump was the 45th President, but there have actually only been 44 to hold the office. Why?
3. 8 Presidents never attended college—who are they?
4. Which First Lady was first officially referred to by that title?
5. There have been 2 divorced Presidents. Who?
6. What college has the most Presidents as alumni, and who are they?

Alison Babin started a project for the library asking community members to describe their COVID experience in 6 words. Here are some from our club:

Maureen Trefry: Love Coffee Time Don' Cha Know

Harrington: Wicked and Smart Dumb and Dumber

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Lex: Rotary Banner Make Me a Brown-noser

Rick: Axe Throwing Wife Best Birthday Ever

Piaker: Facebook Post Every Ten Minutes Repeat

Ken Krall: Giants Will Get Great Draft Pick

Speaker:

Meg Heckman is a journalist, author and educator focused on building a news ecosystem that is robust, diverse and equipped to serve all segments of society. She is an assistant professor at Northeastern University's School of Journalism in Boston. Meg writes regularly for a variety of publications about the intersection of gender, technology and journalism with a special focus on the experiences of female editors and publishers. Her methods include archival research, oral history, text analysis and plenty of shoe-leather reporting. Her recent work has appeared in USA Today, The Boston Globe, the Columbia Journalism Review, Poynter.org and the Newspaper Research Journal. She is the author of Political Godmother: Nackey Scripps Loeb and the Newspaper that Shook the Republican Party.

Before coming to Northeastern in the fall of 2017, Meg was a lecturer at the University of New Hampshire where she served as a faculty fellow at the Peter T. Paul Entrepreneurship Center and taught

in UNH's journalism program. She spent more than a decade as a reporter and, later, the digital editor at the Concord (NH) Monitor, where she developed a fascination with presidential politics, a passion for local news and an appreciation for cars with four-wheel drive.

While she is currently at NEU, Meg started her talk by clarifying that she's still a UNH hockey fan.

The Manchester Union Leader has traditionally been New Hampshire's only statewide paper. Because of the state's minor fame as the first-to-vote come Presidential election time, the Union Leader achieved nationwide reach. The paper was extremely conservative, and the echoes of its work can still be heard within the Republican party and conservative movements today.

William Loeb was the legendary editor of the newspaper—his wife Nackey is the focus of the book. She was both more interested in, and more suited to, running a newspaper. Meg gave us an overview of the findings of her research and therefore an abbreviated biography of Nackey's life. If you want to learn more, pick up the book. (Hopefully supporting a local, independent bookstore while you do!)

Submitted by Sir Eric Immerman

Worldwide Adventures of Handy



The name is Small. Phillip Small. But you probably know my daredevil tightrope walking pal as *Phillipe Petit*. Yup, that *Phillipe Petit*. And you betchee, anytime you find "daredevil", "tightrope", and "Paris" on a map, you'll find me in the thick of things. I dropped in (GAWK, note to self: never use the phrase "drop in" in conversation with Phillippe) - I recently visited - my *ami* at his home which provided a view of the Notre Dame towers glowing in the autumn sunset. It had been years since Phillippe strung a cable between the towers and tiptoed, juggled, and somersaulted his way to international attention. The somersault he learned from me, as well as how to file a lien on the high wire - you'd be surprised how often that comes in handy. Not to mention, I represented him after he was arrested upon returning to earth. Back in present day, it was suppertime and I suggested we repair to LE PETIT CARNARD - a restaurant of no relation to Phillippe - but renowned for its Duck L'Orange, which is his favorite meal. We donned our Covid masks and to further ensure avoidance of pedestrians, unleashed a web of high wires which allowed us to walk to the restaurant high above the crowds. The excitement took me back to my internship with that Czech tightrope prankster "Papa" Rudy Omankowsky but I was on a mission. We arrived in time to place our orders. "Carnard L'Orange!" Phillippe commanded while coiling the cables. "I'll just have the L'Orange," I quietly asked to the waiter's disbelief. Upon delivery, the still incredulous garcon asked, "C'est bon?" I slowly unpeeled the orange. "It's not bon, it's Good. Jack Good." I raised the orange in salute, "Here's looking at you kid."



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Zoom with Beverly Rotary

Around the Zoom last week. We have frank Kinzie twice since we don't see him too often. Other who made a twofer Maureen, Brenda, Dave. Missing a few since I wasn't quick enough grabbing screen. Speak up I'll grab ya.



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Last Weeks Speaker Meg Heckman

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SIX WORD STORIES

I hope you'll consider telling us your pandemic story in six words. We want to preserve Beverly's collective experience of 2020, a most unusual year. Add to Beverly's pandemic stories by submitting yours. We will submit your entries to the Six-Word Memoirs website and add them to our local history collection.

Example - All the sergeants stunk like Shuka?

Submit your entries by Monday, November 30.

That's Allison Babin/Library Rock Star behind the mask →



PICTURE OF WEEK

Scott Dougherty reminds us even during Zoom meetings you need to hydrate and keep your vocals range all moist and healthy. We can't confirm beverage of choice but you know it's wetting his whistle. Scott for picture of the week you receive a year's supply of Wonder Bread, America's favorite white bread.

