

Non-Violent Network's vigils provide hope

by Barbara Ballenger



Whoever wrote the first letter of Peter in the Christian Scriptures gave their community this bit of advice: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope."

That quote has been playing on the edges of my mind ever since the editors of *Voices* asked me to write an essay about faith for the publication. So too has the following memory:

Shortly after the twin towers went down,

and long, long before the dust settled, a small group of people committed to non-violence gathered in the living room of a Cleveland Catholic Worker house. They wanted to be a peaceful presence in those bewildering days when the country's response was still forming. They stood in silent weekly vigil. They met regularly to talk about their own pain as they watched the violent spiral make its first twists toward where we stand today. They were like a bit of candlelight, throbbing small but purposefully on Cleveland's near west side, and those of us who were trying desperately to resist the inevitable responses winged our way, moth-like, to it.

Before they knew it, that little group of Catholic peacemakers schooled in global democracy and the philosophy of Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh was hosting quite a diverse collection of people, including a self-professed pagan who worked for the United Church of Christ, a Muslim or two, several committed agnostics and my friend Tim, who could stand a tireless vigil against abortion, capital punishment or war – it was

all the same to him. The gathering was deeply comforting, as people turned to one another for a vision to counter the sick barrage of 9/11 images and the screed calling the country to arms. But like the frigid November vigils on Cleveland's Public Square and the lumpy couches at the Catholic Worker House, it was never what I would call comfortable. Hope never is.

Some of the original core group members began to get a bit nervous as the silent vigils became more dramatic affairs, complete with Christmas carol parodies decrying the war, and street theater employing giant puppets. The home-made signs that began to appear were less Thich Nhat Hanh and more Code Pink. We did not always agree on message or approach. Sometimes we really pissed one another off. But despite the derailing disagreements and the ideological gulfs, the group did its best to hang together, to practice what it preached. Six years later the Cleveland Nonviolence Network is still working for peace.

That early effort, in the days when the war was against terrorists in Afghanistan,

when Iraq was just showing up in the crosshairs of the White House, is a good example of the reason for the hope I have as a Christian. We did not end the violence in Afghanistan. We did not prevent the march to Iraq. We did not bring the soldiers home alive. But that group in its own small and sometimes broken way attempted to be the change it wanted to see. That in a nutshell is Christian hope.

Hope is a sip of the thing you are thirsty for. It's not a distant wish, but something immediately tangible, something you can roll around on your tongue and savor, so you'll recognize the real thing when you finally get a nice, deep drink of it. When we Christians listen very closely to our Scriptures, when we finally manage to behave as the peasant hero on the cross did, we should find ourselves standing in the breach. We should be actively engaging in peace while a war's going on, engaging in equality when the pie is being cut in gross-

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Dogs don't belong chained up all day long

by Terri Nelson-Bunge

It's a common sight on warm summer days to see responsible pet owners walking their happy, energetic dogs, playing with them, spending time with them and exhibiting what having a dog is all about. What about the unseen dog in your neighbor's backyard who is chained or penned for his entire life? In contrast, he is unhappy, lonely, neglected, in need of veterinary attention and given minimal care at best.

Dogs are loving pack animals and their human companions are their pack. When we sentence them to a chained or penned existence, they are ostracized from the pack. They usually lay, eat, and defecate in the same 10-foot radius. They live without respect. They experience no love, exercise or social interaction. These dogs often act out with ceaseless barking and develop psychological damage which can manifest into aggressive behavior directed at other animals or even people. In the last two years, chained dogs attacked 46 children in the U.S., killing or seriously injuring them.

Dogs Deserve Better is asking at least one person from each state to chain themselves to a doghouse for up to a full day to show solidarity with chained or penned dogs.

Living outside, with little or no shelter from the elements, the chained dog is subjected to extreme heat, cold, snow and rain. He is also vulnerable to attacks by wild or rabid animals. Both the USDA and the Humane Society of the United States have issued statements against the chaining of dogs, labeling the practice as inhumane.

Dogs Deserve Better, a national non-profit organization, started locally in Tipton by Tammy Grimes, is committed to freeing the chained or penned dog. DDB will implement a dog training program to enable the dog to live inside successfully, build a fence for exercise (the dog must be brought inside to live), or find the dog a new home.

The chained dog issue concerns many people and as the July 4 holiday approaches, many of them will be taking action by participating in the fifth annual Chain Off (Freedom for Chained Dogs). This year's

theme is Unchain the 50. Dogs Deserve Better is asking at least one person from each state to chain themselves to a doghouse for up to a full day to show solidarity with the chained or penned dog. This event also educates the public and brings awareness to the cause. Locally, I will be chained along with fellow volunteer Amy R. Smith. Our celebrity chaineer will be Centre County Commissioner Steve Dershem who has participated in our last two chain-offs. Supporters are asked to sponsor the chain off participants for each hour they are chained.

We will be at 1688 N. Atherton St. in the Hi-Way Pizza parking lot Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. There will be dogs available for adoption, free literature, t-shirts and DDB items for sale, as well as a bake sale. Please join us to find out what you can do to help end



Photo provided
Dogs like this one spend entire days and weeks chained up. The group Dogs Deserve Better will be raising awareness of this issue July 7 and 8 in the Hi-Way Pizza parking lot on North Atherton.

this unnecessary suffering of man's best friend.

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Tax Increment Financing for Fraser Centre?

by Don Hahn



Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is a tool that has been used to finance redevelopment projects in over forty states, beginning with California in the 1950s. Pennsylvania authorized the use of TIF in 1990. However, it did not become available to State College until May 2007, when the borough's Redevelopment Authority was incorporated.

Chicago's mayor, Richard Daley, named as the nation's best big-city mayor by Time magazine in 2005, utilizes the tactic frequently in many of his city's redevelopment projects.

Essentially, TIF helps fund a redevelopment project by using all or part of the additional tax revenue generated by the increased property values caused by the redevelopment project. For example, if a redevelopment project increases a property's value from \$2 million to \$6 million, all or part of the taxes generated from the \$4 million increase could be used to fund the project. The rest of the taxes from that property would continue to flow into the various taxing authorities – the borough, county and school district.

In order to utilize TIF for a redevelopment project, the Redevelopment Authority proposes a tax increment district. The borough, county and school district create a committee to consult with the Redevelopment Authority over the boundaries of the district.

The borough then conducts a public hearing, after which it may proceed with the creation of the tax increment district and adoption of the project plan. The county and the

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school district have the option of opting out of the project.

When the tax increment district is created, all of the parcels in the district are assessed. The redevelopment project then commences. Upon completion, the properties in the tax increment district are assessed again. The tax increment is determined by deducting the amount of the initial property assessment from the reassessed value after the completion of the project.

The property owners pay taxes according to the reassessed values. However, all or part of the taxes attributable to the tax increment is paid to the Redevelopment Authority for a maximum of 20 years, which uses these revenues to help finance the redevelopment project. The Redevelopment Authority typically uses these revenues to pay bonds issued to help fund the project.

TIF is clearly a valuable tool in stagnant communities, where redevelopment probably could not have occurred without it. However, in more vibrant communities such as State College, its benefit must be calculated in comparison to the type of redevelopment which might have occurred without TIF.

Despite their obvious differences, the analysis of whether to use TIF for a redevelopment project is fundamentally the same as the analysis of whether to use taxpayer funds for any project. It includes (1) identifying the public interest which justifies taxpayer support, (2) evaluating the likelihood that the public interest will be furthered by such support and (3) comparing the project's relative priority among other potential government spending and TIF-supported redevelopment projects.

The first TIF project in State College is likely to be the Fraser Centre. Planned for the site of the old municipal building and the Medical Arts Building on Fraser Street and Beaver Avenue, it is projected to loom 135 feet tall and contain 54 upscale condominiums, a 10-screen movie theatre, on-site parking, and retail and office space, all less than a block from campus.

The Fraser Centre project addresses two important components of the downtown strategic plan – the introduction of age and

income diversity into the downtown core and the promotion of downtown State College as a regional entertainment center.

The 10-screen movie theatre is intended to complement the Penn State Downtown Theatre Centre and the State Theatre, both of which will be within one block of the new project. Moreover, if the residential component is successful, the Fraser Centre could start a trend of building new upscale residential towers in the downtown core, which is currently the reserve of Penn State students – rich in their contribution to the economy but poor in their contribution to the tax base. Certainly, the diversification of the downtown economy is among the highest priorities of State College Borough Council.

However, doubts remain about the potential success of the Fraser Centre project.

Some concerns include (a) the hitherto untested market for upscale condominiums in the downtown core, (b) the expense and uncertainty of legal action needed to enforce the restrictive covenants, which are necessary to preserve the project's diversity and (c) the absence of most students, who are a prime demographic for the film industry, from the area during the peak summer and Christmas movie seasons. Moreover, some have taken issue over whether commercial movie theatres, however desirable, are sufficiently within the public's interest to justify taxpayer support.

The designation of a TIF district for the Fraser Centre project is currently scheduled to come before State College Borough Council for a hearing on July 9 and for action on August 6. Public input is encouraged. For updates, agendas can be found at www.statecollegepa.us. You may also write to State College Borough Council, 243 South Allen St., State College, PA 16801.

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Exarchos ousted over voting machines

by Bob Brownlee

Incalculable woman and man hours have been expended in the last few years in Centre County by a group of dedicated citizens to insure that the purchase of re-countable paper ballot voting machinery, preferably optical scan equipment.

That early effort failed when Commissioner Chris Exarchos hoodwinked the group, led by Mary Vollero, by publicly declaring his support of paper trail ballots, and soon thereafter, with Commissioner Steve Dershem's assistance, voted with the Board of Elections to purchase paperless touch-screen computer-based voting machinery at a cost of more than \$1 million dollars. Leonard Holliday, the computer scientist assigned to the board to temporarily replace candidate Commissioner Conklin, cast the lone vote against paperless computer-based voting equipment. Conklin was absent because commissioners running for office cannot serve on the Board.

Submitting solid technical evidence in writing, Holliday warned Dershem and Exarchos of the obvious severe security flaws already nationally demonstrated with computer-based voting. The security of computer software is extremely complex and difficult to examine even when it is

Citizen activism and education were a major cause of the Exarchos loss in the primary election.

accessible—and voting machine software is, suspiciously, held secret by the vendors.

Hearing aids must have been turned off and impaired vision must have set in, or some other behind-the-scenes machine vender negotiations were in play during the board's deliberations. No proof of that exists, but the seemingly only other excuse for their vote would be ignorance, which I doubt played any role. The inability to check the outcome of close elections is a very simple concept to grasp, even by casual comprehension of those of us deemed computer or technically illiterate.

Another Exarchos subterfuge was to publicly blame state law as the reason he chose equipment that lacks a paper ballot. Pennsylvania law allows use of optical scan voting machinery that employs voter verifiable re-countable paper ballots, and should have been selected by the board. It is also less expensive and has numerous other advantages.

After a brief period of depression following the board's egregious error, concerned voters stiffened their spines and founded the

official organization Concerned Voters of Centre County (CVCC). My personal involvement in this battle began at this too late date, but I shared the CVCC goal of getting the message broadcast to as many residents as possible. Efforts included petition drives addressed to county and state officials, paid-for advertising, development of a sophisticated web site (by Vollero), and numerous letters written by members and others to the Centre Daily Times and *Voices*.

Letters were also sent to both state and county officials. Representatives of the CVCC met with Pa. Secretary of State Pedro Cortes to present him with the results of petition drives and letter pleas for a change in direction. Though cordial during the meeting, Cortes never responded to any of our concerns. He said he would discuss the situation with the Commissioners and get back to us.

During the meeting Cortes attempted to invoke the official views of the famed Dr Michael Shamos of Carnegie Mellon University, a computer scientist and Cortes'

direct advisor regarding voter machine security. Trouble here Big Time (to use a phrase contaminated by Dick Cheney). What trouble?

Dr. Shamos' almost lone and certainly erroneous view of safe computer voting is offset by the official position of the 80,000 member Association of Computer Machinery (ACM) that touch-screen voting is not secure. Another Shamos offset is the National Institute for Science and Technology (NIST).

NIST, formally the stellar National Bureau of Standards, and supposedly the primary adviser to the federal government on technical issues, voted unanimously against paperless computer voting in their recommendations to the Bush-selected Election Assistance Commission (EAC). The EAC, for unknown reasons, ignored the advice of brilliant and respected government scientists. An increase in the odor of Limburger cheese seems ubiquitous these last few years.

Some very promising movement has been made nationally in the last year to increase the security of voting. The CVCC is a small, very effective group of dedicated

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Base our school decisions on proper planning

by Patty Kleban

The yard signs are gone. Local talk radio and letters to the editor have moved on to other issues. The State College Area School District Board of Directors voted unanimously on May 21, 2007 to pull the plug on the controversial renovation plan for the State College Area High School. What happens now?

When the current SCASD Board approved the Mega School as the favored option for the high school, they did so without the planning required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. As part of the process to be approved for state subsidy on construction projects (Plan CON), the state mandates that each school district conduct a district-wide facility study.

The PDE requires this study to be updated within 2 years of any construction project and must contain an overview of the district facilities, etc., as well as an analysis of construction options, the cost estimates for

Now that the primary is over and new people are poised to take school board seats, the board should plan better for new construction.

each option and the pros and cons of each alternative. Justification for the abrupt change in direction from a two-building high school configuration to a Mega School or the analysis of construction options was not documented anywhere that either the SCASD or the PDE could show us.

State High Vision formed as a community group in December 2005 when it became apparent that the SCASD had not properly planned for the renovation of the high school. Our mission was to ask the Board to stop and reevaluate their plan, to go back and conduct objective research and independent analysis and to let the community back in on the discussion.

Our chief complaint was the lack of planning. At no point could we find objective data that examined alternatives to put-

ting 2,700 students in one building, demolishing one building and destroying much of Community Field.

Where was the analysis that would examine cost of dividing the district into two high schools?

Should the architects already on board to design the Mega School been given the charge to assess a new building on a new site?

Why did these architects only look at one new site?

This study, as limited as it was, and others like it came about only after the public started asking questions and after the district had already submitted the applications to the PDE for a high school that had doubled in projected costs since the 2001 District Wide Master Plan.

Shouldn't planning come before a decision is made?

It became obvious to the citizens of State College that without proper planning and trade-off analysis of all options, the project was doomed. How can a building be designed without first seeking information about the known sinkholes and other geotechnical problems that exist on a property? How could the district and state move forward with a project when zoning variances, borough code approvals, traffic and safety studies and storm water management plans had not yet been addressed?

Contracts signed erroneously, eminent domain on neighboring properties coming just weeks before the project went to bid, numerous addenda to the bid documents and delays on the bid openings only further convinced the public that this project was being led by inexperienced and over-eager planners. The SCASD Board was

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given bad advice. Predictions from community members experienced in architecture, planning and construction suggested the building could eventually end up costing the taxpayers much more than the \$102 million maximum projected cost set by the board. The board would have known that the teachers and students were opposed to the project – if only they had asked.

Ultimately, poor planning is what killed the Mega School plans for the high school. When total bids for the project came in over 18% of projected costs, the SCASD Board voted unanimously to abandon the plan. Despite predictions from the community, cries for further analysis and a demand to be heard, the board trudged forward for over two years. This tunnel vision resulted in the waste of \$5.2 million of our taxes.

If only they had listened to us back then.

So what happens now? The music wing in the high school still floods. District athletic facilities are an embarrassment. What about the conditions at many of the elementary schools?

A new slate of SCASD School Board members with new perspectives will likely take office in December. State High Vision

can now scale back our efforts and step aside to allow the new Board to begin the analysis needed to determine priorities in the district. They have many challenges ahead but are supported by the community and seem to be prioritizing open government and engaging with the public. They are not State High Vision and State High Vision does not speak for them. They were supported by a resounding 75% of the voting public who understands the difference.

In the meantime, State High Vision is focusing their efforts outside of State College. We are talking with parent groups in other districts who are facing similar situations. We are excited about the prospect of making change in Harrisburg. The Plan Con process including Act 34 of 1973 “Taj Mahal Act” must include real public inclusion in construction decisions.

The PDE needs to comply with their own regulations. No governmental body should be without checks and balances. We must have mechanisms available to protect us when government will not listen to the voice of the people.

Patty Kleban is co-chair of State High Vision, a community group made up of parents, teacher and taxpayers who asked the SCASD school board to stop and reevaluate the high school renovation project.

Letter to the Editor

Some thoughts while shaving

Some thoughts while shaving:

- Not surprisingly, there has been no mea culpa from the 88 Duke University faculty members who took out a full-page ad last year excoriating the members of the university’s lacrosse team who—as it turns out—were falsely accused of rape.

The arrogance of academia lives on in perpetuity.

- Speaking of which...is it really necessary for Graham Spanier to use one of the university’s planes when he makes one of his periodic forays to Harrisburg seeking more funds?

- Bob Prince, By Saam and Harry Kalas are all members of the broadcasting wing at the Baseball Hall of Fame but for some unknown reason aren’t members of the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

- Why has it suddenly become fashionable for men to wear blue shirts and green ties? The colors clash!

- Doesn’t the *Patriot-News* have anything better to do than to file a suit under the

FOIA act to find out how much Joe Paterno earns?

- A sign of the times—the CBICC wants to form a commission to study ways to make people more courteous to each other.

- Did John Gibson of FOX NEWS really devote a recent program in its entirety to Paris Hilton? Somehow, I can’t picture Edward R. Murrow—ever present Camel in hand—doing the same thing.

- State Rep. Kerry Benninghoff thumbs his nose at the latest polls when he opposes term limits for members of the State Legislature.

- Voters in May’s primary overwhelmingly decided that 4 years of the arrogance and pomposity of Chris Exarchos were enough.

- It was neither heresy nor treason for residents of the State College Area School District to question the expenditure of more than \$100 million, and they made their voices heard when four incumbent school board members were defeated.

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citizens and parallels the efforts of similar organizations of concerned citizens around the nation. Their grassroots efforts are finally paying dividends, as many states have been convinced to pass legislation requiring archival-quality paper ballot voting systems. Federal legislation HB811, coming soon to the House floor, promises a recountable paper ballot in spite of opposition by the strong lobbies of voting machine manufacturers. It is imperative that we all contact our representatives to insure passage of HB811. Pennsylvania remains a backwater state with Cortes remaining obstinate. Optimism prevails in spite of our state’s backward position.

It appears that Cortes and Shamos will get their comeuppance in the near future, as did Exarchos in the primary election.

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ly distorted pieces, engaging in lumpy, diverse community when the television beckons us to lone comfy couches. We should be actively engaging in hope.

If that’s not the prevailing image that many folks have when they think of Christians, that’s not the fault of the gospels. “Christianity has not been tried and found wanting,” G.K. Chesterton wrote early last century. “It has been found difficult and not tried.” He had a keen sense of

Gloating is not in order, but I believe the CVCC’s educational activities were the major cause of the ouster of Exarchos. I believe that he lost the primary election by only a few hundred votes but had no way to call for a recount or even to complain. The irony is that he was hoisted on his own petard. It is comical in a way, but the most important issue far exceeds the significance of Exarchos’ loss. That is, the electorate seems to be educated about these voting issues thanks to all the stiff-spined work of the CVCC organization, sister organizations like VotePa, and sympathetic helpers. I am prepared to gloat when backward, greedy and corrupt politicians and their fifth column are forced by federal law to fix the mess they helped create.

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the fault lines of his own Catholic faith, that Chesterton.

But when we Christians go for the world we really hope for, instead of taking tickets for the Heaven we think we guard, it’s a beautiful thing. As beautiful as Dorothy Day living in solidarity with the poor. As beautiful as the march toward Martin Luther King’s dream.

As beautiful as a peace vigil in a Cleveland snowstorm.

Barb Ballenger is director of faith formation at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in State College.

Whitey Blue says keep no smoking laws out of places that serve drinks

I was talking the other day to Whitey Blue, longtime Centre Region resident and hardnose.

Whitey, what do you think about the move that’s afoot in some cities and towns in Pennsylvania to forbid smoking in bars and other places that serve liquor?

“It’s outrageous! Why do we need such a law?”

Many people would like to go into a place for a drink or have dinner but don’t want to breathe in second-hand smoke.

“So, the do-gooders want to take away another of the pleasures of life. There’s nothing like the aroma of a good cigar to enjoy with your drink.”

Smoking and even breathing in second-hand smoke have been shown to be detrimental to health.

“Just more do-gooder talk.”

But many scientists have attested to the health hazards of smoking!

“More pseudo-scientific blab. Probably the same crowd that’s preaching about evolution and global warming. Little by little they are taking away the true beliefs and pleasures of life.”

David M. Silverman

Sudoku solution

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2	5	7	8	1	4	9	6	3
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ASK Cosmo



Dear Cosmo,
How can I tell when my puppy is housebroken? Signed, Sick of Newspapers

Dear Still In One,
I don't like to be too insulting to my readers, especially those who bother to send in mail, but that may be the dumbest question I've ever heard. Basically, it's like when he's NOT housebroken, only different. Typically, if an animal is not yet housebroken, there will be certain telltale signs—ones that may not be found on the newspaper. Do I need to provide you with a nice USA Today-style graphic?

Barbara Bush was once asked whether she preferred the *Washington Post* or the *New York Times*. Of course, I'm referring to the human of Millie Bush, who was not only an inspiration to dog authors everywhere, but was also way hotter than Paris Hilton.

But Paris Hilton is no dog. Tinkerbell's OK, if you go for that scrawny, pampered aristocrat thing. She should probably have more than a Tic Tac for lunch, and should get out of that handbag once in a while to develop some muscle tone...some kind of activity besides serving as a shopping accessory.

Anyway, Millie had a much better regimen. She got to hang out in the Oval Kitchen, got to fetch tennis balls in the Oval Office, and even kept her stunning figure after she had a litter of gorgeous little

Springer Spaniel pups out in the Oval Kennel.

Barbara, perhaps less known for being the wife of one president, and mother of one other (God, please, please, please hold it to just one), told reporters that she definitely preferred the *Washington Post*. She said the *New York Times* had too much ink, and when it rubbed off it made all that white puppy fur look rather dingy.

Back to your question, some puppies, just like parents, can be exceptionally hard to train. Some never get it. And just like parents, puppies go through a cycle. Humans start out in diapers, and as infants hopefully are cared for by an adult.

Eventually, the parent ends up in diapers and is hopefully cared for by a child. Dogs travel through the same course of biological bookends. Like humans, some don't retain their continence throughout the life cycle.

Maybe your question was to ask how long your pet can last without going out for a walk.

Certainly when they go out, they go about their business, so it's not like an endurance challenge for them to see how long they can last without a change of scenery.

Or maybe you're not comfortable letting

them go out unattended, for fear that that they'll wander off or something will happen to them. Humans happen to be just like puppies in this respect, except that puppybreath is uniformly heralded as pleasant, where human breath, short of chemical intervention, has NEVER been described in this way, no matter the life stage. But don't subject your pets' bladders—or contact with your elders—to unnecessary endurance tests.

The long and short of it, whether it's paper training or the walk of life, humans have a responsibility to care for others. Creatures begin and end life in their feeble, non-peak forms. They need assistance to care for themselves and learn in the beginning, and they sometimes need care and assistance remembering in the end. It's up to their loving humans to tolerate these changes, and realize that they do "know better," but just can't help it anymore.

When it comes to potty-training, their sphincters are just worn out...like Paris Hilton's welcome in traffic court. And since she is supposed to know better, that's why in addition to the regular news coverage, she also got the rolled-up newspaper this time. Maybe there is justice in this world.

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How to play: Fill in the grid so every row, column, and 3x3 box contain the digits 1-9. Thanks to Peter Morris for this puzzle. The solution can be found on page 22 of this issue of *Voices*.