

Why he has a gun: Cites near break-in

To the Editor:

[Re March 29 *Chronicle* article, "Max: Guns laws will change & should"]

Allow me to go back to 1989. Around 9 pm, my wife and I were sitting on the couch watching TV. I heard a noise on the front porch and looked out the window. A man was trying to steal her bike which was padlocked to the railing.

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I knocked on the window and yelled the cops were coming, hoping that would scare him away. (I hadn't called yet.) Instead of running, he started trying to kick in the front door. Really kicking hard.

I called 911 and I still remember the conversation with the dispatcher to this day... "Someone's trying to break in my front door... my wife is 8 months pregnant and I don't have anything to defend myself with. Please hurry!"

While I'm on the phone, he's

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68 South High kids in Europe right now!



Photo: in front of London's Tower Bridge, by Missy

Teacher Missy Smith's trip initiative has taken off!

By Gordon Woodworth
 Chronicle News Editor

When English teacher Missy Smith organized South Glens Falls High School's first Europe trip in 2014, eight students went.

Two years later there were 36. This year — right now — it's 68.

The students, plus seven chaperones, are on an 11-day spring break trip to London and Paris, organized by Mrs. Smith and French teacher Tera Nadi.

"The total cost for each person is \$3,000, and that includes the flight, three meals a day, admission to all attractions, seeing *Wicked* at the West End

Started in 2014 with 8 kids; a bargain: \$3,000

Theatre and a private day tour," Mrs. Smith told *The Chronicle*. "Everything is included, and we will spend five full days in London and three full days in Paris."

Mrs. Smith, who makes all the arrangements herself rather than buying a tour package, says, "I love to travel, and I think it's important for the students to see the world. They learn so much."

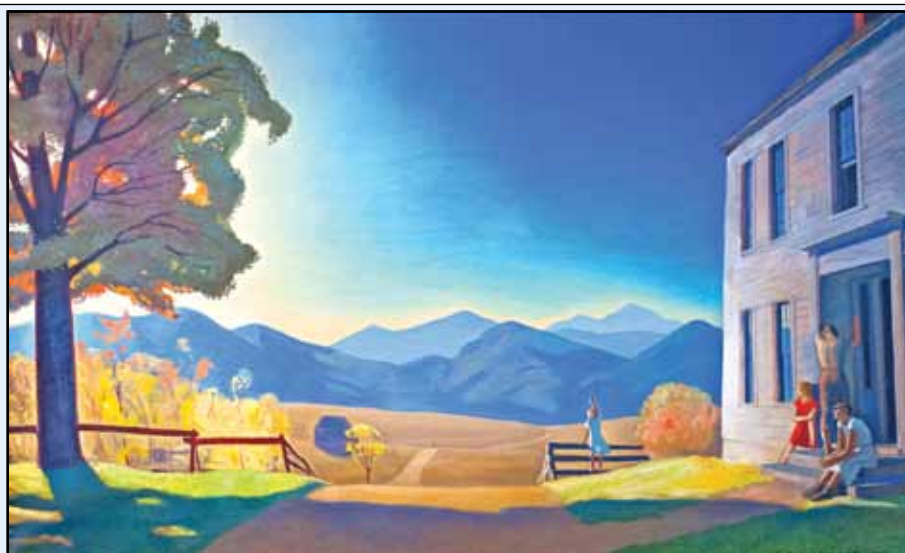
Mrs. Smith said for many years the district didn't allow

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Rockwell Kent exhibition opens Saturday at the Hyde Collection

Rockwell Kent, 1882-1941, lived in the Adirondacks. The Hyde will display a retrospective of his work. **Story, page 28.**

Painting at right: 'December Eighth, 1941'
 1941, oil on canvas, 43 1/2 x 71 1/2 in. Plattsburgh State Art Museum, State University of New York, Bequest of Sally Kent Gorton. (PSAM 78.1.17)



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