

# COMMENT

## The Way We Were



Built in 1867 as the Thompson Hotel, this rare, half-timber building has long been associated with the commercial history of downtown Georgetown. Housing a variety of different business during its 150 years, this 1893 photo shows it as American House, owned by T.N. Brown as a residence. Located at the corner of Main and Guelph Sts., the building was moved back from the road to its current location, and has been known for many years as the St. George Pub, a listed heritage property.

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## From our readers



### GOING FOR A STROLL

Nelia Raposo sent in this photo of some turkeys that were out for a stroll on Mountainview Rd. on Tuesday, Jan. 24 around 4:30 p.m. They were squawking at each other while heading towards the Hungry Hollow ravine.

Have a photo you want to share?  
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## What's with one-word TV shows?

Like most people our age, most evenings The Sidekick and I spend in front of the TV.

Our viewing list is pretty eclectic, and we trade off on a few shows. I'll watch *Princess or Til Debt Do Us Part* with her once in a while, but she has to watch *Top Gear* or *Jay Leno's Garage* with me in return.

Having said that, I simply can't tune in to *Say Yes to the Dress*. She watches that one alone. Same with *Ellen* not that I have anything against Ellen DeGeneres. I just can't stand the audio track of screaming women in the audience. If the volume were turned down, or The Sidekick wore headphones, maybe I'd watch. But I don't see that happening anytime soon.

All in all, we watch quite an array of shows, from *Fixer Upers*, *DIYs* to *This Old House*, and all sorts of things in between.

Recently, we've noticed there's a certain trend happening: one-word show titles.

Yup, the days of titles like *The Big Bang Theory*, or *Modern Family* seem to be dying. TV shows, like *Blue Bloods* and *Grey's Anatomy* still have fairly regular titles, but more and more, there seems to be a trend to name television series with one-word titles.

We recently started watching *SIX*.

Now I saw the trailers and it was pretty easy to see it was a war drama, but why call it *SIX*?

Turns out it's about the U.S. Navy Seal Team 6, who, in real life, were apparently responsible for assassinating Osama bin Laden.

Another really cool series we're now watching into the third season is *Alone*.

Again, it's pretty self-explanatory, about ten contestants who are dropped off into the wilds, all by themselves—in other words, alone.

They have to fend for themselves, living

off the land, until they tap out and only one person is left.

They are supplied with video cameras to record their own progress, building structures, and surviving. All of them experience pretty significant weight loss and psychological stress after a couple months in the wilds.

Last week's show had five left, and they've been out there just over 70 days. The remaining contestant receives \$500,000 for his/her efforts.

This trend is nothing new in the movie world—we've been watching movies with one-word titles for years. Horror movies like *Psycho* and *Jaws* were the typical one-word movie titles that pretty much instantly gave an indication of the story.

And others were historic names, like *Gandhi* or *Patton*, and *Spartacus* who recreated history while gracing the silver screen.

Oh, one more: *Bullitt*. Need I say more: the Mustang still rules!

Lately, the trailers for the new one-word name shows really don't seem to divulge what the show is about. I guess it still does its job, cuz now I'm curious enough to want to watch it.

Take the new show *Beyond*. I have no idea what it's about but all I've been able to glean from the trailer is some guy wakes up from a 12-year coma and meets a girl who writes on his arm with a marker, telling him "trust no one."

Hmm, maybe I'll watch it just because.

I sat down the other night all set to watch the two-hour pilot and learn who this guy can't trust.

You know, there's nothing worse than getting all psyched to see a new show based on the trailer—only to discover, of those 100-plus channels that we subscribe to, it's not available through our satellite provider.



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