I've come to think that the Git index is a good thing [2]

There are two sides of thinking that Git's index is a good thing. The first is the practical side, where I like what it enables me to do. On the level where all VCSes are user interfaces to mathematics, the operations and double checks that the Git index readily enables are both useful and reassuring. Being sure of what you're going to commit before you do it and having powerful selective commit capabilities are both useful, and they're even better together.

Squash, Merge, or Rebase? [3]

When version controlling your code with git, there's generally three choices when merging feature branches into main. Each has its own quirks, so which one should you use?

Finding Unused Perl Variables [4]

I've been working on some linting projects at $work and one thing I'm working on is finding unused variables in our codebase. This can be pretty important in a larger codebase. When you find variables which have not been used, you may find yourself asking, why is this here?? and you may not easily get an answer. Eliminating unused variables can be good for the performance of the code, but also good for everyone else on your team. So, we want to make sure we can remove old bits of unused code and also prevent new cases.
Links:
[2] https://utcc.utoronto.ca/~cks/space/blog/tech/GitIndexGoodThing