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A referendum may decide if Greenwich Town's DPW chief is elected, or chosen

A proposal to change the way the leader of Greenwich Town's Department of Public Works/Highway Department is selected was first proposed by Supervisor Don Ward late last year, and now the plan is coming into focus. However, there are more steps to the process to make the position board-appointed, as opposed to publicly elected. And pros and cons.

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A walk along Main Street

Sara Idleman continues to visit village Main Streets in this issue, this time focusing on Greenwich. She writes: "Main Street has evolved over time. No longer, is it our go to place for groceries, hardware and other household necessities. But Main Street is not in decline, it is evolving."

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The many parks of Greenwich, Part II

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

In our Dec. 16 issue, we remarked about the abundance of public parks and recreation spaces in the Town of Greenwich. Readers learned about seven public parks in Greenwich. These parks are named Mowry Park, Washington Square Park, Battenkill Riverside Park, Thunder Mountain Park, and the VFW Memorial Fields. This week, we will discuss other public parks in the Town of Greenwich.

Collamer Park (also known as Prospect Park) is a little known park located at the end of Prospect Street alongside route 29. It is a small V-shaped piece of land that was given to the Village by Mrs. Melinda Reynolds (owner of the largest portion of the plot), Dr. and Mrs. P. V. Weaver, and Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Tefft, owners of the remaining portion of land. Mr. Tefft suggested it be called Collamer Park because Mrs. Reynolds was the principal donor and her family, the Collamers, were among the oldest and prominent residents of that section of the Village.

Bleecker/Dorr Park was leased to Union Village in 1850 by the Mowry and Bleecker estates. It originally had a stone wall around it. George Dorr leased a portion of the land, removed the stone fence and plowed, leveled, and seeded the land. In honor of the work he did, it was named Dorr's Park. Up until the early part of the 20th century, the grounds held a tennis court and croquet was played there as well. The original fountain was added in the 1890's.

Baptist/Memorial II Park is on land given to the Baptist Church for a parsonage. The additional land next to the parsonage was given to the Village in 1946 for a war memorial. It was officially dedicated as a memorial to veterans of World War II on May 30, 1946 during Memorial Day services. It was then named Memorial Park II (Veteran's Memorial Park was discussed in our last issue. It is located on Corliss Avenue and borders Main Street). On May 24, 2012, as part of Memorial Day weekend activities, a war memorial stone was placed in the park.



Whipple Park is the name used to identify the park along Salem Street in the Village. There is no documentation indicating it has been officially named. Whipple descendants lived in the immediate area. A stone memorial for Job Whipple, the founder of Union Village, faces east. As described by the Journal in July of 1926, "The Job Whipple monument is a thick slab of rough-hewn granite standing about five feet high and nearly as broad. The top of the monument has a large bronze tablet where a colonial scene is represented with a large group of Indians and colonists in the foreground. An inscription dedicating the monument to Job Whipple was added in 1826 by his great-great granddaughter.

Mill Hollow Park had been planned since 1975 with its placement on the former Palmer Mill property in the Mill Hollow neighborhood. However, a community effort to save the Palmer Mill site and remaining building changed the location of the park to a little grass circle on the edge of the property.

The Commons was developed behind the Town Hall in 2003. It was originally designed as a showcase for flower gardens. Each Christmas, memorial trees are displayed honoring those who have passed. The Youth Program uses the park in the summer months.

Rock Street Park is a recreational park located on the site of the wastewater treatment plant on Rock Street. There was a fishing dock



Not many people go to Bicentennial Park –dj photos

located here but it was destroyed by flood waters.

Bicentennial Park was established in 1976 on the outskirts of the Town of Greenwich on route 4. It is part of the Champlain Canal. There is a picnic area and a wooden bridge across one of the original Champlain Canal locks.

As of this writing, the Town of Greenwich is developing another park and recreation area along the Hudson River across from Schuylerville's Hudson Crossing Park. The land was obtained with a grant and includes an old school building. More on this park/recreation area will be reported as plans are developed.

Sandy McReynolds, Town of Greenwich Historian, provided many of the details used in this article. Any errors in facts are the sole responsibility of the author.

To be continued.

A resident of Greenwich, Jim Nolan is a Professor of Business Analytics at Siena College and serves on several Greenwich area nonprofit boards.



Highway super referendum decision nears

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Talk of a proposed referendum to replace the elected highway superintendent position with one appointed by the Greenwich Town Board dominated their Jan. 12 meeting.

The board is expected to vote as to whether to hold the townwide election at their Feb. 9 meeting. If passed, a public vote will take place to decide the matter. Greenwich Town residents who are registered to vote will be able to cast their electronically scanned ballots at town hall approximately 60 days after. If the voters approve, this new office will take effect June 1, 2021.

This comes on the heels of long-time highway superintendent Stan Mattison's announced retirement on Oct. 30 of last year. In a letter to local newspapers, Mattison was mostly diplomatic, except for a line about town hall being a "one man show" in reference to town supervisor Don Ward. Mattison's wife, Sandy Mattison, posted on social media after the Jan. 12 meeting, "Pay attention Town of Greenwich Voters... DO NOT let Don Ward take away your right to vote for who YOU want as your highway superintendent away from you!" The post has been widely shared in town.

However, the Jan. 12 meeting had little controversy, as most of the

dozen or so people who Zoomed in were more curious about the facts of the proposal for what would be Local Law No. 1 than actually challenging Ward. The full proposal along with a FAQ are on the town's web site at greenwichny.org.

Earlier in the meeting, as the results of annual audits were announced, Ward presented a PowerPoint showing that 62% of Greenwich's total budget is for the highway department. Of the department's total annual budget of \$718,000, about 63% goes to employee salaries, health insurance and retirement. Some large expenditures include salt and sand for winter roads.

"What I'd like next year, when we quantify the budget, is precise numbers, not broad strokes," Ward said. For example, knowing how much salt and sand cost per mile, to better know where taxpayer dollars are going, he added.

The local law would eliminate the elected position of Superintendent of Highways and eliminate the town highway department and instead create a Department of Public Works and the appointed position Superintendent of Public Works. It would be an unclassified civil service position, meaning the town board would select the person and could hold that person accountable; reprimanding or replacing the person, if need be. Instead of the highway department being independent, it would be answerable to the board.

Ward said that the new department would be cost-neutral, not raising the budget. He also said that the referendum, which would be administered by the county Board of Elections at a cost of \$600-900, would also cost the taxpayers nothing, as the money would be taken out of a budget line that normally would be allotted to Ward's salary. He doesn't take a paycheck.

The wording of the proposed law



The town DPW -dj

on the town's web site said that town highway employees would be retained at their same pay and benefits levels, and Ward praised them in a previous meeting for their work after a December snow storm that dropped three feet of snow on the town.

Ward said that this proposal will put the town in line with the county, which also has an appointed highway position, as well as with neighboring towns.

Currently, any registered voter 18+ who resides in Greenwich Town could run for highway super, regardless of their qualifications. By having a more formal process, Ward said, the board could ensure that the highway chief has work and educational credentials. Ward said that he'll soon have a two-page job description written, noting the requirements, which may include a college degree.

By waiving the residency requirement, the town could attract a wider array of candidates. Scores of other towns in the state have transitioned to an appointed highway leader. Ward also said that the new superintendent could have expanded duties, such as maintaining newly acquired Riverside Park in Clarks Mills with its buildings. He also mentioned that perhaps the super could help with a proposed water district the town is investigating, in

partnership with the Village of Greenwich (I'll write more on that in our next issue).

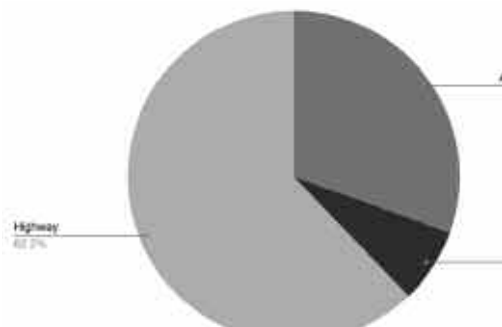
"If the position remains elected, the superintendent may not see it that way," Ward said.

In the public portion of the meeting, former town supervisor Sara Idleman asked what was the motivation of this decision. Ward noted that this shouldn't be viewed as political, but with the departure of Mattison, it gave Ward the opportunity to rethink how the town serves its residents. "We'll be more efficient and businesslike than in the past," he said.

Resident Jacqueline Farbman asked if this new department would cost the town more, but Ward said the new superintendent's salary will actually be less and, overall, the department's expenses will be "budget neutral." "I don't see costs rising at all," Ward said.

Planning Board member Jeremy Messina said: "This seems like common sense, and a lot of towns are doing it."

He also said, via Zoom's chat feature: "To me, it's not a political position. I think we lose out on some good candidates for the position because it's an elected position. At least this way the town will be able to pick a qualified candidate to run our department efficiently."



62% of the town's overall budget goes to Highway (31% goes to Administration and 7% to Buildings & Grounds).

A forgotten park that was dedicated to 1776

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Hey, kids, let's pack up the station wagon and spend the day at Bicentennial Park!

Said no one, ever.

You may have read the mention of Greenwich's Bicentennial Park on page 2 of this paper. Jim Nolan has been investigating the town's dozens of parks; most of which we didn't know existed. Including the park dedicated in 1976, to commemorate our nation's 200th year. People were really patriotic back then, I recall.

Needing to complement his article, I'd figured I'd go photograph Bicentennial Park. I was coming across the Route 4 Northumberland Bridge, anyway.

(And by the way, this rickety, scarily narrow bridge over the Hudson is undergoing DOT repairs – again. Considering how heavily trafficked it is, can't we just get a new one? Which politician do we need to shame to make this happen?)

I drove along Route 4 all the way to the Fort Edward border, but couldn't find anything that said "Bicentennial Park." I figured it was a little bit off of Route 4, so explored the west side, along Fort Miller Road – a dirt, slushy path with some seemingly abandoned and vacant properties. I bet they don't get cable TV here. I took some pictures of picnic tables and a small bridge, figuring they were Bicentennial Park, got back home, ready to add the photos to the article in the layout program. But something didn't feel right about the photos.

I looked in our own archives. The Greenwich Journal only had one story on the park. It seemed hopeful. A July 1, 1976, article read: "Work on establishing the park as an interesting memory of days gone by was done this spring by Town Highway Superintendent Glenn Dixon and the highway department employees, with the assistance of the state department of transportation. The area was overgrown with brush and the old canal was filled with debris gathered there when the present canal was built 50 years

or more ago. A major contribution of the state was placing the footbridge across the top of the lock. Visitors of the Bicentennial Park will find no boats passing, and they will note the towpath along the canal is missing. They will find a pleasant rustic scene, however, and facilities to enjoy a picnic. There is parking for about six cars. The old Champlain Canal was built in 1823 and was a busy avenue of commerce for this section of the state for nearly 100 years."

This article and Google Satellite helped me pinpoint the real location, just south of Bald Mountain Road, on the east side of Route 4. If there ever was a sign that read "Bicentennial Park," it's long gone. Only a couple of historical markers remain. The former canal is again overgrown. The place where the six cars would park is covered with ice. Footbridge? Picnic table?

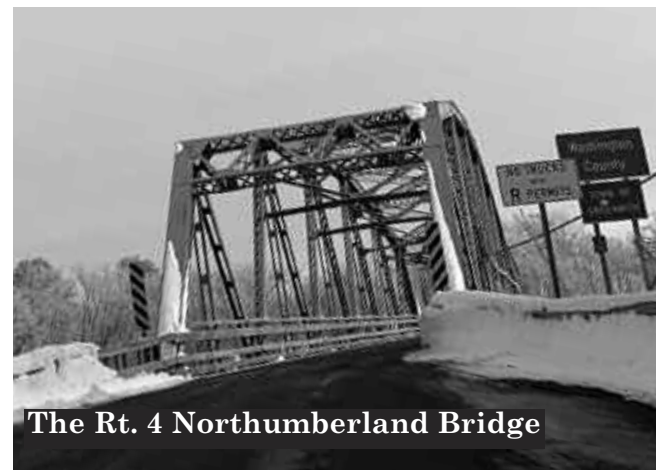
I wonder if Mr. Dixon and his crew had high hopes for this park at one point.

Or was this just something obligatory the town did because of the 200th anniversary? I remember my grandmother knitted a lot of red, white and blue hats and scarves that year. Everyone wanted to take part.

Maybe the state should reclaim what is essentially a rest stop. Put a \$12 million "Taste of New York" building there, with a Roy Rogers and a giant I Love New York banner along the park's grassy knoll. Because long-haul truckers need a rest stop along the harrowing passageway between the Northumberland Bridge to where Jane McCrea met her untimely demise.

Seriously, though, don't go to Bicentennial Park until the summer, if ever. It's hilly, slippery, and dangerous to traverse. Judging by the lack of footprints in the snow, I'm sure others are deterred from visiting – though, who even knew this park existed until now?

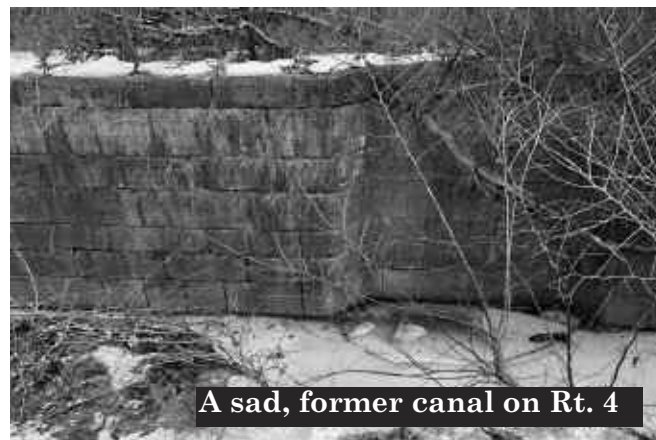
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The Rt. 4 Northumberland Bridge



An abandoned house on Ft. Miller Rd.



A sad, former canal on Rt. 4



Not much of a park

An ice rink in Schuylerville

Led by Schuylerville Mayor Dan Carpenter, resident Beth Woodward and a dedicated group of volunteers, a dandy ice rink has been set up on the basketball court outside the Youth Center at Fort Hardy Park.

Village leadership there seems to have a lot of energy and creative ideas and keeps moving forward with projects for its residents.

In a post online, rules are stated, including: "Face masks must be worn at all times. Guests are encouraged to social distance. All shared

equipment must be sanitized between use with an EPA approved disinfectant. Please carry in and out all garbage."

The rink is closed Mondays for maintenance. There's open hockey from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Open skating starts at noon on Tuesdays through Sundays.

More details are on a Facebook page titled

"Schuylerville Parks and Recreation Future Development."

You can also donate to maintaining the rink there. Woodward has set up a GoFundMe page that garnered \$1500 thus far.



Library wins \$3K grant

Schuylerville Public Library has been selected as one of 200 libraries to participate in Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries, an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that helps library workers better serve their small and rural communities.

The competitive award comes with a \$3,000 grant that will help the Library start a conversation about digital inequity, lack of broadband access in rural areas, and ways that the Library and community can begin to alleviate some of these issues. The Library plans to involve local and state officials in the conversation and hopefully in the solutions.

"We are so proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity," said Library Director Caitlin Johnson. "This grant will allow our library to begin bridging some of the digital divide that our rural area is facing, which has been especially apparent during COVID-19 as we have all had to pivot to remote learning and teleworking."

As part of the grant, Library staff will take an online course in how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a hybrid online conversation/survey with residents about digital inequity and local needs and use the grant funds to supply the community with additional wireless hotspots to borrow and an additional Library-sponsored wireless network in the community.

If you are interested in getting involved or taking part in the conversation later in the spring/summer of 2021, please contact Caitlin Johnson at cjohnson@sals.edu or 518-695-6641. Since 2014, ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has re-imagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries of all types have utilized free dialogue and deliberation training and resources to lead community and campus forums; take part in anti-violence activities; provide a space for residents to come together and discuss challenging topics; and have productive conversations with civic leaders, library trustees and staff.



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Moving toward the light

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

Last week I finally pulled out the birdfeeders and got them hung up. With the bustle of the holiday season, even as low key as this year was, it had completely slipped my mind. We all enjoy watching the various birds that come to feed, especially our indoor cats. For those who ski, snowboard, or do other winter sports, this area has a lot to offer. If the temperature gets cold enough, both Schuylerville and Greenwich flood areas of their parks for ice skating. Willard Mountain is practically right in town and offers ski classes and lessons. I'm fairly certain most of our community learned to ski at Willard. There are several other ski areas all within an hour's drive. For those of us who prefer not to break a leg, there are walking trails in several local parks that offer good winter exercise. The Scandinavians believe that there is no such thing as bad weather, only poor clothing, and I agree. Getting outside for fresh air can instantly lift your mood, and after the last year, we need all the help we can get.

One of the positive changes in January is the sun starts to set just a few minutes later each day. The additional light is welcome, and it makes the cold and snow just a little more bearable. Sunlight boosts production of vitamin D, which helps prevent bone loss and reduce the risk of heart disease. This time of year, most of us in the northern hemi-

sphere have critically low levels of the vitamin. Exposure to natural light can help reduce seasonal depression and improve sleep. On a more practical note, it's nice to be able to take a walk after work when it's still light outside.

Another positive event specific to this past year, was watching the first trucks roll out of Pfizer's Michigan plant with the Covid-19 vaccine. On the video there are people clapping as they drove by, and I may have shed a tear or two. I wondered if parents felt a similar relief when the Polio vaccine was finally introduced in 1955. My grandmother who grew up in the 1930's and 40's recalls the feelings of fear over

'The sun starts to set just a few minutes later each day.'

polio and remembers praying for those who were stricken. She remembered President Roosevelt, who was mostly confined to a wheelchair. In her school, they raised money for the March of Dimes to combat polio. They earned money babysitting, shopping for neighbors and returning bottles, so they could contribute to the cause. My paternal grandfather survived polio as a child but was left with a permanent limp. Fortunately, it didn't prevent him from living a full life. When he was unable to join the Army during WWII, he proudly served with the Merchant Marines instead. But the reality was that ill-



nesses back then were often lingering and debilitating, so preventative care, when it came out was welcome. My mother and her 9 siblings were all vaccinated. My mother remembers standing in a line at school to receive vaccines, including the oral polio vaccine which came in a sugar cube. As a child I received all my vaccinations on schedule, and I will get the Covid-19 vaccine as soon as I can.

There's a lot to look forward to in 2021. Returning to normal seems to be just on the horizon. Every day more people are being vaccinated against Covid-19. Hopefully as the supply of the vaccine increases, more people will be able to get it administered. And while I'm excited at the prospect, I hope the lessons of the last year are not completely lost. Looking out for one another, taking steps to keep communities safe, and working toward a common goal are good things. Doing so means we can be together safely. While talking to my 93-year-old grandmother on the phone tonight, I felt better just hearing her voice. But I can't wait to be able to see her and not fear I could get her sick. I just want to give her a hug. We are almost there; the finish line is in sight.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich, a preschool teacher for Head Start in Saratoga County, wife and mother of two teenage daughters.



Donate blood

The American Red Cross urge individuals – especially those who have recovered from COVID-19 – to give blood and to help tackle the national convalescent plasma shortage.

The Red Cross and NFL offer all those who come to donate an opportunity to receive a special thank you. Those who come to donate blood or platelets this January will be automatically entered to win two tickets to next year's Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles.

Individuals can schedule an appointment to give blood today with the American Red Cross

by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org), using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:
Saratoga Springs

1/18/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Saratoga Casino Hotel, 342 Jefferson Street.

1/27/2021: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saratoga Springs City Center, 522 Broadway.

Hartford

1/18/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Hartford Fire Department, Rt 149 and Rt 40.

Easton Library update

The Easton Library is open at Service Level B and has worked hard to devise a strategy through the New York State Forward Safety plan and CDC guidelines that will keep our staff and community thriving.

The building is open to the public with precautions in place to promote social distancing. Normal operating hours are in effect, and the circulation desk is open for material pick up only. Face coverings are required. The number of people in the building at one time are limited. All materials returned must be placed into the book drop and not carried into the library. Items returned to the book drop will be quarantined for 96 hours before checking them in. A limit of five items per patron

will be allowed. Staff can make copies, fax, or scans for patrons. Notary services are available.

Please order your items online at easton.sals.edu at the Patron Account button on the Home Page or by telephoning the library at (518) 692-2253 during operational hours. A staff member will contact you when your material is ready for pick up. You may stop in the library for a staff member to take an item from the shelf for you while you briefly wait. Magazines and newspapers may be checked out upon request. (Just ask for an available list.) Interlibrary loans are available.

People who would like to obtain a library card you may visit the library and fill out and application or



visit the website at easton.sals.edu. Look under the dropdown menu About Our Library under Library Services. Follow the directions for library cards and borrowing.

Easton Library hours are Monday 1-5 PM, Tuesday 4-8 PM, Wednesday 9:30 AM-12 PM and 1-

5 PM, Thursday 4-8 PM, and Saturday 10-4 PM.

Plans are in place for Easton Library to move to the next phase where there will be computer usage and browsing. The timeline for that phase is undetermined.

Cameras installed at HCP

Hudson Crossing Park to announce that it is the recipient of an Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust grant for the amount of \$7,957 to be used for the purchase of a security system to be installed in and around park trails and facilities.

With increased instances of mischief and vandalism occurring at the park over the last few years that have ranged from inconvenient to damaging, the installation of this system will allow park visitors increased security and peace of mind as they enjoy all that Hudson Crossing Park has to offer.

Hudson Crossing Park is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, bi-county park centered on Champlain Canal Lock 5 Island just outside of the village of Schuylerville on



Historic Route 4. A unique recreational and educational destination, the park is open every day year-round from dawn until dusk and is free of charge.

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Main Street, Greenwich

Sara Idleman
Journal & Press

I often walk Main Street when I'm out and about. I slow my pace and window shop. My Main Street strolls have triggered countless memories of the ever-changing nature of our village. From my earliest years, I remember grocery stores, gift shops, clothing stores, drug and hardware stores, bars and auto repair shops (yes, plural), a five and dime, a meat market, a newsroom, a stationary shop, and, of course, Bernie's and Wallie's. Not only was Main Street our main commercial district, the stores were open every Friday night until 9 pm. It was not uncommon for families to do their weekly grocery shopping on those nights. In many ways Main Street on Friday night was a gathering place.

Main Street has evolved over time. No longer, is it our go to place for groceries, hardware and other household necessities. What were once storefronts, now house professional services: attorneys, CPAs, insurance compa-

nies, a photography studio, a sewing center, realtors, a newspaper, a flower shop, yoga studio, a funeral home, auto repair shop, a welder, physical therapists, a brewery, a tire center, a CDB distributor, a hair salon, antique shops, consignment and craft stores and a food truck. Additionally, Comfort Food Community and Gather occupy two significant locations on Main Street. On one of my walks, I stopped to chat with someone who said it was a sure sign that Greenwich's Main Street was in decline. I disagree.

Yes, several of the storefronts have paper obscuring my view inside, fewer cars line the streets and shop hours have been reduced. My curiosity draws me to the paper covered windows. This I can tell you, once we can gather safely, two restaurants will open their doors to the community, an inviting and stunning coffee shop awaits customers, two historic buildings are being restored and the mural that welcomes patrons to the outdoor space at Argyle Brewery is a magnificent addition to Main Street. A hearty thanks to the community members who have invested in Main Street. Main Street is not in decline, it is evolving.

COVID has changed all our lives. We can't gather safely, we avoid large crowds and shop remotely, carefully and sparingly. Many of our neighbors are experiencing hardships. That cannot be minimized. I don't believe it will always be this way. It's been a challenging time, but I find hope in a new normal, whatever that is. And Main Street will, once again, be a gathering place for all of us. Let's celebrate that.



Sara Idleman is a lifelong resident of Greenwich. Recently retired from the workforce, she's delighted to now focus on her favorite interests and hobbies.



—si photos



A Letter to the Community

from Trey Dobson, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Emergency Physician

Within days of Vermont receiving its first shipment of the COVID-19 vaccine four weeks ago, concerns emerged regarding vaccine distribution, prioritization, and administration. The concerns were justifiable, given the incredibly high stakes we all face. With any initiative of this magnitude, opportunities for improvement undoubtedly emerge. And when we look at what has been learned and already accomplished in a very short amount of time, the vaccine program in Vermont is actually going quite well, and it is becoming more effective each day.

The Department of Health is working hard to coordinate vaccine deliveries from federal supplies and follow through with distribution to area health systems. All of the Vermont hospitals have put non-critical projects on hold in order to devote staff and resources to safe vaccine administration. The number one priority for all of us in healthcare in Vermont is to make the vaccine readily available to everyone and quickly pull ourselves out of this pandemic.

Vermont is currently in what is called Phase 1a, focusing on healthcare workers, first responders, long-term care facilities, and those in residential living arrangements. In Southern Vermont, over 1,500 individuals in these categories have received their first dose of vaccine at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC), and vaccination continues at a pace of over 200 people daily. Similar numbers are occurring at other hospitals throughout the state.

The next group to be vaccinated will include those 75 years and older, followed later by younger age groups in a stepwise fashion dubbed “age bands.” The state is also working to include those individuals with certain high-risk medical conditions regardless of age.

The most significant barrier right now is vaccine supply. We are confident that the amount of vaccine will rise substantially within a few weeks. Vaccination of the public can then begin at large capacity sites being planned in a collaboration among the Vermont Department of Health, hospitals, pharmacies, and other entities, similar to the pop-up testing sites that have been so successful in our state.

To reach immunity in the population, we need to vaccinate a lot of people, and we need to do so quickly. We cannot have vaccine sitting idle. Vaccine must be given whenever it is available and not reserved for certain populations. It does little good to vaccinate only a small portion of the population or drag the process out over a long period of time. We cannot tolerate the death rate, hospitalizations, school closures, and economic devastation brought onto us by COVID-19. None of us wants to continue wearing masks, remain under travel restrictions, and be separated from our family and friends.

Fortunately, vaccine supply will soon increase substantially, and Vermont has the people and processes in place to get the job done. Capable organizations and individuals at both state and community levels are working incredibly hard on this initiative above everything else. By early summer, vaccinations will be readily available for everyone who lives within the area SVMC serves. Continue to wear masks and avoid gatherings. Encourage your friends and family to get vaccinated as it becomes available. Simply put, we can pull ourselves out of this mess. Stay positive, everyone.



Trey Dobson, MD
Chief Medical Officer, Emergency Physician

Comfort Food celebrates its donors, volunteers

Comfort Food Community (CFC), a local non-profit serving Washington, Warren, and Saratoga counties, would like to acknowledge their community for supporting the organization throughout an unprecedented and challenging year. Thanks to CFC's donors, partners, and volunteers, Comfort Food Community was able to continue serving local individuals through their work in food access, food recovery, and food as health.

Executive Director at Comfort Food Community, Devin Bulger, commented: "Our community of supporters have been incredible this year, especially over the holiday stretch. Volunteers continued to fill shifts at the Pantry. Over forty volunteers helped deliver a record number of Thanksgiving meals this year. In December, the Greenwich Boy Scouts collected over 1,000 lbs. of food and hygiene product – a record for them. In total, community members donated 13,506 lbs. of food to our pantries this year alone! Businesses large and small have put together food drives and fund drives. We have been able to do this without shutting our doors or compromising anyone's health throughout the pandemic."

Comfort Food Community recognizes that their community has needed to lean on them for support more than ever this year. In response to the COVID-19 crisis, they dedicated their efforts to ensuring that they could continue providing food and resources to all. The community support behind CFC's mission and programs has allowed the organization to successfully continue their important work.

Chief Development Officer, Susan Sanderson, reflected on the recent completion of CFC's annual Harvest Fundraising Campaign:

"Comfort Food Community continues to strengthen and expand programs and services because of the generous support of all our donors. After a particularly challenging year, the success of the 2020 Harvest Campaign will allow us to serve our community in 2021, meeting the needs of individuals who are facing food insecurity, health issues, and financial hardship. We are honored to have this support and partnership in building healthy communities through the power of good food."

Comfort Food Community extends their most sincere gratitude and appreciation to all involved. It is when we come together that we can make the most profound impact and this past year is a reflection of what "community" truly means.

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GCS student Ryan Ingber, right, donates a portion of his profits from his business, Candles with Character.



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Reflecting on the events of January 6th

Cody Fitzgerald

Journal & Press

In terms of qualifications, I have zero. You should have very little incentive to listen to anything I tell you beyond face value. I'm not going to pretend that I'm more than the guy who has waged war with a Kellogg's potato chip, nor do I want to be. That being said, I need to talk about something serious today.

To level with everyone reading, I remember submitting my previous article and thinking it was probably one of my weakest yet. It was for no particular reason; just naturally some are better than others and that one happened to be on the short end of the stick. I knew that I really wanted to pour myself into the next article, trying to make it the funniest one yet. To put it bluntly, I don't feel right putting "my funniest article yet" out right now. This past week we witnessed one of the most disgusting acts this country has ever seen in what is no less than an attempted coup in the form of a domestic terrorist attack. If you've followed me or anything I've written over this last year, it's probably not hard to find out where I sit politically. I had a whole anti-Trump fake concession speech planned in lieu of this, but that didn't feel right either. Right now is the time to be the bigger person. We should not be forgiving anyone involved or any of their apologists, but after checking myself I realized it's not right to stoop to any of these people's levels, whether they're a common citizen or sitting in the Oval Office. I don't want to give any of these people the attention they so desperately seek, and right now I want to shift focus to the person that doesn't get enough attention – you.

The world is a lot of doom and gloom as of late, and I can't blame anybody for thinking that way. It's important to remember that I didn't start writing these columns until after Covid, so I don't know a time where the world was relatively normal and I was writing articles. I've always gone into this hoping I could be a silver lining, or a least a chuckle for someone that was struggling with the weight of the world. I won't lie when I say that trying to be any kind of light at the end of the tunnel has become increasingly difficult as time went on, and trying to think

about how I could possibly do that right now was seemingly a lost cause.

I could not seem to wrap my head around it at all, until the news came on. I sat and watched hours of reporting about the terrorist attacks and the aftermath. Obviously this is stuff that needs to be reported and we need to hear about, but I couldn't help but find myself frustrated that all we ever hear about is monsters like this. We've been spoonfed this false narrative that the world is going to hell, and we can't do anything about it. I think we all need to take a step back and realize that what we are seeing is attention seeking extremists, and our view of what the world has become is completely fogged by this.

You won't convince this pigheaded atheist "fate is a myth" loudmouth to believe in much of anything, but I do believe that all people are inherently good. Things go wrong and we see how that works out, but I have to tell myself that more of us end up good than we do bad. We the people (if you'll accept a phrasing so bold) are naturally inclined to cling to whoever or whatever makes the most noise and creates the biggest scene. If you're looking for a significant other or vehicle, I wouldn't recommend this tactic. That being said, it's hard to turn a blind eye and of course we give more attention to the person or persons creating the most controversy, and that's our biggest mistake.

I'm writing this like a stream of consciousness, because I think that's what it needs to be, but I think the message here is to still remember that there is good in the world. If we (obviously referring to those NOT involved last week) truly put differences aside and try to remember that we're all in this together, one world, one country, one people, things will get better. At a time where we're so beyond divided, there's no better way to "own" your enemies than by taking their hand. As grim as the future looks, we will see a day where we come back together and defeat this divisiveness. Looking at what we, as a country, have overcome together, I have no doubt that we can get our peaceful Christmas dinners back very soon.

If you take anything from this little rant, it's that we need to realize the world is so much better than we really want to believe. Appreciate the little things, and realize that we will get



‘The message here is to remember, there still is good in the world.’

through this, like we always have. Try to be kind, go out of your way and be there when people need it. If you've made it this far, I have to believe you're one of the good. You can be a part of this change, and you can be the solution. We need to take a terrible event like what happened Jan. 6 and use it to make us stronger. This country will come back better than it's ever been and we're looking like we're almost over the hump. We're going to see a day where we spread love and positivity and not hatred and fear. We can learn from our mistakes, both big picture and in our everyday lives, and come out on top.

And that's how I sleep at night.

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Two completely different teaching jobs

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

I recently made a career transition from teaching at a very affluent resort town to an inner city public school, in the midst of a pandemic. A lot went into this move, as I knew the two schools were handling COVID protocol very differently due to funding, laws and population. Moving from a tiny high socioeconomic private school to a large low socioeconomic public school required many adaptations in my teaching style, objectives and use of technology. The Catholic school I was working for did not have adequate funding and therefore a lot of the classroom technology was dated or glitchy; but due to the average income bracket of the families sending their children to that school, all of the students had professional equipment set up at home for remote learning. Many Catholic and private schools have dated resources or fail to modernize their method of running a school due to various reasons, and the pandemic has hit them especially hard.

Imagine this – a lot of private school parents are already a little helicopter, but if they can watch the school day through Zoom; it gives them some sort of new power. I saw veteran teachers of thirty years cry as parents screamed at them for not knowing how to locate files in Google Classroom. A lot of older teachers at private schools also struggle to use new technology, but know they have to live up to the standards of the parents paying tuition – the parents with public school friends who talk about Seesaw or Kahoot!, so there is added pressure to catch up. The problem is that many private schools do not have the funding or resources to provide proper technology training to teachers, so everybody suffers.

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Of course this is not true for every situation, but overall private schools have taken a hit during this time of high needs and modern technology.

The dismissal line at the private school I worked for was always intercepting top of the line cars and eye-rolling moms. Children would arrive in the morning with well combed hair and hearty snacks to eat while silently reading and journaling about the mini trips they took over the weekend. Everything seemed very Norman Rockwell, and while the job lacked both adversity and diversity, it was still a wonderful experience, just not all of the time.

As a disclaimer, I am liberal and do not want to come off as a white savior or supremacist in my writings about my new career situation and the disparity I have witnessed. In college I worked in some city school districts, but never any as poor as the one I am working in now, where students brush their teeth in the morning at school and take home food bags in the afternoon. All meals are provided for free and many students take extra for their family members at home. On my first day at this new job, a third grader got into a fist fight with another student for making fun of his foster care situation. Before I knew it, there was a pool of blood on the ground and I tried to remember if I could legally grab the student throwing the punches. I did, and he flailed at me. The rest of the students in the classroom shrugged their shoulders and told me it happens all the time. I was too soft, asking them to breathe and reflect.

‘Teaching remotely at a low socioeconomic urban school is immensely difficult.’



The teachers at this school have utilitarian and strict teaching styles that leave little room for cutesy cookie cutter exploitation. The students thrive on structure and unconditional positive regard, but most of all consistency.

Trying to teach remotely at a low socioeconomic urban school is immensely difficult for a multitude of reasons, and luckily my new school has not been put in that situation this year. About a quarter of the students are remote though and issues arise when there is not adequate wifi, even though all technology is provided by the school. Students in this school also have working class parents, so they are often left alone during the day and cannot access files on their own or just fail to show up to class entirely. Here, we have a program

to open and close windows for students and block websites like YouTube during school hours, as there is not the helicopter assistance that I observed and experienced working in a private school setting.

There is a sense of leadership and community in my current school that aims to overcome the issues associated with extreme poverty, at least during school hours. All of the faculty members work together to provide sanctuary and peace for the student body, above all else. I have a newfound passion for teaching, as I realize all of the students' social and emotional needs, and the concise planning that goes into teaching them, and, on top of that, awareness and sensitivity.

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A review of ‘Wonder Woman 1984’

Peter Debruge

Variety

Special to Journal & Press

For the last nine months, since a real-world viral pandemic swept the planet and forced the shutdown of civilization as we know it, we’ve been reading about how this or that motion picture is “the movie we need right now.” Movies don’t solve global health crises, but they can distract and inspire us, they can bring us together when we’re apart and heal the divisions that define our times.

I suppose “Wonder Woman 1984” can achieve some of those things, but mostly it reminds us how badly we could use a superhero right now – a fantasy turn-back-time and fix-the-situation savior – and in that sense, it’s at once a fizzy pop-art distraction and a major downer. Put another way, if a nuclear bomb detonated in downtown Manhattan, you don’t run out to watch a Bond movie to feel better. (In this case, most people won’t be running out at all, but tuning in via HBO Max, where Warner Bros. will be streaming the film the same day it opens in theaters.)

For those old enough to remember the ‘80s, it’s like going home for Christmas and discovering a box full of childhood toys in your parents’ attic. This is what it felt like to watch Richard Donner’s “Superman” for the first time, or to marvel at the strong female role models of such vintage TV shows as “Wonder Woman” and “The Bionic Woman.” Even if the ‘80s seem as distant to you as the World War I setting of Patty Jenkins’ history-making “Wonder Woman” feature three years ago, it’s an amusing tour through that tackiest of decades, when shoulder pads and permed hair were all the rage.

In Jenkins’ 2017 origin story, Gal Gadot played the “fish out of water” as Amazon princess/goddess Diana Prince found herself thrust into war-

torn Europe – in 1918, a good 10 years before the invention of sliced bread – doing her best to adapt to the conventions of a less enlightened patriarchy, with the help of stud-pilot Steve Trevor (Chris Pine). This time, it’s Steve’s turn to feel out of sync with society, as Diana makes a wish that resurrects her lost love, bringing him back the year the Apple Macintosh was unveiled. In between, Zack Snyder made a noisy, present-day “Justice League” movie (due for a director’s cut next year), but Jenkins has a much better handle on what audiences want from the divine Miss Diana, and “Wonder Woman 1984” delivers, for a time.

Embracing both her iconic Washington, D.C. setting and the slightly hokey comic-book style of the period, Jenkins serves up scenes in which Wonder Woman intervenes in everyday crises, saving a Walkman-wearing jogger from being run down by a Pontiac Firebird or rescuing two girls endangered during a shopping-mall jewelry heist. That robbery results in the recovery of the Dreamstone, an ancient citrine artifact with magic powers: It can grant the wish of anyone who touches it. But it comes with a catch: It takes as much as it gives. (The characters hastily reference “The Monkey’s Paw,” the classic W. W. Jacobs short story in which wishes have consequences, but that’s hardly enough to explain the totem’s complicated rules.)

After touching the stone, Diana gets her boyfriend back, but she’s gonna be in trouble. Unless she renounces it, the wish will eventually cost Wonder Woman her powers. Her clumsy co-worker at the Smithsonian Museum, superficially Selina Kyle-like Barbara Minerva (Kristen Wiig), asks to be as strong, sexy, cool and special as Diana, but loses ... how endearingly uncouth, undesirable, unfashionable and unremarkable she was. Later, she’ll get a second wish – to become “an apex predator” – which



Patty Jenkins with Gal Gadot

transforms Wiig into the Cheetah, a creature who’s less Catwoman than lame “Cats”-level miscalculation.

In the comics, Cheetah is nearly always drawn as a gratuitously busty nude woman with strategically placed spots, a fanboy fetish object. Wiig owns the before-and-after versions of Barbara, but not this final iteration of the character. With her virtual fur and decidedly more feline physique, this Cheetah is neither ferocious nor any kind of match for Wonder Woman. Then again, by the point these two frenemies face off, the movie has long since stopped being fun.

Like Jenkins’ original “Wonder Woman,” this sequel spins out of control once the villains gain their full power, shifting from engaging character-based comedy to eye-crossing, CGI-bloated super-battle. (Cue Hans Zimmer’s typically overzealous thunder-score.) Jenkins is an enormously talented filmmaker on whom the stu-

dio took a chance – one that’s seldom questioned when conferred upon men – and she proves her worth by never letting the spectacle drown out the performances. Unlike so many of DC’s impossibly chiseled leading men, the undeniably gorgeous Gadot makes Wonder Woman’s qualities seem relatable – and therefore worthy of aspiring to themselves. Much as Wakanda stands for a land free from the strictures of white supremacy in “Black Panther,” Diana Prince represents what any woman might achieve, if elevated outside the patriarchy.

Fittingly enough, the movie opens on the island of Themyscira, where young Diana competes alongside grown (wonder) women in a thrilling triathlon – a best-seen-on-the-big-screen cross between the Hunger Games and a Quidditch match in which the precocious Diana manages to take the lead. The message here

Woodland Cemetery now allows pet ‘cremains’ to be buried with owner

Woodland Cemetery, a not-for-profit historic cemetery located on 40+ acres in the Village of Cambridge, New York, is now approved in accordance with the provisions of the New York Cemetery Law as a burial place for the “Pet Cremains” of lot owners and with the prior permission of Woodlands. The interment of pet cremains in Woodlands Cemetery shall be available to a lot owner where the interment is incidental to the burial of human remains, meaning that pet cremains must be interred at the same time as or after the human remains are interred.

Robert Wright, president of the Woodlands Cemetery Board of Trustees, “This is one of the steps we have taken to make this cemetery more supportive of families throughout the region and more friendly toward pets. We sought this approval as a further distinction for this treasured property since the New York Department of State’s Division of Cemeteries in Albany asserts that Woodlands is one of the few cemeteries in the region to offer this program.”

The law defines “pet cremated remains” as ashes and/or other residue recovered after the completion of cremation of any domestic animal that has been adapted or tamed to live in intimate association with people where such cremation has occurred at a pet crematorium. In plain language, this definition excludes livestock and wild animals and requires that the animal was cremated at a licensed pet crematory. The definition of “pet” includes dogs, cats,

rodents, fish, birds, snakes, turtles, lizards, frogs and rabbits but is not limited to those animals.

“Pet cremains can be interred in a grave, crypt or niche but may not be scattered,” explains Wright. “The remains must be in a separate container and must not be commingled with cremated human remains. The container may either be placed in the casket of the decedent or buried separately in the same lot. Memorialization of pets is limited to the memorial stone of the human deceased and no additional markers will be permitted.”

A fee will be charged for the right of burial for pet remains in addition to the charge for the service of interment. One pet cremated remains may be interred on the grave of a human and lot owners may not transfer their lot ownership.

“This opportunity benefits the growing number of people who want their final plans to include their pets,” says Wright. “Times have changed and people have a much different view of their pets in the family. Four-legged friends are family for many of our residents.”

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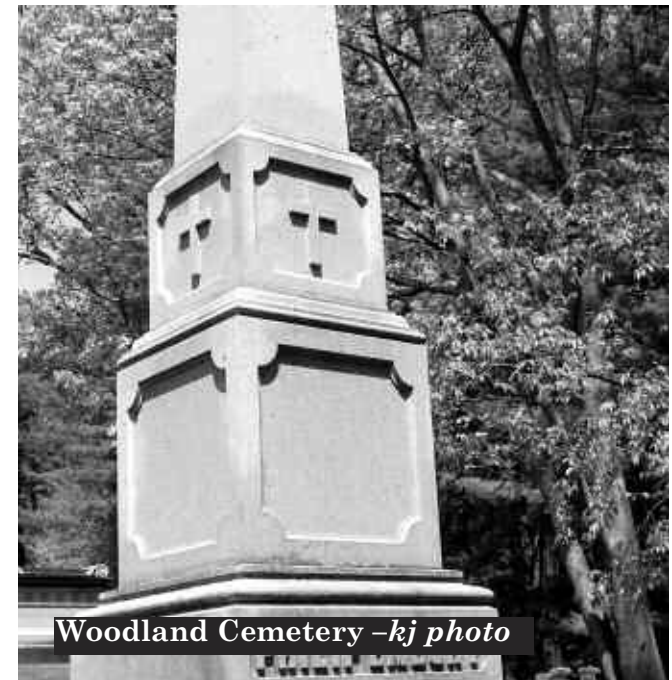
Fees include:

- Pet Interment of cremains at same time as

human cremains: \$100.

- Pet interment of cremains enclosed in human casket: \$50.
- Pet Interment of cremains subsequent to human interment: \$200.

This new program and plans for 2021 will be discussed at the annual meeting of the BOD on Monday, January 25, 2021, 7:00 p.m. in the Dobbins Chapel. Please visit the website at www.woodlandscemetery.org or email contact@woodlandscemetery.org for further information regarding interment of pet cremains.



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isn’t simply that women are equal to or better than their male counterparts, but that society underestimates children as well. From this empowering prologue, “Wonder Woman 1984” wants girls to know that the sky’s the limit to their abilities – with one key caveat: “No true hero is born from lies,” explains auntie Antiope (Robin Wright).

“Wonder Woman 1984” works better when it’s focused on just a handful of characters with spe-

cial powers. The film offers a distinctly female perspective on how 20th-century gender dynamics shift when women assume a little extra confidence and strength, since disrespectful men are constantly hitting on and harassing Barbara and Diana. The key exception is Chris Pine’s gallant pilot character, Steve, who’s there to follow Diana’s lead – and also to marvel at such ‘80s innovations as futon couches, Easy Cheese and the space shuttle.

The movie’s most satisfying moments have little to do with the central conflict, arising in-

stead from the discovery (and vicarious implementation) of Diana’s powers. Fans of the comics have long asked themselves, “If Wonder Woman can fly, why does she need an invisible jet?” Jenkins puts this debate to rest in her own way, taking a page from Donner’s “Superman” as Steve and Wonder Woman share a romantic joyride from a fireworks-lit sky. An hour later, the director literally gives her hero wings – a gold-plated change of armor that looks better in the ad campaign than it does on screen.

Need a winter coat?

L.E.A.P. is now shifting the focus of its Coat Drive to distributing coats to those in need, although they are still accepting monetary donations to cover the increased costs of cleaning, storing, and distributing coats this season. If you need a coat for yourself and/or a family member, the only requirement is that you must be a Washington County Resident. Proof of address will be requested (for example a piece of mail, utility bill, driver’s license/other ID, etc.) Please call L.E.A.P. at (518) 409-5199 between 8:30am-3:30pm for any Coat Requests.

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Annie Miller

Director, Greenwich Free Library

Like many others, the Greenwich Free Library has moved to curbside service. Unlike the others, ours was a planned move for a happy reason. After two and a half years of planning, we are finally going ahead with the renovation of our main floor!

Over the last month, we have boxed up nearly all our books, movies etc. and moved them to the basement to hibernate. We have filled a storage pod with shelves and furniture. We have sold or given away all kinds of things we never thought we'd part with. It has been a long, hard job and, while the staff was amazing, we couldn't have done it without the help of volunteers. We got lots of work out of our Greenwich High School helpers: Honor society students Will Hamilton, Lola Davidson and Ellery Mays and FFA members Chris Doughty, Cadence Brownell, Caroline Kelly, Katherine Campbell and Colin Hughes. Not to be outdone, the older generations were well represented by Teri and Pete Pendergrass, Audrey Fischer, Cliff Oliver, Lisa Hayes and Callagh Mays, Don Minkel and Daniel Miller Minkel, Dan Damianko and Tim Kelleher. (If I have forgotten anyone, I apologize.)

We are now providing contactless pick up service at the front door of the building. (The back entrance is closed during construction.) We are set up in the Community Room and are ready, willing and able to help you get the books you need, get copies made and faxes sent and many of our usual services. You can request books and movies using the Southern Adirondack Library System catalog. You'll be notified when they come in, we'll check them out to you over the phone (Have your library card handy!) and set a pickup time. Simple. Of course, if you have questions, need help using the catalog or would like us to make requests for you, just call us 518-692-7157. And be sure to wave as you go by!



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Aid to citizens, but not to states

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

Nearly nine months after the \$2.2 trillion CARES Act became law, the lame duck Congress passed an additional \$900 billion relief bill just before Christmas. The fate of the legislation hung in the balance for a week, after the President threatened not to sign it. But with benefits expiring and millions of Americans facing financial peril, Trump finally inked the deal on December 27.

Like the ornery Grinch in the animated Christmas classic, the President and lawmakers' small hearts seem to have grown three sizes in just the nick of time. The bill will provide relief to individuals, small businesses and the economy as a whole. Though not as large as the previous legislation, which according to a CBO analysis likely boosted GDP by 4.7% in 2020 and 3.1% in 2021, this current round should help prevent some of the suffering and bridge the output gap between now and the time when widespread vaccination is available.

Here's what made it:

- Another round of nontaxable, direct payments of \$600 for individuals with income (wages, Social Security, and/or pension) earning under \$75,000 (\$150K MFJ), PLUS, there will be \$600 per child (up from the \$500 in the first round) under the age of 17. The amount will phase out for those with incomes up to

\$99K (\$198K MFJ).

- Extension of supplemental federal unemployment benefits of \$300 per week (on top of state unemployment programs) for an additional 11 weeks, at least through March 14. (The CARES Act had extended state benefits by 13 weeks, so total will now be 24 weeks.)
- Extension of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance for self-employed, part-time, contract and gig workers for an additional 11 weeks.
- Aid to small businesses, including the continuation of the Paycheck Protection Program (\$325 billion).
- Aid for vaccine distribution and schools (\$82 billion).
- Extension of eviction moratorium until January 31st. Home loan forbearance for fed-

'The stimulus is important, but there could still be millions who are struggling.'

erally backed mortgages is available for up to 180 days (after that, homeowners can ask for an additional 180 days). For Fannie and Freddie loans, there is no end date – the agencies will determine when to end their plans. Homeowners with FHA loans must contact their servicer and request an initial COVID-19

forbearance.

- Assistance for Transportation: Airlines \$15B in assistance to encourage a return of furloughed workers to payrolls; Amtrak (\$1B); Public Transit systems (\$14B); State highways (\$10B).

Here's what didn't make it:

There was something absent from the bill. Aid for states and local governments and liability protection for businesses. Without more money, state and local governments will have to absorb the double whammy of big spending amid the loss in sales and other taxes. Analysis from the Brookings Institute found that state and local revenues, excluding fees to public hospitals and institution of higher education, will drop by \$467 billion over three years. Because most state and local governments have to balance their operating budgets each year, the lack of funds may create a second order effect of more job cuts, which could dampen the overall economic recovery.

Why this stimulus matters:

- The new stimulus is an important development, but there could still be millions of Americans who are struggling. According to the Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey covering November 25 through December 7, three data points underscore the dire need for federal assistance:
- People experiencing food scarcity (either sometimes or often not enough to eat in the past seven days): 27.4 million or 12.7%
- People experiencing housing insecurity (behind on rent or mortgage payments, or who don't think household can make next month's rent or mortgage payment on time): 12.8 million or 9.1%.
- People who have difficulty paying for usual household expenses: 85.4 million or 35.6%.

Salem Library Carry-Out Crafts

Bancroft Public Library's January Carry-Out Craft (for teens and adults) is a snowman jar and kits will be ready for pick-up beginning January 19. Limited kits will be available - contact the library (slm-director@sals.edu or 518-854-7463) to reserve yours.

Remember, weekly kids' crafts are available each Wednesday! Karen Hickland, Deputy Director, sends thanks to the Friends of Bancroft Library for helping us provide these programs for free.

For more info, visit www.bancroftlibrary.org,



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Through the Decades

An earthquake, cable TV and ice skating

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Here are some snippets from past editions of The Journal & Press from late Januaries, many decades ago:

100 Years Ago

January 26, 1921

Residents of Cottage Street and Mowry Avenue who reported earthquake shocks last Wednesday morning were gratified to see in the newspapers of the following morning accounts earth shocks from Corinth, Lake George, Saratoga and other points. The time of the quakes was variously reported at from three to five o'clock in the morning, and in several instances it was related that cracks two or three inches in width were opened in the earth.

It is a rather curious circumstance that very few in this village except those residing in the vicinity of Cottage Street heard the quake, and there, most everybody heard it. Perhaps the crust is not as thick up there – the earth's crust that is – as elsewhere across town.

90 Years Ago

January 28, 1931

At nine o'clock tomorrow, Thursday morning, the National Bank of Argyle will open for business. It will take over the business of the First National Bank of Argyle, which closed its doors more than five months ago. Although it takes over the assets and liabilities of the closed bank and will conduct business in the same building with the same equipment as the former bank, it is really a new installation under a new charter. The charter was granted on Monday of last week and a legal notice of the charter by the controller of the currency is published, elsewhere in this paper. The new bank will pay dollar for dollar the deposits that were in the old bank, but the stock in the old bank has been wiped out and an entirely new board of directors and officers will be in charge of its affairs.

80 Years Ago

January 15, 1941

An abandoned shed and footprints pointing out onto the ice of the Battenkill led to the discovery of the tragic drowning of Juanita and Thomas Winehip, last Friday evening. The little girl, who was three years old, and her brother, who was almost five, were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Winchip of this village. They had been playing about the village Friday afternoon, and when they did not return home at supper time, the family started looking for them. Neighbors helped in the search, and Chief of Police John Kerins and Fire Chief Ralph E. Myers were notified.

60 Years Ago

January 25, 1961

Some people may not be aware of it yet, but the mail service in Greenwich has been changed so that now any package, newspaper, letter mailed to an out-of-town destination after 8 o'clock in the morning, stays right in the Greenwich office until 5 o'clock that night.

It used to be that there was a morning dispatch of mail at about 10:30 o'clock. This was used by many businesses as well as by the general public for speedy delivery, for such mail reached the Albany terminal in good season the same day.

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40 Years Ago

January 22, 1981

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The committee will advertise once in two national cable television publications inviting firms to submit their proposals. A deadline of April 13 was set for the receipt of all bids.

20 Years Ago

January 18, 2001

Weather permitting, there will be skating on the canal in Schuylerville on Sunday, January 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. Cocoa, coffee and popcorn will be available in the youth center at Fort Hardy Park on Ferry Street, plus some old time games. Parking will be behind the town hall or the Schuyler Canal Park Visitors Center.

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The job you have vs. the career you deserve

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I'm in my fifties and feeling really bitter about all the problems I've had in my work. I don't feel like I've had the career I deserve and this year hasn't improved my job situation. I don't want to end up a bitter old complaining senior. How can I make peace with my past?*

A: We make peace with our past when we can see it as a reference point rather than a residing within our past. If you use the past as a place of residence you will indeed become bitter. If you use your past as a place of reference you instead will become wise. Your use of the phrase, "the career I deserve," is part of the reason you are stuck. None of us really end up with what we deserve in our work or life. We end up with what we negotiate for, what we work for, and what lucky or unlucky coincidences we meet. The idea there's a life or career we "deserve" will keep us from solving current problems.

When we believe we're not getting what we deserve we tend to ruminate on how unfair things are. Obsessing on the unfairness of life makes us feel sorry for ourselves rather than putting our energy into improving our situation. We cannot wallow in pity and be proactive at the same time.

I always recommend clients act as if they are entitled to nothing. There are two fantastic outcomes to no expectations. The first is you'll experience great gratitude with anything that anyone does for you. The second is you'll rarely be disappointed anymore.

When you walk into situations with little entitlement and huge capacity for gratitude people will generally go out of their way to help you. Nothing wins friends and influences people like appreciation. Nothing loses friends and alienates people like entitlement.

You won't get over your entitlements quickly. I point out to my clients that we all walk around with a book called, "My expectations on how everyone else should act." Think of this as a book of you. Now pause and realize everyone around you has their own book and their book may have little in common with your book.

If we constantly read from our own book "schooling" others on what they owe us people around us will stop listening. These people have their own books and nearly everyone's book says they shouldn't have to listen to people that tell them how to act.

I suggest if 2020 has taught us anything it would be that lowering expectations is key to a peaceful, productive life. I would suggest that a useful New Year's

resolution would be to put your book of expectations into storage. Instead, walk around with a blank book and anticipate receiving nothing but be ready to negotiate for everything.

You will still have moments where your first reaction is an indignant, "But this is unfair!" During your indignant moments when you don't get what you formerly believed you deserved silence is golden. Wait until your huffy response fades to say or do anything.

Then notice what you are already getting, and what you may get and be appreciative. You'll find people shrivel in the face of demands but blossom in an absence of entitlements and gracious negotiation.

Q: *I respect your capacity for anticipating what is probably around the next bend for our society and*

the workplace. I've used your advice this year as a compass to guide me through this surprising chaotic time. Do you think 2021 will definitely be better?

A: Yes, I think the virus will fade but no I don't believe 2021 will be without new challenges. What will be definitely better is our capacity to handle the stressful and the unexpected.

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning. You can contact Dr. Skube at www.interpersonaledge.com or 1420 NW Gilman Blvd., #2845, Issaquah, WA 98027.



Catholic Church updates

Salem's Holy Cross Catholic Church holds Mass on Sunday's at 8:30 AM. St. Mass had been canceled for some recent Sunday's so please check to see when it returns. Mass at St. Patrick's, Cambridge, is held on Sundays at 11:00 AM. St. Patrick's Saturday Mass has been canceled for the foreseeable future.

Sister Gussie has been one of God's angels as she lived her ministry of help in the area. Her program was "Wings of Care," bringing friendship and help to individuals in a wide area around Cambridge with the help of many parishioners. The January 10 bulletin shares more information about Sister Gussie as she retires to Latham, living across from the Provincial House. Jeff Peck mentions that she would enjoy keeping in touch with people. Her address will be; Sr. Augusta Ann Burgess CSJ, Apt. 1118, One Bell Tower Drive, Watervliet, NY 12189.

Drink from the Well: A Virtual Retreat Series of five evenings of reflection and prayer honoring holy women who inspire us. They will be offered the fourth Tuesday of the month starting January 26 from 7 - 8:30PM through May 25. The cost is \$12 each or \$50 for the series. For more information and to register, contact maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org.

St. Joseph's in Greenwich will continue to post Sunday Mass on You Tube with Fr. Kacerguis as celebrant and Maureen Cossey as music minister. The link is www.tinyurl.com/SJG-liturgies.

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Obituaries

Donald L. Pearson, 68

Donald L. Pearson, 68 a resident of Easton, passed away Sunday, January 10, 2021 at St. Peter's Hospital after a long battle with heart disease.

He was born on January 22, 1952 in Cambridge, NY, to the late Per and Phyllis (Snell) Pearson.

Donald graduated from Greenwich High School in 1970, where he enjoyed playing football. He met a cheerleader at a dance from the opposing rival Schuylerville, Arlene Lyon. The football player and cheerleader would end up having two boys Donald S. and James and were happily married for the past 48 years. He loved his children and would do anything for them.

After graduating high school, Donald went on to have a successful 20-year career in the

United States Navy. After retirement, he worked as a mail handler for the Glens Falls Post Office.

Donald was a good man, who was always passionate about what he believed in. Many good times were had with his family hunting and fishing. Hunting and fishing were truly engrained in his DNA and gave him great joy. Donald grew up on a farm and learned that hard work was the key to success. He will be missed by his family and all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years Arlene (Lyon) Pearson of Easton; children Donald S. and James Pearson of Greenwich; 2 grandchildren; siblings Gail, Scott, Marilyn, and Helene; special friends Dick "Bac" Bacon and Nancy Hastings.

Due to COVID-19 funeral services will be



private at the convenience of the family.

Donation's in Donald's name may be made to the NRA at www.donate.nra.org or the Easton Fire Department, 11800 NY-40, Greenwich, NY, 12834.

Online condolences and messages to the family may be made at www.flynnbrosinc.com.

Patricia A. Clark, 74

Patricia A. Clark, age 74, went home with Jesus on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at home with her loving husband, Charlie, and proxy family at her side.

She was happily married to Charlie for 54 years. Patricia worked in payroll at S & T Mill and

also at North Country Insurance Agency as an insurance representative. She volunteered in the church tape ministry. Patricia loved the Lord and enjoyed studying His Word and attending church. She was fond of cooking for large crowds and hosted frequent gatherings and pool parties with her husband in their home. Pat and Charlie saw to

it that everyone had a ride to Bible studies and church functions. Patricia served the Lord with gladness. She adored her many pets. Pat had a passion for traveling with her husband and especially cherished their trips to Maine.

Her family would like to thank Dr. Pender/Mary Madison, RN and staff, DCI, and Hospice.



A service is scheduled at New Life Christian Church, Union St, Cambridge, NY, on Saturday, January 16th, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

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Selling the farm: A workshop for Realtors

Realtors, do you work with agricultural lands? Join the Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) on February 10th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am for a zoom workshop that will provide you with resources to help evaluate farms and vacant land that you may be listing.

Our presenter is Jennifer Fimbel, a Senior Resource Educator for Agriculture with Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator. She has extensive experience working with realtors to help them assess and effectively market farmland as well as understanding the needs of clients hoping to purchase farmland.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Which properties are eligible for farm “exemptions”

- What are the differences between agricultural districts and agricultural zoning

- Why knowing about local zoning is important

- Matching suitable properties for prospective buyers

- Section 310 of Article 25 AA NYS Agricultural Districts Law concerning disclosure

- Mapping resource tools available and how to better utilize them

- Community agriculture profiles

- What is a conservation easement and how it affects the property

There is no charge for this program, however registration is required on ASA's website www.agstewardship.org or

emailing Janet@agstewardship.org. Registrants will be emailed a link with information to join the zoom meeting.

Support for this program is provided through a grant coordinated by American Farmland Trust and funded by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets as part of the Farmland for a New Generation New York (FNG NY) initiative. ASA and Dutchess County CCE participate in a network of Regional Navigators as part of FNG NY.

Additional support for this program is provided by Boralex, Salem Farm Supply, The Fort Miller Group, Capital Tractor Inc., Breanna Lundy, CFP, Cambridge Valley Machining Inc., Currin Compliance

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Letters to the Editor

Cancer Doesn't Take a Break for Covid

Dear Editor,

According to an April 2020 report, cervical cancer screening dropped nationwide by 83%. This steep decline is due to the temporary shutdown of medical offices for routine care to curb the spread of COVID-19. However, regular cervical cancer screening is essential to good health and can save lives.

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month and the Cancer Services Program (CSP) of Warren, Washington & Hamilton Counties is taking this opportunity to educate women that cervical cancer is preventable with regular screening. Cervical cancer screening tests can find the cells that lead to cancer before it starts. These cells can then be removed. Screening also helps to find cancer early when it may be most easily

treated. Cervical cancer screening is recommended for women beginning at age 21.

If you are concerned about the risk of COVID-19, talk to your health care provider about your overall health and risk for cervical cancer. Together, you can decide if getting screened is safe at this time.

If you don't have insurance or a health care provider, our program may be able to help. The CSP can help eligible, uninsured women ages 40 and older get cervical cancer screening. Our program also provides free breast and colon cancer screening to eligible New York State residents. Call 518-926-6570 today to find out if you qualify for free cancer screenings.

MaryBeth Fitscher

Program Manager, Cancer Services Program of Warren, Washington & Hamilton Counties

Why, Elise?

To Representative Elise:

It saddens me to think that after Wednesday's (Jan. 6) domestic terrorist attack on our Capitol, you, Elise, our 21st congressional representative, still refuse to hold Donald Trump responsible for the chaos & threat to our democracy. You, Elise, took an oath to defend our Constitution, yet it is apparently more important for you to support a man who has for months promoted just such violence as we witnessed on Wednesday.

Donald Trump held a rally in Washington, DC for HIMSELF, in which he told his supporters: "we're going to walk down to the Capitol. You'll never take back our country with weakness, you have to show strength. We will never give up". This, after even his appointed Supreme Court justices

joined in throwing out numerous lawsuits in which he attempted to show that the election was rigged. Donald Trump has spent months rallying his supporters & deceitfully telling them the "election was stolen" from him.

After all this, Elise, you stated, "I do not blame President Trump for this".

On Jan. 7, you continued to object to the lawful, legitimate election results. Where does your real loyalty lie Elise? Clearly NOT with the American people, nor with defending the Constitution. As you profess to wanting us to come together as a nation, your actions prove otherwise.

Judy Beers

Lake George, NY

Movies/TV series now available on video

Jay Bobbin

Special to Journal & Press

You can order the DVDs or simply download these via your home streaming service. Here are some new video releases:

“ROLLING THUNDER REVUE: A BOB DYLAN STORY BY MARTIN SCORSESE”: Presented by Netflix in its original 2019 run, this Scorsese-directed documentary – which also factors in fantasy sequences inspired by the music – captures portions of early performances in the mid-1970s concert tour that Dylan staged along with a number of other celebrated performers. Joan Baez, Joni Mitchell, Roger McGuinn and guitarist Mick Ronson were among others participating. Those first dates largely were played throughout New England, with several stops in Eastern Canada, and “Blowin’ in the Wind” (done as a duet by Dylan and Baez, who had been closely associated for nearly 15 years by that point) and “This Land Is Your Land” were standard parts of the song set. It’s worth noting that Scorsese filmed this footage not long before making what is regarded as one of the seminal concert documentaries, “The Last Waltz.”

“DREAMLAND”: Reminiscent of such films as “Days of Heaven” and “Badlands” (both of which, incidentally, were made by director Terrence Malick), this atmospheric drama casts Margot Robbie as a Depression-era bank robber on the run. She’s discovered by a young man (Finn Cole, “Peaky Blinders”) who tends to her wounds and becomes inspired to help her escape ... fueling his own aspiration to escape the small Texas town where he lives. The part provides Robbie, also a producer of the film, with a nice change of pace from the flashier roles she’s had in recent years;



“The Kid Detective”

Travis Fimmel, Kerry Condon and Lola Kirke also appear.

“THE KID DETECTIVE”: As the saying goes, he’s not a kid anymore – but the title sleuth, played by Adam Brody (“The O.C.”) – continues the investigating ways he was celebrated for in childhood into adulthood, where he finds out just how rough the game can be in writer-director Evan Morgan’s dark comedy. He’s been hitting the bottle a bit too hard post-adolescence, but he has to straighten up in order to solve the murder of his latest client’s (Sophie Nelisse) boyfriend. Brody also is an executive producer of the tale that features Tzi Ma, Wendy Crewson and Sarah Sutherland.

“ALWAYS AND FOREVER”: Since its theatrical exhibition was curtailed last fall by the coronavirus pandemic, this melodrama largely is making its debut via home video. Cynthia Addai-Robinson plays a prosecutor who reunites with childhood friends when a tragedy strikes them all – and as others in the group encounter danger that turns lethal in some cases, they realize someone has drawn them back together for a deadly purpose. The lawyer then directs her analytical mind

toward figuring out who is targeting them. Robbie Jones, Loretta Devine, Wood Harris and Lauren London also are featured.

“SCOOPY-DOO AND GUESS WHO?: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON”: An earlier incarnation of the cartoon had animated versions of celebrities as “guest stars” to help solve mysteries, and that premise has been revived for this version. The Scooby Gang gets assistance from the likes of actor-comedian Ricky Gervais (come on, you always knew he’d work with Scooby-Doo!), “science guy” Bill Nye and “Star Wars” icon Mark Hamill, but also on board for various capers are some legendary fictional characters ... including Batman, The Flash and Wonder Woman, whose services were relatively easy to acquire since production company Warner Bros. also owns DC Comics. (Plus, um, they’re cartoons.) Frank Welker and Matthew Lillard are among those continuing their voice work for the “Scooby-Doo” franchise here.

“COMEDY FAVORITES 4-FILM COLLECTION”: This quartet of admittedly female-centric movies has a particularly appealing entry in “Because I Said So,” a nice

showcase for a pre-”This Is Us” Mandy Moore as a caterer who’s one of the three daughters of a meddling mom (Diane Keaton). Lauren Graham and Piper Perabo play the other siblings. Also included: Matt Dillon and Kate Hudson as a couple who find it hard to avoid an ever-present friend (Owen Wilson) in “You, Me and Dupree”; Debra Messing as a woman who needs “The Wedding Date” for a family function; and Monica Potter as a museum employee who gets an assist from her supermodel roommates in finding love in “Head Over Heels.”

COMING SOON (Upcoming releases):

“DOOM PATROL: THE COMPLETE SECOND SEASON” (Jan. 26)

“FATMAN” (Jan. 26)

“SNOWPIERCER: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON” (Jan. 26)

“TESLA” (Feb. 2)

“MASTERPIECE: ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL” (Feb. 9)

“LOVECRAFT COUNTRY: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON” (Feb. 16)

Cameras installed at HCP

Hudson Crossing Park to announce that it is the recipient of an Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust grant for the amount of \$7,957 to be used for the purchase of a security system to be installed in and around park trails and facilities.

With increased instances of mischief and vandalism occurring at the park over the last few years that have ranged from inconvenient to

damaging, the installation of this system will allow park visitors increased security and peace of mind as they enjoy all that Hudson Crossing Park has to offer.

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For more information visit www.HudsonCrossingPark.org or www.facebook.com/HudsonCrossingPark/.

Teaching stipend

Greenwich Teachers' Association (GTA) presented George Ostrowski, a 2016 GCS graduate, with a \$500 stipend. George will be student teaching this spring at Knickerbacker Middle School in Lansingburgh and Saratoga Springs High School.

He is obtaining his Bachelors in Social Studies Adolescent Education at the College of St. Rose. George stated, "I am very grateful for all my teachers at Greenwich Junior-Senior High School who acted as great role models inspiring

me to follow this path."

George has also been substituting at Greenwich Junior-Senior High School during the winter break.

The GTA offers a \$500 stipend to Greenwich graduates who are completing the student teaching portion of their college degree. Student teaching internships are unpaid and these college students who are sometimes unable to work elsewhere during the student teaching semester.

The stipend helps to offset the expenses incurred when obtaining teacher certification.

Former GCS graduates may apply for the stipend during their student teaching semester. Contact Ms. Brenda Lee Saunders, GTA Treasurer, or another GTA member if interested in applying.



Hartford's good citizens



Hartford Central School elementary students were recognized at the monthly Citizens' Assembly. December's character trait was Caring.

Top row (l-r): Chase Duval, Tyler Howe, Carter Jeffords, Amaya Lunt.

Middle row (l-r) Eastyn Mandigo, McKenna Mattison, Cole Purdy, Kyaunah Rath-

bun.

Bottom row (l-r) Eliza VanGuilder, David Wagner, Kelton Ward, Haley Williams.

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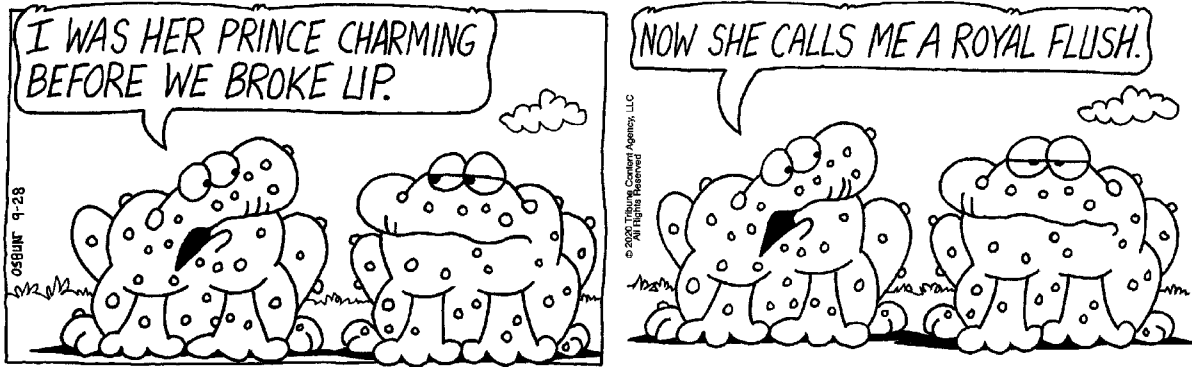
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EAVE	NEED	PROVO
STEIN	SALE	MAHAL
ERR	ATTILA	ASA
TAROT	OLDERVIC	
ACADEMY	SLEEVE	
SEND	BOAS	SPIES
BEAGLE	LEVET	
SISAL	ALAI	IMAC
OCELOT	LAPLATA	
VEAL	NERD	AESIR
IFS	DIRECT	ONT
ELITE	OILCHANGE	
TODAY	JEAN	KILL
SEEME	ARMY	ACES

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Answers
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Stefanik, Pence to headline

On Sunday, Jan. 17, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik will join Vice President Mike Pence at Fort Drum to thank soldiers and their families for their service to the United States of America. She released the following statement: "It is an honor to welcome Vice President Pence to our district to express the Trump Administration's appreciation for our selfless military community. As the chief advocate for Fort Drum and the 10th Mountain Division, I express my sincere gratitude to Vice President Pence and the entire Trump Administration for their unwavering commitment over the past four years to rebuild America's military readiness and support the brave men and women who proudly serve."

"Throughout the last year, I led the charge to successfully enact several provisions benefitting Fort Drum in the Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which were signed into law earlier this month. Our men and women in uniform deserve the maximum amount of resources that the federal government can provide, as they make incredible sacrifices to protect America's interests here at home and abroad."

In the NDAA, Stefanik ensured Fort Drum was named the preferred site for a land-based missile defense underlayer, sought a pay raise for troops, and helped pass provisions to benefit Fort Drum military families.



Elise Stefanik

Dems decry rep

The Washington County Democratic Party Committee's Alan Stern issued the following statement denouncing Rep. Elise Stefanik's recent vow of support to President Trump's claims of widespread voter fraud: "The Washington County Democratic Committee condemns, in the strongest terms, the decision by Stefanik to join other Republican members of the House and Senate, in objecting to the results of the 2020 election. This is pure political theater and is a dangerous assault on the central aspect of our democracy. The claim on which the objection rests – that it is their right to question the integrity of voting in some states – has already been examined and consistently rejected by the Courts, including the Supreme Court."

"The specious demand for further investigation into claims of voter fraud that have already been rejected by about 90 judges (38 of them Republican appointees) violates not only logic but a basic principle of law that places the burden of proof on them. They have failed in that burden and there is nothing left for them but to present a challenge to the Constitution and the sacred tradition of the peaceful transition of power."

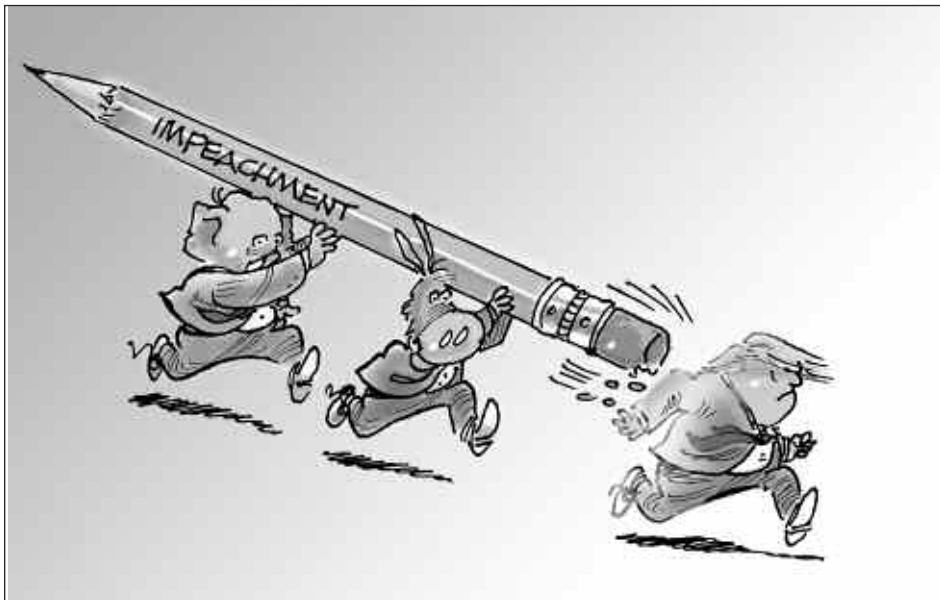
"Stefanik has betrayed the people she has so often claimed she has the honor of serving. Such action belies any claims to bi-

partisanship on her part. She has, further, violated her oath to uphold the Constitution and defend it from all enemies domestic and foreign."

"Therefore, as Stefanik has committed a most egregious violation of her oath of office, we call for her immediate resignation as the Representative from NY-21."

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Political Cartoon of the Week by Dana Summers



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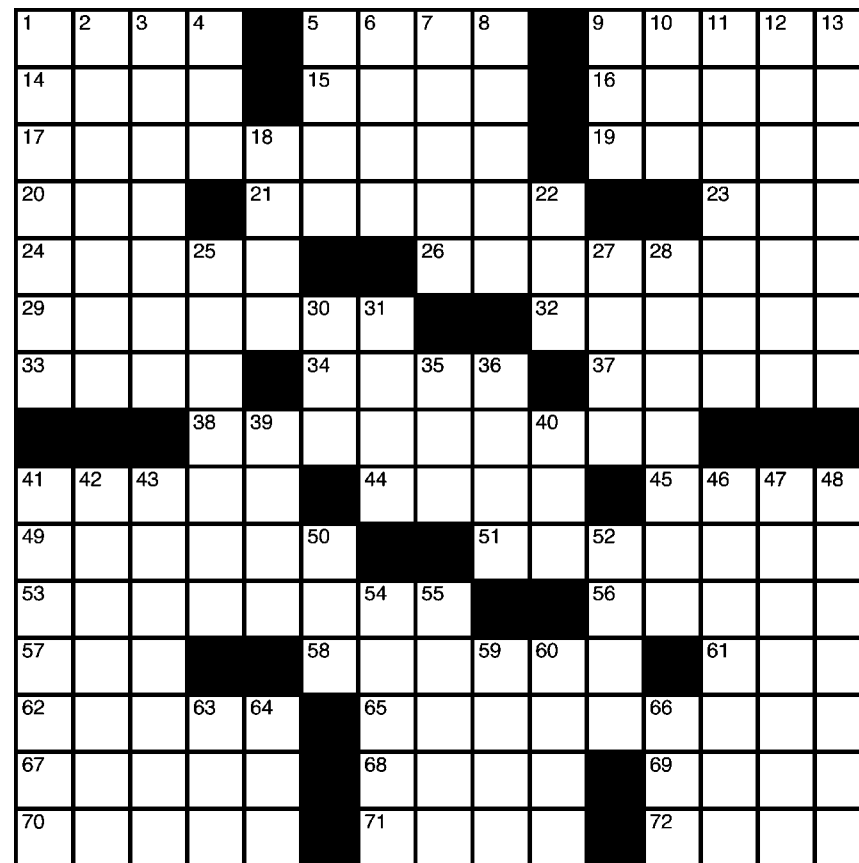
- 1 Incite
5 Modern “me-thinks”
9 Pink flowers in a van Gogh still life
14 Water-diverting feature
15 It’s not optional
16 Brigham Young University city
17 *Bargain on the last day of Oktober-fest?
19 Urdu for “palace”
20 Blunder
21 Barbarian in Dante’s Seventh Circle
23 Butterfield of “Ender’s Game”
24 Cartomancy deck
26 *Singer Damone, vis-à-vis actor Morrow?
29 Starfleet school
32 Record holder
33 Ship
34 Accessories for a Red Hat Society lunch

- 37 Bond and Bourne
38 *Snoopy’s specialist?
41 Scratching post material
44 Jai ____
45 Its first version was egg-shaped
49 Spotted cat
51 Argentina’s “City of Diagonals”
53 *One who’ll talk your ear off about osso buco and saltimbocca?
56 Norse group that fought the Vanir
57 Hypotheticals
58 Part of AC/DC
61 Minn. neighbor
62 A-listers
65 Basic auto maintenance, and how each answer to a starred clue was created
67 “Who’s on First?” catcher
68 Composer Sibelius
69 While away
70 Note next to a red F, maybe

- 71 ____-Navy game
72 Downfall of many kings?
Down
1 Old Iberian coins
2 Grind
3 Exceeded, as a budget
4 Agnus ____
5 MIT center?: Abbr.
6 Substantial content
7 Sun: Pref.
8 The “O” in football’s OBJ
9 Tach readout
10 60 minuti
11 “Me too”
12 Hard to follow
13 Says “There, there,” say
18 Silver of FiveThirtyEight
22 Spots
25 Eccentric
27 “What ____ can I do?”
28 Snake, for one
30 MIT Sloan deg.

- 31 Class with mats
35 Entirely
36 Authenticating symbol
39 North Carolina university
40 Through
41 Khrushchev and Gorbachev
42 Baffin Bay hazard
43 Coastal region
46 Like some lodges
47 Goose-pimpily
48 Price-fixing groups
50 “Chopped” host Allen
52 Way to go
54 Spanish red wine
55 Less rainy, as a climate
59 Oater actor Jack
60 Harlem sch.
63 Bagpiper’s hat
64 London ____: Ferris wheel
66 Letters in an APB

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



Word Find

By Frank J. D’Agostino (solution page 30)

Find these words that are associated with a marching band.

Band
Baton
Beat

Bells
Buses
Chimes
Clarinet
Cornet
Drills
Drums
Field

Fife
Flag
Flute
Horn
Jacket
Kilt
March
Music

Pants
Parade
Perform
Sing
Slide
Team
Timpani
Trumpet

Tuba
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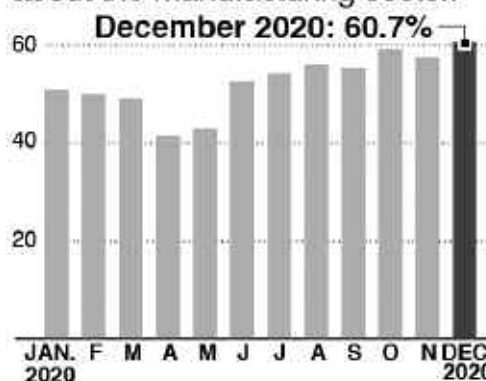
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9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

Fast Facts

Manufacturing index

Manufacturing grew in December, according to the Institute for Supply Management’s Purchasing Managers’ Index, based on a survey of purchasing managers about the manufacturing sector.



“Remember, the self-driving feature automatically steers you to the bank when your payment is due.”

My representative owns a bite of this

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

I love the World War II movie “The Caine Mutiny.” In this movie, Captain Queeg (played by the great Humphrey Bogart), new Commander of the mine-sweeper USS Caine, is a curious man. As the officers of the Caine get to know him, they realize he has some quirks. The more they get to know him they realize that the quirks are actually obsessions. As time goes on more, they realize these obsessions create an alternate reality around the man, and that he may in fact be mentally ill. As the situation draws to a head, the officers relieve Queeg during the course of a storm, afraid that his mental condition is going to result in the loss of the ship.

Once they return to port, there is a hearing and court-martial to determine whether the officers of the Caine were justified in relieving Captain Queeg of his command. I will spare most of the details here, but after the court martial, the attorney defending the officers of the Caine turns on them – he turns to one officer, not even the most senior of the bunch, who had instigated most of the relief, pointing out while he had done very little, his role in instigating the mutiny against Queeg made him the true “author of the Caine Mutiny.”

So, who is Captain Queeg here? That is our President. We realized quickly that Trump’s quirks were obsessions that eventually became an alternate reality, especially as he disposed of those who contradicted that reality. But who were the instigators? Those were the members of the party who were prepared to reinforce that reality. But they weren’t instigating to relieve the President of his command – they instigated for him to dig in deeper.

That brings us to today, when anarchists in the name of the current President decided to attack the Capitol. The former super-Trumpers who loved to cloak themselves in “Back the Blue” gear instead put the blue in harm’s way. Today the police not only defended our communities, today they defended our country and Constitution. As a veteran and a man who counts several law enforcement officers among his closest friends, I could not be prouder of them.

That brings me to a woman who sought local Republican endorsements and who I endorsed for Congress in 2018, Representative Elise Stefanik. I thought very highly of Elise, and I was quite thankful for the support she showed some of my fellow veteran constituents who were having issues dealing with the Department of Veterans Affairs. However, that said, by 2020 she was

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a very different person than I was used to dealing with – I offered no endorsements on the Federal level this year.

To start with, she moved from “bi-partisan moderate Republican” to a stalwart Trump ally to (unsuccessfully) defend POTUS against impeachment in the House of Representatives. She bought



into the President’s alternate reality, one where the Mueller Report “completely exonerated” him. Of course, it did not.

She then took on an honorary chairmanship of Trump’s 2020 campaign. She became the face for the failed Tulsa Trump rally in the middle of a COVID surge which failed to produce a lot of turnout, however former Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain, who did attend, died of COVID several weeks later.

And now, she’s selling the whole election fraud scam, one that has been debunked by the Attorney General, and in dozens of court cases, including two at the highest court in the land. Is this opportunism or does she actually believe it? I have no idea, but what I do know is that the results were predictable, as the smell of tear gas and pepper spray wafts across the steps of the Capitol in Trump’s America. She and others who enabled, supported, and humored the President’s alternate reality are the authors of this mutiny.

In the end, nothing goes with you to your final reward except your integrity. Representative Stefanik is smart and talented. She really owed herself, her constituents, and her own good name far better.

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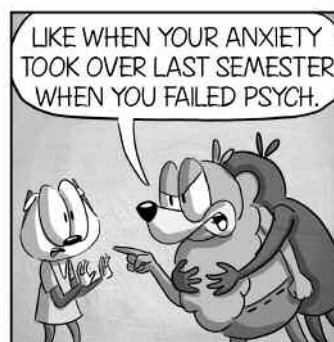
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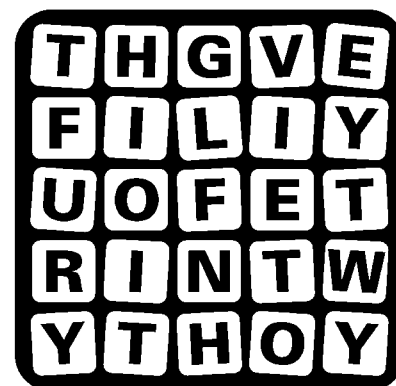
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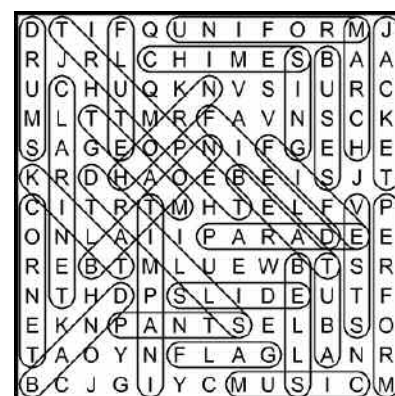
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Buttered popovers are a quick delight

Buttered popovers are a great accompaniment to dinner, and they take far less time to make than rolls. Or drizzled with honey or smeared with jam, they make a delightful breakfast, brunch or snack.

The ideal popover is crisp and well browned on the outside and hollow on the inside, with inner walls that are lush and custardy. And the ideal popover recipe can be made in a popover pan or a muffin tin. We engineered our no-fuss recipe to check both boxes.

We started with bread flour. The extra gluten-forming protein in bread flour helped produce popovers that were about 30 percent taller than those made with all-purpose flour. And their higher walls were also thinner, making them a bit crisper, and that crispness held up as they cooled.

We also found streamlined ways to circumvent a couple of common steps. Many recipes call for preheating the popover pan to jump-start the “pop,” but we found it equally effective (and a little safer) to warm the batter instead by adding heated milk. Most recipes call for lowering the oven temperature after the popovers reach their maximum height to prevent the outsides from burning, but we found that zeroing in on the ideal baking temperature -- 400 degrees -- ensured a perfect bake inside and out, with less fuss.

Popovers

Serves 6 to 8

1 1/4 cups (6 3/4 ounces) bread flour
3/4 teaspoon table salt



1 1/2 cups 2% low-fat milk, heated to 110 to 120 degrees

3 large eggs

Salted butter

Steps

1. Adjust the oven rack to the middle position and heat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly spray cups of popover pan with vegetable oil spray. Using a paper towel, wipe out cups, leaving a thin film of oil on bottom and sides.

2. Whisk together flour and salt in an 8-cup liquid measuring cup or medium bowl. Add milk and eggs and whisk until mostly smooth (some small lumps are OK). Distribute batter evenly among prepared cups in the popover pan. Bake until popovers are lofty and deep golden brown all over, 40 to 45 minutes. Serve hot, passing butter separately.

Recipe notes

This batter comes together quickly, so start heating your oven before gathering your ingredients

and equipment.

Our recipe works best in a 6-cup popover pan, but you can substitute a 12-cup muffin tin, distributing the batter evenly among the 12 cups; start checking these smaller popovers after 25 minutes.

Whole or skim milk can be used in place of the low-fat milk.

We strongly recommend weighing the flour for this recipe.

Do not open the oven during the first 30 minutes of baking; if possible, use the oven window and light to monitor the popovers.

Leftover popovers can be stored in a zipper-lock bag at room temperature for up to two days; reheat directly on middle rack of 300-degree oven for 5 minutes.

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