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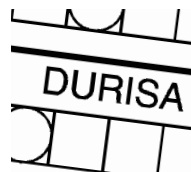
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Local and county departments, per state mandate, assess practices

We virtually attend recent public meetings held by the Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department and the Washington County Sheriff's Department that investigate current practices, per a state mandate after last summer's Black Lives Matter protests. A local survey had 84 responses and reports most of these residents had an overall positive view of their police.

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Dancing in the streets

Who's that guy dancing down the streets of Greenwich? It's the Legendary LNS, of course. His real name is Lashawn Stewart, he's 23, and he can sing, too. And he has two videos, an album and a New York City management team. The Legendary LNS may be the next big act to come from the town.

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Landmarks Lost, Part I: The White Swan

Sandy McReynolds
Journal & Press

Not that we need something else this year to be depressed about—but, we are approaching the 50th anniversary of the devastating fire that rocked Greenwich to the core. To this day, if asked about the White Swan, many in the community will pause, and if you watch them closely—their eyebrow will hitch up a little higher and a slight glint in their eyes begins to appear as a hint of memories take them back through the decades before they begin to tell their tale...

The first of our chronicle needs to go back further than the fire, back to the early days of the village and a brief history of the hotel itself. The story of the 'Hotel on Washington Square' has been told numerous times from Grant J. Tefft's *Story of Union Village, Vol. I* to a classic column that ran in the Greenwich Journal entitled *'Hearsay and History'*. For those that may not know, either newly to the area or of later generations that missed out on the hotel experiences, here is the story of The Swan.

The corner on Main Street where Trustco Bank now sits, was the site of two hotels. The first was a wooden structure built in 1810 by David Whipple, the son of Job Whipple—the founder of our community. For forty years it was known as the Union Village Hotel which also housed a tavern and public meeting rooms. This hotel sat a little further out into our current roadway. Historical information states the street was not as wide as it is now, lacking thirty to forty feet. The grassy little circle which sat in the road in later years was actually the location of a bandstand, many years later when the

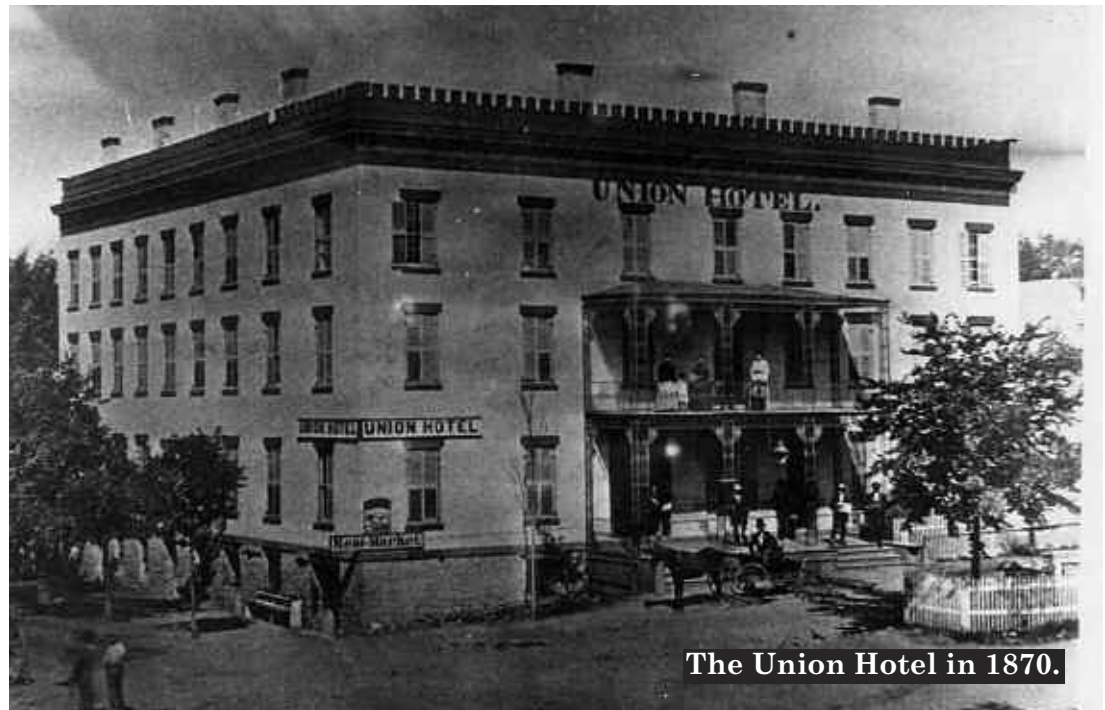
first pavement was being laid, street crews uncovered an old well at the western edge of this area and it was said the porch of the Union Village Hotel came to this well.

By 1850, the Temperance Movement had hit the village. Two of the most influential men of the time in the village – William H. Mowry and Henry Holmes had subscribed \$5,000 towards the \$10,000 needed to erect a new hotel that would replace the old, dated Union Village Hotel. The villagers followed the lead of Mowry and Holmes and in short time adequate funding was raised.

The January 16, 1851 issue of the paper ran an advertisement for bids to build a hotel of these specifications: "...to be of brick, 80 feet on each street, 3 stories high above the basement..."

A month later an announcement was run in the paper that a contract had been taken for a total of \$7,250 and the structure was to be completed by the first of October. Work progressed rapidly and the hotel was completed ahead of time—by the end of August. The following spring the final touch was added, an iron portico two stories high and purchased from New York City for the price of \$400.

Though there is no official date for the new hotel, an advertisement in the June 1852 paper by the proprietor William Day, who was looking for a large contract "of poultry and pigs suitable for roasting to supply his table for the approaching fourth of July", it is thought this was the celebration for the grand opening of the new Temperance Hotel. Also



The Union Hotel in 1870.

present at this historic dinner was guest speaker Horace Greeley, editor of the New York Tribune.

The Temperance Movement didn't last for many years in Greenwich (though it would be voted on periodically throughout the years and we would be dry for a spell), it

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wasn't long before the alcohol began to flow freely once again in the village. With new proprietors, the Temperance Hotel changed names numerous times—Union House, 1857 brought about Blakely House; Union Hotel in the 1870s, followed by Hamilton House, which lasted for a couple of decades under that name, then, finally becoming the White Swan Hotel around 1926. The White Swan name would remain until its destruction in 1971.

Between the years 1930-35 when the ownership was under Henry L. Mausert, is when the first large renovations were done and the Swan Theatre was installed. It is this theatre that seems to bring about the most nostalgic of memories for many people, mostly of them when they were children going to the weekend matinees: watching screen legends such as Cary Grant, John Wayne, Doris Day, and Katherine Hepburn, to catching the newsreels during World War II, to being a part of the local Beatlemania hysteria that hit the world in the mid-1960s while lining up to watch a *Hard Day's Night*.

Less than ten years later—the building was gone. Read the conclusion to this story in the next issue.

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Village of Greenwich talks police reform

Annabel Gregg
Journal & Press

Village of Greenwich Mayor Pam Fuller and Deputy Mayor Kathy Brown hosted the village's first Police Committee meeting on Jan. 20, bringing in community members from a diverse array of backgrounds to discuss their response to the police reform-focused Executive Order 203 and the data collected from the recently released community surveys the village sent out to residents last month.

"We received 84 responses, and we had sent out around 800," announced Fuller, indicating that the village's surveys had retained a 12% response rate. According to committee member Brent Harrington, most community surveys only achieve a response rate of 2% to 3%. "We were trying to get them to everyone, which is why we mailed them to every home," Fuller said.

The results of the community survey revealed that most respondents had an overall positive view of the Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department, with nearly 70% of residents reporting a very positive or somewhat positive overall opinion of the police in the village. One notable result from the survey was that over 75% of those who responded said that they would prefer Greenwich to have its own police department, rather than sharing one with Cambridge. According to survey respondents, the most important areas that need improvement in the village's police department include, in order of popularity, citizen interactions, de-escalation techniques, mental health, substance abuse, bias, and race relations. However, Mayor Fuller mentioned that considering the results of the survey and the lack of a clear problem, "I don't think the surveys really highlighted anything that really



-Photo courtesy Cambridge-Greenwich PD

shouted out that this is something that needs to be changed."

Cambridge-Greenwich Police Sergeant Robert Danko commented on the role of the police in the village. "Essentially we're first responders, that's really what our job is," he told the committee. "We're usually the first ones to arrive at an EMS call. Most ambulances and EMS squads have stand-back policies, which means they won't enter a house until a situation is deemed safe, and that's what law enforcement does. We do wear many hats... Our job is to patrol the village. If we're not answering complaints from the public...we're doing traffic." Danko said at the next committee meeting he would be getting into further detail about recent calls and arrests the village has made to help paint the bigger picture of what the police do in the village.

"The whole point of this is to figure out what your police department needs to do better for you," Danko emphasized. "Are we lack-

ing training in racial bias issues? Are we abusing use of force techniques? That's what this whole committee is doing, basically allowing the community to say, 'this needs to be changed.'"

"We don't seem to have the sort of problems that prompted this mandate by the state, but there's something I'm sure we can work on and have great success with," commented Deputy Mayor Brown. "I don't know that the [entire department's policies] need to be ripped apart, but I think we need to find what it is [that can be improved upon]." The mandate, EO 203, was

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signed by Governor Cuomo in June to begin the process of police reform in the wake of George Floyd's death and successive Black Lives Matter protests held across the state. It mandated community in-

volvement in the police reform process, hence the village's decision to send out the community survey.

"People feel dismissed...when their problems aren't dealt with by the police in the way they think they should have their problems dealt with," said Brown. "It's all a perception thing. I don't know if we can actually successfully make that happen, but we can at least examine the policies around their community interactions and how their training is done."

"We need to be more transparent to the community on what we do," said Sergeant Danko. "And I think once people really see what we do, then they'll have a better understanding or appreciation of what's going on."

The next meeting of the village's Police Reform Committee will be sometime in February, though a date has not been selected yet. Find more information on the Cambridge-GreenwichPD on the village website.

Screen shots and things I'll never do again

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

Despite owning a local *print* newspaper, I'm not a Luddite. I do realize that citizen journalists are publishing news straight to Facebook and other sites, and I especially like following the comments after an initial post.

In Schuylerville, residents made this ice rink pictured to the right. I first learned about it on Facebook. There's a lot of positivity shown there, and they maintain the ice even when the weather is too warm or too snowy.

But I realize, now that I'm in "my second half century," while I picture myself doing laps on that thing, the reality is I haven't skated since my 20s, and, even then, I wasn't very good. I don't want to be "that guy" writhing in pain on this beautiful community resource, taxing the poor local EMSes who would have to scoop me up, my legs bent in unnatural directions.

As I get older, I start to get reflective. I see younger people doing things and, in my mind, I am their age, doing the same things, but then reality strikes and I realize, "Yeah, I did that once but, odds are, I'll never do that again." And I get a sense of closure that way.

I was watching football the other day on TV and jokingly said to my wife that I think I could take on Aaron Donald. Maybe I'd use a swim move or something. In my mind...

Delicious pies

The Deacons of the First United Presbyterian Church in Salem are selling delicious pies for the 8th year from Smith's Orchard Bake Shop. The price is \$13 for these delicious homemade pies that are frozen ready to bake when you need a large full pie for your guests and perfect for your Easter dinner. The Orders are due by March 5th for delivery at the church on March 20th. There are many varieties of pies offered, please call Jane Keys at 854-3418 to place your order. The Deacons appreciated your support for their fundraiser and give back to the community and church with the profit earned.

I also like a Facebook Group called Greenwich Uncensored II (what happened to I? Is it like Video Korner II, that had existed on Main Street until recently?).

A recent post had a local resident worried that her three-year-old was seeing something supernatural, perhaps. Others gave her helpful advice, and I screen shotted the post to maybe pursue as a newspaper story. I don't disbelieve the story, and that's something a newspaper can do that Facebook can't: Put the story in print, make it permanent, mainstream, have it archived for future generations to find.

I also followed a recent Schuylerville Community Page post about a deer that was stuck on the ice in the Hudson. Initially, people responded that there was nothing anyone could do about it. But two people, who weren't named in the post, got a boat, grabbed the shivering deer and got it to shore. A vet looked at it, according to the post, and the deer had to be euthanized because it was too far gone. But at least this Facebook post gave us hope, and closure.

A typical story has a beginning, middle and end, and the deer story definitely did. Told all in one day. A newspaper like this can't do that.

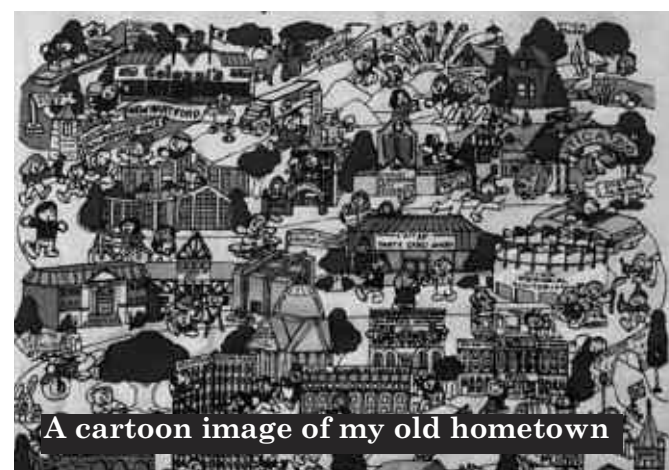
But we can do other things. A newspaper attracts an orbit of talented people. For example, I've been working with illustrator Chris Smith on some things. He drew our Santa cards and our Year in Review cover image from Jan. 1. We also may be doing something called 29 East to represent the corridor from Saratoga to Salem.

I've had a high-res scan of the vintage Greenwich map. We're thinking of making fun cartoon modern maps of area towns.

How did I get that idea? Facebook – I am in a nostalgia group for the City of Utica, NY, where I spent my first 18 years. Someone posted an old cartoon image of the city there, which jogged my once-youthful memory. So I screen shotted that and sent it to Chris.



The Schuylerville ice rink



A cartoon image of my old hometown



A sketch of an idea

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Graduation rate exceeds state standard

The New York State Education Department released graduation rates for the 2016 cohort, those students who first entered 9th grade in New York's public schools in 2016. While the statewide graduation rate is 84.8%, the Schuylerville Central School District's rate is more than ten percent higher, at 96% for 2020. The statistic also reflects a five percent increase from last year alone (91% in 2019). Schuylerville CSD's graduation rate is one of the highest in the Capital Region for 2020. In addition, this is the 10th consecutive year the district has had more than a 90% graduation rate.

"Exceeding the statewide average high school graduation rate is something this entire district can be proud of," said Superintendent Dr. Ryan Sherman. "It is a reflection of not only the hard work and dedication of our students and faculty, but the support received from home. Our school administration, teachers, student services department and support staff does a tremendous job in creating a personalized, community atmosphere and providing individualized attention for our students."

"Our graduation rate is the result of having an entire school community focused on the success of all our students," added Schuylerville High School Principal James Ducharme. "Each student has a different path and subject they are passionate about. As a school district, we strive to meet the individual needs of every student by having a diverse offering of academic programs. Our staff is committed to supporting and challenging our students to reach their fullest potential while preparing them for their future."

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Banishing the winter blues

Kate Sausville

Journal & Press

This is normally a difficult time of year for many people. With the holidays over, we still have three months of winter weather to look forward to. If you ski or snowmobile you might be able to get out and enjoy it, but many are not able to get out easily when the weather is poor. This year we have added a global pandemic to the mix. Last year around this time we were planning a February trip to Florida, which was a nice way to break up the winter. This year we won't be making that trip due to lingering concerns over Covid-19. Our younger daughter cheerleads for her high school, and for the past few years we enjoyed spending a couple evenings a week watching basketball and cheering her on. Of course, high school sports are still on pause. You can go stir crazy being in the house too much, but it has been difficult to find things to do that are safe. We have found some ways that have made this time not only bearable but also enjoyable.

My daughters and I have done a lot of baking this winter. My oldest loves making cakes and cookies. I am trying to convince her she would love to make dinner, but she's not buying it. My younger daughter is learning the basics of cooking and can make a mean over easy egg. I enjoy cooking, but I haven't always taken the time to teach them cooking skills. The added time at home has allowed us to be more relaxed about meal-times and encouraged us to be more creative in the kitchen.

Calling to talk to family and friends and checking in on neighbors is another way we stay connected and keep our mental health in check. Weather and poor road conditions may mean an elderly neighbor or relative can't get to the store, so calling before we go allows us to grab needed items. But just talking to someone other than your immediate family can be a mood booster. Writing letters or sending cards by snail mail is another way to stay connected, and it's nice to get something other than bills in the mail.

Creating a warm, cozy home environment is one of my favorite ways to beat the winter blues.

The Danish have a word called *hygge*, which means a sense of coziness and comfort that creates a state of contentment and well-being. If you have been on Pinterest in the last couple of years, you know that *hygge* is big business. But the main idea of it is simply to create a space you feel good being in. Items such as warm blankets, candles, plants, and lighting work to create the cozy space. Add hot soup or a nice glass of wine and take it to the next level.

Getting outside when possible is so helpful. I will go out in just about any weather but can understand that not everyone is able to do that. Getting outside, even for a few minutes of fresh air can improve your mood. I try to get outside every day, and badger, er, I mean encourage, my kids to get out as much as they can.

Adding plants to your home is another easy way to get through the winter. Caring for something is a good way to keep a positive attitude. There are many easy-care plants that don't require a lot of effort and are nearly impossible to kill. Start with a couple of these and you may just find yourself adding to your collection. There is something soothing about having live greenery around me during the winter months.

'Just talking to someone can be a good mood booster.'

We are so fortunate to have access to an amazing library system. The Greenwich library is currently undergoing a renovation, but they are open for curbside check out. Order books, DVD's, CD's, or audio books on the SALS website and it will be delivered to library. Spending a cold evening inside reading is one of my favorite things.

Lastly, streaming services have been a godsend during the whole pandemic, but particularly now during the cold weather. It's been nice to find new shows to watch as a family, but also on my own (Hello, Bridgerton) Between Netflix, Disney+, Hulu, and everything else, we have a lot of options.

These are just some of the things we have been doing, I would love to hear some of your



recommendations. We love to try new things.

Banana Bread

2-3 very ripe bananas

1/3 cup melted butter

1 teaspoon baking soda

Pinch of salt

3/4 cup of sugar

1 large egg, beaten

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 1/2 cup all purpose flour

1. Heat oven to 350 and butter or spray a 4 x 8 loaf pan
2. In a mixing bowl mash the ripe bananas with a fork until smooth, then stir in the melted butter
3. Mix in baking soda and salt. Stir in the sugar, beaten egg, and vanilla extract. Mix in the flour. Do not overmix.
4. Pour batter into prepared loaf pan. Bake for 50 minutes to 1 hour or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
5. Remove from oven and let cool in the pan for a few minutes. Then remove from pan and let cool completely before serving.

This is a nice recipe to make with young children.

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



Salem Library Board's annual meeting

The Board of Trustees for the Bancroft Public Library in Salem met on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 for their annual meeting, and their regular monthly meeting for January. At this meeting, officers were elected for the coming year. Ed Donoghue was elected Board President, Kim Erbe was elected to the Vice President position, and Rebecca Brown was voted in as Secretary and Financial Officer. Library Board Liaisons with the Salem Town Board are Kim Erbe and Rebecca Brown.

It's been a busy year for the library. Many needed improvements were completed in 2020 and there are more improvements planned for this year. New heating and cooling for the library included installation of new boilers, air conditioning in

the library, and brand new air conditioning in Proudfit Hall. Energy efficient LED lighting is another new addition to the library. Other good news is after a very long process, we have received our Certificate of Registration for the Bancroft Public Library. This is something that had to be done after the dissolution of the village. During the year we did our best to find ways to help our patrons interact with the library. In the fall we had our first ever Story Walk. Kids started at the library and walked throughout town and stopped at the windows of local businesses in town to read the book "Spookley the Square Pumpkin." In December the library's windows were filled with a great "I, Spy" activity where kids and adults could find different items in the windows of the library.

We have a lot to look forward to at the library this year. Through a library construction grant, plans are underway to update parts of the building to better our ADA compliance. Work on this should begin this spring. A committee has been formed to re-do our courtyard outside space behind the library. When completed, this will be a great space for our patrons to use during good weather. We will soon receive new computers for patron use in the library. Many thanks to the Friends of the Bancroft Library for purchasing the computers for the library.

Last year was a challenging year due to COVID and we truly appreciate the cooperation, patience and flexibility of our patrons and our community.

The library board meets the first



Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Proudfit Hall. Check the website before any meetings to see if there are any changes.

Meeting Notice

The Board of Trustees of the Greenwich Free Library meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm to conduct the business of the Library. The public may attend via Zoom. Please go to our website www.greenwichfreelibrary.org for this month's link.

Grain classes

Cornell Cooperative Extension will be holding its 2021 Hudson Valley Value-Added Grain School online. Topics include Grain Storage Management and Heritage Corn and Small Grain Varieties on Thursday February 18, 2021- 10:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2 p.m. and Thursday February 25, 2021 - 11 a.m. to noon & 1 to 2:40 p.m. The 7th Annual Hudson Valley Value-Added Grain School this year will have expert speakers on grain storage management; a panel of progressive farmers to

share expertise on grain storage, handling grain for seed, and packaging grains for retail. Lastly, heritage corn and small grain varieties will be discussed by university researchers who have years of experience evaluating heritage, ancient, and specialty corn and small grain varieties, including for organic systems. As the local grain economy grows, more people are re-discovering varieties from the past that bring rich flavor to breads, tortillas, brews, and other foods. Information and free registration: blogs.cornell.edu/capitalareaa-gandhortprogram, adg12@cornell.edu or 518-746-2560.

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Willard Mountain has something for all

Sara Idleman
Journal & Press

Willard Mountain opened in the early 50's with one trail and a rope tow which ran where the tubing area now exists. The trail was referred to as the Meadow. The original farmhouse at the base served as the lodge. I took my first lesson from Dave Vanderzee, the owner, when I was 13, attempted to ride the T Bar, fell off and didn't go back until I was in high school. The first time I skied the Colonel, from the half way point, I made one turn and skied the rest totally out of control. Over the years, I eventually learned how to ski and, for a number of years, Willard Mountain became a second home.

The decision to include Willard Mt. in this column has stirred up so many memories, none of which will I include here. What's more important is to applaud Chic and Kris Wilson, owners since 1994, for their commitment to keeping this jewel "New York's Coolest Little

Ski Area."

Chic and Kris are especially appreciative of area people who support Willard Mt. in this time of a pandemic. "Our skiers want to keep this little mountain open. The lodge is open at 50% capacity and our trails, tubing and lifts are running at full capacity. We've had no problems with incorporating COVID guideline. People want to be outside and active. We are grateful for those who continue to support us," Chic said.

Willard's terrain offers something for everyone. A little ski area it is, but if one can ski the fall line on the top of the Colonel, one can go up against any trail in the Northeast. What can sometimes be lost on people in the area is the caliber of skier that graduates from Willard's ski programs. Beginning with the Little Colonel Program for beginning 4- to 7-year-olds, then progressing to either the Star or Superpass program, kids tackle the mountain to hone their skiing skills. For those who seek competitive skiing, the Racing and Freestyle Programs offer challenging events against Southern Vermont Ski Areas. The All-Mountain Program is for those who choose to compete, not against other skiers, but mountain itself.

The Mountain isn't jut for kids, it's a gathering place for adults and families. Lifelong friendships are made and it's not unusual for kids who learned to ski at Willard to return with their own families for the same experience.

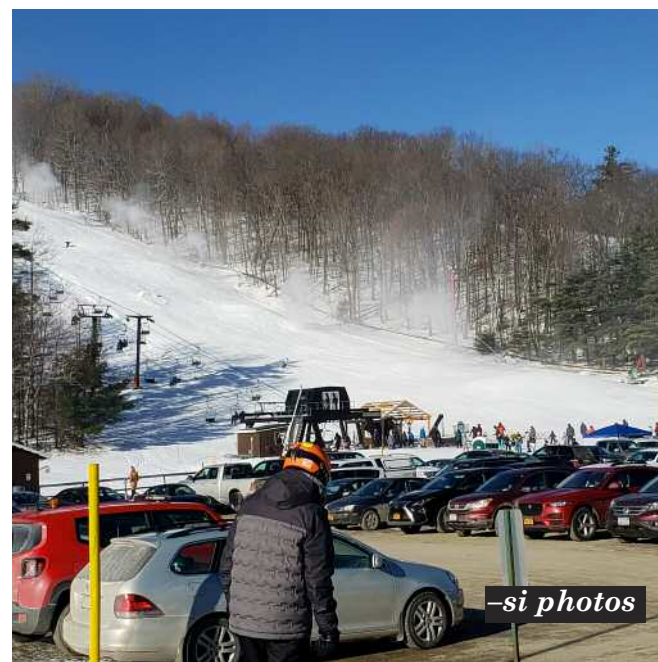
Bruce Bolesky, a Willard Mt. "kid" who competed in the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary and now heads Stratton Mountain's Freestyle Program says, "I can't give Willard Mountain enough credit for my ability to excel in the sport of skiing. The coaches, staff and management made it so easy for me to progress in the sport. Smaller ski areas have bigger hearts."

Check out their website, www.willardmountain.com, and Facebook page.

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.



The Wilsons



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Introducing, Greenwich's Legendary LNS

**Kaylee Johnson
and Darren Johnson**
Journal & Press

Greenwich residents may have noticed a dancing, high spirited young man moving around town with beat and rhythm. His name is Lashawn Stewart, 23, but he goes by Legendary LNS, and he is a talented multi-faceted musician and dancer with his own album. Some people have been confused by his eccentric behavior, and others have encouraged its positivity in our town. Here is the story of LNS, and the role he plays in Greenwich:

Journal: *People have seen you walking around the streets of Greenwich and dancing. Is that something you do all the time?*

LNS: Yeah! It's actually more like an exercise for me, like the people who do Zumba and stuff like it. I put a little bit of jogging into it, I skip and then I put a little bit of dancing into it and that's how I exercise. Doing this also helps teach me new moves and keeps my mind stable and fresh to keep doing the music that I'm doing. It just helps me stay healthy and it's a fun thing to do.

Journal: *So, you live in Greenwich? What are you doing when you are walking around town?*

Stewart: Basically, I stay on a path that I want to go on and I pick certain songs, listen to music and just dance. Sometimes people will react to it, and I love the reactions and the support and just take that energy and drive myself to be better.

Journal: *Do you listen to your own music? What kinds of music do you listen to?*



Stewart: I listen to myself, Chris Brown, my grandfather who's a legendary reggae singer and Michael Jackson. Those are the main people who I really focus on the most, and I train my voice by listening to them.

Journal: *Tell us about your grandfather's influence.*

Stewart: His name is Shirley Stewart and he actually won an award in Barbados for a single that blew up in the Caribbean called "Walk Away From Love" in the reggae era. Back in the 60's he was doing stuff with a band, and he was pretty popular, so that's where I get my talent from.

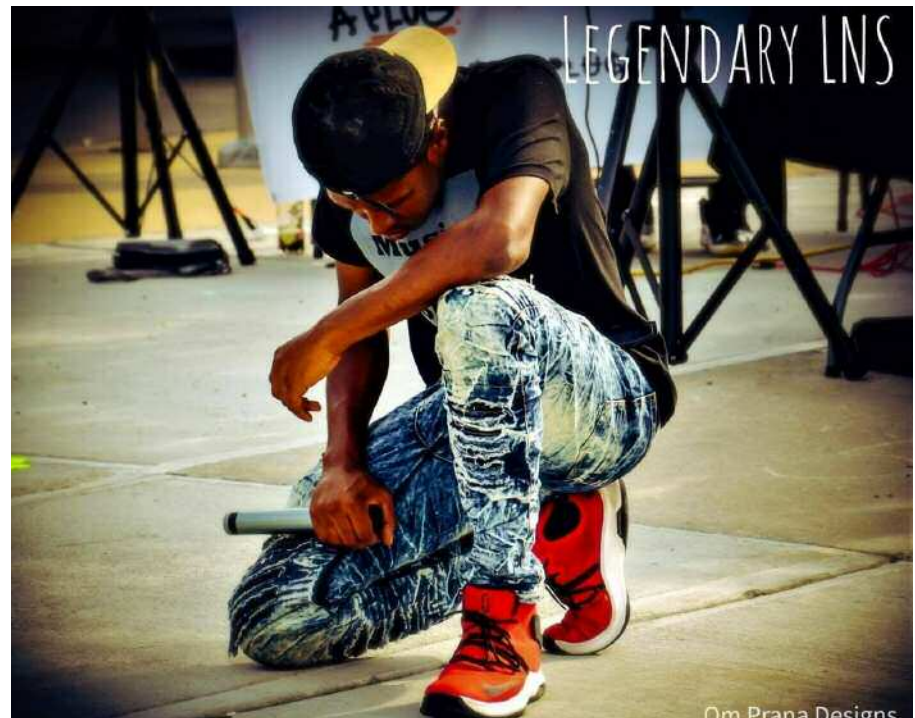
Journal: *How did you end up in Greenwich?*

Stewart: Well, I started dating my girlfriend, (Samantha Squires) who also lives here. I can adapt to wherever I am and I'm a people person. I know it's weird to see me dancing outside and nobody is used to it, but it helps me stay fit, my mental health and my music. I'm trying my best to make music that's for all ages. "Long Ride" is actually a motivational song I came out with and there's another song I came out with called "Lonely," which I actually wrote for American veterans who are going through PTSD or want to commit suicide.

Journal: *Do you have a production team, because your videos look very well put together?*

Stewart: Before, I did not have any people working on them. I was just going into the studio and singing, but I kept pushing and pushing, and started finding people and building my own team. So, I started getting my clothing line and studios together, and now I have my own engineer, so now I am just recording and putting out albums and building relationships with different people so that I can have fun doing what I love to do, but people can enjoy working with me.

Journal: *Do you have enough songs for a whole album now?*



Stewart: Yes! I released my first album, which is out now called "My Alter Ego." It's released on all platforms for \$9.99. I'm working on my second album now, which is called "A New Beginning," and that should be released soon around the summertime.

Journal: *Do you have good connections in New York City, because that's where you're eventually going to end up?*

Stewart: That's where my manager comes in! I have a manager now, and my manager has very good connections with radio stations.

Journal: *Where did you learn to dance? The singing you got from your grandfather you mentioned.*

Stewart: I have been dancing since I was five years old and I actually lived in Barbados for a little bit and started singing gospel in churches. And then eventually, I got older and I wanted to dance but I couldn't. I was very stiff in my movements and I wasn't able to move the way I move now, so I started researching people and studying people who are famous and really perfecting what I do.

Lashawn Stewart (LNS) plans to pursue more projects in the future – his deep talent for the arts shines through not only in this interview, where he beams while discussing his projects, but also in the streets of our rural town. If you see him, dance along or say hello and learn a few moves!

Sheriff's Office announces final reform plan

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Washington County Sheriff Jeff Murphy held a public hearing on his department's final "reform and reinvention" plan in response to Executive Order 203 to address public outcry for police reform.

Over the past few months since the executive order's passage, the Sheriff's Office has "reviewed our current practices, looked at our training, realized we had to do some other training, and realized we had to do a survey," said Murphy at Tuesday's Public Safety Committee meeting.

EO 203 mandated police departments across the state have to look into their policing practices and find and address biases, corruption, and areas of improvement. To comply with the order, the Sheriff's department "started in June with reviewing of the EO itself. By July we set up a planning phase and revised all of our current policies and training. In October we drafted our initial proposals and held our first public safety meetings. In November we had 2 stakeholder meeting and distributed the public survey," Murphy explained in his presentation. "Initially it was requested that surveys be returned by Dec. 4, but that date was extended to the end of December to ensure the public had enough time for input." Now that the survey results have been compiled and included in the final report, the Sheriff's Office will plan to submit its final EO 203 plan to the Washington County Board of Supervisors at its regular Feb. meeting and submit to the state from there.

The survey that the WCSO sent out to the public in December garnered a total of 155 responses. "I know other jurisdictions that put surveys out that only got 2 or 3 responses," commented Murphy. "My thought was that if people did have bad experiences with our office, they would go to their town hall and tell us they had a bad experience. And likewise, if someone had a good experience, we'd also hope they'd do the same. You can't make people take the survey. And 155, in my opinion, wasn't a bad response." The surveys garnered responses from all 17 towns in the county, averaging about 9 responses per town. Out of those 155



Screenshot of the County Training Center

survey responses, almost all of them spoke high praise of the Sheriff's Office, overwhelmingly responding positively to prompts about the WCSO's community impact, lack of bias or corruption, training, responsiveness, and more.

Among other aspects of the EO mandate were investigating the WCSO's community policing practices and strategies, its de-escalation, anti-bias, and use-of-force policies, and accreditation.

"It's probably the best thing to ever happen to law enforcement," Murphy commented on New York State's accreditation program, which assures that law enforcement agencies meet the highest standards of personnel, equipment, facilities, organization, and training. The WCSO has been an accredited agency since 2007. Murphy is so committed to the program that the Sheriff himself has been a Team Leader Assessor for 26 years and has been working with Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner to "introduce legislation to prioritize access to funding for agencies that are accredited, as an inventive."

For addressing bias, racial and otherwise, the WCSO is planning on mandating an anti-bias training on an annual basis for their officers, similar to the initial one they undertook as an Office in August. However, questionable diversity standards were brought up during the public hearing. "You didn't get any surveys from Hispanic respondents," mentioned Robin Lyle, a member of the Washington County Democratic Committee. "I was wondering about how you have 43 officers and of that 43, only one is a black male and 4 are white females," she added, considering the rest of the

department consists of white males. She suggested that the WCSO utilizes its teen recruitment program, the Explorer's Post, to attempt to bring in a more representative police force. According to the WCSO however, "no racial or gender identity bias was discovered" in their office.

The WCSO's community policing program is something that it is immensely proud of, and an aspect of their Office that they feel already meets the high standards that EO 203 sets out. In his plan proposal, Murphy said that they started their "Community First" policing initiative in 2012 in response to former President Obama's 21st Century Policing task force. "We can't do our job without the public," Murphy said, emphasizing the department's many community outreach programs, including the Washington County Fair, various community forums, senior citizen training, and Project Lifesaver.

As for training and on-the-job policies, Murphy highlights the department's intensive use of body cameras on all officers. According to Murphy, the WCSO averages around 22 videos a day.

The Sheriff's Office plan will be put forth as a resolution for the Board of Supervisors on Feb. 19 at 10:00 AM. Final comments or suggestions can be made in response to the proposed plan by submitting them directly in writing to the WCSO through mail or by their email address: contactsheriff@washington-countyny.gov.

Spring sports OK'd by state, KO'd by county?

Evan Felicetti
Journal & Press

In a series of recent tweets, both the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and its Executive Director, Dr. Robert Zayas, have confirmed that the NYS Department of Health has given authorization for higher-risk high school sports to resume in NYS as of February 1st. This is major news for student athletes across the state, as the resumption of higher-risk sports has been a question on the minds of many since the initial Covid-19 shutdowns began taking place in March of 2020. In the January 22nd tweet, the Dr. Zayas said: “The @HeathNYGov has authorized all high-risk sports to begin on Feb. 1st!! Today is an important day for the student-athletes & schools of New York State. #WeWillPlay.”

The announcement from Dr. Zayas comes on the heels of the January 22nd NYSDOH document entitled *Interim Guidance for Sports and Recreation During the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency*; a document which Zayas referenced later in his aforementioned tweet. The document

has been updated continuously since the beginning of the pandemic, and has served as a guide for how schools and recreation leagues should be operating in the current public health crisis. On page 5 of the document, the DOH explains: “Effective February 1, 2021, participants in higher risk sports and recreation activities may partake in individual or distanced group training and organized no/low-contact group training and, further, may partake in other types of play, including competitions and tournaments, only as permitted by the respective local health authorities (i.e., county health departments).”

The NYSPHSAA has seen increased pressure over the last few months to bring back higher-risk sports, and it appears that this recent update from the DOH will please a multitude of student athletes, parents, and coaches.

Within New York State, “higher-risk” interscholastic sports are defined primarily as being sports with a reduced ability for social distancing, as well as a higher likelihood that equipment will need to be shared. These state-defined parameters make sense, as scientific evi-

dence has shown that being in close and sustained contact with others, especially within 6 feet, creates a greater risk for transmission. Being that Covid-19 is thought to spread primarily through respiratory droplets, the intense breathing associated only makes the risk of infection through competition more likely.

With this new update from the NYSDOH, it appears that state authorities have come to a determination that higher-risk sports can be conducted safely with certain Covid-19 preventative measures in place. However, the concern that has arisen as of this writing is that relatively little concrete guidance has been issued by the NYSDOH or the NYSPHSAA, as to how exactly these higher-risk sports should take place. Instead, much of the onus has been placed on local health authorities throughout the state to determine whether higher-risk sports shall be permitted in their respective communities. There has been some guidance provided by the NYSPHSAA to local health authorities in regard to determining whether higher-risk sports should be played, but it is not as part of any kind of overarching plan or template for execution. The NYSPHSAA recommends that local health authorities consider the following factors to make their decision: 1. whether or not there is a more-transmissible variant of the virus that has been detected in the area, 2. the status of local transmission and positivity rates, and 3. the ability of local officials to make sure that safety measures are being followed. Regardless, the guidelines may be helpful, but still leave room for ambiguity.

What also remains to be seen is how students and parents will take this news concerning higher-risk



sports, not only in Washington County, but across the entire state. “It is hard to say exactly how students and parents will react to the recent announcement regarding higher-risk sports resuming, as there are still many implementation details that need to be worked out,” remarked Pat Morris, Head Coach of Boys Track & Field at Greenwich Central High School. Only time will tell exactly how communities across the state will handle the recent authorization announcement, and how collaborative local authorities will be with each other in making decisions.

This entire situation is underpinned by a shared desire to do what is best for student-athletes. Sports are not only important to the ecosystem of a school; in many ways they are vital. Reducing the access that students have to athletics is not to be taken lightly. Yet simultaneously, this pandemic has continued to wreak havoc in our area and beyond, and students must be protected. Vaccines offer a wonderful long-term solution, but will not be an overnight cure to eliminating all the challenges associated with higher-risk sports. “Vaccines will certainly help to eventually make high school sports safer. However, the continued use of masks, social distancing, and outdoor venues (when possible), are all important ways that we can keep our student-athletes safe,” concluded Morris.

Update

As of January 27th, Washington County has decided to delay the resumption of “higher-risk” HS sports that was originally planned for February 1st. The authorization to resume higher-risk sports comes from the NYSPHSAA, as a result of their receiving approval from the NYS Department of Health for the February 1st date. However, the authorization granted by the NYSPHSAA leaves much of the responsibility to local health authorities to determine if higher risk sports can be played; as well as how the sports should be safely implemented. This has created a challenging situation for many towns and counties to deal with, especially considering the short time between authorization being granted (Jan 22nd) and the first authorized day (Feb 1st). The decision in Washington County to hold off on the resumption of higher risk sports comes as a result of there being over 1,700 positive cases in Washington County as of January 27th. Additionally, there are over 20,000 positive cases in Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Warren Counties combined. This is significant because of the frequent inter-county travel at the scholastic sports level.

My Diet Coke button doesn't seem to work

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

The hardware store employee approached, noting the confusion on my face. It's a look that just happens naturally the moment I enter any store that smells of lumber.

"What can I help you find today?" he said.

"The 'Diet Coke' button," I said.

"Excuse me?"

I repeated my request, glancing at my watch while doing so. Whenever I'm in a hardware store, my goal is to be out in less than five minutes. I never do this when I'm in, say, an electronics store. Then again, I enjoy being around flat screen televisions. Drill bits and tile grout, not so much.

"We sell Diet Coke at the registers," the employee said. "But that's it. Are you referring to something you wear on your lapel?"

"No, I want the button that sits on your desk. You press it and somebody walks in with a Diet Coke," I said. "I read Donald Trump had one installed on the Oval Office desk, but President Biden got rid of it when he was sworn in. And it didn't even require an executive order."

"We don't sell a Diet Coke button," the relieved employee said. "Have you tried contacting Coca-Cola? Maybe they have one."

"I sent an email," I said. "Still waiting for a response. Look, it doesn't have to be Diet Coke, specifically. Do you sell other buttons for a home office that produce objects instantly when pressed? What about a 'potato chips' button? A 'warm pair of socks' button? A 'Bud Light' button?"

"You want a Bud Light button in your office?" the employee said.

"I'd program it so it only worked after 5:30 p.m.," I replied.

"Sir, we have a full line of doorbells in aisle 15. Wouldn't something like that work?" asked the employee, now glancing at HIS watch.

"I suppose so," I said.

"Great. Happy to be of service," the employee said. "Now if you'll excuse me, I'm needed in plumbing."

Trudging to the other side of the store, I found an "entry alert kit" featuring a device



that promised to emit a buzzing sound. I brought it home, secured it near my keyboard and pressed the button. My dog, not recognizing this new sound, freaked out, nonetheless.

"Why is she barking?" my wife yelled from upstairs.

"She'll be fine," I yelled back. "She just needs to get used to the new sound."

"What new sound?" said my wife, now standing at the entrance to my office.

'When did everybody in this house suddenly become your servants?'

"This one," I said, pressing the button again. The dog responded accordingly.

"Why are you buzzing?" she asked, after consoling our now breathless pooch.

"It's my Diet Coke buzzer," I said. "Like the one President Trump used. You're familiar with it?"

"Familiar enough to know that I'm not getting you a Diet Coke every time you press that thing," she said. "Did you really think that was going to happen?"

"It doesn't have to be you," I said. "It could be anyone who happens to hear it. What about our daughters? They've been spending a lot of

time in the house since COVID-19. They can get it."

"When did everybody in this house suddenly become your servants?" she said.

"So, I should return the buzzer?"

"No, I think I'll get one. Maybe I'll get a few, all with different sounds. One is the signal that I'm not cooking dinner tonight, another is that the faucet is still dripping – I'll return it when you finally fix it – another for..."

"OK, I get it. But can you just bring me a Diet Coke one time? Just so I can experience what might have been?"

Before she could answer, I pressed the button.

My wife exited the room, returning with my favorite beverage.

For a brief moment, I felt very presidential.

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When Tom Holland became ‘Spider-Man’

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Variety

Special to Journal & Press

Tom Holland is best known for his role as Spider-Man in the Marvel comic superhero movies. But it turns out, getting the role wasn't an easy process for the 24-year-old British actor. Holland spent months agonizing about whether or not he'd be cast as Spider-Man, and he even worried about getting fired after his first few weeks on the job.

In an interview for *Variety's* Actors on Actors, Holland and Daniel Kaluuya spoke over about their latest roles — in, respectively, “Cherry” (about a war veteran who suffers from PTSD and opioid addiction) and “Judas and the Black Messiah” (a drama about Black Panther civil rights leader Fred Hampton).

During the conversation, Kaluuya — who is part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe for portraying W'Kabi in 2018's “Black Panther” — asked Holland how the “Spider-Man” movies changed his life. Holland has played Spider-Man in 2016's “Captain America: Civil War,” 2018's “Avengers: Infinity War,” 2019's “Avengers: Endgame” and he's starred in two stand-alone movies (2017's “Spider-Man: Homecoming” and 2019's “Spider-Man: Far From Home”). He's currently filming a third “Spider-Man” sequel in Atlanta.

“There's three stages of life changing,” Holland says. “It's weird. The audition process was horrible. It was seven months of auditioning. I must've done six auditions, and they don't tell you anything.”

Eventually, he got called to do a screen test in Atlanta opposite Iron Man. “There was me and six other kids, and [Robert] Downey [Jr.] was there,



so we all tested with Downey, which was crazy,” Holland says. “It's the best audition I've ever done, him and I were riffing off each other. My agents told me that Marvel likes you to learn the words exactly — you can't improvise. And then, on the first take, Downey just completely changed the scene. We started riffing with each other, and I mean, to sound like a bit of a dick, I rang my mum afterward and was like, ‘I think I've got it.’”

Six weeks later, Holland returned for another screen test, where he performed a fight scene with Captain America (Chris Evans). “They flew us back to Atlanta, me and one other guy, and we did this scene, which was so surreal,” Holland says. “By that point, it had been an amazing enough of an experience that if I hadn't got the part, I would've felt like I'd at least achieved something to get to that point. I went out to play golf with my

dad. I lost and I was upset, and I remember going on my phone and checking Instagram, and Marvel had posted a picture of Spider-Man, of the cartoon. And by this point, I kind of had assumed I hadn't got it, because no one had called me.”

“You found out in the press?” Kaluuya asks.

Holland continues: “I got my computer, and my dog was sitting next to me,” he says. “I type in ‘Marvel.’ I've still got the article saved on my computer. It said, ‘We would like to introduce our new Spider-Man, Tom Holland.’ I broke my computer, because I flipped it up in the air. It fell off my bed; my dog went nuts. I ran downstairs. I was telling my family, ‘I got the part! I got the part!’ And obviously, that was right about the time when Sony had got hacked, so my brother, Harry, who's quite tech savvy, was like, ‘No. There's no way that's real. They would have called you. They've been hacked.’ And then the studio called me and gave me the news. It was so bizarre how it happened.”

But even after he shot his scenes for “Civil War,” Holland wasn't sure if he'd continue playing Spider-Man. “From the moment of shooting ‘Civil War’ to ‘Spider-Man: Homecoming,’ I was convinced they were going to fire me,” Holland says. “I don't know why. ‘Civil War’ hadn't come out yet, and I just didn't hear anything from anyone. I can't really explain it. It was awful, but they didn't — obviously. It's been crazy, mate. I've loved every minute of it.”

“You're a great Spider-Man,” Kaluuya says. “Amazing, amazing Spider-Man.”

Cambridge Food Co-op's hours

The Cambridge Food Co-op has temporarily changed its hours. The new hours affect only Thursdays, and starting Thursday, January 28th hours will be 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Co-op continues to be open every day for shopping: weekdays (M,T,W, and F) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and weekends from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Staff continues to work to keep store sanitized and clean, and shoppers and staff alike continue their best practices of mask wearing

and adhering to social distancing. Curbside pick-up is available as well.

Thank you to everyone for your support throughout this past year. We are constantly amazed by how wonderful our community is!

The Cambridge Food Co-op is a locally-owned grocery store that focuses on providing the community access to wholesome foods, many of which are local, regional, and/or organic. It also sells bulk coffees, teas, spices, and

HVCC offers free online lectures

Voices: A Library Lecture Series is presented each semester by Hudson Valley Community College in Troy to broaden and enrich the scope of studies at the college with talks on timely and enduring issues that are shared with the community. The lectures are 50-minutes long and will be streamed live online due to the current COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings. All are welcome to attend; live stream access information is available at www.hvcc.edu/voices.

The Politics of Public Health

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 11 to 11:50 a.m.

Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Presentation

Dorcey L. Applys, DrPH, MPH will provide a brief overview of the public health field and its relevance at this unique moment in history. As the United States grapples with surging COVID-19 cases, unprecedented political discourse, and unrest related to social injustice, public health experts are faced with the challenge of being intentional about the '3Ps' of public health: promotion, prevention, protection.

A New Era of Theatre

Thursday, Feb. 25, 10 to 10:50 a.m.

Emily Curro, theatre artist and producing executive

director of Troy Foundry Theatre, will discuss the challenges of building a non-profit theatre company from the ground-up in the Capital Region. Using personal images and film footage, she will demonstrate the trajectory of Troy Foundry Theatre's evolution from launch in 2017 to today, and its current pandemic operations and programming process.

Food is a Human[e] Right!

Wednesday, March 10, noon to 12:50 p.m.

Jammella Anderson, community activist, birth-worker and yoga teacher, works with marginalized and underserved communities to fight food insecurities and food apartheid. She will discuss how systemic oppression adversely affects marginalized communities and prompting her to establish Free Food Fridge.

Education in the Time of COVID

Tuesday, March 23, 1 to 1:50 p.m.

Superintendents John Carmello (Troy City School District) and Jeffrey Simons (East Greenbush Central School District) will join a virtual, moderated panel to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, staff, faculty and parents. They will discuss the issues unique to their districts and the varying impact of the New

York State school aid formula on school districts across the state.

Also, **STEP AFRIKA!**'s "Stono" honors" the spirit of peaceful resistance and activism that remains a critical part of American freedom. During Black History Month, Hudson Valley Community College Cultural Affairs program offers an extended screening opportunity to the public from Feb. 1 through 14. Information to gain free access to the 33-minute film is available at www.hvcc.edu/culture.



STEP AFRIKA

The Great Heart Hunt

Throughout the month of February, the Greenwich Free Library, Schuylerville Library and Hudson Crossing Park are collaborating on an outdoor community event called The Great Heart Hunt.

Here's how it works: Within the Greenwich and Schuylerville area, up to 50 local businesses will have a special heart displayed in their window for the month of February with #thegreatheart Hunt on them.

When you find a heart, take a picture and post it to the event Facebook group

We invite all to participate in The Great Heart Hunt!

See if you can find all 50 hearts!

page along with the hashtag.

The challenge is to get outdoors at a traditionally dreary time of year and find all the hearts! Every picture posted will earn an entry into a prize drawing for a \$50 Battenkill Books gift certificate.

For more information, email Emily Sargent: esargent@sals.edu.

Facebook group: The Great Heart Hunt.

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.

Here's what we did in 2020...

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Newspaper Returns!

Historic Journal & Press resumes local coverage

Historic Journal & Press resumes local coverage after a hiatus of nearly two years. The newspaper is now published again, bringing news and information to the community.

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A year-round operation

The fair wins awards, but still no time to rest

The fair wins awards, but still no time to rest. The fair is a year-round operation, providing entertainment and activities for the community.

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County fairs cry foul

The State Fair adds to its schedule: new venues

The State Fair adds to its schedule: new venues. The fair is expanding its offerings and venues to provide a better experience for attendees.

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Two villages' top cop

A major interview: Cambridge Greenway's Sgt. Robert Darius

A major interview: Cambridge Greenway's Sgt. Robert Darius. The article features an in-depth conversation with the sergeant about law enforcement in the area.

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Letting the world know

Business owners converge, discuss how to make a rural county famous

Business owners converge, discuss how to make a rural county famous. Local entrepreneurs share their insights and strategies for promoting the county.

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Wider, without walkway

The DOT is soon replacing the Route 28 Bridge over the Rattlesnake River

The DOT is soon replacing the Route 28 Bridge over the Rattlesnake River. The project aims to improve safety and infrastructure in the region.

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You are not alone

Municipalities go virtual, but officials step up to help those in need

Municipalities go virtual, but officials step up to help those in need. Local government leaders are working to support their constituents during these challenging times.

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Masked marvels

How local food parties are adapting to meet increasing demand

How local food parties are adapting to meet increasing demand. The article explores how food events are being modified to ensure safety and continue to serve the community.

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How farms survive

In crisis, local agricultural institutions look for new revenue streams

In crisis, local agricultural institutions look for new revenue streams. The article discusses the challenges farmers face and the innovative solutions they are implementing.

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Businesses hit hard

Local storefronts report losing 50-100% of sales. How will they survive?

Local storefronts report losing 50-100% of sales. How will they survive? The article examines the economic impact of the pandemic on local businesses.

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It's a day in the park!

We look at the area's most historic park, and one of our newest parks

We look at the area's most historic park, and one of our newest parks. The article highlights the significance of local parks and green spaces.

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Protests everywhere

From Minneapolis to New York City to Our Town: Update

From Minneapolis to New York City to Our Town: Update. The article provides a comprehensive overview of the social movements and protests occurring across the country.

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A year like none other

We collected hundreds of senior headshots and celebrate gratitude!

We collected hundreds of senior headshots and celebrate gratitude! The article features a collection of portraits and stories from the community's older residents.

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Fare, without the Fair

It's official: No summer carnivals. But cheese fries and funnel cakes remain!

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Broadband, for some

We live in a region of dual states, where scores of people can't get online

We live in a region of dual states, where scores of people can't get online. The article addresses the digital divide and the challenges of broadband access in rural areas.

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Gravel miners seek OK

A former pole property is now eyed for quarry: neighbors are in a bind

A former pole property is now eyed for quarry: neighbors are in a bind. The article covers the proposed gravel mining operation and the concerns of local residents.

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Residents have their say

A large crowd rallies against a 14-acre gravel mine: Planning table decision

A large crowd rallies against a 14-acre gravel mine: Planning table decision. The article reports on a community meeting and the public's reaction to the mining proposal.

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An undisturbed location

A local town club finds nearby distance golf course in an historic cemetery

A local town club finds nearby distance golf course in an historic cemetery. The article discusses the discovery of a golf course site in a historically significant area.

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Treading carefully

Governor OSD moves forward, navigating COVID and budget losses

Governor OSD moves forward, navigating COVID and budget losses. The article discusses the state's economic and political challenges during the pandemic.

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Schools are resilient

Local districts are able to reopen, restart and quickly pivot amid pandemic

Local districts are able to reopen, restart and quickly pivot amid pandemic. The article highlights the resilience and adaptability of local schools during these difficult times.

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Democracy in action

Local residents mobilize this election year: Will Trump or Biden win here?

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Plans for historic park

A meeting was held in Schuylkill, discussing Fort Hardy's future

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In the holiday spirit!

'Reverse' Lighted Tractors, Christmas trees and cheer and ways to give

'Reverse' Lighted Tractors, Christmas trees and cheer and ways to give. The article features festive holiday events and ways for the community to support one another.

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Christmas for all kids!

Multiple school programs get record numbers of gift donations this year

Multiple school programs get record numbers of gift donations this year. The article celebrates the generosity of the community in supporting children during the holiday season.

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The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce issued the following message regarding this past holiday season's Lighted Tractor celebration:

"The 2020 alternative Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade was a great success!

"The Greenwich Chamber of Commerce wants to thank all of the local businesses and residents who decorated a tractor this year at their property this November –December which helped to keep the Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade spirit alive!



"There were over 60 Tractors and many more lighted displays throughout the Village of Greenwich and the Towns of Greenwich and Easton. They were placed on a map which was posted on Facebook and helped people get to view many of them. It made for a beautiful and festive sight this holiday season.

"We are looking forward to having the traditional tractor parade back on the Village streets this year in November 2021. Let's hope that can be accomplished.

"Again, thank you to everyone who participated in this alternative lighted Tractor Parade display.

"The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce is proud to say they have raised \$700.00 through the sales of Lighted Tractor Parade merchandise for the Greenwich Central School Agricultural Scholarship which has been \$1000.00 in the past years.



"If you want to help us reach the \$1000 goal we still have merchandise for sale at the Chamber office by contacting the office at info@greenwichchamber.org and we welcome cash donations towards the scholarship fund and those can be sent to the Chamber office at 6 Academy St. Greenwich, attention Tractor Parade Scholarship.

"Even if we don't reach the \$1000 goal, a \$700 scholarship this year, is really great for a non-parade year full of Covid19 pandemic hardships for area businesses.

"If you are interested in helping with the 2021 Tractor parade contact the Greenwich Chamber office."

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Why did stocks rise amid the chaos?

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

In a five-day period that saw the Senate flip to Democrats, chaos on Capitol Hill after a scary insurrection, discussions of a second impeachment of President Donald Trump or invocation of the 25th Amendment to remove him from office, new horrendous daily death tolls from the pandemic, and a disappointing monthly jobs report, US stocks somehow managed to rise in value. What gives?

The recitation of those facts may have caused some of you to consider pushing the sell button, but investors that I have spoken with over the past few weeks, seem to believe that the aftermath of the violent attack on Congressional lawmakers will dissipate and a Biden administration will restore order. And while the resurgent spread of COVID-19 is alarming, the view is that vaccine dissemination and adoption will control the virus over the course of the next six to nine months.

Oddly, the one area of investor concern that cropped up in the first week of January was the December employment report. For the first

time since April, the US economy lost jobs – 140,000 of them to be exact – and the unemployment rate remained at 6.7%, as the labor force and number of people unemployed increased minimally. The anemic December result capped off the worst year for the labor market since World War II, with more than 9.8 million jobs gone since COVID-19 arrived in February.

The losses were led by a massive 498,000 drop in the leisure and hospitality sector, as restaurants, bars, hotels, and entertainment facilities closed in response to the surge in coronavirus infections. As economist Joel Naroff put it: “When you shut things down, jobs disappear, it’s that simple.” Additionally, state and local governments cut 45,000 positions, which could be the first wave of layoffs that could occur as a result of budget constraints, unless fresh money flows from the federal government.

‘Losses were led by a massive 498,000 drop in the hospitality sector.’

So, is it time to crawl into a ball and prepare for another terrible period for the labor market and the economy overall? Not so fast. There were areas of strength in the December report, including a healthy rise in professional and business services, manufacturing and retail. While the gains were not enough to offset losses, December may not be the beginning of another massive wave of layoffs. “It doesn’t look like we will be getting many, if any, additional negative numbers going forward, and once the latest virus surge eases, sometime in the future, and the restrictions start being lifted, we could see some months of very strong job gains,” says Naroff.

But any near-term pickup that we could see may be short-lived, because until a large portion of the nation is inoculated, there will continue to be pressure on the economy. That’s why there is renewed call for additional stimulus, for both individuals and municipalities. Diane Swonk, Chief Economist at Grant Thornton believes that herd immunity and a full reopening of the US economy “is still a long way off, which underscores the need for aid today and another tranche once the new administration takes office ... the magnitude of the rebound in growth will depend heavily on our ability to repair and restore incomes for those hardest hit by the crisis.”

The likelihood of more help for the hardest hit has increased significantly, after the results of the two Georgia senate runoffs. Investors were more focused on that idea, as well as the fact that the Federal Reserve intends to keep interest rates at zero for the foreseeable future, rather than the violence at the Capitol and the surge in COVID-19 cases.

As perverse as it may seem, long term investors can push stocks higher amid a sobering week for the nation.

Jill Schlesinger, CFP, is a CBS News business analyst. She welcomes comments at askjill@jillonmoney.com.



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.

As a thank-you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, those who come to give this February will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, courtesy of Amazon. (Restrictions apply. Additional information and details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Together.)

Make your appointment to give blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED

CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Saratoga Springs

2/2/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Gideon Putnam Hotel, 24 Gideon Putnam Rd.

2/4/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 50 Pine Rd.

Hudson Falls

2/9/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., American Legion Post 574, 72 Pearl Street.

Salem

2/15/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Salem FD, 53 S Main Street.

Lenten fish fries

Christ the King Center in Greenwich, NY will be hosting Lenten Fish Fries every Friday during lent from 5-7 PM. There will be 6 in total, starting February 19th and ending March 26th. More information and a link for reservations can be found at ctkcenter.org or by calling the group at (518)-692-9550.

Violating liquor laws, WW2 draft, sinking car

Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

Here are some snippets from past editions of The Journal & Press from early Februaries many decades ago:

110 Years Ago
February 01, 1911

The trials of the men indicted for selling liquor on the Cambridge fairgrounds were held at Hudson Falls last week. Nine indictments on similar charges remain to be tried, and one, that of James McCallister, in which the jury disagreed, will be retried.

100 Years Ago
February 09, 1921

News from Troy today is that rioting even more violent than that of yesterday marked the efforts of the United Traction Company to run its cars with strikebreakers. Cars that left the barn were marooned along the line and unable to proceed on

account of the wires being cut, and menacing crowds gathering wherever the cars were stalled...

The sheriff of Rennselaer County this morning swore in one hundred special deputies to assist the city police in maintain order. Several shots have been fired today, and the Troy chief of police is reported to have his men shoot and kill. This order followed the injuring of a patrolman with a missile thrown by a strike sympathizer. Serious disorders are also reported from Albany.

80 Years Ago
February 05, 1941

An order for nine more men to begin their year of military training of February 28 was received last week by local draft board No. 368. This contingent, together with men already inducted, a replacement to go on Friday of this week, and a group of this week, and a group of ten men to go on February 14 will bring to 40 the number of men from this district in the army at the end of this month.

60 Years Ago
February 08, 1961

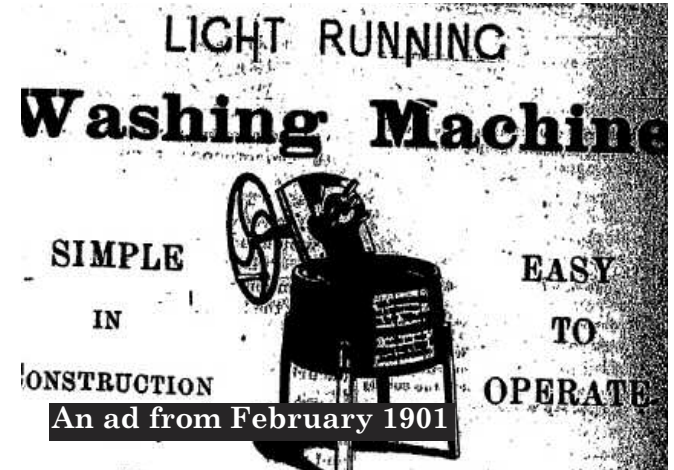
This section is enjoying, or at least enduring the most prolonged cold spell in many years. The weather bureau says it is the coldest winter since 1947-48, and neither the ground hog nor the weather forecasters offer much hope for a break in the weather.

The zero and below weather started January 18, and has continued almost uninterrupted ever since. There has been just one day since that time that it hasn't been below zero early in the morning.

February 12, 1981
40 Years Ago

A U.S. Army exhibit highlighting the Army's role in missile and technology will be appearing February 18 in the parking lot of the Route 29 Plaza in Greenwich from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The exhibit is provided by the White Sands missile range and features several display modules. The modules feature the history of rocketry, current scientific research and development projects at White Sands about the nation's only all-land



missile test center.

The 45-foot van houses large scenic murals and a mini-theater where a 15-minute orientation film on White Sands is shown.

February 14, 1991
30 Years Ago

A 1978 Chevrolet Malibu sunk into Cossayuna Lake 250 feet from the west shore, according to Sherriff Deputy Frank McClullen at approximately 3 p.m. this past Saturday, February 9 McCullen said, the car is nearly fully submerged with the exception of the trunk, which was open during the accident.

The driver, Shearl D. Ward, 42, of Cambridge and his passenger Rodney Dufrain, 24, of Greenwich, narrowly escaped through the windows after the car broke through the ice. Neither man was injured during the incident, according to police.

February 15, 2001
20 Years Ago

The Center for Folklife, History and Cultural Programs at Crandall Library in Glens Falls has an exhibit of paintings by Stephen Alcorn, celebrating the lives of seminal black women freedom fighters. The exhibit opened on February 1 and continues through June 30.

A reception and gallery talk by the artist will take place on Wednesday, March 7, at 6 p.m. It will feature a musical performance by guitarist, Barry Hyman. The event is free and open to the public.

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Fixing the trauma caused by 2020

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *As I go into 2021 I don't know whether to duck or look forward to a better experience. I want to be optimistic but feel like I've got Post-Traumatic Syndrome Disorder (PTSD) from 2020. Is it possible for a global crisis to give you PTSD as an adult and if so how are you suggesting your clients cope with the emotional trauma?*

A: Yes indeed when you experience a severe event that shreds your former life it can truly create a Post-Traumatic reaction in an adult. Symptoms can include: nightmares, severe anxiety or depression, flashbacks, numbing out, self-destructive behavior, irritability, negative beliefs about self or world and diminished concentration.

The above list is not complete but many people during 2020 developed these kinds of symptoms. Mental health experts expect that 2020 will leave scars on our individual and collective psyche. We are not, however, powerless after traumatic events. Our reactions to events is where we all have super powers.

Part of our recovery is to not shame or criticize ourselves for having the symptoms of PTSD. If we can accept our current compromised functioning we're more prepared to heal. If we chose to just feel bad about feeling bad we compound our suffering.

Once we can accept where we currently are we have options to react differently. The usual recipes for self-care will make a huge difference in recovering from 2020. Sleep lots, eat well, lower alcohol and sugar intake, connect and talk with people that love you, and slow down your demands on yourself. Now is not the time for multi-tasking, pushing yourself or adding stress.

National statistics tell us that both depression and anxiety have increased about 50% during 2020 but use of mental health services has decreased. Ironically the more overwhelmed and numb we feel the less likely we are to ask for help.

A superb New Year's resolution would be to find a competent therapist that gives practical and wise advice to dig out from last year. A gift of 2020 is remote therapy is now easily available from the comfort of your home. Also you are not limited only to therapists in your geographic area but can choose any therapist you want that offers remote work.

If you know you're struggling with anxiety or depression consider finding a psychiatrist to help assess whether medication would help. Sometimes a temporary dose of medicine that stabilizes our mood can see us through the worst life challenges.

What research tells us is that when the going gets rough therapy is extremely helpful. Separately medicine is helpful. But, the best recipe for rapid healing is to combine both. Psychiatric medicine doesn't change who you are, and doesn't work if your brain chemistry is normal but can be a revelation if your brain chemistry is struggling. Normalizing brain chemistry means you can easily learn the powerful tools a good therapist will offer you.

We can't heal if we just keep doing more of what is numbing us out. Despite all the jokes about alcohol use during 2020 high alcohol use doesn't help us adapt. When we are numb we cannot think or feel to see better options during a crisis. Our emotions, even if painful, create energy that motivates change and growth.

Comfort food, being sedentary, and staying distracted may all feel

good in the moment but being comfortably numb just takes our ability to problem solve offline. We need our feelings, even if we're uncomfortable, to be motivated to make helpful changes.

As a therapist one of the hardest sales jobs I do is to convince clients that their current comfortable habits may not be their richest life choice. My clients always prefer the devil they know then the angel waiting around the next corner. Healing from PTSD requires us to leave behind our familiar routines.

You're never permanently stuck in any hell an adversity creates in your life unless you refuse to change and grow during crisis.

Q: *I am so bone weary right now I think I'll never feel rested again. Is there any technique you recommend to recover from profound ex-*

haustion?

A: Yes, I'm a huge fan of the Transcendental Meditation technique and a long-term practitioner myself. Unlike many other techniques this tool helps you discover you have a 24 hour access pass to a temple of deep rest and rejuvenation inside you when you sit quietly.

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. Sorry, no personal replies.



Catholic Church updates

Salem's Holy Cross Catholic Church holds Mass on Sunday's at 8:30 AM. 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's program, "Wings of Care," brought friendship and help to individuals around the Cambridge with the help of many parishioners. Sister Gussie will be retiring to Latham, living across from the Provincial House. 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.

Fr. Lucian Beltzner has had a stroke and is recovering. Cards may be sent to St. Joseph's Priory, 416 Third Street, Troy, NY.

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 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@battenkill-catholic.org.

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

Daniel 'Tink' Jordan, 72

Daniel "Tink" Jordan, 72, of Gansevoort, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at Glens Falls Hospital due to complications from COVID-19.

He was born April 16, 1948 in Cambridge, NY to the late Edward and Mildred (Osberg) Fryer.

Daniel was a 1967 graduate of Greenwich High School. After graduation, he served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He loved hunting, fishing and being on Lake Champlain on his pontoon boat, which was his happy place. Daniel was an avid NY Giants fan, however, when Patrick Mahomes came into the league, he enjoyed watching him. He loved NASCAR and Kyle Busch was his favorite driver. Dan loved anything with wolves. He recently completed 1500-piece puzzle of two wolves in the wild. It is framed and hung in his living room.

Many laughs, good times, and memories were

made with his camping family at the Petros Millbrook Campsite in Port Henry. Learning from his mother, he became a master at canning vegetables. His Bread and Butter and Dill Pickles were a hot commodity, as his family and friends could not wait to crack open the jar.

Most recently he found a love for adult coloring. He would use colored pencils to create gorgeous mandalas. This past Christmas he created a beautiful quilt for his sister using paper mandalas in the design. Daniel loved his family, the love from and for him, will always be there.

He would look forward to weekly pitch games with John, Wendy and Elocia.

Survivors include his children, Billy-Jo Jordan and Tracey (Maryann Corbisiero) Jordan; great-grandson Konnor aka "Little Man"; siblings, Wendy (John Rizio) Morris, Dale (Al) Waite and Elocia Jarchow; his extended Petros



Millbrook camping family and friends.

Those wishing to send donation's in his name may do so to the COVID-19 Support Fund C/O Glens Falls Hospital Foundation, 126 South St, Glens Falls, NY, 12801 or at www.glensfalls-foundation.org

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

Annabelle Matilda Bott, 95

Annabelle Matilda Bott, 95, lifelong resident of Easton, passed away Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Wesley Healthcare Facility.

She was born on November 25,

1925 in Easton, NY to the late Clarence and Matilda (Visser) Buckley.

Annabelle grew up on the family farm in Easton where she learned the value of hard work. She was married to her husband William for over fifty years, and together they had two children. She was a stay-at-home mother until her children graduated high school.

Mom was very loving and supportive; she could be strict when needed and always put others needs before her own. She enjoyed taking care of her flower gardens, they were always meticulous and brought her great joy.

Her home was her life, she did all the yard work and was proud of her homestead.

For many years she worked as a cashier for the family store Parkside Supermarket, and served as the secretary to the principal, at Greenwich Central School. Annabelle was an amazing cook and she loved watching birds on her property. She did not even need the bird book; she knew all the different species by heart.

Her children and grandchildren meant everything to her, and she will be missed by all who knew her.

She is pre-deceased by her husband William Bott and sister Jane Herrington.

Survivors include her son Steven (Linda) Bott of Easton; daughter Lesley (Andy) Wiley of Easton; 3 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchild-



dren and several good friends.

Graveside services will be held in the spring, in the Easton Rural Cemetery and will be announced at a later date.

Donation's in her name may be made to the Easton- Greenwich Rescue Squad, PO Box 84, Greenwich, NY, 12834.

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

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Letters to the Editor

Keep Position Elected

Dear Editor:

The town of Greenwich is considering a change for the Highway Superintendent position to go from elected by the people to appointed by the Town Board. The New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways, Inc. (NYSAOTSOH) opposes this change.

Voter Accountability: According to the State Comptroller the single largest expense in New York State's towns is maintaining their local infrastructure. By having an elected highway superintendent the voters decide directly the person who will administer the largest share of their tax dollars.

As a full time elected official with this sole purpose in mind highway superintendents are constantly in touch with their constituents' needs. If the position is no longer elected town residents will lose the ability to make a direct change for themselves.

Local Service and Safety: The assumption often made is that taxpayer dollars will be saved. The position of Highway Superintendent is a full time job with many overtime hours worked in response to highway emergencies. By law, in an elected position you are not able to receive overtime. If the position becomes appointed the Town Board will not only determine who would fill the position they would also potentially have the option of whether or not they provide payment of overtime.

The Bottom Line: It does not seem wise to take the power from the people to elect and transfer that power to the Town Board.

Keep your constitutional power to choose!

The New York State Association of Town Superintendents of High-

ways, Inc. NYSAOTSOH is the State's largest transportation association representing Highway Superintendents in 933 towns responsible for maintaining local highway infrastructure..

Sincerely,

Joel Kie

NYSAOTSOH President

Town of Dickinson, Broome County

A Great Neighborhood

Dear Editor:

It is too bad that your Jan 16, page 4 article attempted to poke fun at Fort Miller, instead of recognizing its historical significance and natural beauty. Yes, there are 8 abandoned or empty buildings in the tiny hamlet, and yes, the 1976 "Bicentennial Park" has been ignored. But here are a few things you didn't notice:

- A new foot/bicycle bridge on the River Road which is part of the just completed New York State Trail, the longest multi-use trail in the nation, connecting NYC to Canada and Buffalo.

- Popular bird-watching location to view mergansers, snow geese, loons and other migratory fowl in spring and fall, where numerous Post Star photos of nesting eagles and osprey have been taken

- NYS Champlain Canal Lock 6, part of the canalway from Albany to Lake Champlain which allows recreational boats to travel from Florida to Canada

- Historic Fort Miller Reformed Church built in 1816

- Riverside Cemetery with gravestones dating back to the Revolutionary War

- Denton Nature Conservancy Preserve, 370 acres of forest and wetlands with 3 miles of marked trails between Route 4 and the Hud-



son River, including remnants of the old 1822 Champlain Canal and electric trolley path

- Nearby Empire State Trail pullover on both sides of Route 4 with picnic tables and signage about the historic significance of the area

Sincerely,

Nancy Ellett-Crosby

Greenwich



Editor's Note: *Apologies if the column seemed like a slight. The article was really about how I looked fruitlessly for obscure Bicentennial Park, and an abandoned house was used as an example of my anxiety in locating it. However, I did indeed notice these positive things when looking for the park, and actually*

took photos along the way. Some of the photos I had placed on our social media presences. It's a great neighborhood for sure! Here are a few of the photos. -DJ

Movies/TV series now available on video

Jay Bobbin

Special to Journal & Press

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

“SNOWPIERCER: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON”: Inspired largely by the 2013 action movie directed by “Parasite” Oscar winner Bong Joon-Ho (who serves as an executive producer here), this TNT series – set in what was the near future when it was televised, but now in sync with 2021 – focuses on a massively long train that runs around the world continually with the last traces of mankind on board. Social class determined who is stationed where, and which amenities and privileges they are entitled to ... sowing the seeds of a potential uprising. Jennifer Connelly plays the chief authority on the locomotive, with Daveed Diggs (“Hamilton”) as the possible leader of the brewing revolution; the large cast also includes Mickey Sumner, Alison Wright, Lena Hall, Mike O’Malley and Rowan Blanchard. This release coincides with the Season 2 premiere of the show Jan. 25 on TNT, which adds Sean Bean as a prominent full-time star. DVD extras: five “making-of” documentaries.

“FATMAN”: Though he has stayed in action mode in many of his recent projects, Mel Gibson has offered offbeat characters within that context – not unlike his Martin Riggs in the “Lethal Weapon” series – and he does so again in this dark comedy that still has a very strong action quotient. Gibson plays a financially ailing Alaskan businessman named Chris Cringle (care to guess his nickname, which is where the “Fatman” reference comes from?) whose situation leads him to make a deal with the government to furnish jet-fighter parts. At the same time, he’s pursued by a professional assassin (Wal-



“Fatman”

ton Goggins, “The Unicorn”) hired by a wealthy youngster (Chance Hurstfield) who’s been wronged by Chris. Marianne Jean-Baptiste (“Without a Trace”) also stars as Chris’ wife in the film, which had a very recent run in theaters that were open and available.

“DOOM PATROL: THE COMPLETE SECOND SEASON”: After spending its first season exclusively on the DC Universe service, this superhero saga also was shown on HBO Max for this sophomore round. The members of the title group – who include Robotman (played by Brendan Fraser), Negative Man (Matt Bomer), Elasti-Girl (April Bowlby), Crazy Jane (Diane Guerrero) and Cyborg (Joivan Wade) – use the powers they inherited in various accidents to overcome their outcast status and help defend the world from supernatural threats. They also have to protect their newest member (Abigail Shapiro), the daughter of the man who brought them together (Timothy Dalton). The series has been renewed for a Season 3 that will run only on HBO Max.

“THE COURT JESTER”: This Danny Kaye comedy classic makes its Blu-ray debut as part of the “Paramount Presents” series. Pre-

sented in a new 6K scan, the 1955 tale casts him as an entertainer whose ruse to position himself as the best in his field eventually puts him up against a medieval villain (a properly sinister Basil Rathbone). Also in the great supporting cast are Abgela Lansbury, Giynis Johns, John Carradine, Mildred Natwick and Alan Napier (alias manservant Alfred on television’s “Batman”) – but even with all that additional talent, the enormously and uniquely talented Kaye expectedly is the one who chiefly makes the show here. This edition includes a Leonard Maltin-hosted “Filmmaker Focus” feature highlighting longtime creative team Melvin Frank and Norman Panama, who also worked with Kaye on “White Christmas.”

“SYNCHRONIC”: A series of strange “accidents” in New Orleans clues two paramedics and longtime friends, played by Anthony Mackie (“The Hurt Locker”) and Jamie Dornan (“Fifty Shades of Grey”), into the existence of a bizarre drug that turns fantasy into apparent reality for the user in this melodrama from “The Endless” filmmakers Justin Benson and Aaron Moorhead. For any worries they have initially, they become more dire when the Dornan character’s eldest daughter vanishes,

prompting them to step up their efforts to determine exactly what’s going on. Katie Aselton also stars.

“THE ADVENTURES OF THOMAS AND FELIX”: Also known by the title “Into the Who Knows!,” this family-oriented fantasy finds young Thomas (played by Bryce Gheisar) going AWOL from summer camp ... but he isn’t alone, at least as far as he can see. Felix (portrayed by Delaney Wingrove) is a fox that resides in Thomas’ imagination), and that also is the reason Thomas’ concerned parents sent him to camp in the first place, to make actual flesh-and-blood friends. Nevertheless, Felix turns out to be a highly valuable ally as Thomas makes his getaway.

COMING SOON:

“DO THE RIGHT THING” (4K Ultra HD) (Feb. 2)

“BREACH” (Feb. 2)

“LOVE STORY” (50th-anniversary edition) (Feb. 9)

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

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

The many parks of Greenwich, part III

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

In this last of three articles about Greenwich's parks, we will talk about Greenwich's newest park, Hudson Riverside Park. Located along the Hudson River at 5149 County Route 113, it is directly across from Schuylerville's Hudson Crossing Park.

The Town of Greenwich bought the 3.3 acres in July 2017. Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, D-Round Lake, helped the town get a \$250,000 state grant to buy the property and improve the buildings.

The property was formerly the site of the private Adirondack School. Three buildings sit on the parcel, including the former schoolhouse and a barn. Those are closed to the public at the moment, but the land and view of the Hudson is open for people to enjoy.

The park is also a stop along the Champlain Canalway Trail and the Empire State Trail. Since the more established Hudson Crossing Park on the other side of the Hudson River connects to the Hudson Riverside Park via the pedestrian Dix Bridge, initially there were thoughts of developing an owner operator agreement with the Hudson Crossing Park.

Then Town of Greenwich Supervisor Sara Idleman, the Greenwich Town board, and Kate



-dj photos

Morse, the director of Hudson Crossing Park, discussed the possibility of converting the former school building into a visitor center with educational exhibits.

Former State Sen. Betty Little, R-Queensbury, also helped the town with another grant for \$100,000, which will go toward a new overlook on the river.

Other possibilities discussed for the future of the park include a canoe and kayak launch site.

Supervisor Don Ward and the Town of Greenwich Board are in the process of considering renovations for the old school house as well as additional facilities for Greenwich's newest park.



The Town of Greenwich is blessed with many park areas. These parks provide spaces for recognition and reflection about our citizens' participation in various wars, recreation areas for children and adults, and quiet settings to enjoy the outdoors and nature in all its glory. As this series of three articles on Greenwich's parks comes to a close, we invite you to visit one or all of them.

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



Bank's new loan officer

Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company is announced that Catherine Gilligan has joined the bank as Mortgage Loan Officer for Washington and Northern Rensselaer counties.

Based in the Salem Office, Ms. Gilligan will guide clients through the mortgage application process. She has more than 25 years of experience in banking and residential mortgage

lending.

Ms. Gilligan currently serves as President for the Hoosick Falls Kiwanis Club and is a Foundation Board Member for The Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Hoosick Falls.



Originally from Lebanon Springs, NY, she currently lives in Bennington, VT.

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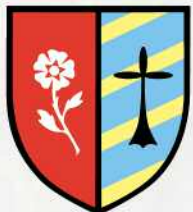
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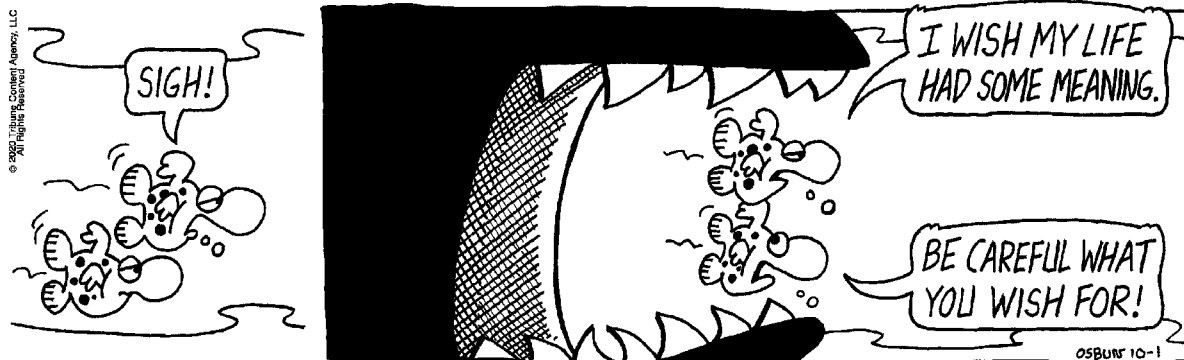
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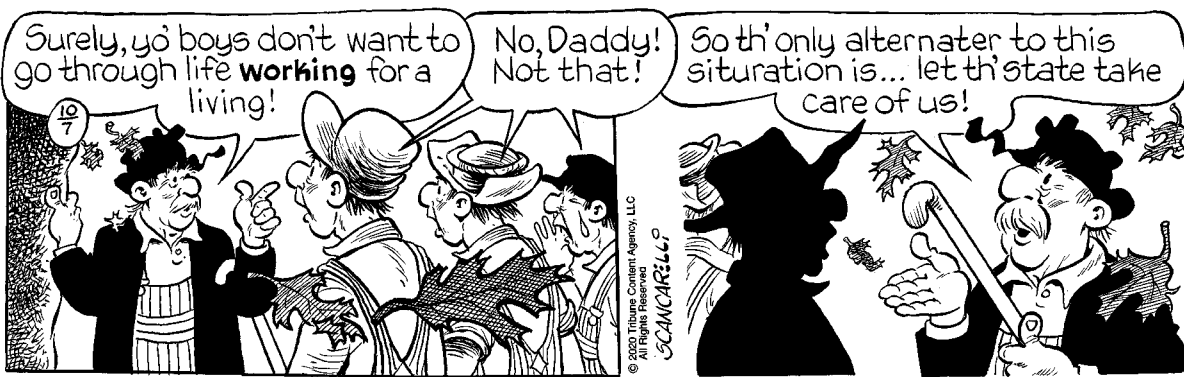
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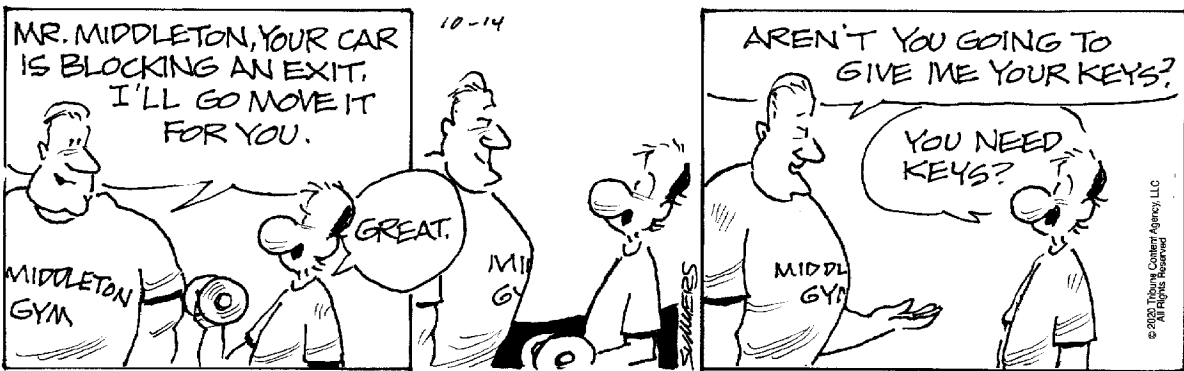
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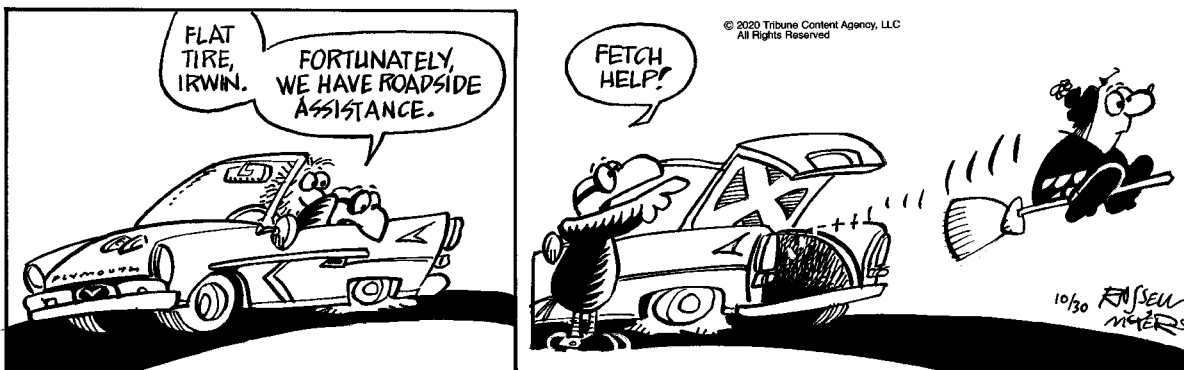
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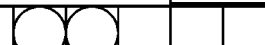
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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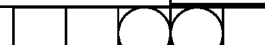
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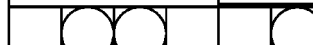


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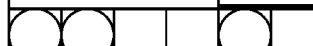
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TLEGNY



CLORSL



Answer here:



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



Puzzle
Answers
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Local colleges get fed funds

Congresswoman Stefanik announced on Jan. 14 that public and non-profit colleges and universities in New York's 21st Congressional District will receive more than \$45,000,000 in funding to support continued education. Congresswoman Stefanik released the following statement on this terrific news:

"I am proud to announce that public and non-profit colleges and universities in the North Country will receive more than \$45 million dollars from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), which I worked tirelessly to help pass in Congress last month. This funding can be put towards financial aid grants to students, student support activities, and a variety of institutional costs, including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll. Our higher education institutions in the North Country were hit especially hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, and I worked to deliver this much-needed additional funding that allows them to continue educating and inspiring the next generation of leaders."

Allocations to institutions are based on the relative shares of Federal Pell Grant recipients, non-Pell Grant recipients, and Federal Pell and non-Pell Grant recipients exclusively enrolled in distance education prior to the coronavirus emergency. The list of awards is below:

- SUNY Adirondack Community College: \$4,876,146
- Clarkson University: \$3,872,273
- Clinton Community College: \$1,545,848
- Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington BOCES: \$128,983
- Fulton-Montgomery Community College: \$3,014,275
- Jefferson Community College: \$4,618,540
- Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Program of Practical Nursing: \$138,888
- North Country Community College: \$2,219,613

• P a u l Smith's College: \$1,357,184

• Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing: \$197,013

• S U N Y Plattsburgh: \$8,423,237

• SUNY Potsdam: \$7,227,985

• SUNY Canton: \$4,928,910

• St. Lawrence University: \$2,660,768

• Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES: \$20,845

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Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 Furniture chain that also sells lingonberry jam
 5 Highlander
 9 Irritable
 14 December temp
 16 Overseas coppers
 17 March commander
 19 Count who has a cameo in "Blazing Saddles"
 20 Thus far
 21 Airport with many connecting flights
 22 Rathskeller rejection
 25 Tenants
 28 SFO overseer
 31 Not just assume
 33 Merit badge spot
 34 Gaga over
 36 Shellfish serving
 38 Smug look
 41 March composer
 44 Fritters away time
 45 French 101 verb
 46 Old Russian ruler

47 Not demanding

- 49 Citrus peel
 51 Greener Living org.
 52 English blue cheese
 55 Whiskey cocktail
 57 Form 1099 org.
 58 "Wonder Woman" actress Gadot
 60 Run out
 64 March creator
 69 Hides in the shadows
 70 "Shape of You" Grammy winner
 71 Direct
 72 "Gone Girl" actress Ward
 73 "Queen of Country," familiarly

Down

- 1 Website for looking up "that actor on that show"
 2 __ Zor-El: Supergirl's name on Krypton
 3 Yale students
 4 Totally wiped

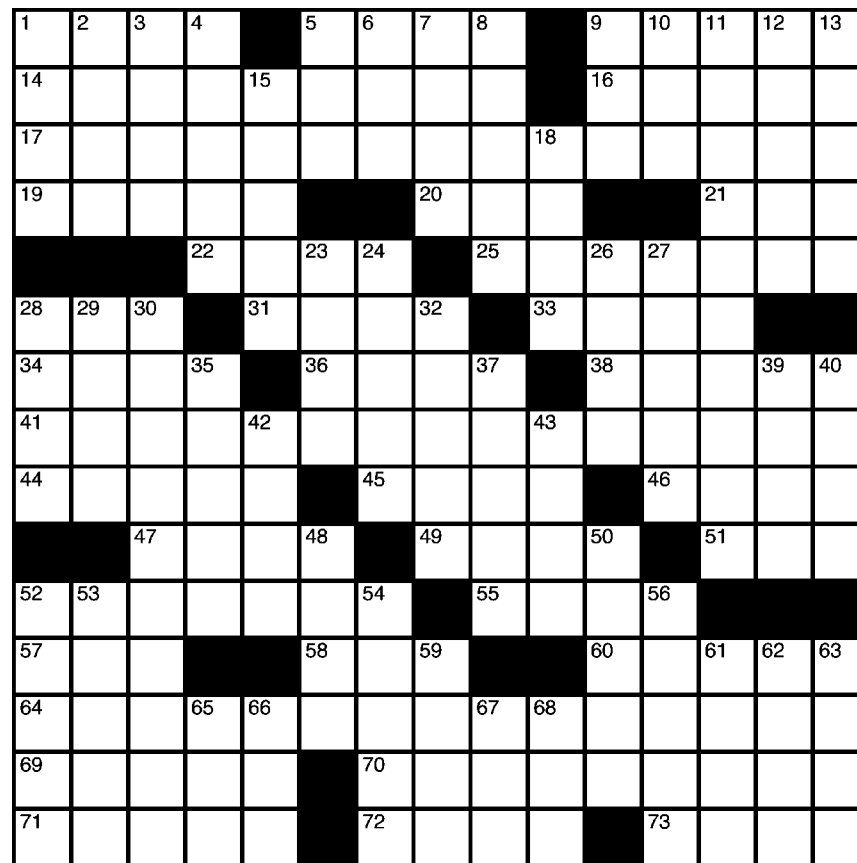
5 Moo goo __ pan

- 6 "Commonwealth" novelist Patchett
 7 "Unique everything" online shop
 8 "Gotta run!"
 9 PC core
 10 Copying button
 11 Music to a bar customer's ears
 12 Really clean
 13 Some Slavs
 15 Stylishly smooth
 18 GPS displays
 23 Go very slowly
 24 "I'm not kidding!"
 26 Torments with reminders
 27 Letter-shaped opening
 28 "Natural artesian water" brand
 29 Give __ to: okay
 30 Fashionable sportswear portmanteau
 32 Ballroom dance
 35 Tatum who plays Amanda in "The Bad News Bears"

37 Tangle around a surge protector

- 39 Pronto
 40 "Teen Titans" and "Teen Titans Go!" voice actress Strong
 42 Hissed summons
 43 100 centavos
 48 Tranquil discipline
 50 Veil material
 52 Opera great Beverly
 53 Brook fish
 54 Identifies
 56 Regatta entrant
 59 Put on cargo
 61 Peruse, with "over"
 62 Wild guess
 63 Italian peak
 65 '50s prez
 66 Pre-1991 atlas initials
 67 Couture monogram
 68 "I've got it!"

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with music.

Allegro
Blues
Brass

Chord
Chorus
Classical
Dance
Easy Listening
Folk
Harmony
Heavy Metal

Hip Hop
Indie
Jazz
Melody
Music
Notes
Orchestra
Pitch

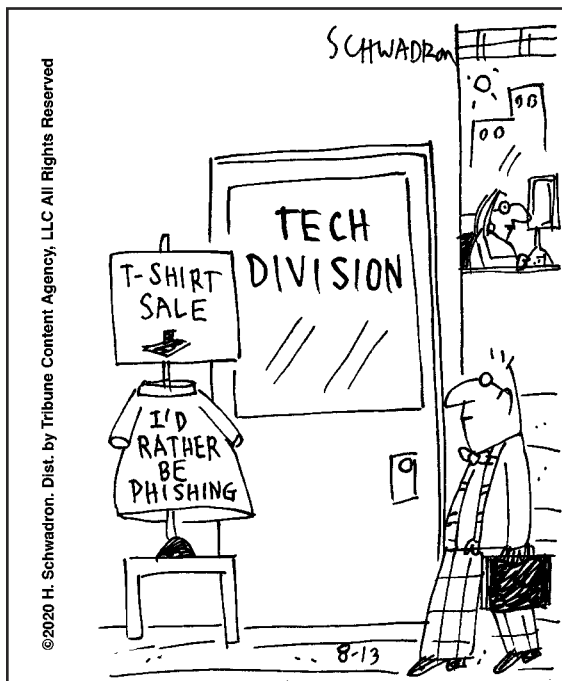
Polka
Punk
Rhythm
Rock
Salsa
Scale
Soul
Sound

Swing
Tempo

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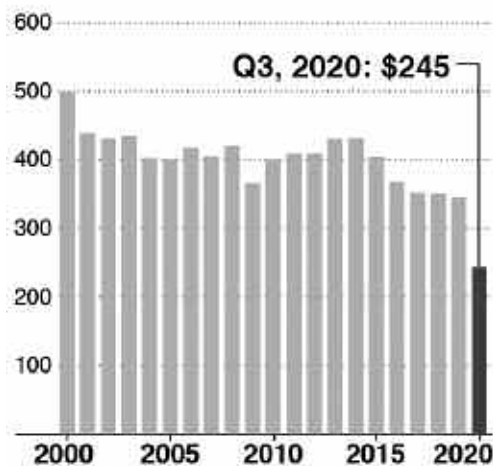
9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron

Fast Facts



Average air fare

U.S. domestic average air fare for the third quarter of each



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Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics



Headlines you may see in 2021

Cody Fitzgerald

Journal & Press

For some reason, I have a feeling that the news is going to get a little more boring soon. With this, we're going to need a little more journalism to spice up a soon to be under-saturated market. In response, I'm going to take on a career shift and take another shot at genuine reporting. Here's a preview of some of the new articles you're going to see in the future-

- Scientist turns the lights off in her bedroom one hour early and learns "Daylight Savings is kind of useless"
- Shaggy and Scooby officially

endorse marijuana legalization

- MyPillow CEO announces new Donald Trump body pillow in desperate plea for pardon
- Hollywood Foreign Press might be racist, surprising no one
- Dr. Fauci takes up new hobbies with newly found free time after Biden actually complies with science
- The Onion and The Borowitz Report file for bankruptcy after "failure to write satire headlines that aren't actually happening"
- Chuck E. Cheese announces they will be reopening as vaccination site recycling syringes found in the ball pit



- Jake Tapper, Erin Burnett, Chris Cuomo and Don Lemon reveal normal blood pressure for the first time in 4 years
 - Twitter employees scramble to follow Trump around with cardboard "This claim is disputed" signs to display on his chin after he speaks
 - Tom Cruise yells at "Mission: Impossible" crew for not taking shoes off in the house
 - Bernie Sanders receives record support after promising "free mittens for all"
 - Super Bowl cancelled after all players skip event to make appearances on "The Masked Singer" and "Dancing With The Stars" to save careers from obscurity
 - Surveys show most anti-maskers also don't believe in underwear
 - Big Bird reveals political aspirations
 - Suzanne threatens one star review after her Target delivery doesn't come in time
 - Ted Cruz participates in sleep study to show he recites the words "fraud," "election" and "Trump" repeatedly every night while in deep sleep
 - McDonald's reveals plans to roll out new streaming service
- ### 'Tom Cruise yells at the crew for not taking their shoes off in the house.'
- George Orwell rises from the dead to say "told ya so"
 - Florida Man jealous of headlines Republicans are receiving
 - Josh Hawley cannot read
- From this point forward, I hope to be viewed as a genuine journalist, only reporting the facts and nothing else. I look forward to my professional relationship with all of you, and wish you a great 2021.
- Cody Fitzgerald is a Schuylerville (NY) High School senior aspiring to become a screenwriter and comedian.*



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Answers

Boggle: LION PUMA TIGER CAMEL PANDA MONKEY DONKEY

Jumble: SCARF PUPIL GENTLY SCROLL

Final Jumble:
SPIN CYCLES

Salem Sudoku

(solution below)

2	1			3	5			7
3			1			9	6	
				5		1	8	
	3			9			7	
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D ₂	E ₁	M ₃	A ₁	G ₂	O ₁	G ₂	RACK 3 =	74
H ₄	O ₁	T ₁	L ₁	I ₁	N ₁	E ₁	RACK 4 =	68
B ₃	A ₁	T ₁	H ₄	M ₃	A ₁	T ₁	RACK 5 =	64

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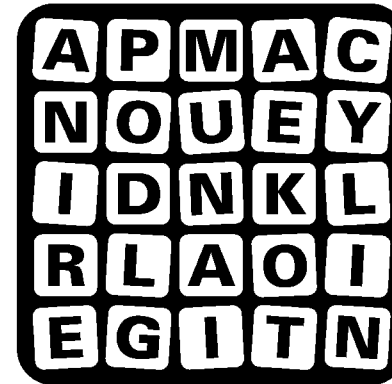
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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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8	1	9	3	7	4	2	5	6
5	6	3	1	9	7	4	2	8
9	7	2	4	6	8	1	3	5
4	8	1	2	5	3	7	6	9
1	3	5	6	4	2	8	9	7
2	9	6	7	8	1	5	4	3
7	4	8	5	3	9	6	1	2



The end of a demagogue

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

Senator Joseph McCarthy died a lonely, sad man. The Senator, who made a meteoric rise from mediocrity, took advantage of a nation's fear at the beginning of the Cold War and created a four year reign of terror over the United States Congress, Federal Agencies, the media, and Hollywood until finally exposed for what he was.

It was apparent that many of his claims were without merit. For instance, in February 1950, he made the speech which would begin his rise when he claimed either 205 or 57 communists were identified in the State Department. Then later he claimed the number was 81. A committee was formed, the Tydings Committee, and McCarthy for the first time named names. The Senator had an abundance of rhetoric, but painfully little evidence to support the accusations. The report from the committee, written by Senator Millard Tydings, labeled McCarthy's charges a "fraud and a hoax," and said that the true result of McCarthy's actions was to "confuse and divide the American people ... to a degree far beyond the hopes of the Communists themselves."

But by that time, the Cold War was in full bloom. The Chinese Communists won in the Chinese Civil War. Russia had the atomic bomb. And McCarthy's non-stop prattle found willing ears among a nervous public regardless of what the Tydings Committee had to say. And many of his fellow politicians kept quiet – the last thing they wanted was to get their names mentioned by McCarthy. Many of his enablers were simply afraid of the power he wielded, so they would "go along to get along."

The thing about demagogues is that they usually fail to see their own tragic flaws, and tend to overstep their bounds. For instance, McCarthy decided to take on the Army for harboring communists in 1953. President Dwight Eisenhower had tried to avoid directly confronting McCarthy because he didn't want to give him "... the publicity that would be generated by a public repudiation by the President," but he clearly was unimpressed by McCarthy and his methods. Finally in 1954, the "Army-McCarthy" hearings were televised. With an unprecedented view into our government on television, McCarthy's popularity began to wane as his "bullying, reckless, and dishonest" methods were shown to an unwitting public.

A pivotal moment in the hearings was when the Army's legal representative, Joseph Welch, demanded that McCarthy provide the US Attorney the list of "130 Communists or subversives" who supposedly worked in American defense plants "before the sun goes down." McCarthy in turn, rather than providing the list of names to the US Attorney, attacked Fred Fisher, a junior member of Welch's law firm who had briefly belonged to a progressive lawyers' association while in law school. Welch uttered his famous reproval of McCarthy's tactics:

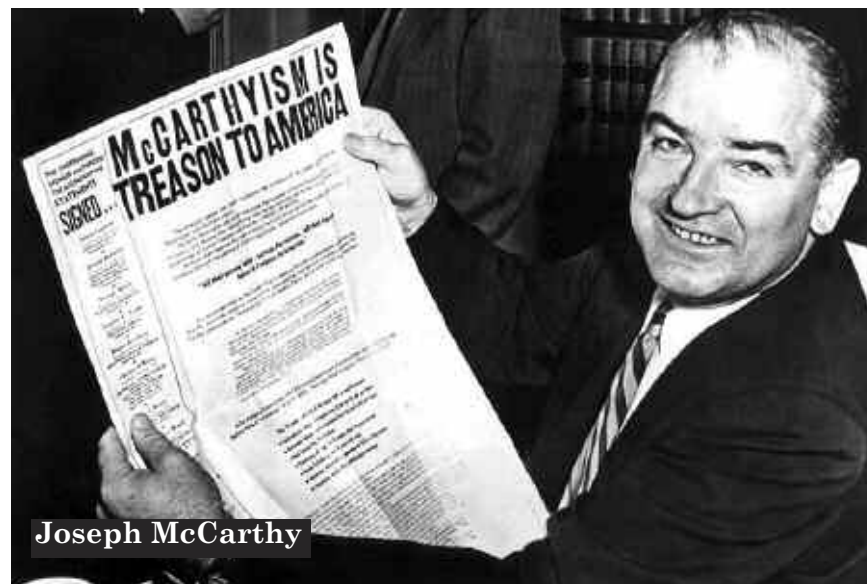
"Senator, I think I never really gauged your cruelty, or your recklessness... I fear [Fisher] shall always bear a scar needless inflicted by you. If it were in my power to forgive you for your reckless cruelty, I would do so. I like to think I'm a gentle man, but your forgiveness will have to come from someone other than me."

**'You've done enough!
Have you no sense of
decency, sir?'**

McCarthy badgered further, finally causing Welch to exclaim, "You've done enough! Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last have you no sense of decency?"

Pioneering radio and television journalist Edward R. Murrow dedicated an hour to the hearings on his program See it Now, mostly exposing McCarthy through his own words. Murrow, of course, was criticized by McCarthy, who accused Murrow of collaborating with the VOKS, what he said was the "Russian espionage and propaganda organization." Between the exposure of his techniques and his attacks on popular figures like Eisenhower and Murrow, as well as organizations which retained the public trust such as the Army, McCarthy's popularity began to wane significantly.

In late 1954, the Senate voted to condemn McCarthy with a bi-partisan vote of 67 to 22. The censure destroyed his celebrity, and he began to drink heavily, and by now also had become addicted to morphine. He passed away in May 1957,



in a death largely attributed to cirrhosis of the liver due to alcoholism.

America has had its share of demagogues, but McCarthy holds a special place in this pantheon. Edward R. Murrow provided a prescient warning in his conclusion to the See It Now episode:

"This is no time for men who oppose Senator McCarthy's methods to keep silent, or for those who approve. We can deny our heritage and our history, but we cannot escape responsibility for the result. There is no way for a citizen of a republic to abdicate his responsibilities. As a nation we have come into our full inheritance at a tender age. We proclaim ourselves, as indeed we are, the defenders of freedom, wherever it continues to exist in the world, but we cannot defend freedom abroad by deserting it at home.

"The actions of the junior Senator from Wisconsin have caused alarm and dismay amongst our allies abroad, and given considerable comfort to our enemies. And whose fault is that? Not really his. He didn't create this situation of fear; he merely exploited it—and rather successfully..."

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