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Two DOT projects' overruns may cost Greenwich Town \$342,000, or more.

Greenwich Town Supervisor Don Ward recently was told by the New York State Department of Transportation that the town would be responsible for overages of planned culvert work on Christie and Ferguson Roads, to the tune of \$342,000. "That's one-sixth of our total town budget," he said. State reps have been asked to intervene.

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Christie Road culvert

A sense of community

We visit the Auction Barn Restaurant in Argyle and the Wolff family. The diner's menu is best characterized as classic Americana cuisine. Kassidy Wolff explains, "Our food is like something you would get at your grandma's house." And fostering a close-knit, hometown atmosphere is their special recipe.

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The Wolffs of Auction Barn Restaurant

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What a difference a year makes

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

On Friday, March 13, 2020, we went to work blissfully unaware that life was about to change. We were looking forward to a busy spring. Many of us were hoping to watch the Cambridge girls' basketball team compete for another state title. My husband had tickets to the first weekend of the NCAA men's basketball tournament in Albany and was looking forward to watching some good college hoops. Our daughter was rehearsing for the play *Annie* with the Schuylerville Community theater. We were excited as SCT always puts on a fabulous show. Like many families, we had made travel plans for later in the spring and early summer. And then, little by little, things started to shut down. First, they said there would be no spectators at the NCAA games, and then they were canceled altogether. High schools canceled their winter season, including all tournaments. Then the states closed the school buildings, and offices, and all "non-essential" work. We were asked to stay home and save lives.

Students and teachers switched to remote instruction with varying degrees of success. Lack of internet access in some of our rural homes was (and continues to be) a large hurdle to overcome. Essential employees still had to report to work but had young elementary children at

home that needed supervision. Many childcare centers could no longer afford to stay open since families were not sending the children in, but that left even fewer spots for families that needed care. Childcare, which has been in a crisis state for a long time, came to a head during the pandemic.

It seemed like overnight the grocery store shelves were bare. Everything from cleaning products to pasta was wiped out. Toilet paper was a hot commodity, which brought scammers out in force. Every day we learned more about the dangers of Covid-19. As the lockdown continued, some people became angry. They felt their rights were being violated over shutdowns and mask mandates. Others were angry at how the pandemic was being handled and the lack of resources. There was so much anxiety over the unknown and ugly, hurtful words were said.

**'As winter turns to spring,
we are becoming
more hopeful.'**

Over this past year, families, communities, and politicians struggled with civil discourse.

But there were also many bright spots during this time. To keep each other safe, we got creative. Drive-by parades were held for birthdays, retirements, and baby showers, with invitations going out via social media. Families gathered over Zoom or Facetime for holidays. Schools, as always, rose to the challenge. Beefing up online instruction, putting safeguards in place to get some students back in person, feeding the whole community, and delivering the food right to the door of families that needed it. Without the constant running around of pre-pandemic times, families spent a lot more time together. There



have been a record number of pet adoptions as people now had time to spend with a cat or dog. The slower pace meant time to cook meals, take walks, or tackle the list of home projects that had been put off due to lack of time.

We now have three different vaccines and record numbers are being vaccinated each day. Health experts think we may reach herd immunity by the summer. Supply issues that were problematic early in the pandemic seem to have caught up, so there is plenty of toilet paper to go around now. High school sports are back. Though we can't be in the gym, we can watch on YouTube. We are hopeful that band and chorus concerts can happen again soon.

As winter turns to spring, we are becoming more hopeful that we can put this year behind us. We can visit our extended families safely or meet a friend for lunch. But we also keep in our hearts the over 500,000 Americans who lost their lives to Covid-19. For their families, life will not return to normal anytime soon.

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



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Sticker shock after DOT culvert overruns

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

“It was not a fun phone call,” Greenwich Town Supervisor Don Ward said at a March 9 council meeting.

He was referring to a conference call he’d had at the end of February with the New York State Department of Transportation, where he was told that the town would be responsible for overages of planned culvert work on Christie and Ferguson Roads, to the tune of \$342,000.

“That’s one-sixth of our total town budget,” he said, noting that if, indeed, the town is required to pay that amount, town paving projects will have to be cancelled for 2021, along with other belt tightening.

The town had been awarded a Bridge NY grant in November 2018 (and accepted in April 2019) for \$1.7M to put new culverts at the two locations, but the resolution said that the town would be responsible for any costs over that amount.

Two years later, after design costs have already been factored in but no significant structural work has been done on the Christie Road culvert, the cost is already over \$2M with no clear picture as to what the final cost will be.

At one point, the DOT had to see this was expanding to a point beyond what the town could afford, the board agreed, so why did the DOT wait so long to inform the town?

Work on Ferguson Road is to be finished in April; on Christie Road next year. Ward said after the meeting, “It’s work that has to be done. It’s just how we do it,” noting that, perhaps, town highway workers could instead do some of the work, mitigating some costs.

Ward presented a timeline that said the 2019 resolution was presented by then-supervisor Sara Idleman, recently retired highway chief Stanley Mattison and Lee Ecker of CHA Consulting, and added that all of whom, along with the town attorney at the time, didn’t realize that approving a project without a cap could have dire consequences for the town.

“They were under the impression that New York State handles everything,” Ward said.

On March 1, Ward composed a letter to State Senator Dan Stec and Assemblywoman Carrie Worrner, and, afterward, another scheduled call with the DOT was indefinitely postponed by the DOT. The supervisor is hoping that’s good news, and noted that if indeed the state was going to go over the originally approved \$1.7M, the town should have been notified before the costs escalated.

“Hopefully they are reconsidering what they are doing,” Ward said at the meeting, which was broadcast via Zoom and sparsely attended, especially compared to a contentious February meeting that saw dozens of town residents weigh in on what to do with the highway supervisor position (see the previous story on our web site, journalandpress.com). “I’m hopeful the discussion [between state representatives and the DOT] will rectify the issue.”

During public comment, town resident Don McKinley said, “Who would actually sign onto this grant? ...Eventually, this will be coming to me as a tax-



Christie Road culvert

payer, and everyone else.”

After the meeting, Ward said that the previous board had signed off on this grant “with eyes wide open,” but there are safeguards in place now to prevent something similar happening in the future. He noted that he now has a Grant Review Committee. “They would have caught it,” he said. “You sometimes have to slow things down and have a strong taxpayer

look at it.”

Even if work on the culverts were immediately halted, the town could still be on the hook for over \$245,000 because design work has already been completed, according to the slideshow presentation at the March council meeting.

“We’re hoping the state looks at it and realizes their estimates were wrong,” he added.

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Two-village reform committee findings, info

The Collaborative Committee for the Villages of Cambridge and Greenwich have completed their work on the recommendations for changes in our policies. The committee is releasing their plan to the public in order to give residents a chance to weigh in and respond to the plan.

Residents of both Villages are invited to read and respond to these recommendations, and to send their comments and thoughts, by Monday, March 22.

Responses may be sent via email to the following addresses. Indicate if you are a Village resident.

Cambridge residents:
reform@cambridgeny.gov

Greenwich residents: greenwichpdreform@gmail.com

The following is a draft of the March 2021 report thus far:

New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative/Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department: Recommendations to the Village of Cambridge Board of Trustees and the Village of Greenwich Board of Trustees.

In response to the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative initiative resulting from Gov. Cuomo's Executive Order 203, the Villages of Cambridge and Greenwich developed a plan to evaluate the policies and practices of their combined police department and to solicit community opinion about what if any improvements are needed.

The Villages of Cambridge and Greenwich are small rural communities located in Southern Washington County, each with a population of approximately 1,900 residents. The two villages share nonunion police leadership under a shared-services agreement.

A survey addressing community sentiment about the Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department was distributed widely in each of the villages, and these surveys were available to citizens through the month of December.

Each of the communities formed committees consisting of elected officials, community representatives, and volunteers interested in the process. They held meetings in Cambridge and Greenwich, and then convened two joint meetings to develop the recommendations detailed in this document. Joint meetings were held on February 11 and February 25, with the meeting recordings made available through the Village websites.

The following recommendations resulted:

On the topic of the mental health and well-being of Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department officers, the committee recommends:

- Recognizing the potentially difficult aspects of the police officer's job, the Cambridge-Greenwich Police Department should provide stress management support for our officers. We recognize that resources are available in our area.

- The Washington County safety officer, available in crisis situations, is available for regular information sessions for our officers. The Department will work with Washington County to plan targeted sessions.

- Our insurance agency, NYMIR, offers courses on specific subjects that include health maintenance. The department will distribute information about this resource to officers and encourage participation in them.



On the topic of mental health/wellness and addiction issues in the community, the committee recommends:

- Our officers are in the position of fulfilling multiple roles, including responding to mental health incidents, moderating in domestic disputes, household accidents, and others. Our police department has printed information that officers provide to people involved in such crises. In order to avoid some of these crisis situations and give community members resources before a crisis point is reached, we recommend disseminating this information to the community now. A subcommittee of the reform committee will proceed with the work of compiling and disseminating more information.

- Other sources of support for community members operate in our region; for example, a mobile crisis unit funded by veterans. We recommend that we learn more information about services that can help our local residents and get the information out.

- Education and awareness training for the public: Once the resource lists are compiled, distribute to the community via our websites, publicity on social media, newspa-

per articles.

- More information is needed for the public about crisis resources, including hotlines. This information should be distributed.

On the topics of education and additional training of officers, the committee learned about and recommended:

- Initial training, which happens for officers who have gone through the Police Academy. Once an officer completes the Police Academy, that officer travels with an experienced officer until they are deemed ready to work alone.

- Ongoing training currently in place: refreshers take place annually, but this generally covers range practice and other technical training, such as using the alcohol testing equipment.

- The committee recommends that additional training should be instituted for all officers. This should include anti-bias training, cultural sensitivity training, and de-escalation techniques.

- The committee recommends that supplemental training should be a requirement of every officer employed by the Police Department.

(cont.)

The Department can begin this process this year by using the courses offered by NYMIR. NYMIR offers a series of courses each year. Officers will be required to complete the complete curriculum by years' end. Participation will be monitored by our chief officer Sargent Danko.

- The committee recommends that the Department institute a policy of mandating officers to complete a self-assessment of their training needs.

- The committee recommends planning community-based training or discussion groups that would bring officers and members of the public into forums to discuss issues or topics that become important to the community. The Village Boards are responsible for planning these events.

On the subject of officer accountability, the committee recommends:

- A formal complaint policy will remain in place, for situations where a complaint against a specific officer is lodged, and this policy is governed by standing laws and policy. The complaint form should be available on the Village websites. The Village will acknowledge receipt of each complaint.

- A generic comment form should be created that will be used to report citizen interactions with the police, either positive or negative. This form will be posted on the Village website, and it can be filed with the Village via email, mail or drop off. The form can be filed anonymously. An alternate version of this could be a "How are we doing?" form that encourages residents to report on any ideas or thoughts about Village happenings that involve one of the Village departments. One of these versions should be created and posted on the Village website and on Facebook.

- Officers on duty will wear functioning body cameras.

- In order to monitor trends within the Police Departments, the chief officer will review and analyze data collected locally and by the New York State Unified Court System as part of the Police Statistics and Transparency Act, which requires NYS courts to compile and publish racial and other demographic data for low-level offenses. This review will be scheduled annually.

Regarding the subject of Community Policing and Community Outreach, the committee recommends, based on a strong response from surveys in both villages,

- The Villages should plan events that bring the residents and the police department together, as soon as possible based on the Covid environment. Ideas for these are open houses for the public to come into the police department offices, a Police Department barbeque for the Village, etc.

- New officers should be introduced to the Village in a couple of ways: 1) new officers should be introduced at the next regular Village meeting; 2) a profile of the new officer with photo should be posted on the website and on social media.

- Weather permitting, officers should spend part of each shift on foot, and the officer should stop in and talk to business owners.

- Public relations events should be planned. Ideas are bicycle safety, a helmet giveaway event, a police-sponsored fun run, maybe just for kids. It could be a dog training mini-event with an officer who has had canine training. The idea is that the Police Department will offer useful information to the public in a format where the officers interact with citizens. These should be jointly planned by the Village and

the Police Department.

- The police officers should see it as their mission to get to know people in the community. They should be expected to get out of their vehicles and meet people, when opportunities arise.

- When they perform a vehicle stop, while doing their jobs, officers

'Responses to the Cambridge-Greenwich PD report may be sent by email through March 22.'

should at the same time display a professional demeanor.

On the subject of improved transparency, the committee recommends:

- The Village, the Village court, and the police department

should develop plans to demystify legal and law enforcement issues. Ideas for this included short articles on the subjects of legal processes, which will appear in the local newspapers or on social media sites.

- The Police Department will work with the Villages to make available a summarized version of their policies and procedures manual, for members of the public. The mayors and the chief officer will be responsible for this task.

On the subject of follow up for these recommendations, the committee recommends:

- During the month of April, 2022, the committee will meet to review these recommendations and evaluate implementation efforts.

This was submitted to the Journal & Press by Pam Fuller, Mayor of the Village of Greenwich.

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JANE HANKS
on March 27!

*Jane continues to lead a happy and healthy life, attributing it to her youth spent in Greenwich. She then fell in love and married a farm boy from Salem, where they raised 3 amazing sons and ran a successful dairy farm, Big Green Farms, Inc. Her heart remains in Salem even though she resides in Florida these days. **CHEERS** to another eventful trip around the sun!*

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Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

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

110 Years Ago
March 23, 1911

This community has been greatly stirred with sympathy and alarm over the critical condition of James Henry Griffin, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Griffin, who is a junior at Union College in Schenectady.

While running to board an electric car in that city several days ago, he fell and injured one of his knees. He did not feel concerned about the injury, and hastily applied some ordinary salve, wrapped the wound up with a cloth, and paid no more attention to it. He soon began to realize that he had a serious wound, but still, he declined summoning a physician. His roommate at one of the fraternity houses insisted that one be called, however and upon examination, the doctor discovered that the

young man's condition was serious. Both legs were fearfully swelled and blackened, indicating a well developed case of blood poisoning.

100 Years Ago
March 16, 1921

To many readers of the Journal it may not be exactly news, nevertheless, it is worthy to be recorded that the roads this spring are bad. In fact, they are said by those that have to travel them to be worse than that, and automobilists, who have had a joyful time all winter, going about in their cars, when highways in this latitude are usually closed to that sort of traffic, are seeing the other side of the picture. Automobile traffic is practically out of the question on all but state roads, and going by horse and carriage is anything but pleasant.

80 Years Ago
March 19, 1941

Flames that broke out suddenly just before 4:30 o'clock Monday morning quickly leveled the St. James Hotel in Fort Edward and damaged a neighboring house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harris Lindsay. A large barn on the rear of the hotel property, which contained about 20 new automobiles, was saved by the Fort Edward Fire Department. The origin of the fire is not known.

70 Years Ago
March 21, 1951

Forty-four members of the Greenwich Central School will leave Greenwich early Friday morning for New York City, where they will spend several days of their Easter vacation. This is the annual Easter trip, which members of the former classes have enjoyed for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Meidrem Weaver will chaperone the group, who will go by bus from Greenwich to Albany, where they will board a special train for New York, arriving there soon after noon on Good Friday. They will stay at the Hotel Plymouth from Friday to Wednesday, when they arrive home.

60 Years Ago
March 29, 1961

The Greenwich Free Library has been accepted for membership in the Southern Adirondack Library system by the system's board of trustees, and following approval of the board of regents, will become the 22nd local member library.

The services to the Greenwich Free Library by membership in the Southern Adirondack Library system include a central book collection from which to borrow interlibrary loan help, weekly delivery of books requested by the library, the ordering and cataloging of new books which can be purchased with better discounts through quantity buying.

40 Years Ago
March 19, 1981

On Monday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Proudfit Community Room, the Dr. Asa Fitch Historical Society will show slides taken from pictures of Old Salem.

The pictures are under consideration for inclusion in a forthcoming book depicting Salem life in the old days. Edie Mickle and Sara Jane Cormier are gathering the necessary information to begin the book compilation.

The book society is hopeful that the Salem area residents will support this great effort, and come enjoy the beautiful pictures.

20 Years Ago
March 22, 2001

A book, "Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul" published in 1997, was a collection of heartwarming and inspirational stories about motherhood. It quickly became very popular and sold over a million copies.

Caurie Anne Miner, formerly of Jackson, learned that the publishers were accepting submissions for sequel, and she sent in a story she wrote about her mother, Dawn Miner of Jackson. Caurie's story was one of 101 selected from thousands. It has been published in "Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul II," which has been released to bookstores worldwide on March 15th.



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On the road again

Sara Idleman
Journal & Press

In 1981 and again in 1983 my husband, children and I made cross country trips. Both were 6-week adventures. The '81 trip took us all the way to Oregon where my sister lived and still lives today. In that year, we traveled in a Ford Focus with a car top carrier. Somehow, we managed to store our clothes, tent, sleeping bags and cooking gear within that space. I don't know how we managed it.

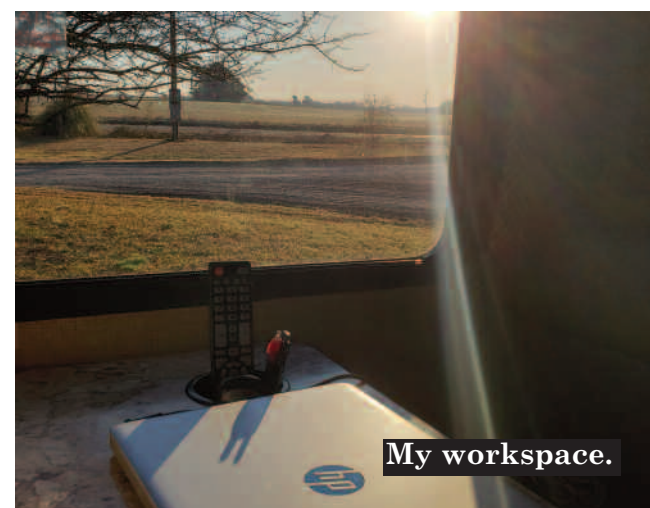
In 1983, we met my sister and her partner in Glacier National Park for a week of camping. We traveled in a pickup truck with an insert that fit between the cab of the truck and the cap that enclosed the bed. With that in place, we could communicate with the kids and pass items to them when necessary. A mattress, pillows, blankets, clothes, games and books were fitted in the back along with a tent and cooking gear. My husband and I used the tent. The kids slept in the enclosed bed of the truck.

It turned out to be a pretty good arrangement. We could get an early start without waking the kids.

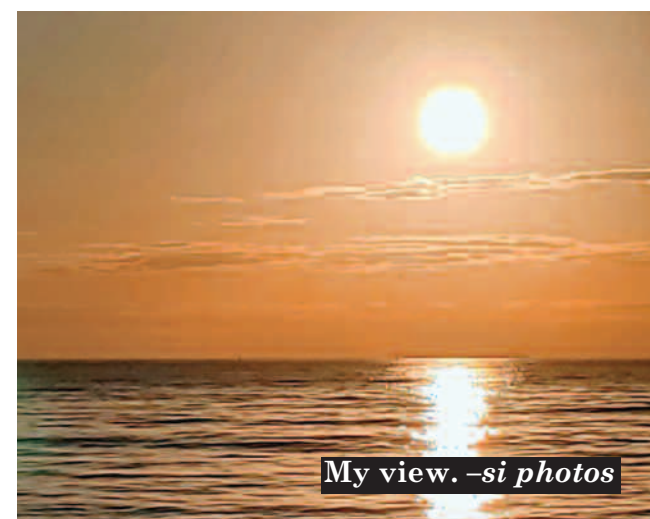
We encountered a good number of older couples on those trips, retirees who had decided to take to the road in their motorhomes. As twenty and thirty somethings, we couldn't imagine anything more boring. After all, we were young and adventuresome, cooked all our meals on a camp stove, slept in tents and hiked.

Fast forward forty years. Along comes a pandemic, little or no contact with others, lots of zoom meetings and no travel. We've weathered it well, but we had the urge to travel so we've joined the ranks of retirees and taken to the road in a small motorhome. A cross country trip was out of the question, but a leisurely drive down the east coast in search of warm weather and sunshine was just the ticket. So here we are, a retired couple in a motor home on the road for three weeks. It isn't so boring after all!

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.



My workspace.



My view. -si photos

An FBLA thank you

Recently, the Greenwich Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America closed out CTE month with a special thanks to the Faculty and Staff at the Greenwich Junior Senior High School. Everyone received a thank you note and a gift certificate for a free hot beverage at Stewart's delivered by the FBLA students. The FBLA members at one of the virtual fall FBLA meetings decided they wanted to do a "thank you" to everyone in the high school



building from the custodial staff to the cafeteria staff as well as teachers, aides and secretaries since they were very grateful for everyone's hard work to be able to come back to school. They came up with the expression, "We appreciate you a Latte."

FBLA President Lauren Marci stated: "On behalf of all students at Greenwich School and Greenwich FBLA we want to thank you for everything you do and helping us during these weird times of COVID. To add a little more joy to your day there are Stewart's free coffee or tea cards and thank you letters in your mailbox! We hope you have an amazing week and

Annual Spring Craft Fair at Elks Lodge

The Annual Spring Craft Fair returns Sunday, March 20, from 9- 2 at the Elks Lodge in Greenwich. Admission is free.

The Elks Auxiliary invites you to stop by and check out all the wonderful crafts vendors have to offer, such as hand made knitted items, quilts, goat milk soap and lotions, candy, woodwork-jewelry. The all day with many cookies, cupcakes dogs and sandwiches



ing, leather goods and kitchen will be open for snacks and Chili, Hot dogs for lunch for sale by the Auxiliary.

BPOE # 2223 Elks Auxiliary is a non-profit organization that donates all proceeds to the community. This craft fair supports donations as needed to our Elks district of Argyle, Cambridge, Greenwich, Salem and Schuylerville.

Stop on in and help support our community needs. Please contact Donna Blair for applications to be a vendor or any other information at 518-692-2347.

Hartford honorees

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

Top row (l. – r.) Kevin Benware, Evalyn Burch, Reagan Ellis, Ryland Jeffords.



Middle row (l. – r.) Maurice Kelly, Noah Morrison, Robert Ricketts, Aubree Sargent.

Bottom row (l. – r.) Harrison Surething, Colby Venner, Felicity Willette, Luke Wilson.

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Greenwich to mull residency requirements

By Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

At the March 9 Greenwich Town Council meeting, a brief discussion led to an unusual 2-1-1 vote that moved forward a public hearing, slated for 7:15 p.m. on April 13, which could change residency requirements for Highway Superintendent.

This was on the heels of last month's contentious town council meeting where a proposal to hold a referendum to potentially change the town highway position from elected to appointed didn't move forward due to lack of votes.

Much of the jockeying is because longtime superintendent Stanley Mattison had announced his immediate retirement this past fall, surprising many.

Supervisor Don Ward had seen the retirement as an opportunity to recreate the Superintendent position to oversee a different Department of Public Works, which would be led by an appointed leader answerable to the Board more directly.

Currently, longtime highway worker Ken McPhail, who has nearly three decades of experience in the field, is acting highway chief; how-

ever, he does not live in the town and would like to run for the elected position. McPhail said he lives 1.25 miles outside the town limits.

Town attorney David C. Klingebiel said that the board could extend the boundaries for eligibility for its elected highway position, without needing a referendum, and other towns in the state, including Easton, have done that.

How far those boundaries extend is a matter of debate. The attorney suggested perhaps only contiguous towns be considered, though the resolution could be expanded to include the whole county, neighboring counties, or further, as long as these boundaries are within the state of New York.

Still, he conceded, voters could hold lack of local residency against a candidate.

Councilman Jeff Duxbury voted against having the public hearing that could expand the



The Highway building

boundaries, as it reeked of politics.

"I can't support it. I'm not there. The highway department does a good job, but it's politics," he said.

McPhail said his request wasn't political. "I'm just trying to take my job to a higher level."

Ward abstained. He explained after that he is on the town's GOP committee and didn't want to vote on a measure that relates to a potential candidate.

He also had made his stance clear with last month's proposal to professionalize the highway leadership position and create a new Department of Public Works, he added. He noted that the issue with the state DOT and the culvert cost overruns (story, page 3) may not have happened with an appointed administrator on board.

Councilman Eric Whitehouse was absent from the March 9 meeting, but councilmen Steven Patrick and Patrick Donahue voted to move ahead with the April 13 hearing, and only two votes were needed for a quorum.

St. Pat's DWI crackdowns

In a combined effort to stop impaired driving, prevent injuries and save lives, the Washington County Sheriff's Office and law enforcement officers across New York State continue to be out in force during a special STOP-DWI St. Patrick's holiday crackdown.

While STOP-DWI efforts across New York have led to significant reductions in the numbers of alcohol and drug related fatalities, still too many lives are being lost because of crashes caused by drunk or impaired drivers. Highly visible, highly publicized efforts like the STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign aim to further reduce the incidence of drunk and impaired driving. Research shows that high-visibility enforcement can reduce drunk driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent. Sobriety checkpoints and roving patrols play a key part in raising awareness about the problem.

The STOP-DWI St. Patrick's Day Weekend Crackdown is one of many statewide enforcement initiatives promoted by STOP-DWI NY and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. This partnership has allowed local programs to significantly increase their enforcement and public awareness efforts. The Statewide STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign also targets Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day Weekend, Halloween and the national Holiday Season in December.

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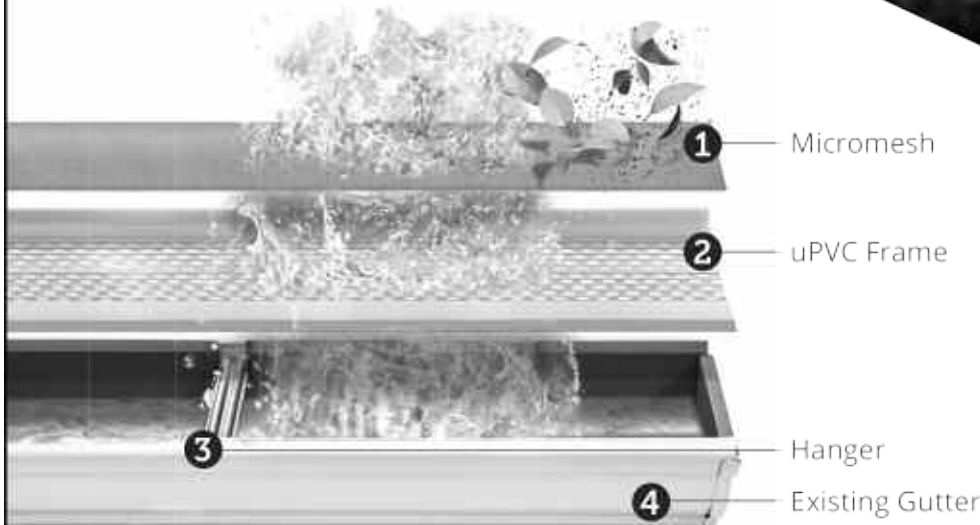
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Your diet and mood

It's common knowledge that a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, lean protein and whole grains promotes better physical health. But does your diet affect your mood? Registered Dietitian Wendy Beckman will share insights into that and other questions about nutrition and mental health during a virtual discussion on Monday, March 22. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions.

The 3 p.m. program is free and presented by Hudson Valley Community College's Cultural Affairs Program. Please visit www.hvcc.edu/culture for information on how to access and join the program.

All are welcome to hear more about the link between nutrition and mental health and what the latest research reveals (or conceals) about diet, food insecurity and mental health. For example, is it true that certain nutrients can cure depression?

Wendy Beckman, MS, RD, CDN, is a registered dietitian with the NYS Office for the Aging. She has over 14 years' experience working as



Wendy Beckman

in acute- and long-term care settings. Beckman currently oversees the state's SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education program for adults and maintains a private consulting practice in Columbia County.

Please visit www.hvcc.edu/culture to learn about the Cultural Affairs Program at Hudson Valley Community College. Contact Debby Garner at d.gardner@hvcc.edu or (518) 424-6540 for more information.

'Zombies' at ACC

SUNY Adirondack is proud to present upcoming lectures with such varied topics as zombies — yes, zombies — and teaching for digital and virtual learners.

As part of the continuing College Lecture Series, Dr. Adriana Umaña, instructor of Foreign Languages at SUNY Adirondack, will present "A Brief History of Zombies: The Forgotten Heroes of the Haitian Revolution," at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, via Zoom.

Zombies hold a prevalent place in American pop culture, but few understand the origin of the figures and their connection to the Haitian Revolution of 1791-1804. Umaña will explore the evolution of the zombie from the plantations of 17th-century Saint-Domingue through the Revolution to its 20th-century manifestations in pop culture.

Umaña teaches French and Spanish at SUNY Adirondack. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and a doctorate from Rice University.

The event is free and open to the public. To request a Zoom link, please email cls@sunyacc.edu.

Schuylerville solar winner

Troy-based community solar farm developer Eden Renewables is pleased to announce the winner of its first annual "Power of the Sun" Poster Contest for her imaginative yet straightforward piece: Alexa Rust of Schuylerville Elementary School.

Eden's 'Power of the Sun' Poster Contest is designed to challenge children to think creatively about solar energy in celebration of National Solar Appreciation on March 12th. Students were asked to use any forms of media to create an original poster depicting the importance of solar energy, how it benefits our lives today, and how it will power our future.

This annual contest, which kicked off this year, is offered to 5th Grade students throughout the Capital Region. Entries were judged by Eden's management team according to creativity, originality, artistic quality and overall messaging.

The winner is awarded a pizza party for their entire class.

Eden's "Power of the Sun" Poster Contest is a component of Eden Education, which provides students the chance to learn beyond school grounds and gain knowledge and 'hands on' and 'minds on' experiences in STEM subjects. This program, designed for K-12 and meets New York State education standards, is offered throughout the year to supplement curriculums in a variety of subjects including Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, and English.

To learn more about the program: edenrenewables.com/education.



Alexa Rust

Lasagna dinner

Old Saratoga Reformed Church, 48 Pearl Street, Schuylerville, will host a Drive-Thru Lasagna Dinner on Sat. April 10 from 4:30-6pm. The menu will feature lasagna (meat or vegetarian), tossed salad, Italian bread and dessert. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 5-10. Reservations are required by April 8th. Please call 518-695-6638 to reserve.

'Cruz-ing' into treacherous vacation waters

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

Thank you, Ted Cruz, for making it even more difficult to plan my next vacation.

By now, everyone with electricity and Wi-Fi — two luxuries still missing for thousands in the Texas senator's home state — are aware of Cruz's spontaneous decision to flee to the Ritz-Carlton in Cancun, Mexico for a family getaway, leaving behind freezing constituents, power grid failures and boil water orders.

After details of his trip became public, Cruz hastily returned, changing his story more often than a Kardashian changes shoes. One of my favorite Cruz lies was that he was planning to "work remotely" on the beach. Anybody who has taken a tropical vacation knows that plan is permanently scuttled the moment the first daiquiri arrives.

How does the world know so much about Cruz's fiesta follies? Social media, obviously, as photos of Cruz boarding a plane to Cancun began circulating faster than a frozen margarita begins to melt. But more damning evidence piled up when it was revealed Cruz's wife Heidi had invited other couples to join them, via a series of group texts. One anonymous recipient leaked the thread to The New York Times, ensuring the Cruzes will soon need to find new friends.

As I write this, my wife and I are contemplating an April getaway to a warm weather destination. Several other couples, all of whom we've traveled with before, have expressed interest. Unlike the Cruzes, we aren't looking at

uber-luxury resorts like the Ritz, preferring a single vacation home. We also haven't coined a group chat name; the Cruz chat group was titled the "Lovelines," the texts revealed.

If we did name our chat group, I'd vote for "The Procrastinators" or just a praying hands emoji, as in, "Let's pray we can actually pull this off."

But already, the texts are flying back and forth. To be clear, it's the women doing the texting; guys tend to leave the particulars of vacation planning to their wives, content to show up the day of travel with golf clubs and a bottle opener. I've been privy to a few discussions, mostly via my wife looking up from her phone and saying something like, "You're OK with Italian food, right?"

I have since asked her to remove herself from the chat group.

"How am I supposed to communicate?" she said.

"There are other ways," I said. "Phone calls, FaceTime, carrier pigeon; heck some of our travel group lives on our block. Why not just open the window and yell, 'HOW DOES EVERYBODY FEEL ABOUT BEACH CHAIR RENTAL?'"

"Why the sudden aversion to texting?"

'The plan is permanently scuttled the moment the first daiquiri arrives.'

"I just don't want the thread to end up in a major newspaper," I said.

"You think any of our friends would do that?"

"I'm not sure. You don't call somebody a 'Lovely' and expect him or her to throw you under the bus."

"This is the best way," she said, as her phone chimed. "Two of the rooms don't have their own bathrooms. How do you feel about sharing?"

I thought for a moment.

"Write that we would be honored to share a bathroom with anybody regardless of race, creed, color, gender, religious preference or sexual orientation."

"Why would I write that?"

"Hey, I'm just trying to protect us."

"I just wrote that we'd prefer our own bathroom."

"Oh, great, how's that going to look splashed all over social media? The Schwems discriminate. Can you say, 'cancel culture?'"

"No, but I can say, 'paranoid.'"

"Please just sit this one out," I said. "Let the other girls plan the trip and say we're fine with whatever they choose. As long as we pay our share, who cares?"

"That makes it sound like we don't want to go. Hey, here's an idea," she said, her voice dripping with sarcasm. "Let's just include a lawyer in the travel group. He or she can draft a document that we all have to sign, stating we will never share the group chat contents. Do we have any lawyer friends?"

"We could invite the Cruzes. He's a lawyer."

"Ewww."

Greg Schwem is a corporate stand-up comedian and author of two books: "Text Me If You're Breathing: Observations, Frustrations and Life Lessons From a Low-Tech Dad" and the recently released "The Road To Success Goes Through the Salad Bar: A Pile of BS From a Corporate Comedian," available at Amazon.com. Visit Greg on the web at www.gregschwem.com.



Centenary UMC update, fish fry

The Centenary United Methodist Church has announced: "As we continue to transition and attempt to keep everyone safe, the weekly Sunday services at 9:30 am are being streamed on FACEBOOK live. Please join us at that time or view as you are able. If you would like to be a part of our ZOOM congregation, please email centenaryumcgreenwich@gmail.com. We will be keeping people updated as to Holy Week services and events along with when we will be going back to in person services. You can also look on our website centenaryumcgreenwich.org for updates.

The group also announced:

"Fish Fry season is upon us! Centenary UMC will be offering two Fish Fries during Lent. Both will be drive thru, curbside pick up. On Friday March 12 4:30-6 p.m. and again on Friday, March 26, you can partake in our famous fried fish on a bun, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans and homemade apple pie. Price is \$12. Reservations will be taken at 518-321-8676. Thank you for your support."

Review: 'Coming 2 America'

Jazz Tangcay

Variety

Special to Journal & Press

Like the 1988 comedy, "Coming to America," its sequel 33 years later also features its share of memorable musical moments.

Director Craig Brewer, who worked with Eddie Murphy on "Dolemite Is My Name," knew how passionate people were about the original and "didn't want to mess anything up," he tells *Variety*. The director wanted to tackle such universal themes as parenthood and tradition using the film's soundtrack combined with Jermaine Stegall's score.

Brewer admits one of the first ideas he pitched was the "Gett Off" sequence. The 1991 song by Prince also happens to be one of his favorites. Says Brewer: "If we viewed the first movie as a template for what Zamundan custom is and a princess is being presented to a

prince, there has to be a dance. I thought 'Wouldn't it be fun if he did 'Gett Off' by Prince?'"

That "fun idea" evolved into a spectacular dance sequence between Lavelle Junson (Jermaine Fowler) and General Izzi's daughter, Bopoto (Teyana Taylor). Brewer explains: "There's a slight misdirect on it where people think Oha (Paul Bates) is going to sing the song, and he doesn't. Instead, Bopoto sings the hook, and Lavelle sings the rap. It's a sexy song, but done hilariously."

Randy Spendlove, president of worldwide music and publishing at Paramount, helped Brewer get all their ducks in the row to secure the song from Prince's estate before anything else — since the vocals would have had to be recorded prior to shooting. "There was a lot of back office work that had to take place in advance," he says. That meant explaining to the estate the context in which the song would be

used.

Adds Brewer: "If you don't have that song wrapped up on a contract level, it ain't happening."

In addition to Prince, the musical tapestry of the film includes cameo appearances by Gladys Knight, Salt n Pepa and En Vogue. (Sadly, a remake of the Soul Glo theme song was not in the cards.)

Brewer credits Spendlove for coming up with the idea of having En Vogue sing "Whatta King" in place of "Whatta Man?" A phone call later, the group was on board.

Similarly, Gladys Knight was game to perform "Midnight Train to Zamunda," a take on her 1973 hit "Midnight Train to Georgia." "We got wind that she might be available and we discussed what we could do with her, and that was it," says Brewer. "She sings 'Zamunda' instead of 'Georgia' and it's done with such earnestness."

Brewer and Spendlove also heard Megan Thee Stallion was interested in contributing to the film's soundtrack. But Brewer saw a better opportunity, he wanted the song in the movie.

The director went out and shot additional scenes with Kiki



Layne who plays Meeka, King Akeem's eldest daughter who is being overlooked as an heir to the throne because she's a woman. He says, "It was the perfect marriage. Bobby Sessions is singing 'I'm a King' and then Megan sings 'I'm a Queen. Megan is the coolest female rapper in the game right now who personifies what Meeka is feeling."

Spendlove worked with Def Jam records on the film's soundtrack which also includes John Legend, Tiwa Savage and Big Sean. An accompanying second album, called "Rhythms of Zamunda," also came together in honor of the Amazon Prime movie. "It's a concept record with African-based music," says Brewer. "Def Jam understood the importance of the film and the idea of coming up with two soundtracks."

New LEAP job coordinator

L.E.A.P. appointed Emily Walter to the newly-created position of Career Center Coordinator. Located in Fort Edward, L.E.A.P. is a non-profit community action agency that serves all of Washington County and has been aiding individuals and families in defining and reaching their goals economically, educationally, and more for over 50 years. Services include Head Start/Early Head Start for children 0-5 and pregnant mothers, Employment Counseling for Youth and Adults, Emergency Assistance, Transportation for Senior Citizens and Adults with Disabilities, a Community Garden, and an Emergency Food Pantry.

According to Emily, "Through my professional and volunteer experiences, I have enjoyed giving back to the community. I gain a sense of fulfillment from helping people, which is why I am so excited to have been welcomed as a new member of the L.E.A.P. Career Center Team!"

L.E.A.P. would like to encourage Washington County businesses and other employers to reach out to Emily at emily.walter@leapservices.org to speak to her about posting their job opportunities with L.E.A.P. and other local Career Centers, candidate screenings and referrals, area job fairs, on-the-job training opportunities for employees, and more.



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Custom apparel company now in Greenwich

Graphic apparel company, Roots Custom, is a family brand owned and operated in Greenwich, New York. A hobby turned into passion, Bethany Sloan makes all wearables in house, with love. A small business herself,

Roots Custom thrives on serving local businesses, and does so by creating unique, custom branding, as well as utilizing existing imagery, to turn client's custom apparel and accessory needs into reality. Blessed by an incredible surge in business, she soon found herself in high-demand.

With a loyal customer base built on the best advertising, word of mouth, she continued to grow her brand by offering handmade, everyday fashion apparel.



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To explore the website, visit [rootscustom6.square.site](https://www.rootscustom6.square.site). For weekly exclusive designs, discounts and giveaways, check out the Facebook VIP group, Roots Custom VIP.

If you have an idea you would like to bring to life, or simply want to check out Roots Custom, feel free to call her at 518-746-8172 or visit [rootscustom6.com](https://www.rootscustom6.com)

Bethany says, "Roots Custom was made By Me, For You. From my family to yours, let me help you grow your roots."



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Breaking a Greenwich record, Brophy-style

Evan Felicetti
Journal & Press

On March 3rd, history was made during a girls' varsity basketball game between Greenwich and Cambridge. During the game, Greenwich senior guard Molly Brophy officially set the all-time Greenwich varsity basketball scoring record, which had previously been 1709 points. The record-breaking shot came as an impressive layup, in which Molly drove to the basket through multiple defenders. Molly ended up with a great performance for the evening, notching a total of 17 points. The game ended with a 55-50 Cambridge victory, but was a very close game throughout, and saw offensive explosions from both teams. I had the chance to chat with Molly and head coach Jason Slater, about her impressive accomplishments, her time playing basketball at Greenwich, and what is next for her upon graduation.

Here is our interview: **'My advice is be as confident and calm as possible... It slows the game down.'**

EF: *What was going through your head once you hit the shot that broke the all-time scoring record?*

MB: Honestly, I didn't know that was the particular shot that broke the record, but I was just trying to help my team out, because we always really want to beat Cambridge. That's our goal, and I was just doing what I always do, trying to help our team.

Was there a particular moment in your basketball career where you realized, "hey, I'm getting close to this record, and could possibly break it?"

When I got on the varsity team, I always understood my potential, and knew that I could work towards breaking the record if I re-

ally put my mind to it. My work ethic was a big factor in breaking the record.

EF: *How did you feel about the members of Cambridge's varsity team being so congratulatory upon your record-breaking moment?*

MB: Overall, it was great to have the players from Cambridge there, and it meant a lot to me to see how much they cared about my accomplishment. I have played with many of them on my AAU team, so having them there as additional friends was special. Many of us have grown close over the years. Having no crowd, it was nice to have so many friends at the game.

EF: *How has the pandemic impacted your run to become #1 all-time leading scorer?*

MB: In the beginning of the pandemic, I was nervous if we were going to be able to do a season in

my senior year. However, once I found out that a season would be possible, I believed that I could break the record, as long as I put the hard work and dedication in.

EF: *I know you are a senior. What are your plans for post-graduation? Major in college? Plans to play?*

MB: For after graduation, I'm not completely sure yet of my plans, but I will definitely play basketball in college. I have not committed to a school quite yet, but continuing my playing career is very important to me. In terms of academics, I want to go into

a pre-pharmacy/chemistry program. I took a chemistry class in 11th grade, and I fell in love with the subject.

EF: *Who are some of your basketball influences?*

MB: So, for my biggest influence it would definitely be both of my parents, as they have always pushed me to be better, and they have believed in me when I did not believe in myself. They are always by my side cheering me on no matter what. My mom played Division 1 college basketball, which has always encouraged me to be better, so that one day I could be just like her. And my dad has just been my biggest fan throughout it all. They both have always just wanted what's best for me and supported me through every decision. They have been my biggest influence in basketball, but more importantly in life.

EF: *Any advice to other student athletes?*

MB: My biggest advice would be that if you are going up against a challenging team, just be as confident and calm as possible, which is hard to do. But once you get the hang of it, being confident and calm slows the game down tremendously and helps you see the openings.



Molly Brophy –dan pemrick photos

EF: *Coach Slater, what is the number one thing you will miss about Molly?*

JS: Overall, I will miss her leadership and love of the game. Seeing these things in her makes it fun for me too. It has been amazing to see all of her hard work pay off, and to see how she is always picking up her teammates, and demonstrating a fantastic work ethic.

This year, dealing with Covid has been an eye-opener. For our athletes, they never really know when it could be their last time walking on the court. With the status of sports resuming going back and forth frequently, it was certainly an emotional roller coaster for our athletes, and I truly felt for them.

The bottom line is that the girls

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all got one more opportunity to enjoy this game and play together, which is most important. To see Molly break the record, and for our team to win games while having fun, these are the most important things.

Molly is now atop an impressive list of high school athletes who have all held the Greenwich girls' varsity scoring record. Breaking the record meant that Molly surpassed previous record holder, Alexis Case. Alexis graduated back in 2015, and finished her GHS career with 1709 points. "I think it is amazing what Molly has accomplished, and [she] still has time left in her senior year to set the bar as high as she possibly can for the girls to follow her. Her opportunity for this achievement was almost taken away due to the impact of Covid over the past year, and I am so happy that things got better enough for her and all other young players to continue playing this year," noted Case.

While this shortened varsity Basketball season may be drawing to a close, it is fair to say that it will go down in history as a very memorable and unusual one for the athletes of Greenwich. We congratulate Molly on her achievements, as it is a testament to the power of hard work, and being passionate about something you love. Molly has spent six amazing

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	A wall at the high school will need updating.

years on the varsity girls' squad, after making the high school varsity team while still in 7th grade. Now being #1 in all-time scoring, Molly sits in the company of 9 other Greenwich girls' varsity players who have scored over 1000 points. Right behind Molly now are Alexis Case (1709 points), Dani DeGregory (1684 points), Becky Bearor (1658 points), and Jocelyn Moy (1400 points) to round out the all-time top five. In the days after speaking with me regarding her achievement, Molly has committed to attend college next year at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont.



Her record-breaking shot



Track is back

The Greenwich Indoor Track Club competed against Schalmont and Mohonasen on Feb. 24. Connor Smith, Will Hamilton and Kiersten Alling won individual events and the 4x200M relay team of Charlie Gartner, Bruce Gregg, Jeremy Kilburn and Connor Smith won handily. Super sophs Kiersten Alling and Keegan Collins placed 1st and 2nd in the shot put. Smith Kilburn and Gartner placed 1st, 3rd and 4th in the 55M dash. Bruce Gregg and Ryan Hawryz were 3rd and 4th in the 300M dash, while Will Hamilton won the 600M dash and was 2nd in the 1000M run.



There is cause for economic optimism

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

Economists, often referred to as “the dismal scientists,” are teetering on ebullience about the future. The upbeat assessments come with the usual abundance of caveats (“the economic path will be determined by the ability to quell the virus,” “not every sector will be back on its feet by the summer”), but the combination of accelerated vaccine distribution, trillions of dollars of emergency federal spending, warm weather, pent-up demand, and low interest rates equals a new roaring twenties for the US economy.

A recent data point that supported the optimism came in the form of the government’s January Personal Income and Spending report. The latest round of \$600 stimulus checks, along with the resumption of supplemental federal unemployment benefits, translated into a 10% month over month increase in income. With spending fairly contained, the personal savings rate shot up to 20.5%, the

highest since the spring.

“The moral of the story,” according Grant Thornton Chief Economist Diane Swonk, “is that stimulus checks are extremely quick to hit consumer wallets, which is important in getting money to those who need it most.” It also shows that the economy is still in need of assistance. Without the \$900 billion that Congress voted on in December, “the economy would be limping along,” according to economist Joel Naroff.

Just a month ago, the consensus estimate for US growth was more than 4% this year, which would be the strongest pace in two decades. With a good chunk of the Biden plan likely to pass through the budget reconciliation process, many are now looking for growth to jump by 6-7% this year, which would be the best rate since the mid 1980 s.

Naroff adds that the totality of emergency rescue and Federal Reserve asset purchases has been able to “overcome the negative impacts of the pandemic. By sometime during the summer, we should have

wiped out all of the economic decline and GDP will have returned to where it was at the end of 2019. That is impressive.”

The economy recovering lost ground does not mean all is well for everyone. Research from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York underscores that fact. Lower-wage workers (those that earn less than \$30,000 annually) and are employed as food servers, cashiers, home health aides and child care workers “have borne much more of the brunt of job losses during the pandemic than higher-wage workers.”

Meanwhile lower-middle-wage workers (\$30-\$50K/year), who have jobs like administrative assistants, hairdressers, carpenters, and truck drivers, and upper-middle-wage workers (\$50K-\$85K), who are often teachers, police officers, accountants and financial managers, have seen jobs vanish since COVID. Compare that with employment among high-wage workers (over \$85K), like software developers, engineers, lawyers and business executives, which is now slightly above where it was before the pandemic hit, because they have been able to telecommute.

The suffering for lower wage earners should be addressed with the new round of stimulus. But there is some concern that the size of the package may be more than the economy actually needs -- and as a result, we could see prices rise. In his testimony before Congress in February, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell did not seem particularly worried. While acknowledging that prices will likely rise this year, he said that if things overheat, the Fed has “the tools to deal with it.”

Naroff asks, “Which mistake would you prefer making, spending too little and having a substandard economy or spending too much and possibly creating higher than desired inflation?” In his view, the Fed can control inflation, “but as we saw during the 2010s, too little stimulus leads to growth that doesn’t make many households feel very good.”

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



Donate blood

Record-breaking cold and winter storms across much of the U.S. has forced the cancellation of hundreds of American Red Cross blood drives in about 30 states and caused more than 15,000 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. The Red Cross is urging healthy individuals, especially those with type O blood, to give now to ensure blood products are available for patient emergencies when help can’t wait. 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.

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Hudson Falls

3/22/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Kingsbury Fire Dept, 3715 Burgoyne Ave

Saratoga Springs

3/18/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Saratoga Springs City Center, 522 Broadway

3/24/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Saratoga Springs City Center, 522 Broadway

Queensbury

3/18/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Queensbury United Methodist Church, 460 Aviation Rd

3/30/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Aviation Mall, 578 Aviation Road

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.

Co-op has fresh fish

The Cambridge Food Co-op is expanding its Fresh Fish Program, and it's super excited about it! The Fresh Fish Program, a perk of being a member at the Co-op, allows members to buy fresh, sustainably-raised and caught seafood every week. And now the Co-op is teaming up with Hudson Valley Fisheries to add local, sustainable steelhead trout to the list.

Hudson Valley Fisheries, only 70 miles south of Cambridge, NY, "raises pristine steelhead trout naturally in a sustainable, biosecure, land-based, recirculating aquaculture system located in Hudson, NY. [They] convert the waste from [their] facility into fertilizer for [their] greenhouse where [they] grow hemp. [The] trout are delivered directly from [their] farm throughout New York & New England within hours of humane harvesting. [They] have become quite popular as an extremely fresh, clean-tasting, and traceable salmon alternative that is GMO and chemical-free."

Furthermore, HVF steelhead trout are listed as a Best Choice from Seafood Watch (seafoodwatch.org), the same program the Cambridge Food Co-op uses to figure out the classification of the fish on its weekly list.

The Co-op will offer fresh fillets as part of the Fresh Fish Program and in store will carry hot and cold-smoked trout options.

Everyone is welcome to shop at the Cambridge Food Co-op. The community-owned grocery store carries a wide variety of local and regional, organic and fair trade food products and produce, domestic and international cheeses, and bulk items. If you are interested in the Fresh Fish Program, ask about joining as a member! For more information on the Fresh Fish Program, membership, or shopping in the store, please visit www.cambridgefoodcoop.com or call 518-677-5731. The Co-op is located at One West Main Street, Cambridge, NY.



Teleneurology offered

Saratoga Hospital has added teleneurology services—including telestroke care—to give patients 24/7 emergency access to neurologists who have extensive experience treating strokes. The hospital also uses teleneurology for inpatient consultations. As soon as a patient with stroke symptoms enters the Emergency Department, the hospital team issues a stroke alert and, using advanced video-conferencing technology, connects with a neurologist. The teleneurology equipment is mounted on a mobile cart, allowing the remote neurologist to participate in all aspects of the neurological exam—from the CT scan to the physical exam and patient interview—before recommending a course of treatment.

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Virtual art exhibit

The work of artists Janaye Brown, Matt Frieburghaus, Megan Suttles and Mandy Cano Villalobos will be featured in "Home Alone 3: On Pause," the third virtual exhibition to be presented by The Teaching Gallery at Hudson Valley Community College as pandemic safety protocols keep the on-campus gallery closed. The exhibition will be available for viewing Feb. 9 through April 16 at www.hvcc.edu/teachinggallery.

Free, live-streamed artist talks will be presented on:

- Thursday, March 18 at 10:30 a.m. – Mandy Cano Villalobos
- Thursday, April 8 at 2:30 p.m. – Megan Suttles



"Blow" by Mandy Cano Villalobos

The video works in "Home Alone 3: On Pause" examine the passing of time during this period of ongoing isolation as the coronavirus surges across the nation.

The Teaching Gallery is supported by the Fine Arts, Theatre Arts and Digital Media Department, Cultural Affairs Program, and the college's Foundation.

Running a business while awaiting payments

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *I have a few clients that take forever to pay me. I've been sitting patiently but am tired of waiting. Is there a best approach to encourage customers to pay on time and generally behave well?*

A: Yes, you need to make sure you write out specific policies which you provide to customers before you start doing business that encourages them to pay you on time and behave well.

Sitting upset and hoping is always an ineffective business strategy. Realize your customers may have no idea you're upset. Without any financial incentive that benefits your customer to pay you on time there's no reason a customer would worry about his or her account. You have to link paying you on time to saving money for the customer.

In America the two most squirm-worthy topics are money and sex. You'd imagine that sex would make people more uncomfortable than money but both are equally emotionally difficult.

The reason is we have a culture founded on avoiding looking or feeling vulnerable or needy. When we have legitimate needs (like prompt payment) we can feel very ill at ease.

If we don't learn to lean into our discomfort about prompt payments our business won't be open for long.

The world will thus lose access to the good you could have done. No business can stay afloat if customers don't pay in a timely manner.

In my business I have a one page overview that prospective clients receive via email that outlines all my business policies. By emailing my policies to prospective clients I avoid working with people that plan to behave badly. My policies protect me and my business not my optimism about human nature.

Many of my clients that are business owners feel uncomfortable having to write out a specific policy sheet. They think that customers should automatically behave well and pay quickly or the customer should feel bad. The truth is most of your customers don't think about you. If you're willing to keep an account open for months at a time with no penalty customers will take advantage of this opportunity.

The idea of "if it is to be, it is up to me," is relevant when it comes to negotiating business policies especially those surrounding money and payment. Think carefully about each area of your business where customers act in ways you don't want and then invent policies encouraging good behavior. If a customer saves money by paying you on time you win and they win.

You can fix your current issue by emailing your new policy to all cur-

rent and former customers. The problem customers will receive your policy and want to pay you to avoid any future charges. Future problem customers once they review your policy will drift away to bother a less savvy business owner.

The idea in business is to enjoy what you do, not spend your time chasing money or managing bad customer behavior. Most of us feel disrespected, devalued and frustrated chasing money we've already earned. If you start to negotiate better by stating your expectations upfront you only work with people that will let you do well by doing good work.

The last word(s)

Q: *I had a tough last year and thought this year would be easier but not so far. Is there a way to problem*

solve when everything keeps going wrong?

A: Yes, sometimes when nothing is going right you need to take a left or change direction. Just doing the same thing will not achieve a better result.

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning. You can contact Dr. Skube at

terpersonaledge.com or 1420 NW Gilman Blvd., #2845, Issaquah, WA 98027. Sorry, no personal replies.

ACC to be mostly in-person this fall

After a year with more than 6,000 weekly COVID tests and fewer than a handful positive results, SUNY Adirondack is pleased to announce its plan to offer significantly more classes and activities in person for its Fall 2021 semester.

"Our plans are, of course, dependent upon state and county guidelines," said Dr. Kristine Duffy, Ed.D., president of the college. "We will continue to put safety and health first, but our hope is to welcome students back to campus this fall with more in-person and flexible learning options to accommodate different learners. Throughout the pandemic and the need for remote learning, we learned that some people need the flexibility of remote learning, while others thrive in person."

Beginning in the Fall semester, the college will offer approximately 60 percent of its classes in person and continue to offer other formats for students who prefer to work remotely. That's an increase from only 25 percent in the 2020-21 academic year.

Safety protocols — including wearing face coverings, undergoing regular COVID screenings, social distancing where appropriate and regular disinfecting of shared spaces — are expected to remain and will be informed by state and local health officials. SUNY Adirondack's College Access advisors are ready to assist anyone looking to start or return to college.

Contact SUNY Adirondack's College Access advisors at 518-743-2264 or admission@sunyacc.edu.

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Holy Cross update

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. Reconciliation Services will be held at Holy Cross a on Sunday, March 28 at 1:00 pm and St. Patrick's on Tuesday, March 30 at 6:00 pm. St. Joseph's in Greenwich will continue to post Sunday Mass on You Tube with Fr. Kacerquis as celebrant and Maureen Cossey as music minister. The link is www.tinyurl.com/SJG-liturgies.

Confirmation Preparation begins during the Easter season with a group interview/information session on Zoom. Individuals interested in receiving the Sacrament, please contact Mary Rosmus (maryrosmus@batenkillcatholic.org) before Easter.

A Reflection on the Lenten Scriptures will be held virtually on Zoom, from 6:30-7:30 every Monday evening during Lent. It will include the Sunday Scriptures, a reflection, and a discussion by either Mary Rosmus or Jeff Peck. Participants should pick up the readings in the 2021 hymnal available inside the backdoor of the parish house at Holy Cross or in the parish house vestibule at St Patrick's. There is no cost and to receive the Zoom link, please email jeffreypeck@batenkillcatholic.org.

The Lent CRS Rice Bowl takes aid to the three countries of Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor=Leste. Access the family friendly Stories of Hope video on the Lifelong faith Website: <https://stpatrickslifelongfaith.weebly.com/family---lent.html>.

Easton Library annual meeting

Join the Easton Library Association on Monday, March 22, at 6:30 pm for our Easton Library Annual Meeting. We will meet via Zoom as we obey the Open Meeting Law set forth by the Governor and help stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

The Zoom invitation for the Annual Meeting will be posted on our website at: easton.sals.edu.

Director Jennifer DeCarlo and Treasurer Peter Read will share their annual reports. One Trustee

will be elected for a seven-year term.

Everyone who utilizes the services of the Easton Library and has an interest in this vital resource for the Easton community is encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting.

At 7:30 PM an organizational meeting will take place for election of officers for the board of trustees. The Zoom invitation for the meeting will be posted on our website.

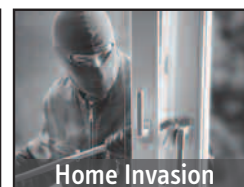
The financial report and infographics for 2020 are available in printed form at the circulation desk. Call 518-692-2253 or email the director at jdecarlo@sals.edu with questions.

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Obituary

Betty Evelyn Wilbur, 94

Betty Evelyn Wilbur, 94, passed peacefully on to her new address at her eternal home in heaven on Monday, March 8, 2021 at the Fort Hudson Nursing Home.

She was born February 22, 1927 in Greenwich, NY to the late Harold and Lillian (Teft) Snell.

Betty thoroughly enjoyed baking goodies and at one point owned and operated a mobile pie wagon. She loved to garden and became quite proficient at it. She eloped and married the love of her life Charles Wilbur on New Year's Eve 1946. Together they enjoyed raising their six children, square dancing and operating the family farm. She was devoted to her family; they meant the world to her.

Betty also loved the sound of a violin and in her seventy's started to take lessons and always said "It's never too late for something

you enjoy". She also loved her Pomeranians through the years Louie, Chipper, Olivia, and Chester.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Charles, son Daniel Wilbur; brother's Glenn, Ronald, and Rodney Snell; son-in-law John Kelly.

She is survived by her brother Ashley Snell of Greenwich; sons Larry (Judi) Wilbur of Easton, Clifford (Janice) Wilbur of South Cambridge; daughter's Marie (Al) Tollisen of Halfmoon, Elaine Kelly of Greenwich and Joan (Will) Thomas of Cambridge; daughter-in-law Pam Wilbur; 15 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Grace Snell.

Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family. Spring interment will take place in the Easton Rural Cemetery. A

memorial service for Betty will be planned at a later date.

Family and friends wishing to attend her services online may do so at 11:00 on Saturday, March 13, 2021 by going to www.zoom.us and entering Meeting ID: 840 8910 7434 then Passcode: Bettyboop.

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation to the staff at Fort Hudson Nursing Home, for their outstanding care and compassion for mom.

In lieu of flowers donation's in Betty's name may be made to the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad, 37 Gilbert St, Cambridge, NY, 12816.

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



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The Bond Resolution which is summarized below was adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Argyle on March 1, 2021. The validity of the obligations authorized by the Bond Resolution may be contested only if (i) the obligations were

authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village of Argyle is not authorized to expend money or (ii) the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or (iii) such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the State Constitution.

The specific object or purpose for which the obligations authorized by the Bond Resolution are to be issued is the acquisition, construction, and installation of improvements to the Village water system, including drilling of a new well, construc-

tion of a water treatment facility and connection of the new well to the Village's existing water mains, and further including related preliminary and incidental costs (the "Project"). The Bond Resolution authorizes a maximum estimated Project cost of \$200,000. The plan for financing the maximum estimated cost of the Project is (a) use of \$150,000 in currently available funds and (b) issuance of up to \$50,000 in serial bonds and/or bond anticipation notes of the Village. The period of probable usefulness of the Project is forty (40) years, pursuant to Subdivision 1 of paragraph (a) of Section 11 of the Local Finance Law. For the purpose of paying a portion of the cost of the Project, the Bond Resolution authorized the issuance of serial bonds and/or bond an-

ticipation notes of the Village up to a maximum amount of \$50,000, the maximum maturity of which shall not exceed the Project's 40-year period of probable usefulness and will not exceed five (5) years. A fee sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as they become due and payable will be levied on all the taxable real property of the Village annually. A full copy of the Bond Resolution will be available for public inspection during normal business hours for twenty (20) days following publication of this Summary at the offices of the Village Clerk, Municipal Building, 41 Main Street, Argyle, New York.

Joyann Stimpson,
Argyle Village Clerk

Jake Gyllenhaal has always loved the theater

Gordon Cox

Variety

Special to Journal & Press

Jake Gyllenhaal is nominated for three Tony Awards, one as an actor in the play “Sea Wall/A Life” and two as a producer (with his company Nine Stories) of “Sea Wall/A Life” and “Slave Play.” Currently in production on Michael Bay’s action thriller “Ambulance,” he talked with Variety about why he wants to make theater an even bigger part of his life and work.

Here is our interview:

GC: “Sea Wall/A Life” played on Broadway in the summer of 2019, which feels like an actual lifetime ago. What do you remember about the Broadway run?

JG: Thinking about it makes me miss Broadway so intensely. It really became an example for me of why I make art, which is the interaction with an audience, particularly a live audience. The show was two monologues but we thought of it as a dialogue with the audience, and whoever wanted to speak to us afterwards, in talkbacks or backstage or at the stage door, got to tell us their story. That exchange feels so deeply lacking in my life right now. It makes my heart ache for it. Every night we would be

bowled over and surprised by a story that someone would tell us.

GC: What did “Sea Wall/A Life” give you a chance to do that you hadn’t yet done in theater?

JG: I loved that this huge, sacred space of a Broadway stage was taken up by this small story. Up until that point I’d never done a new play -- I’d only done revivals -- so that was my first experience of helping to shape a character with a writer. I’d also never played a part that was based on something real. That held with it a responsibility.

GC: You’ve been returning to the theater every couple of years. What brings you back?

JG: One is the ability to shake people the way I’m shook by stories in the theater. I walk out and I leave different than I came in. I long for the provocation that theater can be, that a



great idea can bring. I’ve been changed and challenged by that. There’s a reflection and a discussion and a dialogue that happens in theater that you don’t get anywhere else, really.

GC: As you start to produce more theater, what are your goals?

JG: When you see something or read something extraordinary, it’s almost like a contact high. If I see something incredible like “Slave Play” that moves me and shatters the assumptions or presumptions that I have, I want to try to help in any way that I can to bring that same feeling to other people. At Nine Stories, my producing partner Riva Marker and I want to try to take stories that people wouldn’t normally see in the Broadway space and bring them there. Our intentions are to be building a real theater wing of Nine Stories. We’re building it right now. We hope to have film influence the theater section and vice versa.

GC: The 2019-2020 season brought you your first Tony nominations. How’s that feel?

JG: It may not seem like it, but I’m a theater kid and I always have been, so it’s truly an honor. And to see “Slave Play” be recognized the way it was – it was pretty wonderful to know that we were involved in something like that. It was a very cool thing in an unlikely year.

HVCC talks

Voices: A Library Lecture Series is presented each semester by Hudson Valley Community College. The lectures 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.

Education in the Time of COVID on 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.

Risk and Resilience: Overcoming the Odds on Thursday, April 8, 11 to 11:50 a.m. Teresa

Gil, Ph.D., psychotherapist, professor and author, will review resiliency and trauma theory while weaving in the stories of women she has interviewed for her book. She will examine the long-term psychological and health consequences of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and focus on the circumstances that put individuals at risk. Most importantly, Gil will discuss the elements that promote protective factors in our lives that help us to “defy the odds,” support our resilient capacities, and triumph over adversity.



The Wolff family of Auction Barn Restaurant

Rio Riera Arbogast
Journal & Press

The Auction Barn Restaurant is a family-owned and operated diner tucked away on Route 40. One of Argyle's few eateries, the establishment has a long and varied history. Its most recent iteration is led by the Wolff family, first-time restaurateurs whose success is linked to their collective learning and growth.

The Auction Barn Restaurant was originally established as Ramaru in 1959 by the Miller family as a complement to their neighboring livestock business. After weekly auction events held in the barn, buyers would stop in at the popular diner to grab a bite to eat. The Millers later sold the restaurant to Dan Wendel, who upon ownership renamed the business The Auction Barn and ran it for two decades. The Wolffs purchased the building and its surrounding property from Wendel after selling their dairy farm in Easton; a decision influenced, in part, by father Brady Wolff's desire to provide ongoing and meaningful employment opportunity for his four children. Six years have now passed since the Wolffs began their journey together as emerging restaurateurs.

The diner's menu is best characterized as classic Americana cuisine. As eldest daughter Kassidy explains, "I always say [our food] is like something you would go get at your grandma's house." Meatloaf, reubens, and club sandwiches all grace The Auction Barn menu, often dressed with sides of warm veggies. On Fridays, the restaurant offers its popular prime rib meal, quick to sell out. Before COVID-19, the diner featured a permanent menu. In response to the pandemic, however, they have adopted a rotating model instead. A select handful of dishes are introduced each day. This approach has al-

lowed The Auction Barn to strategize around important inventory considerations while also continuing to serve its customers quality meals.

Geographically, The Auction Barn is uniquely situated. Unlike many southern Washington County restaurants, the diner is located outside of village limits and surrounded by large swaths of land rather than local businesses. However, this has played to its advantage. The Auction Barn's presence as one of Argyle's few restaurants is complemented by its high visibility on Route 40. Also, the diner is close to Greenwich via its intersection with Route 29. Its proximity to these regularly trafficked roads allows the restaurant to attract customers from both Argyle and neighboring towns. As Kassidy shares, "There's not a lot in Argyle so it's nice to have a place where... everybody knows everybody. When you come in here... somebody who you know's daughter is waitressing, my mom is cooking, you see five people you went to high school with." Relationship building at The Auction Barn mirrors the

warmth of extended family. "Our older customers are like my second set of parents," she laughs. "They all know what I'm doing... we also love our employees."

One of the most significant challenges the Wolffs have faced thus far has been navigating COVID-19, particularly as emerging restaurant owners. The family has leaned strongly into their muscle of "learning by doing" to adapt. Continuously evolving health requirements have



'For us, success is seeing people happy.'

necessitated extra flexibility on the part of both staff and patrons. "We're glad that people can trust us," Kassidy says, "because we do everything in our power to keep everything up to standard." Although the restaurant has noted an ebb in dining numbers in response to the pandemic, regulars and new patrons continue to eat in house. The restaurant has also seen demand for take-out orders double over the past year.

Regarding what success means for her family, Kassidy reflects "for us it is seeing people happy. We never were hoping to be millionaires... it's not ultimately the money, it's more the community feeling." This attitude is reflected in the diner's commitment to offering financial aid to local institutions and residents. The Auction Barn often places a donation jar on its front counter and guests are invited to round up their bill to contribute. "If there are people in need, we want them to come tell us," she adds. "People are pretty comfortable

with doing that, which I love."

Themes of mutual support also extend into regional rural restaurateur culture. As Kassidy illustrates, "You know each other... Lynn [of Lynn's Country Cafe] catered my graduation party. We all run different hours, different menus, different locations... I don't know [how] it would be if there were fifteen restaurants in Argyle. I guess the easiest way to put it is we do want to see each other succeed. We want to see as much money put back in the community as possible." The Wolff's heartfelt investment in local connection is palpable as Kassidy concludes, "The diner has been a learning experience... we do just want to say thank you to everyone for sticking with us, we really appreciate our customers at the end of the day."

The Auction Barn is located at 4016 State Route 40 in Argyle, NY.

Rio Riera Arbogast is a freelance writer focused on how creative entrepreneurship impacts the Capital Region's cultural landscape. You can follow them on Twitter at @rioriar.



President Arthur's Greenwich connection

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

Chester Alan Arthur (October 5, 1829 – November 18, 1886) was an American attorney and politician who served as the 21st president of the United States from 1881 to 1885. Previously the 20th vice president, he succeeded to the presidency upon the death of President James A. Garfield in September 1881, two months after Garfield was shot by an assassin.

The story of Chester Arthur's time in Greenwich is inextricably connected to his father, William, and his father's occupation. His father was born in Ireland and earned a college degree in Belfast. He sailed to Canada and then settled in Vermont and married. His intention was to work as a teacher while he studied law in the office of a promising attorney.

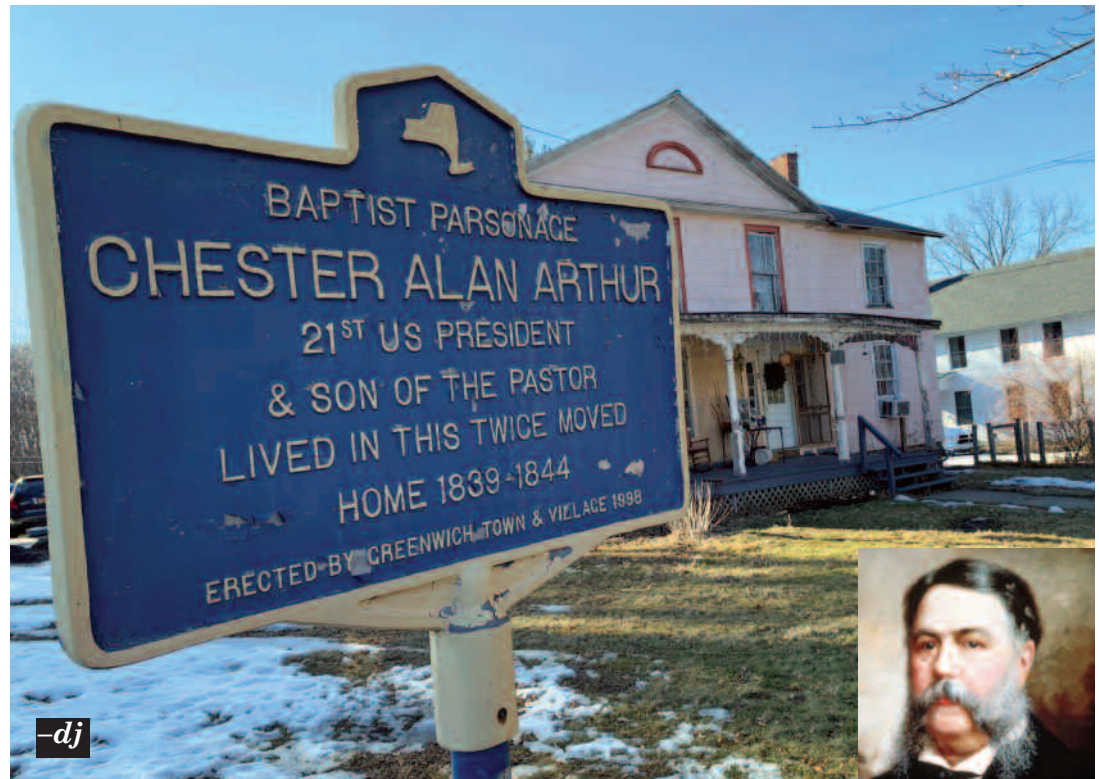
Living in Burlington, Vermont, the life of an aspiring lawyer abruptly changed course. New England was in the throes of the Second Great Awakening. In the 1790's, New England pastors feared the French Revolution would spread godlessness to America's shores. Many of these pastors embarked on a campaign of vigorous preaching to

strengthen Americans' spirituality.

It was a revival meeting in Burlington that ignited the religious fire in William. Convinced he had been "called," William left behind the law and his Anglican upbringing to become a Free Baptist preacher. He was ordained in Waterville, Vermont in 1828. A short time later, William accepted an offer to lead a congregation in Fairfield, Vermont.

Chester was born in Fairfield in 1829. William's dedication to the abolitionist cause did not endear him to church deacons, trustees, or parishioners. After just two years, he was no longer welcomed by the congregation. Fortunately, he was able to find another Baptist congregation but the same thing happened.

This led William to join the steady flow of migrants to Upstate New York. He moved his family to western New York where he once again encountered problems due to his abolitionist beliefs. In the autumn of 1839, the Arthurs moved yet again, this time to Union Village



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(now known as Greenwich). The home they moved into was the Baptist Church parsonage.

Chester was nine years old. Up to that point, he had received his schooling at home from his father. In Union Village, Chester enrolled in the Lyceum of Union Village in 1839. In 1845 he enrolled in Schenectady's Union College where he studied a classical curriculum. As a senior, he was president of the debate society and elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the highest academic honor.

After college he taught school for a while in Cohoes, New York.

The Baptist parsonage where the future president lived was located across the street from the current Baptist church where a park is now located. The house was moved to an area where the Greenwich Middle School building is now located. Around 1905, the house was moved again to a location across Woodlawn Avenue so the Middle School could be built. It is privately owned. A New York State Historical marker stands in front of the house today.



Free tax help

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a national program sponsored by the IRS to provide free tax preparation for qualified residents. Locally, Tri-County United Way, in partnership with Cornell Cooperation Extension — Washington County and the Moreau Community Center have created a network of VITA volunteers who serve residents of Warren, Washington, and Northern Saratoga counties.

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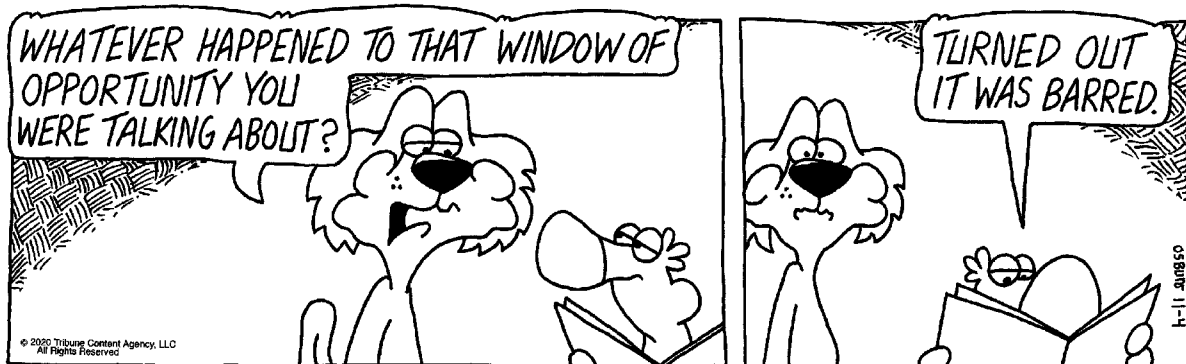
To learn more about the VITA Free Tax Preparation, call 1-800-211-5128 to make your tax appointment. Tax appointment operators will be available Monday – Fridays, 9am – 4pm until early April, 2021.

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



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Obituary

Jean Mealey Slavin, 98

Jean Mealey Slavin, 98, of Resthave Home in Morrison, IL, died Thursday, February 25, 2021 at CGH Medical Center in Sterling, IL.

Due to the pandemic, there will be no visitation or funeral service. The family hopes to have a celebration of Jean's life at a later date. Interment will be in Grove Hill Cemetery in Morrison. The Morrison Chapel of the Bosma-Renkes Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers or a memorial, the family requests that donations in her memory be made to either the Morrison Schools Foundation or the American Red Cross.

Jean was born and raised in Greenwich, NY, the only child of Clarence (Chip) and Ione (Wilson) Mealey. She was educated at Wheelock College in Boston, MA and also at Columbia University, New York City, NY. She first taught for four years in Schenectady, NY where she met the love of her life, James E. Slavin. They married February 4, 1950. Jim preceded her in death on June 9, 2001. She spent 71 years in Morrison where she and her husband moved as he helped start up the then fledging G.E. plant. Jean taught kindergarten at Union Grove School for 15 years. She was involved in Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, the Morrison Hospital Auxiliary and the

Morrison Women's Club. She also served for many years as the Red Cross Blood-mobile coordinator and was a volunteer for Resthave Home. Her passions included socializing (parties!), ballroom dancing (which she taught), golf, tennis, traveling and even college basketball and football – especially Notre Dame.

She is survived by son Judge Tim Slavin and his wife, Ann, and their immediate family- Molly Slavin, her husband, John Larsen, and their son, Jack, all of Atlanta, GA and Maggie Slavin of NYC; daughter, Penny Carney, and her husband, Bill, of Denver, NC and their daughter, Kelly Carney, of Moline.

Jean was always grateful for her wonderful fulfilling life and the care she received at Resthave Home for the last four years of her life

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Cambridge Crossword

(solution page 24)

Across

- 1 June event that highlighted Zion in 2019
 5 Revolt
 9 Questlove's do
 12 “__ is human ...”
 14 Asian gambling mecca
 15 Pasture
 16 Greek goddesses of the seasons
 17 Anglicized name for Australia's Uluru
 19 Game response that means no
 21 Like mockumentaries
 22 Sailboat staff
 23 Sell
 25 Disquiet
 26 Messy roommate
 27 Oscar winner Kazan
 28 Valentine's Day buys
 29 Parts
 31 Seeing right through
 33 “Shame!”
 34 Wannabe
 36 Result of a lost

Down

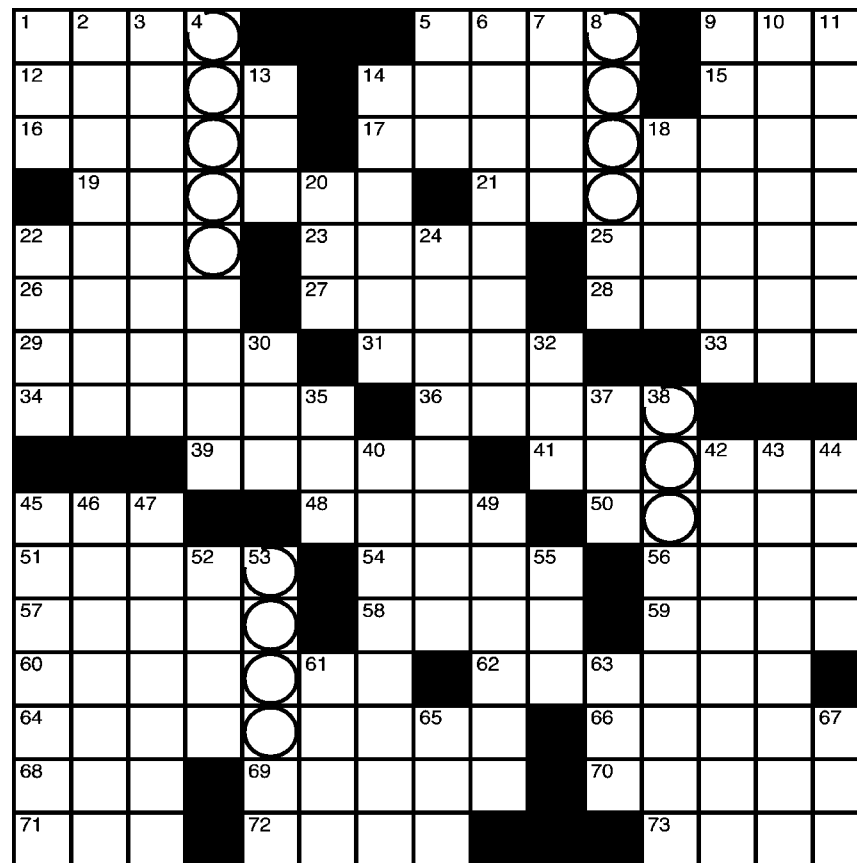
- feed
 39 Free from
 41 Get ready to play
 45 Tests graded on a scale of 1 to 5: Abbr.
 48 “Oh __!”: insult reaction
 50 Maine college town
 51 Deep-fried seafood appetizer
 54 Thin opening
 56 Winnipeg NHLers
 57 End of a toast
 58 This is one
 59 Texter's “But ...”
 60 To such an extent (as)
 62 Thin
 64 Connecticut college town
 66 “My name is ...” site
 68 LAX abbr.
 69 Brainstorms
 70 Disney's “Moana” was translated into it
 71 __ gratias
 72 Second opening?
 73 Flanders et al.

Down

- 1 Utmost degree
 2 “Electric __”: 1984 dance-pop song
 3 Sprays from cans
 4 It's on tap
 5 __ trip
 6 Salchow support
 7 “Waitress” composer Bareilles
 8 “The Planets” composer Holst
 9 User of 28-Across
 10 Speaks from memory
 11 Winery fixture
 13 Outdoorsy retailer
 14 Island thanks
 18 Baltic capital
 20 “__ Walks in Beauty”: Byron poem
 22 Car ad fig.
 24 Jackpot, e.g., and a hint to completing four puzzle answers
 30 __ generis
 32 Western treaty
 35 Hwys.

- 37 Daft Punk, for one
 38 Shoe brand first made for an NBA star
 40 Happening in film
 42 In close combat
 43 Hard to work with
 44 Sumptuous
 45 Allergy medicine discontinued in the U.S.
 46 Rotate inward while walking, as one's foot
 47 Gets married
 49 Money symbolized by a stylized L
 52 Crude dude
 53 Northern seabird
 55 Afternoon __
 61 John/Rice musical
 63 Edge
 65 Southeast Asian language
 67 PFCs, e.g.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



Word Find

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

Find these words that are associated with being in study hall.

Assignment Books

Coffee Cram Desk Finals Internet Lamp Laptops

Learn Magazine Newspaper Novel Quiet Reading Reports

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Find Mr. D'Agostino's puzzle books on Amazon.com.

9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



“Let me guess, Sims ... You won the lottery!”

Fast Facts

How long did you think it would last?

How long do you think the level of disruption occurring to travel, school, work and public events in the U.S. will continue?

	% A few more weeks	% A few more months	% Through the first half of 2021	% Longer than that
Feb. 14-21, 2021	2	8	38	52
Jan. 25-31, 2021	2	8	37	53
Dec. 15, 2020-Jan. 3, 2021	2	11	55	33
Nov. 16-29, 2020	2	11	56	31
Oct. 19-Nov. 1, 2020	9	13	51	28
Sept. 14-27, 2020	5	23	46	26

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Mediocre meteorologists

Cody Fitzgerald
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Chances are, if you're reading this, you live in the great Upstate New York. Apart from having to say "no, I don't live in the city" every time you meet someone, an overwhelming number of Trump flags still hanging up and our only notable quality being that we have some big rocks in the Adirondacks, Upstaters are also probably getting a little sick of the weatherpeople. Speaking as someone who sits on his bed and gets high off himself as he compares Ted Cruz to the Pillsbury Doughboy, I am well aware that I am in no position to mock any meteorologist who devotes a significant portion of their life studying earth science and weather patterns to try and keep us all well equipped and prepared for whatever the world may throw at us. That being said, I went for a "Cody Run" recently, in which I jog for 32 seconds and walk the rest, and while I did I looked up at the clouds and thought "huh, I could do this." You know where we go from here.

March 20 - 51° and Sunny, not enough to make you comfortably warm but enough to cause floods with the melted snow

March 21 - Our yearly late term surprise blizzard. Ted Cruz will criticize our state government for not doing enough to help victims of the storm

March 22 - Recovery from blizzard, 37° and windy. I wear green pants today and can't understand where my legs went when they're green screened out of the frame

March 23 - Brief overview of the weather, cut

short because some stupid 4th grader got brought onto the news to show off his kazoo skills

March 24- I find my legs

March 25 - Tell people that the air quality has dropped to toxic levels and that they need to wear a mask, and watch them still try and deny it

March 26 - We all learn how to spell Bob Kovachick

March 27 - No weather today.

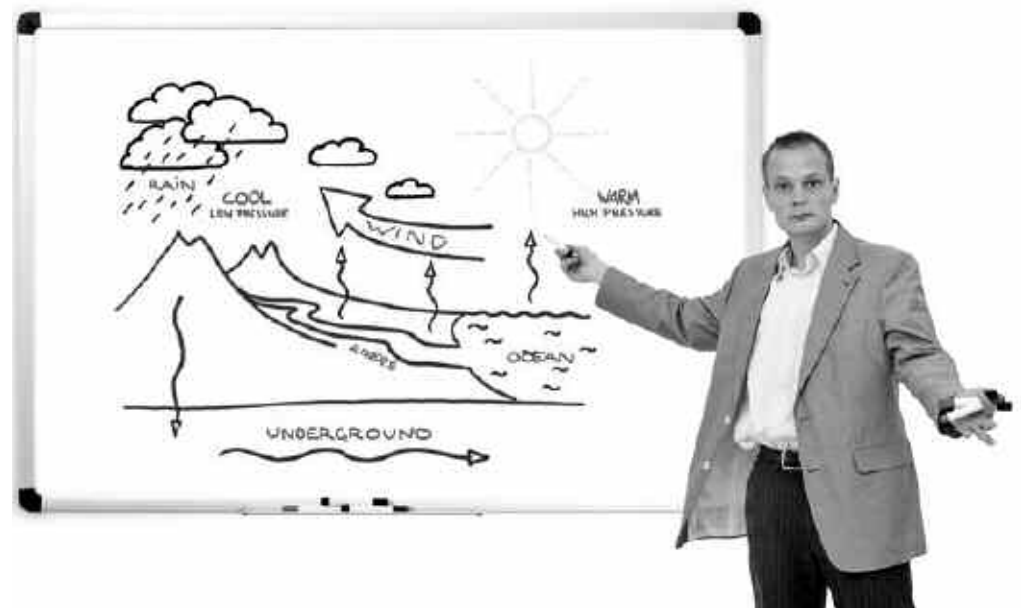
March 28 - When it's over, so they say. It'll rain a sunny day. I know, shining down like water. I wanna know, have you ever seen the rain?

March 29 - Facebook contest – anyone who likes and shares the local news' Facebook profile gets put in a drawing to have the next hurricane named after them

March 30 - 3 hour analysis on if opening an umbrella indoors is indeed bad luck

March 31 - Yes, there's 31 days in March

April 1 - Incite panic over a Category 5 hurricane, and then let everyone know it was an April Fool's joke



'We take a break to celebrate a year since COVID was supposed to be over.'

April 2 - We take a break from the weather to celebrate a year since COVID was supposed to be over

April 3 - 3 straight white male high school dropouts argue climate change is not real and believe Al Gore was the main character from "The Sopranos"

April 4 - Report everything in Celsius but don't tell anyone that we switched

April 5 - 81° and perfect, but you have to cancel your plans because you still haven't done your taxes

In retrospect, I have a newfound respect for meteorologists.

Cody Fitzgerald is a current high school senior satirizing anything and everything he can get his hands on. Aspiring to become "one of the cool" High School English teachers, he hopes to share this outlook/coping mechanism with future generations.



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P ₃	A ₁	G ₂	E ₁	A ₁	N ₁	T ₁	RACK 4 =	60
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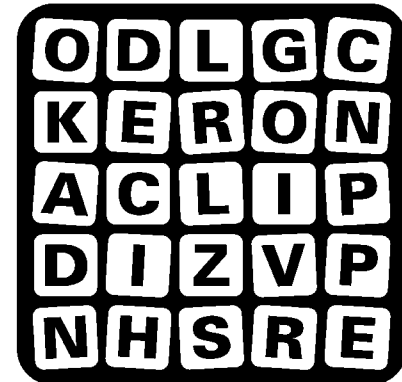
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Answers

Boggle: IRON ZINC LEAD GOLD COPPER NICKEL SILVER

Jumble: SVALID CREPT SURELY BICEPS

Final Jumble: BYPASS IT

Seriously, is this the best issue we have?

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

I guess it sounded nice to someone when some frothing radio talk show host started whining about “cancel culture.” So when the folks at the Conservative Political Action Committee (CPAC) decided to market their recent convention “UnCancelled” – maybe they could have been even cutesier with their marketing and called it “Kancel Kulture.”

I don’t consider this a knock on my Party, because I don’t think of CPAC as the Republican Party. It’s a part of the party, yes. But let’s just say there wasn’t a moderate to be seen at CPAC, which is fine with me. The election is over. Rather than looking backward, it’s time to look forward. And yes, perhaps I will come off as cynical here, because dwelling on this sort of thing really does distract from important issues like trying to end a pandemic and getting Wall Street success to translate to Main Street success. The road forward CPAC offered would only send us spinning backwards.

THE HYPOCRISY

The problem – if we’re to call it that – is that there is “Kancel Kulture” on both sides, and the hypocrisy of trying to make it an issue to plant the Republican Party’s flag in is kind of embarrassing. To start with, we just voted the most “Kancelling” President ever out of office. Under his “Konservative Kancel Kulture” he tried to Kancel “Saturday Night Live,” the NFL, Goodyear, the NBA, Twitter, Macy’s, Harley Davidson, and yes, even Oreos. All of this was done based solely on political grievance – and the problem I find in this was that he did it all as President. Imagine that, a President picking winners and losers in the economy. That is actually how certain types of socialist countries work, ones with a central government directed economy. And ask the folks in Venezuela – they’ll tell you it doesn’t work very well.

THE IRONY

Lately, the ones complaining about Kancel Kulture are whining about “Dr. Seuss” being Kancelled. They must not be all that familiar

with Dr. Seuss, whose real name was Theodor Geisel. Mr. Geisel was one of the most outspoken opponents of the “America First” movement in the 1930s and early 1940s.

Quick history lesson. “America First” was a fascistic political movement which favored isolationism as war clouds gathered over Europe and the Far East. They felt that we should get along with Adolf Hitler and the other Axis powers. They were angered when President Franklin Roosevelt sold arms to the British. They were supported in the media by a right-wing radio host, Father Charles Coughlin, a noted anti-Semite who also supported policies of both the Nazis and the Imperial Japanese. The “America First Committee” had a number of prominent spokespeople, but none more so than aviator Charles Lindbergh. In the mid-1930s, Lindbergh made a tour of German airbases – the Germans would move aircraft around prior to Lindbergh’s arrival at a particular base so it looked like every base he visited was full of aircraft. He came back to the US, having also received a Nazi decoration from Hermann Goring, and reported to the US Army about the tremendous amount of aircraft the

‘If something is no longer fashionable, and the public turns away from it, advertisers will not support it.’

Germans had, and that they were essentially unbeatable. In 1940, Roosevelt wrote, “If I should die tomorrow, I want you to know this, I am absolutely convinced that Lindbergh is a Nazi.”

Theodore Geisel pounded the America Firsters and Lindbergh in his editorial cartoons. One depicted a matronly woman reading to two young children from a book labeled “Adolf the Wolf.” The two young children look terrified, as the reader, wearing a turtleneck labeled “America First” reads aloud, “... and the Wolf chewed up the children and spit out their bones... But those were Foreign Children and it really didn’t matter.” Another cartoon showed a whale on top of a mountain, along with a short poem called “The Isolationist”:

Said a whale, “There is so much commotion,
Such fights among fish in the ocean,

I’m saving my scalp

Living high on an Alp...

(Dear Lindy! He gave me the notion!)”

This is why red flags went up in my head the minute my party embraced the term “America First.” In my eyes it was never a term to be rehabilitated, rather it represents a shameful period in our history. And then to hear complaints about Dr. Seuss being Kancelled? If he were alive, based on his writings and drawings, I have every reason to believe he would be trying to Kancel them.

THE PERSPECTIVE

Rather than Komplaining about Kancel Kulture, perhaps there is another way to looking at it – its Kapitalism. If you’re complaining about something being Kancelled, look to its customers and advertisers. In the end, in our free market system, everything is profit based. If something is no longer fashionable, and the public turns away from it, advertisers will not support it. And it will be Kancelled. Who is that a lick on? That is how the market works.

Capitalism is always capitalism, not only when it is politically convenient. Go ahead, show me something that survives when the profit goes away. The US Postal Service? Yes, I suppose you’ve got me there – but that’s also a public-private partnership, part of America’s own unique brand of socialism.

The larger point is that Kancel Kulture is a cute lightning rod, but it is not a “thing.” Both sides do it, and it is also part and parcel of our economic system. Friends, it’s a distraction of scant consequence - we have much bigger fish to fry. Those who waste time with it are trying to distract from important issues for which they have no plan. It is political empty calories. Next slide, please.

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