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New Greyhound stop impacting CCPT buses

Challenging for county buses to pick up and drop off, legislator says

BY CARLY NEWTON
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PLATTSBURGH — Local officials say Greyhound's new location in the City of Plattsburgh's downtown is having an effect on Clinton County Public Transit passenger safety.

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Previously, for several years, Greyhound operated out of the Mountain Mart on Route 9 near Cumberland Head Corners in the Town of Plattsburgh, which became known as a gathering spot for migrants who illegally crossed the northern border and would then catch a bus to other locations such as New York City.

HIGHER TRAFFIC AREA

In comparison, the new Government Center location is much smaller and the higher level of traffic now in the area has caused issues.

"The large commercial buses take up a majority of the space, and make it challenging for (county) buses to safely and quickly load/unload passengers," Clinton County Legislator Joshua Kretser (D-Area 9, City of Plattsburgh), who is chair of the County Legislature's Transportation Committee, said.

"Luckily this isn't a problem on every run, but now we're seeing a huge increase in taxis and other transportation providers using the public transit stop to wait for the Greyhound and Flix buses. The impact on safety and space is particularly impactful as this stop is the main hub for CCPT and people are often looking to transfer between routes at this location."

'UNSUSTAINABLE' SITUATION

Kretser said they are doing their best to ensure the lack of space for the CCPT buses, which utilize six spots there, doesn't negatively impact the commutes of any riders in the county.

"At the moment we are focusing on communication between drivers and dispatch to be sure that none of our riders are missing their transfers," Kretser said.

"CCPT will have to present some alternatives if the city is not going to address this issue by either offering Greyhound an alternate location or eliminating more parking on that side of Cornelia. This current situation is unsustainable and with the approaching cold weather we are considering changes that may need to be made."

City of Plattsburgh Mayor Chris Rosenquest previously told the Press-Republican that Greyhound had approached him about finding a site for a bus transfer station within the city and even offered to pay $1,000 a month.

Rosenquest had said there is nothing in the city's codes that would prevent Greyhound from

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'THE SYSTEM IS STRESSED'

Migrants crossing border causing strain on No.Co. emergency services

BY MARIA DAVIS
Press-Republican



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In this surveillance image provided by the United States Border Patrol Swanton sector, two individuals illegally cross the US/Canada border in January 2023 at the Vermont, New Hampshire and New York enforcement sector. Federal authorities have added 25 border patrol agents at a section of the northeastern U.S. border with Quebec in response to a spike in illegal crossings. The team started on Monday, March 6, 2023.

CHAMPLAIN — As the number of migrants entering Clinton County from Canada continues to increase, so do the number of calls to the county's 911 Emergency Services Department, potentially clogging up the system.

"In Clinton County, at our 911 center, (we) have had a big increase in the number of 911 calls related to individuals crossing into our country," Eric Day, the county's Emergency Services director, said.

Day admits that in the past four years, the county's Emergency Services has received a "low volume" of calls pertaining to people coming over the border that required emergency support because they were lost in the woods, trapped in the snow or stranded in a swamp.

'THE SYSTEM IS STRESSED'

But that has changed.

"In the last three months, the call volume has increased significantly and the nature of the call is a little different," Day said.

Throughout the summer, several migrants have called 911 once they enter the county because they want to contact the U.S. Border Patrol to expedite their processing and documentation.

Day said it has been a challenge to help these individuals because many of them do not speak English and they call 911 repeatedly for Border Patrol. Border Patrol's staff has struggled to assist the increasing number of migrants.

"Our dispatchers are on the phone, every night and every day now with these folks," Day said.

Day said that in recent weeks, his emergency services department has received 15 to 25 calls a night to 911 from migrants requesting to be picked up by Border Patrol.

The increase in calls have not caused any issues with local emergency calls being delayed yet, but Day said it certainly could become a problem.

"You can only answer so many calls at once," Day said.

"Our dispatchers are very well trained and very good at triaging calls because they do it every day, and a lot of these calls from migrants are not emergencies and they can be put on hold when an emergency call comes in."

Day said that many calls to 911 are from migrants who are lost in Champlain, Mooers or the Town of Clinton and to help them, takes a lot of resources.

"It puts a strain on all our systems and if it gets worse, the strain will get worse and there could be a breaking point," he said.

"The system is stressed for sure."

"NOTABLE INCREASE"

Clinton County Sheriff David Favro says he has seen a "notable increase" of migrants entering the county during the warmer months. Favro estimates that his department has apprehended approximately 600 migrants each week, and believes that this number only reflects a portion of how many are entering New York each week.

"There are many more (migrants) that get through (the border) that are not apprehended that we really don't know an accurate number, so clearly it is 600-plus," Favro said.

Favro explained that he, along with other local law enforcement officers, have been able to help migrants with funding from federal grant programs such as Operation Stonegarden.

While the program helps to support local law enforcement officers who have to stay overtime to assist with matters concerning the border as well as purchasing necessary equipment, Favro said that the migrant crisis is still a concern in the community.

Services regarding the Department of Motor Vehicles and legal matters involving Family Court and County Court within the state have also become strained as the rising

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Mayoral candidates slam Greyhound location

BY CARLY NEWTON
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PLATTSBURGH — The new Plattsburgh Greyhound Bus terminal location has not received a warm welcome from the two candidates running for City of Plattsburgh mayor.

Over the past few weeks, to the dismay of mayoral hopefuls Wendell Hughes, a Democrat, and Don Kasprzak, a Republican, the bus company has been operating on Cornelia Street outside of the Clinton County Government Center in the city.

Greyhound had previously been operating out of the Mountain Mart on Route 9 near Cumberland Head Corners in the Town of Plattsburgh.

Hughes, currently the Clinton County Legislator for Area 8 that covers parts of the City and Town of Plattsburgh, raised safety concerns about Greyhound operating on such narrow roadways like it is there.

"I was driving down there yesterday morning, and that bus stuck out," Hughes said last week. "When he opens the doors, he's in the road, he's almost halfway across the road."

"It's affecting our Clinton County (Public) Transport, too ... and the bus system is going to do a new college transport this year, too."

'IT'S APPALLING'

Kasprzak did not mince words when discussing the safety issues that have arisen from this situaion as well, saying he would not have allowed this situation to exist if he were mayor.

"I think it's appalling, and it should stop immediately, and Greyhound should find a place where they will pay for a full-service location to take care of passengers on their buses," he said.

Kasprzak said exiting the bus in an unofficial terminal like this is unsafe to passengers.

"When weather turns cold and winter arrives this option is absolutely unacceptable. The county received federal

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number of migrants seek these government services, according to Favro.

"We're finding quite a few of them, and we've assisted some with getting rides and making phone calls, quite a few of them are going to New Jersey, New York City area, and that seems to be a big focal point, many of them don't know where they are going," Favro said.

FEDERAL SOLUTION

Due to the consistent nature of the border situation, Favro, who has testified before Congress about the border issue, hopes that the federal government will find a solution.

"I think there needs to be a plan, right from the top, the federal government needs to say 'okay, we've opened our borders, we're allowing x number of people in, then we're going to make sure they have jobs and they have places to stay.' . . . there needs to be some type of structure," Favro said.

Clinton County Legislature Chairman Mark Henry (R-Area 3, Chazy) a former Border Patrol officer, believes that the federal government needs to adjust its policies regarding the border because what is in place is not working, and county resources are being strained.

Henry said that illegal migrants that are breaking the law when crossing the border should have "consequences," for their actions.

"Clinton County and the Legislature has been involved in the border crisis since the day it started, so over the last couple, three years, we have done many things to try and mitigate the border crisis,' he said.

"This is a federal problem, that was created by the federal government and needs to be solved by the federal government."

— Editor in Chief Joe LoTemplio contributed to this report



P-R FILE PHOTO

Clinton County Sheriff David Favro says he has seen a "notable increase" of migrants entering the county during the warmer months

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funds to construct a bus terminal at the airport so this is a sensible location. The college has a location in front of the Student Center that would easily accommodate this situation. Both are much safer for the passengers to disembark which would include the college students using the service," he shared on his campaign Facebook page.

"The council should have stood up for the City of Plattsburgh residents, business owners and taxpayers, and forced the Greyhound bus company to stop immediately from dropping off people in the middle of downtown, which is inhumane and unsafe and they should be told and directed to cease and desist immediately. There's no gray area here. They're mistreating people, and it's a completely unsafe situation for everyone involved, and it's a disgrace that they have been allowed to do this. The council should have stood up and stopped it."

'WE HAVE TO GET TOGETHER'

When Greyhound operated out of Mountain Mart, the location became known as a gathering spot for migrants who illegally crossed the northern border and would then catch a bus to other locations such as New York City.

Hughes said there have been several incidents that have occurred in the short time Greyhound has been picking up passengers at that location, including a couple arrests and disputes over cab fares.

"This has got to be put in a safer place. No matter where it goes, stuff like that can happen, let's be honest ... (but) they've got to move that," Hughes said about the location.

"Collaboratively, we have to get together."

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using a city street as a transfer site, but he was researching the matter further.

After that discussion, Greyhound opted for the Government Center site.

'FIND ANOTHER PLACE'

Clinton County Legislator Mark Henry (R-Area 3, Chazy) said the decision to bring Greyhound to that site needs to be rectified by the city soon.

"I would ask them to find another place for that bus to park," Henry said.

"The mayor made a decision to allow that bus to be there. I think he needs to find a much better place than right there."

He said he is unaware of any talks between the city and Greyhound on potentially moving.

However, he'd like to see them relocated sooner rather than later.

"What are you going to do in February?" Henry said, referring to the cold weather the North Country will likely be experiencing and the lack of weather protection that site offers.

"I don't believe anybody gave it any thought. This was kind of all done over the weekend ... and there it is. So I don't believe any thought was given to that at all. The other issue is Greyhound doesn't want to pay for anything with their business model. They basically want just a place where they can pull up and let people off. They don't want terminals. They don't want any of that stuff. They just want to pick up people, drop people off and drive off."

'SKY IS FALLING'

At the Common Council's last meeting July 18, Rosenquest reiterated his support for Greyhound potentially negotiating a move to the multi-modal transportation site on the campus of Plattsburgh International Airport.

Beyond that, the mayor told the council the city can't tell Greyhound not to operate at the Cornelia Street location.

"In the multiple conversations I've had with county officials, there is unfortunately a lot of doom and gloom, sky is falling, people's hair is on fire and you think ... the world's falling apart because they're using that location," he said.

"From the city's perspective, there is no law. We can't go out there saying 'don't do that.' There's no premise for us to tell them 'don't do that' ... that's the long and short of it."

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City hopes to receive state funding for Broad Street project

BY CARLY NEWTON
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PLATTSBURGH — The City of Plattsburgh is applying for a $396,600 state grant to help restripe Broad Street for the purpose of adding bicycle lanes and better crossing infrastructure.

In order to accommodate the new biking infrastructure proposed in the new restriping plan, which is being called the Broad Street Road Diet Project, some areas will see an elimination of on-street parking and a reduction in the number of vehicle lanes on the northern side.

The total expected cost of the project is $495,750.

If awarded the grant, which is being requested through the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program and has a July 31 deadline to apply, the city will have to put up $99,150 out of the general fund to pay for the rest.



BEN ROWE/STAFF PHOTO

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PROJECT DETAILS

According to the contract drawings for the Broad Street traffic study and roadway improvements, the proposed project would add bike lanes on Broad Street from the Oak Street intersection past the Rugar Street intersection and up to the Beekman Street intersection.

City senior planner Elisha Bartlett said during the Common Council's last work session meeting that lane widths will be reduced to allow for the addition of bike lanes on either side "where possible."

Additionally, the plans show an elimination of parking on the northern side of Broad Street from the corner of North Catherine Street to at least where Lorrie Mandigo Art Studio & Gallery is located. Other businesses along that stretch include Wilson's Appliance Scratch and Dent Store; and Karen's Cuts.

"(That is) to allow the bike lanes and travel lanes to coexist," Bartlett said.

"The intent is to keep the same traffic pattern throughout so we don't have to get into changing signals or make it an astronomically expensive project."

Councilor Jacob Avery (D-Ward 2) asked if the parking changes would affect property owners in that area who may only have on-street parking.

Bartlett said they looked at the parking along Broad Street and determined all but one parcel has off-street parking.

She said they also went door-to-door on the eastern end of Broad Street, where many businesses are, to see what demands they might have in regard to the project. Brown Funeral Home was among those "most concerned" about on-street parking being reduced.

"The initial proposal was to take away parking on the north side across from the funeral home, but we revisited it and decided that it was best to keep it there and we can keep it there while still having bike lanes on the side."

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mayor Chris Rosenquest said the city has worked closely with a number of community stakeholders on the project, including the Plattsburgh City School District, SUNY Plattsburgh president's office, SUNY Plattsburgh University Police, the Climate Smart Task Force and Clinton County Health Department.

"We've gone back and forth with stakeholders to confirm that our thinking is shared with them and it's not an interruption but rather an enhancement to the overall livability and accessibility of our roadways," Rosenquest said.

"These are folks who have been aware of this project and will be submitting letters of support along with this application."

The impact on Stafford Middle School was a major factor in the project plans.

In an email exchange with Councilor Elizabeth Gibbs (D-Ward 3), Rosenquest said a number of scenarios were discussed for the section in front of the middle school and what impact each may have.

"What we ultimately settled on was retaining the two eastbound travel lanes and reducing the westbound travel lane from two lanes to one," Rosenquest wrote last week.

"We're scheduled to meet with him (Plattsburgh City School District Superintendent Jay Lebrun) again next week to further discuss the changes and foreseeable impact on the school pick-up/drop-off situation. We don't foresee a major impact to this considering there are no changes to the eastbound travel lanes feeding the school."

Following their meeting, Lebrun said the plans should not disrupt pick up and drop off areas for Stafford Middle School, which was a concern.

"We don't see it having a particular impact on us so we are at ease with it," Lebrun said.

REASONING

Bartlett said the overall intent of the project is to hopefully "bring down the number of traffic incidents."

"As you all might recall, there was a student that was hit and hospitalized and taken out of classes for quite some time about a year ago. There were also City of Plattsburgh elementary students, who, crossing Broad Street, had near-hit incidents ... and just a number of other collisions along Broad Street and road rage," she said.

"So the intent is to really ... bring it back into an easier road to travel, a safer road to travel and make it more inviting and safer for all travel."

COUNCIL VOTE

Councilors gave the go ahead to apply for the state funding for the project at their last meeting on July 18 with a 4-2 vote. Councilors Avery and Jeff Moore (D-Ward 6) voted against it.

Moore, in his reasoning, said before the vote that he doesn't think the street needs any new modifications other than general restriping.

"I think that's the only problem with it," he said.

"That's a major street going east-west in the city. I don't think it needs anything other than restriping. I do not think we need to make the lanes smaller, get rid of lanes ... I do not see any reason to change the configuration."

Avery told the Press-Republican last week his decision to vote no on the project was based on the lack of information the council was given about it heading into the meeting.

"I asked the mayor's office if there was a feasibility study (done). Broad Street is one of the busiest streets, if not the busiest. There needs to be some kind of feasibility study telling me that this is going to be the right course of action," he said.

"The second piece is there was no way to visualize it. There was nothing written up that I could find in the packet. So those are the two reasons that I was hoping there would be answers for at the council meeting ... I was actually surprised by the final vote."

'SHOULDN'T HAVE PASSED'

Based on the lack of details given to councilors, Avery clarified he wasn't expecting the funding application to be approved.

"I thought it was obvious it shouldn't have passed," he said.

"I know some of the councilors were happy to support it, at least, in the meeting. I couldn't understand that; I had a hard time understanding that."

Councilor Gibbs, who voted yes to the resolution, said she supported it because she wants to see the city become more bikeable — a long sought after initiative by the city's Climate Smart Task Force as well, which Gibbs served as a liaison to in the past.

However, she said she was not aware that actual renderings of the project were available to view because they were not provided to the council at the time of the meeting. Gibbs said she believed the plans would be discussed and put together at a later date if the city was eventually approved for the funding.

"It's a situation of: you don't know, what you don't know ... I made a decision with the information that I had."

When she was made aware there were renderings available, she reached out to the mayor for them and other information.

"I didn't know this document existed," she said.

"That is really on the mayor's office. That's not our fault as councilors. I support a better road diet. I support bikeability. I want to see more quality of life improvements in the city, but if there's information that was not shared appropriately, that is completely on the mayor's office.

"It would appear to me that he moved forward on the resolution before he got the buy-in from the district, the businesses ...there needed to be more community collaboration, which I did not know about. I took the city offices at their word."

Gibbs suggested a potential re-vote for the council's next meeting Aug. 1 but with the funding application due July 31, she learned that wouldn't work. She is instead hoping for a detailed presentation on the plans to be shared with the public during that meeting.

"It would give the opportunity for the public to come in and see for themselves and ask questions directly."

NEW ADMINISTRATION

With just five months left in Mayor Rosenquests' tenure as well, Gibbs acknowledged the implementation of the project, if the funding is awarded, is not exactly guaranteed.

She said the project could fall on the shoulders of a new mayoral administration — either under Republican Don Kasprzak or Democrat Wendell Hughes — that may not want the project.

"If a future administration doesn't have any plan to support this project, and ... we're awarded the grant, and we reject it, that's a black eye for us."

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Ticonderoga unveils giant pencil sculpture celebrating graphite heritage

BY LOHR MCKINSTRY
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TICONDEROGA — A giant sculpture of six Dixon Ticonderoga No. 2 yellow pencils that were once sourced in Ticonderoga was unveiled before an applauding crowd Thursday at the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum and Visitor Center.

American Graphite Company once processed graphite in Ticonderoga for Dixon Ticonderoga's famous pencils made in Ohio, but Dixon Ticonderoga moved production to Mexico and its headquarters to Florida.

Graphite once mined in Ticonderoga and Hague for the pencils now comes from Sri Lanka.

But the pencils still bear the Ticonderoga No. 2 name and have the same familiar yellow wooden body.

The sculpture was the idea of Heritage Museum trustee emeritus Denise Huestis, who funded the project and spoke at the dedication.

"Richard (Bersche) did the welding; he made it out of stainless steel," she said. "Ron (Pritt) made it yellow, then it went to Mark Austin's shop and he produced the rest of it. It's a bi-community effort."

Austin did the lettering at A&S Customs Autobody and Repair of Crown Point.

The pencil sculpture is composed of six huge Dixon Ticonderoga No. 2 yellow pencils in a circular arrangement, and was the conception of artist and designer Chris Sharp.

"The historic connection with Ticonderoga is undeniable," Sharp said in a statement. "We are what we create."

Huestis said it weighs 600 pounds and will sit on a pedestal created by Wilks Construction in front of the museum.

"This will make our mark in the future," Huestis said. "I hope everyone enjoys it. We had fun doing it."

NATIONAL SYMBOL

State Sen. Dan Stec (R-Queensbury) was at the ceremony and reminisced about using Ticonderoga Dixon pencils as a boy.

"All of us grew up with Ticonderoga No. 2 pencils," he said. "That's a nationally recognized symbol. It's a great symbol of the history of this community."

State Assemblyman Matt Simpson (R-Brant Lake) said he also loved Ticonderoga No. 2 pencils.

"They are the best pencils," Simpson said. "This is a reminder of our past where the graphite mines were."

Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce President Matt Courtright said the chamber was honored to be at the ceremony.

"The Ticonderoga Heritage Museum does a great job of preserving our heritage," he said. "We honor Ticonderoga's industrial history with this magnificent sculpture."

The statue sits in front at the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum located at 137 Montcalm St., near the entrance to Percy Thompson Bicentennial Park in downtown Ticonderoga



LOHR MCKINSTRY/P-R PHOTO

At the dedication of the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum's pencil sculpture recently, from left, Town Supervisor Mark Wright, former town supervisor Robert Dedrick and sculpture originator Denise Huestis share a laugh in front of the artwork.

FURTHER REVIEW

TEEN POP STAR IN A BOTTLE



By Charles Apple | THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

It was a quarter-century ago when former Mickey Mouse Club star Christina Aguilera landed her first solo effort at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart.

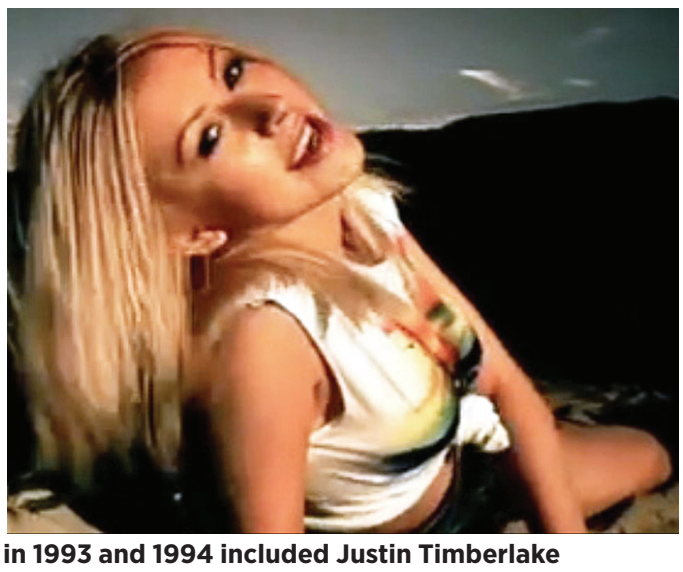
The song, "Genie in a Bottle," was notable for its suggestive lyrics. What's more, Aguilera was only 18 years old at the time. But that didn't matter to most folks. She was on her way to the big time.

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HER PAL BRITNEY SPEARS

In late 1998, Britney Spears, a former cast member of the "All New Mickey Mouse Club," scored a huge hit with her first solo single, "... Baby One More Time." The video featured the 16-year-old dancing in a school hallway wearing a schoolgirl outfit.

Less than a year later, 18-year-old Christina Aguilera would pull off the same trick with her own first solo single, dancing with a bunch of guys on the beach at Malibu and singing about how she's a "Genie in a Bottle" who can "make your wish come true." But there's a catch: "You gotta rub me the right way."





Left: The All New Mickey Mouse Club in 1993 and 1994 included Justin Timberlake (top right) Christina Aguilera (middle right), Britney Spears (lower right) and Ryan Gosling (lower left). Right: The video for Aguilera's "Genie in a Bottle."

Aguilera and her backers were quick to point out that the song wasn't just about sex. A deeper dive into the lyrics suggests the song is "about self-respect," Aguilera said. "It's about not giving in to temptation until you're respected."

"Genie in a Bottle" would become the second highest-selling single of 1999, with 1.36 million units sold. The video for the song would reach the top of MTV's list of most-played videos.

In fact, Aguilera had recorded a single the year before "Genie in a Bottle": "Reflection" which had appeared — with vocals by other artists — in the Walt Disney movie "Mulan." The single peaked at No. 19 on Billboard's Adult Contemporary chart but didn't appear in the Hot 100. But that was enough for RCA Records to pony up a higher budget for what would be her first album for that label.

One of the three writers credited for creating "Genie in a Bottle," Steve Kipner, had written Olivia Newton-John's 1981 hit single, "Physical".

Aguilera's self-titled debut album would contain two other songs that would become No. 1 hits, plus one that would peak at No. 2. The album itself would go on to sell 17 million copies worldwide and would earn Aguilera a Grammy for Best New Artist.

CHRISTINA AGUILERA'S SINGLES CHART HISTORY

PEAK ON THE BILLBOARD HOT 100 SINGLES CHART		RELEASE DATE	PEAK ON THE BILLBOARD HOT 100 SINGLES CHART	
#1	**Genie in a Bottle**	June 22, 1999	Sept. 27, 2006	**Hurt** #19
#1	**What a Girl Wants**	Oct. 8, 1999	Nov. 7, 2006	**Tell Me** (Diddy featuring Christina Aguilera) #47
#18	**The Christmas Song**	Dec. 18, 1999	Feb. 20, 2007	**Candyman** #25
#3	**I Turn to You**	March 28, 2000	Sept. 22, 2008	**Keeps Gettin' Better** #7
#1	**Come On Over Baby (All I Want is You)**	July 11, 2000	Feb. 4, 2010	#70 **Show Me How You Burlesque**
#13	(with Ricky Martin) **Nobody Wants to be Lonely**	Jan. 16, 2001	April 2, 2010	**Not Myself Tonight** #23
#1	(with Lil' Kim, Mýa and Pink) **Lady Marmalade**	April 10, 2001	May 25, 2010	#79 **WooHoo** (with Nicki Minaj)
#27	(with Artists Against AIDS Worldwide) **What's Going On**	Oct. 30, 2001	June 21, 2010	**Bionic** #66 (Digital only)
#48	(featuring Redman) **Dirrty**	Sept. 3, 2002	June 21, 2011	**Moves Like Jagger** (Maroon 5 featuring Christina Aguilera) #1
#2	**Beautiful**	Nov. 16, 2002	June 28, 2011	**Beautiful** #74 (iTunes only)
#20	**Fighter**	March 10, 2003	May 21, 2012	#85 **The Prayer** (iTunes only)
#12	**Can't Hold Us Down**	July 8, 2003	Sept. 16, 2012	**Your Body** #34
#33	**The Voice Within**	Oct. 27, 2003	Dec. 4, 2012	#71 **Just a Fool** (with Blake Shelton)
(featuring Missy Elliott) #63	**Car Wash**	Aug. 30, 2004	Feb. 22, 2013	**Feel This Moment** (Pitbull featuring Christina Aguilera) #8
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No. 1 on June 2, 2001 — 5 weeks at No. 1



Moves Like Jagger
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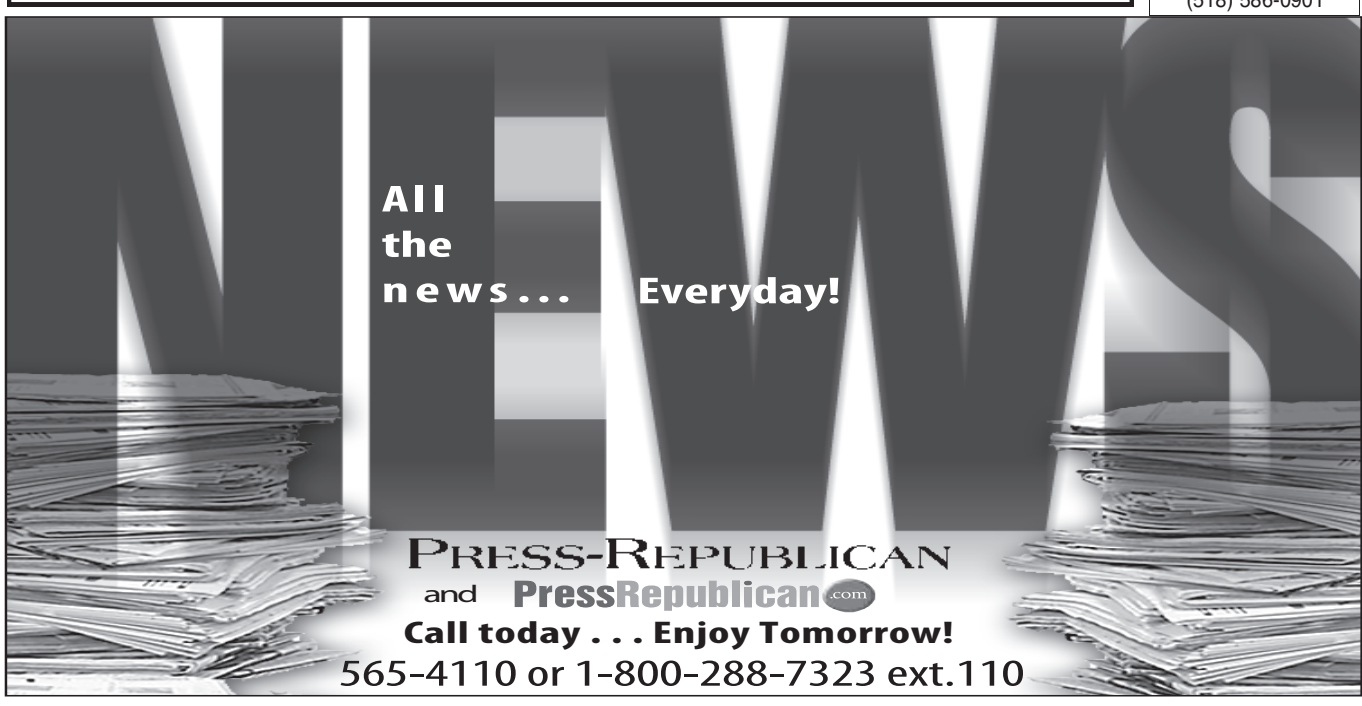
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PRESS-REPUBLICAN ARCHIVES

Auto and pedestrian traffic slog through a foot of water on City Hall Place in Plattsburgh during a brief respite in the storm Tuesday afternoon. (1996)

28 YEARS AGO — 1996

• People stand outside and look in the window. They want to see the new Montcalm Street home of North Country Community College's Ticonderoga campus, now a mostly empty building. The Charboneau Building just passed its first hurdle, winning approval from the Ticonderoga Town Planning Board in one night. PRIDE of Ticonderoga will own the building and lease it to the college. "Renovations start this month. The campus will change its status from a branch campus to an off-campus site when it moves, but college President Dr. Gail Rogers Rice said the same number of classes will be offered. "It's not a downgrading, simply a change in site processes. It allows us to have more flexibility." The state must approve the change. Rice said applications for Ticonderoga and for the Malone campus in Franklin County are filed but have not been approved. The college's main campus is in Saranac Lake. "We can increase classes if we want," Rice said. "What we couldn't do before is be flexible. We had to offer certain classes. We need to respond more immediately to what people need and want to take." The Ticonderoga campus had 67 full- time and 98 part-time students last semester.

• Mike Miranda's temporary office in Atlanta overlooks Centennial Park. Miranda, a librarian at SUNY Plattsburgh, is at the Olympics directing sports reports from the different venues onto the Internet. He left his office early Saturday morning, about 45 minutes before an explosion rocked the festivities in Centennial Park. "There were still some folks working here (when the bomb exploded)," Miranda said from the sixth-floor office Saturday afternoon. "We're a fair ways up, but they said they heard and felt the explosion. They thought the windows were going to be blown out, there was that much concussion." Buildings surrounding the park were immediately closed, and people were not allowed to leave while officials began investigating the confusing situation. Miranda was on a media shuttle headed for his temporary residence at the time. "They stopped all the buses shortly after it happened," he said. "One of the people on the bus was listening to a radio (with head- phones). He related to us what was happening." Several Israeli newspeople were on the bus with Miranda. The U.S. citizens were "quite awed" by the news, but the Israelis reacted with little surprise. Israeli athletes were the target of a terrorist attack at the 1972 Olympics, and the nation has grown accustomed to the tragedy of terrorism.

50 YEARS AGO — 1974

• Good auguries, invoked perhaps by the chairman of the Clinton County Legislature, stayed threatening skies as the 27th annual Clinton County Agricultural and Industrial Fair opened Friday. Clinton County Dairy Princess Judy Frennier, joined fair association president Bernard Barber and Bob Bruno, association-second vice president, in cutting the ribbon to officially open the fair. Speakers at the opening ceremonies included Rep. Robert. C. McEwen, R-Ogdensburg: State Sen: Ronald B. Stafford. R-Peru: Mayor Roland St. Pierre. Legislature Chairman James Sears and Robert Haye, president of the New York Association of Fairs. Also on the opening program were Sheriff Paul Guay, and Col. Floyd Geiger, commander of Plattsburgh Air Force Base. The noon hour opening ceremonies took place during a sunny moment as dark clouds formed a threat of a late-day attack on fairgoers. But the weather remained showerless as the flower, plant, farm and garden produce judging proceeded and the New York and Vermont Colt Stakes and early closer were run at the new grandstand. An 8:15 stage show starring Tommy Cash found crowds at the exposition in fine fettle. Weather forecast for today called for showers and thundershowers while Sunday's forecast called for not quite so humid weather with temperatures in the 70s and low 80s. The fair features a dozen indoor exhibits and commercial displays as well as a new midway with new rides and stage shows ranging from Jack Kochman's Helldrivers to Hank Williams Jr.

• There are no age limits to heroism, as 12-year-old Cindy Lucia and her parents of Dannemora will be happy to confirm. Cindy probably owes her life to the quick thinking and fast reaction of her 10-year-old friend John Jarvis Jr., who pulled her, unconscious, from the water at Dannemora Beach at Chazy Lake and held her head above water while waiting for the lifeguard. The incident occurred on July 5, but John's shyness and reluctance to boast, prevented the matter from being publicized until a friend heard of it and contacted a reporter. John, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jarvis Sr. of 60 Smith St., and Cindy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Lucia of 101 Smith St., were swimming in Chazy Lake near the rope barrier. Cindy reportedly said to John, 'watch me dive over the rope,' and disappeared beneath the surface. The water at the rope barrier was nearly over John's head, his mother related. The boy, fairly tall for 10, stands about four feet, eight inches. The water outside the rope was slightly deeper than this. When Cindy failed to return to the surface. John quickly investigated and saw her lying motionless on the bottom. Grasping the floating rope, John swung out into the deeper water, grasping Cindy's body with his legs and lifting her to where he could reach her with his hands. Holding Cindy's head out of the water, John alerted the lifeguard and kept the girl from slipping beneath the surface until he arrived. The girl was taken to the CVPH Medical Center in the Dannemora ambulance. She was admitted to the hospital for four days for treatment of ruptured membranes in her ear. Physicians said her "head apparently struck a rock on the bottom. knocking her unconscious."

75 YEARS AGO — 1949

• Ninety-three-year-old Mrs. Liza Murray McGee, a bride of a year, took her first airplane trip yesterday and exclaimed afterward that "it was just like a ride into heaven." But her husband, 38-year-old Clarence McGee, declined to make the flight, electing instead to remain near a buggy in which the family rode to the airport from their farm in nearby Brushton. "Clarence is mighty scared of going any higher than the seat of his buggy." Mrs. McGee said when the family was invited for the ride. With Mrs. McGee on the half- hour flight over the Adirondack Mountains in an airliner (Colonial) was her son by a previous marriage, Jim. 70.

• Honesty brings its reward! Saturday morning a Press-Republican subscriber called this office and related how her carrier boy had exemplified honesty with her. The carrier called at her home on his weekly collection routine. She handed him what she believed was a one-dollar bill. He accepted it as such, gave her eighty cents in change and left. A few minutes later He returned. "Madam," he said, "that was a ten-dollar bill that you gave me." It was. The carrier boy on the route is listed on the Press-Republican roster as Oscar LeClair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert LeClair of 115 Cornella Street.

100 YEARS AGO — 1924

• Patrolman Arthur McCovey had his right hand severely burned last evening while attempting to light the traffic beacon at the head of Bridge Street on Margaret Street. It appears that someone had been tampering with the light and had removed the vent cap, putting a bottle in the place of it. This shut the air from the light and it was extinguished, Pullerman endeavored to light the lamp and as he touched the match some of the gas which remained in the receptacle exploded, severely burning the hand of the officer. After having his hand dressed at Larkin's drug store, the officer returned to his duty. The removal of the vent cap from the beacon is one of those for which the perpetrator be severely dealt with should they be apprehended.

• A little wisp of a lad with courage supreme. A lonesome trip across the continent by himself on a heartbreaking errand. A funeral in which he bore himself bravely except for a furtive tear brushed manfully away, as his mother was lifted to her final resting place. These are the salient facts in one of the most dramatic journeys ever undertaken to Plattsburgh. The journey ended yesterday, when little Edmund Anderson, only 11, arrived here from San Francisco with the remains of his mother, Mrs. Marnie J. Anderson. The mother, who was born here, died suddenly in San Francisco on July 14. Her dying wish was that she be buried in the family plot in the city of her birth. She had no relatives in San Francisco. Friends she had many for she was of a loving disposition — but none would undertake the long. dreary journey. The boy volunteered. Some friends remonstrated, but he insisted. And so alone he began the journey on July 19 under the protection of the Travelers Aid Society.

— Compiled by Night Editor ***Ben Rowe***

Norsk lands Dept. of Defense contract

OFFICIALS: *Say contract result of years of work to build confidence with department*

BY JOE LOTEMPLIO
Editor in Chief

PLATTSBURGH — Norsk Titanium has secured a production order for a prime contractor for the U.S. Department of Defense.

"This is another key milestone in Norsk Titanium's growth strategy," Nicholas Mayer, Norsk Titanium Vice President Commercial, said.

"Our revenue plans for 2024 and the years to come are dependent on us penetrating the defense market as well as the commercial aerospace market. This effort secures initial serial production revenue and we expect to see increasing sales as our customer is awarded production contracts from the United States Department of Defense."

RPD-PRINTED PARTS

Norsk Titanium is global leader in additive manufacturing for aerospace-grade structural titanium components using its patented Rapid Plasma Deposition technology. They describe themselves as a leader in 3D printing, innovating the future of metal manufacturing by enabling a paradigm shift to a clean and sustainable manufacturing process.

With its proprietary Rapid Plasma Deposition and 700 MT of production capacity, Norsk Titanium offers cost-efficient 3D printing of value-added metal parts to a large addressable market, a news release said.

RPD technology uses significantly less raw material, energy, and time than traditional energy-intensive forming methods, presenting customers with an opportunity to better manage input costs, logistics, and environmental impact.

RPD-printed parts are already flying on commercial aircraft, and Norsk Titanium has gained significant traction with large defense and industrial customers.

DEFENSE CONTRACT

This latest contract is with an undisclosed prime contractor for the United States Department of Defense.

The contract award builds on years of development and qualification effort with multiple United States Department of Defense prime contractors, the release said.

Norsk Titanium has development projects ongoing with multiple defense contractors for recurring production parts, as well as with multiple commercial aerospace customers, and expect to see more parts transition into serial production later in the year.

'STEADY AND DETERMINED WORK'

North Country Chamber of Commerce President Garry Douglas said Norsk landing the Department of Defense contract is a significant development.

"This is another notable step in a several-year effort to build confidence by DOD and its prime contractors in Norsk's ground-breaking additive manufacturing technology," Douglas said.

'It began several years ago when we brought Congresswoman Elise Stefanik and Sens. Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand to Norsk, leading to the facilitation of initial key discussions with DOD and others and including supportive language in National Defense Bills.

"We congratulate the Norsk team for their steady and determined work and we thank our Washington representatives for their continuing support."

Norsk has been operating at the former Clinton County Airport site off Route 3 in the Town of Plattsburgh since 2017.

"This achievement by Norsk Titanium exemplifies the innovative spirit and technical expertise that flourish here in Plattsburgh," Town of Plattsburgh Supervisor Michael S. Cashman said.

"We are proud to see their expansion in the defense sector, which brings high-quality manufacturing and significant economic growth to our community."







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