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Lawmakers want NY to forgive jobless overpayments

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Some state senators and non-profit attorneys are calling on Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration to consider waiving some unemployment benefit overpayments that occurred during the coronavirus pandemic.

Overpayment of unemployment insurance benefits became a costlier problem for state unemployment agencies throughout the country in 2020 as they coped with a wave of benefit-seekers fueled by major job losses as the virus spread.

New York paid \$115 million in overpayments in 2020 while states around the country paid \$2.9 billion in unemployment insurance overpayments combined, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

While the state has continued to collect on overpayments throughout the pandemic, some state senators want the state department of labor to follow the lead from other states and offer waivers on some of them.

A letter penned to the state Department of Labor Commissioner Reardon signed by 12 senators requested the department waive or forgive repayments from people who are not at fault for receiving overpayments.

"Out of work New Yorkers have suf-

fered enough in this pandemic — they don't need the state pounding on their door to collect debts they never even knew they had incurred in the first place," 12 New York senators wrote in a joint letter penned to the state Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon in February.

The letter argues the federal stimulus bill passed in December allows the state to waive or forgive overpayments. And New York, like many states around the country, should opt to forgive or waive overpayments in the instance of financial hardship, the senators argued.

Among the senators who signed the letter were Sens. James Skoufis, D-Cornwall, Orange County, and Shelley Mayer, D-Yonkers.

NY unemployment was up big amid pandemic

New York has paid out approximately \$70 billion in unemployment benefits through the course of the pandemic, including the roughly \$115 million in overpayments.

The U.S. Department of Labor reports the figure is nearly twice of what New York paid in overpayments in 2019 (\$63.8 million), when far fewer people were seeking unemployment insurance benefits.

Last year, the state recovered a total of \$93.4 million in unemployment

benefits originally paid out in 2020 and previous years, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Deanna Cohen, a spokesperson for the state Labor Department, said each claim is unique and there are various reasons why claimants may be required to pay benefits back.

The state reported this week it has vetted around 521,000 fraudulent claims for unemployment insurance during the pandemic. The claims, the department said, amount to \$6.4 billion in unpaid fraudulent claims.

"Throughout this pandemic New York state has paid more than \$69 billion in unemployment insurance benefits to more than 4 million New Yorkers and there is a process we are bound by law to follow to protect that lifeline to New Yorkers in need," Cohen said.

A closer look at the issue

The sentiment among state senators is resonating with public advocacy groups in New York City that say recovering overpayments during the pandemic is troublesome for some New Yorkers.

Young Lee, a labor attorney of the non-profit Legal Aid Society in New York City, said the sharp rise of unemployment last year exacerbated ongoing issues with overpayment of benefits during the coronavirus pandemic.

Some workers in the state's education system, like substitute teachers and some professionals, were not technically eligible for unemployment benefits in the summer, he said.

"A lot of people that lost their jobs prior to the summer starting, right when the schools closed down, kept on collecting [unemployment benefits] throughout the summer because no one was aware of this rule and no one told them, and now they're being told to pay back that money... there's a variety of reasons why people need to pay back the money," said Lee, the Legal Aid Society's supervising attorney for employment law.

Lee said the state should allow people to apply for a waiver to have their unemployment overpayments forgiven.

"Federal government at the end of last year basically changed the law and said the states now are allowed to issue waivers, so a person should be able to apply if they're in a situation where it's not their fault. ... New York has not implemented this system," Lee said.

About 20% of all New Yorkers received unemployment benefits in 2020. The unemployment rate as of December reached 8.1% in the state — an increase of 4.4 percentage points from 2019.

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Violence

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access support services, less financial independence and greater fears about the safety of seeking services amid COVID-19.

"It's been a real challenge for advocates and survivors," said Ruth Glenn, president of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. "Not only have they had barriers they've had to navigate to seek safety when they're ready, but they now have an added barrier of a pandemic. It becomes a tool for the person that's causing harm — another tool to further control and exert power."

Domestic violence incidents in the U.S. have increased by 8.1% since the beginning of the pandemic, according to estimates released Wednesday by the National Commission on COVID-19 and Criminal Justice, which drew on data from logs of police calls, crime reports, emergency hotline registries, health records and more.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline said that more than 23,000 people have called since mid-March mentioning COVID-19 as a factor in what they are experiencing. Calls to the hotline have been steadily increasing in recent years, but it's not clear if the pandemic accounts for the continued rise. In fact, many survivors may feel they have less space away from their abuser to safely reach out for help.

"I firmly believe that once we've stepped out of the worst part of this, we'll see the domestic violence numbers spike," Glenn said. "You'll begin to see more survivors stepping forward and reporting."

In Michigan, calls to the hotline run by the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence reached all-time highs last month.

"We got as many calls in January as we had gotten in the entirety of October through December, and that's when we got almost as many calls as the previous year," said executive director Sarah Prout Rennie.

For Manos, the abuse began quickly. In April, as the U.S. was beginning to learn more about the novel coronavirus and institute stay-at-home orders, Manos wasn't seeing her parents because they didn't want to risk contracting or transmitting COVID-19, she said.

That's when Manos connected with the man on Bumble.

According to the lawsuit, he quickly pressured Manos into meeting in person and becoming his girlfriend. Early on, the man allegedly told Manos he had "disappeared" his ex-girlfriend's family and warned Manos not to cross him, according to the lawsuit.

"I knew it wasn't a safe situation, but I knew it was too late to get out then. He was already tracking me," Manos said, referring to digital and in-person tracking. "He said he would never hurt me, but he would always go after the ones that I loved."

Over the course of their relationship, Manos alleges the man repeatedly threatened her life and the lives of her parents. She claims he tortured and

Domestic violence resources

If you are a victim of domestic violence, **The National Domestic Violence Hotline** allows you to speak confidentially with trained advocates online or by the phone, which they recommend for those who think their online activity is being monitored by their abuser (800-799-7233). They can help survivors develop a plan to achieve safety.

Safe Horizon's hotline offers crisis counseling, safety planning, and assistance finding shelters 1-800-621-HOPE (4673). It also has a chat feature where you can reach out for help from a computer or phone confidentially.

Survivors can call the **New York City Anti-Violence Project's 24/7 English/Spanish hotline** at 212-714-1141 and get support. If calling is not safe but email is possible, make a report at avp.org/get-help and leave safe contact information, and someone will reach out.

Find a **list of pet-friendly shelters** at Sheltering Animals & Families Together, Safe Place For Pets, DomesticShelters.org and the Animal Welfare Institute.

killed her two dogs, Kirby, a 6-year-old bichon mix, and Daisy, a 13-month-old bichon mix, according to the lawsuit.

The man denied the allegations to USA TODAY. While police in Midlothian and Arlington Heights, Illinois, investigated Manos' case and concluded animal abuse was the cause of the dogs' deaths, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office found the evidence against the man insufficient to meet the burden of proof to file animal cruelty charges. The office told USA TODAY they worked with Manos to secure a conviction against the man after he violated Manos' order of protection.

Manos' civil suit accuses the man of violating the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act and seeks monetary compensation for "severe emotional distress, among other injuries." Manos said she filed the suit because she wanted the man to be held accountable and to "bring awareness to the situation."

Manos said it was frightening but "empowering" planning out her escape. She fled to her parents' house at the end of June, after the man allegedly killed her second dog.

"I knew I would be escaping when the time was safe to escape, so it gave me the power to fight to survive," Manos said. "I brought my bags. I said goodbye to my apartment. I sat my parents down in the living room. I FaceTimed my sisters, and I told them everything."

The following day, she filed for and received an emergency order of protection, and she and her family left town, according to the lawsuit.

"Going through this and recovering from it is a roller coaster," Manos said. "Right now I'm doing OK, but I do have PTSD from this. This is a lot for any one person to deal with."

Investigation

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Some others, including state Sen. Alessandra Biaggi, D-Pelham, Westchester County, called for Cuomo's resignation.

Biaggi, who once worked as an attorney in Cuomo's office, is among a wave of younger, progressive-leaning lawmakers who are increasingly populating the halls of the state Capitol, many of whom have shown a willingness to criticize the powerful governor.

"While a truly independent investigation may uncover more evidence or instances of abuse, the existing details are sufficient for me to form my conclusion," Biaggi said in a statement.

"As a New Yorker, a legislator, Chair of the Senate Ethics and Internal Governance Committee, and a survivor of sexual abuse, I am calling for Governor Cuomo to resign."

Cuomo had received referral as AG

Cuomo, who has been governor since 2011, had been tasked with investigating attorneys twice during his one term as attorney general from 2007 through 2010.

In 2007, then-Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno asked Cuomo to investigate Spitzer's role in disseminating information about his travel on the state airplane, called Troopergate. Within three weeks, Cuomo issued a scathing report that concluded Spitzer's staff had ordered State Police to keep special records of Bruno's travel.

Two and a half years later, Paterson asked Cuomo to investigate after the then-governor and his advisers faced questions about their actions after an aide, David Johnson, faced accusations of domestic violence.

The request came at a time when Cuomo was widely believed to be considering challenging Paterson in the 2010 Democratic primary for governor.

Cuomo chose to appoint former Chief Judge Judith Kaye as special investigator; Kaye concluded Paterson and his aides erred in judgement but

"We need a truly independent investigation, which is why I continue to support the calls of my colleagues for a Special Prosecutor appointed by the Attorney General."

Rob Ortt state Senate minority leader

did not act criminally.

Cuomo also appointed Kaye to investigate whether Paterson perjured himself in testimony about how he obtained tickets to a World Series game featuring the New York Yankees, though the request for the investigation came from the state Commission on Public Integrity.

AG is independently elected in New York

James, the attorney general, had been considered a political ally of Cuomo, who endorsed her successful run for the office in 2018.

But James recently flexed her independence on Jan. 28, when she issued a report on COVID-19 in nursing homes that chastised Cuomo's administration for failing to tell the public the number of nursing home residents who had died in hospital and hospice settings.

Prior to the report, Cuomo's administration had only released the number of nursing home residents who had died of COVID-19 in the homes themselves. Within hours of James' report, Health Commissioner Howard Zucker revealed about 4,000 residents had died in hospitals or hospice, too.

The Attorney General's Office, meanwhile, has served as a launching pad for future governors, including Cuomo and Spitzer.

James herself has never publicly expressed interest in the governor's job, though she joked last week that others have referred to AG as "aspiring governor."

"We have been putting our heads down, not focusing on the politics but focusing on the law," James said Feb. 22 at the DealBook DC Policy Project.

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New York State Electric & Gas Electric Corporation (NYSEG)

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") has filed with the New York State Public Service Commission (the "Commission") changes to its Schedule for Electricity Service, P.S.C. No. 120 – Electricity and Schedule for Electric Service.

NYSEG has proposed an EV Make-Ready surcharge to recover costs and incentives paid to participants in Electric Vehicle ("EV") Infrastructure Make-Ready Programs. The filing, which is subject to Commission review and approval, was filed on December 2, 2020, and became effective on January 1, 2021.

A complete copy of the filing can be viewed on the PSC's website at www.dps.ny.gov under Case 18-E-0138. Tariff schedules are available at nyseg.com.

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Stocks of Local Interest

Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AES Corp	.60	2.3	...	26.28	+29	+11.8	LockhdM	9.60	2.8	41	341.45	+1.02	-3.8
AMC Ent	...	...	...	9.29	+1.24	+338.2	Lowe's	2.20	1.4	36	162.92	+4.34	+1.5
AT&T Inc	2.08	6.9	20	29.99	+3.7	+4.3	M&T Bk	4.40	2.8	11	159.17	+2.82	+25.0
Apple Inc s	.82	.7	32	116.36	-5.06	-12.3	MarIntA	...	...	34	150.44	+3.52	+14.0
Autodesk	...	...	...	253.10	-14.29	-17.1	McDnlds	5.16	2.5	32	209.11	+1.74	-2.5
Avangrid	1.76	3.7	25	47.56	+1.48	+4.6	Merck	2.60	3.5	28	74.17	+1.04	-9.3
BkofAm	.72	1.9	20	37.13	+2.0	+22.5	MettlerT	...	...	44	1038.47	-22.12	-8.9
BestBuy	2.80	2.6	16	106.57	+3.72	+6.8	Michaels	...	...	15	21.81	+0.3	+67.6
BorgWarn	1.36	2.7	28	49.71	+8.7	+28.6	Microsoft	2.24	1.0	37	227.39	-4.21	+2.2
ChemungF	1.04	2.5	19	42.39	-1.6	+2.9	NBT Bcp	1.08	2.6	15	40.86	+1.59	+27.3
Cisco	1.45	3.0	19	47.51	+1.26	+6.2	NokiaCp	.19	4.9	...	3.87	-.01	-1.0
CntyBkSy	1.68	2.2	24	77.76	+2.49	+24.8	OpGen h	...	...	...	2.68	+7.2	+31.4
ConstellA	3.00	1.4	17	220.63	+3.62	+7	Palantir n	...	...	...	22.52	-1.43	-4.4
Corning	.96	2.6	16	37.61	+1.5	+4.5	Pfizer	1.56	4.5	22	34.35	-.04	-6.7
DicksSptg	.31	...	23	76.68	+4.99	+36.4	SOS Ltd	...	...	...	5.50	-1.00	+271.6
Disney	1.76	.9	...	201.91	+11.92	+11.4	SecnSgh	...	...	...	11.77	+5.98	+529.4
EmersonEl	2.02	2.2	28	92.13	+1.09	+14.6	Sundial h	...	...	...	1.18	+0.5	+148.9
Express	...	...	12	4.03	+1.57	+342.9	TJX	...	...	22	65.18	+2.46	-4.6
ExxonMbl	3.48	5.7	78	60.87	-.06	+47.7	Tegna	.28	1.5	12	19.07	+1.6	+36.7
FordM	...	...	...	12.65	+3.8	+43.9	Tompkins	2.08	2.3	17	89.69	+3.14	+27.0
GenElec	.04	.3	40	14.17	+5.7	+31.2	TransAct	.36	3.1	48	11.57	+1.18	+63.0
HP Inc	.78	2.6	13	30.16	+4.1	+22.7	UltraBeauty	...	...	32	345.77	+12.40	+20.4
Hilton	.60	.5	...	125.41	+2.54	+12.7	UrbanOut	...	...	18	38.93	+1.42	+52.1
HomeDp	6.60	2.5	22	259.03	+5.51	+2.5	VerizonCm	2.52	4.4	13	56.79	+7.9	-3.3
Intel	1.39	2.3	12	59.85	-.89	+20.1	WalMart	2.20	1.7	73	127.88	-1.24	-11.3
IBM	6.52	5.3	13	124.81	+1.98	-.9	WsteMlnc	2.30	1.9	26	121.73	+3.05	+3.2
JaguarHL	...	...	...	2.17	+5.7	+166.3	XeroxHld	1.00	3.7	...	26.70	+6.1	+15.1
JohnJn	4.04	2.6	26	157.40	+1.30	...							
Kohls	2.82	4.9	...	56.90	+1.31	+39.8							

KEY: Div - Annualized Dividend, PE - Price to Earnings Ratio, Yld - Yield on Dividend, Last - Closing price, Chg - Daily net change, YTD %Chg - Year-to-date percentage change

The Market in Review

New York Stock Exchange

Most active (\$1 or more)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GenElec	1430518	14.17	+5.7
AMC Ent	1133176	9.29	+1.24
Express	1100760	4.03	+1.57
Palantir n	937318	22.52	-1.43
FordM	859164	12.65	+3.8

Gainers (\$2 or more)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Express	4.03	+1.57	+63.8
GameStop	194.50	+56.76	+41.2
Chicos	3.09	+7.5	+32.1
MBIA	10.00	+2.32	+30.2
AH Belo	2.39	+4.0	+20.1

Losers (\$2 or more)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WashPr pfl	2.92	-1.55	-34.7
WashPr pfH	3.37	-1.20	-26.3
CBD-Pao	3.87	-.93	-19.4
SOS Ltd	5.50	-1.00	-15.4
KosmosEn	2.91	-.47	-13.9

Diary			
Advanced	1,628	Total issues	2,544
Declined	851	New Highs	433
Unchanged	65	New Lows	5

Volume: 5,206,562,054

NASDAQ

Most active (\$1 or more)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
OpGen h	3721488	2.68	+7.2
SecnSgh	3184059	11.77	+5.98
Sundial h	2030630	1.18	+5.05
Apple Inc s	1531305	116.36	-5.06
JaguarHL	687804	2.17	+5.7

Gainers (\$2 or more)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SecnSgh	11.77	+5.98	+103.3
GrwLfc n	37.20	+14.20	+61.7
Anchiano	4.67	+1.33	+39.8
OpGen h	2.68	+7.2	+36.7
JaguarHL	2.17	+5.7	+35.6

Losers (\$2 or more)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Anaptys	19.51	-9.96	-33.8
SupLeagu	4.68	-1.22	-20.7
OndasHld n	9.54	-2.38	-20.0
SifyTech	3.23	-.71	-18.0
Biilbili	98.59	-20.25	-17.0

Diary			
Advanced	1,665	Total issues	3,420
Declined	1,644	New Highs	431
Unchanged	111	New Lows	27

Volume: 5,443,503,304

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

U.S. Dollar in Foreign Currency		
	Last	Pvs. Day
Australian dollar	1.3051	1.3007
British pound	.7227	.7225
Canadian dollar	1.2656	1.2665
Chinese yuan	6.5261	6.4968
Euro	.8433	.8395
Japanese yen	108.87	108.34
Mexican peso	21.4220	21.2773
Swiss franc	.9351	.9309

FUELS

New York Mercantile, CBOT (ethanol)		
	Last	Pvs. Day
Crude oil (bbl)	65.05	66.09
Natural gas (btu)	2.66	2.70
Heating oil (gal)	1.91	1.94
Ethanol (gal)	1.76	1.76
NY Harbor gas (gal)	2.05	2.06

METALS

New York Mercantile, COMX (copper)		
	Last	Pvs. Day
Gold (troy oz.)	1677.70	1698.00
Silver (troy oz.)	25.24	25.26
Platinum (troy oz.)	1152.30	1128.30
Copper (pound)	4.10	4.09

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.) Source: The Associated Press

Candidates

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ducing greenhouse gas emissions by expanding affordable and renewable energy sources to all residents of Tompkins county,

- Increasing the number of alternative models for incarceration and strengthening existing programs that support reentry work and rethinking our criminal justice system.

"I am running for County Legislature because we need more BIPOC women at the table with decision making power who can empathize with the many experiences of our constituents that keep them trapped in intergenerational poverty and without access to resources to improve their life trajectory," LaFave wrote in a press release. "I seek a seat at the table to be a voice for segments of our community that feel unseen and unheard."

She continued: "... I am running for the Tompkins County Legislature because I believe in the promise of Ithaca and the virtue of community building. I seek to serve because it is my desire and passion to see every single resident of TC living their best life, an equitable life, a life of abundance, of joy, fortune and fortitude."

Travis Brooks

Brooks works with McBean-Clairborne at GIAC and said she is his mentor.

"... I hope to build upon her remark-



LaFave Brooks John Lushtak

able legacy and represent the district with the same tenacity and compassion that she has brought to the Legislature," Brooks said in a press release.

As a member of Ithaca's Municipal Drug Policy Committee, Brooks contributed insights and recommendations that were used to win a \$1 million grant to implement a diversion program dedicated to reorienting typical responses to crimes and helping those suffering from addiction, poverty and mental health issues.

"I am devoted to serving as the voice of our community and am relentless in my devotion to improving the quality of life, especially for the disenfranchised," Brooks said.

Brooks is also the director of Ithaca's My Brother's Keeper, a program launched by President Barack Obama designed to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color.

"As a father, I raised six kids into adulthood," Brooks said. "I have been a single dad, a married dad, and a single divorced dad."

He continued: "I have begged, borrowed, and relied on the system to help me survive. I want to ensure that system is there for those that walk along the path I walked. I went from renter in the projects to a homeowner across the

street from those same projects. I am proof that anyone can be the change that they decide to be."

Priorities of Brooks' campaign include:

- "Affordable housing—gentrification has removed our most vulnerable people from their communities and placed them in the most remote areas which lack the most basic resources,

- Employment opportunities—creating jobs that give families stability and upward movement beyond the living wage,

- Funding for social service programs—we must push for programs that provide sustained programming based on need."

"I want to be the voice at the table that represents the entire community because I've lived their experiences," Brooks said. "Their stories are my stories, my voice is their voice, and their struggle is my reason."

Rich John

Rich John is running for re-election to District 4. District 4 is in the City of Ithaca and has parts of East Hill, Colletstown, the Fall Creek neighborhood, the Commons and Cornell University.

John is an attorney, teacher and businessperson. As a legislator, he chairs the Public Safety Committee, serves as the vice chair on the Downtown Facilities Committee, and is a committee member on the Government Operations Committee and Budget, Capital and Personnel Committee.

"Going forward, among many challenges, we need to continue to fight through the pandemic, and deal with the economic and social burdens it has placed on us," John said. "Similarly, we have tremendous questions before us as a country which show up here in our community and we need to address them."

He continued: "So, there is hard and important work left to be done. I would like the chance to continue to help our community find these answers."

Samantha Lushtak

Samantha Lushtak, an environmental, health and safety expert, is running for District 13, which is comprised of the western portion of the Town of Dryden.

Lushtak is certified in multiple high level safety programs including Incident Command Systems. She was the first to be awarded the KSA Grand Master designation through the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. She has worked with and trained people from a variety of backgrounds, educations, and trades.

Lushtak's campaign includes:

- Addressing COVID-19. Not only financially but logistically as well,
- Supporting the work on the re-imaging public safety initiative and adapting police budgets to be used effectively,
- Supporting accessible healthcare and pop-up healthcare,
- Creating affordable housing and choices for the residents and would-be residents of Tompkins County."

Follow Matt Steecker on Twitter @OnTheStecord.

COVID-19

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Lou Gehrig and Ruby Dee, who really lived here, and Dick Van Dyke, who just pretended to.

She has chronicled the changing face of New Rochelle, celebrating its growing diversity and the sights, sounds and flavors that has brought to "The Queen City of the Sound."

As she collects photos, memories and mementoes for the New Rochelle Public Library's pandemic archive, she'll likely include a copy of the "Saturday Night Live" skit, "New York Musical," which aired Oct. 31, 2020.

It goes like this: A woman enters a Times Square souvenir shop, clutching a Zabar's totebag. The shop owner tells his customers: "Oh no, look who's coming our way, that woman from Westchester and she has visible COVID."

The woman sneezes and sings, to the tune of "Hey, Big Spender."

"The minute I coughed at the press I knew that New Rochelle would try

and pin the blame on me. Super spreader! Spread a little rona with me."

Months after that skit aired, people across New Rochelle wonder if their city will forever bear the stain of the virus.

When Bonnet and his family went to Disney World last summer, a greeter asked where they were from. Bonnet said New York. When the greeter probed, and Bonnet proudly said New Rochelle, the greeter jumped back.

Others say that while New Rochelle might have been first, any COVID stigma won't last.

"Ten days later, it was everywhere, so that really didn't matter for long," Baldassarre said. "The label kind of hung in the air for a bit, you know, and that was tough."

Whether the virus will ultimately reshape the city's legacy, Davis continues to ensure New Rochelle's most recent chapter is carefully preserved.

Why? For many, the trail of coronavirus in America leads back to New Rochelle, and that will include future historians. Davis wants an accurate reflection of what happened here.

In early November, she hired Eileen McAdam, director and producer of the Sound and Story Project, to conduct the first round of oral-history interviews with those at the center of the COVID storm: Bramson, Strome, Bonnet, police, fire and hospital officials, their stories already shaped by the perspective of time. Davis took part, too, with more voices to come, she said.

A year on, we know so much more.

We better understand New Rochelle's place in the exhausting, devastating story of COVID-19 than we did at the start. We know that what seemed surreal here opened America's eyes to what was about to be its new reality.

The raw fear of March 2020 in New Rochelle was captured in newspaper articles and stark images broadcast around the world. Soon, the voices of those who lived through it will join those accounts, to await the curious ears of anyone — a year or a century from now — who wants to know what life looks like in the very heart of history.

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New York State Electric & Gas Electric Corporation (NYSEG)

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AT&T Inc	2.08	6.9	20	29.93	+1.2	+4.1	LockhdM	9.60	2.8	42	346.41	+6.22	-2.4
AETern g	1.51	+3.33	+254.5	Lowe	2.20	1.3	39	174.20	+2.65	+8.5
AmAirlines	.40	1.6	...	25.17	+1.80	+59.6	M&T Bk	4.40	2.8	11	155.30	-2.26	+22.0
Apple Inc s	.82	7.34	34	123.99	+2.96	+6.6	MarIntA	...	...	34	153.56	+3.36	+16.4
Autodesk	...	...	...	273.02	+4.91	+10.6	McDnlds	5.16	2.3	34	220.46	+8.12	+2.7
Avangrid	1.76	3.6	26	48.83	+5.3	+7.4	Merck	2.60	3.4	28	76.23	+1.63	-6.8
BkofAm	.72	1.9	20	37.75	-1.9	+24.5	MettlerT	...	...	46	1098.23	+30.85	-3.6
BestBuy	2.80	2.5	17	113.92	+2.93	+14.2	Michaels	...	...	15	21.91	+0.5	+68.4
BorgWarrn	1.36	2.7	29	50.55	+2.2	+30.8	Microsoft	2.24	1.0	38	234.81	-9.4	+5.6
CheckC h	...	...	...	3.07	+1.54	+567.4	NBT Bcp	1.08	2.6	15	41.42	-9.5	+29.0
ChemungF	1.04	2.4	19	43.15	+2.8	+27.1	NokiaCp	.19	4.4	...	4.30	+0.8	+10.0
Cisco	1.45	2.9	20	49.41	+5.9	+10.4	Pfizer	1.56	4.4	23	35.41	+4.7	-3.8
CmtyBkSy	1.68	2.1	25	79.66	-2.80	+27.8	SOS Ltd	...	...	...	8.16	+1.53	+451.4
ConstellA	3.00	1.3	18	229.86	+4.7	+4.9	Sigml h	...	...	...	7.64	+4.30	+126.0
Corning	.96	2.3	18	41.59	+8.4	+15.5	Sundial h	...	...	...	1.62	+2.0	+241.8
DenisnM g	...	...	...	1.30	+1.16	+100.9	TJX	...	...	23	68.02	+1.18	-4
DicksSptg	.31	...	14	78.30	+2.66	+39.3	Tegna	.28	1.4	12	19.65	-0.4	+40.9
Disney	1.76	.9	...	196.76	-4.0	+8.6	Tompkins	2.08	2.3	18	91.35	-1.01	+29.4
EmersonEl	2.02	2.2	28	90.92	-1.28	+13.1	TransAct	.36	3.0	50	12.10	+7.0	+74.0
ExxonMbl	3.48	5.8	77	60.39	-1.58	+46.5	UltraBeauty	...	...	30	322.49	+4.34	+12.3
FordM	...	...	...	13.20	-1.7	+50.2	UrbanOut	...	...	19	40.45	+5.4	+58.0
GenElec	.04	.3	38	13.35	+7.7	+23.6	VerizonCm	2.52	4.5	13	55.64	+0.1	-5.3
HP Inc	.78	2.5	13	30.79	+5.1	+25.2	WalMart	2.20	1.6	77	133.43	-6.9	-7.4
Hilton	.60	.5	...	127.26	+1.16	+14.4	WsteMlnc	2.30	1.9	26	122.62	+8.3	+4.0
HomeDp	6.60	2.4	23	278.54	+5.44	+4.9	XeroxHld	1.00	3.8	...	26.06	-.85	+12.4
Intel	1.39	2.2	12	63.79	+8.9	+28.0							
IBM	6.52	5.1	13	128.58	+9.7	+21.0							

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The Market in Review

New York Stock Exchange

Most active (\$1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AMC Ent	2778550	14.04	+2.88
SOS Ltd	1230664	8.16	+1.53
GenElec	1112914	13.35	+7.7
FordM	641173	13.20	-1.7
NokiaCp	594215	4.30	+0.8

Gainers (\$2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ShawCm g	27.10	+7.93	+41.4
JJill rs	6.44	+1.37	+27.0
AMC Ent	14.04	+2.88	+25.8
SOS Ltd	8.16	+1.53	+23.1
CVR Ptr rs	35.85	+6.06	+20.3

Losers (\$2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GameStop	220.14	-44.36	-16.8
AlphMetal	13.20	-2.31	-14.9
RYB Edu	5.30	-.61	-10.3
TimknSteel	10.79	-1.20	-10.0
Silvrbow	8.16	-.85	-9.4

Diary

Advanced	1,621	Total issues	2,549
Declined	883	New Highs	415
Unchanged	45	New Lows	1

Volume: 4,420,531,689

NASDAQ

Most active (\$1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Sundial h	5105517	1.62	+2.0
CheckC h	4179926	3.07	+1.54
Sigml h	2870998	7.64	+4.30
AETern g	1088952	1.51	+3.3
AmAirlines	936281	25.17	+1.80

Gainers (\$2 or more)

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OrientalCul n	9.30	+5.08	+120.4
CheckC h	3.07	+1.54	+100.7
RubiusTh	30.29	+13.86	+84.4
Zynerba	7.03	+2.32	+49.3

Losers (\$2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Varonis	58.52	-116.99	-66.7
Enterabi	5.81	-1.09	-15.8
SprucBio n	21.91	-3.88	-15.0
NovalFs	4.28	-.66	-13.4
SalemMda	3.10	-.47	-13.2

Diary

Advanced	1,967	Total issues	3,423
Declined	1,350	New Highs	358
Unchanged	106	New Lows	12

Volume: 5,424,544,949

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

U.S. Dollar in Foreign Currency

	Last	Pvs. Day
Australian dollar	1.2904	1.2891
British pound	.7200	.7182
Canadian dollar	1.2473	1.2468
Chinese yuan	6.5000	6.5085
Euro	.8385	.8369
Japanese yen	109.15	109.06
Mexican peso	20.6620	20.7020
Swiss franc	.9282	.9296

FUELS

New York Mercantile, CBOT (ethanol)

	Last	Pvs. Day
Crude oil (bbl)	65.39	65.61
Natural gas (btu)	2.48	2.60
Heating oil (gal)	1.95	1.97
Ethanol (gal)	1.80	1.80
NY Harbor gas (gal)	2.10	2.15

METALS

New York Mercantile, COMX (copper)

	Last	Pvs. Day
Gold (troy oz.)	1728.90	1719.50
Silver (troy oz.)	26.25	25.88
Platinum (troy oz.)	1209.50	1200.30
Copper (pound)	4.15	4.15

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.) Source: The Associated Press

Dems bank on relief aid to win back wary white voters

Will Weissert
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JEANNETTE, Pa. — When Joe Biden visited this corner of southwestern Pennsylvania in the final weeks before the election, his goal wasn't to win it so much as to show the area's overwhelmingly white working-class electorate that his party was at least willing to try. "A lot of white, working-class Democrats thought we forgot them," Biden said after touring a union training facility during a late September swing through Westmoreland County. "I get their sense of being left behind."



Then-Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, far right, speaks after touring International Union of Operating Engineers Local 66 in New Alexandria, Pa. ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Democrats have offered paeans like that since President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered the New Deal and cemented an alliance with working-class voters. That bond was rooted in the notion that the Democrats' policies would improve workers' lives.

But that relationship has steadily frayed, with working-class voters now casting Democrats as the party of cultural elites who talk down to them and reject their values. Such resentment has even driven workers to vote against their seeming economic self-interest, given that GOP tax policy is often geared toward the well-to-do and business.

Now Biden and his party are hoping that by muscling through passage of the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief and economic stimulus bill — with benefits heavily weighted toward lower- and middle-income Americans — they can win back at least a larger share of working-class voters.

The president is flying Tuesday to Delaware County, outside Philadelphia, to help promote the new aid.

Still, that proposition — which Republicans dismiss as a "liberal wish list" — will be tested in places such as Westmoreland County. More than 250 miles west, the county was a Democratic stronghold until its industrial base withered.

"These are the kind of issues that are a little bit more meat-and-potatoes and that we should focus on in this area," said Paul Adams, a former county Democratic official.

"Despite the fact that our sympathies may be with other issues," Adams said, referring to larger efforts to tackle racism and promote gay rights, "it's hard to get traction with that with the local population."

Democrats are banking on direct payments of \$1,400 to most Americans under the COVID-19 law as a strong counter to that criticism. The package also dramatically expands tax credits for families with children, bolsters unemployment benefits, reduces taxes on student loan debt and lowers costs of the Obama-era health law's coverage. Ed Rendell, a former Democratic gov-

ernor of Pennsylvania, said the legislation won't singlehandedly solve the party's problems with working-class voters but is "a good first mile down the road."

"It is incumbent upon us to make the case — which I believe has always been there to make, we've just done a (terrible) job — that we're the party of the working guy," Rendell said. "And the Republicans are using smoke and mirrors."

By some estimates, the law could reduce the nation's poverty rate by one-third. That may have an outsize impact on Westmoreland County, whose under-65 population receives more federal disability benefits than the national average and where less than one-third of residents have a college degree, according to federal estimates.

The town of Jeannette used to boast of being the "Glass Capital of the World," but nearly all of those factories are long gone. A nearby Volkswagen plant shuttered in 1988, wiping out 2,500 jobs.

But the strong economic incentives in the relief bill are colliding with the structural support here for former President Donald Trump. Trump 2020 yard signs and flags — often carefully preserved against winter snows — still line the hilly roadsides beyond the hulking husks of the abandoned bottle works. The Democratic county sheriff became a Republican last summer, saying his old party wasn't supporting law enforcement strongly enough during demonstrations that swept the country over police brutality and racism.

Like Biden, Trump campaigned in Westmoreland County, and he won the county by nearly 30 percentage points. But Biden got about 11,000 more votes here than Hillary Clinton did in 2016.

That's significant given that Biden won Pennsylvania by only about 80,500 votes.

Bill Bretz, chairman of the county's Republican Party, said the new direct economic benefits are canceled out by other Biden administration policies. That includes nixing the Keystone XL pipeline, which has raised fears that Pennsylvania's natural gas producers could face similar limits in the name of battling climate change.

"There's a lot of people who are still registered Democrats, who still hold on to those working-class Democratic values," Bretz said. "But their sensitivities are violated by the national Democratic platform."

Indeed, people like Mary Wilmes, who owns a gift shop in the county seat of Greensburg, doesn't like to rile customers with talk of politics. But she did offer praise for Biden and his work promoting the stimulus. "He's giving you the sense that he cares about people," she said.

"It's not like before," Wilmes added, "when what we had was, 'It's all about himself.'"

The white working-class helped fuel Trump's 2016 rise, but those voters have actually been gravitating to Republicans since 1992, according to research by Noam Lupu, a political science professor at Vanderbilt University. Working-class African Americans have remained steadfastly loyal to Democrats, but Trump saw his support among Latinos improve in 2020. That could indicate that a broader shift away from Democrats may be resonating with some Hispanics.

"I think, for the Democratic Party, it's a tough coalition to maintain: working-class voters who are really focused on their economic interests, but, at the same time, very progressive social positions for the urban, educated voters," Lupu said. "I think Biden has an opportunity to rebrand the party a little bit."

Working-class generally denotes people without college degrees who have lower wage jobs. It also can mean better educated, better paid middle-class earners who don't like defining themselves as rich or poor. Trump won 62% of white voters without a college degree in November, according to AP VoteCast, a nationwide survey of the

electorate.

During the campaign, Biden tried to contrast what he called the working family sensitivities of his birth city of Scranton, Pennsylvania, with Trump's Fifth Avenue, big city values. Biden also has pledged to be "the most pro-union president you've ever seen."

"A number of working-class people have seen politics not deliver for their families, and sometimes that's when Democrats are in charge and sometimes that's when Republicans are in charge," said Rick Levy, president of the Texas AFL-CIO. "It creates an opening for demagogues who say, 'I can fix it.'"

Some top Republicans have begun arguing that theirs is actually the party of the working-class — mixing economic appeal with key social issues such as promoting gun rights and opposing abortion, along with emphasizing opposition to the cancellation of some Dr. Seuss books and dropping "Mr." from Potato Head so the toy better promotes gender inclusivity.

"We are a working-class party now," Missouri Republican Sen. Josh Hawley tweeted on election night. Hawley also offered legislation to raise the minimum wage to \$15, long a position of progressive Democrats.

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, recently declared the GOP the "party of steel workers and construction workers and taxi drivers and cops and firefighters and waitresses." He has proposed a \$10,000 scholarship helping parents who live in areas where schools remain shuttered because of the virus to pay for education elsewhere.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., endorsed a union organizing drive at an Amazon warehouse in Alabama, accusing the online giant's leadership of waging a "culture war against working-class values."

Levy said Democrats can now point to concrete provisions of the relief law, which he said also shows that the GOP is "never going to support working-class people."

But some say the stimulus package may prove hollow over the long term.

"It's a good thing now," Lucas Skezely, a 19-year-old community college student from Irwin, west of Jeannette, said of getting another stimulus check. "But you can't keep doing it forever."

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AbbottLab	1.80	1.5	49	121.47	+1.22	+10.9	Exelon	1.53	3.6	17	42.79	-18	+1.4	NiSource	.88	3.8	...	23.42	-27	+2.1
Allstate	3.24	2.9	8	112.24	-1.00	+2.1	ExxonMbl	3.48	6.2	72	55.91	-58	+35.6	Nucor	1.62	2.3	49	69.55	-1.77	+30.8
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ColgPalm	1.80	2.4	24	75.77	+7.9	-11.4	LoanDpt	20.74	-91	-34.1	Travelers	3.40	2.3	16	147.59	-1.71	+5.1
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DuPont	1.20	1.5	...	77.56	+4.6	+9.1	MetLife	1.84	3.1	10	60.11	-1.18	+28.0	WeisMk	1.24	2.2	13	56.72	-1.5	+18.6
DukeEngy	3.86	4.1	23	93.12	+4.0	+1.7	MicroSoft	2.24	.9	38	235.99	+5.64	+6.1	WellsFargo	.40	1.0	95	38.97	-.66	+29.1
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UpstarHld n	164.87	+39.59	+31.6
DyadicInt	6.87	+1.54	+28.9
IntegMed	9.25	+1.88	+25.5

Losers (\$2 or more)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OdonateT	3.96	-15.07	-79.2
Euros h	10.95	-2.90	-20.9
ThernPhar n	22.55	-4.70	-17.2
LIZI	9.38	-1.93	-17.1
Canaan	22.97	-4.65	-16.8
SoYoung	10.01	-2.02	-16.8
ApplMol n	53.98	-10.12	-15.8
TrnWEnt	23.51	-4.01	-14.6
SlvrBckTh n	51.51	-8.63	-14.3

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

U.S. Dollar in Foreign Currency		
	Last	Pvs. Day
Australian dollar	1.2897	1.2905
British pound	.7213	.7209
Canadian dollar	1.2509	1.2494
Chinese yuan	6.5078	6.5090
Euro	.8374	.8397
Japanese yen	108.80	108.89
Mexican peso	20.5474	20.5074
Swiss franc	.9235	.9291

FUELS

New York Mercantile, CBOT (ethanol)		
	Last	Pvs. Day
Crude oil (bbl)	61.47	61.42
Natural gas (btu)	2.58	2.54
Heating oil (gal)	1.83	1.82
Ethanol (gal)	1.80	1.80
NY Harbor gas (gal)	1.96	1.94

METALS

New York Mercantile, COMX (copper)		
	Last	Pvs. Day
Gold (troy oz.)	1737.80	1741.40
Silver (troy oz.)	25.74	26.29
Platinum (troy oz.)	1184.00	1200.10
Copper (pound)	4.15	4.12

(Previous figures reflect current contract.)
Source: The Associated Press

COVID

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restaurants, airports and mass transportation areas, except when eating and drinking.

Capacity restrictions

These still apply in most public spaces, typically to maintain social distancing in indoor spaces. Classrooms, child care centers, churches, venues, restaurants and other spaces must adhere to restrictions at a percentage of their typical capacity.

Capacity limits at most venues are at 50% as of mid-March. Restaurants can operate at 75% of their typical capacity outside New York City, where restaurant capacity remains limited to 35%.

Gatherings

Outdoor gatherings at private residences are allowed in groups of 25. Indoor private gatherings are still capped at 10 people.

Outdoor social gatherings are capped at 200 and indoor social gatherings at 100.

Hygiene and disinfection

High-touch public spaces, vehicles, equipment and items must be cleaned and disinfected regularly. Hand sanitizer dispensers and/or handwashing stations should be provided.

Screenings

Employees, volunteers, students, teachers and in some cases, customers or attendees must be routinely screened for COVID-19 symptoms and exposure.



A child rests on a subway car last week while riders wear protective masks because of COVID-19 concerns in New York. JOHN MINCHILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Travel

Starting April 1, those traveling domestically no longer have to quarantine upon return home, although the state still recommends a precautionary quarantine. International travelers are required to quarantine for 7 days with a negative test 3-5 days after returning from travel, or 10 days without a negative test.

Quarantine

New Yorkers who are fully vaccinated (i.e. they are beyond two weeks past their final vaccine dose) and asymptomatic do not have to quarantine following exposure to COVID-19 in the first three months following vaccination.

Additionally, New Yorkers who have been infected with COVID-19 in the past and have recovered, and are asymptomatic after being exposed again, do not have to quarantine.

Those who do not meet those criteria have to quarantine for 14 days, or 10 days if no symptoms are reported.

What additional restrictions should I expect at specific venues?

Restaurants and bars

- Capacity limit at 75% outside of New York City, 35% in New York City.
- Closure at 11 p.m. is required, though Cuomo said he will revisit that curfew in April.

Live entertainment and theater

- Smaller venues will face a capacity limit at 33% with a cap of 100 people indoors and 200 people outdoors, starting in April.
- Large, outdoor performing arts venues seating 2,500 people or more can open at 20% capacity starting in April.
- Fans must show a negative test result or proof of full vaccination prior to entry.

Movie theaters

- Capacity at 25% with no more than 50 people per screen at a time.
- Assigned seating required.
- Additional staffing required to control occupancy, traffic and seating to ensure compliance.
- Enhanced air filtration, ventilation and purification standards.

Weddings

- Venue capacity at 50% with no more than 150 people per event.
- Guests must show a negative test result prior to entry.
- Sign-in with contact information required to assist with potential contact tracing.
- Venues must notify local health departments of large events, above the social gathering limit, in advance.

- Ceremonial and socially-distanced dancing allowed under strict guidelines.

Sporting events

- Capacity limit of 20% in outdoor venues seating 2,500 or more.
- Capacity limits of 10% in venues seating 1,500 or more.
- Fans must show a negative test result or proof of full vaccination prior to entry.

Religious buildings and churches

- No more than 50% capacity.
- Social distancing of 12 feet when singing.
- Provide hand sanitizer and handwashing stations.

Sports and recreation

- Occupancy limit at 50% in any given area.
- Limited class sizes.
- Reduced service in some areas.
- Prohibited use of small spaces like elevators.

Child care facilities and camps

- Limit groups to 15 children or less.
- No non-essential visitors.
- Limit sharing of objects.

Beaches

- Capacity restrictions at 50%.
- No large gatherings or spontaneous sporting events.

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Reed

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Reed, 49, also apologized to his family, "the people of the 23rd District, my colleagues, and those who have supported me for the harm this caused them."

Reed represents a heavily Republican district that runs across the Southern Tier - from the Pennsylvania border east through Elmira and north through Ithaca and into Ontario County. The district is also one that could be on the chopping block as part of redistricting next year.

While a supporter of former President Donald Trump, Reed has also sought to reach across the aisle, serving as a co-leader of the bi-partisan Problem Solvers Caucus in Congress.

Reed, the most senior member of the GOP House delegation in New York, said the 2017 incident with Davis, now 29, a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, occurred at a time when he was struggling with alcoholism.

He said he is now four years sober of "that personal lifelong journey of recovery. With the support of my wife, kids and loved ones, professional help, and trust in a higher power, I continue that journey day-by-day."

He said his struggle with addiction is

not an excuse for any misbehavior, but he plans to "dedicate my time and attention to making amends for my past actions" and work with those also battling addiction.

"As I go forward, I will strive to be a better human being, continue to fight for what I believe in, and to make people's lives better in any way I can. I hope this formal apology is just the start," he continued.