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#### As Our Readers See It Dinner party great

Editor, Gettysburg Times,

friends in the middle of Baltimore on Dec. 6, 7 and 8. Street? I travel Baltimore Street a lot and to see the coordination and commitment it took to pull off this new and fantastic event was awesome. It came off like clock work thanks to

an amazing committee and different I agree with Alex Hayes. Friday groups working together. Can hardly evening the Long Long Long wait to do it again next year! Anothdinner was such fun. Whoever thought er thought Friday night was a dress we would be having dinner with rehearsal for the Gettysburg Festival

> Suzy Miller, Retired Administrative Assistant. Gettysburg College Chair, Trinity UCC 41st Annual Holiday Bazaar

#### Supports Debany

Editor, Gettysburg Times,

for our next Cumberland Township Supervisor.

to others; first a U.S. Army military officer for 30 years, then as a highranking government civilian. Today, dents, equally. he works with high-risk youths at the Silver Oak Academy trying to lead them on a path to a brighter future.

Walter resides with his wife, Ken-

dra, a noted historical researcher, on I will be voting for Walter Debany their farm in Cumberland Township. Farm ownership is their lifelong passion. Walter Debany has served his He has spent a life-time in service country, his state, and now wants to serve his community, representing all Republicans, Democrats and Indepen-

Please join me Nov. 5 by casting your vote for Walter Debany.

Dale Molina, **Cumberland Township** 

#### Enjoys Snyder's insight

Editor, Gettysburg Times,

I have read and enjoyed Fred Snyhis column is one of the first things I read on Tuesdays. However, in the last edge by becoming more of a community bulletin board and congratulatorhave always found interesting and thought provoking. In short, his colbeen often criticized by the political left and others who eschew his forthright style, so I hope such criticism has not somehow pressured him to avoid controversial topics and opinions

I haven't always agreed with Fred but I have always appreciated his der's column for a long time. In fact, boldness, calling "strikes and balls" over local issues as he sees fit based on his contacts and experience in so few months he seems to have lost his many realms. Lately, that's been missing for some reason.

There's nothing wrong with a comin-chief than the county critic that I munity bulletin board and complimenting people when appropriate, but I think Fred is capable of much umn has become bland. I know he has more insight into things local and even national. I'd like to see more of it, just like before. Without this insight the Times is just a little less interesting.

> Jay Kalasnik, New Oxford

## Beyond one city, beyond one drug

Sept. 14, 2019 at 8 p.m., advocates gathered in Indianapolis, Ind. across the street from the headquarters of Eli Lilly and Co., one of the three largest insulin manufacturers in the world. The nonpartisan vigil they came to attend was organized to mourn the loss of and honor the lives of people who died from insulin rationing.

According to JAMA Internal Medicine one of every four patients with type 1 diabetes has had to ration insulin because of its cost. The percentage is even higher for young adults. It was not always this expensive. Since the 1990's, BMJ Global Health cites, the cost of insulin has increased over 1,200%, yet the cost of production for one vial of analog insulin is between \$3.69 and \$6.16.

The event's primary organizer was T1International, a non-profit organization run by people with type 1 diabetes advocating for access to insulin and supplies around the world. T1International's first U.S.A. #insulin4all Chapters launched in 2018 to work with lawmakers to pass meaningful legislation and raise awareness of the pricing crisis. T1International takes no funding from pharmaceutical or diabetes device companies in order to avoid conflicts of interest and to ensure independent advocacy.



Leading up to the vigil, chants and signs focused on insulin access. At 8:00pm the vigil started with silence. The speakers included Janelle Lutgen (mother of Jesse Lutgen), Mindi Patterson (sister-in-law of Meaghan Carter), Antrionette Worsham (mother of Antavia Worsham), Erin Weaver mother of Josh Wilkerson), Joanne Koepp (mother of Micah Fischer), Cindy Scherer Boyd (mother of Jesimya Scherer-Radcliff), Nicole Hood (mother of Allen Rivas), Jazmine Baldwin (sister of Jada Louis) and Nicole Smith-Holt, (mother of Alec Smith). Each speaker shared briefly from the tragic details of their family member who died because they could not afford insulin. The Rev. Jerry Davis from Indiana's Crossroads AME Church provided closing remarks.

This vigil went beyond individual fear and frustration. The people pres-

ent, who came from at least three different countries, don't want others to die. It isn't just personal. It was an expression of concern for public health in this country and an acknowledgement that insulin is not alone in its exorbitant pricing. I attended to stand in solidarity with people striving to improve access to insulin and to all essential medicines. This is not a fringe issue. It goes far beyond a single Big Pharma presence in a single city for a single disease.

Eli Lilly had a historical role in selling insulin to patients. It was not an innocent or perfect role, nonetheless it was significant. It was helpful. Eli Lilly, Sanofi and Novo Nordisk can now choose to be on the right side of history by controlling pricing through their own initiative, or they can delay inevitable change and be responsible for the dangerous and unnecessary rationing.

Learn more about T1International at www.tlinternational.com. Learn more about People of Faith for Access to Medicines/Faith in Healthcare at https://faithinhealthcare.org/fhc.

Katy Giebenhain is a member of the Gettysburg Area DFA Healthcare Task



#### Respect law

Editor, Gettysburg Times,

Among the continuing lies of Donald Trump was his claim that he would be the law and order president.

After the 2016 election, the American public got a preview of how that claim would be fulfilled when he stated that a president couldn't have a conflict of interest. Ongoing investigations, particularly in New York, suggest that he, his family and his businesses are subject to the rule of law.

Now, Trump indicates he has a responsibility to investigate corruption, having neglected since the beginning of his term to investigate the corruption of a number of his appointees. His administration has also withheld normal reporting to Congress and the Ameerican people including accurate reporting of issues important to of members of Congress. It also tests our present and future.wellbeing as a the integrity of the electorate. nation.

rejected by the latter, demonstrates his ple support — the Constitution, a percontinued efforts to exonerate Russia from interference in our 2016 election, despite established evidence that confirms that interference both then and now. His outreach to foreign countries is an effort to generate bogus information about political opponents. In that

pursuit, he appears to have jeopardized alliances and withheld aid, hostage to Trump's pursuit of a personal agenda, a violation of his responsibility on national security.

The House of Representatives is now conducting an impeachment inquiry into his behavior and whether or not it requires the adoption of articles of impeachment as contemplated under constitutional law.

Efforts are being made to protect witnesses against retribution by Trump. (While it does not require a formal vote to be pursued, Republican representatives should breathe a sigh of relief, since having an early vote might set them up for being opposed in next year's primaries.)

The inquiry is testing the integrity

Questions abound. Is a president His overtures to Ukraine and China, above the law? What should the peoson, a party? What will other nations think of us if we remain silent? And, in our time, who should we look to for a profile in courage?

> Stephen D. Harris, Gettysburg

#### TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 10, the of the Nobel Peace Prize. 283rd day of 2019. There are 82 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 10, 2001, U.S. jets pounded the Afghan capital of Kabul. President George W. Bush unveiled a list of 22 most-wanted terrorists, including Osama bin Laden.

On this date:

In 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy was established in Annapolis, Mary-

In 1913, the Panama Canal was effectively completed as President Woodrow Wilson sent a signal from the White House by telegraph, setting off explosives that destroyed a section of the Gamboa dike

In 1938, Nazi Germany completed its annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland (soo-DAYT'-uhn-land). In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek took the

oath of office as president of China. In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower apologized to the finance minister of Ghana, Komla Agbeli Gbdemah, after the official was refused seating in a Howard Johnson's restaurant near Dover, Delaware.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy, responding to the Thalidomide birth defects crisis, signed an amendment to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act requiring pharmaceutical companies to prove that their products were safe and effective prior to marketing.

In 1964, the first Summer Olympics to be held in Asia were opened in Tokyo by Japanese Emperor Hirohito. Entertainer Eddie Cantor, 72, died in Beverly Hills, California. In 1967, the Outer Space Treaty,

prohibiting the placing of weapons of mass destruction on the moon or elsewhere in space, entered into force.

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accused of accepting bribes, pleaded no contest to one count of federal income tax evasion, and resigned

In 1985, U.S. fighter jets forced an Egyptian plane carrying the hijackers of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro (ah-KEE'-leh LOW'-roh) to land in Italy, where the gunmen were taken into custody. Actor-director Orson Welles died in Los Angeles at age 70; actor Yul Brynner died in New York at

age 65. In 1997, the International Campaign

Jody Williams, were named winners

In 2004, Christopher Reeve, the "Superman" of celluloid who became a quadriplegic after a May 1995 horse riding accident, died in Mount Kisco, New York, at age 52 Ten years ago: Turkey and Arme-

nia signed a landmark agreement to establish diplomatic relations and open their sealed border after a century of enmity. President Barack Obama, addressing the Human Rights Campaign, restated his campaign pledge to allow homosexual men and women to serve openly in the military.

Five years ago: Malala Yousafzai (mah-LAH'-lah YOO'-suhf-zeye), a 17-year-old Pakistani girl, and Kailash Satyarthi (KY'-lash saht-YAHR'thee), a 60-year-old Indian man, were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for risking their lives for the right of children to receive an education and to live free from abuse

One year ago: Stocks plunged as investors feared that rising interest rates and trade tensions could hurt company profits; the Dow industrials fell 831 points, the worst loss for the index in eight months. President Donald Trump, reacting to the market turmoil, said the Federal Reserve was "making a mistake" with its campaign of rate increases. Trump demanded answers from Saudi Arabia about the fate of missing Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi (jah-MAHL' khahr-SHOHK'-jee), as lawmakers pushed for sanctions. Hurricane Michael slammed into the Florida Panhandle with winds of 155 miles per hour, splintering homes and submerging

to Ban Landmines and its coordinator, neighborhoods, before continuing into south Georgia as a Category 3 hurri-

> Today's Birthdays: Former Illinois Sen. Adlai Stevenson III is 89. Actor Peter Coyote is 78. Entertainer Ben Vereen is 73. Singer John Prine is 73. Actor Charles Dance is 73. Rock singer-musician Cyril Neville (The Neville Brothers) is 71. Actress Jessica Harper is 70. Author Nora Roberts (aka "J.D. Robb") is 69. Singer-musician Midge Ure is 66. Rock singer David Lee Roth is 65. Actor J. Eddie Peck is 61. Country singer Tanya Tucker is 61. Actress Julia Sweeney is 60. Actor Bradley Whitford is 60. Musician Martin Kemp is 58. Actress Jodi Benson is 58. Rock musician Jim Glennie (James) is 56. Actress Rebecca Pidgeon is 54. Rock musician Mike Malinin (mah-LIHN'-ihn) (Goo Goo Dolls) is 52. Pro Football Hall of Famer Brett Favre is 50. Actor Manu Bennett is 50. Actress Joelle Carter is 50. Actress Wendi McLendon-Covey is 50. Actor/TV host Mario Lopez is 46. Retired race car driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. is 45. Actress Jodi Lyn O'Keefe is 41. Singer Mya is 40. Actor Dan Stevens is 37. Singer Cherie is 35. MLB outfielder Andrew McCutchen is 33. Actress Rose McIver is 31. Actress Aimee Teegarden is 30.

> Thought for Today: "We're born alone, we live alone, we die alone. Only through our love and friendship can we create the illusion for the moment that we're not alone."— Orson Welles (1915-1985).

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