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**Sunday, June 14th, 2026**

***In Person at 12:30 PM and Online at 1:00 PM***

## **Juneteenth: Celebrating Freedom in Texas and Beyond**



**Tyina Steptoe**

The date June 19, 1865, has been celebrated by Black Texans since Reconstruction. Known today as “Juneteenth,” the holiday commemorates the arrival of Union soldiers to Galveston, Texas, and the liberation of the enslaved population. Professor Tyina Steptoe will discuss the history of Juneteenth celebrations – including the recent adoption of June 19 as a federal holiday – and common misconceptions regarding the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation.

Tyina (pronounced Ta-wa-na) Steptoe hails from Houston, Texas. She holds a Ph.D. in History and an M.A. in Afro-American Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also earned a B.S. in Radio-Television-Film and a B.A. in History from the University of Texas at Austin. Currently, she is an associate professor of history at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Her work focuses on race, gender, and culture in the United States. Her award-winning book, Houston Bound: Culture and Color in a Jim Crow City (University of California Press, 2016), examines how the migration of Creoles of color, ethnic Mexicans, and black East Texans complicated notions of race in Houston between the 1920s and 1960s. Her latest book is Jim Crow: Voices from a Century of Struggle. Dr. Steptoe also hosts a weekly radio program called “Soul Stories” on 91.3 KXCI Tucson. The show explores the roots and branches of rhythm and blues music.

The program will take place both in person (at 12:30 PM) and online (at 1:00 PM) via Zoom. The in-person event will be held at Pinnacle Living at 45 Forts Ferry Road in Latham, NY. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be available at the in-person meeting before the speaker’s presentation, but **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE**. Current paid CDHS members will automatically receive an invitation to the online meeting via email. If you are not a current paid CDHS member, please see the paragraph below to request an email invitation to attend.

**ANYONE WHO IS NOT A CURRENT PAID MEMBER of CDHS can attend.** Send an email request to:

[CDHS.Albany@gmail.com](mailto:CDHS.Albany@gmail.com). Please send the request several days prior to the meeting.

The Capital District Humanist Society provides a supportive community for exchanging ideas, heightening our knowledge of the world and ourselves, fostering moral and ethical growth, and promoting the principles of secular humanism. CDHS is a member organization for people with humanist values. Our values include commitment to free inquiry, rational thought, lifelong education, democracy, social concern, and fellowship.

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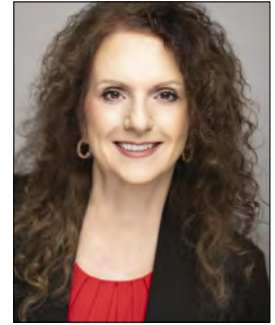
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On Sunday, July 12th, 2026, 12:30 PM (In Person) and 1:00 PM (Online)  
 The Capital District Humanist Society Presents:

# Bastille Day: Revolution, Reflection, and the Language of Freedom



**Nancy Scarselletta**

Bastille Day—known in France simply as *le 14 juillet*—is often associated with celebration: fireworks, music, and national pride. Its origins, however, lie in a pivotal moment of transformation in French history.

In this presentation, we will explore the historical significance of the storming of the Bastille and the broader context of the French Revolution. From there, we will consider the enduring ideas it represents—freedom, collective voice, and the human drive for dignity and participation in society.

Drawing connections between history, culture, and language, this talk invites reflection on how the language of the Revolution reflects its ideas—and how language and culture shape meaning across time.

Participants will gain insight not only into a defining historical moment but also into the ways ideas are expressed, shared, and carried forward through language.

For those interested in continuing their exploration of language and culture, additional resources and information will be available.

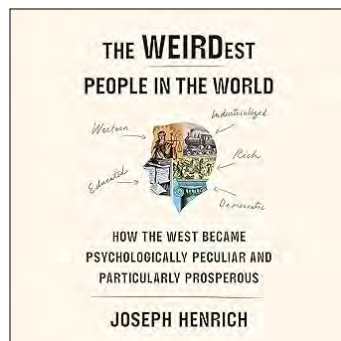
Nancy Scarselletta is the Founder and Director of The Language Learning Institute, where she has guided students of all ages toward confident communication in French and Spanish. A New York State certified teacher with over 30 years of experience, she has taught in both public and private settings, as well as through her own institute. Nancy holds a Master of Arts in French from Middlebury College and completed immersive study in Paris, where she explored language through culture, history, and daily life—experiences that continue to shape her work.

Over the course of her career, she has developed a distinctive approach to language learning that emphasizes meaning, connection, and the ability to engage in real conversation from the earliest stages. Through her teaching and presentations, Nancy brings together language, culture, and human experience, helping audiences see how communication shapes not only what we say, but how we understand one another and the world around us.

This program begins at 1:00 PM. Nancy will present live and in person at Pinnacle Living at 45 Forts Ferry Road in Latham, NY. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be available at the in-person meeting before the speaker's presentation. **Please bring your own beverage.** Current paid CDHS members will automatically receive an invitation to the on-line meeting via email. If you are not a current paid CDHS member, please see page 1 to request an email invitation to attend.

**Reminder: August Meeting — Sunday, August 9, 2026**

**CDHS Book Group** is reading *The WEIRDest People In The World: How The West Became Psychologically Peculiar And Particularly Prosperous* by Joseph Henrich. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays.



**Contact Frank Robinson if you would like to join the spirited and informative discussion.**

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## ***RECAP OF OUR MAY SPEAKER'S TALK***

*(by Don Porterfield)*

Dr. Scott Solomon is a Teaching Professor in BioSciences at Rice University and a Research Associate at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. In his presentation *The Wisdom of the Ants*, he discussed the biology, social structures, behavior, and architectural achievements of ants.

Scott explained that ants reproduce through haplodiploid sex determination, where fertilized eggs become females and unfertilized eggs become males. Scott described various ant social structures and behaviors, including how weaver ants build nests using silk produced by larvae and how some ants live inside acacia tree thorns, forming protective relationships with the plants.

Scott provided overviews of how ant behavior and architecture has been adapted for the conditions they face. He described leafcutter ants' sophisticated farming practices, including their cultivation of fungus gardens using leaves and the development of antibiotic-producing bacteria to protect against pests. Scott also explained how army ants coordinate movement without traffic jams through chemical pheromone trails, a behavior that inspired ant colony optimization software used in modern navigation systems. The presentation concluded with a discussion of how ants' ability to thrive in extreme environments could offer insights for humanities' future space colonization efforts.

**A recording of this presentation can be found on the CDHS YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/jVdBdyJROw0>.**

## **Skidmore Concert Scheduled for CDHS Social June 13, 2026**

Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs is offering a series of concerts this summer. Most everyone likes Saratoga and it's within easy driving distance. Some of our members have attended past performances and say they have never been disappointed.

Dee Fuller has chosen *Peter and the Wolf* and *The Bell*, starring Daniel Reichard from Broadway's *Jersey Boys*. The performance begins at 4:00 PM. The bar opens at 3:30 PM.

### Location:

Arthur Zankel Music Center  
815 North Broadway  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Tickets range from \$12.00 - \$47.00. Please purchase your own ticket(s) at <https://www.skidmore.edu/zankel/events.php>. Online would be best to get the seat of your choice. They will also be available the day of the performance at the box office.

Located on Skidmore's Perimeter Road, the Zankel Music Center is one of the first buildings beyond the College's main entrance off of North Broadway. Upon entering campus from North Broadway, take a left on Perimeter Road and the building will be on your right.

Main parking for the Arthur Zankel Music Center is located in the Arts Quad Parking A, which is to your left when you enter campus from the main entrance on North Broadway. Additional parking is available in Arts Quad Parking B, and secondary parking may be available in the Palamountain or Case Center lots (see the map linked above).

Parking on roadways and grass is prohibited.



We will meet at 1:30 PM for lunch at the Olde Bryan Inn, 123 Maple Avenue, Saratoga Springs (to view menu options, go to: <https://www.oldebryaninn.com/take-out-menu/>). You are welcome to join us for either or both.

Please RSVP to Dee Fuller at [candacelf13@gmail.com](mailto:candacelf13@gmail.com) by June 11th, **especially if you plan to join us for lunch.**

# Rockwall County Courthouse in Texas Unveils Illegal Ten Commandments Monument

**The display outside the Rockwall County Commissioners Court is a blatant Establishment Clause violation**

(Reprinted from the Friendly Atheist Newsletter [<https://www.friendlyatheist.com/>], May 25, 2026)

In a move that can and should lead to a federal lawsuit, the Rockwall County Commissioners Court in Texas unveiled a massive Ten Commandments monument in front of the building on Saturday. It comes a year after commissioners unanimously passed a resolution to make it happen.

The stand-alone monument, donated by Christian Nationalist Jason Rapert's American History & Heritage Foundation, exists for no reason other than to promote Christianity and make clear that only one religion is valued by the local government.

In case there was any doubt that this was about promoting religion, the ceremony featured speeches from Mike Berry of the conservative group First Liberty Institute and multiple Christian pastors. Several county commissioners and state lawmakers also spoke at the ceremony, including former Trump spokesperson (and current State Representative) Katrina Pierson.

"This is a great day for the people of Rockwall County," said Mike Berry of the Plano-based First Liberty Institute. **"Displaying the Ten Commandments on public grounds in Texas is consistent with Supreme Court decisions that recognize our religious heritage and the best of the nation's history and traditions."**

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**"It is appropriate that during this 250th Anniversary of our Nation's founding, Rockwall County will erect a monument to display the Ten Commandments," [Rockwall County Commissioner Lorne] Liechty said.** "May God bless America, the State of Texas, and our wonderful Rockwall County!"

There is, of course, no tradition of putting the Ten Commandments in front of anything, much less doing it for the past 250 years. The Supreme Court hasn't directly allowed a stand-alone Decalogue either. But that hasn't stopped conservatives in Texas from lying about it anyway, to the point where the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that posters of the Commandments can be forced to go up in public school classrooms across the state.

First Liberty said on Facebook that their Supreme Court victory "in the Coach Joe Kennedy case paved the way for these monuments to be brought back all across America." By which they mean the conservative bloc on the Court got rid of the Lemon Test, which helps judges decide if a law violates the Establishment Clause.

Even without that test, though, this monument still obviously violates the Establishment Clause. You don't need a special set of rules to figure this one out. These people make it sound like the Supreme Court got rid of the Establishment Clause altogether; that's not the case. (Not yet!)

Nevertheless, an almost identical scenario took place in nearby Tarrant County earlier this year. It's clear there's a strategy in place to get these monuments up outside as many courthouses as possible before church/state groups have the ability to get them taken down.

In this case, it began last May when the conservative Commissioners Court voted to place a potential monument outside the courthouse. In defense of it, they argued that it was virtually identical to a monument that sits outside the State Capitol:

**The monument will be similar to the Ten Commandments monument that is located on the grounds of the Texas State Capitol, which was approved by the United States Supreme Court in the 2005 case of *Van Orden v. Perry*.**

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FURTHER, RESOLVED, that the monument commemorating the Ten Commandments shall contain the following text, which was displayed on the **monument declared constitutional by the United States Supreme Court in *Van Orden v. Perry*, 545 U.S. 677 (2005).**

That's a ridiculous argument, though.

The reason the Supreme Court, in 2005, said the monument at the Texas Capitol could stay up was because it was part of a *larger set of displays* highlighting "people, ideals, and events that compose Texan identity."

The monument outside the Rockwall County Courthouse doesn't even bother with those other displays. For that reason, this monument is more like the one outside a Kentucky courthouse that the Supreme Court deemed unconstitutional that exact same day.

Are the Christians in Rockwall County utterly ignorant of this or do they just hate the Constitution? Good luck figuring out the answer.

It's irrelevant that this is a privately funded monument because the end result is that it's on public grounds, suggesting that Christianity is the official religion of the courthouse.

Not only does it promote Christianity, it uses phrasing from the King James Bible, a translation many Christians don't use. It tells citizens they can't have other gods before the One True Christian God™. That they can't make false idols. That they can't take God's name in vain. That they must rest on the Sabbath day. That they can't have sex with people they're not married to. That they can't covet what their neighbors have.

It's basically a monument listing all the religious rules Senate candidate Ken Paxton has broken. It's a list of ten things I guarantee most of those Christians who spoke at the unveiling couldn't recite without prompting.

The fact that this monument is outside a courthouse is appalling for other reasons. To quote criticism made by one Democrat against a separate Ten Commandments bill, "by endorsing a state-sanctioned religion, they undermine the foundational principle of religious freedom upon which the United States was built upon."

None of this is about history, morality, or the law. It's about power. Christians in Rockwall County want to make clear that their religion—and only their religion—is valued in civic life. If the Constitution says that's not permitted, then these people would prefer to rip up the Constitution.

The irony is that it's completely unnecessary. There's nothing about justice or public safety in Rockwall County that requires anyone to abide by some religious text. Courts are designed to implement *secular* law through the use of logic and reason and evidence. Religion plays by different rules entirely. This monument won't help judges make better decisions; it'll just send a signal to non-Christians that the law is out to get them and that their own government doesn't see them as truly equal.

If the donors and lawyers involved in this charade were smarter, they would have at least tried to conceal the obvious Establishment Clause violation. If and when the lawsuits arrive, this won't be some borderline case. This should be struck down by a judge without hesitation. (At least until some conservative judges decide the law doesn't matter anymore.)

At the bottom of the monument is another Bible verse: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice" (Proverbs 29:2). It's telling that they left off the rest of that verse, which reads "but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." Because this is a perfect example of wicked people in positions of authority, ignoring the rules for a secular society in favor of religious dogma that our law properly rejects in nearly every case.

# How to Describe this Catastrophe?

(by Robert Reich, former Secretary of Labor, from a May 15, 2026 email)

**We must use words that accurately describe who Trump and his lackeys really are  
— and what they are actually doing to America**

Friends,

Words matter. When describing a government, they inevitably carry moral weight.

Over the last 16 months, Trump and his appointees have so profoundly undermined the United States government that we should use different words to describe these people than we've used to describe all previous administrations.

To begin with, they shouldn't be called an "administration" at all. They should be referred to as a regime.

The Trump regime has flagrantly defied court orders. In February 2026, a federal judge (appointed by President George W. Bush) identified approximately 200 orders from the District of Minnesota alone that ICE had ignored since the start of the year, concluding that ICE had "likely violated more court orders in January 2026 than some federal agencies have violated in their entire existence." The regime has also vilified judges who rule against it and demanded their impeachment.

The regime has usurped Congress's powers to declare war, issue tariffs, and appropriate public funds. It is using tariffs as cudgels for Trump's political aims. The regime is seeking to stifle speech and silence criticism — in universities, law firms, and the media.

Secondly, this regime is not headed by a "president," as the Constitution of the United States and our laws and history have designated the head of the executive branch of the U.S. government. To put the term "President" before Trump's name defiles the Constitution. He is an authoritarian.

Trump has illegally fired more than 300,000 career civil servants. He has fired inspectors general who are charged with holding political appointees accountable. He punishes whistleblowers who protest abuses. He attacks marginalized groups and foments bigotry. He is openly persecuting political opponents. He has given out pardons to convicted felons who are political supporters or financial contributors — including nursing home fraudsters, a Honduran president who smuggled 400 tons of cocaine into the United States, and January 6 seditionists. He has sent federal troops into states and cities headed by Democratic officials.

Thirdly, Trump has no interest in governing. He wants only to impose his will and make money from his office. His regime's disregard for law is so monumental that it negates what we have come to understand as a "government of laws." A better word for it is lawless.

During the first 16 months of Trump's lawless regime, immigration agents have shot or killed 16 people, including three U.S. citizens. More people died last year in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement — a total of 32 — than in the preceding 20 years. People only suspected of being in the U.S. illegally have been detained or deported by masked and armed immigration agents, without a hearing. People only suspected of smuggling drugs have been murdered by the U.S. military in international waters, in violation of international law.

Meanwhile, Trump is accepting gifts from foreign powers. He blatantly promotes his family's crypto business and implements policies favorable to it. He has sued the Internal Revenue Service for \$10 billion and is now in settlement negotiations with his own Justice Department, which reportedly has offered to drop any future IRS audits of Trump, his family, or his businesses.

Finally, the true test of a successful president of the United States and his (eventually her) administration is not how much power he accumulates or how much he gets done. The real test is how much better off are the American people and how much stronger is our democracy. By these measures, Trump and his regime are not just lawless. They are a catastrophe.

Ed. Note: I had been trying to come up with an appropriate editorial for the past few months regarding the shift from our government's "leadership" from *administration* to *regime*. One of the things that came to mind was a passage from the novel Sophie's Choice, by William Styron. Sophie expresses frustration with learning English, as she complains "This is ridiculous language and there's too many words! The word for "velocity", okay, there's "fast", "quick", "rapid" and they all mean the same thing." Characters Stingo and Nathan tease her by adding several other related words. In present times, though, we should all be alarmed and outraged that our government is devolving into a *regime* similar to other authoritarian governments around the world, which carries an entirely different meaning than "administration".

Robert B. Reich is Professor of Public Policy emeritus at the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley. He has served in three national administrations, including as secretary of labor under President Bill Clinton, for which Time Magazine named him one of the ten most effective cabinet secretaries of the twentieth century. In 2003 he received the Václav Havel Foundation Prize from the former Czech president for his pioneering work in economic and social thought.

## **250 to 250 Video Presentations Debut**

*(by Heather Cox Richardson, from her Facebook post, May 24, 2026)*

For a while now, I've been hinting that my team was up to something. And tonight, at last, I have an announcement.

Last August, during one of my Politics Chat webcasts, at a time when those trying to impose white nationalism, Christian nationalism, or authoritarianism on our country insisted they were embracing American values, I urged people instead to see those who care about the preservation of democracy and who have worked to expand its values as the people who truly represent America.

That idea appealed strongly, apparently, to the two young women we had recently hired to manage my social media accounts and to produce the historical videos we've been putting up. As we kicked around ideas for our own celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary, they kept coming back to the idea from that Politics Chat: that "we...are America."

So, to honor the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we decided to launch a series of one-minute videos that highlight the people, places, and events that have helped to move us toward a more perfect Union.

We designed the videos to emphasize the agency of Americans—mostly everyday Americans—to change the country. Each falls into a category that defines what it means to be an American, including community, democracy, innovation, mobility, civil rights, education, conservation, and creativity.

When we floated the plan, lots of wonderful people all over the country understood the idea immediately and jumped in to help, suggesting topics, writing scripts, offering images, narrating.

We're launching the project tomorrow with the stories of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, narrated by Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey; the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, narrated by Representative Chrissy Houlahan of Pennsylvania; the Constitutional Convention (I narrated that one); Ruben Salazar, narrated by journalist Sylvia Salazar; Yellowstone, narrated by former senator Jon Tester of Montana; the AIDS Quilt, narrated by originator Cleve Jones; the Acadians, narrated by historian Jason Herbert; the Erie Canal, narrated by former secretary of transportation Pete Buttigieg; John Peter Zenger and the First Amendment, narrated by journalist Jelani Cobb; the Charter Oak, narrated by Senator Chris Murphy of Connecticut; Thomas Paine's Common Sense, narrated by Representative Jamie Raskin of Maryland; and the story of actress and dancer Rita Moreno, narrated by Academy Award winner Ariana DeBose.

For the next several weeks, we will be telling these stories and hundreds more. We hope that you will share them widely to flood social media with the real story of how Americans have always worked, often against seemingly insurmountable odds, to create a more perfect Union.

What has made America great has always been the American people.

Now, as for the past 250 years, "We Are America."

Find these excellent videos on YouTube, beginning with <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xrzQjU560Gs>.

### **A LITTLE OFF TOPIC**

For those of you who are interested in local flora and fauna, the Wilton Wildlife Festival will be held on May 31 from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM at 90 Scout Road, Gansevoort, NY 12831-2404.

The festival coincides with the bloom of wild blue lupines and the emergence of the first brood of the endangered Karner blue butterfly.

The Wildlife Festival offers an opportunity to connect with nature while learning about our local ecosystem, and participating in fun activities such as themed walks, interactive shows, craft stations, and much more! For more details and registration instructions, go to <https://www.wiltonpreserve.org/wildlife-festival>.

Join the bunch for lunch! We'll be returning to DinerTime, 813 Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110 (<https://dinertimeny.com/latham-dinertime-food-menu/>) on June 18th at 12:00 Noon. In July, we'll meet on Thursday the 16th. Please let Rosina Ansaldo know by Wednesday evening if you'll be joining them.

**NOTE: If you know of a great local eatery, please don't be shy; recommend it!** We'd like to give our local restaurants a chance by rotating them every few months and returning to the ones that get enthusiastic thumbs up. Please send ideas to Rosina Ansaldo. Thanks!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SARATOGA PRIDE FESTIVAL!

The 2026 Saratoga Pride Festival is happening soon. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us in celebration of our LGBTQ+ community by volunteering to join members Sue Parry, Kevin Smith, Carol Quantock, and others at the Festival in order to provide information about CDHS to attendees.

Here is some important information for you to know prior to volunteering to represent CDHS at our table:

- ◆ Date: Sunday June 28, 2026, High Rock Park (Saratoga Springs), 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- ◆ There is no cost to have a table at the event
- ◆ Carol Quantock and at least one other volunteer will transport the CDHS tabling equipment (canopy, table, brochures, and other printed materials) to set up in our assigned location at 12:00 noon and break it down at 5:00 PM
- ◆ We ask that each volunteer bring their own chair
- ◆ Participants are not allowed to sell items but we can provide “freebies” (we have pens and other items left over from last year)

If interested, please contact Don Porterfield at [cdhs.albany@gmail.com](mailto:cdhs.albany@gmail.com) or any of the volunteers listed above.



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## MEMORIAL DAY

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There are five types of CDHS member support: Individual, \$50/yr.; Family, \$80/yr.; Sustaining, \$100/yr.; Patron, \$150/yr.; and Lifetime Member, one contribution of \$1000 or more.

**Members** receive our publication, *The Humanist Monthly*, and vote each September on the make-up of the governing Executive Council. Members are eligible for election to the Executive Council and may also serve as appointed officials. Members are welcome to attend Executive Council meetings.

The IRS recognizes CDHS as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, all donations, both cash and materials with established “fair market value”, qualify as charitable contributions for income tax purposes.

**Donations** are gratefully accepted to help speed our growth. CDHS is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization under the IRS Code. Financial disclosure information and our annual report are available upon request.

**If you know** of someone who may be interested in CDHS, please pass this newsletter along or give us the name; we will send a sample copy or two with no obligation.

**We value your input.** In the best humanist tradition, CDHS has no rigid picture of itself. We ask you to join us, not follow us. What activities and services would you like CDHS to provide its members? Send us your suggestions, questions, and comments.

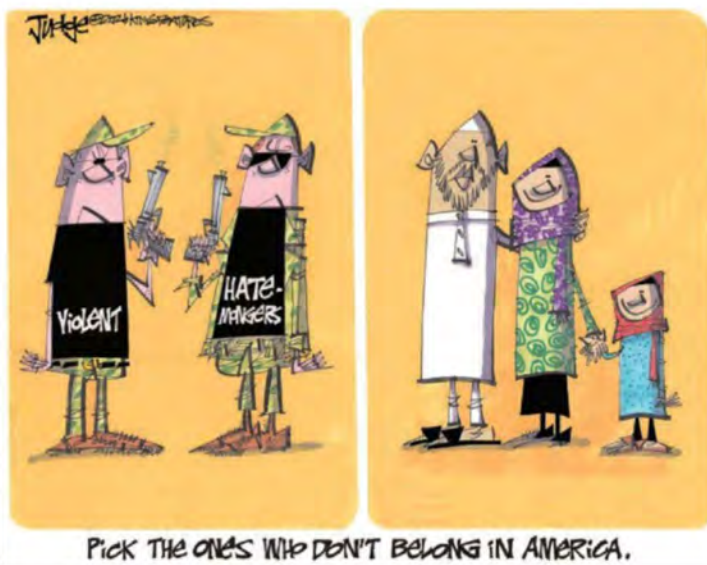
## CAPITAL REGION CURATED

CDHS member Alan Koslow has created a site titled Capital Region Curated, which is a compilation of local events of interest to a wide variety of people. Events include festivals, concerts, lectures, book readings, and performances. It's very well organized and includes scheduling conflicts and a day-by-day list. If you're interested, go to [capitalregioncurated+weekly-guide@substack.com](mailto:capitalregioncurated+weekly-guide@substack.com) to sign up. Recommendations to the list are always welcome.

## CDHS PHONE NUMBER TO CHANGE

Don Porterfield reports that he is seeking a new CDHS telephone number through Google due to the termination of our old phone number option.

The phone number has been removed from this newsletter until a replacement number is available. If you need to contact CDHS, email us at [cdhs.albany@gmail.com](mailto:cdhs.albany@gmail.com). Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.



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