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GOP unlikely to reprise role in Nixon exit

Much has changed in politics since Watergate era

By David Crary
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On Aug. 7, 1974, three top Republican leaders in Congress paid a solemn visit to President Richard Nixon at the White House, bearing the message that he faced near-certain impeachment due to eroding support in his own party on Capitol Hill. Nixon, who'd been entangled in the Watergate scandal for two years, announced his resignation the next day.

Could a similar drama unfold in later stages of the impeachment process that Democrats have now initiated against President Donald Trump? It's doubtful. In Nixon's time, there were conservative Democrats and moderate Republicans. Compromise was not treated with scorn.

In today's highly polarized Washington, bipartisan agreement is a rarity. And Trump has taken over the Republican Party, accruing personal rather than party loyalty and casting the GOP establishment to an ineffectual sideline.

"In the past in the U.S., party members would dissociate themselves from disgraced leaders in order to preserve the party and their own reputations," said professor Nick Smith, who teaches ethics and political philosophy at the University of New Hampshire. "But now President Trump seems to have such a personal hold on the party—more like a cult leader than a U.S. president—that the exits are closed as the party transforms into his image."

The delegation that visited Nixon was headed by Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, the GOP's

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Reed picks out a pumpkin



Above: Reed Danielson, 1, sits among pumpkins as his mother takes photos during the Pumpkinfest event in Janesville on Saturday that was hosted by the Janesville Woman's Club Foundation, Fourth Ward Neighborhood Association and Janesville Police Department.

Left: Children gather around a table filled with items to decorate pumpkins Saturday.

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Pastor hears agonizing stories of people seeking asylum

JANESVILLE

John Garland listened intently as a mother told about fleeing the brutal gangs of El Salvador with her husband and two young children.

She and her family braved heat and rugged terrain and walked more than 1,600 miles to the U.S. border, always facing the possibility of being kidnapped by human traffickers.

Along the way, the mother's husband died, and the mother was brutally abducted and raped in Mexico.

"I was crying this morning," Garland said as he recounted the story. "Extreme violence, incomprehensible violence, is bringing them here."

Garland offers help and comfort in the name of Jesus Christ to asylum seekers attempting to enter the U.S. immigration system.

He is pastor of San Antonio Menonite Church, whose members operate a hospitality house for stranded asylum

seekers in partnership with Interfaith Welcome Coalition of San Antonio.

During the five years he has been pastor, Garland has heard many horrific stories, agonized prayers and even the lullabies of parents who leave their homes to save their children.

In October, Garland is coming to Janesville's St. John Lutheran Church to talk about how to respond to trauma and asylum seekers.

He rarely makes such visits. "I am visiting the church of a beloved couple who volunteer with us," he said. "I am not a traveling preacher."

Garland referred to Jan and Dale Stebbins of Janesville, who volunteered at the San Antonio church two years ago.

Through Mennonite Central Committee, they spend a month each fall and each spring helping in various locations where they are needed.

Jan called the San Antonio church

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John Garland, pastor of San Antonio Menonite Church

Magic bullet?

Officials hope 'affordable' apartments can help ease local housing crunch

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JANESVILLE

The needle could soon start to move on a 92-unit answer to Janesville's affordable housing crunch.

On Tuesday, Madison apartment developer Commonwealth Companies is hosting its first neighborhood meeting to lay out the latest details on River Flats, an affordable housing apartment complex it proposes to build north of Janesville police headquarters near downtown.

River Flats is one of three apartment developments being discussed or already underway. They come at a time when city housing and economic development officials are trying to respond to a housing crunch and shortage of available apartments.

If River Flats moves forward as proposed, it would bring nearly 100 multi-bedroom apartment units downtown. It is one of three apartment developments that together could bring about 300 new units to Janesville by mid-2021, according to city estimates.

Another of the three developments, The Glade off Racine Street near Interstate 90/39, plans to bring 89 "high-end," market-rate apartment units to market by early 2021 and another 171 units by 2024. Diamond Ridge, a development of mid-priced apartments off Kennedy Road, promises 115 units and is poised to break ground this month.

The three projects are slated to be subsidized either through state or local tax incentives. They vary in size and the real estate market segments they would serve.

Short of demand

River Flats would offer a blend of apartments to working people who on average would be required to earn less than 60 percent of the median salary for Rock County residents.

City Economic Development Director Gale Price said the prospect of 300 units in the next two years—and as many as 470

JANESVILLE Planned River Flats apartments



SOURCE: City of Janesville
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What: Neighborhood meeting on proposed River Flats housing development.

When: 6 p.m. Tuesday.
Where: Room 416, Janesville City Hall, 18 N. Jackson St., Janesville

Details: Daniel Kroetz, vice president of development at Commonwealth Companies, plans a "brief introduction" to the project before opening the floor to people with questions or concerns about the development.

"We'll hopefully have a productive conversation with the neighbors about the need for the project," he said.

or more within the next five years—represents a balanced response to a rental housing market that some local analysts estimate is at least 500 units short of demand.

"Five hundred units, that's not some new number," Price said. "It came from my mouth at a housing summit last year. That was from a number of factors, including talking to our local employers and getting a sense of how many new people are they bringing to town."

Despite a consistent uptick in job growth in Janesville over the past few years, Janesville has issued

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