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LOCAL&STATE

IN BRIEF

Rudy Giuliani to join Trump legal team in Russia probe

WASHINGTON — Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani is joining the legal team defending President Donald Trump in the special counsel's Russia investigation.

That's according to a statement from Trump personal attorney Jay Sekulow. The addition of Giuliani adds an experienced litigator and former U.S. attorney in Manhattan. Trump has struggled to add lawyers to his legal team since the resignation of John Dowd last month.

The statement from Sekulow quotes Trump as saying, "Rudy is great" and saying that Giuliani wants to get "this matter quickly resolved for the good of the country."

Giuliani will be joining a legal team that has been negotiating the terms of a possible Trump interview with special counsel Robert Mueller. Two other former federal prosecutors will also be joining Trump's legal team.

Syracuse frat suspended after racist videos released

SYRACUSE — Video showing a group of men laughing uproariously at performances punctuated by racist language against blacks, Jews and Hispanics and simulated sex acts has roiled the campus of Syracuse University, and a fraternity there has been suspended.

Chancellor Ken Syverud said Wednesday that the school suspended Theta Tau, a professional engineering fraternity, for videos he described as racist, anti-Semitic, homophobic, sexist and hostile to people with disabilities.

Theta Tau's national organization said that it is investigating and that the behaviors described were not representative of its "very diverse organization."

Some students claim the videos illustrate larger issues of racism and sexism at Syracuse. The chancellor said the videos were turned over to the school's Department of Public Safety for possible disciplinary or legal action.

"I am appalled by this and deeply concerned for all members of our community," Syverud wrote in an email Wednesday. "The conduct is deeply harmful and contrary to the values and community standards we expect of our students"

The Daily Orange student newspaper posted a six-minute recording it said was one of several videos it had obtained. The newspaper said the recording was of a video made in the fraternity house and posted to a private Facebook group called "Tau of Theta Tau."

Syracuse University held a gathering Wednesday to promote "community dialogue" and about 100 people marched through the campus carrying signs and chanting.

POLICE BLOTTER

CORNING CITY

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CORNING - Michael Derusha, 51, of 9 Wall St., Addison, was charged Wednesday with driving while intoxicated, second-degree obstructing governmental administration and resisting arrest.

ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD

CORNING - Cory Morrow, 16, of 238 E. Third St., Corning, was charged Wednesday with endangering the welfare of a child.

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• 9:53 a.m. A woman reports that she was harassed on East Denison Parkway. Patrolman responded.
• 10:26 a.m. A man reports someone damaged the laundry room at Lamphear Court. Patrolman doing a report.
• 11:23 a.m. A woman reports that someone broke into her shed at Lamphear Court and stole her black huffy bicycle. Value of less than $100.
• 11:25 a.m. Corning-Painted Post High School Resource Officer reports a subject left the school and is on Tioga Avenue.
• 11:27 a.m. Patrolman in foot pursuit with a man in the Walnut Street area. Patrolmen assisted, subject ran through Mooney's restaurant trying to avoid police and was later taken into custody on Market Street.
• 2:36 p.m. Patrolman in the area of Carder Elementary School for traffic enforcement.
• 3:06 p.m. 911 reports a subject urinated in front of Reynolds Avene. Patrolmen responded.
• 3:28 p.m. A woman reports a disgruntled customer at AgeLess Spa. Patrolmen responded, subject left prior to police arrival.
• 3:48 p.m. Patrolman out with a bicycle on Denison Parkway. Warning issued for riding bicycle on sidewalk.
• 5:01 p.m. A man came to the Corning Police Department to report property destroyed on Bridge Street Extension.
• 5:05 p.m. A man came to the Corning Police Department to turn himself in on a City Court bench warrant.
• 6:09 p.m. A woman reports her vehicle was struck while parked in Wegmans parking lot. Patrolman responded.
• 7:33 p.m. 911 dispatched patrolmen to Corning Center for Care for a 81-year-old patient causing a disturbance at the nurses station.

ELMIRA CITY

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ELMIRA - Tommy Epperson, 39, of Elmira, was charged Wednesday with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

ARREST ON WARRANT

ELMIRA - Robert E. Wood, 51, of Elmira, was arrested Wednesday on a bench warrant for failure to pay a fine.

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ELMIRA - Courtney A. Mines, 40, of Elmira, was arrested Wednesday on a bench warrant for violation of probation.

MULTIPLE CHARGES

ELMIRA - Matthew J. Wheeler, 31, of Elmira, was charged Wednesday with second-degree unlawful impersonation and fourth-degree criminal mischief.

POT POSSESSION

ELMIRA - Melissa M. Cady, 38, of Ithaca, was charged Wednesday with unlawful possession of marijuana.

DRUG POSSESSION

ELMIRA - Aleksander L. Preston, 18, of Millerton Pa., was charged Wednesday with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance.

YATES SHERIFF

PENN YAN - Samantha N. Sprague, 23, of Dundee, was arrested Tuesday on a bench warrant for non-compliance with Yates County Treatment Court.

Urination leads to man's arrest

By Jeff Smith
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CORNING - A man is currently behind bars for allegedly urinating in public Wednesday in front of a Reynolds Avenue residence.

James Smith, 35, of 67 Davis St., Corning, was charged Wednesday with disorderly conduct and exposure of a person.

Corning Police Chief Jeff Spaulding said as patrolmen responded to the scene of a male urinating in front of a Reynolds Avenue residence, police observed Smith walking southbound on Reynolds Avenue, and detained him.

Patrolman did a warrant check on Smith and realized he was wanted on a Corning City warrant for allegedly urinating with his penis exposed at about 3 p.m. March 1, near the Corning Credit Union drive thru.

Smith was arraigned Wednesday in Corning City Court on the additional charges and the bench warrant and sent to the Steuben County Jail on $100 cash bail. Smith will reappear in Corning City Court at a later date to answer to the charges.

Corning woman charged with resisting arrest

By Jeff Smith
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CORNING — A Sly Avenue woman was arrested Wednesday for allegedly resisting arrest after a traffic stop last week in the Wegmans parking lot.

Michelle Lembo, 47, was charged with resisting arrest and second-degree obstructing governmental administration.

On April 10, a patrolman observed a vehicle that failed to stop at a stop sign at Bridge and Maple streets, according to Corning Police Chief Jeff Spaulding.

The vehicle initially refused to stop to a police red light siren before eventually pulling into the Wegmans parking lot to park, Spaulding said. The female allegedly excited the vehicle and refused to cooperate with patrolmen while attempting to walk away.

"She physically resisted, and she was taken to the ground," Spaulding said. "She did sustain some minor injuries during the resisting arrest."

Lembo requested medical attention and she was taken to the Corning Hospital Emergency Room for treatment to some small abrasions, Spaulding said. She was later transferred to the Oswego Hospital Behavioral Services.

Spaulding said upon Lembo's return to her Sly Avenue home she was formally charged with resisting arrest and second-degree obstructing governmental administration. She was arraigned in Corning City Court and released on her own recognizance.

Lembo will reappear in Corning City Court at a later date to answer to the charges.

SEWAGE

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All of the containers have now been emptied from the so-called Poop Train, Parrish Mayor Heather Hall said on social media Wednesday. Some of the containers are still at the site, awaiting shipment back to the northeast U.S., she said.

The sludge is a byproduct of New Yorkers' excrement. It was shipped to the nearby Big Sky landfill. Hall said after a public outcry, the Norfolk Southern railroad required Big Sky to hire more truck drivers so the sludge could be removed from the train cars more quickly.

"Other towns and cities have been fighting this material in their towns for years," Hall said in announcing the end of what she described as a nightmare. "While what happened in Parrish was, to our understanding, an unprecedented event, there are still small towns like Parrish fighting this situation on a smaller scale."

Experts say some cities send their waste to Alabama and other Southern states due to low landfill fees and lax zoning laws. New York has discontinued shipments to Alabama for now.

New York City has a goal of sending "zero waste" to landfills by 2030, according to its long-term strategy "One New York: The Plan for a Strong and Just City."

Environmental advocates say there's nothing just about a city dumping waste in poor communities that lack the political clout to stop it. In Alabama, residents of tiny Parrish say they felt blindsided by the sudden horrid smells that enveloped their town in late January.

"Would New York City like for us to send all our poop up there forever?" said Sherleen Pike, who lives about a half-mile from the railroad track in Parrish.

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A residential electricity customer with an average use of 600 kilowatt-hours/month can expect an average monthly bill increase of $1.79. A residential natural gas heating customer using 80 therms/month can expect an average monthly bill increase of $4.21.

Customers may see some charges prorated on a May or June bill to take into account energy delivered before and after the new electricity and natural gas delivery rates went into effect.

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Regular Residential Customers: The electricity delivery charge will increase 0.293 cents per kilowatt-hour. The per-therm natural gas delivery charge for the 4-to-50-therms block will increase 7.639 cents per therm and 1.795 cents for the block rate over 50 therms. There are no changes to monthly customer or minimum charges.

Day/Night and Time-of-Use Customers: The electricity delivery charge will increase 0.239 cents per kilowatt-hour for Service Class 8 and 0.202 cents per kilowatt-hour for Service Class 12. There are no changes to monthly customer charges.

Additional information about changes in residential electricity and natural gas delivery charges is available at **nyseg.com** (click on "For Suppliers and Partners, then on "Pricing and Tariffs" and then on "PSC Filings").

NONRESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Information about changes in nonresidential electricity customer charges, electricity demand and energy charges (where applicable), natural gas minimum charges and natural gas therm charges is available at **nyseg.com**.

Changes are also in effect for standby, street lighting and economic development rates. Please check page 2 of your bill for bill messages and **nyseg.com** for detailed information.

Regarding energy supply: If you purchase energy supply from NYSEG, your price will continue to be based on market prices; if you purchase your energy supply from a supplier other than NYSEG (also known as an energy services company or ESCO), what you pay for energy supply depends on your agreement with your ESCO.

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WEATHER

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TODAY
HIGH 41
A passing morning shower; cooler

TONIGHT
LOW 24
Clear

SATURDAY
HIGH 49 | LOW 29
Milder with clouds and sun

SUNDAY
HIGH 38 | LOW 21
Colder with some sun

MONDAY
HIGH 40 | LOW 31
Sunny to partly cloudy

TUESDAY
HIGH 46 | LOW 36
A bit of snow in the morning

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BY THE NUMBERS

BINGHAMTON		ITHACA		ELMIRA	
High	47°	High	51°	High	54°
Low	39°	Low	41°	Low	44°
Normal high	46°	Normal high	47°	Normal high	50°
Normal low	29°	Normal low	28°	Normal low	27°
Record high	75° in 1986	Record high	80° in 1945	Record high	82° in 1945
Record low	9° in 1959	Record low	10° in 2015	Record low	10° in 1959
PRECIPITATION		**PRECIPITATION**		**PRECIPITATION**	
Thursday	0.15"	Thursday	0.04"	Thursday	0.12"
Month to date	2.62"	Month to date	1.84"	Month to date	1.43"
Normal m-t-d	2.77"	Normal m-t-d	2.45"	Normal m-t-d	2.52"
Year to date	8.82"	Year to date	5.74"	Year to date	4.58"
Normal y-t-d	7.53"	Normal y-t-d	6.51"	Normal y-t-d	6.32"

BINGHAMTON SNOWFALL *in inches*

Thursday	0.0	Season to date	84.4
Month to date	36.3	Normal s-t-d	78.4
Normal m-t-d	14.5	Last season	133.1

EXTREMES:

High: 95°, Thermal, CA; Low: 1°, Yellowstone Lake, WY

THE MOON

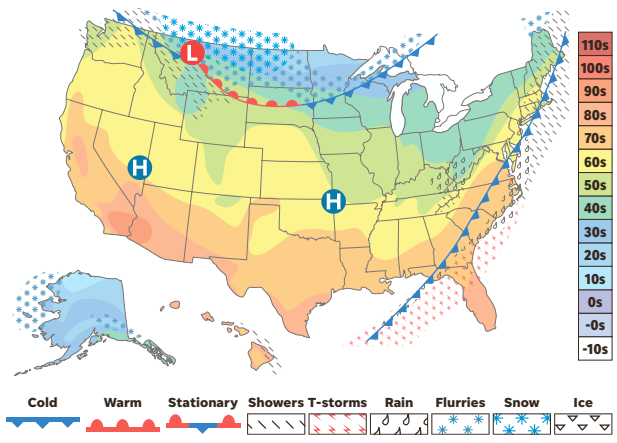
Full	Last	New	First
Mar 31	Apr 8	Apr 15	Apr 22

SKYWATCH

	RISE	SET
Sun	6:50 a.m.	7:27 p.m.
Moon	6:40 p.m.	6:40 a.m.
Venus	7:39 a.m.	9:05 p.m.
Mars	2:34 a.m.	11:35 a.m.
Jupiter	10:57 p.m.	8:53 a.m.
Saturn	2:35 a.m.	11:48 a.m.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Shown are today's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



INTERNATIONAL

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	City	Today Hi	Lo	W	City	Today Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	54	39	pc	Geneva	52	37	r	Panama City	94	74	pc
Athens	67	54	pc	Guatemala City	80	61	pc	Paris	50	38	sh
Auckland	72	61	pc	Hanoi	79	69	c	Perth	91	63	s
Baghdad	77	57	s	Havana	87	64	s	Prague	55	40	pc
Bangkok	92	79	pc	Helsinki	35	15	s	Rio de Janeiro	87	75	s
Barbados	84	76	pc	Hong Kong	80	71	s	Rome	65	54	r
Barcelona	63	48	pc	Jakarta	91	77	pc	San Jose	84	66	pc
Beijing	66	48	pc	Jerusalem	57	48	c	San Juan	81	73	s
Beirut	69	58	pc	Johannesburg	77	58	pc	San Salvador	91	71	pc
Belgrade	70	54	pc	Kabul	79	49	s	Seoul	67	46	s
Berlin	50	35	pc	Lima	76	67	pc	Singapore	90	76	t
Bermuda	69	63	s	Lisbon	56	48	sh	Sofia	66	43	pc
Brasilia	82	65	pc	London	49	40	r	Stockholm	38	19	s
Brisbane	83	69	sh	Madrid	53	41	c	Sydney	84	70	s
Brussels	54	39	sh	Melbourne	73	52	pc	Taipei City	81	67	pc
Bucharest	64	41	s	Mexico City	74	49	pc	Tehran	81	58	sh
Budapest	57	48	t	Montreal	47	26	c	Tel Aviv	67	57	c
Buenos Aires	87	62	s	Moscow	33	24	pc	Tokyo	61	47	s
Cairo	74	55	pc	Nairobi	76	58	pc	Toronto	44	27	c
Cape Town	69	57	c	Nassau	82	69	pc	Turin	55	44	t
Copenhagen	38	29	pc	New Delhi	98	67	pc	Vancouver	53	38	c
Dubai	95	73	s	Nice	59	47	t	Vienna	54	46	pc
Dublin	46	37	sh	Osaka	62	39	s	Warsaw	54	37	pc
Frankfurt	57	40	sh	Oslo	37	17	s	Zurich	58	38	r

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

REGIONAL

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W
Albany	52	32	pc	55	37	pc
Atlantic City	59	38	r	51	41	s
Buffalo	42	30	pc	50	28	pc
Erie	40	29	c	50	28	pc
Harrisburg	61	35	pc	58	44	pc
New York City	62	38	r	56	43	s
Philadelphia	64	37	r	58	44	s
Rochester	43	28	pc	54	29	pc
Scranton	54	29	pc	55	39	pc
Syracuse	42	28	pc	54	30	pc

NATIONAL

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	70	46	s	73	50	pc
Amarillo	68	46	s	73	34	pc
Anchorage	36	20	pc	35	22	s
Asheville	64	35	pc	63	41	pc
Aspen	53	30	c	55	34	pc
Atlanta	66	41	pc	70	47	s
Austin	77	53	s	82	59	s
Baltimore	65	35	r	58	44	s
Baton Rouge	76	49	pc	77	53	s
Billings	53	16	c	25	19	sn
Birmingham	66	41	pc	73	48	pc
Bismarck	36	4	sn	22	7	c
Boise	66	42	pc	60	41	pc
Boston	60	38	r	53	41	s
Bridgeport	58	39	r	54	42	s
Burlington	46	28	r	51	34	pc
Casper	57	22	pc	33	18	c
Charleston, SC	73	48	r	69	46	s
Charleston, WV	49	34	r	65	44	pc
Charlotte, NC	76	39	pc	69	47	s
Chicago	50	38	pc	52	21	sh
Cincinnati	51	36	r	58	33	pc
Cleveland	42	31	pc	52	29	sh
Columbia, SC	76	43	pc	72	45	s
Columbus, OH	47	33	pc	58	32	pc
Concord	60	34	r	55	35	s
Dallas	73	55	s	80	60	s
Dayton	48	33	pc	55	29	sh
Daytona Beach	84	60	c	74	61	c
Denver	63	33	pc	51	26	c
Des Moines	54	38	pc	42	21	pc
Detroit	47	33	pc	51	26	r
Duluth	31	17	c	25	8	sn
Fairbanks	32	13	pc	31	21	pc
Fargo	31	11	sn	17	8	c
Flagstaff	65	32	s	67	36	pc
Great Falls	50	7	sn	25	13	c
Green Bay	47	31	pc	43	16	c
Hartford	61	35	r	58	39	s
Honolulu	83	69	s	82	70	pc
Houston	78	54	s	81	61	s
Jackson, MS	68	43	pc	75	49	s
Jacksonville	75	50	t	71	51	s
Juneau	40	25	s	39	22	s
Kansas City	57	45	pc	54	26	c
Key West	82	72	pc	82	71	c
Las Vegas	82	62	s	87	64	pc
Lexington	53	37	r	63	38	pc
Little Rock	66	45	pc	76	48	pc
Los Angeles	82	58	pc	78	58	pc
Louisville	54	38	r	62	39	pc
Memphis	62	44	pc	71	49	pc
Miami	83	69	pc	82	71	c
Milwaukee	47	36	pc	49	20	sh
Minneapolis	45	30	c	31	16	sf
Nashville	59	41	pc	71	45	pc
New Orleans	74	57	pc	75	56	s
Norfolk, VA	73	44	r	55	45	s
Oklahoma City	65	50	s	70	35	c
Omaha	57	39	pc	40	23	pc
Orlando	88	64	pc	77	64	t
Phoenix	89	64	s	92	69	pc
Pittsburgh	42	28	r	55	32	pc
Portland, ME	57	32	r	50	38	pc
Portland, OR	60	44	c	64	42	pc
Providence	61	40	r	58	42	s
Raleigh	73	39	c	66	45	s
Richmond	74	38	pc	64	48	s
Sacramento	80	52	pc	81	53	pc
St. Louis	54	41	pc	58	29	sh
St. Thomas	78	69	s	79	69	pc
Salt Lake City	68	48	pc	69	48	c
San Antonio	76	57	s	82	60	s
San Diego	72	57	pc	72	58	pc
San Francisco	75	53	pc	69	53	pc
Seattle	57	43	c	60	40	pc
Sioux Falls	52	24	c	31	15	pc
Spokane	55	33	pc	52	34	pc
Tampa	81	64	pc	79	64	t
Topeka	59	47	pc	56	27	c
Tucson	85	57	s	88	61	pc
Washington, DC	66	39	pc	61	47	s

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FOR CORRECTIONS

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Minor

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was targeting minors for sex.

In late March, Craiglist announced it would drop its personal ads, citing the recent passage of a federal sex trafficking bill.

Investigators traced Hathaway's online communications to his residence in DeRuyter, Madison County.

Posing as "Madi," a 12-year-old girl from Seneca Falls, the investigator messaged the person behind the Craiglist ad — allegedly Hathaway — and conversed with him over several weeks.

Among the online messages included in court records, "Madi" told Hathaway, "Yea I'm cool with what evs," and, "Like r u cool with me being younger than u??"

Hathaway allegedly replied, "I forgot to ask you if you had any pics to share," and when a police-approved undercover photo was shared, Hathaway answered, "Wow you're really cute."

Federal prosecutors said Hathaway engaged in more sexually explicit conversations and asked for nude photos, including "a naughty one."

According to court records, Hathaway bought "Madi" an iPhone in early March to send more sexually explicit photos.

Prosecutors said Hathaway also instructed "Madi" on how to download the Kik mobile messenger app and gave her his user name.

Then, they discussed meeting in person.

On March 23, Hathaway messaged "Madi" and asked if she wanted to meet him at a Burger King that evening.

Just before the arranged meeting time, around 5:30 p.m., Hathaway allegedly messaged "Madi" again to say he just wanted to talk with her and "we can just chill and eat fries!!"

When Hathaway arrived at the Burger King, he was met by New York State Police and Homeland Security Special Agent Kathryn Gamble.

Police also found Hathaway with a "beanie baby" stuffed toy, a prepaid phone card and an iPhone.

In a criminal complaint for the federal charge, Gamble said, "The texts and chats between Hathaway and 'Madi' occurred online using cell phones which were manufactured outside the State of New York."

Hathaway was jailed without bail after appearing in federal court following his arrest. If convicted, he faces at least 10 years in federal prison.

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LOTTERIES

N.Y. lottery: (518) 388-3300
www.nylottery.org

Pa. lottery: (800) 692-7481
www.palottery.com

NY Lottery

ALBANY, N.Y. – These New York lotteries were drawn Wednesday:
Numbers Midday 1-6-6, Lucky Sum: 13
Win 4 Midday 1-8-3-6, Lucky Sum: 18
Numbers Evening 6-6-1, Lucky Sum: 13
Win 4 Evening 1-4-5-7, Lucky Sum: 17
Take 5 08-12-23-29-36
Pick 10 03-04-12-15-25-33-46-47-53-59-60-62-64-65-67-69-74-77-79-80
Lotto 04-19-25-39-54-55, Bonus: 46
Powerball 06-08-26-52-53, Powerball: 21, Power Play: 2

PA Lottery

HARRISBURG, Pa. – These Pennsylvania lotteries were drawn Wednesday:
Cash 5 19-21-22-25-39
Match 6 Lotto 11-22-29-38-42-45
Pick 2 Day 9-8, Wild: 7
Pick 2 Evening 1-3, Wild: 1
Pick 3 Day 3-3-7, Wild: 7
Pick 3 Evening 6-2-9, Wild: 1
Pick 4 Day 7-8-3-5, Wild: 7
Pick 4 Evening 9-6-2-6, Wild: 1
Pick 5 Day 3-8-4-1-7, Wild: 7
Pick 5 Evening 8-5-6-5-4, Wild: 1
Powerball 06-08-26-52-53, Powerball: 21, Power Play: 2
Treasure Hunt 01-03-04-08-22

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Good Friday, March 30, the 89th day of 2018. There are 276 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset.

On this date in:

1842: Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Georgia, first used ether as an anesthetic during an operation to remove a patient's neck tumor.

1870: The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibited denying citizens the right to vote and hold office on the basis of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish. Texas was readmitted to the Union.

1923: The Cunard liner RMS Laconia became the first passenger ship to circle the globe as it arrived in New York.

1945: During World War II, the Soviet Union invaded Austria with the goal of taking Vienna, which it accomplished two weeks later.

1959: A narrowly divided U.S. Supreme Court, in Bartkus v. Illinois, ruled that a conviction in state court following an acquittal in federal court for the same crime did not constitute double jeopardy.

1964: John Glenn withdrew from the Ohio race for the U.S. Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall. The original version of the TV game show "Jeopardy!," hosted by Art Fleming, premiered on NBC.

1975: As the Vietnam War neared its end, Communist forces occupied the city of Da Nang.

1981: President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C. hotel by John W. Hinckley, Jr.; also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and a District of Columbia police officer, Thomas Delahanty.

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Reed touts tax bill at Chemung CVS center

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CVS Health is among the companies nationwide that will pass benefits from the recently-passed tax reform bill on to its employees, and U.S. Rep. Tom Reed, R-Corning, wants to make sure people know it.

Reed visited the CVS warehouse/distribution center in the Town of Chemung on Thursday to tour the plant and tout the tax bill that he strongly supported.

As a result of the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that was passed by Congress and signed by President Trump shortly before Christmas, CVS Health will undertake three initiatives to enable its employees to share in the tax benefits.

▮ Increase the starting wage rate for hourly employees to $11 an hour effective this month.

▮ Keep employee health care premiums stable despite a 5 percent increase in medical and prescription costs.

▮ Create a new paid parental leave program that enables workers to take up to four weeks off with full pay to care for a new baby.

U.S. Rep. Tom Reed greets employees at the CVS Health warehouse/distribution center in Chemung on Thursday. JEFF MURRAY/STAFF PHOTO

"I worked on this tax bill for six years. To see it come into existence is something I'm very proud of," Reed said. "The most important thing about the new bill is the wage increase. CVS is going above and beyond. The paid family leave is not to be underestimated, and with health insurance premiums going up, I give you guys a tip of the hat (for keeping costs stable)."

The Chemung CVS facility has about 492 employees and handles a $150 million inventory of pharmaceuticals.

CVS Health, based in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, announced the benefit package not long after the tax overhaul was approved.

"As part of our ongoing commitment to the patients, customers and communities we serve, we said that we would invest our tax savings back into the business, and that's exactly what we're doing," said Larry Merlo, CVS Health president and CEO. "It's our employees who drive our performance and we appreciate how hard they work every day to deliver on our purpose of helping people on their path to better health."

CVS is also using tax savings to make significant infrastructure improvements to help accelerate its long-term growth objectives, Merlo said.

Reed made a similar visit to the Nucor Vulcraft steel plant a few miles down the road in the Town of Chemung in January to talk about how local companies will benefit from tax reform.

In addition to the immediate benefits being passed on by the company, Reed pointed out CVS employees will also see more individual savings within the year.

"Next year, you will see the benefits of tax reform. You will see less money taken out — about $1,600 less," Reed said. "I think you can manage your money better than bureaucrats in Washington."

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Mom of child gunshot victim waives extradition

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A mother accused of leaving her 2-year-old son without medical care for 24 hours, while after they drove hundreds of miles before being stopped in Broome County, waived extradition Thursday and will be prosecuted in South Carolina.

Holly Dew, 24, and Randi L. Session, 23, both of South Carolina, were arrested April 6 by New York State Police following a traffic stop on Interstate 81 in the Town of Chenango. Both were charged with misdemeanor counts of endangering the welfare of a child.

During a brief appearance Thursday in Broome County Court, Dew agreed to waive her right to challenge extradition proceedings. She remains jailed until authorities from South Carolina can arrange to return her there for prosecution on unlawful neglect of a child charges.

Holly Dew

According to warrants issued in South Carolina, police allege Dew allowed her three children to be placed "at unreasonable risk of physical injury" by keeping a loaded firearm unsecured at her home.

One of Dew's children took the firearm from a gun safe and it was fired at the 2-year-old boy, police records said.

"Upon making contact with the defendant ... it was determined that medical treatment still had not been sought at least 24 hours after the initial incident," the Horry County Police Department's arrest warrant said.

After the vehicle was intercepted by troopers on I-81, Dew and Session were taken into custody, and the 2-year-old was taken to UHS Wilson Medical Center in Johnson City. The boy was listed in stable condition.

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Troopers: Domestic dispute escalated

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A Greene man is accused of pointing a gun at two victims, also threatening them with a hammer, then trying to hit both with his vehicle during a domestic dispute.

Joshua R. Backus, 21, was arrested April 6 after the incident at a Town of Oxford residence, according to state police. Backus, who left the scene before troopers arrived, allegedly had entered the residence without permission and with intent to commit a crime there.

During the investigation, troopers said, they saw Backus drive past the residence. He was pulled over on Town Barn Road shortly after midnight.

A gun, a hammer, cocaine, methamphetamine, marijuana and pills were seized from inside Backus' vehicle, troopers said.

Joshua Backus

Backus was charged with felony counts of second-degree burglary, criminal possession of a stimulant, third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance; misdemeanor counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, second-degree menacing; unlawful possesion of marijuana and second-degree harassment violations.

Troopers said Backus was sent to the Chenango County jail with bail set at $40,000 cash or $80,000 bond, to await grand jury action.

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Student

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"Where are you?" she said, over and over. "What is the address?"

In a second 911 call, Kyle again begged for help.

"I probably don't have much time left, so tell my mom that I love her if I die," he said.

"I'm trapped inside my gold Honda Odyssey van. In the (inaudible) parking lot of Seven Hills Hillsdale.

"Send officers immediately. I'm almost dead."

A police radio call shows that two officers were assigned to investigate the call seven minutes after the first call was made. They arrived at the scene a few minutes later, but were unable to find the van.

Kyle was found by a family member around 9 p.m. in a parking lot near the school in Madisonville, about six hours after his first call to 911. A preliminary autopsy report shows he died of asphyxia due to chest compression, meaning he was crushed to death.

The report does not say how it happened or how long it took for Kyle to die. The Hamilton County Coroner's Office found no evidence of foul play, and Cincinnati Police say they are continuing to investigate.

"Our deepest sympathies are with the family and friends of Kyle," Coroner Lakshmi Sammarco wrote in a press release announcing the findings.

City Manager Harry Black said city officials, who run the 911 center, also are investigating the incident.

"This matter is very disturbing," Black said. "If there are deficiencies on the part of the 911 center operations, my mandate is to fix whatever needs to be fixed."

Sometime after Kyle's first call, the 911 dispatcher called back on his cellphone number, but it went to voicemail: "Hello, this is Kyle. I'm not available right now. I'll get back to you as soon as I can."

The operator then spoke to an unidentified deputy trying to locate Kyle. The deputy speculated it might have been a prank call, but he continued to search the area.

"It was really hard to hear," the operator told the deputy. "It was really a strange call."

In Kyle's second call to 911, a banging sound can be heard in the background. It's not clear from the calls if Kyle can hear the operator or how close he may be to his phone. On several occasions, he calls for "Siri," the automated voice on iPhones.

Near the end of his second call, it sounds as if Kyle is struggling to breathe.

About six hours later, around 9 p.m., more calls are made to 911 after officers and family members find Kyle's body in the van.

"We are missing a kid and apparently he's been found in his car in the parking lot," said one caller, who works for the school. "I guess we need police and an ambulance there."

A night shift worker at the school also called 911, saying he was with Kyle's father in the parking lot. He told the operator Kyle was "turned over in the seat and stuck there. He's been there for a while," he said.

There are not many details about exactly how Kyle died or how he became trapped, but asphyxia is essentially death from lack of oxygen. Often, it happens when someone falls on the ground or a floor and a weight drops on his or her back.

About 800,000 Honda Odyssey vans were recalled in 2017 because of a problem with second-row seats accidentally tipping forward. Honda said last year it had received 46 reports of minor injuries related to the problem.

It's not known whether Kyle's van was among those recalled.

In a letter sent to Seven Hills families Tuesday morning, school spokeswoman Chris Hedges called the death "a tragic accident."

Kyle joined Seven Hills in sixth grade, Hedges wrote.

"He was a young man of keen intelligence, good humor, and great courage, and this whole community feels this loss very deeply."

Hedges said the school will have counseling available for students.

Enquirer Reporters Cameron Knight, Anne Saker, Jennie Key and Sharon Coolidge contributed.

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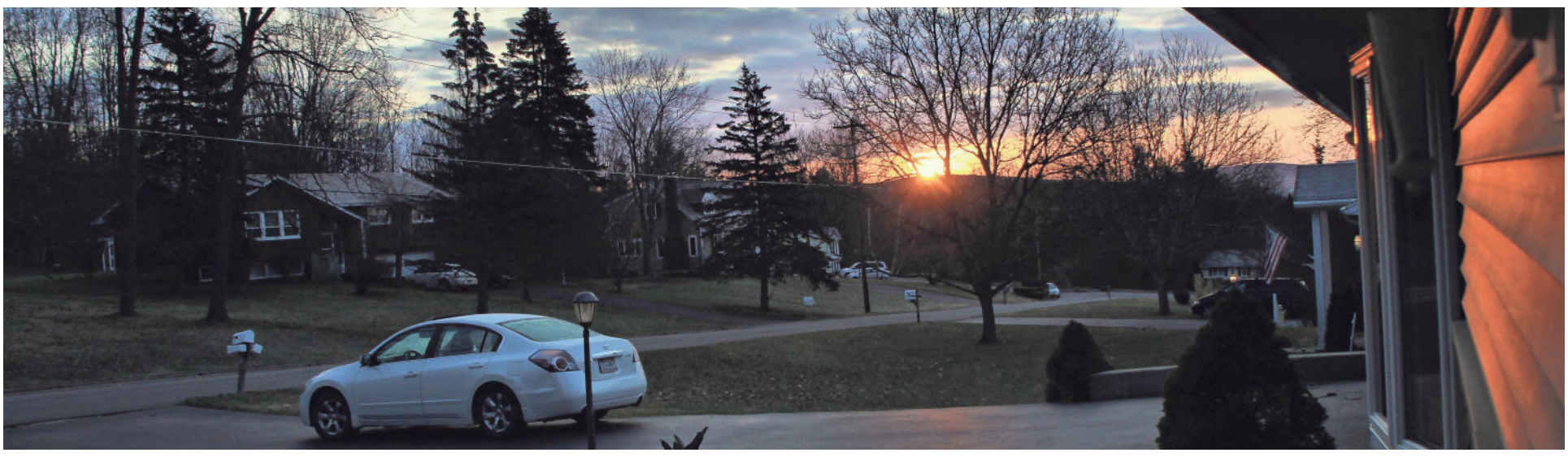

A view outside an Owego home. JAMES P. MALONE SR.

SUNY students get credit for aiding Puerto Rico

Jon Campbell
Albany Bureau
USA TODAY NETWORK

ALBANY – Hundreds of SUNY students willing to volunteer with rebuilding efforts in Puerto Rico will receive college credit for their time, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced Thursday.

Cuomo unveiled the state's latest efforts to assist the hurricane-battered U.S. territory during a news conference in Manhattan, vowing to send teams of volunteers in June to help rebuild homes and remediate mold.

About 500 SUNY and CUNY students will work alongside building and construction trade workers to make up the bulk of the volunteer teams, Cuomo said.

They will work two- or four-week stints, and gain college credits in return.

Any student at any SUNY school from any major can apply to participate, according to a SUNY spokeswoman. Further details "will be forthcoming," she said.

"(The students) will receive credit for their time, their service in Puerto Rico," Cuomo said. "They will be in courses and training and education that is related to the reconstruction of housing and infrastructure and aided by the professionals."

Homes and other buildings destroyed by Hurricane Maria lie in ruins in Toa Alta, Puerto Rico. GERALD HERBERT/AP

Hurricane Maria battered Puerto Rico in September, leaving much of the island of 3.4 million residents without power.

Almost all of the power had been restored before Wednesday, when a subcontractor's error led to an islandwide blackout seven months after the storm.

Cuomo has repeatedly pledged support and resources to Puerto Rico since the storm, vowing Thursday that New York would have a presence in the territory during long-term rebuilding efforts.

He said he and state officials would travel to the island on April 29 to put together a road map for the volunteer teams, who will begin heading to Puerto Rico in June.

New York had about 1 million residents of Puerto Rican descent as of the 2010 census. That was more than any other state.

SUNY officials responsible for developing the student volunteering program will be in Puerto Rico with Cuomo on April 29, according to SUNY.

"This work will align with and complement that of the SUNY task force, which was convened in October to support short- and long-term efforts to recover and rebuild a sustainable, resilient and vibrant Puerto Rico," SUNY spokeswoman Holly Liapis said in a statement.

Robert Mujica, Cuomo's budget director, said skilled workers from the building and construction trades would set up "boot camps" to train the SUNY and CUNY students.

Supplies will be provided by nonprofit organizations, he said.

"Students will also be helping to enhance Puerto Rico's rebuilding capacity by mucking and gutting and rebuilding homes, remediating mold, repairing and strapping roofs," Mujica said.

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GOP backlash less than expected on Medicaid growth

By LAURA VOZZELLA
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RICHMOND, Va. – Delegate Terry Kilgore did an about-face on Obamacare this year, voting to add up to 400,000 poor, uninsured Virginians to the state's Medicaid rolls after years of steadfast opposition.

When the southwest Virginia Republican returned home from Richmond after the General Assembly adjourned, ads on his local radio station were blasting him – and broadcasting his office phone number. Bankrolled by conservative powerhouse Americans for Prosperity, or AFP, the ads urged voters to call and let Kilgore have it.

"Tell Kilgore to get Obamacare out of the budget," they said.

The calls never came, even in a part of Virginia that supported Donald Trump's presidential candidacy overwhelmingly in 2016 and seemed immune to the blue wave that swept over much of Virginia last year.

"No calls, no comments," said Kilgore, who contends that his struggling country district wants the "hand up" as long as Medicaid recipients are required to work and make copays.

"I've been to Republican mass meetings. I've been out and about, ballgames, this and that," Kilgore said. "What I've heard people say is, 'Hey, what you said made sense. We don't mind helping people if they're helping themselves.'"

The backlash that 19 House Republicans braced for after their surprise flip on Medicaid has been milder than many had expected. That's a stunner, given that Republicans in Virginia and nationwide have used resistance to Obamacare, formally the Affordable Care Act, to drive voters to the polls for nearly a decade, including elections just last fall. But AFP and other foes of Medicaid expansion contend that legislators who perceive only mild pushback just aren't listening. One legislator in favor of expansion has already drawn a 2019 primary challenger.

"Politicians usually pay a price when they ignore their constituents," said Lorenz Isidro, spokesman for AFP's Virginia chapter. "Our activists have been contacting their representatives, and to say otherwise is outrageous and denigrates their efforts. ... Our activists are engaged as ever and are ready, willing and able to hold these folks accountable."

While the intensity of the fight is in dispute, one thing is clear: It's not over. Enough House Republicans teamed up with Democrats to pass a state budget bill that would expand Medicaid, but Senate Republicans blocked passage in that chamber, which, like the House, is under narrow GOP control. The standoff forced the General Assembly to adjourn March 10 without a budget. Legislators need to pass a budget by July 1 to avoid a government shutdown.

Democratic Gov. Ralph S. Northam, who won election last year on a promise to expand the federal-state health care program, has ordered the General Assembly to return April 11 for a special session. Until then, both sides in the Medicaid fight are trying to pressure legislators while they are back home in their districts, with public meetings, protests and ad campaigns.

Pro-expansion forces have taken their cues from Northam, whose approach is more honey than vinegar. Rather than blasting Senate holdouts, they have run newspaper ads with an expansion plea signed by hundreds of faith leaders. AFP has been more hard-hitting, with Facebook ads that plaster a smiling Obama beside pro-expansion delegates. It runs phone banks to call voters, tell them their delegate might shut down government for Obamacare, then patch them through to the legislator's office.

At least so far, pro-expansion House Republicans have shown no signs of buckling. But there may be movement in the Senate, where only one Republican has been openly supportive of expansion this year. In recent days, two more have sounded squishy.

Virginia's existing Medicaid program is one of the least generous in the nation. To be eligible, a disabled person can make no more than $9,700 a year. The cutoff for a family of three is $6,900. Able-bodied, childless adults are not eligible, no matter how poor.

Under the Affordable Care Act, states can raise those income limits and the federal government will pick up 90 percent of the cost. The income ceiling would rise to $16,750 a year for a disabled person or able-bodied adult, and $28,700 for a family of three.

ABC

Roseanne Barr, left, and Laurie Metcalf play sisters with opposing political views in the revival of "Roseanne," on ABC. The network decided after President Trump's election that it needed programs that appealed to voters who helped put Trump in the White House.

'Roseanne' reboot sprang from ABC heartland strategy

By JOHN KOBLIN AND MICHAEL M. GRYNBAUM
NEW YORK TIMES

LOS ANGELES – On the morning after the 2016 election, a group of nearly a dozen ABC executives gathered at their Burbank, Calif., headquarters to determine what Donald Trump's victory meant for the network's future.

"We looked at each other and said, 'There's a lot about this country we need to learn a lot more about, here on the coasts,'" Ben Sherwood, the president of Disney and ABC's television group, said in an interview.

They began asking themselves which audiences they were not serving well and what they could do to better live up to the company name – the American Broadcasting Co.

By the meeting's end, they had in place the beginnings of a revised strategy that led the network to reboot a past hit centered on a struggling Midwestern family, a show that had a chance to appeal to the voters who had helped put Trump in the White House.

On Tuesday night, the strategy proved more successful than the executives had hoped: "Roseanne" premiered to the highest ratings for any network sitcom in almost four years.

The show's approach to sociopolitical issues – its star and co-creator, Roseanne Barr, plays an unabashed Trump supporter who spars with her liberal sister, played by Laurie Metcalf – especially reverberated among heartland viewers. The top markets for the debut read like a political pollster's red-state checklist: Cincinnati; Kansas City, Mo., Tulsa, Okla. Liberal enclaves like New York and Los Angeles did not crack the top 20.

As the Nielsen numbers for "Roseanne" rolled in, ABC executives went from gobsmacked – Sherwood said he thought the early figures he had seen were a mistake – to euphoric.

"People gather round and they see themselves in this family," Sherwood said. "It speaks to a large number of people in the country who don't see themselves on television very often."

By Thursday, this dusted-off sitcom centered on a highly opinionated matriarch had become a flashpoint in the nation's culture wars. It had also spurred a cathartic response from many conservatives, who counted its opening-night success as their own. Among those celebrating was President Trump, who called Barr to congratulate her on the "huge" ratings. On Thursday, he gave a shout-out to the Emmy-winning star during a rally in Ohio.

"Look at Roseanne! Look at her ratings!" Trump told the crowd of union workers, adding: "They were unbelievable! Over 18 million people! And it was about us!"

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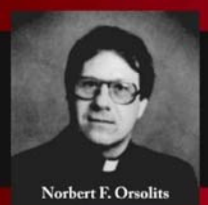

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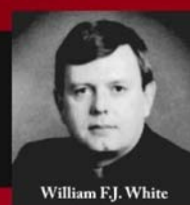

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N.J. becomes a key battleground in race for House control

By Nick Corasaniti
New York Times

TOMS RIVER, N.J. – The tables inside the hotel room were full, and Andy Kim, the candidate responsible for filling them, was pleasantly surprised. It was a weeknight fundraiser after all, rescheduled once already, for this relatively unknown Democratic challenger in a Republican district, and a thick fog on Route 37 had obscured the tiny sign directing drivers to the hotel.

"Seven months before Election Day this is not normal, to be able to pack a room on a weekday," he told a crowd of about 150 supporters, each of whom contributed at least $10 to listen to Kim and snack on donated croissants.

Ever since the election of President Trump, Democrats across the country have seen a predictable surge in energy among a base eager to take on the White House. What has been perhaps less expected is the uprising against the president coursing through more moderate suburbs, including many Trump won. Democrats buoyed by recent victories in Republican districts have lofty aims in suburban New Jersey as they work to wrest control of the House from the GOP, given Democrats' surprise victories in Virginia, Alabama and, most recently, Pennsylvania.

In New Jersey, which has been described by Democrats and Republicans as the most suburban state in the country, the revolt has been especially muscular and has put into play Republican-held congressional seats that until this year had hardly been on the Democratic radar. Voters have grown increasingly angry with Trump, viewing many of his actions as damaging the state's fortunes.

Under the new federal tax overhaul pushed by Trump, which severely limits the deductibility of local taxes and mortgage interest payments, more than 10 percent of New Jersey households will see their taxes rise, more than any other state, according to the Tax Policy Center, a research group. And Trump has been adamant about blocking any federal funding for a new rail tunnel under the Hudson River that would ease travel for tens of thousands of commuters.

As a result, New Jersey has become a key focus of the party's effort to win the 24 seats it needs to retake the House. National leaders, outside groups and statewide officials have launched a concerted effort targeting four of the five New Jersey districts held by Republicans, including the 3rd Congressional district where Kim is running.

Already, two Republicans – Reps. Rodney Frelinghuysen and Frank LoBiondo – have announced retirement, while a third, Rep. Leonard Lance, has had his race declared a tossup by the Cook Political Report, a nonpartisan organization that analyzes elections.

Super PACs and labor groups are mapping out plans for New Jersey, though they are mostly waiting until after the party primaries in June before making official endorsements or announcements about resources devoted to the races.

"We view New Jersey House races as some of the best pickup opportunities in the country," said Josh Schwerin, a spokesman for Priorities USA, one of the largest progressive super PACs, "and are keeping an eye on them as we decide where to play in the future."

Still, despite the Democratic mobilization motivated by Trump, Democrats in New Jersey face a difficult road. Kim, for example, is seeking to unseat Rep. Tom MacArthur, a wealthy self-funded Republican who has been so well entrenched in his district that the Democrats barely put up a fight in 2016. No matter the anger at the White House, MacArthur can count on strong support from reliably Republican areas like Ocean County, and the Cook Political Report has continued to rate the district as "likely Republican."

But all those headwinds have not dampened the enthusiasm or financial support for Kim's long-shot effort in this district, which cuts across the southern part of the state, from Burlington County to Ocean County. As of April 1, the first-time candidate with a background in national security has raised more than $1.1 million, with donations trickling in from all 50 states.

MacArthur does have some vulnerabilities, having voted with Trump more often than anyone else in the state's delegation.

National Republicans are confident that when the election gets closer, and the stakes of the local elections become more clear, enthusiasm will ramp up among their base. And in New Jersey, they argue, the familiarity of the incumbent on a local level could be an advantage, as opposed to the relative unknown of someone like Rick Saccone, the Republican who lost in the Pennsylvania special election last month.

"Having your own brand, and having people know who you are is extremely important," said Matt Gorman, the communications director for the National Republican Congressional Committee. He said well-known incumbents are also able to run on issues, rather than simply against the president.

Nonetheless, Kim has enjoyed widespread support, including the endorsement of former Vice President Joe Biden, underscoring the shifting political dynamics in New Jersey.

For the first time in about a decade, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee is focused on more than two Republican-held seats, its typical strategy, and is taking aim at all five, though the seat held by one Republican, Rep. Chris Smith in the 4th Congressional District, is considered safe.

At the fundraiser for Kim, the optimism that the state's suburbs were tilting in the Democrats' favor was palpable.

"In Toms River, where it's totally Republican all the time, Democrats just picked up three council seats," said Barbara Ann Reilly, the president of the Brick Democratic Club, referring to elections in 2017. "I even had a group of Republicans that came to my fundraiser and sponsored a table."

New York Times

Mikie Sherrill, a former Navy pilot and federal prosecutor now running as a Democrat for the House of Representatives, greets supporters in Montclair, N.J., last July.

Pawlenty seeks to regain post as Minnesota governor

By J. Patrick Coolican
Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS – Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty announced he is running for governor Thursday, attempting a restoration after eight years out of office that saw his successor move the state in a more progressive direction at odds with Pawlenty's tenure.

Pawlenty, a longtime Eagan resident, served two four-year terms beginning in 2003. The South St. Paul native built an image of a hockey-playing, grinning "Sam's Club Republican" who could win suburban, middle-class voters in a Democratic-leaning state.

"My campaign for governor will focus on charting a better way forward for Minnesota families who see health care premiums skyrocketing, paychecks not increasing very fast, college costs and student debt rising – all while government spending and taxes climb through the roof," Pawlenty said in a two-minute video released Thursday.

His entry shakes up the open governor's race, scrambling a GOP field thus far plagued by a lack of enthusiasm from activists and financial donors. Gov. Mark Dayton is not running after his two terms, and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor field to replace him is also still unsettled.

"Gov. Pawlenty can deliver a winning message that resonates across Minnesota," said GOP Rep. Nick Zerwas. "He is the GOP candidate that can raise the money and build a statewide campaign infrastructure to compete and win in November."

Pawlenty, 57, has not yet said if he will run for the GOP endorsement at the party's convention in early June. He was scheduled to make his first public appearance as a candidate on Friday morning at an Eagan diner.

Pawlenty has not been on a Minnesota ballot since 2006; his last political campaign was his bid for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination, but he withdrew in 2011 after finishing poorly in an Iowa straw poll.

Until now, the GOP front-runner in the governor's race has been Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Johnson, who lost the governor's race to Dayton in 2014.

"Tim Pawlenty has never gotten over 46 percent of the vote in a statewide election, even after four years of being governor, and that was before a controversial second term, before he made $10 million as a Washington, D.C., lobbyist, and he publicly trashed Donald Trump a month before Election Day," Johnson said this week.

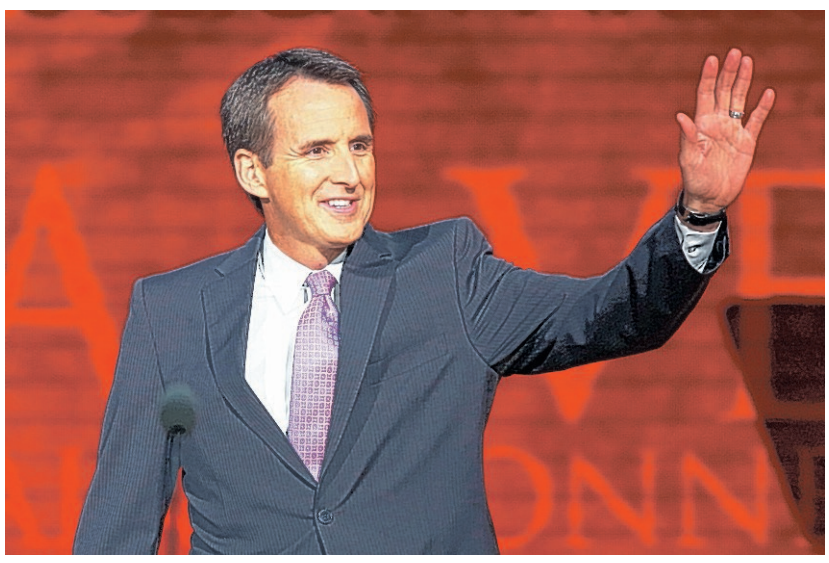
Pawlenty promises the ability to raise substantial money quickly from an enthusiastic business class, giving Republicans hope that their last candidate to win statewide can give them back the governor's office in what is viewed as one of the most consequential elections in years. A Republican victory in November could mean full GOP control of state government for the first time in half a century.

Both political parties are desperate to control government following the 2020 census, after which the Legislature and governor will negotiate the new legislative and congressional district lines that will drive Minnesota politics for the following decade.

Both state parties will attempt to endorse a candidate for governor at conventions the first weekend of June, but will officially pick their candidates in the Aug. 14 primary election.

Pawlenty has used the past 18 months to sharpen a message for a potential return to politics, speaking to chambers of commerce and other groups around the state about the opportunities and challenges of artificial intelligence and other technological innovations that promise to revolutionize all aspects of life, but especially work.

Despite Pawlenty's emphasis on the future, his candidacy will inevitably draw focus to the past. The DFL candidate will likely challenge Pawlenty's record in office, during which Minnesota suffered through two recessions, perpetual budget woes and a bridge collapse.



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Tim Pawlenty, former governor of Minnesota, served two four-year terms beginning in 2003.

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Senecas say they were 'pressured' on 1954 easement

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State officials had no immediate comment on the legal action, but the Thruway dispute between the Senecas and the state has simmered for decades. State officials have always maintained that they did nothing improper or illegal, pointing out that they paid the Senecas $75,000 for the right to build the Thruway through the Seneca land.

According to the Seneca Nation, its leaders were "pressured" in 1954 to agree to an easement allowing the Thruway to be built on Seneca land that is legally designated as an Indian reservation.

The Senecas allege that the state needed federal government approval to obtain a land easement on Indian reservation but did not get that approval in the 1950s.

A large plywood sign standing Thursday on the side of the Thruway in the disputed stretch says the state owes $675 million in tolls to the Senecas based on the number of vehicles that drive each day over their land.

"This is a long-standing dispute between the Nation and the State," the Senecas said in a statement. "The Nation has openly denied the validity of the purported easement since at least 1993, and despite asking the New York State Thruway Authority to remit Thruway tolls to the Nation, the NYSTA has refused, maintaining that the easement is valid despite the lack of federally mandated approval from DOI," referring to the Department of the Interior.

Seneca leaders said they initially sued the state over the issue in 1999 but were unsuccessful. They said the Thruway dispute has "been a strain on Nation-State relations for decades."

The Thruway dispute has put a "constraint" on the tribe's economic growth, the Senecas alleged Thursday.

The tribe said that it soon hopes to announce plans for the "Oasis Project," a "cultural shopping center" that would attract tourists and create hundreds of jobs for local residents. Details could be announced within the next week, the Senecas said.

A Buffalo News reporter and photographer who drove through the area found the Seneca Nation stretch of Thruway pocked by potholes and cracks, and in much worse shape than the Thruway stretches just east of it and just west of it.

There were at least two "Rough Road" signs posted, and speed limit signs of 55 mph and 45 mph are posted in several locations.

"I try to avoid the Thruway. I drive on Route 20 instead whenever I can," said a Seneca Nation member in his 30s who spoke to The News at an Irving gas station. "I have friends who have lost hubcaps and had flat tires out there. The state does a terrible job of maintaining it."

The man declined to give his name, saying he does not want to become embroiled in Seneca Nation politics.

When asked about the bad road conditions on Seneca land, Thruway Authority spokesman Jonathan Dougherty said: "Like any community impacted by our projects, we work with them to help mitigate any disruption the roadwork may cause. The Authority is working toward an agreement with the Seneca Nation to move ahead with a contract to begin rehabilitation of the roadway in the Seneca Nation territory."

The lawsuit is the latest flashpoint in a long-standing battle over the section of Thruway that passes through the Seneca's Cattaraugus Territory, between Exit 57A for Eden/Angola and Exit 58 for Silver Creek.

Since at least the early 1990s, Seneca leaders have contended that motorists are trespassing on their land when they use the Thruway.

In July 1992, protesting Senecas started bonfires about 20 yards off the Thruway in the Town of Brant. Several state troopers complained about being hit with shovelfuls of cinders thrown by protesters.

At times, the Senecas have discussed installing their own Thruway tollbooths, and in 2007, the Seneca Tribal Council announced it had voted to rescind the state's right to use the property.

At least seven years ago, the Senecas put up a highway sign advising Thruway travelers that they were no longer in New York State but were in sovereign Seneca territory and "subject to the laws and jurisdiction of the Seneca Nation."

In 2011, then-Seneca President Robert Odawi Porter alleged that the state owed the Senecas more then $80 million in tolls for Thruway motorists who drive through the Cattaraugus Territory. According to Porter, the amount of money owed increases by a dollar every time a car or truck used the Thruway to pass through Seneca land.

Porter asked then-President Barack Obama to help resolve what he called "the nearly 60-year unauthorized occupation of 300 acres of the Nation's Cattaraugus Territory by the State of New York for purposes of constructing and maintaining the New York Thruway."

State officials have always disagreed and have refused to pay the requested millions, saying that there is nothing illegal about the arrangement.

The Senecas and New York have also been embroiled in a dispute over about $110 million per year in revenue from the Senecas' casinos that the Senecas used to share with the state. The Seneca Nation stopped paying 25 percent of its slot machine revenues to New York 13 months ago.

New York contends that the Seneca Nation violated its gambling compact with the state. The Senecas say the casino payments were not required after the 14th year, according to their reading of the 21-year compact.

Flanagan had expected IDC deal 'to last a lot longer'

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nagan wrapped up private talks with Cuomo and Klein over a new $168.3 billion state budget.

"I wasn't shocked. ... Surprised? Yeah," Flanagan said of the timing of the announcement. Last year, Senate Democrats and Cuomo said that a tentative deal was on the books to bring feuding Democrats back together, but that the terms would not become clear until after special elections to fill two vacant Senate seats. The special election contests are set for April 24.

Flanagan said Cuomo benefited mightily from having the GOP in control of the Senate during the time since the governor took office in 2011.

Asked what issues Cuomo touts that would not have occurred if the Senate had not been in GOP hands, Flanagan said: "Oh, my goodness. How much time do you have?"

The Senate leader said there's "no question" that the property tax cap proposed early on by Cuomo "would not have happened" if the Legislature had been controlled in both houses by Democrats. He said the same of the 2 percent, self-imposed cap on annual growth in state spending since Cuomo has been in office.

In December, shortly after a "framework" arrangement was announced to reunite battling Senate Democrats, Flanagan said in an interview that he was confident the Senate GOP would remain in "a good position."

Flanagan said at the time that his relations with Klein, who founded the IDC, were strong. In December, Klein even gave Flanagan an advance copy of what he was going to say about the Democratic alliance deal first floated last year.

"I expect it to last a lot longer than through the end of session," Flanagan said in December of the Senate Republican and IDC pact that kept the GOP in control of the Senate.

In fact, that pact ended April 4, when Klein said he was shutting down the IDC and that he and his fellow seven breakaway IDC members were teaming back up with mainline Democrats. The legislative session doesn't end until late June.

In between – on April 24 – special elections to fill two current vacancies will be held. Only one of those seats – located in a Westchester County district – is in play. If the Democrats win both contests, they would have a numerical edge – 32 seats to 31 – in the 63-member chamber. But that does not take into account Sen. Simcha Felder, of Brooklyn, a Democrat by name who for several years has conferenced with the Republicans. Felder has been coy about his intentions if the Democrats win both special elections, although his district and desires benefited from the recently concluded state budget talks.

Flanagan heaped praise on Felder, calling him a "very valued member of our conference." Asked if he has spoken with Felder since the Democratic unity event and if he has a commitment from the Brooklyn senator to remain with the Senate GOP through the end of the year, Flanagan said no to both questions.

"Sen. Felder has made it crystal clear to everyone that he's going to do what's in the best interest of his constituents. Hopefully, that's continuing to align with us, but I would be speaking out of turn if I said anything like that," Flanagan said. "He is a welcome addition, and we have completely enjoyed working with him. ... Hopefully, he will stay."

Asked Thursday if he felt betrayed by Klein, Flanagan said, "No. There's no sense in talking about things in that regard. Did I work well with Jeff? Of course. ... We knew how to get things done."

But Flanagan made clear that things will be different come Monday when the Legislature returns from a two-week vacation. For starters, Klein has been removed from his prime offices – a sprawling fourth-floor suite at the State Capitol and a ninth-floor office in the Legislative Office Building across the street, as well as a Senate office in Manhattan. Where Klein and his staff will work going forward is up to Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, D-Yonkers, who, under the unity pact, has given Klein the title of deputy minority leader.

"We have made office changes," Flanagan said, noting that he is only following decades of practice in Albany in which the Legislature majority parties have say over such matters.

Klein's IDC group – which, though disbanded has kept alive its fundraising arm – was set to hold a fundraiser Thursday night in Manhattan. Asked if he was attending, Flanagan said, "Thank you for asking, but no, I will not be attending."

Flanagan said the split-up, orchestrated by Cuomo, is curious because of the governor's mantra that partisan politics in Washington has led to dysfunction in the U.S. Capitol. "We had a national model," Flanagan said of bipartisan deal-making over the years in Albany. "People can look to the State of New York and say, 'Wow, they can get along and do the people's business.'"

Senate Republicans, Flanagan said, have also made their presence felt "to make sure the governor doesn't get his way" on everything he proposes. He cited pushback against a major tax-increase proposal by Cuomo in January that was mostly undone in the final budget.

Without being specific, Flanagan said that he expects the GOP to holds its current Senate seats in the November elections and that it will be "going aggressively" after seats now held by Democrats in some areas of the state.

"Everyone right now has a laser-light focus on the 37th Senate District," he said of the coming special election in Westchester County. "Certainly, it's going to cost us a lot of money. People view this as a harbinger of what may come in the State of New York," he said, not offering what the Senate GOP might spend on the contest.

"I disagree with the politics. I disagree with the philosophy," Flanagan said of the Democratic unity deal. But, he added, "there's no point in being mad."

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President Trump looks to White House physician Ronny Jackson during a Veterans Affairs Department "telehealth" event at the White House on Aug. 3. Trump has tapped Jackson to run the Department of Veterans Affairs.

How White House physician Jackson became Trump's nominee to lead VA

By Amy Gardner and Alice Crites
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON – As a White House physician under three presidents, Ronny Jackson often went to extra lengths to win over the officials he was on hand to assist. He helped George W. Bush clear brush at his Texas ranch. He supplied Barack Obama with Nicorette gum even as he urged him to quit the nicotine substitute. He once was so eager to deliver a sling to Vice President Dick Cheney for a sore arm that his sprint toward the presidential helicopter caught the attention of Secret Service agents, a friend said.

That kind of enthusiasm drew ridicule in January, when Jackson said at a news conference that President Trump "might live to be 200 years old" if he had a more healthful diet. But his performance received lavish praise from the president, who shocked Washington a few months later by tapping the former combat surgeon to run the Department of Veterans Affairs – one of the federal government's largest and most fraught bureaucracies.

The job would place Jackson – a Navy rear admiral who led a team of fewer than a dozen surgeons in Iraq and now heads a staff of 70 at the White House – atop an agency of more than 375,000 employees and a budget of more than $185 billion.

Jackson's propensity to please puts him on a markedly different footing than that of David Shulkin, who was fired as VA secretary after battling with Trump appointees over the president's agenda to outsource more veteran services to private providers. Jackson has told lawmakers that he opposes privatization. But because Jackson has little track record in public policy, his views remain largely a mystery, and some veterans' advocates fear he would be inclined to follow his boss' lead.

Still a mystery

It's "impossible" that Jackson could be up to speed about the demands of such a large organization, said Paul Rieckhoff, executive director of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

Carl Blake, executive director of Paralyzed Veterans of America, said: "We still know very little about him at this point or his philosophy on key issues."

Jackson, 50, declined a request for an interview. He has said that he never thought he'd keep his job under Trump and that he did not seek the VA nomination.

He is now preparing ferociously for the Cabinet post, colleagues say. This week, he began making the rounds on Capitol Hill ahead of his confirmation hearing next Thursday, and he has welcomed a string of VA officials to the White House for hours-long briefings on the minutiae of the agency.

It is a show of ambition that pushed him from a small town in Texas into the Navy, through years of training in emergency medicine and trauma surgery, and then into the White House.

There, he has had unmatched proximity to power – and learned how to navigate it.

"He knows how to read a room really, really well," said Sean Spicer, Trump's first communications director, who like many presidential aides over the past 12 years spent hours with Jackson in motorcades, on flights and inside the White House. "The thing that I think has been fascinating about watching him is that he really understands how to interact with people. He knows when to dial back and when to engage."

Now, Jackson faces the ultimate test of that ability, and of whether it is enough to propel him into the biggest job of his career.

Jackson began his White House tenure in 2006 as part of a team responsible for caring directly for the president, his family and more than 7,000 employees.

He was just days into his new job when the vice president stopped by for help. Cheney was headed out of town and asked for a sling to rest his arm in flight.

"Ronny was new, and didn't know where slings were kept, so he scrambled around looking for a sling," recalled Capt. Thomas Craig, a fellow Navy doctor and longtime friend. "He found one and tore out of the White House running like a scalded dog toward Marine One to catch up with the POTUS and Richard B. Cheney."

There was one problem, Craig said: "Nobody can just run up on the POTUS without getting into all kinds of trouble." Agents stopped Jackson in his tracks – but not before he delivered the sling to Cheney.

Jackson became Obama's personal physician in 2013, a role he retained with Trump. As he has at other moments of his career, he has offered an aw-shucks explanation for his success, claiming modestly to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal in Texas this month that he "kind of got catapulted" to the top of the organization.

Much of Jackson's work over the past 12 years at the White House has involved the routine repair work of a small-town practitioner, with a twist: giving flu shots, passing out cold medicine – and helping plan assassination contingency plans when the president leaves Washington. It required extensive travel and hours of face time with the chief executive. Jackson has played basketball with Obama and spent time with Trump at his Florida home, Mar-a-Lago.

"It's a very intimate job," said Reggie Love, a former personal assistant to Obama who regularly rode with Jackson in flight and in the limousine that accompanies presidential motorcades. "Even when you're in the middle of the desert in Riyadh, the guy's got a smile on his face and he's happy to be there."

Calming presence

Love recalled Obama's travel director, Marvin Nicholson, once hitting his head during a helicopter ride in Ghana. "Ronny stapled and glued him up. There's no panic. There's no like, 'What are we going to do?'"

Jackson also stitched up Love's chin once. "I think it was the night of the White House Correspondents' Dinner," Love said. "He said, 'Good luck not getting your tuxedo bloody.'"

More than a dozen current and former colleagues interviewed for this article described Jackson as a popular colleague and an excellent doctor. "He was a joy to be around," said David Axelrod, who was an adviser to Obama.

One trait universally cited is Jackson's storytelling ability. He has regaled colleagues with one particular tale about administering stitches on an intimate part of his body. He even recounted it for Bush after cutting himself with a hoe at the president's Texas ranch.

As he prepared to stitch up his leg, Bush protested. "It's OK, I've sewn myself up before," Jackson replied, then told the president about his earlier injury, according to people familiar with the episode. That earned him an admiring nickname from Bush: Scrote.

Most former colleagues demurred when asked about the doctor's preparedness to lead VA.

Jackson "understands the stakeholders," Love said. But addressing the department's challenges is like "trying to move a battleship. It's going to be a lot of work."

At the White House, Jackson has been involved in few large-scale policy decisions beyond his role working on assassination preparedness and running the medical operation for big events such as the G-8 summit at Camp David in 2012. In Iraq, he led about eight doctors – and volunteered for the additional duty of helping new arrivals find housing at the sprawling Al-Taqaddum Air Base.

People who know him were taken aback by Jackson's glowing praise for Trump's health in the news conference earlier this year. He described the president's overall health as "excellent," using nearly identical words he had written in a medical report about Obama four years earlier. But Jackson went even further with Trump. "The answer to your question is that he has incredibly good genes," Jackson said, "and it's just the way God made him."

Critics accused him of playing to the sensitivities of a uniquely praise-hungry president.

Craig said he's spoken to Jackson about his intense preparations for his coming hearings.

"What I took from him is that it's a sense of obligation to serve his country even more," Craig said. "He's not looking at it like he's being thrown into a deep fryer. But you and I know that it's just going to be a quagmire of pain."

White House unveils policies encouraging arms sales abroad

By Paul Sonne
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON – The Trump administration rolled out new policies Thursday designed to bolster the U.S. arms industry by facilitating more sales to foreign countries, including provisions that will loosen restrictions on the export of American-made drones.

While previous presidents have taken the U.S. defense industry into consideration when conducting foreign policy, President Trump has made arms sales a centerpiece of his approach, regularly emphasizing how many weapons a country buys as a measure of its commitment to Washington.

That emphasis was on display this week during Trump's news conference with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, in which the president promised to "short-circuit" State Department bureaucracy to speed up sales of U.S. military equipment to allies such as Japan.

"If they're our allies, we are going to help them get this very important, great military equipment," Trump said. "And nobody – nobody – makes it like the United States. It's the best in the world by far."

Trump has often highlighted arms sales while appearing alongside foreign leaders. In the Oval Office this month, he described Qatar's emir as a gentleman "who buys a lot of equipment from us," including military airplanes and missiles. Trump recently thanked Saudi Arabia's crown prince for sharing the kingdom's wealth with the United States by purchasing "the finest military equipment anywhere in the world."

For years, U.S. administrations have sought to balance the interests of the U.S. defense industry with national security and foreign policy priorities when deciding whether to approve arms sales.

The balancing act can prove tricky because weapons often outlast the government that purchased them, and the U.S. military doesn't want U.S. arms used against its troops in any future conflict. The U.S. military also wants to retain some of the most sophisticated American-made technologies for itself to keep an edge.

While it is not yet apparent how the new policy will be implemented, the U.S. government plans to stress how proposed deals benefit the defense industry.

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