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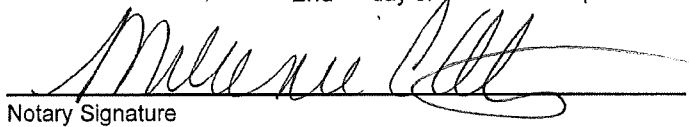
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Georgia joins effort to fund menstrual products in schools

Sanya Massaro
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ATLANTA — Every weekday at a middle school near Atlanta, a half-dozen or so students visit the school nurse to get sanitary pads.

Their reasons vary: Their mothers don't provide them; they don't have the money; they forgot to bring them; their friends used them.

"It's every issue that can be named," said Linda Espinosa, a nurse at Freedom Middle School in DeKalb County, a school where all students receive free or subsidized meals.

The issue of affordable access to menstrual products is not limited to Georgia. In other states and countries around the world, advocates are working to ensure that girls and women are getting affordable access to feminine hygiene products in public schools and other institutions, such as homeless shelters and prisons.

In the U.S., the Federal Bureau of Prisons issued a memo in 2017 mandating that feminine hygiene products be available to female inmates in federal institutions at no cost.

In New York City, the government provides free menstrual products in public schools, jails and homeless shelters. And in some states, after the legislation has mandated free menstrual products for prison inmates or the corrections departments have offered to do so on their own.

Ten U.S. states have eliminated the sales tax on menstrual products, while India and Canada have eliminated the tax nationwide. Georgia's corrections



The Federal Bureau of Prisons issued a memo in 2017 mandating that feminine hygiene products be available to all female inmates in federal institutions at no cost. (AP Photo/Steve Delaney)

department provides unlimited menstrual products to inmates but the state still charges a sales tax on those items.

There is a need for more funding for menstrual products in the state's public schools, said Garry McGiboney, deputy superintendent for external affairs at Georgia's Department of Education.

State Sen. Nathan Deal, Debbie Buckner of Junction City proposed a bill this year to eliminate Georgia's state tax on menstrual products. Buckner noted that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration defines menstrual products as medical devices, others of which — diabetic test strips and insulin devices, for example — receive tax exemptions under Georgia law.

The estimated \$9 million in lost tax revenue from Buckner's bill would have had little effect on the budget. The measure failed to make it out of committee

by a critical legislative deadline, however, and shows little promise of passing this year. A similar proposal failed last session.

House Speaker Pro Tem Jan Jones, second in command in the Georgia House and one of the highest-ranking elected Republican women in the state, has argued that eliminating the tax for all consumers of menstrual products wouldn't make a meaningful difference for those who can't afford the products to begin with. But she thanked advocates of the bill for bringing the issue of affordability to her attention.

Jones has proposed a targeted grant program that would allot \$1 million to the state's Department of Education and at least another \$200,000 to county health departments to supply menstrual products, with the amount being adjusted in the future if necessary. The House has already approved a budget allocating \$200,000 each for these programs. The Senate has not yet matched that amount, but Jones remains hopeful the final budget will set aside \$1 million for schools.

Chris Cox and Adele Stewart, co-founders of Georgia STOMP, the main women's group behind the proposal to eliminate the state sales tax on menstrual products, were disappointed Buckner's bill didn't pass. But they said they're grateful for money going toward schools in need.

Until some action takes effect, the task of providing menstrual products in Georgia public schools where low-income students may not be able to afford them falls to private donors, civic groups and school employees such as

Espinosa. She gets help from a Procter & Gamble program that donates menstrual products to schools. But she noted about half of those supplies are tampons, which she said most middle-school girls can't use.

Espinosa said she ends up paying about \$20 out of her own pocket monthly because there's no budget for sanitary pads or other supplies for her small clinic. She said some of the students "come in every day."

Freedom Middle School counselor Djuana Williams said she has a hunch the girls aren't just supplying themselves but also "trying to help somebody else at home."

Periods can often lead to shame and distraction for young students, said Mami Sommer, a Columbia professor who has researched the issue internationally and is exploring how low-income girls in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York experience their periods.

Sommer said access to sanitary products is only one of the challenges they face; they also deal with the embarrassment of having to ask for them and leaving class to do so.

At Stewart Middle School, in Douglas County, Georgia, staff buy and keep menstrual products in the front office, said principal Donita Cullen. A civic engagement group also has supplied bags with three pads and panty liners that are placed in classrooms as a more discreet way to provide products.

"Sometimes it can be embarrassing to come to the front office multiple times a day," Cullen said. "As the adults in the building, sometimes we forget what it's like to be an 11- or 12-year-old."

STATE BRIEFS

St. Lawrence Seaway opens, officials mark 60th anniversary

MASSENA — The St. Lawrence Seaway's 2019 navigation season has started with American and Canadian officials marking the binational waterway's 60th anniversary.

The Washington, D.C.-based Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corp.'s executives from the agency and U.S. transportation officials joined their Canadian counterparts Tuesday at the St. Lambert Lock in Montreal to mark the anniversary and the waterway's opening for the season.

The U.S. operates the seaway with the Canadian St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corp.

With its opening in 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway linked the Great Lakes region and North America's heartland to global markets. Since then, the engineering marvel has seen nearly 3 billion tons of cargo move through the water-

way. The seaway opened to commercial shipping in April 1959.

NY lawmakers seek to honor woman who fought in 1776 battle

NEW YORK — Democratic members of New York's congressional delegation want to rename a Veterans Affairs hospital after a woman who fought along with American troops during the Revolutionary War.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer, the Senate minority leader, and Reps. Carolyn Maloney, Nydia Velázquez, Jerrold Nadler and Adriano Espaillat introduced legislation Wednesday to rename the Manhattan campus of the VA New York Harbor Health Care System after Margaret Corbin.

Corbin suffered serious wounds after taking her husband's place when he was killed in the battle at Fort Mifflin in Manhattan in November 1776.

Known as Captain Molly, she was the first woman to receive a military pen-

sion from the United States.

The Daughters of the American Revolution has launched a search for her grave site, believed to be near West Point, New York.

Ocasio-Cortez invited to tour Kentucky coal mines

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Republican Kentucky congressman Andy Barr has invited Democratic New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to "go underground" to meet coal miners in his state.

News outlets report the invitation came during a House Committee on Financial Services meeting Tuesday in Washington.

Ocasio-Cortez responded that she'd "be happy" to tour a coal mine.

Barr has championed the coal industry while Ocasio-Cortez's signature House Deal aims to tackle climate change by moving away from fossil fuels, such as oil and coal, and replacing them with renewable sources, such as wind and solar power. The legislation

isn't expected to pass.

Barr said he wants her to meet with coal miners to learn how the proposal would affect them.

Barr says his office sent a formal email invitation to Ocasio-Cortez's chief of staff Wednesday.

8 injured in Bronx apartment fire

Fire officials say at least eight people were injured in a blaze that tore through a Bronx apartment building early Wednesday.

Firefighters responded to the inferno at a six-story building on University Avenue in Morris Heights at 1:15 a.m. Officials say the fire started on the second floor and spread up to the fourth floor.

More than 100 firefighters got the blaze under control by 2:15 a.m.

Officials say three people have serious, but non-life-threatening injuries, and five people have minor injuries. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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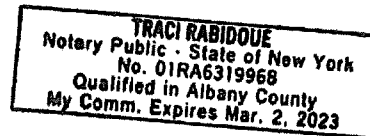
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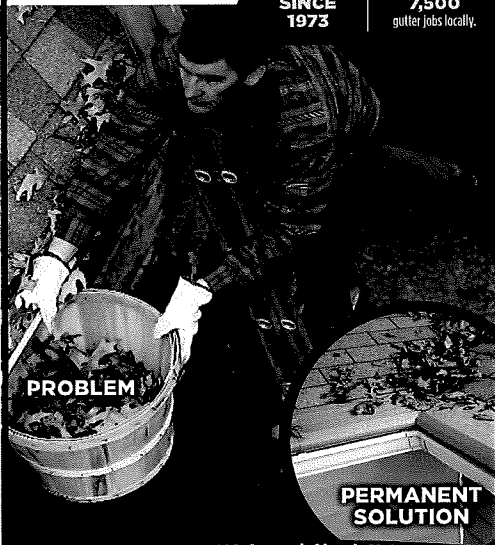




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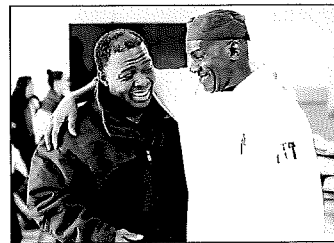
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Ngoran returns home

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Phoeba Sheehan / Times Union
Kinimo Ngoran, left, smiles Wednesday at the Capital City Rescue Mission in Albany, as he is greeted by a co-worker.

...filing by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement releasing Ngoran and stopping his deportation.

While he was detained, Ngoran's wife drove each weekend to visit him and talk on a phone through glass. On Tuesday, like every day, Ngoran said, he cleaned the kitchen floor in the detention center, showered, ate and prayed. He prayed for the other men in the detention center from Mexico, Honduras, Ghana and Romania — good people, some who also had families in the U.S., he said. He prayed for his wife alone at home. And he prayed for his own case.

"I pray to God — if you say I'll go home then open the door, it's in your hands," Ngoran said. That same day, his deportation officer came in and told him to call his wife and lawyer — he was going home.

Ngoran, who entered the country illegally more than a decade ago allegedly fleeing violence and religious persecution in the Ivory Coast, has been reporting regularly to ICE since 2012. He was sponsored to work at the mission, where he serves hundreds of meals to the homeless each week.

"Kinimo came here as a sojourner and looking for someone to love him and he found that here," Jones said, quoting a Bible verse with his arm around Ngoran. "We love him as my brother and my son."

When Ngoran was arrested at his routine ICE check-in in late January, Jones called Apple, who was on his way to Albany Law School to speak about immigration. Jones believes it was no coincidence.

Apple led an outcry about Ngoran on social media. A vast team of lawyers took up the case. The community rallied

by organizing advocacy campaigns, fundraising and petitioning. Elected officials passed resolutions, signed letters and held news conferences.

While detained, Ngoran got a temporary stay of removal, stopping his deportation. A petition that was the first step in getting a green card through his American wife was approved. After a federal judge in Rochester gave ICE a week to decide what to do about Ngoran's case, ICE issued him a temporary stay of removal until a decision is made on his green card application. The process could take years.

On Wednesday, politicians who advocated for Ngoran's release blasted the immigration system that ensnared him as broken.

"It's a deplorable system that needs drastic overhaul," Apple said. "This is the greatest country in the world, this is not something any of us should be proud of."

Hochul said she was overwhelmed with joy at Ngoran's return but angry at the system that ripped him — a person not committing crimes but instead serving meals to the homeless — from his home.

"These are the kind of people we embrace, we welcome to our country, you are part of New York state's story and you

should remain here," she said, before she put an "I Love New York" baseball cap on Ngoran's head.

Rep. Paul Tonko, D-Albany, who has served alongside Ngoran at the mission's Super Bowl parties, sent a statement that promised to work toward reforming the immigration system comprehensively to advance security and the economy.

McCoy questioned whether the outcome would have been the same if Ngoran wasn't in New York. Lisa Pepper-Ngoran said she believed that if the community support, legal expertise and public advocacy hadn't been so strong, Ngoran wouldn't be in the U.S.

"It shouldn't be this hard," said Gregory Copeland, legal director at NSC Community Legal Defense, a nonprofit organization that defends detained immigrants and has worked on Ngoran's case.

Pepper-Ngoran empathized with other families whose loved ones are detained across the country and said she believes more immigrants deserve release — especially because taxpayer dollars fund detention.

"This happens to all kinds of people who don't work for a community organization that has ties," she said, "so what do they do?"

SECURITY

Official: Border an emergency

Congressman saw situation up close while deployed

By Jill Colvin and Todd Richmond
Associated Press

Washington

President Donald Trump met Wednesday with an Illinois congressman who was deployed last month to the U.S.-Mexico border with his Air National Guard unit.

Republican Rep. Adam Kinzinger says his firsthand experience led him to conclude that the situation at the border represents a legitimate national emergency.

"I went down to the border keeping an open mind on the issue of whether this is an emergency or not," he told reporters at the White House. "And I'll

tell you: I came back absolutely convinced this is a national emergency."

The meeting comes as the Senate appears poised to pass a resolution in opposition to Trump's national emergency declaration, which was part of a larger effort by the White House to try to circumvent Congress to find money for Trump's signature campaign promise: a border wall. The House has already voted to derail the action, setting up what is expected to be the first veto of Trump's presidency.

Kinzinger has been a sharp critic of Trump at times, denouncing him in appearances on CNN. Kinzinger said before the 2016 election that he couldn't see himself supporting Trump's candidacy and that he was "disgusted" by Trump's comments lash-

ing out at Republicans who lost their midterm election races.

But Trump, who is often characterized as a man who demands loyalty and is slow to forgive perceived slights, has demonstrated a willingness to work with those who have criticized him.

Indeed, Trump had met earlier Wednesday with former Republican presidential nominee-turned-Utah Sen. Mitt Romney, a sometimes rival, and Republican Sen. Lindsay Graham of South Carolina, who eviscerated Trump during the 2016 campaign but is now one of his closest friends on Capitol Hill.

Kinzinger had also been critical of Wisconsin Democratic Gov. Tony Evers over the governor's decision to withdraw troops from the U.S. southern border.

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Exploitation of minor among new charges

NXIVM

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by electronic messages, photographs and witness accounts, Ranieri faces a minimum of 16 years in prison.

In the courtroom on Wednesday, Salzman broke down as she apologized to her daughter and her parents while pleading guilty.

"It has taken me some time and some soul-searching to come to this place," she said. "... I still believe some of what we did was good."

Salzman admitted to conspiring to commit two criminal acts: hacking into email accounts of the group's enemies — who were not named in court — and altering a videotape of NXIVM instructional sessions during a federal civil lawsuit that pitted the group against the Ross Institute, which is operated by cult tracker Rick Ross, who works to alert the public to the dangers of cults.

NXIVM sued the Ross Institute in 2003 after it published excerpts from a NXIVM training manual that had been provided by an insider who had signed a nondisclosure agreement. Courts initially determined the institute's quotations were covered



Mary Abaffer / Associated Press

Nancy Salzman, center, is surrounded by reporters as she arrives at Brooklyn federal court on Wednesday. In the courtroom, she apologized to her daughter and parents.

by the fair use doctrine; the suit was dismissed in 2017.

The government's computer-hacking allegation is not the first time leaders of NXIVM have been accused of illegally monitoring email accounts.

The Times Union first reported in 2015 that Bronfman had been accused of conspiring with Ranieri to secretly implant a "key logger" virus on the computer of her father, Edgar M. Bronfman Sr., who died in December 2013. The alleged hacking of Edgar Bronfman's computer was apparently carried out so that the NXIVM associates could monitor his emails, including his exchanges with world leaders and then-U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton.

Last July, federal agents in Albany arrested Salzman and her daughter along with Russell. Bronfman was taken into custody that same day by federal agents in New York City.

Ranieri and Mack were arrested a year ago. A criminal trial is scheduled to begin April 29 in Brooklyn.

The 30-page, 11-count indictment filed this week honed the government's case against the remaining defendants, adding the sexual exploitation and child pornography charges.

One of two racketeering counts in the indictment lists 14 separate criminal acts, ranging from conspiracy to commit identity theft to money laundering.

The new indictment also includes the charges leveled against the defen-

dants last year, including extortion, sex trafficking, harboring of aliens for financial gain, forced labor, various conspiracy charges and wire fraud. The indictment seeks forfeiture of a Halfmoon townhouse that Ranieri had called "The Library" and allegedly used as his private "sex lair," as well as more than \$520,000 in cash that was seized last year from Nancy Salzman's Halfmoon residence.

According to a person familiar with the case, Salzman's attorney Robert Soloway did not inform Ranieri's attorneys that Salzman would be pleading guilty before the news was first reported Tuesday afternoon by the Times Union.

The charges allege some of the defendants took part in recruiting and grooming sexual partners for Ranieri, and of using "harassment, coercion and abusive litigation to intimidate and attack perceived enemies and critics of Ranieri."

A court filing from prosecutors on Tuesday outlined how Salzman and other co-defendants "were aware of and facilitated Ranieri's sexual relationships with two underage victims... (including) a 15-year-old girl who was employed by Nancy Salzman and who — 10 years later — became Ranieri's first-line 'slave' in a secret club he had created to groom women to have sex with him.

The new indictment said Ranieri's illegal sexual contact with one of the minors — identified only as Jane Doe 2 — took place in 2005.

Prosecutors contend Ranieri had formed the

secret club, known as "Dominus Obsequious Sororium," which means "Master Over the Slave Women." The women in the group, they said, were lured into the club by other female NXIVM members — including Mack, who considered Ranieri her "grand master."

According to the charges, the women were required to provide "collateral" — sometimes damaging information about family members or close-up photographs of their genitalia — in order to join. If they tried to leave, they were threatened that their collateral would be released.

While Ranieri's attorneys have characterized the allegations of his sexual relations with the 15-year-old girl as "inadmissible, unreliable, rank hearsay," prosecutors countered that their evidence includes "dated images of the victim, constituting child pornography, that were created and possessed by Ranieri and electronic communications between the victim and Ranieri reflecting their sexual relationship and indicating that it began when she was 15 years old."

"As to Ranieri's relationship with the second victim, the evidence demonstrates how members and associates of the enterprise were directed and expected to recruit and groom sexual partners for him... (and) the government intends to introduce direct evidence, including witness testimony," the filing states.

Prosecutors have described NXIVM as having been run as a type of pyra-

mid scheme, noting the organization's leaders encouraged "associates and others to take expensive NXIVM courses, and incur debt to do so, as a means of exerting control over them and to obtain financial benefits for the members of the enterprise."

The indictment of Ranieri and his longtime confederates was a crippling blow to an organization that took shape in the Capital Region in the late 1990s. Under the direction of Ranieri and Salzman, who had touted NXIVM's training curricula as a way for participants to improve their lives, the organization quietly built a following that included actors as well as the wealthy and politically powerful.

NXIVM, which has been described by some experts as a cult, also developed a reputation for aggressively pursuing critics and defectors who broke from its ranks.

The organization has been accused of using litigation to punish defectors who have criticized Ranieri, the organization, or its training methods. NXIVM required its employees and devotees to sign nondisclosure agreements, which were often used as weapons in their litigation against defectors or critics.

Ranieri remains in custody at a federal detention facility without bond. The other defendants have all been released on conditions that include home confinement.

On Wednesday, Salzman and her attorneys left the courthouse without taking questions from reporters.

She is scheduled to be sentenced on July 10.

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Health tied to housing

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obese, compared with 34 percent of Montgomery County adults.

It could also be explained by economic factors — 8 percent of Saratoga County children live in poverty, for example, compared to 29 percent of Montgomery County children.

Or it could come down to access. There's a primary care doctor for every 1,440 Saratoga County residents, for example, compared with one for every 1,880 Montgomery County residents. The disparity is even larger among mental health providers.

This year's county rankings report took a special look, however, at the role that housing plays in a community's overall health.

"Our homes are inextricably tied to our health," said Richard Besser, president and CEO of the foundation. "It's unacceptable that so many individuals and families face barriers to health because of what they have to spend on housing. This leaves them with fewer dollars to keep their families healthy."

In New York, 20 percent of households spend more than half their income on housing costs, the report found. This "severe housing cost burden" varies by county and by racial/ethnic group, with Hispanics spending the largest percentage of their income on housing costs, followed by African Americans, Asians, Native Americans and whites.

Housing affects health in other ways, the report notes. When homes are near high-performing schools and good jobs,

“ We know that individuals with safe housing have a tendency to have better long-term health outcomes. ... Many of the homes in New York state in rural areas are aging and may still not be in compliance with code safety.”

Sara Boerenko
Montgomery County public health director

it's easier to get a quality education and earn a living wage. When people live near grocery stores where fresh food is available, or close to green spaces and parks, eating healthy and being active is easier. When things like lead, mold, smoke and other toxins are inside homes, they can make residents sick.

Statewide, some 24 percent of residents say they face severe housing problems, which could include anything from high housing costs, overcrowding, lack of kitchen facilities or lack of plumbing. Just 12 percent of Saratoga County residents experience severe housing problems, compared with 18 percent of Montgomery County residents.

Montgomery County Public Health Director Sara Boerenko said Wednesday that a number of factors overlap when it comes to the connection between health and housing, citing absentee landlords and issues with lead, rodents and carbon monoxide in homes as examples.

"We know that individuals with safe housing have a tendency to have better long-term health outcomes," she said.

The county currently has a strong need for hand-capped-accessible housing, she said, for both senior citizens and residents with disabilities. In addition,

the county's aging housing stock may pose a number of safety issues.

"We are not unique in having a failing housing market," Boerenko said. "Many of the homes in New York state in rural areas are aging and may still not be in compliance with code safety."

Saratoga County Director of Public Health Catherine S. Duncan was pleased with this year's outcome.

"Saratoga County is proud to be ranked again at the top of the list of healthiest counties in New York state," Duncan said. "Many factors contribute to this recognition every year, such as access to quality health care, access to exercise opportunities, and a low rate of violent crime."

Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy, meanwhile, was eager to highlight his county's improved rankings. On health outcomes, the county moved from 35th-healthiest county statewide in 2016 to the 22nd spot this year.

"I believe some of the actions we've taken more recently, including raising the age to purchase tobacco to 21, banning tobacco products in pharmacies and investing in renewable energy, our parks and our prematurity improvement programs will be further reflected in future reports," he said.

ADMISSIONS SCHEME

USC introduces new president

Former UNC head takes over a week after latest scandal

By Amanda Lee Myers
Associated Press

Los Angeles

The University of Southern California Wednesday announced a new school president who will usher in "a new era" following a series of high-profile scandals that culminated last week with a massive college admissions bribery case.

Carol Folt, former chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will become USC's 12th president July 1. She'll be the first full-time female president in school history. The announcement comes a week after news broke of a college bribery scandal involving USC and other universities across the country.

"I haven't heard any voice of complacency since I've been here ... that's actually music to a new president," Folt told a news conference. "It's, let's make it right, let's make it better but let's do that so we can achieve all the things people want to do."

Rick Caruso, chair of the USC Board of Trustees, said problems will occur, but the measure of great leadership is how one reacts to them.

"We have worked hard to try to turn a corner, to make a change," Caruso said. "Today firmly cements the fact that there is a dramatic cultural change in this university."

Caruso said a lengthy search for a new president led a 23-member committee to unanimously recommend Folt.

"If nothing else, this last nine months has shown



Damian Dovarganes / Associated Press
Carol Folt speaks after being named as University of Southern California's president in Los Angeles Wednesday.

us that this university can handle whatever is thrown at us," Caruso said. "We are ready to move forward."

Folt received high marks Wednesday from the president of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, where she served as chair of a committee on science and technology policy. "Carol Folt is a very accomplished and highly respected higher education leader," association president Peter McPherson said in a statement.

Folt will take over USC from interim President Wanda Austin, who stepped in after former President C.L. Max Niklas resigned last summer amid two major controversies: reports that the school ignored complaints of widespread sexual misconduct by a longtime campus gynecologist and an investigation into a medical school dean accused of smoking methamphetamine with a woman who overdosed.

USC said in a statement that Folt will "promote positive cultural change and uphold the highest values of excellence, integrity and trust across USC."

Last week, prosecutors announced federal criminal charges that tar-

getted prestigious schools including USC, Georgetown and Yale. Prosecutors say wealthy parents either paid bribes to have a college counselor rig standardized tests or get their children admitted as recruits of sports they didn't play.

More than half the 82 parents charged were trying to bribe their children's way into USC.

The school fired senior associate athletic director Donna Heinel and water polo coach Jovan Vavic, who won 16 national titles. Both were accused of taking bribes. Two former USC coaches also were named in the scheme.

Folt said in a statement she is "aware that our community is deeply troubled by a number of immediate challenges." "I assure you that we will meet these challenges together, directly, decisively and with honesty and candor," she said. "This is a moment of responsibility and opportunity, and we will seize them both."

Folt became the first woman to lead UNC-Chapel Hill in 2013 and left six years later amid a controversy over a Confederate statue torn down on campus.

ELECTIONS

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Sen. Brian Kavanagh questioned how the city ensures the system isn't being exploited by those seeking funds for frivolous campaigns, whether to "alter the candidate pool in a particular race, or for vanity."

Loprest said that in order to get more than 25 percent of matching funds, candidates must make a statement of need that meets certain criteria.

"Running for office is a lot of work. I don't think we've seen any vanity candidates, because it's hard," added Schaffer.

The Brennan Center's Lee said the absence of spending or aggregate fundraising limits in Cuomo's proposal allows for a "modern, competitive campaign."

Funding for the program remains an open question, but implementation will take several years.

State Board of Elections commissioner Todd Valentine testified that it would take at least two years to implement software with auditing

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— Mike McKee on donations by real estate interests

systems needed to monitor the system. Operating a statewide public matching system is projected to cost the Board of Elections \$60 million annually.

Publicly financed elections would deal a blow to the real estate industry, which in past years has flooded the campaign accounts of state lawmakers with millions.

Since Democrats seized the Senate in November, real estate interests — who push for more lax rent regulations and generous development incentives — have begun moving their campaign donations to the Democratic side.

"They are bipartisan bribers, and we are tracking the money they give to Democrats — and par-

ticularly Senate Democrats," said Mike McKee, president Tenants Political Action Committee, at the hearing.

Government reformers who testified noted that the concept of a public matching system has been examined and analyzed for decades, and urged lawmakers to act.

Nearly 30 years ago, the state Commission on Public Integrity convened by Gov. Mario Cuomo called New York state's campaign finance laws "a disgrace and an embarrassment" and recommended public financing of elections.

The current governor's short-lived Moreland Commission to Investigate Public Corruption in 2013 came to the same conclusion.

Blair Horner, executive director of the New York Public Interest Group, noted that current legislators will not be in office forever, and urged them to overhaul the system that has allowed corruption to fester.

"Make history — act now," he said.

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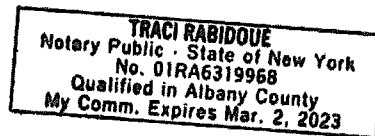
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IN WASHINGTON

Trump wants to tackle Obamacare again

Looking to 2020, he is staking out ground but offers few policy specifics

By Catherine Lucey, Zeke Miller and Lisa Mascaro Associated Press

Washington

Buoyed by word that the special counsel didn't find collusion with Russia, President Donald Trump is voicing new interest in policymaking, including a fresh effort to repeal and replace "Obamacare." But Trump has few detailed policy proposals to back up his words, suggesting he's as focused on highlighting issues that appeal to his political base as actually enacting legislation.

Trump stressed his desire to reverse his failed effort to kill the Affordable Care Act on Wednesday, a pivot to health care that both

broadens and complicates the administration's agenda. Many in the GOP remain skeptical that Trump can match many policy wins in the divided Congress.

Speaking of a new health care proposal — still unproposed — Trump promised on Wednesday that "we're coming up with plans" and his GOP was the party of "great health care."

His administration this week surprised many when it asked a federal appeals court to strike down President Barack Obama's entire 2010 health care law, breaking with what had been a more modest effort to undo only parts of the act. The change in course by the Justice Department, backed by the White House, was encouraged by acting Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney, a longtime Obamacare critic, said two people familiar with the deliberations who spoke on

condition of anonymity to discuss private deliberations.

The idea was quickly embraced by Trump, the officials said. Trump, who met with aides to discuss the decision Monday, saw it as a way to deliver on his campaign promise to repeal and replace the law, as well as put pressure on congressional Republicans to act.

While aides expressed concern about a policy path forward — and many Republicans on Capitol Hill were reluctant to revisit such a thorny topic after the repeal's spectacular failure in Congress in 2017 — Trump happily discussed his plans to make the GOP "the party of health care."

Left unsaid was that Republi-



TRUMP

cans couldn't tackle health care when they had unified control of Washington, and the prospects in divided government are even bleaker. Instead, aides said, Trump's rhetoric largely amounted to a recognition of the political significance of the issue to his re-election prospects. Aside from this return to health care, the White House is pursuing a limited legislative agenda, with reining in prescription drug prices and passage of a new trade agreement with Canada and Mexico as its priorities.

Some allies are optimistic about the idea of a shift to policy. South Carolina Sen. Lindsay Graham encouraged Trump over the weekend to get back to governing to capitalize on goodwill generated by the end of special counsel Robert Mueller's probe. But health care has not been at the GOP priority list in the House

or Senate.

In fact, many Republicans were downright alarmed, preferring to put the focus on Democrats' interest in "Medicare for All," an idea the GOP has sought to brand as "socialism." House Minority Leader Rep. Kevin McCarthy phoned Trump to express his frustration with the administration's course reversal, warning that it made little political sense after the GOP's losses in the 2018 midterm elections, according to people who spoke only on condition of anonymity to discuss private discussions.

The administration decision appeared rushed to some. Such a major change typically would involve considerable planning and discussion at the Department of Health and Human Services but that didn't happen, said a person familiar with the decision-making process.

NXIVM

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dent Donald Trump. The account of the courtroom activity was provided by two people who were present.

According to a letter filed by prosecutors that is under seal, per the source, Avenatti and Geragos met with the government last week to discuss the case of Bronfman, operations director for NXIVM, the Colonie-based organization now at the center of a racketeering case in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn.

Both the government and Geragos confirmed the meeting in court, the source said, adding that U.S. District Judge Nicholas Garaufis was "extremely irritated at being kept in the dark." Bronfman never informed the judge if she was being represented by Avenatti, the person said.

Bronfman, 39, is charged along with NXIVM co-founder Keith Raniere; Lauren Salzman; television actress Allison Mack; and Kathy Russell, a longtime bookkeeper for NXIVM. Another co-defendant, NXIVM co-founder Nancy Salzman, has pleaded guilty.

Opening arguments in the NXIVM trial are scheduled for April 29.

The person said the sequence of events on Wednesday



Seth Wenig / Associated Press

In this April 16, 2018, file photo, attorney Michael Avenatti and his client Stormy Daniels leave federal court in New York. At a NXIVM pretrial hearing on Wednesday, a judge asked Clare Bronfman, the group's operations director, if Avenatti was secretly representing her.

started when Kathleen Cassidy, an attorney for Bronfman, raised a question that Cassidy said involved attorney-client privilege and sensitive matters — and asked the judge to

clear the room. The source said several reporters objected and the judge declined to close the courtroom.

Garaufis had been attempting to question Bronfman at the

bench about whether she had retained Avenatti. Donna Newman, a lawyer for Bronfman, objected to her client answering the question, saying it was a matter of attorney-client

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privilege. Cassidy requested a sidebar conference at the bench.

A five-minute break followed. As Bronfman walked back to the defense table, she started "wobbling and staggering on her feet," the person said. She looked pale and her knees were buckling, the person said, noting that Geragos then caught his client and put her down in a chair.

Emergency medical technicians and firefighters arrived and treated Bronfman in a separate room, the person said.

She did not return to court. The hearing was set to continue Thursday afternoon. Bronfman left the courthouse unaided, with Geragos.

Federal prosecutors in Manhattan have charged Avenatti with trying to shake down as much as \$25 million by threatening Nike with bad publicity. In a separate case, he faces charges that he embezzled a client's money to pay his own expenses, and was charged with extortion and bank and wire fraud in separate cases in New York and California.

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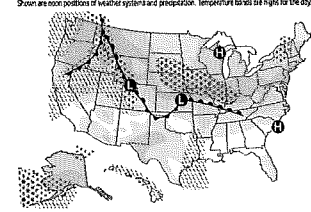
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Bangkok	88	77	Nairobi	35	25	Sao Paulo	84	66
Beijing	58	45	Seoul	35	25	Santiago	65	50
Berlin	63	48	Singapore	82	62	Sydney	66	50
Bombay	83	65	Sofia	53	45	Taipei	65	50
Buenos Aires	57	39	Stockholm	38	25	Tokyo	65	50
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The ban would also last for six months after the contract is granted by the state.

"This bill is about cleaning up government and protecting our democracy," said Sen. Zellmer Myrie, D-Brooklyn, the bill's sponsor, in a statement.

"This legislation is the latest chapter in my effort to restore public trust in state government. The state Senate passing this bill sends a clear message that state contracts should be awarded based on merit rather than political contributions."

David Buchwald
D-White Plains

Why now?

The measure comes after Gov. Andrew Cuomo easily won a third term last year and raised more than \$100 million for his three elections, a review by the USA Today Network New York found in October.

The review found that 19 companies received \$13 billion in state contracts after contributing more than \$425,000 to Cuomo since he took office. The bill, if approved by the Assembly and signed by Cuomo, would largely impact the governor's office, but could also extend to the state legislature in some cases.

Cuomo has his own set of campaign-finance proposals, including lower contribution limits and greater disclosure of who is contributing. The legislature has already passed

a bill to close a loophole that let companies open limited liability companies to skirt donation limits, which Cuomo, in particular, had benefited from.

The bill passed Tuesday by the Senate could be part of a broader ethics package that lawmakers are considering in the state budget for the fiscal year that starts April 1.

"Pay-to-play scandals have plagued the Cuomo administration after the conviction of two top state officials connected to upstate economic development projects."

In his State of the State address in January, the governor said, "I believe we can do more to ensure the public trust."

What's next?
Assemblyman David Buchwald, D-White Plains, said he is hopeful the measure will pass the Assembly and head to Cuomo's desk for approval. "This legislation is the latest chapter in my effort to restore public trust in state government," Buchwald, who sponsors the bill, said in a statement. "The state Senate passing this bill sends a clear message that state contracts should be awarded based on merit rather than political contributions."

Senate Republicans sought Tuesday to extend the contribution moratorium from six months to one year after a contract is granted and extend the measure to local governments, as well as public authorities. Sen. Michael Ranzanoff, R-Amherst, Erie County, said the Senate passed a bill last year that did those two things, contending on the Senate floor that "to weaken the bill shows the Senate is backtracking from where it was last year."

But the efforts were rejected by Senate Democrats.

"This bill is a step forward," Myrie said, saying last year's bill didn't outright ban contributions during the contract period and the Senate is considering other legislation to extend the ban to municipalities or other entities.

The bill said that 19 states and New York City already have laws that restrict campaign contributions from entities seeking government contracts.

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1850: In a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster of Massachusetts endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

1911: President William Howard Taft ordered 20,000 troops to patrol the U.S.-Mexico border in response to the Mexican Revolution.

1912: Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen arrived in Hobart, Australia, where he dispatched telegrams announcing his success in leading the first expedition to the South Pole the previous December.

1926: The first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversations took place between New York and London.

1936: Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and

the Locarno Pact.

1945: During World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

1955: The first TV production of the musical "Peter Pan" starring Mary Martin aired on NBC.

1965: A march by civil rights demonstrators was violently broken up at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, by state troopers and a sheriff's posse in what came to be known as "Bloody Sunday."

1975: The U.S. Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

1994: The U.S. Navy issued its first permanent orders assigning women to regular duty on a combat ship - in this case, the USS Eisenhower.

1999: Movie director Stanley Kubrick, whose films included "Dr. Strangelove," "A Clockwork Orange" and "2001: A Space Odyssey," died in Hertfordshire, England, at age 70, having just finished editing "Eyes Wide Shut."

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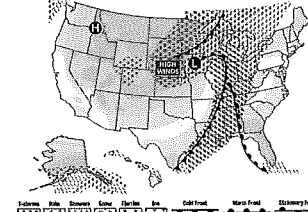
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Amtrak

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Boardman, who died at age 70 following a stroke in Florida, was also the longest-serving commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation. He was born Dec. 23, 1948, and grew up on his parents' dairy farm in Oneida County. He graduated from Rome Free Academy in Oneida County, enlisted in the Air Force and served in Vietnam.

Services for Joseph Boardman

Callings hours for relatives and friends will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Bary Funeral Home, 807 W. Chestnut Street in Rome. A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Paul's Church in Rome. Boardman then went on to Cornell University. In 1995, he moved to the federal level, becoming the first assistant deputy transportation commissioner. And in 2005, he was appointed administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration under President George W. Bush.

He graduated from Cornell in 1974 with a degree in agricultural economics. In 1983, he graduated from Binghamton University with a master's in management science. He was named Broome's transit commissioner in 1981 after heading the Rome and Utica transit authorities. In 1988, he became the chief operating officer of Progressive Transportation Services in Elmira.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne; three children, Joseph Jr., Philip and Emily Beth Craft; four grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters. Follow @matasha_7 on Twitter.

LOTTERIES

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 14, the 73rd day of 2019. There are 292 days left in the year. On this date in: 1794: Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

'gentlemen's agreement' with Japan. 1962: Democrat Edward M. Kennedy officially launched in Boston his successful candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat from Massachusetts once held by his brother, President John F. Kennedy. (Edward Kennedy served in the Senate for nearly 47 years.)

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Woodstock 50

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Aug. 16-18 at Watkins Glen International. Tickets will go on sale April 22, according to the official site, Woodstock.com, though pricing is not yet available.

The list of performers spans multiple generations and musical styles. On the same night, Chance the Rapper, Dead & Company, Greta Van Fleet and The Black Keys will all take the stage.

The original Woodstock, held Aug. 15-18, 1969, is considered by many to be the crowning achievement of the 1960s counterculture. And, in music circles, it carries a mystique unlike any other concert.

"To be able to be connected to Woodstock in any shape, form or fashion now, for me, is one of the greatest honors that I've had as an artist, as a human being, as a musician, because it actually is bigger than the music," Common said, "even though we know the music is what drives and connects us all and brings us all together and it's that language that many say is from the divine."

Common spoke Tuesday night at Electric Lady Studios in Greenwich Village, moments before the lineup for the Woodstock 50 festival was announced by Ulster County resident Michael Lang, the co-producer and co-founder of the 1969 Woodstock festival.

Lang's announcement unleashes a heightened degree of anticipation for the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, the buzz for which has been building for months.

He has previously said that he hopes to harness what he called the "essence" of Woodstock with the anniversary concert. That includes raising awareness of social activism.

Underscoring Lang's vision for Woodstock was the presence at Tuesday night's invitation-only announcement of Andy Bernstein, executive director of HeadCount, an organization that stages voter registration drives at concerts.

HeadCount is one of multiple nonprofits with which Woodstock 50 is partnering.

March For Our Lives, founded by students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida to end gun violence; and the Seva Foundation, a global eye organization that fosters eye care while working to restore sight and prevent blindness, are also partnering with Woodstock 50.

"We're about something," Lang said of his festival. "We're about the issues that affect people's lives."

He noted the similarities between the nation in 1969 and the nation now, with a divided electorate, environmental degradation and the pursuit of equality by women and people of color.

"It's kind of spooky how similar things are," Lang

Lineup of performers

Day 1, Aug. 16: The Killers, Miley Cyrus, Santana, The Lumineers, The Raconteurs, Robert Plant and the Sensational Space Shifters, Nathaniel Rateliff and the Night Sweats, John Fogerty, Run the Jewels, The Head and the Heart, Maggie Rogers, Michael Franti & Spearhead, Bishop Briggs, Anderson East, Akon, Princess Nokia, John Sebastian, Melanie, Grandson, Fever 333, Dorothy, Flora Cash, Larkin Poe, Brian Cadd and Ninet Tayeb.

Day 2, Aug. 17: Dead & Company, Chance the Rapper, The Black Keys, Sturgill Simpson, Greta Van Fleet, Portugal, The Man, Leon Bridges, Gary Clark Jr., Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros, David Crosby and Friends, Dawes, Margo Price, Nahko and Medicine for the People, India.Arie, Jade Bird, Country Joe McDonald, Rival Sons, Emily King, Soccer Mommy, Sir, Taylor Bennett, Amy Helm, Courtney Hadwin, Pearl, John Robert and IAMDBB.

Day 3, Aug. 18: Jay-Z, Imagine Dragons, Halsey, Cage the Elephant, Brandi Carlile, Janelle Monae, Young the Giant, Courtney Barnett, Common, Vince Staples, Judah and the Lion, Earl Sweatshirt, Boygenius, Reignwolf, The Zombies, Canned Heat, Hot Tuna, Pussy Riot, Cherry Glazerr, Leven Kell, The Marcus King Band, Victory, Hollis Brown, John Craigie, Amigo the Devil and Liz Brasher.

said.

History, present meet

The Woodstock Music and Art Fair in August 1969 attracted hundreds of thousands of people to Bethel, Sullivan County. Musical acts such as Richie Havens, The Who and Janis Joplin delivered landmark performances during the event.

Fogerty, who played Woodstock in 1969 with Creedence Clearwater Revival, was also on hand for Tuesday's announcement.

The Hudson Valley will be well represented at Woodstock 50, with Town of Woodstock residents Amy Helm and John Sebastian scheduled to perform.

Helm's father, Levon Helm, played at Woodstock in 1969 with The Band. And Sebastian performed solo at the historic festival.

In addition to Woodstock 50, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, which sits on the original Woodstock site, will celebrate the anniversary weekend with performances by Ringo Starr, Arlo Guthrie, Edgar Winter, Carlos Santana and the Doobie Brothers.

Guthrie, Winter and Santana played Woodstock in 1969.

The setting of Tuesday night's event was quite ap-

propriate. Electric Lady Studios was opened years ago by the late guitarist Jimi Hendrix, who delivered a show-stopping performance to close Woodstock. Electric Lady Studios was designed by Highland resident John Storyk. Asked what he hoped fans take home from Woodstock 50, Lang during the announcement said he hopes they leave energized and inspired to infuse activism into their daily lives.

And, he continued, "Some ability and some motivation to get involved in the issues and to really take responsibility for this world that all of us share."

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Wednesday's low 18°	Wednesday's low 15°	Wednesday's low 15°
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Normal low 37°	Normal low 28°	Normal low 26°
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Record low 5° in 2014	Record low 8° in 2014	Record low 8° in 2014

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Wednesday 0.06	Wednesday 0.00	Wednesday 0.00
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Normal m-t-d 2.56	Normal m-t-d 2.56	Normal m-t-d 2.53
Year to date 6.32	Year to date 7.38	Year to date 4.76
Normal y-t-d 10.7	Normal y-t-d 7.32	Normal y-t-d 6.13

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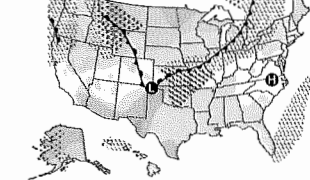
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First	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 28
Full	Apr 19	Apr 28	May 7
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 Sun 6:56 a.m. 7:27 p.m.
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City	High	Low	City	High	Low	City	High	Low
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Athens	57	48	Geneva	57	37	Paris	51	37
Auckland	72	61	Hanoi	84	72	Perth	81	16
Bahia	71	52	Hanoi	84	72	Perth	81	16
Bangkok	85	81	Hanoi	84	72	Perth	81	16
Barcelona	85	77	Hong Kong	80	72	Rome	64	41
Berlin	62	47	Jakarta	81	71	Sao Paulo	82	67
Beijing	81	32	Jakarta	81	71	Sao Paulo	82	67
Bombay	87	77	Jakarta	81	71	Sao Paulo	82	67
Boston	57	35	Jakarta	81	71	Sao Paulo	82	67
Buenos Aires	80	66	Jakarta	81	71	Sao Paulo	82	67
Calcutta	85	77	Jakarta	81	71	Sao Paulo	82	67
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Bags

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Heastie's comment came following a closed-door meeting with Cuomo and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, D-Yonkers, who are hoping to strike an agreement on other major budget issues Thursday and vote on a final package Sunday.

Ban has been discussed for years

Cuomo has pushed a ban on plastic bags since last year, arguing that plastic pollution is a scourge exacerbated by carryout bags at retailers. Democratic lawmakers held a news conference Wednesday to promote the issue, though they were hesitant to discuss any specifics, including whether the paper-bag fee would be 5 or 10 cents and whether anyone, such as food-stamps recipients, would be exempted.

"This is a very common-sense thing we can do," said Sen. Jen Metzger, D-Rosendale, Ulster County. "They're a total scourge. I was taking a bus recently and taking a look at all the bags trapped in all of the trees along the shoulders. They're everywhere."

Sen. Todd Kaminsky, a Long Island Democrat who chairs the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, acknowledged that a local opt-out is under consideration, which would allow some local governments to decline to charge the paper-bag fee.

Cuomo's original proposal, meanwhile, included certain exemptions, including newspaper bags and bags used for carryout food.

The plastic-bag ban and paper-bag fee have strong support from environmental groups around the state, many of whom gathered behind the senators at their news conference Wednesday. The idea, they say, is to encourage people to use reusable grocery bags to cut down on waste and plastic pollution.

Critics speak out

The food industry and business groups are pushing back, with the



New York is getting closer to a ban on single-use plastic bags. USA TODAY NETWORK PHOTO

state Food Industry Alliance arguing that it will have "severe consequences."

"What is reportedly being agreed to today... will impose significant new and unplanned costs on retail food stores," Mike Durant, the group's president and CEO, said in a statement. "A plastic-bag ban with a fee on single-use paper bags is not a sustainable public policy solution."

In a statement Wednesday, Rich Azopardi, a senior adviser to Cuomo, said the governor was "encouraged by the emerging consensus on this issue."

Speaking to reporters Friday, Cuomo himself said his priority is "a ban on plastic" and said he was trying to negotiate an agreement on paper bags.

"I'm trying to find a middle ground for everyone with the premise of a plastic-bag ban," he said.

Sen. Peter Harkerham, D-South Salem, Westchester County, said lawmakers shouldn't bother returning to their districts if they can't get a ban done.

"This has been banded about for years," he said. "It's too important." Stewart-Cousins said Cuomo and lawmakers are "close" on a deal on plastic bags.

"There has been a conversation that if you just ban plastic, then you're flooded with paper and how does that resolve it," she said. "So again, that is a conversation, and it is something that we are considering."

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1898: The U.S. Supreme Court, in United States v. Wong Kim Ark, ruled 6-2 that Wong, who was born in the United States to Chinese immigrants, was an American citizen.

1930: The names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Ankara were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.

1941: Novelist and critic Virginia Woolf, 59, drowned herself near her home in Lewes, East Sussex, England.

1942: During World War II, British naval forces staged a successful raid on the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire in Operation Chariot, destroying the only dry dock on the Atlantic coast capable of repairing the German battleship Tirpitz.

1969: The 34th president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, died in Washington D.C. at age 78.

1978: In Stump v. Sparkman, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld, 5-3, the judicial immunity of an Indiana judge against a lawsuit brought by a young woman who'd been ordered sterilized by the judge when she was a teenager.

1979: America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred with a partial meltdown inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pennsylvania.

1990: President George H.W. Bush presented the Congressional Gold Medal to the widow of U.S. Olympic luge hero Jesse Owens.

2003: American-led forces in Iraq dropped thousand-pound bombs on Republican Guard units guarding the gates to Baghdad and battled for control of the strategic city of Nasiriyah.

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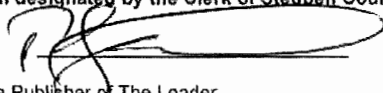
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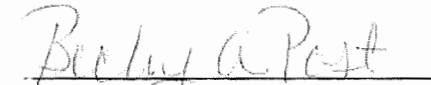
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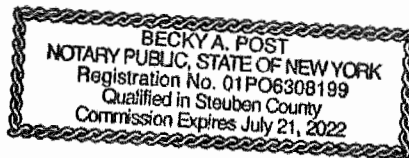
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MARKET MOVERS

• **Exxon Mobil Corp.**, down 91 cents to \$79.28: The energy company plans to increase its capital spending by about \$4 billion in 2019.
 • **Abercrombie & Fitch Co.**, up \$4.35 to \$25.70: The retailer's Hollister brand helped push an important sales measure higher in the fourth quarter.

BRIEF CASE

WASHINGTON US businesses added 183,000 jobs last month

U.S. businesses added a solid 183,000 jobs in February, a private survey found, a sign that companies are continuing to hire even as economic growth is likely slowing.
 Payroll processor ADP said Wednesday that last month's job gains were down from the 300,000 added in January, a figure that was revised up sharply from 215,000. It was also below last year's average monthly gain of about 235,000.
 Hiring occurred across all major industries tracked by ADP, including professional and business services, which includes high-paying fields such as accounting and engineering, and which gained 49,000 jobs. Education and health care added 37,000. Construction gained 25,000 jobs and manufacturing 17,000.

The Associated Press



The Cape Korfa container ship heads into the Port of Tacoma on Tuesday in Commencement Bay. The U.S. trade deficit jumped nearly 19 percent in December, pushing the trade imbalance for all of 2018 to widen to a decade-long high of \$621 billion. The gap with China on goods widened to an all-time record of \$419.2 billion. (TED S. WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Mind the gap

Does a record-breaking US trade deficit really matter?

By Josh Boak
 The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit reached its highest sum ever last year, defying President Donald Trump's efforts and promises to shrink it through his economic policies. The irony is that those policies likely contributed to the deficit.
 Trump entered office insisting that decades of trade gaps had crushed the U.S. economy and that he would forge new agreements that would diminish the deficits.
 It hasn't happened.
 The government said Wednesday that the U.S. trade gap in goods and services reached \$621 billion last year, its highest total since 2008. And the U.S. deficits in goods with China and Mexico surged to record highs.
 As president, Trump's signature effort to stimulate U.S. growth — deficit-funded tax cuts — likely helped fuel the widening of American

corporations and households to spend, including on imported goods. That is especially true at a time when much of the rest of the economic world has weakened and is less likely to buy U.S. goods. The result has been more imports than exports.
 What's more, the tariffs Trump imposed on steel, aluminum and hundreds of billions' worth of Chinese goods likely contributed to the trend: During 2018, American companies that import goods from China appeared to accelerate their spending on them to avoid Trump's future import taxes.
 Here is a look at the trade deficit and its causes and effects:

WHAT IS THE TRADE GAP?

Trump often misrepresents the trade deficit. He has frequently labeled it an outright economic loss.
 "We've been losing, on average, \$375 billion a year with China," the president said in February, referring to the 2017 deficit in goods between the United States and China. That imbalance surged to \$419.2 billion in 2018 under Trump's watch.
 Yet the trade gap isn't an outright loss. It simply reflects the greater value of what the United States imports compared to what it exports. And it's not necessarily a cause for concern.
 Last year's trade deficit paid for smartphones, kitchen appliances, clothing, auto parts and a whole range of goods that were made more affordable because of China's lower manufacturing costs. Those lower costs have indeed contributed to the loss of U.S. factories to foreign countries and devastated vast swaths of the industrial Midwest. But lower import prices have also benefited companies and millions of consumers

in ways that boosted the U.S. economy — 70 percent of which consists of consumer spending. The ability and willingness of Americans to spend, including on imports, is generally a healthy economic sign.

ARE TRADE GAPS BAD FOR THE ECONOMY?

Not always.
 In the accounting for the nation's gross domestic product — the broadest gauge of the economy — a trade deficit does subtract from growth. But last year's higher U.S. trade gap resulted mainly from the economy's strength, notably robust spending on imports.
 Indeed, the last time the trade deficit narrowed by a significant amount, it was because the economy was mired in a devastating downturn — the Great Recession, which lasted from late 2007 to mid-2009. The trade gap in goods sank 38 percent in 2009 to \$503.6 billion. By contrast, in 2018, after years of economic expansion, the gap in goods had swollen to a record \$878.7 billion.

DID ANYTHING ELSE WIDEN THE GAP?

Kimberly Clausing, an economist at Reed College, points to a sharp increase in government borrowing. The tax cuts that Trump signed into law reduced federal revenue by 1 percent of GDP. This meant the United States had to resort to additional borrowing to help drive growth.
 Trump had pledged both faster growth and lower trade deficits. But his impulse to achieve faster growth through government borrowing contributed to a wider trade gap.
 "A budget deficit is the public sector adding additional borrowing to the U.S. economy, making the

gap between our spending and our earning even larger," Clausing said. That increase contributed to the wider trade gap.
 Another factor in the increased trade deficit has been a stronger dollar, another sign of economic health. A higher-valued dollar, compared with other nations' currencies, makes the goods that Americans import relatively more affordable and our exports comparatively more expensive overseas. That disparity has helped drive up demand for imports over exports.

WHY DIDN'T TRUMP'S TARIFFS CURB THE TRADE DEFICIT?

Researchers at the New York Federal Reserve examined this issue last year. Tariffs and counter-tariffs make goods more expensive. This can lead to declines in both imports and exports. When both imports and exports drop, the trade deficit can't easily improve.
 And Trump's threat of tariffs probably worsened the situation last year, said Stephen Stanley, chief economist Stephen Stanley at Amherst Pierpont Securities.
 The White House initially charged a 25 percent tax on \$50 billion of Chinese imports in June. In September, it imposed a 10 percent tax on an additional \$200 billion of Chinese goods. And it threatened to escalate that tax to 25 percent at the start of 2019 and essentially impose tariffs on all Chinese imports unless progress was made in trade talks.
 Trump suspended the additional tariff hikes. But his threat likely caused importers to bring more of their goods into the United States before January to avoid the risk of a higher tax, Stanley said. This action turned out to inflate the trade gap.

Health leads stocks to 3rd loss in a row

By Damian J. Troise and Alex Veiga
 The Associated Press

Health care companies led U.S. stocks broadly lower Wednesday, giving the market its third straight loss. Technology and energy stocks also bore the brunt of the selling, offsetting gains in materials and utilities companies. Several retailers also fell. Smaller companies fell more than the rest of the market.

The latest market slide came as investors weighed a new survey indicating a lower-than-expected gain in hiring by private U.S. companies last month and data showing the nation's trade deficit widened to a decade-long high in December. The discouraging reports came ahead of a key government report on jobs Friday.

"The market is going through a natural digestion process," said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA. "Some people could be getting closer to an economic slowdown than we thought."

The S&P 500 dropped 18.20 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,771.45. The benchmark index is now on track for its first weekly decline since January.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 133.17 points, or 0.5 percent, to 25,673.46. The Nasdaq composite lost 70.44 points, or 0.9 percent, to 7,505.92. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies gave up 31.46 points, or 2 percent, to 1,536.82.

Disappointing economic reports, uncertainty over trade and fears of a slowdown in economic growth have been weighing on the market the past couple weeks.

New economic data on Wednesday did little to encourage investors. Payroll processor ADP said U.S. businesses added 183,000 jobs in February. A solid gain, but less than the 188,000 that analysts expected. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department said the U.S. trade deficit jumped 19 percent in December, widening the figure to a decade-long high of \$621 billion.

At times, the market has also drawn optimism over the prospects that the U.S. and China will resolve their trade dispute. U.S. and Chinese officials have hinted that some kind of agreement could be finalized by the end of March, with President Donald Trump and President Xi Jinping possibly meeting to formalize the deal at Trump's private club in Mar-a-Lago, Florida.

The March CIRG meeting Wednesday, March 13th



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If school is cancelled on a 2 hour day, we will cancel the meeting. Parking is free in the Corning parking garage near the Arch. All refreshments and drinks (alcohol is included in price)

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 S&P 2,810.92 ▲ 19.40
 Russell 1,555.88 ▲ 6.05
 NYSE 12,674.27 ▲ 91.46

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Gold 1,307.50 ▲ 11.20
 Silver 15.381 ▲ .043
 Platinum 841.70 ▲ 9.80
 Copper 2.9335 ▲ .0060
 Crude (Apr.) 58.26 ▲ 1.39

MARKET MOVERS

• **Oaktree Capital Group, up \$5.41 to \$49.24:** Brookfield Asset Management is buying 62 percent of the asset management firm.
 • **Express Inc., down 51 cents to \$4.53:** The retailer reported weak fourth-quarter sales and gave investors a disappointing first-quarter outlook.

BRIEF CASE

WASHINGTON Construction spending up strong 1.3 percent in Jan.

Spending on U.S. construction projects in January posted the biggest gain in nine months, as strength in nonresidential construction and government projects offset continued weakness in home construction.

The Commerce Department says that construction spending rose 1.3 percent in January following two months of declines. It was the biggest gain since spending was up 1.7 percent in April. Spending on residential projects fell 0.3 percent in January, the sixth consecutive monthly decline for a sector that was hurt last year by rising mortgage rates and higher home building costs.

WASHINGTON Wholesale prices ticked up 0.1 percent in Feb.

U.S. wholesale prices barely increased last month after falling for three straight months, a sign there is little inflation pressure in the economy.

Grounded.



As US joins other countries keeping the Boeing 737 Max 8 out of the skies, many tough questions about the Ethiopian Airlines crash remain

A Boeing 737 MAX 8 operated by Southwest Airlines arrives for a landing Wednesday at Hobby Airport in Houston. President Donald Trump issued an emergency order Wednesday grounding all Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft in the wake of a crash of an Ethiopian airliner, a reversal for the U.S. after federal aviation regulators had maintained it had no data to show the jets are unsafe. [Y-CHIN LEE/HOUSTON CHRONICLE VIA AP]

By David Koenig
 The Associated Press

There are still more questions than answers about an Ethiopian Airlines plane that crashed shortly after taking off for Nairobi on Sunday, killing all 157 people on board. Ethiopian authorities said Wednesday that they will send the flight recorders recovered from the plane to an as-yet-unspecified European country for analysis.

The U.S. on Wednesday afternoon joined dozens of countries that have grounded the Boeing 737 Max 8, the plane involved in Sunday's crash and one five months ago that killed 189 people off of Indonesia. The U.S. is also grounding the larger Max 9.

U.S.-based Boeing has maintained the newest version of its workhorse 737 is safe to fly.

Here are some questions and answers about the crash, the plane and

the investigation:

Q. WHAT ARE FLIGHT RECORDERS AND WHY ARE THEY SO IMPORTANT?

A. The FAA requires every large commercial aircraft to have a cockpit voice recorder and a flight data recorder, known as "black boxes." The recorders, which can withstand temperatures of 1,100 degrees Celsius and water depths of 20,000 feet, collect information about a flight.

Voice recordings pick up the flight crew's voices, as well as other sounds inside the cockpit. Information from the data recorder can generate a computer animated video reconstruction of the flight. Investigators can then visualize the airplane's altitude, instrument readings, power settings and other details of the flight to help with the investigation, according to the National Transportation Safety Board. Some experts have said the

search for answers about what caused the crash could take months.

Q. WHO HAS GROUNDED THE PLANES?

A. More than 40 countries including the United States, the entire European Union and Canada have suspended flights by the plane or barred it from their airspace. China ordered its airlines to ground the planes — they had 96 Max 8 jets in service, more than one-fourth of the approximately 370 Max jets in circulation.

Q. WHY WAS THE FAA HOLDING OUT?

A. The FAA prides itself on acting based on facts and is cautioning against comparing the Ethiopian Airlines crash with the one off of Indonesia or assuming that they are related.

"External reports are drawing similarities," the agency said in a statement. "However, this investigation has just begun and to date we have not been provided data to draw any conclusions or take any actions."

Q. WHAT IS BOEING DOING IN RESPONSE TO THE CRASHES?

A. While defending the Max as safe, the company promises to upgrade some flight-control software "in the coming weeks."

Boeing began working

on the changes shortly after the Lion Air crash. It is tweaking a system designed to prevent an aerodynamic stall if sensors detect that the plane's nose is pitched too high and its speed too slow.

Officials at Lion Air in Indonesia said sensors on their plane produced erroneous information on its last four flights, triggering an automatic nose-down command which the pilots were unable to overcome. The plane plunged into the sea.

A Boeing spokesman said once updated software is installed, the system will rely on data from more than one sensor to trigger a nose-down command. Also, the system won't repeatedly push the nose down, and it will reduce the magnitude of the change, he said. There will also be more training for pilots.

Q. HAVE THERE BEEN COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE PLANES?

A. Airline pilots on at least two U.S. flights reported that an automated system seemed to cause their Boeing 737 Max planes to tilt down suddenly. The pilots said that soon after engaging the autopilot on Boeing 737 Max 8 planes, the nose tilted down sharply. In both cases, they recovered quickly after disconnecting the autopilot.

Tech, health care lead stocks higher

By Damian J. Troise and Alex Veiga
 The Associated Press

Health care and technology companies powered stocks broadly higher on Wall Street Wednesday, giving the market its third straight gain.

Boeing briefly dipped, but finished slightly higher, after the U.S. said it was joining other countries in grounding the company's 737 Max 8 airplane following a fatal crash of an Ethiopian airliner over the weekend.

The S&P 500 has now clawed back all its losses from last week, when the benchmark index posted its worst week since December.

The market has rebounded this week even though the costly trade dispute between the U.S. and China has yet to be resolved and the outlook for corporate earnings growth has dimmed this year.

A batch of economic reports helped drive the latest rally, giving investors more reason to have an upbeat view of the economy. Oil prices rose after new government data showed lower-than-expected stockpiles.

Major stock indexes in Europe also finished higher.

The three-day rally has helped the market reclaim the momentum it had in January and February, when it posted the best two-month start to a year since 1991. The S&P 500, Nasdaq, Dow and Russell 2000 are showing double-digit gains for the year so far.

Still, investors are still waiting for more details on any potential trade deal between the U.S. and China. Costly tariffs have hurt both nations and investors hope a deal can be struck to at least take some pressure off the global economy, which has shown signs of cooling off.

Traders drew encouragement from several economic reports Wednesday.

U.S. wholesale prices barely increased last month after falling for three straight months, a sign there is little inflation pressure in the economy.

A report on orders to U.S. factories showed that business investment rose 0.8 percent after two months of declines, marking the biggest gain since a 1.5 percent July bump.

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Frankfurt		▲ 0.2%
Hong Kong		▲ 0.2%
London		▲ 0.2%
Madrid		▲ 0.2%
Nasdaq		▲ 0.2%
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BUSINESS

WHAT TO WATCH FOR TODAY

• Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, releases weekly mortgage rates.

MARKET WATCH

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MARKET MOVERS

• **FedEx Corp.**, down \$6.34 to \$175.07: The package delivery company said weaker global trade cut into profit and revenue, which fell shy of Wall Street forecasts.
 • **General Mills Inc.**, up \$1.05 to \$48.29: The consumer goods company raised its business on Wednesday in a move set to shake up the media landscape. (CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

BRIEF CASE

DETROIT
Ford boosts new jobs from 850 to 900

Ford Motor Co. is repackaging a previously announced \$900 million manufacturing investment in the Detroit area, boosting the number of jobs added from 850 to 900.

Most of the new workers will build a new generation of electric vehicle at Ford's existing factory in Flat Rock, Michigan, south of Detroit, which will see an \$850 million investment. The company also plans a roughly \$50 million autonomous vehicle manufacturing center that will add hardware to existing vehicles.

SEATTLE
Starbucks to test recyclable cups, redesign stores

Starbucks says it plans to test both recyclable and compostable cups over the next year.

Customers in New York, San Francisco, Seattle, London and Vancouver, British Columbia, will help test the cups, which use fiber, paper and other materials in place of plastic liners. Seattle-based Starbucks was expected to announce the test program Wednesday at its annual shareholders meeting.

The company also said it plans to redesign its stores as it adapts to increasing mobile pick-up and delivery orders. The Associated Press



Cars enter and leave Fox Studios on Tuesday in Los Angeles. Disney closed its \$71 billion acquisition of Fox's entertainment business on Wednesday in a move set to shake up the media landscape. (CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Disney closes \$71B deal for Fox assets

By Mae Anderson
 The Associated Press

What Disney gets out of Fox purchase

Disney has closed its \$71 billion acquisition of Fox's entertainment business, putting "Cinderella," "The Simpsons," "Star Wars" and "Dr. Strange" under one corporate roof.

The deal is likely to shake up the media landscape. Among other things, it paves the way for Disney to launch its streaming service, Disney Plus, due out later this year. It will also likely lead to layoffs in the thousands, thanks to duplication in Fox and Disney film-production staff.

By buying the studios behind "The Simpsons" and "X-Men," Disney aims to better compete with technology companies such as Amazon and Netflix for viewers' attention — and dollars.

Disney needs compelling TV shows and movies to persuade viewers to sign up and pay for yet another streaming service. It already has classic Disney cartoons, "Star Wars," Pixar, the Muppets and some of the Marvel characters. With Fox, Disney could add Marvel's X-Men and Deadpool, along with programs shown on such Fox

MOVIES: X-Men and other movies from Fox's studios could be added to Disney's upcoming streaming service. Fox's film studios, with "Avatar," "X-Men," the Fantastic Four and Deadpool, would pair well with Disney's studios. This includes reuniting the Marvel franchises X-Men and the Avengers, as some of those characters were already in Fox's hands when Disney bought Marvel in 2009. Disney also has the Muppets, Pixar and "Star Wars."

TELEVISION: Fox's TV productions include "The Americans," "This Is Us," "Modern Family" and "The Simpsons." Its networks include FX Networks and National Geographic. The Fox businesses add to Disney's roster of channels like ABC, the Disney Channel and Freeform. "Modern Family" already airs on ABC.

STREAMING: Disney gets controlling stake in streaming service Hulu. Comcast, Disney and Fox now own 30 percent apiece, with AT&T owning the other 10 percent through Time Warner. With Fox's share, Disney has a controlling 60 percent stake. It has said it plans to keep operating Hulu for general programming, with its own Disney Plus service offering more family-focused fare.

THEME PARKS: Disney has made extensive use of its portfolio at its theme parks in California, Florida and overseas. Disney would be able to expand its opportunities with Fox, though theme parks have historically been able to reach licensing deals with rival studios.

FOX CORP.: What doesn't Disney get? Fox Corp. is a new stand-alone company that comprises of the assets Disney didn't buy. It includes Fox News, Fox Sports, the Fox Network, and Fox TV stations.

channels as FX Networks and National Geographic. Fox's productions also include "The Americans," "This Is Us" and "Modern Family."

The deal helps Disney further control TV shows and movies from start to finish — from creating the programs to distributing

them though television channels, movie theaters, streaming services and other ways people watch entertainment. Disney would get valuable data on customers and their entertainment-viewing habits, which it can then use to sell advertising.

Disney CEO Bob Iger said in an earnings call in February that Disney Plus and other direct-to-consumer businesses are

Disney's "No. 1 priority."

Cable and telecom companies have been buying the companies that make TV shows and movies to compete in a changing media landscape. Although internet providers like AT&T and Comcast directly control their customers' access to the internet in a way that Amazon, YouTube and Netflix do not, they still face threats as those streaming services gain in popularity.

AT&T bought Time Warner last year for \$81 billion and has already launched its own streaming service, Watch TV, with Time Warner channels such as TBS and TNT, among other networks, for \$15 a month.

In addition to boosting the Disney streaming service, expected to debut next year, the deal paves the way for Marvel's X-Men and the Avengers to reunite in future movies. Though Disney owns Marvel Studios, some characters including the X-Men had already been licensed to Fox.

Disney also gets a controlling stake in the existing streaming service Hulu, which it plans to keep operating as a home for more general programming. Family-friendly shows and movies will head to Disney Plus.

Bonds sharply lower; stocks mixed

By Alex Veiga
 and Stan Choe
 The Associated Press

Banks led U.S. stocks mostly lower Wednesday after a brief rally sparked by the Federal Reserve's latest policy update faded. The real action centered in the bond market, where prices rose sharply, pulling Treasury yields down to the lowest levels they've seen in more than a year.

The central bank said it has ruled out interest rate increases this year and issued a dimmer outlook on the U.S. economy.

That triggered one of the biggest slides for Treasury yields in months, knocking the 10-year Treasury yield as low as 2.53 percent, down from 2.61 percent late Tuesday and from 3.20 percent late last year. The two-year Treasury yield, which is more influenced by Fed movements, fell to 2.39 percent from 2.45 percent late Tuesday.

Yields have been falling steadily since November, as worries rose about a slowing global economy and traders subsequently made moves in anticipation of a more patient Fed.

The Fed's decision not to raise rates in 2019 is a marked change from three months ago, when the central bank projected two rate hikes in 2019. The move comes as Fed officials project that the U.S. economy will grow more slowly this year and in 2020, a change from the panel's projections just three months ago.

The central bank also said it will stop shrinking its bond portfolio in September, a step that would help hold down long-term interest rates.

The Fed's announcement was clearly positive for the market, said Quincy Krosby, chief market strategist at Prudential Financial.

"Powell's suggestion that the Fed is on hold this year is important," she said. "The question for the market remains whether or not the four rate hikes from last year and the unwinding of the balance sheet at the same time could be continuing, even now, to tighten financial conditions."

The S&P 500 dropped 8.34 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,824.23. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 141.71 points, or 0.5 percent, to 25,745.67. The average had been down more than 216 points earlier.

The Nasdaq composite edged out a slight gain, adding 5.02 points, or 0.1 percent, to 7,728.97. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gave up 11.83 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,543.16.

Major European indexes finished lower.

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ASSAULT

CORNING - Dana Andrews, 37, of 90 Hamilton St., Corning, was charged Tuesday with third-degree assault.

ARREST ON WARRANT

CORNING - Matthew Carson, 38, of 40 Sheffield Ave., New Haven Conn., was arrested Tuesday on a bench warrant.

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12:50 a.m. Vehicle stopped on Bridge Street near Bridge Street Laundry. Patrolman issued a warning for obstructed plate.
12:58 a.m. Vehicle stopped on Centerway near East Pulteney Street. Patrolman

issued a warning for improper turn.
12:59 a.m. Vehicle stopped on Centerway in front of the Visitor Center Parking Lot. Patrolman issued a warning.
1:03 a.m. Vehicle stopped on Wall Street near Denison Parkway. Patrolman issued a warning for operating without headlights.
1:24 a.m. Vehicle stopped in Wegmans parking lot. Patrolman issued a warning.
1:35 a.m. Vehicle stopped on Crystal Lane. Patrolman issued a warning for fail to signal.
3:05 a.m. Vehicle stopped on Pulteney Street near Centerway. Patrolman issued a summons.
7:35 a.m. Patrolman in the area of Corning-Painted Post High School for traffic enforcement.
8 a.m. Patrolman in the area of Carder Elementary School for traffic enforcement.
8:10 a.m. Patrolman at Corning City Court to take custody of a male subject on a Corning City Court Bench Warrant.

10:16 a.m. 911 dispatched patrolman to the area of East Pulteney and Baker streets for a vehicle stuck in the median. Vehicle towed from the scene.
12:08 p.m. A woman reports she believes her wallet was stolen from her vehicle parked in a city parking lot west of Cedar Street on Denison Parkway.
1:34 p.m. Vehicle stopped in Wegmans parking lot. Patrolman issued a warning.
3:33 p.m. Vehicle stopped on State Route 352. Patrolman issued a warning.
4:45 p.m. Vehicle stopped on State Route 352. Patrolman issued a warning.
4:46 p.m. Vehicle stopped on Bridge Street. Patrolman issued a warning.
5:13 p.m. Vehicle stopped on Bridge Street. Patrolman issued a warning.
5:29 p.m. Vehicle stopped on Corning Boulevard. Patrolman issued no violation.
5:40 p.m. 911 dispatched patrolman to Lamphear

Court to assist AMR ambulance.
7:58 p.m. Vehicle stopped on State Route 352. Patrolman issued a warning.
8:07 p.m. Vehicle stopped on Townley Avenue. Patrolman issued a warning.
8:25 p.m. Vehicle stopped on State Route 352. Patrolman issued a warning.
11:44 p.m. Patrolman enroute too Dandy Mini Mart on State Route 352 to take custody of a male subject wanted on a Corning City Bench Warrant.

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ELMIRA - Jason M. Kinkade, 36, of Elmira, was charged Tuesday with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle after a traffic stop on Spalding Street.

ARREST ON WARRANT

ELMIRA - Thomas J. Swinko Jr., 28, of Elmira, was

arrested Tuesday on an Elmira City Bench Warrant.

ELMIRA - Zaianna L. Hilloker, 24, of Elmira, was arrested Tuesday on an Elmira City Bench Warrant for failure to pay a fine.

ELMIRA - Roberta E. Padgett, 42, of Elmira, was arrested Tuesday on a Chemung County Family Court Warrant following an incident on Columbia Street.

HARASSMENT

ELMIRA - James F. Biankenschilp, 31, of Corning, was charged Tuesday with second-degree harassment and resisting arrest following an incident on East Market Street.

POT POSSESSION

ELMIRA - Timothy J. Hammond, 34, of Cuba, was charged Tuesday with unlawful possession of marijuana after a traffic stop on Hoffman Street.

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New York
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Lucky Sum | 18 | 8
Win 4 | 6-8-2-4 | 5-8-0-3
Lucky Sum | 20 | 16
Take 5 | 10-14-15-24-37
Mega Millions | 4-14-22-43-58 | 9
Megaplier | 3
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Pennsylvania
Pick 2 | 3-8 | 6-9
Pick 3 | 9-3-1 | 6-2-1
Pick 4 | 8-8-8-0 | 2-6-2-4
Pick 5 | 7-8-6-6-6 | 1-0-4-3-2
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The many things Democrats got wrong about the Mueller report

By JM Rieger
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Days before special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation concluded, Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., made a bold claim about President Donald Trump and obstruction of justice.

"There are indictments in this president's future," Blumenthal said Thursday on MSNBC's "Morning Joe." "Whether they're after his presidency or during it — obviously the Department of Justice said [it] cannot indict a sitting president."

It is one of at least a dozen speculative or inaccurate predictions made over the past two years by Democratic lawmakers involving potential indictments against Trump

campaign officials or Trump himself on conspiracy or obstruction charges, examples of which you can watch in the video above.

Now, Trump and his allies are pointing to such remarks to attack critics, demand apologies and, in some cases, ask cable networks to ban certain guests. But lost in this "reckoning" is the equating of "collusion" and "conspiracy" and conflating the Mueller probe with at least half a dozen ongoing state and federal investigations into Trump and the organizations he ran.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., and House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., made this distinction in December, saying alleged Trump campaign finance violations could lead to "full time" or could

be "impeachable offenses."

But at other points over the past two years, the nuances disappeared completely, with Democrats predicting criminal indictments from Mueller against Trump, Jared Kushner and Donald Trump Jr.

Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., even called Trump an agent of Russia as recently as January ("I haven't seen a single piece of evidence that he's not," Swalwell said at the time.)

And less than two weeks before Mueller submitted his report to Attorney General William Barr, former CIA director John Brennan predicted that Mueller would indict Trump campaign officials on conspiracy charges. (Brennan told "Morning Joe" on Monday that he "suspected that there was more [evidence] than there actually

was.")

Much of the Mueller speculation often amounted to innuendo about "collusion," a hard-to-define term. There is no federal criminal statute relating to it, and the term is found nowhere in Barr's findings. Indeed, some Democrats have yet to rule out "collusion" between the Trump campaign and Russia, pointing to the more than 100 contacts between campaign officials and Russians before Trump's inauguration.

While some news reports about the Russia investigation were wrong, the total coverage was overwhelmingly accurate, which meant that much of what Barr wrote in his summary of Mueller's report on Sunday was not new information.

IN BRIEF

Crystal Chords Women to host fashion show

The Crystal Chords Women's a cappella chorus will host a "Spring Fling" fashion show at 2:30 p.m. April 7 at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 408 S. Main St., Horseheads. Fashions will be provided by Christopher & Banks. Members of the Crystal Chords will model fashions and also perform musical selections throughout the show. Light refreshments will be served, and there will be basket raffles containing goods from local merchants. Doors open at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or from any member of the Crystal Chords.

Historical presentation to be held

A presentation by Edward A. Mainzer for the Corning-Painted Post Historical Society and Southside Neighborhood Association will be held at 6:30 p.m. April 10 at the Academy Place

Apartments, 11 W. Third St., Corning.

The illustrated talk will explore designated landmarks as well as some buildings that could be landmarks.

Mainzer will discuss the meaning of historic preservation, including the New York State Historic Homeownership Rehabilitation Tax Credit program, which encourages homeowners in historic districts to renovate while imposing no restrictions on future development.

Community Arts of Elmira to host opening reception

Michael Houghton's: "The Native The Przygoda Gallery" opening reception will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. April 6 at the Community Arts of Elmira, 413 Lake St. Gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays and Sundays, April 12 to June 29.

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Utility complicates Bath's municipal aid

Unless funding is restored, Bath assured to be cut

By Jason Jordan
The Spectator

BATH — Recent negotiations surrounding the state budget may mean a crisis averted for some communities, but not others.

Each year, Gov. Andrew Cuomo and lawmakers designate AIM money to go directly to local government. Since Cuomo's tenure began in 2011, that money has stayed flat each year: \$715 million state-wide, divided up among cities, towns and villages by a complex formula that few understand. This year, municipalities were in for a drastic change.

Originally, the governor's executive budget called for elimination of AIM funding for 480 villages. Towns would also be impacted.

In Steuben County, the Village of Bath had the most to lose by the proposal — \$103,906. Loss of AIM funding would represent a hit of more than three percent to the village budget — a rate of reliance slightly higher than most.

Since the initial proposal, the governor had announced the restoration of AIM, but suggested that money would be derived from county collections of internet sales tax. The plan was blasted by the New York State Conference of Mayors when it was announced last month.

The Conference of Mayors

released this statement: "While we appreciate the fact that the Governor has acknowledged that the elimination of AIM funding would have serious implications for the State's villages and towns, his 'restoration' of this \$50 million is in reality a robbing of one property taxpayer to pay another. Rather than playing this shell game, New York State should be fulfilling its obligation to increase its investment in municipal aid and the property tax relief it will generate. Imposing a new mandate on counties to make up for the state's cut to villages and towns will only further harm New York's already overburdened taxpayers."

Many state lawmakers have raised objections to the proposal, and have gone on

the record against the so-called coalition, leaving the situation still very much up in the air ahead of the state budget's April 1 deadline.

If AIM funding is eliminated for all municipalities for whom it represents less than two percent of their overall budget (as originally planned), because Bath has a municipal utility, it will be treated differently in the calculations and faces further difficulty. It's so-called rate of reliance on AIM would drop to .72 percent, and assure it got zeroed out.

Bath Electric and Gas, is referred to by village officials as a "legacy" utility, which is funded by user fees rather than directed taxpayer dollars, giving rise to village officials' argument

that it should not be included in the calculation.

Few municipalities have accompanying utilities in the area, leaving Bath in a unique predicament. However, the village had reached out to the New York State Conference of Mayors to help advocate for a remedy. An explanation from the state read as follows:

"The state believes an 'all funds number' was more appropriate due to the complexity surrounding town budgets, with their A and B funds, as well as the village having the authority to transfer money from other funds in certain instances," it said — drawing skepticism from both NYCOM and village officials.

According to Bath Village Clerk Jackie Shroyer, lack

of a resolution could mean money coming directly out of village coffers or taxpayer pockets.

"We haven't even been able to put it into our budget yet because we don't know how it's going to work out," she said. "With AIM funding being taken away, it impacts more than three percent of our budget. (To make up the difference) we would either have to raise taxes or take it out of the fund balance."

The village's budget year begins on June 1, and has already held one budget workshop, where the issue was raised. The next budget workshop is scheduled for March 14 at 5 p.m.

Those who oppose funding being cut are encouraged to call their state representatives.

Zuckerberg: Facebook will be more focused on privacy

By Michael Liedtke
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Mark Zuckerberg said Facebook will start to emphasize new privacy-shielding messaging services, a shift apparently intended to blunt both criticism of the company's data handling and potential antitrust action.

In effect, the Facebook co-founder and CEO promised to transform a service known for devouring the personal information shared by its users. Going forward, he said, it will emphasize giving people more ways to communicate in truly private fashion, with their intimate thoughts and pictures shielded by encryption in ways that Facebook itself can't read.

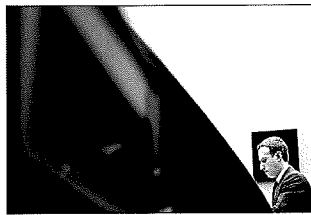
But Zuckerberg didn't suggest any changes to Facebook's core news-feed-and-groups-based service, or to Instagram's social network, currently the fastest growing part of the company. Facebook pulls in gargantuan profits by selling ads targeted with the information it amasses on its users and others they know.

"It's not that I think the more public tools will go away," Zuckerberg said in an interview Wednesday with The Associated Press. "All indications that Facebook and Instagram will continue growing and be increasingly important."

Critics aren't convinced Zuckerberg is truly committed to meaningful change.

"This does nothing to address the ad targeting and information collection about individuals," said Jen King, director of consumer privacy at Stanford Law School's Center for Internet and Society. "It's great for your relationship with other people. It doesn't do anything for your relationship with Facebook itself."

Zuckerberg laid out his vision in a Wednesday blog post, following a rocky two-year battering over revelations about its leaky



In this April 11 photo, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg pauses while testifying before a House Energy and Commerce hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington. (ANDREW HARNIK/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO)

privacy controls. That included the sharing of personal information from as many as 87 million users with a political data-mining firm that worked for the 2016 Trump campaign.

Since the 2016 election, Facebook has also taken flak for the way Russian agents used its service to target U.S. voters with divisive messages and being a conduit for political misinformation. Zuckerberg faced two days of congressional interrogation over these and other subjects last April; he acknowledged and apologized for Facebook's privacy breakdowns in the past.

Since then, Facebook has suffered other privacy lapses that have amplified the calls for regulations that would hold companies more accountable when they improperly expose their users' information.

As part of his effort to make amends, Zuckerberg plans to stitch together its Messenger, WhatsApp and Instagram messaging services so users will be able to contact each other across all of the apps.

The multiyear plan calls for all of these apps to be encrypted so no one but senders and recipients can see the contents of messages. WhatsApp already has that security feature, but Facebook's other messaging apps don't.

Zuckerberg likened it to being able to be in a living room behind a closed front door, and not having to worry about

anyone eavesdropping. Meanwhile, Facebook and the Instagram photo app would still operate more like a town square where people can openly share whatever they want.

While Zuckerberg positions the messaging integration as a privacy move, Facebook also sees commercial opportunity in the shift. "If you think about your life, you probably spend more time communicating privately than publicly," he told the AP. "The overall opportunity here is a lot larger than what we have built in terms of Facebook and Instagram."

Critics have raised another possible motive — the threat of antitrust crackdowns. Integration could make it much more difficult, if not impossible, to later separate out and spin off Instagram and WhatsApp as separate companies.

"I see that as the goal of this entire thing," said Blake Reid, a University of Colorado law professor who specializes in technology and policy. He said Facebook could tell antitrust authorities that WhatsApp, Instagram and Facebook Messenger are tied so tightly together that it couldn't unwind them.

Combining the three services also lets Facebook build more complete data profiles on all of its users. Already, businesses can already target Facebook and Instagram users with the same ad campaign.

Livid R. Kelly cries, calls sex abuse accusers liars

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — In his first interview since being charged with sexual abuse, R&B star R. Kelly cried and ranted about being "assassinated," calling his accusers liars and alleging that people are after him for his money.

Kelly told Gayle King of "CBS This Morning" that he never sexually abused women or controlled their lives. The 52-year-old singer was charged last month in Chicago with sexually abusing four females dating back to 1998, including three underage girls.

"All of them are lying," Kelly said in segments of the interview broadcast Wednesday. "I have been assassinated."

At one point during the interview, Kelly angrily stood up and started pacing, his voice breaking as he yelled: "I didn't do this stuff! This is not me!"

He cried as he hit his hands together. "I'm fighting for my (expletive) life," he said.

Kelly, who is out on bail following his Feb. 22 arrest in Chicago, said earlier in the interview that he had done "lots of things wrong" in relationships with women, but said he has apologized. He denied doing anything against their will. The songwriter said he believes social media is to blame for fueling the allegations.

"I have been buried alive, but I'm alive," he said, later adding that he needed someone to help



Musician R. Kelly arrives at the Daley Center for a hearing in his child support case Wednesday in Chicago. (MATT MARTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

him "not have a big heart."

When pressed about whether he was attracted to younger women, Kelly said: "I'm an older man who loves all women."

He acknowledged being in a relationship with two young women who live with him. The recording artist has been trailed for decades by allegations that he violated underage girls and women and held some as virtual slaves. Kelly has consistently denied any sexual misconduct and was acquitted of child pornography charges in 2008.

Those charges centered on a graphic video that prosecutors said showed him having sex with a girl as young as 13.

He and the girl allegedly seen with him denied they were in the 27-minute video, even though the picture quality was good and witnesses testified it was them. She did not take the stand. Kelly could have gotten 15 years in prison.

As part of the current case,

prosecutors have described a witness who had access to videotapes showing Kelly having sex with a 14-year-old girl. The witness turned the tape over to authorities and identified the girl, who repeatedly states her age on the footage, according to court documents.

A condition of Kelly's bail forbids him from having any contact with females younger than 18. He has pleaded not guilty to 10 counts of aggravated sexual abuse.

Interviews with the two women who live with Kelly will air Friday, including one young woman whose parents say she is being held against her will. Kelly suggested during the interview that the woman's parents were in it for the money and blamed them for his relationship with their daughter, saying they brought her to watch him perform when she was a teenager.

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Manafort sentenced to 7 years

By Eric Tucker and Chad Day
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort was sentenced to a total of seven and a half years in prison Wednesday after a federal judge rejected his appeal for no additional time and rebuked him for his crimes and years of lies.

Within minutes of the sentencing, prosecutors in New York brought state charges against Manafort — a move that appeared at least partly designed to guard against the possibility that President Donald Trump could pardon him. The president can pardon federal crimes, but not state offenses.

U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson sentenced Manafort to nearly three-and-a-half years in prison

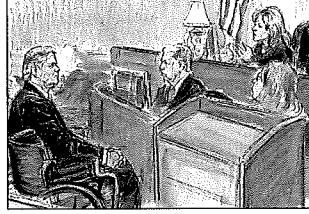
on charges that he misled the U.S. government about his foreign lobbying work and encouraged witnesses to lie on his behalf. That punishment is on top of a roughly four-year sentence he received last week in a separate case in Virginia. He is expected to get credit for the nine months of jail time he's done already.

The sentencing hearing was a milestone moment in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into possible coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia in the 2016 election campaign. Manafort was among the first people charged in the investigation, and though the allegations did not relate to his work for Trump, his foreign entanglements and business relationship with a man the U.S. says has ties to Russian intelligence have made him a pivotal figure in

the probe. Though the judge made clear that the case against Manafort had nothing to do with Russian election interference, she also scolded Manafort's lawyers for asserting that their client was only charged because prosecutors couldn't get him on crimes related to potential collusion with the Trump campaign.

"The no-collusion mantra is simply a non sequitur," she said, suggesting that those arguments were meant for an audience outside the courtroom — presumably a reference to the president, who has expressed sympathy for Manafort and not ruled out a pardon.

Jackson also harshly criticized Manafort for years of deception that extended even into her own courtroom and the grand jury. She said much of the information he provided to prosecutors



This courtroom sketch shows Paul Manafort listening to Judge Amy Berman Jackson in the U.S. District Courtroom during his sentencing hearing Wednesday in Washington. (DANA VERKOUTEREN VIA AP)

the sentence he had received last week in a separate case in Virginia.

"I am sorry for what I have done and all the activities that have gotten us here today," Manafort said in a steady voice. "While I cannot undo the past, I will ensure that the future will be very different."

The 60-year-old, who arrived in court in a wheelchair, said he was the primary caregiver of his wife and wanted the chance for them to resume their life together.

"She needs me and I need her. I ask you to think of this and our need for each other as you deliberate," Manafort said.

"This case has taken everything from me already — my properties, my cash, my life insurance, my trust accounts for my children and my grandchildren, and more."

after pleading guilty couldn't be used because of his history of deceit.

"It is hard to overstate the number of lies and the amount of fraud and the extraordinary amount of money involved" in the federal conspiracy charges related to his foreign

lobbying work and witness tampering.

Reading from a three-page statement, Manafort asked for mercy and said the criminal charges against him have "taken everything from me already." He pleaded with the judge not to impose any additional time beyond

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authorities. After a closed-door lunch, GOP lawmakers predicted the Senate would approve a resolution Thursday annulling the emergency Trump has declared along the border. The Democratic-led House passed the legislation last month, meaning Senate assent would send it to Trump.

"It was called turn out the lights, the party's over," said Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., recalling a favorite refrain of Monday Night Football announcers when a game was out of reach. "Well, that's appropriate right now."

Republicans hoped Trump would support a separate measure curbing a president's powers to declare future emergencies. Had he done so, they thought, it would be easier for reluctant GOP senators to support the emergency Trump has proclaimed to

steer \$3.6 billion more than Congress has approved for barrier construction.

But during the GOP lunch, Trump called Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, chief sponsor of the bill limiting future emergency declarations, and told him he opposed that proposal. The call was described by two officials who weren't authorized to publicly discuss the matter and described it on condition of anonymity.

"There's been numerous efforts to engage with the vice president and the president, and the president's not persuaded that he should support it right now," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, who advises GOP leaders. "I don't know of any president that likes to give up power."

Republican hopes of a turnaround rested largely on a familiar phenomenon of the Trump administration — an unexpected change in mind, as he's done in congressional battles over health care and immigration.

Trump told reporters that he has advised GOP senators to "vote any way you want" on the resolution blocking his emergency declaration.

But he added, "Anybody going against border security, drug trafficking, human trafficking, that's a bad vote." Framing Thursday's vote that way seemed to be a message all but aimed directly at undecided GOP senators facing re-election races next year, of whom there are several.

Trump made a similar point earlier in a tweet.

"Republican Senators are overthinking tomorrow's vote on National Emergency," he wrote. "It is very simply Border Security/No Crime - Should not be thought of any other way. We have a MAJOR NATIONAL EMERGENCY at our border and the People of our Country know it very well!"

Even so, there was little doubt among GOP senators that Thursday's vote would turn out badly for

the party. As many as 15 Republicans might vote to block Trump's emergency, said one Republican who offered the estimate only on condition of anonymity.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., tried making it even harder for uncertain Republicans to support Trump's border emergency. She said the House would never even consider the separate bill limiting future declarations by presidents, including Trump.

"Republican Senators are proposing new legislation to allow the president to violate the Constitution just this once in order to give themselves cover," Pelosi said in a statement. "The House will not take up this legislation to give President Trump a pass."

"If Republicans controlling the Senate 53-47, it will take just four GOP defections to approve the measure, which the House passed last month.

Four have said they would vote no: Sens. Thom Tillis

of North Carolina, Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Republican Paul Tillis and Collins face potentially competitive re-election fights in 2020.

Tillis showed signs of wavering Tuesday when he suggested to colleagues that he might support Trump's border emergency if he was willing to curtail future presidential emergencies, according to two Republicans who described Tillis' private comments on condition of anonymity.

Tillis said Wednesday that his vote was "still a work in progress," citing continuing discussions.

An administration official said the White House is skeptical there will be enough votes to head off a Senate defeat and is reluctant to back limits on future declarations unless a victory on the resolution is assured. The official was not authorized to publicly private conversations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Under a four-decade old law, presidents have wide leeway in declaring a national emergency. Congress can vote to block a declaration, but the two-thirds majorities required to overcome presidential vetoes make it hard for lawmakers to prevail. Presidents have never before declared an emergency after Congress voted to deny them money for the same purpose.

Lee's proposal says a presidential emergency would last 30 days unless Congress votes to extend it. It would apply to future emergencies, but not Trump's current border emergency unless he seeks to renew it next year.

The strongest chance of blocking Trump's border emergency is likely several lawsuits filed by Democratic state attorneys general, and environmental groups and others.

Associated Press writer Catherine Lukey contributed to this report.

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Palotti said he hopes that the executive budget turns out to be the "worst case scenario" and that lawmakers increase aid to schools.

"With the governor's education budget, we did see moderate increases to Foundation Aid," Palotti said. "We're hopeful — it doesn't mean we can count on it — but we're hopeful that we could see an increase in Foundation Aid when we have our legislative budget, hopefully within a few weeks."

Despite the increase in Foundation Aid, overall state aid to the city school district would decrease by about \$100,000 if the governor's budget was adopted without changes. Among the cuts is a 9.7 percent decline in Hornell's building aid.

"We did see a loss in Building Aid. That's a known loss that we were to receive, and we knew that it was coming, but it was definitely reflected in the budget," Palotti said.

The superintendent, along with business official Patrick Flaits, went over the expense side of the budget in detail. They said the

spending is projected to be less than the current year's \$39,510,674 budget.

A large part of the decrease is due to the district shedding debt service, which is expected to drop \$1.5 million in the new spending plan.

Spending on programs for students is expected to increase by approximately \$420,000, according to the budget outline reviewed by Palotti Wednesday. All current programs, including those instituted last year that expanded Pre-K offerings and elementary level art, will be maintained in the new budget.

The completed budget is

expected to add an instrumental music teacher for grades 7-12.

"We're not looking at reductions in terms of offering. In fact, we're looking to gain as far as offering goes from a programming standpoint," Palotti said.

The superintendent said the final school budget will be a reflection of what the district values.

"Throughout this process, we're understanding our priorities because really the budget is just a vehicle and a mechanism for us to deliver our priorities for the district," Palotti said.

He continued, "We are

remaining true to the priorities that we established in our needs assessment. Top of that list is consistent: supporting curriculum instruction, clear vision and communication, positive learning environment. We're looking at standardized discipline within the learning environment within the classroom, and preparation for post-secondary and career-development planning."

The board on Wednesday did approve a measure that places a "Lease of School Buses Resolution" on the ballot at the annual school budget/school member vote on May 21 in Hornell

High School. The resolution, if passed by voters May 21, will authorize the Board of Education of the Hornell City School District to lease and expend up to, but not exceeding, \$300,000 for three, 66-passenger school buses.

Also on the ballot will be one election race for a five-year term on the Hornell School Board. The seat up this year is currently held by Judy Kose. Petition packets are available now for individuals who are interested in running for the school board seat. The forms can be picked up at the District Clerk's Office in the Columbian School on Pearl Street.

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spring to early summer.

The project is supported by a \$1.3 million Transportation Alternatives (TAP) grant, aimed at supporting bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path and non-motorized transportation-related projects, as well as programs and projects that reduce congestion and improve air quality.

The municipality's local share cost is 20 percent.

Now that engineering reports and state approvals are all in line, the project can begin just as soon as it is bid. The board had previously made approvals to commit to the project, but the bidding process must be advertised for at least three weeks, according to state law.

"Hopefully this project is an immense improvement for our main street.

For individuals who walk, it will certainly be an improvement. Cyclists, the same thing," said Trustee Joe Ingalls.

At Monday's public hearing, residents raised several concerns over where the leftover construction materials might end up, how the reconstruction of driveway aprons will impede use of driveways, whether residents should improve paths from their doors to public sidewalks before or after the project, and how access

to businesses on Seneca Road would be maintained.

Trustees Ingalls and Pete DiRaimondo spearheaded the committee to guide the project on behalf of the village board.

Ingalls warned that the walks could take anywhere from days to a week to cure, causing prolonged interruption, but that contractors would work in order down the road so that homeowners would know when to make arrangements.

"The engineer, who is the

inspector on the project, would be the one to talk to about that once the project begins," he advised. "There will be a pre-construction meeting, and these issues will be discussed."

Residents may also continue to direct their questions to Trustees Ingalls and DiRaimondo.

In a separate concern regarding Seneca Road,

residents asked when a series of second utility poles would be removed, calling them "an eyesore" along the village's main drag.

According to Department of Public Works Superintendent Rich Scavo, the new poles are intended to improve service to outlying, rural areas outside of the village, and were installed by Armstrong Communications of Addison.

The new poles are 10 feet taller, and afford more distance between voltage and communications lines to reduce interference.

"We've been told that they've paid Verizon to move the secondary lines. They've assured us that they will have everything out of there to the best of their ability by May 1," Scavo reported.

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Sullivan lauded for Excellence in Teaching

Staff reports

HOUGHTON — On Wednesday, Provost Jack Connell bestowed Houghton College's most prized faculty award, Excellence in Teaching, on Aaron Sullivan, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of the biology department, during a special chapel service. The Faculty Development Committee (FDC) chooses the recipient from a pool of highly regarded educators based



Sullivan

on nominations from faculty, staff and students. Professor Sullivan has taught at Houghton since 2004. His research in behavioral ecology focuses on two primary areas: predator-prey interactions, and chemical communication. Often he works with students to examine how amphibian prey evaluate

predation risk using chemical stimuli. "Dr. Sullivan encourages student involvement in the same way he encourages student collaboration," said one student who nominated him for the prestigious award. "He fosters a welcoming environment in the classroom in which any idea is considered and addressed. ... Additionally students have the opportunity to create research projects and present their findings."

Sullivan earned a B.S. from Mount Vernon Nazarene College, a M.S. from Southwest Missouri State University, and a Ph.D. from Binghamton University. He regularly writes and publishes his findings in scholarly journals. His Houghton lab has also published studies evaluating the defensive behaviors exhibited by aquatic invertebrates. He recently participated in field work related to the Pacific Crest

Trail Megatraverse with a collaborator at William Jessup University. The concept driving this project is the use of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as a 'barometer' of biodiversity where a survey is established with the objective to document the occurrence and distributions of plants, animals, and their habitats across the remote and mountainous regions of the Pacific States from Mexico to Canada. The Houghton College

Excellence in Teaching Award honors a faculty member who meets a variety of criteria set by the FDC, including: stellar classroom/lab/studio instruction and thorough knowledge of the subject matter; active encouragement of students to think creatively and critically through mentoring, service learning and other collaborative activities; and the development and improvement of teaching.

After 7 years, South Carolina family reunited with dog thought dead

By Adam Orr
The Spartanburg (S.C.)
Herald Journal

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — After seven long years, a Pickens family has been reunited with a dog feared had long been dead.

Bridget Scott and her family spent those years believing their beloved miniature schnauzer Shelby had died one rainy morning after being hit by a car near their Laurens County home.

But this week, Scott received a call from Spartanburg County Environmental Enforcement saying her dog was alive and had been picked up in Landrum.

"I said, 'Well, that can't be because my dog has been dead for years,'" Scott said. "But then they started to describe her. I was just ecstatic. I left right then to go pick her up and just couldn't believe someone had found her."

Mistaken identity

A Christmas gift for Scott's children in 2011 when Shelby was roughly 8 weeks old, the puppy had already become part of the family by the following spring, Scott said. She enjoyed playing with the Scott's sons and lounging in the sun on long weekend pontoon boat rides.

Scott said she had let Shelby and the family's other dog outside on the morning of April 26, 2012. Scott



Shelby, with owner Bridget Scott, was reunited with her family after seven years on the lam by Spartanburg County Environmental Enforcement officers in Spartanburg, S.C. (BRIDGET SCOTT)

believes the pup had been scared by the rain and left the yard. She spent that morning looking for Shelby until the sun came up and she received bad news.

"I talked to a guy at a gas station and described Shelby," Scott said. "He said he hadn't seen a dog get hit but said there was a dog matching that description lying in the road. That was heartbreaking."

They found the dog and thought it was Shelby — it was the right size and right color — though it was missing her distinctive collar. Still, Scott said Shelby never returned, and the family made peace with the fact their missing pup was gone.

Happy ending

On Monday, Spartanburg

County Environmental Enforcement Director Jamie Nelson said his staff received a call from a Landrum homeowner about a small stray who'd ended up on the caller's front porch.

"The homeowner confined it, and when officers got there, they scanned the dog's microchip and found out it belonged to a family in Pickens," Nelson said. "That's not unusual, honestly. People move and don't change their registry. So we called them, and they told our guys their dog was dead. We said, 'No, ma'am, we've got her right here.'"

Nelson said he's never seen a case where a dog and owner had been reunited after so long a time.

"We had one officer last year or the year before

reunite a dog with a guy out of Texas," Nelson said. "But that dog had been stolen. We've never had one go missing for this long that ends up getting reunited with its owner, not with a backstory like this to go with it."

Upon seeing the dog for the first time Monday, Scott said she knew it was Shelby. "Her fur was pretty matted and she was dirty," Scott said. "But it was her. I couldn't believe it."

Scott said she believes someone had taken good care of the dog — until recently, at least. Her dog groomer told her Shelby's fur and nails showed signs of past trips to the groomers.

"Plus, she doesn't look like she's been going hungry, for sure," Scott laughed. "And she's housebroken. So she was definitely somebody's pet."

Both Scott and Nelson said the incident highlights exactly why pet owners should have their pets microchipped.

"Things happen and animals get out; they wander off," Nelson said. "If you care about them, get them micro-chipped, and it makes things like this possible."

Scott said her children — her youngest son was 6 at the time of Shelby's disappearance — now plan to make up for lost time with the long-lost canine.

"We're just glad to have her back home," Scott said.

4-paper clover campaign begins

Tractor Supply backs annual fundraiser

Staff reports

BRENTWOOD,

Tenn. — Tractor Supply Company, in partnership with National 4-H Council, is gearing up for its Spring Paper Clover event, a semi-annual fundraising campaign that provides millions of dollars in scholarships for 4-H youth. Donations from the program provide opportunities for youth to attend enriching camps, conferences and other developmental programs across the country.

From March 27-April 7, Tractor Supply customers and team members can participate in the Paper Clover fundraiser by purchasing a paper clover for a donation during check-out at stores nationwide or by making a purchase online at TractorSupply.com.

Now in its ninth year, the partnership between Tractor Supply and 4-H has generated more than \$12 million in essential funding. This past fall's initiative raised nearly \$2 million, impacting more than 14,000 students.

"Tractor Supply has an unparalleled partnership with the National 4-H Council, and our biannual Paper Clover program is a true representation of the incredible value 4-H brings to youth, families and communities," said Christi Korzekwa, senior vice president of marketing at Tractor Supply Company. "We look forward to this program each year because it allows us to invest in youth who are passionate about impacting the world around them."

Fundraising efforts from Tractor Supply's Paper Clover event provide scholarships for numerous state level 4-H programs nationwide, and every donation benefits youth within the state it was collected. Scholarships are used for camps and leadership conferences, where attendees learn everything from animal care and woodworking to professional networking practices and civic responsibility.

According to Jennifer Strangelo, president and CEO of National 4-H Council, this program uniquely supports and encourages 4-H youth to continue making a difference in their lives, careers and communities.

"Thanks to our partnership with Tractor Supply Company, the Paper Clover program exposes youth to the benefits of the 4-H experience, such as hands-on learning, which empowers them to become lifelong leaders," said Strangelo. "Nothing brings us greater joy than to support the skills and interests of our 4-H youth throughout their journey to adulthood. The Paper Clover program allows more youth to hone lifelong leadership skills like responsibility, resiliency and hard work."

4-H clubs are encouraged to contact a Tractor Supply store to participate during the in-store fundraiser. Those who participate with their local store are eligible to win a \$100 Tractor Supply gift card through the Paper Clover Participation Sweepstakes. For more information on Paper Clover or how to enter the sweepstakes, visit TractorSupply.com/4h.

Tiny 'water bears' can teach us about survival

By Seth Borenstein
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Earth's ultimate survivors can weather extreme heat, cold, radiation and even the vacuum of space. Now the U.S. military hopes these tiny critters called tardigrades can teach us about true toughness.

These animals are pipe-squeaks, only about the size of a period. Under a microscope they look like some combination of chubby bear and single-eyed alien. And they are the closest life gets to indestructible.

No water? No worries. Tardigrades survive Antarctic cold, 300-degree heat, a lack of oxygen, even punishing radiation doesn't stop these animals. They are so resilient in the face of so

many dangers that scientists think their unique biology may hold clues to how we can make crops more resistant to drought, better preserve blood and medicines, and even make more effective sunscreen.

When the going gets tough for tardigrades, they curl up, dry out and wait. Then, when the environment gets better and they get water, they spring back to life.

Scientists say they can stay dormant for decades before reanimating.

In 2007, scientists put two species of tardigrades in containers, launched them into orbit and opened them up to cold, airless space full of punishing radiation from the sun and stars.

"If you were put into that same thing, you would

explode," said tardigrade expert Randy Miller, a biologist at Baker University in Kansas. They lived and later multiplied, and the offspring from those tardigrade astronauts are still alive, Miller said.

There are as many as 1,200 species of tardigrades, and they live all over Earth, from mountain tops to ocean depths to driveways. Not all have the ability to go dormant and come back to life.

Speaking from McMurdo Station in Antarctica, Brigham Young University biologist Byron Adams said he can walk a few hundred yards outside and find tardigrades. He called them the tigers of inland Antarctica, near the top of the limited food chain, eating algae and aquatic plants.

Miller said tardigrades seem to be the first animals on Earth to have evolved legs, and, sure enough, they look like a first draft: Their two legs face backward while the front six face forward.

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Saxton: Avoca school budgets reflect fiscal discipline

Budget hearing scheduled for May 1

By Al Ruce
The Spectator

AVOCA — Strong leadership from the school board and business staff are key components in Avoca Central School's ability to grow important education programs without placing extra burdens on taxpayers,

the district's top administrator said.

Avoca School Superintendent Stephen Saxton explained to The Spectator last week that limited growth in district costs has permitted enrollment and academic growth without significant added expenditures of funds.

Yet K-12 total enrollment has grown from 448 students in 2013-14 to an

expected 474 in 2019-20, two more students than in this school year, Saxton said.

Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff will decrease from 93 in 2018-19 to a projected 91 in 2019-20, the superintendent said. That projected total for next year will be a decrease of two FTEs from this school year, the superintendent said.

The tax levy as a

percentage of the total budget decreased from 20 percent in 2010-11 to a projected 18.7 percent in 2019/20, Saxton said.

The tax rate of \$13.77 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2013-14 decreased to \$12.28 per \$1,000 for this current fiscal year and will likely stay at this level for the next fiscal year, depending on assessed valuations, the superintendent said.

"Tax rates for the past decade are testimony to watchful school board members and the diligence of business office staff under the leadership of school treasurer, Gay Fairbrother," he said.

"Ms. Fairbrother will retire next year but the Avoca Central business office will continue in the same cautious direction she has followed for the past

decades under the leadership of new School Business Administrator Matthew Pfeleger," Saxton said.

The public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday May 14 in room 137 of the School. Voting on the budget and the election of school board members will be held from noon until 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 in the District Bus Garage.

State officials announce bridge rehab funding

\$6.2 million designated for Southern Tier projects

Staff reports

ALBANY — Work will begin soon on \$6.2 million in bridge and pavement repairs in the Southern Tier, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo announced Wednesday. The work, set to begin in April, includes three separate projects in Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben counties to replace a bridge and two bridge decks, pave and make general preventive maintenance bridge repairs.

"In every corner of New York, we are making targeted investments in our infrastructure, building the foundation for a transportation network that will meet the needs of a 21st century economy," Cuomo said. "These projects will enhance safety, ensure efficient access within communities, support local commerce and keep the Southern Tier soaring for years to come."

The projects include: \$2.4 million to rehabilitate the bridge carrying County Route 56 over Interstate 86 in the town of Chemung, Chemung County

\$2.8 million to replace the bridge carrying State Route 14 over Sullivan Glen Creek and restore pavement on State Route 14 in the town of Montour, Schuyler County

\$1 million to rehabilitate the bridge carrying Interstate 390 northbound over County Route 7 in the town of Avoca,

Steuben County

The projects have been designed to minimize traffic impacts.

Senator Tom O'Mara said, "New York State's ongoing investment in the improvement and rehabilitation of local roads and bridges across the Southern Tier is critical. It strengthens the foundation of local communities and economies, and we are grateful for the Department of Transportation's commitment to completing these projects."

Assemblyman Phil Palmesano said, "The state's recognition over the past several years of the importance of local transportation infrastructure will continue making a significant difference for local governments, economies, property taxpayers, and motorists across the Southern Tier. We appreciate the Department of Transportation's ongoing work on these vital bridge repair and rehabilitation priorities."

County Route 56 over I-86 This project involves removing and replacing the concrete deck and pier, as well as eliminating bridge joints to reduce future maintenance needs. The work will result in a smoother ride for motorists, while enhancing safety and ensuring continued access to small Southern Tier community.

During construction, two-way traffic on Route 56 will be maintained in a single lane with a temporary traffic signal. Single lane closures will be necessary on I-86. Access to a truck stop and warehousing facility at the interchange will

be maintained throughout construction.

The project will wrap up by the end of 2020.

Route 14 This essential Southern Tier roadway will be repaved from the Schuyler County line to the village of Montour Falls, and the bridge over Sullivan Glen Creek will be replaced.

Two-way traffic will be maintained during paving operations in a single lane controlled by flaggers.

Bridge replacement work will begin this summer and be completed in the fall. The new bridge will be higher and longer to increase the water opening and protect against future flooding. Traffic will be diverted onto a temporary bridge during demolition of the existing bridge and construction of the new bridge.

The contract contains requirements that limit the number of days for the detour bridge, timing of the paving and date restrictions for area events. All work is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2019.

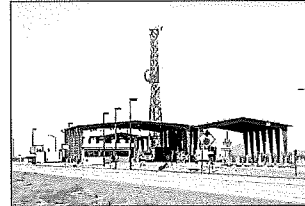
I-390 over County Route 7 The concrete bridge deck and barrier on the I-390 northbound bridge will be removed and replaced. The rehabilitation will ensure a smooth riding surface on the road and extend the service life of the bridge. The southbound bridge deck was replaced in 2003.

Traffic on Interstate 390 will be reduced to a single lane wide enough to continue handling the majority of shipping through the corridor. Work on the project should be complete in late summer 2019.

US will reassign border inspectors

Move is intended to address growing number of illegal crossings at border

By Cedar Attansio
The Associated Press



A border patrol checkpoint is shown Tuesday near Las Cruces, New Mexico. (CEDAR ATTANSIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

EL PASO, Texas — The Trump administration said Wednesday that it will temporarily reassign 750 border inspectors to address a growing number of migrants arriving at the Mexican border, many of them Central American families who turn themselves in to authorities and seek asylum.

Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan said the change will mean longer waits at border crossings as the busy Easter holiday nears but that it was necessary to address what he called "an operational crisis." The reassigned officers will process migrants, provide transportation and perform hospital watches for migrants who require medical attention. It is unknown when they will return to their regular duties.

"There will be impacts to traffic at the border," McAleenan said at a news conference in El Paso,

Texas, which, after years of relative calm, has quickly emerged as the second-busiest corridor for illegal crossings after Texas' Rio Grande Valley. "There will be a slowdown in the processing of trade. There will be wait times in our pedestrian and passenger vehicle lanes."

Arrests on Mexican border jumped to 66,450 in February, up 149 percent from a year earlier, while arrests in the Border Patrol's El Paso sector, which stretches across New Mexico and much of West Texas, were about eight times higher than they were a year ago.

March is shaping up to be even busier. McAleenan said the agency was on track

to make 100,000 arrests or denials of entry during the month, up about 30 percent from February and about double the same period last year. About 55,000 will have arrived as families, including 40,000 children.

The commissioner said the border was at "a breaking point," language that is consistent with the administration's portrayal of a state of crisis. President Donald Trump last month declared a national emergency on the border to obtain military funds for construction of his prized border wall.

While arrests are still well below highs of the early 2000s, the surge of families and children has tested U.S. authorities.

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A Seneca Castle firefighter keeps the nozzle cracked to keep from freezing as several fire departments assisted Hopewell firefighters battling a structure fire early Tuesday evening on County Road 47 near Route 488. (JACK HALEY/MESSENGER POST MEDIA)

Firefighters battle Hopewell blaze



ABOVE: A Seneca Castle firefighter checks an outside door on the chimney as firefighters battled a Hopewell structure fire Tuesday.

RIGHT: Water being used to hit hot spots inside a Hopewell structure fall onto some Hopewell firefighters working on the outside of the building.

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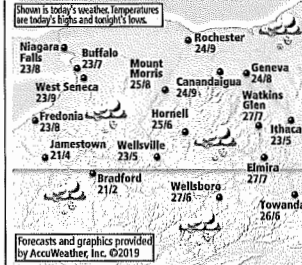
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COHEN

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Trump's campaign was involved, among other matters, including Trump's foreign financial dealings.

Cohen has become a key figure in congressional investigations after turning on his former boss and cooperating with special counsel Robert Mueller's probe. During last week's public testimony before the Oversight panel, he called Trump a con man, a cheat and a racist. He was also interviewed privately by both the Senate and House intelligence committees last week and returned to the House intelligence panel behind closed doors on Wednesday.

Among the issues discussed in Cohen's closed-door interviews with the House and Senate last week were pardons, according to people familiar with those interviews. They spoke on condition of anonymity to reveal the confidential discussion.

The committee was expected to discuss the subject in Cohen's second day before the committee, according to one of the people familiar with

the meeting. Cohen told Congress last week that he had never asked for and would not accept a pardon from Trump. But that may not be the full story.

According to people with knowledge of the situation, a lawyer for Cohen expressed interest to the Trump legal team in a possible pardon for his client after a raid last April on Cohen's hotel room, home and office. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss it publicly.

The president's attorneys were noncommittal during the conversation with Cohen's lawyer, the people said. Cohen did not participate in the conversation.

No pardon was given, and Cohen ultimately pleaded guilty and is cooperating against the president in separate investigations by the special counsel and by federal prosecutors in New York.

Asked about the pardon issue Tuesday evening, another Cohen attorney, Lanny Davis, said his client was speaking carefully during his public testimony. He acknowledged MSNBC that Cohen "was certainly looking at the option of a pardon" before he decided to come clean.

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ROCHESTER
Rowe family receives \$20K through GoFundMe

The \$26,000 raised by the community after the death of 14-year-old Treivan Rowe will finally go to the family.

The fundraiser was intended to help Treivan's family with funeral costs; however, someone connected to Treivan's family filed a complaint to GoFundMe.

The money, as per policy, was then frozen until the matter was resolved. Thirteen wandered away

from School 12 last year. His body was found in the Genesee River days later.

NEW YORK
Parole granted for woman who had husband killed

A woman who seduced her teenage neighbor into killing her husband has been granted parole after serving more than 26 years in state prison.

A New York parole board ordered 54-year-old Laurie Kellogg to be released from prison by April 16. In its decision, the board cited

Kellogg's good behavior in prison and her "sincere remorse" for the 1991 crime. Kellogg was convicted of murder for the death of Malcolm Kellogg, who was shot to death in the couple's cottage on Cayuga Lake. Her 18-year-old neighbor from suburban Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Denver McDowell, pleaded guilty to shooting Kellogg while he slept. He remains in prison.

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directed by Skip Greer. In this new comedy by the author of "Women in Jeopardy!" a couple's anniversary dinner is hampered by a perfectionist waiter who won't bring them their food and has them questioning everything from their menu choices to their marriage.

Feb. 19 through March 22: "Once" (Wilson Stage), book by Edna Walsh, music and lyrics by Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova, directed by Mark Cuddy with music direction by Don Kot. The story of a man who gave up on love and music, and the captivating woman who inspires him to dream again. This co-production with Syracuse Stage is based on the 2007 film.

March 5-22: "Cry It Out" (Fielding Stage), by Molly Smith Metzler, directed by M. Bevin O'Gara. This production of the Kitchen Theatre in Ithaca takes an honest

look at the challenges of being a new mom, being at home with a baby, and the dilemma of returning to work.

March 31 through April 26: "Looks Like Pretty" world premiere (Wilson Stage), by Elyzabeth Gregory Wilder, directed by Valerie Curtis-Newton. This work of historical fiction co-commissioned by Geva and the Ensemble Studio Theatre is set in 1963 in a lab in Rochester's Kodak Park, in which Mr. Walters and his younger colleague Charlie are putting the finishing touches to the newest color film technology. When Gloria, a new African American employee at Kodak, questions the authenticity of color in the film, the success of the whole project is at stake.

April 23 through May 10: "Where Did We Sit on the Bus" (Fielding Stage), directed by Chay Yew. Writer/performer Brian Quijada's one-man show is a hip-hop autobiography about performance, family and growing up Latinx.

May 5-31: "Vietgone" (Wilson Stage) by Qui

Nguyen, directed by Pirrome Youssoufzadeh. It's 1975 after the fall of Saigon, and two who lost their loves meet in the U.S. for a "hilariously rip-roaring adventure across 1970s America with a hot soundtrack that serves up hip-hop, sass and comic-book quick cuts."

Geva is at 75 Woodbury Blvd. in Rochester. Subscriptions for the full nine-play 2019-2020 season (not counting "A Christmas Carol" or the festivals) are on sale now for \$224.50. The Wilson Stage Series may be purchased separately, from \$135 and \$91.50 respectively. Tickets to all individual shows (except "A Christmas Carol") will go on sale to the general public on July 16; tickets to "A Christmas Carol" will go on sale to the general public on Sept. 23. For information, visit www.geva-theatre.org/subscribe.

Future installments of Front-Row Seat will explore other area theatre groups' upcoming seasons.

Cuomo doubles down on tax cap

State Legislature passes its budget proposals, but governor says he won't sign without a permanent property tax cap

By Chris Carola and David Klepper
The Associated Press

ALBANY — The Democrat-controlled New York Legislature passed its spending plans for the next fiscal year on Wednesday, while Gov. Andrew Cuomo doubled down on his vow to refuse to sign a state budget that doesn't make the 2 percent property tax permanent.

The Democrat told an audience at a community center in Hicksville on Long Island that there's no way he'll sign off on a new spending plan that doesn't include a provision making the tax cap permanent.

"And I will tell you this as sure as I am before you today: if we do not have the permanent property tax cap in that state budget, this hand will never sign that state budget until it's in there," said Cuomo, speaking at a podium topped by a placard bearing the message "NO TAX CAP — NO DEAL!"

A permanent tax cap is part of Cuomo's approximately \$175 billion budget proposal. It's also included in the budget resolutions passed Wednesday in the Senate, which proposed a \$175.2 billion budget. But the Assembly, also controlled by Democrats, didn't include the tax cap in its one-house budget bills, which the chamber also approved Wednesday.

The Assembly's budget proposal is \$175.6 billion. Cuomo and legislative leaders will now use the three individual budget proposals to try to reach a final budget agreement for the 2019-2020 state

fiscal year by the April 1 deadline.

Cuomo said the 2 percent tax cap has saved New York property owners \$25 billion since it was implemented in 2012. Later Wednesday during a speech at a union hall in Westchester, Cuomo referred to the issue as "my line in the sand" with the Legislature.

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, a Bronx Democrat, noted that the tax cap, renewed by the Legislature in 2015, doesn't expire until next year.

"We'll get around to it," he said during an interview Wednesday on public radio's WCNY.

"We are committed to passing a budget that is on time, responsible and effective, and this resolution proves that point," said Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, of Yonkers.

Cuomo and top members of his administration have criticized lawmakers for proposing more spending than the governor. On Wednesday, the administration held a briefing for reporters on the state impact of a new federal budget proposal from Republican President Donald Trump, which officials say would cut billions of dollars in health care funding for the state.

Officials said the possibility of those cuts makes the legislative budgets even less practical.

"We need to move the conversation from fantasy land to reality," said Secretary to the Governor Melissa DeRosa, Cuomo's top adviser.

Here are some of the other critical budget items being debated in Albany:

LEGALIZED MARIJUANA: Cuomo had wanted the budget to include a provision legalizing recreational marijuana, and had proposed using a portion of new taxes on pot to fund transit

improvements in New York City. While leaders of both chambers support legalization, Cuomo now says the issue won't be handled in the budget. Administration officials say they're hopeful that lawmakers could take up the matter separately before adjourning in June.

CONGESTION PRICING: Motorists still don't know how much they'd pay to enter central Manhattan under Cuomo's plan to impose new tolls as a way to raise money for New York City subways while also discouraging gridlock. The Senate's budget plan embraces the idea, but says some of the revenue should go to suburban bus and train service too.

TAXES: In addition to making the property tax cap permanent, Cuomo wants to lower the tax rate for New Yorkers making more than \$150,000 or \$300,000. The Assembly wants to boost income taxes for people making more than \$5 million.

Cuomo and the Assembly want to create a new tax for owners of secondary homes in New York City valued at more than \$5 million, with revenues allocated to the transit system. The Senate is against raising taxes on the rich.

EDUCATION: Cuomo and his fellow Democrats agree on increasing funding for education, though the legislative budget plans go further. In his January budget proposal, Cuomo called for a \$1 billion increase for a total of \$26.7 billion in school aid. The new budget plans from the Senate and Assembly would add \$1.6 billion.

HEALTH CARE: The Assembly proposes restoring \$550 million in Medicaid cuts included in Cuomo's budget amendments. The Senate plan also restores some of the governor's proposed cuts, including \$3.8 million for school-based health clinics.

Kolb weighs in on budget plan

State Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb, R-Canandaigua, issued the following statement about the Assembly budget plan:



Kolb

"The good news about the Assembly Majority's budget proposal is that as a resolution it has no force of law. The bad news is that it reinforces a misguided mentality that over-taxes, over-spends and over-regulates. "With \$1.7 billion in tax increases this year and \$5.7 billion in tax increases over two years, the Assembly Majority's one-house budget sets off a fiscal fire alarm that would send the

most mobile New Yorkers running for the exits. New York can scarcely afford to lose another million residents.

"Each year, spending increases are treated like a given without even a single thought of holding the line. There is a reason New York is continually ranked as one of the highest-taxed states and one of the worst in which to own a business and retire. We must stop throwing money at a problem and expecting that to fix it, especially in the face of a budget deficit.

"It is not surprising, but it is disappointing that the one-house resolution: • rejects a 2 percent property tax cap; • fails to adequately fund roads, bridges and highway infrastructure; • continues to under-fund salaries for direct-care

professionals; • provides no assistance for job-creating small businesses; and

• maintains \$4.8 million in cuts to veterans programs. "The Assembly Minority Conference has consistently advocated for legislation to reduce taxes, make the cost of doing business and living in New York more affordable, and provide needed support to residents, communities and local governments. As we move toward the April 1 budget deadline, we will continue to advocate for critical issues that have not been adequately addressed.

"I look forward to working with legislative leadership and Gov. Cuomo to craft a more fiscally-responsible budget that works for the people of New York. There is much work to be done."

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"The feeling was to be kind of like a cooperative but with a structure at the top to come in when the blocking starts," he added — the advantages of a cooperative without the disadvantages.

A 10th anniversary "Meet the MuCCC Open House" is set for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 24, with several of MuCCC's artists over the years — playwrights, directors, actors — and volunteers on hand to meet the public. There will be live music and refreshments. In addition to celebrating the anniversary, the open house also serves to call attention to current efforts to raise money to upgrade the theatrical lighting system to LED theatrical standard lights, along with improvements to signage, siding and other structural repairs.

Rochester ensemble company Method Machine inaugurated the MuCCC in March 2009 with MJ Savastano's one-woman performance as poet Sylvia Plath in Paul Alexander's play "Edge" — just around a month after Rice got the use variance from the city. Eight hundred-plus productions later, MuCCC director of artist development

and booking manager John Borek to this day considers that show one of the most memorable — though acknowledging that's like choosing a favorite child "after the progeny have reached five generations." (For Rice, it was having playwright Amir Baraka in attendance for a production of his "Dutchman.") Borek came aboard at MuCCC a few months after it got underway.

"I said, 'Is there any money in it?' Doug said, 'No.' I said, 'It can't be that hard,'" he joked. "The rest is mystery."

In addition to booking, Borek describes his role as "guiding the aesthetic" — meeting with the artists, making suggestions, learning their strengths, in general helping guide the artistic process along. "Anything that a liberal arts major ever dreamed of doing in a theater," he said. (Both Borek and Rice credit technical and facilities manager Kevin Indovino for much of the work of keeping the facility maintained and pleasurable to experience, along with a board of directors and a number of behind-the-scenes volunteers.)

The MuCCC has hosted such groups as Out of Pocket Productions, Stasz/Pruitt Productions, Greater Rochester Repertory Company, Limmelight Productions,

Polite Ink and many more — and has managed to keep the ticket prices reasonable. The aim has been to keep them compatible with movie prices, to make theater affordable and accessible. Borek said — he doesn't think they've ever had a ticket price over \$25, and most are considerably less.

There's no paid administrative staff — there's not even a phone, Rice says — and they don't aggressively chase grants. When companies pay to book the venue, they know they're not paying for overhead; they're paying for such things as mortgage payments and the electric bill. Yet MuCCC has broken even and even made a little money, they said. And after a challenging first few years attempting to make a reputation, it's definitely on the Rochester arts map these days, thanks to the festivals it hosts and its status as a venue during the annual Fringe Festival. Borek says he's booking a full year out these days — and the bulk of the shows are originated by local or regional artists.

"We run on passion and commitment to the arts," Borek said. Upcoming shows at MuCCC include the following: March 26-30: "2 Plus 2 = 7, or The Lesson" by Grace Flores, directed by

Reuben J. Tapp: A blues legend is set to perform one last time, though the performance may end up being a fight for his life. (Part of the Bronze Collective series.)

April 5-20: Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night" presented by the Irish Players, a subset of Rochester Community Players — O'Neill's exploration of his family. April 26 through May 4: Out of Pocket Inc. presents "Barbecue Apocalypse" by Matt Lyle, in which a worldwide cataclysm replaces the rules of bourgeois success with the law of the jungle.

For show times and ticket information for these and other shows, and more about the venue, visit muccc.org.

Playwrights' Play Readings auditions coming up

The Geneva Theatre Guild will hold auditions for its annual Playwrights' Play Readings at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, and Wednesday, March 27, at the Presbyterian Church in Geneva, 24 Park Place, Geneva. On March 18, members of the Geneva Theatre Guild — having read some 50 submitted plays — selected plays to be presented at this year's readings, set for 7:30 p.m. April 26 at Geneva

Public Library, 7 p.m. April 27 at Anthony Road Winery, and 2 p.m. April 28 at Torrey Park Grill.

20 venues, 320 shows, 1,500 artists

Producers John Nugent and Marc Iacona Tuesday announced the full lineup for the nine-day CGI Rochester International Jazz Festival, set for June 21-29. And a full lineup it is, with more than 320 shows involving 1,500-plus artists from around the world performing in 20 downtown venues. A record number of the shows this year — more than 100 — are free.

The festival includes three series: the Headliner series (headline acts such as George Benson, Patti LaBelle, and Jeff Goldblum & The Mildred Snitzer Orchestra performing at Kodak Hall in Eastman Theatre; the Club Pass Series of 220-plus shows (in which a Club Pass gets you into all of them); and the 100-plus free shows. In addition, there are nightly jam sessions at 10:30 p.m. at Hyatt Regency Rochester, led by Bob Sneider and Karl Stabnau; and five free student jazz workshops, sponsored by Wegmans, held June 24-28 in the Eastman School of Music's Wright Room. New this year: Four new venues, including two at

Geva and two at Parcel 5. For the complete schedule, visit Rochesterjazz.com. (Headliner tickets and Club Passes are currently on sale there.)

That other music festival

The jazz fest isn't the only music gathering to announce its lineup this week. Golden Link Tuesday announced the evening concert performers for the 48th annual Turtle Hill Folk Festival, to take place Sept. 6-8 at Rotary Sunshine Campus, 809 Five Points Road in Rush.

The evening performers are Debra Cowen, Annie & The Hedonists, Jay Ungar and Molly Mason (Ungar's "Ashokan Farewell" is well-known from Ken Burns' "The Civil War" documentary series), the Heather Pierson Trio, Scott Cook, and Richie & Rosie. Festival tickets will be available in the near future at www.goldenlink.org, with discounts for Golden Link members.

The audience gets to not only hear the performers in the evening but interact with them at presentations and workshops during the day Saturday and Sunday, there's also a Saturday afternoon contra dance and late-night singing and jamming.

PLASTICS

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Wadsworth instead advised the city to follow Wegmans' lead, by focusing on reducing food waste that takes up space in landfills and educating the public on the need to reuse plastic bags.

"We know that food waste is the biggest concern today, not packaging," Wadsworth said. "We know customers are looking for a more sustainable package."

Wegmans has tried pilot programs involving reusable cutlery, but found that labor costs, use of hot water and use of soap increased — and cutlery "disappeared."

A ban would hit the Canandaigua store hard, in particular, because it does a lot of take-out food business.

"Let's think of unintended consequences," Wadsworth said.

Wegmans does use products from Pactiv's Earth Choice product line, as do many companies.

Terry Lafferty, plant manager of the manufacturing facility just across the city line in the town of Canandaigua, said the company produces 115 million pounds of product every year and 400,000 pounds a day at the site, which also houses research and development for new products.

A city ban most likely would not have an impact on production, Lafferty said.

But having a ban in place where one of the area's largest employers operates creates a "branding" concern and puts the company at a disadvantage enticing and encouraging people to work there, Lafferty said.

"It puts a stigma in their head," Lafferty said.

The company for years has been moving toward producing more

products with recycled material and much of that product is recyclable, although different communities have different guidelines for accepting products into recycling programs.

The lack of markets for recycled material is forcing communities to abandon recycling programs because "no one wants to take the stuff," according to Councilmember Renée Sutton.

The hope is the market downturn for recycled material is cyclical and demand will grow, as there are uses for it out there, according to Dave Brook, who handles regulatory compliance for the company.

Noting the company is not creating a need among customers but filling it, the problem is there is not a single bullet that will address everyone's concerns over single-use plastics, Brook said.

"There really is no single solution," Brook said. "It's complex."

HOSPITALS

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don't take into account factors out of a hospital's control — like population of uninsured and poor patients, community support and so forth.

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has published the hospital ratings since 2005. After releasing the newest ratings in February for the first time in 15 months, the agency opened a public comment period for feedback as it considers changing its approach.

Still, CMS officials say they stand by the current star ratings as a helpful tool for consumers.

"At Thompson Hospital, we are always in favor of transparency when it comes to the myriad of information available to patients," said UR Medicine Thompson Health President/CEO Michael F. Stapleton Jr., in an email response to the report card. "In the spirit of empowering local healthcare consumers with information, however, we feel strongly that data should be presented within the proper context so people can consider for themselves how truly meaningful it may be."

In a similar vein, Lara Turbide, vice president, community services for Finger Lakes Health, said the health system encourages consumers to be informed, adding it's important "to look at the whole picture" and

"ask questions behind the data." Geneva General and Soldiers and Sailors Memorial hospitals are under Finger Lakes Health system. From the hospital standpoint, Turbide said ratings offer "a good opportunity to pause" and review how the hospitals are doing. "We know there is room to improve," she said.

Turbide talked about the factors out of a hospital's control, such as the population and composition of the community the hospital serves. For example, family support after a person leaves the hospital can make a big difference in whether that person needs to be readmitted. Patients also tend to react differently about their hospital experience based on factors such as whether they know staff and are already familiar with that hospital. Though Geneva General received one star in the latest CMS rating, and Soldiers and Sailors received three stars, both hospitals use the same policies and procedures, as well as administrative and nursing leadership teams, she said.

Rochester Regional Health oversees Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic, which received two stars. Responding to the rating, Veronica R. Chiesi Brown, public information officer/advisor, stated in an email: "Rochester Regional Health continues to lead the way in the delivery of high quality, safe patient care to all we serve. The Clifton Springs Medical Village, set to open in 2020, will

continue to advance the level of care in the region." The \$32 million outpatient care center in Clifton Springs is scheduled to open in early 2020.

At Thompson Hospital, Stapleton stated: "Our hospital undergoes rigorous reviews on a regular basis, both for routine accreditation purposes and for the purposes of achieving prestigious distinctions within particular areas of care." He listed honors and achievements including for nursing excellence and in various areas of treatment and specialties.

"Our hospital's CMS rating drops due to re-admissions and timeliness of care in our Emergency Department," Stapleton said. "These are both areas we are addressing on a daily basis."

"With regard to the E.D., an increased inpatient volume has at times meant a backlog of E.D. patients waiting for an inpatient bed. This is one of the reasons behind our current expansion of our intensive care unit, which is due to open early next year. We are confident we are providing high-quality patient care and

we also know we are continuously striving to do even better. As always, we encourage patients to talk with their own trusted physicians if they have questions about quality improvement or patient safety initiatives with our hospital. We also encourage them to make us aware of any concerns so we may enhance our existing process improvement initiatives."

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OBITUARY

DONELDA M. GARY

VICTOR - Gene is the face we loved so dearly as Donelda entered into eternal rest on March 25, 2019, at age 93. Donelda's memorial service will be celebrated

on Saturday March 30, at 11 p.m. at Jarmusz Cofon Funeral Home, 26 Maple Ave., Victor. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory

may be made to Serenity House of Victor, 1278 Bruce Road, Victor, NY 14564. To leave family condolences please visit www.jarmuszcofuneralhome.com.

WHEELER

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Years of playing in a band context with other musicians taught him a lot, he said — "It taught me to open on stage, to connect in real-time with people who may not be doing what I expected. ... It was an eye-opening and learning experience, and one which I'm now trying to take into my solo performances." Shindell is justly celebrated for his lyrics, their concept and execution, their narrative structure and anrasing of details. Consider these lines from that Halloween-breakup song, "Are You Happy Now?": "I smashed your pumpkin on the floor / The candle flickered at my feet / As gobhins flew across the room / The children peered

into the room / A cowboy shivered on the porch / As Cinderella checked her watch / An angel whispered, trick-or-treat / But what was I supposed to do / But to sit there in the dark? / I was amazed to think that you / Could take the candy with you too. ..." That said, while Shindell has always paid close attention to his songs as pieces of writing, with the musical arrangements as the vehicle to get the lyrics, the story across — these days he's paying more attention to the musical element: "The music serves the story, yes, but it's not subordinate to it. "I'm kind of giving more of a nod to just the music as music, the guitar playing as guitar playing," he said. "Always trying to represent the story and how it comes across — but

whenever possible, to experiment a little bit. I was a guitar player before I was a songwriter. I'm having a lot of fun with it." Shindell had in fact been playing since the age of 8, and was primarily a guitarist until his mid 20s — "but I was always fascinated by how much could be done in a little three-minute song, how much of a connection you could make with a listener with a few broad strokes and a chord progression." He studied poetry, and had, as he puts it, a relationship with words and a relationship with the guitar, but "for many years they never seemed to meet in a way that was compelling to me — until one day, it did. "Once it did," he added, "I was hooked." Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$10 students with ID, and free for ages 12 and younger. For more information, email events@cafeveritas.org or visit www.cafeveritas.org.

BUDGET

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The Legislature was working out the details of several proposals in Cuomo's \$175 billion spending plan, including eliminating cash bail for criminal defendants and a permanent extension of the existing 2 percent cap on local property tax increases. When top lawmakers emerged from another negotiating session with Cuomo on Wednesday, they were optimistic that a budget deal would be reached by the deadline. "We're on pace to be on time," said Senate Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, D-Yonkers. "It's fair to say we are close on many things." Much of the discussion Wednesday focused on a proposed tax on second homes in Manhattan worth more than \$5 million. Lawmakers are now debating whether to make it an annual property tax or a one-time sales tax paid when the properties are bought. Revenue from the tax would go to New York City transit.

"They're ultra-rich," said Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, D-Manhattan. "They should be paying their fair share." Meanwhile, more than 100 people who support legalizing recreational marijuana rallied at the second day, calling on lawmakers to include legalization in the budget. While Cuomo wanted lawmakers to include a legalization provision, it now appears that disagreements over the details will keep it out of the spending plan. Barring a last-minute agreement, lawmakers say they expect to take up legalization following passage of the budget. But a proposal to impose new tolls on motorists driving south of 61st Street in Manhattan is expected to be included. The toll, which would vary by day and time, would begin in 2021 as a way to reduce traffic congestion while also raising billions of dollars for the city's aging subway system. While specific toll amounts have not been set, earlier estimates had put

the amount as high as \$12. Cuomo wants the budget to also include a public campaign financing program, something many government watchdog groups say would reduce the power of wealthy campaign donors. On Wednesday, Cuomo's support for public campaign financing was questioned after The New York Times reported that he held a \$25,000-a-ticket fundraiser earlier this month. The Times article noted that attendees included lobbyists working on budget-related issues. "A \$25,000 ticket is outrageous," said Sen. Alessandra Biaggi, a New York City Democrat and one of three lawmakers who criticized Cuomo at a news conference Wednesday evening. "During the budget process it is egregious." Azzopardi, the Cuomo spokesman, dismissed the criticism, noting that lawmakers themselves hold frequent campaign fundraisers. "These hypocrites should practice what they preach and take a look in the mirror," he said.

IDEAS

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potential activities, according to City Manager John Goodwin. "We want to get all ideas on the table," Goodwin said. "We have a nice and thriving downtown, but we can also make it better."

The city has been unsuccessful in the past, with Geneva, Batavia (in Genesee County), and Penn Yan (in Yates County) receiving the state awards locally the last three years. In 2017, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that 12 projects were receiving \$10 million of state funding in Geneva. The city manager at the time, Matt Horn, now is working with

Canandaigua through his current job at MRB Group, which the city earlier this year awarded an \$8,625 contract for help with the application. Officials have examined the city's previous applications and determined that public engagement in the process is an aspect that can be strengthened, Goodwin said. Many of the ideas mentioned in prior years may

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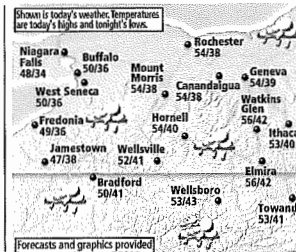
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RealFeel: 51° / 35°

FRIDAY High: 48° Low: 38°
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RealFeel: 51° / 33°

SATURDAY High: 51° Low: 32°
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RealFeel: 52° / 25°

SUNDAY High: 39° Low: 24°
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BULLETIN BOARD

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
American Red Cross blood drive: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 28, Human Resources Building, 3019 County Complex Drive, Canandaigua. Participants must be ages 17 or older, 16 with parental consent, and bring ID. Visit redcross.org for information.
Rochester Reads author visit: 12:45 p.m. March 28, Finger Lakes Community College, 3325 Marvin Sands Drive, Hopewell. Omar El Akkad will read and discuss his novel "American War." \$2.
American Red Cross blood drive: 1 to 6 p.m. March 28, Finger Lakes Community College, 63 Pulteney St., Geneva. Participants must be ages 17 or older, 16 with parental consent, and bring ID. Visit redcross.org for information.
Maljongs: 2 p.m. March 28, Macedon Public Library, 30 Main St., Macedon. For all skill levels. Attendees will play this ancient game of skill, luck and strategy. For information: macedonpubliclibrary.org or 315-986-5932.
Faculty Biennial Exhibition Reception: 4 to 6:30 p.m. March 28, Williams-Insalaco Gallery 34, Finger Lakes Community College, 3325 Marvin Sands Drive, Hopewell. The show features work by art faculty members. Free. For information: gallery34@ficc.edu or 585-785-1369.
Open house: 5 to 8 p.m. March 28, Finger Lakes Community College Victor Campus Center, 200 Victor Heights Parkway, Victor. Visitors can talk to faculty, staff and students; view the classrooms and equipment demonstrations; and ask questions of representatives from admissions and financial aid. FAFSA workshop included. RSVPs requested. Free. For information: victor@ficc.edu or 585-785-1100.
ClSCI Family Night: 6 to 8 p.m. March 28, Phelps Library and STEAM Lab Makerspace, 8 Banta St., Suite 200, Phelps. Registration requested. For information: 315-548-3120.
Crafty Capers: 6 p.m. March 28, Macedon Public Library, 30 Main St., Macedon. Call 315-986-5932 for details on the

project.
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Rochester Reads author visit: 10 a.m. March 29, Victor Town Hall, 85 E. Main St., Victor. Omar El Akkad is the author of "American War," this year's Rochester Reads selection. For information: victorfarmingtonlibrary.org or 585-924-2637.
American Red Cross blood drive: 2 to 7 p.m. March 29, Palmyra Town Hall, 1180 Canandaigua Road, Palmyra. Participants must be ages 17 or older, 16 with parental consent, and bring ID. Visit redcross.org for information.
Cheshire Old World Spaghetti Dinner: 4 to 7 p.m. March 29, Cheshire Fire Hall, 4285 Route 21, Canandaigua. Tickets are \$10; \$8 for ages 6 to 12 and 5 and under eat free. Takeout is available.
Teen Advisory Board: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. March 29, Wood Library, 134 N. Main St., Canandaigua. For grades 7-12. Participants offer suggestions on what goes on in the Teen Scene and with teen programming. For information: ksmith@pls-net.org or 585-394-1381.
Itsy Bitsy Book Group: 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. March 29, Geneva Public Library, 244 Main St., Geneva. For ages 3-5. Attendees will discuss the lovable llama llama, play a game and make a craft. For information: geneveaplusmarketing@gmail.com or 315-789-5303.
Teen Game Night: 6:30 to 8 p.m. March 29, Wood Library, 134 N. Main St., Canandaigua. For grades 6-12. Teens encouraged to bring their favorite games to share with others. For information: ksmith@pls-net.org or 585-394-1381.
ROC/FLX Craft Beverage Trail First Fest: 7 to 9 p.m. March 29, Ravenwood Golf Club, 929 Lynaugh Road, Victor. The event will feature drink and food samples, live music, and raffles. Tickets include a tasting glass.

\$15-\$40. For information: bit.ly/2G87caM or 585-394-3915.
SATURDAY, MARCH 30
Electronic Waste Collection: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 30, Farmington Highway Facility, 985 Hook Road, Farmington. For Ontario County residents. Call 585-394-3977, ext. 427 to register. Visit ontariocountyrecycles.org for information.
Canandaigua Polar Plunge: registration, 10 to 11:30 a.m., plunge at noon March 30, Kershaw Park in Canandaigua.
Brown Bag Movie: 11:30 a.m. March 30, Clifton Springs Library, 4 Railroad Ave., Clifton Springs. The library will screen "Ralph Breaks the Internet." For information: clifton-springslibrary.com or 315-462-7371.
6x6 Party: noon to 3 p.m. March 30, Main Street Arts, 20 W. Main St., Clifton Springs. Participants will create 6-by-6 works for the annual exhibit at the Rochester Contemporary Art Center. Materials provided. Free. For information: bit.ly/27RnVCF or 315-462-0210.
Sounds and Instruments of Ireland: 2 p.m. March 30, Macedon Public Library, 30 Main St., Macedon. For all ages. Attendees will learn how to play the penny whistle and bodhran. Registration required. For information: 315-986-5932.
Roast Beef Dinner: 4 to 7 p.m. March 30, Middlesex Hose Co., 5537 Water St., Middlesex. Menu includes salad, rolls, relish, roast beef, gravy, potatoes, corn, pie, iced tea, milk and coffee. Tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$6 for school children and free for preschoolers.
Billy Martin's Cole All-Star Circus: 7 p.m. March 30, Midlakes High School, 1554 State Route 488, Clifton Springs. \$10. For information: 315-548-6600.
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still be under an application. The city has eyed the upper floors of downtown buildings, some of which are underused or dilapidated, for investment for offices, Goodwin said. Investment also could be pursued in the Bemis Block and its Bemis Hall, a one-time entertainment location where suffragette Susan B. Anthony and abolitionist and author Frederick Douglass once

speak. "There are historical preservation elements we'd like to pursue," Goodwin said. In the near future, surveys, social media, and other means also may be used to gather public input. Input from stakeholders such as the Canandaigua Business Improvement District and Downtown Merchants Association also is invited.

Typically, applications have been made in late May with grant award announcements beginning in June, although the timetable may change depending on when the state budget for 2019-20 is approved, Goodwin said. Legislators are supposed to adopt a spending plan by April 1, although the deadline this year is in question.

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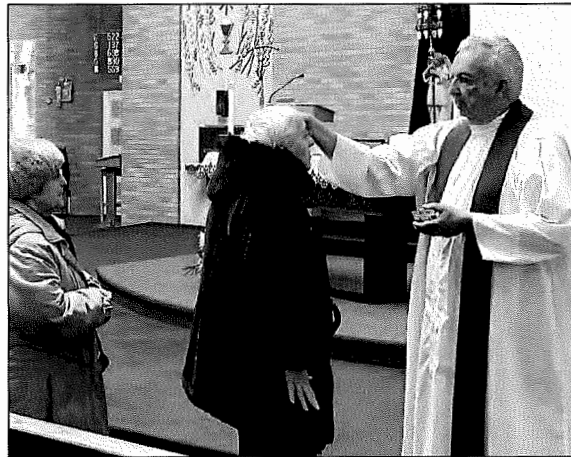
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AROUND THE AREA

Lent begins



The Rev. Daniel Walsh blesses the masses at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in the city of Dunkirk Wednesday as Lent begins the Holy season of Easter for Catholics around the world.

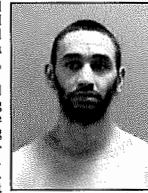
Crystal meth, brass knuckles located in Jamestown home

JAMESTOWN — Crystal methamphetamine and brass knuckles were found during a search of a Jamestown home Tuesday, city police announced.

Charged was 32-year-old Kyle O. Kamholtz following an investigation from the Jamestown Metro Drug Task Force. A search warrant was executed around 1 p.m. at 102 McKinley Ave. after police learned that Kamholtz was allegedly using the location to traffic crystal methamphetamine.

Kamholtz was taken into custody near the residence. He was charged with third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, criminally using drug paraphernalia and criminal possession of a weapon.

Inside the residence, police said they found 4.8 grams of crystal meth and



Kyle O. Kamholtz

the brass knuckles. Investigators also located a small amount of methamphetamine along with packaging materials and scales used for the sales of and trafficking of crystal methamphetamine, Jamestown police said in a press release.

Kamholtz was being held in Jamestown City Jail

Pi Day observance slated for today at Fredonia

The campus and community are invited to participate in a final 'whodunit' with the State University of New York at Fredonia's Department of Mathematical Sciences today, March 7, at 6 p.m. in McEwen Hall Room 209 in celebrating Pi Day.

The event is being held a week early due to the spring break. The year's theme is "CSPI."

Student teams will earn clues to help solve a crime scene investigation culminating in a final 'whodunit' reminiscent of an old-fashioned game of "Clue."

T-shirts "that no amount of money can buy" will go to winners, and the team's name will be etched on the Pi Cup Trophy.

For student information on how to participate in the event, email Dr. Keary Howard at keary.howard@fredonia.edu.

Evans house party results in four arrests

EVANS — On Feb. 3 at 1:45 a.m., patrol responded to a fight call on Wisconsin Road. Upon arrival, patrol allegedly observed several underage, intoxicated subjects with the officers and/or at the end of the driveway. Patrol entered the home and noticed several underage, intoxicated subjects and a quantity of alcoholic beverages. Patrol spoke with Erik R. Rechlin, 19, of Evans, who stated his parents were out of town and he was in-charge of the house.

At this point, patrol heard an officer call for back-up outside. The officer reported that parties outside started using

obscene language and became disorderly. All listed offenders, in the course of patrol attempting to maintain order, allegedly made physical contact and second-degree obstructing governmental administration.

Impeded them from moving about the property to investigate further. Town of Evans Police and the Town of Hamburg and Eden Police Departments, as well as the Erie County Sheriff's Office. An Evans patrol car was extensively damaged while responding to the call, when it went off the road avoiding a deer. The following offenders were taken to Evans Police

Department: Collin D. Furtko, 20, of Evans, was charged with disorderly conduct; obscene language/gestures and second-degree obstructing governmental administration.

Erik R. Rechlin, 19, of Evans, was charged with disorderly conduct; obscene language/gestures, second-degree obstructing governmental administration and second-degree criminal nuisance — maintaining premises for unlawful conduct.

David M. Killan, 20, of Evans, was charged with disorderly conduct; obscene language/gestures

and second-degree obstructing governmental administration.

Thomas J. Kmitch, 20, of Evans was charged with disorderly conduct; obscene language/gestures and second-degree obstructing governmental administration.

While in lock-up, Kmitch also allegedly damaged the jail telephone by pulling it off the wall, and urinated on the jail floor, resulting in an additional charge of fourth-degree criminal mischief — intent to damage property.



Brandon M. Smith



Celeste M. Carr



Samuel L. Critzer

Three charged after crystal meth found in Jamestown home

JAMESTOWN — An investigation into the trafficking of crystal methamphetamine from a Jamestown home resulted in three city residents.

Jamestown police on Wednesday announced the arrests of 32-year-old Brandon M. Smith, 33-year-old Celeste M. Carr and 32-year-old Samuel L. Critzer.

A search warrant was executed Tuesday at 6 Terrace Place around 3:45 p.m. by members of the Jamestown Metro Drug Task Force, Jamestown police and the New York State Police K-9 Unit.

"Information was obtained that revealed that crystal methamphetamine was being sold from the location and a

search warrant was obtained," Jamestown police said in a press release.

Smith and Carr were located inside the home, while Critzer was found outside. All three were taken into custody.

Inside, investigators found more than 13 grams of crystal methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

All three were charged with third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and criminally using paraphernalia. Smith was additionally charged with a federal probation violation for violating a probation from a previous drug charge. Carr, meanwhile, was additionally charged with three counts of endangering the welfare of a child.

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AROUND THE AREA

Lake Erie 'Mountain' of Snow from Point Gratiot



Submitted Photo by John Sipos
When the outside temperature was 14 degrees on Tuesday afternoon, and the strong winds were blowing across the lake, the Lake Erie "mountain" of snow was a winter scene to remember. This has been the tenth consecutive day of snow in this area. The photograph was from Point Gratiot park in Dunkirk.

Vehicle hits tree in Pomfret

POMFRET — On Wednesday, at around 7:30 a.m. Chautauqua County Sheriff deputies responded to Cummings Road in the town of Pomfret for a report of a vehicle into a tree. Upon arrival it was determined that Cody Hunt, 20, of Fredonia, was attempting to swerve around a deer that had entered the roadway. Hunt lost control of his vehicle striking a tree. He was examined by Fredonia Fire Department for a leg injury. Hunt was issued a traffic ticket for speed unreasonable and failure to keep right. He will appear in the town of Pomfret Court at a later date.

Area police

New York State Police

• ELLICOTT — On March 12, troopers responded to a report of a reckless driver and stopped the suspected vehicle on Interstate 86 at Exit 12. Sarah Hallberg, 56, of Lakewood, was arrested for aggravated DWI after allegedly falling several SFSTs and was transported to State Police Jamestown, where she provided a breath sample of .21. Hallberg was then processed, issued tickets and released. Hallberg is scheduled to appear in Town of Ellicott Court later this month.

Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office

• WESTFIELD — On March 7 at about 9:20 p.m., deputies stopped a vehicle for an alleged traffic violation on Route 20. Further investigation found that Jason R. Taber, 22, of Silver Creek, was reportedly operating the vehicle impaired by drugs. Taber was taken into custody and charged with driving while ability impaired by drugs, unlawful possession of marijuana and drove across hazard markings. Taber was processed and released to a sober party. Taber will appear in Town of Westfield Court to answer the charges.

• POMFRET — On March 13 at around 12:09 p.m., deputies stopped a vehicle on Route 60 for an observed traffic infraction. The operator identified himself as Charles W. Brown, 46, of Falconer. Through investigation, it was found that Brown was allegedly operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs. Brown was also found to be in possession of methamphetamine and Xanax. Brown was charged with failure to keep right, operating motor vehicle using a cell phone, driving while ability impaired by drugs and two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance. Brown will answer the charges out of the Town of Pomfret Court.

Brocton Preceptor Beta Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meets

Members of the Brocton Preceptor Beta Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday evening, March 12, at the home of Judy Travis. The ladies made their final plans for their upcoming St. Patrick's Towel Bingo this Sunday, March 17. This is the 17th year of this special fund-raising event. They have nearly 100 beautiful bath and beach towels as prizes for the winners of each game. Every member is donating four towels, three dozen cookies or assorted treats and three items for the Chinese Auction.

They will also be serving punch and coffee with snacks on each table. The bingo runs from 1 until 4 p.m. with the doors opening at noon. Proceeds are used to help many in the community that are undergoing difficult times and to many local causes. The admission fee is \$4 and additional cards are available for \$1 each. There is also a Chinese Auction and 50-50 drawings. Get-well cards were signed for two members who recently underwent surgery and are recuperating at home.

Founder's Day will be held in April with the date and place to be discussed further at their next meeting, which will be their annual soup and salad dinner on Tuesday, March 26 at 6 p.m. at the home of Josie Lantz. Members signed up to bring soup, salad, bread or dessert. Election of officers will also be held that evening. The ladies enjoyed dessert and spent the rest of the evening sorting through the Towel Bingo totes to determine items needed for this Sunday's happening.

Community Notebook

Brocton Preceptor Beta Epsilon Sorority plans Towel Bingo Sunday

The ladies of the Brocton Preceptor Beta Epsilon Sorority are once again sponsoring a fun afternoon of "TOWEL BINGO" at the Brocton American Legion Post 434, 110 W. Main St. on Sunday, March 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Prizes include a large variety of colorful bath and beach towels. An auction and drawings will be held during the afternoon and a variety of delicious treats, punch and coffee will be served during the intermission. Money raised from this entertaining event is donated throughout the year to assist families, individuals and organizations in need of financial help or going through difficult times. Admission is \$4 and the doors will open at noon.

'GRIEFSHARE' support group to meet weekly

Beginning Thursday, March 21 from 7 to 9 p.m., a support group for the loss of a loved one will begin meeting weekly at Harvest Chapel, 39 Matteson St. in Fredonia. This is a 12 week series running through June 6, but anyone can join at any time. Call 679-0987 for more information.

Lakeshore Humane Society to hold Pet Adoption Day

The Lakeshore Humane Society will hold a Pet Adoption Day/Evening

House at its Adoption Center on Saturday, March 16 from noon to 4 p.m. The center is located at 431 E. Chestnut St., Dunkirk. Come to see the facility and meet some of the dogs and cats who need caring homes. While at the LHS

If unable to come to an Adoption Day, please call 672-1991 to arrange an appointment to see the dogs and cats awaiting adoption. (You must be 21 years of age or older to adopt a pet.)

Adoption Center, check out the "Cat's Meow" Boutique. Also, please note that the LHS is collecting

refundable bottles and cans in a collection bin in the www.lakeshorehumanesociety.org lobby of the Adoption Center. Call 672-1991 or tion.

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AROUND THE AREA

DFT donates camera



OBSERVER Photo by M.J. Stafford
DFT Communications donated a \$2,290 video camera to Fredonia Public Access recently. The camera will allow the station to create much-improved graphics, including full-screen visuals, said Chip Riewaldt of Fredonia Public Access. This will especially enhance coverage of sporting events, he added. DFT formally presented the camera at the Fredonia Board of Trustees' March 18 meeting. Pictured, standing, from left to right are Dan Syracuse and Kurt Maytum of DFT; Mayor Athanasia Landis; Trustee Kara Christina, a member of the access channel's board; and Riewaldt.

Revitalize Dunkirk to meet today

The March meeting of Revitalize Dunkirk will be held today at 6:30 p.m., at the Fredonia State University Technology Incubator, 214 Central Ave. in Dunkirk.

Dunkirk City Historian Diane Andrasik will discuss the historical significance the role of volunteers and volunteer groups such as the YMCA, the late Robert Harris, and Revitalize Dunkirk among others have had in contributing to the life of the city.

Revitalize Dunkirk's general meeting agenda will follow. Revitalize Dunkirk, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization whose members advocate ideas and engage in projects for improved urban living to residents and elected Dunkirk city officials. All members of the community are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Community notebook

Fredonia trustees meeting Monday

There will be a special meeting of the Fredonia Board of Trustees on Monday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Trustees Room on the second floor of Village Hall.

'GRIEFSHARE' support group to meet weekly

Beginning today, from 7 to 9 p.m., a support group for the loss of a loved one will begin meeting weekly at Harvest Chapel, 39 Matteson St. in Fredonia. This is a 12 week series running through June 6, but anyone can join at any time.

Call 679-0987 for more information.

Silver Creek Village Board meets today

The Silver Creek Village Board will conduct a workshop today from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Village Hall. The New York State Tap grant will be the topic of discussion.

Chautauque County Board of Health to meet

MAYVILLE The Chautauque County Board of Health will hold its meeting today at 6 p.m. in the HRC Building, 4th Floor Conference Room, 7 N. Erie St. in Mayville. Anyone

seeking further information or wishing to attend this meeting should call the Public Health Director's Office at 753-4590.

Brooks Memorial Hospital Retirees luncheon set for today

The next Brooks Memorial Hospital retirees' luncheon will take place today at 11:30 a.m. at The

Liberty, 21 Prospect St., Fredonia.

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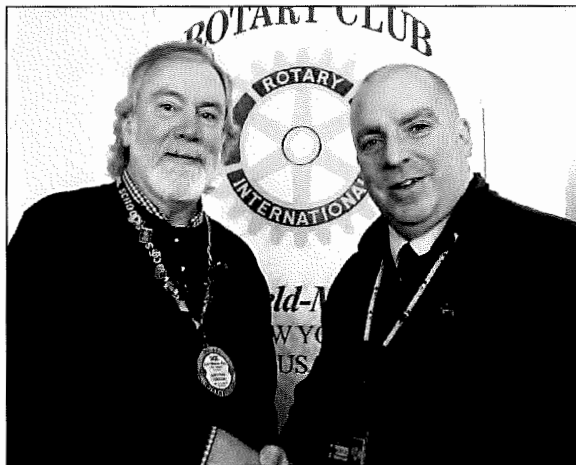
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AROUND THE AREA

School Superintendent Speaks to Westfield-Mayville Rotary



Doc Hamels (left), Westfield-Mayville Rotary Club President Elect, welcomes Ben Spitzer (right), Chautauque Lake Central School District Superintendent, to this Rotary Club's Mar. 26 meeting at The Parkview in Westfield. As the program presenter, Spitzer spoke about the state budget, aid to schools, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) federal law, learning standards, accountability and manufacturing education.

Warning of mail scam

LITTLE VALLEY — The Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office is warning area residents of a scam that has been circulating.

The Sheriff's Office said that several residents have reported receiving a letter in the mail from "DotService.com" regarding Department of Transportation (DOT) numbers.

The letter informs recipients that their DOT number is past due and they need to complete their "Biennial Update" or else have their DOT number deactivated and face a civil penalty of \$1,000 per day, up to \$10,000.

The Department of Motor Vehicle Services has been made aware of the letters and confirmed it is a scam.

The Sheriff's Office states that if you receive one of these letters, you shouldn't respond to it or provide personal information if contacted by phone regarding the request.

Area police

Evans Police Department

• On March 18 at about 4:12 p.m., Erie County Probation was at an address on Utica Street performing a house check on Patrick T. Fuhr, 59, of Evans, and requested patrol after finding narcotics inside the residence. Parole officers stated they allegedly recovered a crack pipe, marijuana bong and drug paraphernalia. Fuhr was on probation for larcenies of kitchen appliances, and he was reportedly found to be in possession of additional unopened kitchen appliances inside his vehicle. Fuhr was unable to produce receipts for the appliances. Fuhr was taken into custody and charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance. The appliances in Fuhr's vehicle are believed to be stolen, and have been turned over to the Detective Bureau for processing.

• On March 19 at around 4:11 a.m., patrol located a vehicle which had struck a stone pillar on Dennis Road. The vehicle was unoccupied and no persons were near the scene. The vehicle was cold and attempts to contact the owner were unsuccessful. Around 5 p.m., Dustin J. Dupree, 35, of Evans, allegedly came to the police station, and upon questioning admitted to operating the vehicle and leaving the scene. Dupree was charged with operator leaves scene of property damage accident, failed to stop at stop sign and license restriction violation.

• On March 20 at roughly 6:30 p.m., patrol stopped a vehicle on Erie Road for speeding. After running the license of the driver, Amanda L. Wisniewski, 28, of Evans, in ENTPortal, it was allegedly discovered to be suspended. Wisniewski was placed under arrest, transported to Evans Police Department for booking and charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation and speed in zone. The vehicle was impounded and Wisniewski was later released on two traffic tickets.

Access Chautauqua programming set for March 30 - April 5

Chautauqua Institution 2017 Sullivan from the American Lung Association. The program airs live at Access Chautauqua, formerly Cable viewers in the Chautauqua, Mayville, North Harmony, Portland, Ripley, Sherman and Westfield areas, and can be found on cable channel 1301. The programs may also be viewed after the initial airing at the station's website <https://accesschautauquacountytv.org>.

Lecture Series will be Tom Ajamie, "Protecting Your Wealth from Financial Serial Killers" at 12:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.; Shaun King, "Fresh Perspectives," hosted by Gall Ehr, will feature guest John Paul Wolfe from the McClurg Museum at 4 p.m., and Rev. Dr. John C. Welch, "Unprotected Lives: Fear, Anxiety and the Racial Undercurrents Undermining Police and Community Relations" at 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. Repeat programming is typically re-aired throughout the week at various time slots.

All programming starts this Saturday with the final airing on Doc Hamels, will have Jennifer Saturday with the final airing on g.

Community Notebook

Hanover tax payments due Monday

Property owners are reminded that Monday, April 1, is the last day to pay 2019 county/town taxes. Hanover Town Clerk Janine L. Salzman reminds Hanover taxpayers that taxes can be paid at the Hanover Town Clerk's office, 68 Hanover Street, Silver Creek, during regular business hours. After April 1, all unpaid taxes will be forwarded to Chautauqua County.

Pine Valley Memorial VFW Auxiliary Post 2522 news

The Pine Valley Memorial VFW Auxiliary Post 2522 will hold a maple weekend pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 30, from 8 a.m. to noon sponsored by Ern-Joy Farms. Pure maple syrup will be available for purchase. The event will take place at the Pine Valley Memorial VFW Auxiliary Post, 2522, 7117 Route 83, Cherry Creek. Donations are \$5 for "all you can eat" pancakes. On Saturday, April 27, Pine Valley Memorial VFW Auxiliary Post 2522 will hold a spaghetti dinner at the Post from 4 to 7 p.m. The \$8 donation will benefit the Post's veterans' programs. An AMBA Wellness program Quest Diagnostics is scheduled for April 13

from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. Call 1-800-234-8888 for an appointment. Various price packages and testing will be available. Proceeds from the event will help local veterans.

Cattaraugus County 4-H spaghetti dinner set for March 31

The Cattaraugus County 4-H will hold a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 31 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Cattaraugus County Fairgrounds Corporate Building, 501 Erie St., Little Valley. Tickets are \$8 pre-sale or \$10 at the door. For 7 years and under, the cost is \$5. The basket raffle begins at 3 p.m. The pie auction, which features fresh homemade pies, begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at the Cattaraugus County 4-H office.

Silver Creek Central School Music Alumni Reunion Performance being planned

The committee to organize a 2019 reiteration of the successful 2009 Music Alumni Concert is reaching out to SCCS music alumni to reserve their Fourth of July weekend now for a combined band and chorus reunion and performance scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 5 and 6. All interested alumni are encouraged to contact the

committee as soon as possible to facilitate music selection, distribution, and practice time! The band will be under the direction of Ron Sutherland and Eric Richardson will conduct the chorus. To inquire and register, email Wendy Roberts Ohmmeiss at wolhmmesse@gmail.com or via Facebook P.M. Additional contacts are kdeddie@stuy.rr.com and wipage@msn.com.

Dunkirk Town Board special meeting set

The Town Board of the Town of Dunkirk will hold a special meeting today at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 4737 Willow Road. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct any other lawful business to come before the Town Board.

Free Workshop "Walk Away from Stress" set for today

A free workshop, "Walk Away from Stress," will be offered Thursday, March 28 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Om Nohm Bakery, 45 Temple St., Fredonia. The presenter will be Kristian Reiber, certified wellness coach.

John T. Murray Post 1017 Auxiliary to meet April 1

The Auxiliary of the John T. Murray Post 1017 will hold its monthly meet-

ing Monday, April 1, at 7 p.m. at the Post. Election of officers and delegates will take place. Anyone wanting to hold an office is asked to send a letter saying so and what office to Pat Rabb, 10508 Bradigan Road, Forestville, New York 14062. Please be on time.

Chautauque County Certified Food Handler Class slated

The next Chautauque County Certified Food Handler Class will be held on Monday, April 1 starting at 1 and running to 4 p.m. The class will be taught at the Chautauque County Office of Emergency Services, 2 Academy St., (Old Mayville School), Mayville. Use the rear parking lot entrance by the bus garage. Pre-registration is required by calling 753-4693. Cost is \$40 for-profit, \$25 non-profit. Certification is valid for five years.

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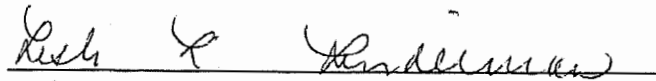
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NURSES

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"The problem is very real and very disturbing; there are not enough nurses to give patients the care they need and deserve," OGH RN Trevor Moore said in a statement to the Olean Times Herald Wednesday on behalf of the local chapter. "I have been a nurse for 10 years, and I don't think I have ever seen staffing levels so incredibly low."

Moore added union members have demonstrated to management "over and over again" that RN understaffing is serious, yet recent layoffs and other job loss at the hospital are only exacerbating the "unsafe staffing."

"The petition comes just two weeks after 16 OGH employees were laid off. The cuts were part of a total of 31 layoffs between OGH and fellow Upper Allegheny Health System member hospital Bradford (Pa.) Regional Medical Center.

Hospital spokesperson Dennis McCarthy said in a statement Wednesday that while OGH nurses are taking on more patients than normal in light of more patients this winter and some isolated vacancies, "there is no staffing crisis at Olean General Hospital and there are no issues with quality and safety."

McCarthy said the current nursing vacancy

rate at OGH is 10 percent, or about 20 RN positions; the national average is 8.2 percent, according to the 2018 National Health Care Retention and RN Staffing Report by NSI Nursing Solutions Inc. McCarthy said OGH is aggressively working with agency firms to staff vacancies and recruiting actively for nurses, adding the hospital expects to bring on a corps of approximately 30 new nurses graduates this spring.

As for the recent layoffs, McCarthy said no bedside nursing positions were impacted. He added that of the 31 employees laid off of the 31 employees laid off between OGH and BRMC, 15 have applied for open positions and nine have been rehired to date.

McCarthy, who is Twin Tiers director of marketing for Kaleida Health, the parent company of Upper Allegheny previously declined to specify which departments the impacted employees worked in. Upper Allegheny officials

have said the staff reduction, which represented about 2 percent of OGH and BRMC's approximately 1,450 employees, was due to the hospitals' financial performance not meeting expectations this past year.

They report Upper Allegheny lost \$5.4 million in 2017 and total losses in 2018 are expected to total \$5.1 million, citing inadequate hospital reimburse-

ments rates by Medicare, Medicaid and insurance companies.

As for the union's petition, McCarthy said it's "less about staffing at OGH" and "more about the start of a heavily orchestrated annual public campaign and a larger statewide union political agenda to promote the passage of staffing ratio legislation in Albany."

NYSNA, which represents more than 42,000 nurses statewide, has for the last few years backed The Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act, which would set mandate nurse-to-patient ratios in all medical facilities in New York.

The bill has yet to pass the state legislature.

McCarthy called the legislation "destructive," saying it would push many New York hospitals to bankruptcy. Opponents of the bill say it would cost \$3 billion to implement.

"People should not be misled by the scare tactics of a union with an agenda that is in fact a prescription for disaster," he said.

The Olean chapter's petition, nor its statement, mentions The Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act.

In the chapter's statement, Moore said OGH nurses don't have time to give patients the attention they need because they are "running from bedside to bedside."

"Forget that we don't have time to take a minute

SHORT STAFFING PUTS PATIENTS AT RISK! As members of this community we deserve safe patient care. It is our duty to advocate for safe patient care for all. We stand united calling on OGH administration to be for the staffing crisis issue and for all Administration must take bold actions to ensure safe patient care. Our Community Demands Safe Patient Care Now!

A petition being circulated by the Olean chapter of the New York State Nurses Association is demanding Olean General Hospital officials fix understaffing issues at the hospital. Hospital officials deny there's a staffing crisis and say the petition is part of the statewide union's larger political agenda.

break because that's not our main concern," he said. "Our concern is we can't give the patients the proper attention, we don't have the appropriate number of nurses to be by their bedside, and staffing levels make it impossible to comfort and explain things to

nervous family members. The situation is unacceptable and enough is enough. In 4 words: Safe staffing saves lives."

(Contact reporter Tom Dink at tdk@oleantimesherald.com. Follow him on Twitter, @tdink)

BUDGET

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time in a capital reserve for the expense, city Auditor Fred Saradina said.

Picikota said the goal is not to make more money for the city.

"You're not doing it to increase the tax base, you're doing it to make it fair," Picikota said, adding it serves as a fresh start for all assessments heading into tax season.

Finance Chairman Linda Witte, D-Ward 1, who was mayor during the last revaluation, said that "the last time we did it, I think a third (of assessments) went

up, a third went down and a third stayed the same."

Aldermen agreed another \$25,000 may need to come out of the \$200,000 contingency line in the current budget. "Anything you put in is a start," Picikota said.

A PILOT PROGRAM for converting city parking lots from traditional meters to electronic kiosks for around \$16,000 is likely to come out of the remaining contingency fund from the 2018-19 budget.

City Clerk Lens Martial said the kiosks, which would be installed in Lot 6 on North Barry Street, would allow parking enforcement officers to

quickly check what vehicles are out of compliance, while also allowing for customers to prepay for longer than the two hour limit on the existing meters.

Mayor Bill Aiello said the plan would lead to higher revenues and less man-hours. "The payback could be as early as one year with fines and revenues," Aiello said.

The plan would also alleviate a major hurdle to parking enforcement.

"Right now, we have some missing meters, and people go park there," Martial said. "We have 15 missing right now." Aiello noted an arrest

was made recently in a missing meter case, but that might not solve all the disappearing meter concerns. A large, permanent kiosk would be harder to remove — and with a value in the thousands of dollars, would be a felony charge for anyone who attempted it.

Parking rates may go up, however.

Crawford asked Martial to come back with figures on revenue generated at the lot, as well as what the revenue would come to if rates were raised from 25 cents per hour to 50 cents per hour. Martial noted the lot brings in between \$500 and \$1,000 a month currently.

THE COMMITTEE

WILL MEET again at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday before the regular Common Council meeting to discuss the proposed water and sewer budget review, citing calculation errors.

Once the department-by-department reviews are completed, the council will submit a request to the mayor's office for budget adjustments. The budget is due by mid-April for a June 1 start.

(Contact reporter-editor Bob Clark at bclark@oleantimesherald.com. Follow him on Twitter, @BTHob)

RABIES

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restaurant more often during the suspension. The owner will be able to take the online course and test in Chinese.

The food manager certificate was required by the Board of Health late last year as a term of obtaining a food service permit from high risk restaurants and food service locations.

INFLUENZA REMAINS widespread

across the state with 9,561 lab-confirmed cases in mid-February. Watkins also told board members. That's a 2 percent increase from the previous week. There have also been four infant deaths associated with the flu in New York, Watkins said.

Most of the cases in New York and Cattaraugus County have been Influenza A, Watkins said. In some age groups, the 2018-19 vaccine has been very effective, initial studies show.

In the 50 plus age group, the vaccine was found to

be only 24 percent effective, while ages six month to eight years old it was 61 percent effective. That dropped to 37 percent for ages 18-19, Watkins said.

The sample was 352 individuals in a half-dozen states. More than half the lab-confirmed cases in the study did not get the vaccine, Watkins said.

Health Department Medical Director Dr. Gilbert White wondered if the county's policy of giving seniors a double dose of the vaccine was more protective. In any event,

those who were vaccinated and later contracted the flu seem to have a milder case.

Watkins said this year's influenza vaccine was much better than the 2017-18 batch developed by the Centers for Disease Control. That vaccine was not very effective," he said.

Watkins also said that March is Colorectal Month and the county's rate of colorectal examinations is below the state average.

One reason is that many people don't have a primary physician and are less likely to have the exam.

Eight men and seven women in the county died from colorectal disease in 2017, Watkins said. It's the second deadliest cancer in the county after lung cancer.

Statewide, 1,600 men and 1,700 women died from the disease the same year, he said. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in the state.

(Contact reporter Rick Miller at rmiller@oleantimesherald.com. Follow him on Twitter, @RMillerOTH)

DAILY SPECIALS

TODAY'S HISTORY:

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received the patent for the telephone. In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered German troops to recapture the Rhineland, defying the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1965, state troopers forcefully broke up 600 civil rights protesters on "Bloody Sunday" in Selma, Alabama.

In 1985, the song "We Are the World" was released worldwide, with sales to benefit African famine relief.

In 2009, the Kepler space observatory, designed by NASA to discover Earthlike planets, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

TODAY'S QUOTE:

"Science is the knowledge of many, orderly and methodically digested and arranged, so as to become attainable by one."

— John Herschel, "A Preliminary Discourse on the Study of Natural Philosophy"

TODAY'S FACT:

Astronomers at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics used data from the Kepler space observatory to estimate that at least 17 billion Earth-sized exoplanets exist in the Milky Way galaxy.

TODAY'S NUMBER:

72,197 — number of Americans who were 100 years or older in 2014, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

John Herschel (1792-1871), mathematician/astronomer; Luther Burbank (1849-1926), botanist; Maurice Ravel (1875-1937), composer; Willard Scott (1934-), TV personality; Bryan Cranston (1956-), actor; Ivan Lendl (1960-), tennis player; Wanda Sykes (1964-), actress/comedian; Rachel Weisz (1970-), actress; Peter Sarsgaard (1971-), actor; Jenna Fischer (1974-), actress; Laura Prepon (1980-), actress.

TODAY'S SPORTS:

In 1987, 20-year-old Mike Tyson defeated James "Bonecrusher" Smith to unify the World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council titles, becoming the youngest undisputed heavyweight champion in history.

Today is National Cereal Day



Ferdinand Schumacher, a German immigrant, began the cereal revolution in 1854 with a hand oats grinder in the back room of a small store in Akron, Ohio. His German Mills American Oatmeal Company was the nation's first commercial oatmeal manufacturer.

LOTTO RESULTS

New York Daily No. (midday) 9-3-4 (16) Win Four (midday) 4-1-9-2 (18) Daily No. (evening) 2-6-9-6 (8) Win Four (evening) 6-8-2-7 (23) Take 5 11-21-23-33-38 Pick 10 23-24-29-36-38-45-46-49-50-51-54-57-58-59-60-66-68-70-71-72 Lotto 5-8-11-14-32-36 (Bonus: 21)

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STATE & UNION

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organization and its humanitarian mission. All U.S. residents since Roosevelt have designated March as

Red Cross Month to recognize how the American Red Cross helps people across the country and around the world through its workforce powered by more than 90 percent volunteers. Every eight minutes in

the U.S., the Red Cross connects with a family who has lost everything to a home fire or other disaster — the roof over their heads, their clothes, their most cherished possessions. Last year, more than 100 volunteers from Western and Central New York responded to deliver urgent relief and care.

Just in 2018, local volunteers assisted more than 1,340 families affected by home fires in Western and Central New York.

Learn more about how you can help by visiting www.redcross.org/wcy. Some ways to make a difference include:

■ Become a volunteer — Help families affected by disasters and install lifesaving smoke alarms to keep neighbors safe from home fires. In some areas, you can also provide emergency assistance for military members and veterans, or help reconnect families separated by international conflict.

■ Give blood — Make an appointment to donate lifesaving blood or platelets.

■ Learn lifesaving skills — Register for a class to learn first aid, CPR and other skills.

■ Make a financial donation — On March 27,

American Red Cross Giving Day, donate at redcross.org/givingday. A gift can provide hope and urgent relief, like food, shelter and other essentials, for families who need it most.

Real Heroes Breakfasts will be scheduled to recognize volunteers in the Southern Tier and Western New York in May.

There is also a Fire & Ice Gala set to begin at 6 p.m. March 29 at the Harro East Ballroom in Rochester. Three prestigious awards honoring local individuals and business that have made a difference in the community will be presented.

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FUTURE

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OCSD Board of Education President John Barimole, voted his queso chicken bake as the top dish of the night.

"He's really proud of learning it for himself," said Heme, who often makes the dish for her family, and like other parents practiced making the dish with her child at home in the weeks leading up to the competition.

"He's able to be confident now that he can learn things because at first he was a little nervous about using the stove and stuff like that. It builds confidence, and that's really important."

The victory caught Liam, a Washington West second-grader, off guard.

"At first I'm like, 'I hope I win,' but then when I saw the other kids I was like, 'No, I'm not going to win,' but then I actually won," he said.

Liam did what he had to do to get the win. Although he prefers the queso chicken bake without tomatoes, he knew his family and — mostly likely the judges — would prefer the dish with them, so he included the ingredient.

That inclusion likely helped his score, as the dish was judged on "healthy attributes" in addition to originality, plate presentation and taste.

Liam's recipe will now be entered into the wider Future Chefs Challenge, as the winning student from each participating district will be considered for 40 regional finalist awards. The selected regional final-

ists will vie to become one of five national finalists competing for the public's vote on SodexoUSA.com. "I'm really excited," Liam said. "I'll cook a lot more now that I'm a future chef."

The runner-up was the skinny taco salad made by Anna Schies's daughter, Angie.

Schies hopes Angie, an OIMS fourth-grader, learned life-long skills and met new people. The mother said the Future Chefs Challenge was exactly the type of opportunity her family was looking for when moving to the OCSD from a smaller school district.

"I'm just very glad that Olean offered this and I'm very proud of my daughter," she said.

The third- and fourth-place winners were East

View second-grader Dominic DiCerbo's fish taco and Washington West second-grader Ellie Brushingham's Mexican sweet potato stacker, respectively.

OIMS fourth-grader Natalia Snyder's taco cups won the public opinion award.

Fellow OIMS fourth-grader Jayden Ours, who made a Mexican burger after being inspired by sloppy joes, said she liked the experience of being in actuality inclined, this gives them another outlet because it's kept, but her favorite part of the experience was meeting new friends.

"One of my friends let me try their (dish) and it was pretty good. They said mine was amazing," she said.

Her mother, Jennifer Ours, who along with

other parents got to watch their children cook in either the OIMS or Olean High School kitchen via a livestream playing in OIMS' LG1 room, noted how all the students seemed excited and encouraging of one another.

She was glad her daughter took part, as she wants her to have a wide range of opportunities and experiences to find out what she excels in.

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DAILY SPECIALS

■ TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1794, inventor Eli Whitney received a patent for the cotton gin.

In 1900, the Gold Standard Act was signed into law by President William McKinley.

In 1950, the Federal Bureau of Investigation instituted the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list.

In 1990, General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev was elected as the first (and last) president of the Soviet Union.

■ TODAY'S QUOTE: "Reading after a certain age diverts the mind too much from its creative pursuits. Any man who reads too much and uses his own brain too little falls into lazy habits of thinking."

— Albert Einstein

■ TODAY'S FACT: Of the 521 fugitives who have been on the FBI's "Most Wanted" list since its inception in 1950, only 10 were women.

■ TODAY'S NUMBER: 80 — record number of Grammy nominations for producer Quincy Jones.

■ TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767), composer; Arthur O'Shaughnessy (1844-1881), poet; Albert Einstein (1879-1955), physicist/Nobel Prize winner; Lee Petty (1914-2000), race car driver; Hank Ketcham (1920-2001), cartoonist; Diane Arbus (1923-1971), photographer; Michael Caine (1933-), actor; Quincy Jones (1933-), record producer; Wolfgang Petersen (1941-), filmmaker; Billy Crystal (1948-), actor/comedian; Grace Park (1974-), actress; Jamie Bell (1986-), actor; Stephen Curry (1988-), basketball player; Ansel Elgort (1994-), actor.

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MARKET

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"I expect by the beginning of June the building will be going up," he said. "It has to wrap up by July 1."

The plans call for a 210-by-34-foot structure, occupying a large portion of the southern side of the park. The wings would flank a central enclosed area for restrooms. The building will feature roll-down vinyl windows, which will protect sellers and visitors from the elements. A hedgerow along East State Street with an iron gateway in the middle is planned.

The project will not affect the annual Music in the Park concerts, Mayor Bill Aiello said.

"We're going to start at Memorial Day and end at Labor Day," he said, adding three extra performances will be added to make 15 Thursday evening concerts.

Ring said concerns over parking will likely prove to be unfounded. "Within a two-minute walk, there's over 200 public parking spots, which is more than at War Vet's Park," Ring said.

"It's the same distance from War Vet's pavilion to the parking lot." In addition, there are 200 private parking

spaces in the same area, he added. City officials previously reported they wish to engage some of the lot owners for overflow parking for the market, but no agreements have been reported.

Once completed, the facility will be operated by the city's parks department. Rural Enterprise Association of Proprietors is slated to handle the Saturday morning markets.

REAP currently operates in the Olean Center Mall parking lot. Created by the then-Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties in 1988, REAP opened its

first farmers' market in Olean during the early 1990s. The market has called several locations home during its time in Olean, including War Vet Park and the Jamestown Community College Cattaraugus County Campus.

Natalia Snyder is a visual, said Alderman Nate Smith, R-Ward 6.

Noting the decline of the region over the past half century, he likened it to a sporting event and a need to try new ideas to better position the city.

"While I don't think we're in the last 30 seconds and need a 'Hail Mary,' I do think we're in the last five minutes

and we need to try some creative plays," Smith said, noting the farmer's market is one of those plays. "It's been tagged as a farmer's market... we want to make this more than just a farmer's market."

Working with groups like the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce and finding a catchy name for the property should be priorities, he said.

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COUNTY

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If you recorded a mortgage since Nov. 30, don't worry, the county's not coming for you to collect a tax retroactively.

Assistant county attorney Nicholas DiCerbo told legislators that despite having passed a similar local law last month, state legislative sources recommended it be resubmitted.

By using the wording in the old law — effective Dec. 1, 2018 — DiCerbo said he hoped the State Legislature could be persuaded to make up the county's losses, as well as those of the other three counties affected.

"We need to get this to Albany and hope the Legislature won't put us at the end of the line," DiCerbo said.

The New York State Association of Counties is helping the four counties get their local law reauthorized, he added.

The counties wouldn't pass up the opportunity

to ask state lawmakers to make up for their losses because the Assembly and Senate passed different bills.

Legislature Chairman James J. Snyder, R-Olean, the sponsor, said a second public hearing was not needed because there were no substantial changes.

No one spoke at a public hearing on a local law for 2 percent cost-of-living raises for county officers for 2019.

The positions, followed by bi-weekly salaries, include: County Administrator, \$4,336.37

County Attorney, \$4,879.05

Director of Aging, \$2,819.91

Director of County Services, \$3,331.65

Public Health director, \$4,178.63

Commissioner of Social Services, \$3,818.88

Personnel Officer/Human Resources director, \$3,204.33

Information Services director, \$3,373.62

Economic Development, Planning & Tourism director, \$3,238.57

Real Property Tax director, \$3,081.27

Preparedness/Services, \$2,435.54

Commissioner of Public Works, \$3,405.93

Public Defender, \$3,821.32

Election Commissioner (two), \$2,411.25

County historian, \$598.98

Museum curator, \$598.98

Probation director, \$3,276.06

Veterans Services director, \$2,304.32

Youth Bureau director, \$2,632.02

County clerk, \$80,943.02 (annually)

County coroners (four), \$11,713.09 annually

Sheriff, \$108,427.29 (annually)

IN OTHER ACTION: ■ Legislators named Thomas Brady of Great Valley county attorney at a bi-weekly salary of \$4,879, to succeed Eric Firkel, the former county

attorney who recently resigned.

■ Lawmakers accepted a bid of \$111,105 from RAM Forest Products Inc., Shinglehouse, Pa., for marked ash trees and other timber on the county's Bone Run Road forest in the town of South Valley.

The chairman was authorized to apply for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant for \$400,000 for a fund to repair or replace failed septic systems and contaminated private water systems. The county has helped dozens of eligible homeowners over the past several years with the program.

■ Lawmakers accepted bids for the demolition and removal of several structures in Olean, Randolph, Franklinville and Yorkshire before their transfer to the Cattaraugus County Land Bank for disposition.

■ A low bid of \$120,120 from A&B Construction, Harper, Iowa, was accepted for a roofing system and cover for the

new West Valley highway barn sand and salt storage facility.

■ Lawmakers agreed to reallocate \$200,000 to the city of Olean for development of a farmer's market in Lincoln Park. The funding was authorized last year, but the funds went back into the general fund after Dec. 31.

■ A contract was approved with the state Agriculture Department for \$40,000 to update the county's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan. Agricultural and Community Development Services, Columbia, Md., will assist the county in developing the plan for \$49,975.

■ The Legislature adjourned in memory of the late Donald Milligan, a former county legislator from Gowanda, who served as election commissioner and chairman of the Cattaraugus County Democratic party.

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STATE & UNION

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largest single cause of spring wildfires. When temperatures are warmer and the past fall's debris, dead grass and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily and be further fueled

by winds and a lack of green vegetation.

New York first enacted strict restrictions on open burning in 2009 to help prevent wildfires and reduce air pollution. State regulations allow residential brush fires in towns with fewer than 20,000 residents during most of the year, but prohibit such burning in spring when most wildfires in New York occur. Since the ban was established, the eight-year annual average number of spring fires decreased by 42.6 percent,

from 2,649 in 2009, to 1,521 in 2018.

Campfires using charcoal or untreated wood are allowed, but people should never leave such fires unattended and must extinguish them. Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round.

Some towns, primarily in and around the Adirondack and Catskill parks, are designated "fire towns."

Open burning is prohibited year-round in these municipalities unless an individual or group has

a written permit from DEC. To find out whether a municipality is designated a "fire town" or to obtain a permit, contact the appropriate DEC regional office. A list of regional offices is available on DEC's website.

Violators of the state's open burning regulation are subject to both criminal and civil enforcement actions, with a minimum fine of \$500 for a first offense. To report environmental law violations call (800) 847-7332, or report online on DEC's website.



French fry-munching ferret found at California city hall

BANNING, Calif. (AP) — Animal control officers are caring for a french fry-munching ferret abandoned outside City Hall in Banning, California.

Officials say the brown-and-white weasel-like creature was discovered in a crate with a pile of fries early Wednesday.

City workers wrapped the animal in a towel and brought it inside despite its pungent odor.

Released by Riverside County Department of Animal Services shows the ferret happily munching the fries, which spokesman John Welsh says is its favorite treat.

California law prohibits ownership of ferrets. Welsh says whoever left the ferret could face a misdemeanor charge for abandonment of a pet.

LOTTO RESULTS

Table with columns for Lottery Type (Daily No., Win Four, Take 5, Pick 10, Lotto, Pennsylvania, Multistate, Powerball) and Winning Numbers/Prizes.

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Allegheny firefighters respond to campus kitchen fire at SBU

By BRIAN McCLELLAN
Olean Times Herald

ALLEGANY — No injuries resulted from a kitchen fire in a residence building for upperclassmen on the St. Bonaventure campus Wednesday afternoon. The fire was called in at 2:35 p.m. by the student resident of the apartment where the fire began in Townhouse 32. Shortly after making the call, the female tenant located a university maintenance worker outside, who entered the building and was able to extinguish the fire. The Allegheny Fire Department responded with two engines as well as Allegheny Rescue and EMS,

under the direction of Chief Rick Stady. Westons Mills Fire Department was called on standby.

According to Gordon Scott, Allegheny Fire Department spokesperson, the fire was out upon the arrival of the Allegheny Fire Department.

"Basically they just ventilated the two-story structure; it was pretty well full of smoke," Scott said.

According to Scott, the apartment's resident was checked out by EMS as a precaution and the other apartments in the building were evacuated, but no one was hurt. Scott said he didn't know the name of the tenant or the maintenance worker.

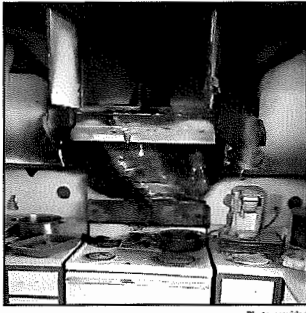


Photo provided

Allegheny Fire and Rescue responded to the report of a kitchen fire in a residence building on the SBU campus Wednesday afternoon.

The scene was cleared at 4 p.m. Scott was unsure whether the apartment was re-occupied Wednesday, or if the university would clean it before allowing the resident

to re-enter. The Allegheny Fire Department was assisted by the Allegheny Police Department and St. Bonaventure University Security.



POLICE REPORTS

Friendship teen charged with sex abuse

FRIENDSHIP — A Friendship teenager has been charged with sexual abuse.

New York State Police charged the 17-year-old male at 11:59 a.m. Tuesday with second-degree sex abuse and acting in a manner injurious to a child, both class A misdemeanors.

The charges stem from an incident first reported April 18. Troopers did not provide any additional details.

The teen was arrested at Amity-based state police barracks and released on \$750 cash bail.

Olean Police

■ Wednesday, 8:06 p.m., Thomas E. Strong, 36, of 1032 Griffin St., was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. According to police, Strong allegedly possessed baggies containing marijuana. He was issued a ticket to appear in court at a later date.

Wellsville Police

■ Tuesday, no time provided, Sonya M. Bleau, 30, of Wellsville, was charged with second-degree offering a false instrument for filing, a class A misdemeanor. The charge stems from an incident reported Dec. 20. Bleau was transported from Allegany County Jail, processed and then returned to the jail on \$100 cash bail or \$200 property bond. She is due back in court at a later date.

■ Tuesday, no time provided, Wyatt P. Crawford, 24, of Willing, was arrested on a bench warrant issued out of Wellsville Village Court for failure to appear on a previous charge of third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, an unclassified misdemeanor. Crawford was processed,

paid a fine and was released.

■ Tuesday, no time provided, Cheyenne M. Miller, 28, of Wellsville, was charged with issuing a bad check, a class B misdemeanor. The charge stems from a complaint made by the Stillwater Pizza and Grill. Miller was processed and released after making full restitution.

■ Tuesday, no time provided, Jared T. Carter, 27, of Olean, was charged with issuing a bad check, a class B misdemeanor. The charge stems from a complaint made by the Giant Food Mart. Carter was processed and released after making full restitution.

■ Tuesday, no time provided, Joshua L. Cole, 32, of Wellsville, was charged with second-degree criminal contempt, a class A misdemeanor. The charge stems from an incident reported Monday. Cole was processed and released on \$500 cash bail. He is due back in court at a later date.

Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office

■ DELEVAN — William G. Church, 33, of 59 N. Main St., Delevan, was arrested at 10 p.m. Monday on a bench warrant issued out of Cattaraugus County Court for failure to appear. Church was transported to Cattaraugus County Jail and is due back in court at a later date.

■ ASHFORD — Gerald R. Nason Jr., 57, of 5109 Folts Road, Ashford, was charged at 1:26 p.m. Tuesday with third-degree unauthorized use of a vehicle, a class A misdemeanor. The charge stems from an incident where Nason allegedly took and used a friend's vehicle without permission. Nason was processed and released with a ticket to appear in court at a later date.

County Legislature to vote on Franklinville Highway Barn bids worth \$5 million

By RICK MILLER
Olean Times Herald

LITTLE VALLEY — The Cattaraugus County Legislature's Public Works Committee reviewed nearly \$5 million in bids for the new Franklinville Highway Barn.

Public Works members agreed to sponsor a resolution for the full County Legislature to consider next Wednesday.

In addition to approval of the four portions of the bid — general construction, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, electrical and plumbing — the resolution authorizes a \$572,500 transfer from the county's fund balance or surplus.

Mark Barr, Public Works director of engineering, outlined the low bids:

■ General contractor, Willer Builders Inc., Corfu, \$2.7 million. There were six bids received meeting specifications.

■ Heating, ventilation and air conditioning, Mazza Mechanical Services, Olean, \$385,900. There were four bids.

■ Electrical, Industrial Power and Light Corp., Buffalo, \$497,000. Four bids were received.

■ Plumbing, Chautauque Mechanical II, Falconer, \$600,000. Seven bids were received.

If the resolution is approved by the full County Legislature next week, construction will begin April 15, after a pre-construction meeting with all the companies to firm up the schedule, Barr said.

The Franklinville Highway Barn, built in 1963, was extensively damaged by a fire on Oct. 31, 2017.

The fire is believed to have originated in a diesel engine heater in one of the trucks. The insurance settlement from the fire was \$1.5 million, which will be applied to the cost of the new 10-bay

barn. The rest of the cost will be covered by borrowing.

The contracts call for substantial completion of the facility by Thanksgiving so trucks can be stored inside. It must be fully completed by Dec. 31.

Trucks from the Franklinville barn cover about one-quarter of the 400 miles of county road. They have been stored outside for the past two winters.

Public Works Commissioner Kathleen Ellis addressed a continuing problem with committee members — the difficulty of getting plow drivers on weekends and holidays.

The Public Works Department has day and night shifts during the winter months.

On weekends, section supervisors call drivers out as needed, but this past winter needed to make 10 calls to get one driver. Under their contract, they do not

have to accept mandatory overtime.

Ellis said the drivers get \$20 per hour and \$30 per hour on overtime. It's still difficult to get drivers, she added.

It is an ongoing problem, Ellis said. She was looking for ideas on what kinds of incentives to offer to motivate the drivers. Supervisors work very hard during weekends when it snows, she said. Any changes would have to be negotiated with the union.

Most legislators said they couldn't understand why the drivers wouldn't respond to a weekend callout, particularly at \$30 an hour. Majority Leader Donna Wickman said the matter should be turned over to a labor-management committee for discussion.

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Community gathers at SBU to honor Christchurch victims, religious freedom

By CINDY WAGNER
Olean Times Herald

ALLEGANY — Gathered together in the solemnity of the McGinley-Carney Center for Franciscan Ministry Tuesday, about 80 community members, and the students and faculty of St. Bonaventure University, paid their respects to the victims of the Christchurch shooting.

The Celebration of Unity, Love and Religious Freedom was organized by the Muslim Students and Allies Club to honor those lives lost Friday while praying at the Al Noor Mosque and the Linwood Islamic Centre in New Zealand.

"Together we stand not just in nationality but in solidarity, for not only Muslims but for the religious freedom granted to all Americans, regardless of their age, race,

religion, sexual identity," said Amina Golden-Araby, co-founder of the club. "We gather today to recognize the injustices that the Muslims in New Zealand endured last Friday — that their families will mourn until their last day," she said with a quivering voice and hands trembling.

The names and ages of the 50 worshippers who are being mourned were read Tuesday by members of the MSA Club, the youngest of victims being only 3 years old with many who were teenagers.

The attack by Brenton Harrison Tarrant Friday was the largest mass shooting in New Zealand's history — killing 50 people and wounding 50 more — in a country that typically sees about 35 murders annually and only a handful of deaths

by firearms. "Today, we will be remembering these victims by praying the same prayer that they were in the midst of," Golden-Araby said. "We remember them today by letting the light shine."

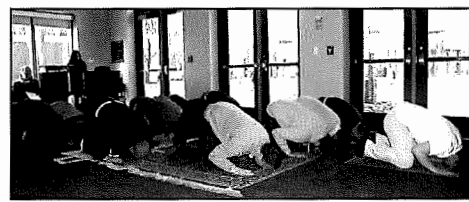
Tarrant, in a manifesto he disseminated online, claimed to be a white supremacist who was aching out of revenge for attacks he said were perpetrated by Muslims. He also livestreamed 17 minutes of his violent attack at Al Noor Mosque on multiple video-sharing platforms including YouTube.

"We want to commemorate what happened," said Golden-Araby's brother, Jordan, who co-founded the Muslim Students and Allies Club with his sister and led prayers Tuesday. "It's really important, not only for myself, but for the student body as a whole to put importance on what happened when 50 people passed away in New Zealand and that's what we're doing here."

Amina Golden-Araby urged those in the crowd of about 80 gathered to not only recognize injustices of that day, but to celebrate the freedoms that we have and work together to protect those rights. While one individual may not see the difference they make, she urged those in attendance to remember that working together with love can conquer anything that divides us.

Alice Miller Nason, director of the Franciscan Center for Social Concern, agreed.

"Where I do find hope is the gathering, we experienced this morning and all the similar gatherings happening around the world," she said. "When we come together to offer support and care and share the intimacy of prayer with one another, we begin to see each other as brothers and sisters, from a



Cindy Wagner/Olean Times Herald

Muslims prayed the 2 Rekka of Friday night prayer in solidarity with Muslims Tuesday in the McGinley-Carney Center for Franciscan Ministry. It was the same service that was interrupted by the murders in the mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand March 15.

family much larger than we can sometimes imagine." The same sentiment was expressed by Shabana Chaudhry a member of the campus Islamic Center. "It restores our faith in humanity," she said of Tuesday's service.

Father Michael Calabria, director of the Center for Arab and Islamic Studies, expressed his belief that what happened wasn't just a problem for New Zealand — or just a problem for Muslims — but "a tragedy that the world-wide community must share and ... that we must stand up against."

"Unfortunately," said Barry L. Gan, director of St. Bonaventure's Center for Nonviolence, "until we find a way to remove the feelings of different peoples around the world that others are threats to them, we will continue to be haunted by terrorist attacks aimed at those who appear as threats. The solution does not consist of eliminating people — it consists of eliminating fears that people have of others."

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Cattaraugus County Legislature approves bids for new Franklinville Highway Barn

Construction on \$5 million facility to begin April 15

By TOM DINKI
Olean Times Herald

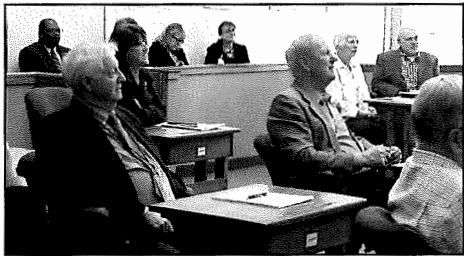
LITTLE VALLEY — Work can now officially begin on a new Franklinville Highway Barn.

The Cattaraugus County Legislature unanimously awarded a total of about \$4.2 million in contracts and a transfer of more than half a million dollars for construction during Wednesday's meeting, nearly 17 months after the original barn caught fire on Halloween 2017.

"It's about time we got it going," said Legislator Vergilio "Dick" Giardini, D-Allegany, who is co-chair of the Public Works Committee that approved the bids last week.

"Everything seems to be coming together, everything under budget. Hopefully we can get started (with construction) on the 15th of next month."

In addition to the transfer of \$572,500 from the undesignated fund balance, the legislature awarded a \$2.7 million contract to general contractor Willmet Builders Inc.; a \$385,900 heating, ventilation and air



Cattaraugus County legislators, including Vergilio "Dick" Giardini (right), listen to Chairman James Snyder during Wednesday's meeting. The legislature approved bids for the new Franklinville Highway Barn.

conditioning contract to Mazza Mechanical Services Inc.; a \$497,000 electrical contract to Industrial Power and Lighting Corp.; and a \$600,000 plumbing contract to Chautauqua Mechanical II LLC.

Total spending for the new barn will be approximately \$5 million, which the county plans to pay for by using the \$572,500 transfer and borrowing about \$3.4 million.

The remaining \$1.5 million will come from an insurance settlement from the fire at the old highway barn on Oct. 31, 2017. The barn on Route 16, built in 1953, was extensively damaged in the blaze — believed to have originated in a diesel engine heater in

one of the trucks — and was later demolished.

Snow plows stationed in Franklinville were forced to sit outside the past two winters.

"It was difficult because what happens is a lot of the plow trucks, they have to let them warm up before they can go out on projects," Giardini said.

The new barn will have a 10-bay garage, five bays on each side of a brick-faced entrance and office area. The doors will be at the rear of the facility, not facing Route 16 as the old building did.

pulling in the back this time instead of the front. It's going to be a nice barn for them."

Trucks from the Franklinville barn cover about one-quarter of the 400 miles of county road.

With construction expected to begin April 15, the contracts call for substantial completion of the facility by Thanksgiving so trucks can be stored inside. It must be fully completed by Dec. 31.

"We want to get it going so we can get the guys in it this fall," Giardini said. "Hopefully we won't have a bad winter like we did this past winter."

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POLICE REPORTS

Olean Police

■ Wednesday, 2:03 p.m., Gabriel A. Phillips, 23, of 120 N. Second St., Allegany, was charged with operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended/revoked, an unclassified misdemeanor and operating without insurance, an infraction. Phillips is due back in court at a later date.

■ Wednesday, 5:02 p.m., no injuries were reported from a two-vehicle accident on North Seventh Street near West State Street. Lynette V. Heath, 74, of 138 N. Seventh St., Olean, was backing out of a driveway when she reportedly struck a passing vehicle operated by Chrystal R. Roberts, 26, of 142 S. First St., Olean, causing damage to both vehicles.

■ Wednesday, 5:18 p.m., no injuries were reported from a two-vehicle accident on West State Street near First Street. Linda June Sweetser, 75, of 337 Laurel Ave., Olean, reportedly struck the rear end of a vehicle operated by David P. Tesmer, 36, of 14763 Wilson Road, Collins, which was stopped in traffic. Sweetser, who told police she was distracted by a man dancing on the sidewalk, was cited for following too closely, an infraction.

■ Wednesday, 5:19 p.m., no injuries were reported from a two-vehicle accident on North Sixth Street near West State Street. Dominic V. Lovallo, 21, of Buffalo, was pulling out from a parked position when he reportedly struck a vehicle operated

by Dominic J. Passerino, 28, of 2105 Kille Cross Road, Allegany, causing damage to both vehicles.

Wellsville Police

■ Tuesday, no time provided, Dario A. Taveras-Veras, 64, of Woodside, was charged with driving while intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor; and speed in zone, inadequate lights and refusal to take a breath test, infractions. The charges stem from a traffic stop on South Main Street. Taveras-Veras was arraigned and remanded to Allegany County Jail on \$250 cash bail or \$250 property bond. He is due back in court at a later date.

New York State Police

■ MACHIAS — Dominic J. Vaccaro, 69, of Machias, was charged at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday with third-degree criminal mischief, a class E felony. Vaccaro was released with a ticket to appear in court at a later date.

■ RUSHFORD — A one-vehicle accident was reported at 7:55 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of County Road 7B and Mount Monroe Road. John T. Ommond, 71, of Cuba, was identified as the driver. No injuries were reported.

■ WIRT — Danielle C. Spencer, 41, of Olean, was charged at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday with second-degree criminal contempt, a class A misdemeanor. Spencer was released on her own recognizance.

\$1.16M Olean Library budget vote set for May 7

Minimum wage largest increase in spending plan

By BOB CLARK
Olean Times Herald

OLEAN — A budget with a \$21,000 tax increase is up for vote in May to support the Olean Public Library.

Library officials on Friday released a proposed \$1.16 million budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year. The budget represents a 1.91 percent increase in spending compared to the 2018-19 budget approved by voters in May 2018.

The property tax levy for the upcoming year is tentatively set at \$1.06 million, a 2 percent hike over the current budget. That equates to a \$20,806 increase in property tax collections.

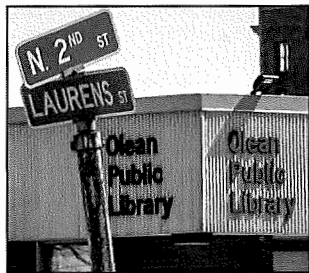
"The 2020 budget was developed to meet the Library's long-range plan of service. The Library Board of Trustees incorporates user input, staff

ideas, and information about the community into its plan of service," the board said in a statement. The impact on City of Olean property owners is estimated to be only an additional 11 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, meaning the average annual library tax for an individual with a home valued at \$50,000 will be approximately \$92 in 2020. Town of Olean residents with a similarly valued home will pay approximately \$123 in 2020 to support the Library.

"This is a bargain when one considers everything that is available to borrow and to participate in at the Library all year long," the board added.

Library Director Michelle La Voie was not immediately available for comment.

While many public libraries function as non-profits with allocations from local school districts, the Olean Public Library operates as a governmental agency with taxing authority under state law.



Olean City School District voters will head to the polls May 7 to sound off on a \$1.16 million budget to support the Olean Public Library.

The library's service area is the same as the Olean City School District. Salary led the rising appropriations, with a \$37,889 increase to \$578,070. The budget calls for lower retirement and health insurance costs, but also includes an increase in FICA payments of about \$5,000.

Also expected to increase by around \$4,500 this year are administrative expenses, mostly due to rising professional fees and other administrative expenses.

Operations and maintenance expenses are expected to fall around \$3,300, while the proposed costs for library materials and binding are set to remain the same. However, \$2,000 was moved from electronic resources to book purchases.

A public budget presentation is scheduled for 6 p.m. April 9 in the library's gallery.

The annual budget vote is set for 9 a.m. to 8

p.m. May 7 in the library. All registered voters living in the Olean City School District are eligible to vote on the budget and one library trustee position. Absentee ballots are available.

Also up for election will be one library trustee to the seat currently held by Michael Kasperiski. Petitions for the library board seat are due by 5 p.m. April 8. Candidates must be qualified voters in the school district and have resided in the district since at least May 7, 2018. Nominating petitions must have at least 25 signatures of registered voters within the school district.

The library board meets on the third Wednesday of the month, meeting a minimum of 10 times per year.

For more information, call 372-0200.

(Contact reporter-editor Bob Clark at bclark@oleantimesherald.com. Follow him on Twitter, @OTHBob)



The Rev. Father Mariusz Sierhart (right) with parishioners Steve and Sue Myers reflect on the 14th Station of the Cross at Our Lady of Peace Church. The parish is holding a public Stations of the Cross event March 29 at the church.

Our Lady of Peace holding Stations of the Cross Friday

By AMANDA GRABOWSKI
Special to the Olean Times Herald

SALAMANCA — As part of on-going Lenten observances in the area, the Rev. Father Mariusz Sierhart recently announced there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 29 at Our Lady of Peace Church, 274 Broad St.

This traditional Easter season event will be held in conjunction with St. Philomena Church in Franklinville. St. John's in Olean and St. Bonaventure in Allegany.

"God demonstrates his love for us through his death and resurrection," said Sierhart of the Easter Holiday, which is one of the two most important celebrations in the Christian world.

He described Lent as a "time to recharge our faith batteries" through prayer, fasting, reconciliation and almsgiving.

Stations of the Cross are typically 14 paintings or bas relief sculptures installed along the walls in churches to illustrate a prayer devotion, which focuses on the specific events of Jesus Christ's last day on earth as a man, beginning with His condemnation.


As the participants and leader move from station to station, this series of prayers serve as a mini-pilgrimage. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on these specific events from Christ's last day.

The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred.

Following the Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Peace, there will be several priests available to hear confessions.

All are welcome to attend.

Another upcoming Lenten event at Our Lady of Peace is an Easter Concert, which will take place at 2 p.m. April 14, Palm Sunday, featuring old and new tunes offered by the church choir led by parish music ministers Jessica Anderson and Rosalie Kalinowski.



It is with great sadness that I announce that effective Saturday, March 30, 2019, Prizel's Pharmacy will close its doors permanently.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve this great community for the last 30 years. It has also been one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had.

Myself and my staff will be available to assist you in any way we can to transfer your prescriptions or call your health care provider.

I would like to thank my community for all its support, my staff for being the best people I have been associated with, and my family, Tiffany, Connor, and Jarrett who have been by my side every day.

Thank you all so much.

Bobby Prizel

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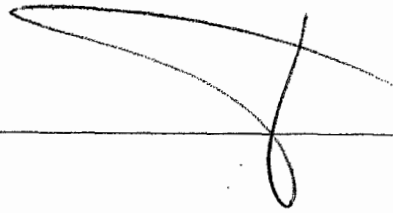
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- Chatham Town Board Workshop 7 p.m. Town Hall, 488 Route 295, Chatham 518-392-3262
- Claverack Republicans Club 7 p.m. Town Hall, Route 217, Philmont 518-851-7510
- Copake Planning Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 233 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234
- Kinderhook Village Planning Board 7 p.m. Village Hall, 6 Chatham St., Kinderhook 518-759-8882
- Kinderhook Town Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Town Hall, 3211 Church St., Valatie 518-759-8882
- Rhinebeck Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck 845-876-1822
- Stockport Town Board Workshop 7 p.m. Town Hall, 2787 Atlantic Ave., Hudson 518-828-9389

Friday, March 8

- Claverack Senior Citizens 1 p.m. Reformist Dutch Church, Christian Education Building, Route 9H, Claverack
- Hudson Historic Preservation Commission 10 a.m. City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson, 518-828-1030

Saturday, March 9

- Germantown History Department 9 a.m.-noon 1707 Pennsylvania, 52 Maple Ave., Germantown 518-537-4687

Monday, March 11

- Canaan Town Board 7 p.m. Upstairs Town Hall, 1647 Route 6, Canaan 518-781-3144
- Citizens' Climate Lobby Columbia County Chapter 6 p.m. location varies (either Hudson or Chatham) 518-672-7901
- Copake Parks and Recreation Commission 7 p.m. Park Building, Mountain View Road, Copake, 518-329-1234
- Hillside Planning Board 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, Main Street, Hulettsville 518-525-5073
- Hudson City School District Board of Education 7 p.m. Hudson High School, 215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson
- Hudson Common Council organizational meeting followed by informal meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson, 518-828-1030
- Hudson Industrial Development Agency 5:30 p.m. City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson, 518-828-1030, Tentative.
- Kinderhook Village Recreation Commission 7 p.m. Village Hall, 6 Chatham St., Kinderhook 518-759-8882
- Milan Town Board 7:30 p.m. Wilcox Memorial Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan 845-759-5133
- New Lebanon Town Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 14755 Route 22, New Lebanon 518-794-8888
- Philmont Village Board 7 p.m. Village Hall, 124 Main St., Philmont 518-672-7032
- Rhinebeck Town Board 6:45 p.m. Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck
- Taghkanic Town Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, Route 82, West Taghkanic 518-851-7638
- Tivoli Planning Board Workshop 7 p.m. Historic Waits dePeyster Hall, 1 Tivoli Commons, Tivoli 845-757-2021

Tuesday, March 12

- Chatham Central School District Board of Education 6 p.m. High School Library, Chatham 518-392-2400
- Chatham Planning Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 488 Route 285, Chatham 518-392-3262
- Claverack Town Board 5 p.m. Special budget workshop, Town Office Building, 91 Church St., Melleville 518-672-7911

Music venue looks to revive Leeds hotel

By Sarah Trafton
Columbia-Greene Media

LEEDS — Renovations at a former hotel in Leeds will soon bring live music to Greene County at an unparalleled level.

The Marble Rock House, located at 1147 Main St., has been a hotel since the 1800s — first known as Hotel St. George, then Gilfeather's Sligo Hotel and finally O'Brien's. The property is owned by Balle Mayo Property Management.

Musician and entrepreneur Terence Lynch joined The Marble Rock House team in 2018. The venue will have its grand opening March 22, showcasing reggae, Motown and pop-influenced band The Big Takeover. The Big Takeover performed at Hudson's popular venue Club Helsinki, at 405 Columbia St., in December.

"We finally have a need for this [type of venue]," Lynch said. "Club Helsinki has shown me that."

Most shows will not have a set admission price and will be open to the public with suggested donations. Lynch said, with the exception of The Big Takeover's upcoming performance.

"We want this to be a place for everyone," he said. "Locals, New York City transplants and tourists."

Owner Neil Murphy invited Lynch to get involved with the project.

"He wanted the place to be fun," Lynch said.

Lynch's background as a musician and knowledge of the area were key to developing the right feel, he said.

"I grew up on Church Street right here in Leeds," Lynch explained. "I've been to every boarding house and resort within walking distance."

The duo will pay homage to the hotel's history by having boarding-house-style games in the backyard such as bocce ball, shuffleboard and corn hole, Lynch said.

Local historian Robert Carl recalls the hotel's time as Gilfeather's Sligo.

"Leeds was an Irish town in the '60s," he said. "You couldn't get through Main Street. It was bumper to bumper. You could go from one location to another for Irish music."

The property belonged to the Catskill Woolen Company in 1867, according to the Beers Atlas, Carl said.

Charles Badaeu owned the property from 1917 until 1930 — during its time as the St. George Hotel, according to Greene County directories, Carl said.

The property belonged to Elizabeth Gilfeather in 1962,



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The inside of the Marble Rock House music venue in Leeds, which is slated to hold its grand opening March 22.

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Carl said. The Gilfeather family sold the Sligo Hotel in 1984.

Carl sees the venue as a promising development for Leeds.

"Anything to help Leeds would be an improvement," he said.

In terms of music, the venue will strive to be all-encompassing, Lynch said.

"We want to include every style and culture," he said. "We want to engage the community and have a cultural space."

Concerts will run from 8-11 p.m.

"Sometimes, venues don't start shows until 11 p.m., and then you just have people waiting around," Lynch said. "We want older people or families to be able to enjoy music at a reasonable time. And we want to be kind to our neighbors."

For food, the menu has a Mexican focus.



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"We will be doing tacos," Lynch said. "Pulled pork, brisket, beef, vegetable... We will also have some fun [appetizers]."

The venue will offer a selection of local craft beers, Lynch said, adding the menu will feature options from Crossroads, Chatham, Hudson and Sloop breweries.

"It will feel like a true pub, but more," Lynch said.

The bar will also serve frozen margaritas to go with the Mexican theme, he said. Patrons may also expect pop-up nights

explained. The venue's capacity is set at 100 people.

"We want it to feel like a venue — not a dining room," he said.

Lynch and Murphy see many areas for the business to grow.

"We want to keep it simple to start," Lynch said.

The business partners are considering turning the former apartments into hotel rooms, rebuilding the former barn on the property for expanded event space and potentially hosting dance lessons, Lynch said.

The Marble Rock House will be open on weekends through the month of March. In the spring, the business will be open Thursdays through Sundays. The venue will close at 10 p.m. and stay open later on Fridays.

"We will just do weekends to get started and hone it," Lynch said. "We will do happy hour Thursdays and Fridays at 5 p.m."

The Marble Rock House will be open for lunch Saturdays and Sundays, staying open late Saturdays and closing at 10 p.m. on Sundays.

"We may expand and do Sunday brunches," Lynch added.

The Marble Rock House will hold a community welcome event March 15 prior to the grand opening.

"We want to get the food and bar going," Lynch said.

The venue will also hold some live entertainment March 16 and 17 for St. Patrick's Day, Lynch said.

"On Saturday, my friends and I will pay tribute to Irish rock," he said. "On Sunday, we will have live, traditional Irish music from 3-7 p.m."

For information or tickets for The Big Takeover and other upcoming shows, visit themarblerockhouse.com/events

MASS GATHERING PERMIT NOTICE
Hudson Black Arts and Cultural Festival and Parade 2019
Application Submission Date: February 28, 2019
Date of the Events: Friday through Sunday, August 9, 10 and 11, 2019
Description of Events: Friday: Art Festival from 6-9pm. Saturday: Family Day Festival from 2-10pm. Parade will travel down Warren St. from 7th St to the Hudson Riverfront Park at 2pm. Sunday: Gospel Festival from 3-6pm. All activities will take place at the Hudson Riverfront Park.
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- Thursday, March 21**
- **Austell** Town Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 812 Route 203, Spencerfown 518-392-3260
 - **Chatham** Town Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 468 Route 295, Chatham 518-392-3260
 - **Columbia Economic Development Corporation Governance and Nominating Committee** 8:30 a.m. 4303 Route 9, Hudson
 - **Copake Land Use Review Committee** 7 p.m. Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234
 - **Germanstown Zoning Board of Appeals** 7 p.m. Town Hall, 83 Palatine Park Road, Germanstown 518-537-6687
 - **Ghent** Town Board 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 2330 Route 66, Ghent 518-392-4644
 - **Hudson Common Council Economic Development Committee** 6 p.m. City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson 518-828-1030
 - **Kinderhook Town Planning Board** 7 p.m. Town Hall, 3211 Church St., Valatie
 - **Kinderhook Village Historic Preservation Commission** 7 p.m. Village Hall, 6 Chatham St., Kinderhook 518-758-9882
 - **Pine Plains** Town Board 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains 518-398-8600
 - **Rhinebeck Zoning Board of Appeals** 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck 845-676-1922
- Friday, March 22**
- **Hudson Historic Preservation Commission** 10 a.m. City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson 518-828-1030
- Saturday, March 23**
- **Copake Conservation Advisory Committee** 9 a.m. Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234
 - **Germanstown History Department** 9 a.m.-noon 1767 Parsonage, 52 Maple Ave., Germanstown 518-537-6987
- Monday, March 25**
- **Canaan Recreation Committee** 7 p.m. Upstairs Town Hall, 1647 Route 5, Canaan 518-781-3144
 - **Choverack Town Board Workshop** 7 p.m. Town Office Building, 91 Church St., Malverville 518-672-7911
 - **Columbia County Environmental Committee** 6:30 p.m. 1st Floor Committee Room, 401 State St., Hudson
 - **Copake Planning Board** 7 p.m. Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234
 - **Galatin Planning Board** 7 p.m. Town Hall, 667 County Route 7, Galatin
 - **Ghent Commercial Zoning Review Committee** 8:30 p.m. Town Hall, 2305 Route 66, Ghent 518-392-4644
 - **Hudson City School District Board of Education** 7 p.m. Hudson High School, 215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson
 - **The Hudson IDA** 1 p.m. at City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson
 - **Kinderhook Village Zoning Board of Appeals** 7 p.m. 401 Main Street, Kinderhook 518-758-9882
 - **Philmont Village Board Workshop** 7 p.m. Village Hall, 124 Main St., Philmont 518-672-7622
 - **Rhinebeck Town Board** 6:45 p.m. Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck
 - **Shoyessant Planning Board** 7 p.m. Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Shoyessant 518-755-6249
 - **Tivoli Zoning Board of Appeals** 7 p.m. Historic Watts dePeyster Hall, 1 Tivoli Commons, Tivoli 845-757-2021
- Tuesday, March 26**
- **Canaan Zoning Board of Appeals** 7 p.m. Upstairs Town Hall, 1647 Route 5, Canaan 518-781-3144
 - **Chatham Central School District Board of Education** 6:30 p.m. High School Library, Chatham 518-392-2400

Historic barn rises from the ashes

By **Melanie Lekoewicz**
Columbia-Greene Media

COXSACKIE — Four years ago, a massive fire destroyed a 19th-century barn that housed an antique market and auction shop on Route 9W in Coxsackie.

A new, historic barn is rising on the same site this week.

The Greene County Historical Society on Monday afternoon began erecting a partial replica of a barn that dates back to 1890, and will house a hay press from the same era, which will eventually be fully operational, Greene County Historical Society President Bob Hallock said.

The barn is going up on the same site where a barn from the same era that housed the former Lincoln Center and Lincoln Auction Service was destroyed in April 2015 by a dramatic blaze that required five fire departments and two hours to get under control.

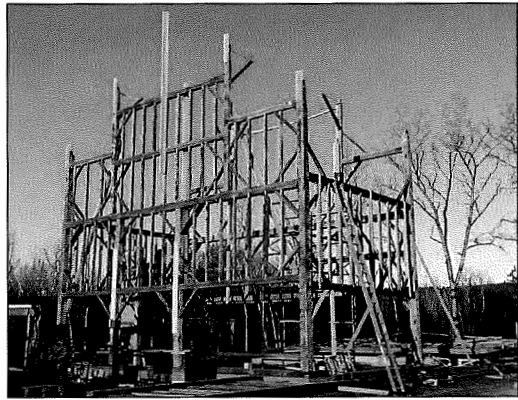
part of Greene County in this area, sending hay to the city and other places. When we received the hay press, things kind of came together."

Hay was an important driver of the county's economy in the 19th century.

"Hay was a hugely important industry here," said Rick Hanse, Cocksackie town supervisor and a member of the historical society's board of trustees. "The hay press has been stored outside for years and we wanted a place to put it."

In 1900 there were 130,000 horses in Manhattan and each animal ate 15-20 pounds of hay each day — amounting to about 400,000 tons of hay each year. Much of it came from Greene County, according to the Greene County Historical Society.

At the time, there were about 15 hay presses in the Cocksackie-New Baltimore



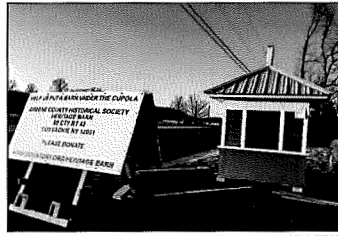
A partial replica of a barn dating back to 1890 is being erected on Route 9W in Cocksackie, on property purchased by the Greene County Historical Society.

The cause of the fire was determined to be electrical, Hallock said.

The Historical Society purchased the property three years ago for \$30,000, Hallock said.

The organization also acquired from Earlton a 1890 barn that was dismantled, restored and is now being erected on the site. The barn was dubbed Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn and was purchased from a church-owned summer camp.

"The barn sat out on Route 81. It was condemned and it needed to come down," Hallock said. "We talked to the organization that ran it and we purchased it for a dollar."



The cupola that will be installed atop the barn once construction is complete.

The project was spurred by the donation of a historic 17-foot-tall hay press that is inside the barn as it is being erected. The hay press was donated by the VanDerzee Farm in New Baltimore.

Once completed, the barn and hay press will be a tribute to the hay industry, an important element of Greene County's agricultural history, Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn Committee Chairman Tom Satterlee said.

"This will be a history of hay," Satterlee said. "With the other old barns we have here [at the Bronck Museum] it will show a progression. Hay was really a very important

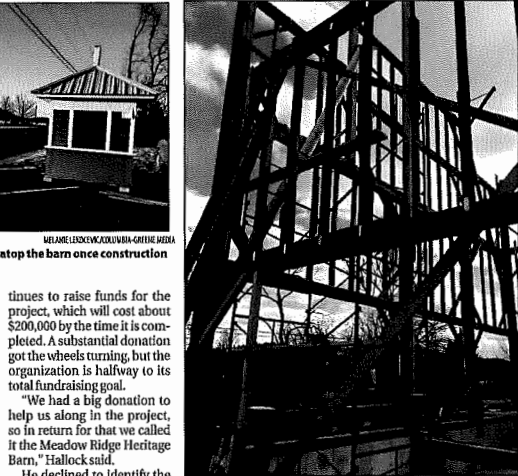
area, but the one owned by the historical society will be the only one on public display in all of eastern New York and New England, according to the Historical Society.

The frame of the barn is expected to be completed this week, but the roof and siding will take more time and will depend on weather and additional donations.

The frame of the building is original, but the roof and siding will consist of new materials.

"We weren't able to save the old siding," Satterlee said. "It was just too brittle and we couldn't get it off in one piece."

The Historical Society con-



The frame of the 1890 barn is original, but the roof and siding that will be installed later will use new materials because the originals were too damaged to be restored.

tinues to raise funds for the project, which will cost about \$200,000 by the time it is completed. A substantial donation got the wheels turning, but the organization is halfway to its total fundraising goal.

"We had a big donation to help us along in the project, so in return for that we called it the Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn," Hallock said.

He declined to identify the donor.

The new barn is situated to the left of the barn that burned and was razed four years ago because the Historical Society wanted to preserve the view of the Bronck Museum, located behind the site.

In addition to housing the hay press, the completed barn

will also hold programming, exhibits and other activities.

A completion date for the project is unknown, Satterlee said.

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- Chatham Town Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Town Hall, 496 Route 295, Chatham 518-382-2262
- Columbia Economic Development Corporation. Governance and nominating committee 8:30 a.m. 4303 Route 9, Hudson.
- Copake Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234
- Germanatown Planning Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germanatown 518-537-6687
- Hudson Community Development and Planning Agency noon One North Front St., Hudson
- Kinderhook Village Planning Board 7:30 p.m. Village Hall, 6 Chatham St., Kinderhook 518-758-9882
- Kinderhook Town Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 9211 Church St., Martin H. Gijzen Municipal Building, Valatie
- Kinderhook Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Town Hall, 3211 Church St., Valatie 518-758-9882
- Rhinebeck Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck 845-876-1822
- Stockport Town Board Workshop 7 p.m. Town Hall, 2787 Atlantic Ave., Hudson 518-638-6369

Monday, April 1

- Claverack Planning Board 7 p.m. Town Court Building, Route 217, Mellenville 518-672-7911
- Clermont Town Board 7 p.m. Town Hall, 1795 Route 9, Clermont 518-537-6886
- Germanatown Fire District 7 p.m. Board of Fire Commissioners. Fire House, 181 Main St., Germanatown

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- Tanya M. Grey, 39, of Hudson, was arrested at 10:30 p.m. March 21 in Coxsackie and charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor. She was issued an appearance ticket for a future court date.
- Nelvin Martinez Marcos, 25, of Germanatown, was arrested at 12:28 a.m. March 22 in Catskill and charged with aggravated unlicensed operation a motor vehicle, a class E felony; operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content greater than .08 percent and driving while intoxicated, both unclassified misdemeanors. He was held.
- Anthony E. Hamm, 30, of Valatie, was arrested at 11:13 a.m. March 21 in Claverack and charged with seventh-degree

criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor; and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. He was issued an appearance ticket for a future court date.

■ Daniel P. Ludwig, 23, of Valatie, was arrested at 11:13 a.m. March 21 in Claverack and charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor. He was issued an appearance ticket for a future court date.

■ Michael J. Brenseke, 37, of Bay Shore, was arrested at 5:45 p.m. March 21 in Ghent and charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor; and fifth-degree criminal possession of marijuana, a class B misdemeanor. He was issued an

appearance ticket for a future court date.

■ Mark R. Byrd, 56, of Aberdean, North Carolina, was arrested at 8:21 p.m. in Kinderhook and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content greater than .08 percent and driving while intoxicated, both unclassified misdemeanors; and for not having headlights, an infraction. He was held.

■ Casey K. Dupont, 40, of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, was arrested at 12:53 a.m. March 23 in Chatham and charged with manufacturing drug-related paraphernalia and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, both class A misdemeanors; and having a controlled substance in a non-original container, a violation. He was issued an appearance ticket for a future court date.

■ John U. Adams, 40, of Dalton, Massachusetts, was arrested at 12:53 a.m. March 23 in Chatham and charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor. He was issued an appearance ticket for a future court date.

■ Joseph Patterson, 39, of New York, was arrested at 3:31 a.m. March 23 in Chatham and charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of narcotics, a class C felony; fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class D felony and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. He was issued an appearance ticket for a future court date.

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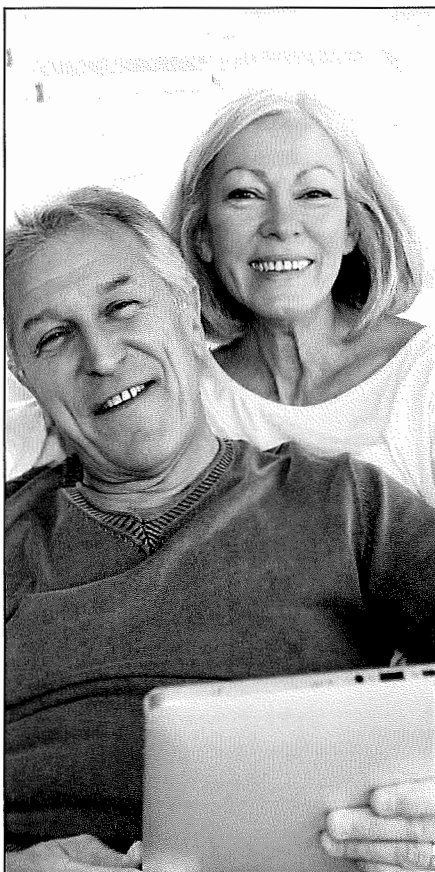
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