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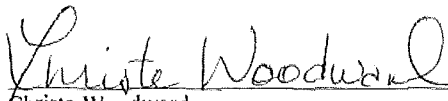
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Hospital honors three former board members

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MASSENA — Three former members of the Massena Memorial Hospital's Board of Managers were recognized during Monday's meeting for their service.

Susan Bellor, Carol Fenton and David MacLennan, who had been removed from the Board of Managers this year, were recognized with resolutions that detailed the contributions they made to the hospital.

Tina Buckley was also scheduled to be recognized, but was not present at the

meeting.

Town Supervisor Steven D. O'Shaughnessy removed Mrs. Bellor from the board on Jan. 23, and Mrs. Fenton and Mr. MacLennan on Feb. 13 for "failure to improve the financial condition of Massena Memorial and the failure to install a management team capable of leading Massena Memorial without exposing the taxpayers of the town of Massena to inordinate financial risk."

"Specifically, you have failed to exercise adequate control of the general superintendence and management of Massena Memorial and of all matters relating to

THE GIST OF IT

■ **WHAT:** Three former members of the Massena Memorial Hospital Board of Managers were recognized during this week's board meeting.
■ **WHO:** The board passed resolutions recognizing Susan Bellor, Carol Fenton and David MacLennan.
■ **WHY:** They were recognized in part for their "sound leadership in the development and maintenance of Massena Memorial Hospital."

the government, discipline, contracts and fiscal concerns thereof. Further, you have

failed to maintain an effective inspection of said hospital, and keep yourself informed of the affairs and management thereof," the letter said.

Mrs. Buckley, who had been serving as board secretary, resigned in January.

During Monday's meeting, the three former board members were recognized for providing "sound leadership in the development and maintenance of Massena Memorial Hospital" and "spent untold hours in the service of Massena Memorial Hospital and the community it serves."

Mrs. Bellor had been appointed in January 2012,

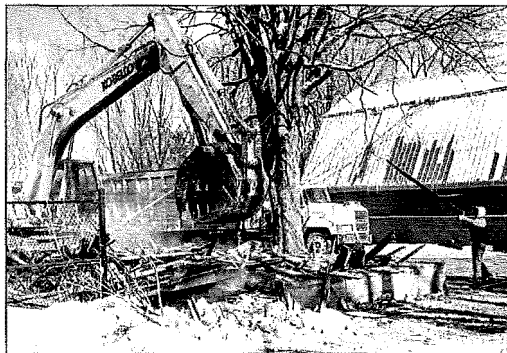
served as secretary for two years, and had been named chairwoman in January. Mrs. Fenton had been appointed in February 2013 and served as chairwoman following Mrs. Bellor's removal. Mr. MacLennan had been appointed in January 2001, and served as chairman for seven years, and secretary for three years.

The resolutions passed by the board on Monday said the Board of Managers "gratefully recognizes and acknowledges the numerous contributions made by the former board members, and held their example of service "in the

highest esteem."

"It's been my pleasure and distinct honor to serve on this board for the past 18 years," Mr. MacLennan said. "It's been a real privilege working with the outstanding staff that we have here and the outstanding doctors that keep our hospital with good quality care every day of the year. I've had the great pleasure to work with some outstanding board members who work hard and give their time and their talent every day to keep this hospital a viable and full-service hospital, and I hope it will continue. I'm going to miss all of you."

SALVATION ARMY EXPANSION



The second of three buildings was torn down for the Salvation Army expansion on Wednesday on State Street. The three buildings, at 715, 717, and 719 State St., will be replaced by 40 additional parking spots for the Salvation Army. The demolition is the first phase of the three-phase project, on which the Salvation Army is working with the city. The city spent about \$102,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding for the first phase. The Salvation Army may also provide up to \$21,000 in funding toward the demolition.

Henderson man gets six years of probation on child porn charge

By MARCUS WOLF
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WATERTOWN — A man who attempted to obtain child pornography was sentenced to six years probation Monday in Jefferson County Court.

John A. Hicks, 78, Henderson, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor attempted possession of a sexual performance by a child in January. He admitted during his plea that he attempted to obtain an image of a sexual act performed by a child under the age of 16 on Sept. 6.

Mr. Hicks was also ordered Monday to register as a level-one sex offender.

In other court action Monday,

Grant A. Rogers, 53, Plessis, was sentenced to four years in state prison and three years post-release supervision for third-degree attempted criminal possession of a

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT



controlled substance. He was also sentenced to a concurrent three-and-a-half years in state prison and three years probation for another count of third-degree attempted criminal possession of a controlled substance.

He pleaded guilty to both counts in January when he admitted that he attempted to obtain a substance containing more than half an ounce of cocaine on March 8.

Bryan L. Blackmon, 49, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor second-degree criminal contempt and second-degree harassment. He was

previously accused of choking and striking Leslie J. Damon in the face June 5, violating a City Court order of protection.

Mr. Blackmon was sentenced to time served and a one-year conditional discharge.

Joshua J. Johnson, 40, of Watertown, pleaded guilty to fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Details about the charge were unavailable.

His sentencing was scheduled for Apr. 23.

Peter L. Cross, 59, Watertown, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor second-degree falsifying business records. He admitted that he purchased a carburetor from AutoZone Auto Parts on Oct. 27 while falsely claiming he worked for a vehicle rental company to earn a discount.

His sentencing was scheduled for May 3.

Phillips

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"So any time someone brings forward a lead to us, we have it vetted by the appropriate law enforcement agency, we have them look into it and if anything comes of it, obviously we will follow up on it. Until we have a definitive answer, I'm not going to comment on any specific leads that have been brought to law enforcement."

Mr. Pasqua's predecessor, Mary E. Rain, said the afternoon of Mr. Hillary's Sept. 28, 2016, acquittal, "I am 100 percent certain that Nick Hillary committed this crime. There is no further investigation."

Garrett was found dead between 4:50 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 24, 2011, at the 100 Market St. apartment where the boy lived with his mother, Tandy L. Collins, and younger brother, Aaron Collins.

Potsdam Village Police is the lead agency in the investigation and Chief Mark R. Murray declined to comment Wednesday on what he said was an open homicide investigation, directing all questions

to Mr. Pasqua.

Mr. Pasqua said the leads were brought forward some time ago by Mr. Hillary's defense team.

"I'm aware of the lead that the defense has brought forward. It was shared quite a while ago with law enforcement, that includes Potsdam Police Department and the New York State Police, and they are taking appropriate actions with it. I'm not going to talk about the efforts that have been made by the police department or confirm or deny what we may be looking for or if we've found them. Obviously it's a sensitive matter. It's an active investigation and I'm going to let law enforcement do their job before we make any public comment on it."

According to a lead taken by then-Potsdam Police Chief Kevin Bates and assigned to state police Senior Investigator John Donahue and Investigator Karen L. Dufour obtained by the Times, at about 1:54 p.m. Nov. 7, 2011, days after Garrett's death, the state police investigators interviewed Brandon D. Murphy, then 17, at the 100% Market St. apartment where he lived with

his mother, Lori Ann Murphy, and brother Shawn Murphy.

They also interviewed Brandon's then-girlfriend, Devon M. Willmart, and her mother, Laurel D. Willmart, who gave statements that contradicted those of the Murphys.

The Murphys had moved into the apartment eight months earlier from Norfolk, according to police records, and on the day of Garrett's death, Shawn Murphy, then 22, told investigators he had been at work all day and had arrived home at about 9:30 p.m. that night.

Brandon told the police he believed he was home on the day Garrett was killed until about 3:30 to 4 p.m. but stated he did not know Garrett and had never been to 100 Market St. and could not offer any pertinent information.

About 20 minutes later, at 2:17 p.m., investigators interviewed Brandon's mother at Walgreens on Market Street, where she was working at the time. On Nov. 2, 2011, she had told Chief Bates that when she returned home from work on the night of Garrett's death, there was an ambulance next door, but she didn't see

anything.

Five days later, she told investigators that Brandon told her that he saw an unknown male with blonde hair wearing a gray jacket on the day in question. Mrs. Murphy then said her estranged husband, the now-late James Murphy, saw the same person when he picked Brandon up to take him to his then-residence at 2008 Sober St., Norfolk.

The following day, Mr. Murphy would tell investigators that at about 3 p.m. on Oct. 24, 2011, he picked Brandon up from his 100% Market St. apartment, at which time he saw a white male with medium-length dirty blonde hair wearing a white shirt, jeans and sneakers, who ran out the front door of 100 Market Street, "possibly to a dark-colored vehicle," then running back into the building, jumping up the front steps.

Mr. Murphy told investigators he took his son back to Sober Street where they cut wood with Bob Jackson, a friend of Mr. Murphy's, before returning his son home, but did not recall if it was dark or if police were present.

Mr. Narrows said the fact that the Murphys didn't report seeing any police activity at 100 Market St. on the night of Garrett's death was surprising and unusual, due to the large police presence from multiple agencies surrounding the area.

Moreover, the statements regarding Brandon's whereabouts were in stark contrast to what his then-girlfriend Devon M. Willmart and her

mother, Laurel D. Willmart, told investigators on Nov. 7, 2011.

According to police leads, Devon Willmart, then 17, told investigators that Brandon walked to Potsdam High School to meet her at about 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 24, 2011, after which Laurel Willmart said she picked up the two of them by the semicircle and took them to the Willmarts' 8 Hamilton St. residence, where Laurel said Brandon stayed until 11 p.m.

The Willmarts told investigators that it wasn't until Oct. 25, 2011, when Devon and Brandon were talking about the murder, that Brandon told her about seeing an unknown male in his late teens with blonde hair, wearing a hoodie, in his driveway.

"Devon stated the unknown male walked up and down the driveway and then went behind the house, towards Cottage Street," the Nov. 7, 2011, lead sheet stated.

Since that time, Mr. Narrows said, he believed Devon Willmart has recanted her statement.

Several attempts to reach Ms. Willmart were unsuccessful.

"Perhaps the most interesting thing about Brandon is he had, we believe, another person there, at his residence, his cousin, that would be Amos Singleton," Mr. Narrows said. "Amos's mother is related to James Murphy and we believe that Amos and Brandon have information that could potentially shed light on the alleged homicide that occurred."

He said the reason that was interesting is because Amos, who was 15 and lived in Hermon at the time, is black, and that would give potential credence to a statement made by Daniel Carranza, who lived at 100 Market St. at the time of Garrett's death; he reported seeing a black male peeking out the window where the murderer was alleged to have escaped.

"He was listed as a witness in this case," Mr. Narrows said of Mr. Carranza. "He gave a statement, he identified a black male as jumping out the window and everyone had thought that clearly was Nick Hillary, but that would also fit the description of Amos Singleton."

He also pointed to early reports that Garrett's death could have been the result of early dismissed reports of "horseplay" with other kids.

"I think early on there was some reporting that children may have been involved in the death of Garrett Phillips and that Garrett may have been the victim of a 'choke out' game, an asphyxiation game, that youths were playing in the Potsdam area at or about the time that Garrett died," Mr. Narrows said. "So initially I believe there was some reporting that children were involved."

"We're not saying that Amos or Brandon are suspects in this case, but perhaps they are persons of interest that the district attorney, their investigation staff, or the New York State Police can go back in and speak to," Mr. Narrows said.

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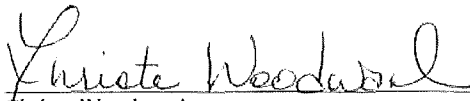
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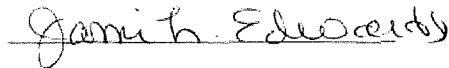
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Stevenson seeks new Ogdensburg council term

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OGDENSBURG — Democratic incumbent Jennifer Stevenson has announced that she is running for a third term on the Ogdensburg City Council.

Ms. Stevenson, the last incumbent on the board to declare her candidacy this year, said her delay in announcing was related to deciding whether to seek another term as a councilor, or to run for mayor.

"My delay in announcing was not due to my hesitancy to serve the city but was a decision to run for the position of mayor or councilor," Ms. Stevenson said in a statement.

"I pride myself in my attention to the commitments I make. With my position as president-elect for New York State Association of Realtors in 2019, and as president in 2020, I am confident I can fulfill my duties as a councilor, but the position of mayor has additional duties that require more attendance at functions."

She added, "My focus continues to be our city, my Realtor obligations, and my business."

THE GIST OF IT

■ **WHAT:** Democrat Jennifer Stevenson seeking re-election
■ **WHERE:** Ogdensburg City Council
■ **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ms. Stevenson will be seeking her third term on the board

The local businesswoman and council member said that since first being elected to the board, she has made an effort to be available to talk and discuss the issues that affect the community's quality of life, economic development and

commerce.

"I believe I fulfill that promise," she said.

During her tenure on the board, Ms. Stevenson said she has worked on a variety of projects, including supporting a waterfront grant — later defeated by council — that would have expanded the city's marina area; helping ensure that a grant was received to support the city police department's K-9 program; requesting that the assessor's office hold yearly informational sessions; attempting to start a neighborhood watch program in the community; facilitating a tenant and landlord rights

and responsibilities session with local and county officials; and assisting the Ogdensburg Public Library in obtaining a grant through former Assemblywoman Addie A.E. Jennie's office.

Other endeavors she has been involved with during her time on the council, Ms. Stevenson said, include working with state Sen. Patricia A. Ritchie, R-Houston, to obtain a grant for the Ogdensburg Fire Department, requesting a grant for two new boilers and other items for the city police department, working with staff to host an informational session on the identifiers for

meth making and other drug red flags, and working with the city manager and other staff to explore the idea of having a bus tour of the city's waterfront area aimed at enhancing development opportunities.

"I also participate in most city functions and events," Ms. Stevenson said. "I have worked very hard with staff and council to get our fiscal situation on a better track. Taxes are always a concern but through careful spending and returning property to the tax rolls it will help manage tax increases in the future. I will continue to work to promote Ogdensburg and the quality of life for our residents."

Students to help fix Texas homes

2017 HURRICANE AFTERMATH: Team of 14 from SUNY Potsdam volunteer during spring break

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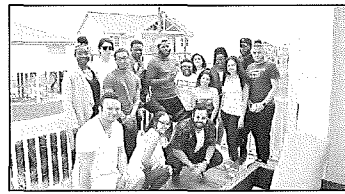
POTSDAM — They all left at 1 in the morning, took two planes and arrived Saturday in Texas where, in 2017, Hurricane Harvey, a Category 4 hurricane, battered homes and businesses, leaving many stranded.

The 14 SUNY Potsdam students had come during their spring break to help.

"I told myself that I wanted to take my last semester to do something that would make me feel better about myself when I graduate SUNY Potsdam," Stanley J. Martinez, a senior at the school, said.

Accompanying the students is Krista M. LaVack, director of International Education and Programs at SUNY Potsdam. The year prior she took 10 students on a trip to Puerto Rico to help those impacted by one of the largest earthquakes to hit the island. This year she took students to do similar work in Texas along with a volunteering group called All Hands and Hearts.

All Hands and Hearts, a di-



SUNY Potsdam students pose in Texas. They will be working all week to repair homes affected by the hurricane in 2017.

aster response group whose motto is "first ones in, last to leave," have helped the students with the work, teaching them construction techniques. The group has housed the students in bunk beds and provided them with three meals a day.

Each day after dinner, the group gets together and reviews the work they did that day and plan the next day's work. Mr. Martinez said they have noticed stark differences between the houses they have helped work on. Some are

near completion and require finishing touches. Others are still rife with mold and beaten by water damage.

Wendy Zabala, a junior, has enjoyed the new experience and is now certain she wants to try to join the Peace Corps after she graduates. Ms. Zabala said a lot is new to her, but she feels that this has helped her solidify the idea that she could do the work with other volunteering groups.

Mrs. LaVack said she hopes to organize a similar trip next year — Ms. Zabala has already

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Davidson Charles
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Nadya Diaz
Angelina Hernandez
Fatouma Kone
Stanley Martinez
Charina Medina
Garcia Oscar
Waldy Perez
Christodina Quaysone
Nicole Sanchez
Makansira Sacko
Wendy Zabala Palacios

expressed interest — and said these trips could become an annual event.

Price, however, could be an issue. Mrs. LaVack said that some money would be required for it to continue.

Currently, a grant through the SUNY Impact Foundation has sponsored the students, but for the program to remain viable it will need to find a more stable financial source.

Park plan leaving out playground

DOWNTOWN MASSENA: Rec officials decide to put money toward maintenance

By BOB BECKSTEAD
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MASSENA — A playground for the proposed Water Street park along the Grasse River in downtown Massena has been scrapped so the funding can be used to enhance and maintain current playgrounds and take care of other needed projects.

Recreation Director Michael P. McCabe had polled community members in December to see what type of playground they wanted to see installed at the park. The four choices included adult fitness, obstacle course, traditional or contemporary.

He said the results were split among the different types of playgrounds, with some suggesting a combination of playgrounds.

Now, the funding that was scheduled to be used for the new playground will be used to enhance and maintain the Recreation Department's current playgrounds, as Mr. McCabe said some have suggested. The park is being funded through multiple grants, including a state Department of State Local Waterfront Development Plan grant.

In addition to enhancing and maintaining the playgrounds, the money will also be used for other necessary projects, including one at the Alcoa Field tennis courts. Mr. McCabe said something is growing underneath the surface of the court, and they need to dig up the surface, take care of the issue and then resurface the courts. They may also be able to address fencing at the tennis courts.

THE GIST OF IT

■ **WHAT:** Massena recreation officials have scrapped plans to install a playground at the proposed Water Street park

■ **WHY:** They say the money can better be used to enhance and maintain the current playgrounds, as well as cover the cost for some necessary projects

■ **THE FUNDING:** The park is being funded through multiple grants, including a state Department of State Local Waterfront Development Plan grant

Although the Water Street park won't include a playground, there will be other amenities including three pavilions, a bandshell, restrooms, observation deck and parking. A boat launch had originally been envisioned but, because of the steepness of the area, it would have been necessary to start it 120 feet away from the shore, which was cost-prohibitive.

Work on the proposed park, at the base of the Parker Avenue bridge, could begin this spring. It was delayed because the area was being used by the Department of Transportation as a staging area for work that was being done rebuilding the Parker Avenue bridge.

The park is part of an effort to revitalize the Water Street area. Work is continuing at the former Slavin's building, now called the Mercantile, and a brew pub will also be opening on Water Street.

New 'CannaBusiness' course planned

SUNY CANTON: Online class offered in fall to prepare students for cannabis career opportunities

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CANTON — A new course will be offered next fall to prepare students for the evolving cannabis world.

The new online CannaBusiness course, which has been prepared by Janice C. Robinson, associate professor in SUNY Canton's business program, will prepare students with managerial skills that they can use in the expanding opportunities in cannabis.

Ms. Robinson said that students will be able to come away from the class with skills that will allow them to work as dispensary managers, logistic managers and media consultants who educate medical professionals about what cannabis is and its impacts. The course will not only look at medical marijuana, but also hemp, as its use can be flexible: products such as sandals and paper can be made out of hemp.

Students with a major in

agro-business and healthcare will benefit from the course.

The course syllabus will include topics on the current business environment, licensing, accounting, investment and the controversy surrounding the marijuana market.

Philip T. Neisser, dean of the School of Business and Liberal Arts, said the skill is one that is valuable nationally. As marijuana continues to be legalized nationwide, there will be a growing need for people

educated in how to run a recreational and medical marijuana business.

"I think the market is there," Ms. Robinson said.

The class is rather unusual. Ms. Robinson came up with the syllabus through her research, a class at an unaccredited college and through books about how to grow marijuana and grow profitable from it written by Ed Rosenthal, a California horticulturist, publisher, cannabis grower and author.

Ogdensburg's financial picture gets good marks

By LARRY ROBINSON
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OGDENSBURG — The city's bottom line has improved significantly during the past three years, according to Ogdensburg Comptroller Timothy Johnson.

"Basically, in summary, we've had a fairly good year financially," Mr. Johnson told City Council Monday following a presentation on the municipality's finances through the end of 2018. "In the last three years that I've been here this is the best year we've had."

To shore up his point, Mr. Johnson said the city saw unanticipated savings in some ar-

reas, and pointed to an increase in sales tax revenue as another windfall for municipal coffers.

As a result, the city ended 2018 with a general fund balance of approximately \$2.6 million.

Mr. Johnson said the city saw revenue increases across a number of budgetary categories, including \$3.8 million in sales tax revenue — an approximate increase of \$124,000 or 3.4 percent more than budgeted for the year. The municipality also saw revenue gains in interest and earnings, and code enforcement fees.

Altogether, Mr. Johnson said

the city had some \$318,000 more in revenue that had been expected.

The city also benefited from having to pay less in health insurance costs than anticipated, according to Mr. Johnson. He said the savings were related to the city's decision to end its policy of being self-insured.

"In health insurance, which impacts our general, water, sewer and library funds, we saved \$677,000 last year, and that was a huge change," Mr. Johnson said. "We probably won't see that savings this year but it was a huge windfall, that was probably one of our biggest

surprises."

In other budgetary news, the city's water fund increased \$275,446 to \$1.58 million, the sewer fund increased \$338,694 to \$2.29 million, and the library-Remington fund increased \$95,085 to \$175,159.

On the downside, the city's capital project fund increased its debt from \$2.98 million to \$3 million because of the ongoing \$35 million wastewater treatment plant project, according to Mr. Johnson.

General fund revenues at the end of 2018 stood at \$14.29 million, balanced against expenses of \$13.42 million.

Man further violates stay-away order, charged with felonies

By JULIE ABRASS
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COPENHAGEN — After allegedly violating a stay-away protection order and being charged with a misdemeanor by state police, a village man crossed the street to follow the same woman, adding two felonies to his list of charges.

James H. Smith, 26, Roberts Road, was first charged on Monday evening with misdemeanor second-degree criminal contempt for disobeying a court order of

protection. According to State Police Troop D Public Information Officer Jack Keller, Mr. Smith allegedly confronted his 32-year-old ex-girlfriend at the McDonald's restaurant in the town of LeRay, knowing she had a stay-away order of protection against him. He was believed to be angry and allegedly shouted obscenities at her during the argument that ensued, Mr. Keller said, after his mother lent the woman her car.

Less than 10 minutes later, Mr. Smith is believed to have followed the woman across the street to Motel 6 to continue the dispute, further violating the stay-away order, Mr. Keller said.

First-degree criminal contempt and aggravated contempt, both felonies, were added to his charges.

After being arraigned, Mr. Smith was held in the LeRay Jefferson Public Safety Building on \$10,000 cash or \$20,000 bond.

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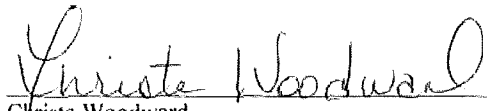
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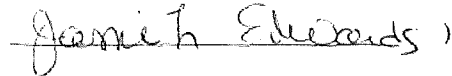
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Massena plans hearing on open burn changes

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MASSENA — The public will have an opportunity on April 16 to make comments regarding changes to the village of Massena's law on outdoor burning that would allow recreational fires.

A public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. as part of the Massena Village Board's monthly meeting.

Deputy Mayor Matthew J. LeBire presented trustees with an updated draft of the law during their meeting on Tuesday and said there had been some tweaks after listening to village residents.

"At the last meeting, we brought this up as a discussion item about amending the code to allow small recreational fires that meet certain criteria and conditions, and we wanted feedback. It's been interest-

ing," he said, noting he had received "quite a bit" of positive feedback, as well as some negative feedback and concerns.

"What I'm happy with is the amount of discussion that was had between those in favor and those who were potentially opposed. A lot of it was out of misunderstanding," Mr. LeBire said.

After hearing the concerns, he said, they "tweaked the proposal that was floated the last time."

Mr. LeBire said one individual had experienced a situation in which a fire that was near his vehicle gave off sparks.

"One of the things I shared with him, and it's important that as we move forward we share this, is that there are size restrictions on these fire pits that can be used. They're

relatively small. They have to have a spark arresting screen. The original proposal said it could not be 15 feet from any structure. We've actually amended that now to the structure, lot line, property line and driveway. We really tried to take the scenarios from that gentleman and a couple of others that were concerned," he said.

In addition, they've increased the required distance from 15 feet to 25 feet in their proposed change.

There would also be a requirement that someone be with the fire at all times, and an extinguisher of some type, whether it's a garden hose or actual extinguisher, be nearby.

"So there's quite a bit out there that would be regulated," Mr. LeBire said.

The proposed changes would continue to forbid burn barrels. He said

THE GIST OF IT

■ **WHAT:** Massena village trustees will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. April 16 to take comments on proposed changes to the open burning law.

■ **THE BIG CHANGE:** If approved, the law would allow recreational fires in the village limits, something that's currently not legal.

there was a misconception that the change was an open burn allowance.

"Not at all. All the restrictions against that type of burning would be left in place. All we'll be doing is adding an exclusion for a small recreational fire," he said.

The code enforcement officer will also have the authority to order the fire extinguished if it's a nuisance.

"So, even if they did everything

by the book, but for some reason it smoked more than it should have or the wind was just carrying it over, hopefully that will be resolved right in the neighborhood. Code would have the ability under this to say, 'Hey, it's a nuisance. It has to be put out even if it meets the requirements,'" Mr. LeBire said.

"It's our attempt to alleviate some of the concerns by those who raised them. What's intended by this proposal is the small, contained recreational fires. Hopefully that wouldn't ever fall into the nuisance category," he said.

Mayor Timmy J. Carrier said individuals would also need to be wary of burn bans issued by the state or county, and would not be able to have a fire during those periods.

"You have to follow the governing authority on burn bans," he said.

Massena cleanup process outlined

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MASSENA — Massena Mayor Timmy J. Carrier says that, while they want to make this year's new spring cleanup process as easy as possible for residents, they know there will need to be some changes later to make it even better.

"We've had a lot of discussion on this, how we're going to get to this. We recognize we are going to have to be flexible this first year as we change from something that's gone on for many, many years. Chances are that we either haven't thought of everything or we didn't get a piece of this right," he said at Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting.

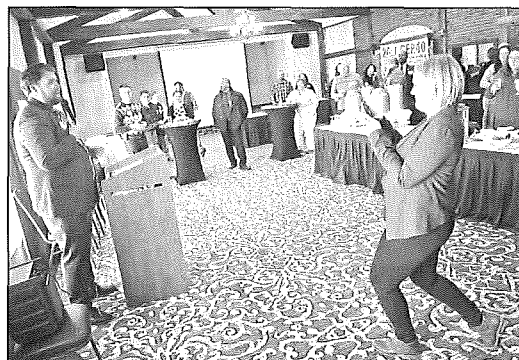
"We're going to ask that our employees be flexible at the transfer station with people that have legitimate issues as they try to navigate this. It's new to us. We want to make sure that we do it right, but we also want to make sure that we're fair and equal. I fully expect to come back here in May or June and say, 'This worked, this didn't and let's correct it and make it even better for our residents to continue to provide this service,' he said.

This year's spring cleanup will be April 22 through May 4. In previous years, Department of Public Works employees spent a week picking up junk on the north side of the Grasse River and another week picking up items south of the Grasse River. But this year, for the first time, residents will be taking their own items to the transfer station.

"We have eliminated curbside pickup. So now residents that have accounts in the village for garbage can take or have someone else take their debris to the dump," Mr. Carrier said.

A list of unacceptable items — the same items that have been unacceptable in past spring cleanups — is posted on the Department of Public Works Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/VillageofMassenaDPW/>.

CANDID SHOT



St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Brooke Rouse takes a photo of Joshua LaFave, executive director of Graduate and Continuing Education at SUNY Potsdam, as he speaks at the St. Lawrence County Leadership Institute event Tuesday in Canton.

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that from page 658 of the novel "It" by Stephen King.

He also said in the recording that he told Ms. Yekel to "go into the light," which he said Wednesday morning he pulled from the movie "Poltergeist."

He said he was telling Ms. Bressard what he thought she wanted to hear so they would get back together and that, even years after Ms. Yekel's death, he couldn't tell her the truth, because he was "trapped in the lie."

"If I knew she was recording me, I would have told her the truth," Hebert said. "I wouldn't be here."

Hebert said he and Ms. Yekel parked by the industrial park, to go get guns she said she had hidden there to repay him for cocaine, but it was still too light to go looking for the guns, so they sat in the cab of the black pickup truck and he split the remainder of his cocaine with her. That was when, he said, she overdosed.

She wasn't breathing. She had no pulse. She was dead, he told the court.

He said he panicked and

went out beyond the tree line to look for the guns but couldn't find them. He corroborated last week's testimony of Gerald Dissotte, saying he called his long-time friend, with whom he and Ms. Yekel had been getting high earlier, to ask if he took the guns.

When he returned to the truck and drove along the secondary road to Route 420, he said he knew he couldn't take Ms. Yekel with him.

Still high and "not in my right mind," Hebert told the court "there wasn't anything I could do for her," and that he carried her body out into the wooded area. He said he stripped her of her clothing, which he questionably bundled up and placed under a nearby stone, not wanting his DNA found. He said he felt bad leaving her naked on the ground.

He grabbed the tarp from the truck that they planned on covering up the guns with, put it under her and left.

"Brandy came in here and told us that she said things specifically to manipulate Chris. So it is so far-fetched that he would say things to manipulate her? Is that so far-fetched?" Mr. Dumas asked the jury. "He was continuing this story because this is what kept her

coming back... He couldn't tell her the truth because as soon as she heard the truth from him, she was gone and that was the only thing that Chris had."

District Attorney Gary M. Pasqua agreed, but said that the only thing "far-fetched," citing Mr. Dumas's use of the term, was the story Hebert told on the stand Wednesday morning.

"I ask you, what is really far-fetched," a word Mr. Dumas used — think about it," Mr. Pasqua asked. "The defendant goes to two people he's known for over 20 years, and to the woman he loves more than anything, trusts more than anyone in the world, and he lies to them. Makes up a story... when no one else is listening. When he hasn't been charged with anything. When he has his alibi all set because he was in jail."

"Or, he comes in here, on trial for murder, in front of people he doesn't know, and says, 'nope, I was just kidding when I was talking to those other people.' Does that make any sense to you?" Mr. Pasqua asked. "He admitted what he couldn't deny and he denied the one thing he can't admit or we really wouldn't be here, would we?"

Man allegedly hit deputy in head with a shovel

FELONY ASSAULT CHARGE: Hermon resident jailed after nine-hour standoff at his home

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HERMON — A Pond Road man was jailed late Tuesday night on a felony charge following a nine-hour standoff with state police negotiators after he hit a St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputy in the head with a shovel.

John F. Woodrow, 43, of 865 Pond Road, was charged with aggravated assault upon a police officer, a class B felony. He's being held in the St. Lawrence County Jail, Canton, on \$10,000 cash bail.

Sheriff Kevin M. Wells said Mr. Woodrow has mental health issues and deputies have frequently been at his residence in response to threats and comments he's made on social media.

"We'd been there multiple days in a row," Mr. Wells said. "He's someone we're already familiar with from past interactions."

The sheriff said while deputies were investigating an unrelated matter related to Mr. Woodrow's well-being and mental health status, he refused to cooperate with deputies on the scene.

As deputies stood in the doorway of his home, Mr. Woodrow allegedly struck

Sgt. Matthew Brown in the head with a military-type shovel.

Deputies retreated and called for backup. Mr. Brown was transported by Hermon Rescue to Canton-Potsdam Hospital, Potsdam, where he was treated for a head wound and lacerations.

Assisted by state police, deputies set up a perimeter around the residence and waited for the State Police Special Operation Response Team to arrive.

After nine hours of negotiations and utilizing numerous techniques, including the use of hostage negotiators, the incident ended peacefully shortly after 11 p.m., police said.

Mr. Woodrow was taken into custody and transported to the Sheriff's Department, Canton. He was arraigned in Canton Town Court before Justice Michael Morgan. He's being held on \$10,000 cash bail and is due back in court at a later date. Sheriff Det. Sean P. O'Brien is the investigating officer.

Mr. Wells said Mr. Woodrow's mental health condition will be evaluated.

"We'll make sure she gets the help he needs," he said.



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Syracuse man guilty of threatening Obama

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SYRACUSE — A Syracuse man was found guilty of making death threats to former President Barack Obama and U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters Wednesday after a three-day trial federal court.

Stephen J. Taubert, 61, was convicted of one count of threatening to kill a former President of the United States, one count of transmitting a threat via interstate commerce and one count of threatening to murder a mem-

ber of Congress with intent to impede, interfere with, or retaliate against a member of Congress during and because of her performance of official duties.

The jury also found that Mr. Taubert threatened Mr. Obama and Ms. Waters, D-Calif., because of their actual or perceived race, color, or ethnicity, according to the Department of Justice.

Mr. Taubert called then office of former Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., multiple times on June 2, 2017, and, in two of

those calls, said he was going to "hang" the Mr. Obama the next day in his home. He also used racial slurs when describing the former president over the phone, according to the justice department.

The Syracuse man also called the Los Angeles office of Ms. Waters on July 20 and said he would attend every event the congresswoman would, kill her and her entire staff while directing, according to the justice department. He also directed racial slurs at the congresswoman.

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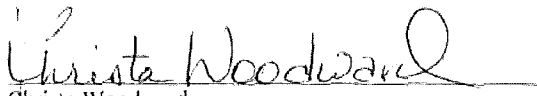
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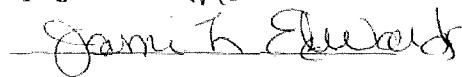

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that dredging will begin in April to clean up sediment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls, also known as PCBs, at the Grasse River Superfund Site in Massena.

Dredging of Grasse River to start in April

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MASSENA — Dredging and removal of contaminated soil and sediment along a 7.2-mile stretch of the Grasse River near the former Alcoa West facility in Massena is set to begin next month, according to officials with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Federal environmental officials made the announcement this week, and have scheduled two public hearings on the initiative for April 3 and 4. The April 3 meeting will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Massena Community Center, 61 Beach St.

The second public hearing regarding the cleanup is set for 6 to 8 p.m. April 4 at Akwesasne. That meeting will be held at the Office for the Aging building on the Mohawk Reserve, 29 Business Park Road.

Both meetings will give the public a chance to hear details regarding dredging of the Grasse River that is set to begin next month to remove sediment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls at the Grasse River Superfund Site in Massena. The contamination is the result of past waste disposal practices at the former Alcoa West facility — now known as Arconic — according to EPA officials.

A plan for dredging near the plant has been in the works since 2013, ac-

ording to the EPA.

During the past six years, Arconic has been working out the details of how the dredging and capping work will be carried out, according to federal environmental officials. Arconic is performing the work, estimated at \$243 million, under an EPA order and with EPA oversight.

In a statement, EPA Regional Administrator Pete Lopez said multiple agencies, including the EPA, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe are working together on the large scale project to help remediate PCBs from the Grasse River and return the waterway's ecological system to normal.

"EPA continues to work collaboratively with New York State and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe on the oversight and coordination of this critically important cleanup of the Grasse River, including engagement in recent months to ensure a full understanding of their perspectives," Mr. Lopez said. "The removal of over 100,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment along the shores of the Grasse River, along with thoughtful attention to habitat reconstruction, will go a long way toward achieving the ultimate restoration of the river's health."

DREDGING PHASE

The dredging portion of the cleanup is expected to be completed by late fall, according to the EPA, and

beginning in 2020, a new layer of "clean material" will be placed in the river's main channel to encapsulate any PCBs still located along the river's bottom. The dredging, capping and habitat reconstruction work is expected to take approximately four years to complete.

As part of those ongoing remediation efforts, the 2019 dredging season will involve the use of mechanical dredges that will pull PCB-contaminated sediment from near-shore areas of the project using environmental buckets, according to the EPA. Excavated sediment will then be transported by barge to a staging area located next to the river. The staging area, located at the intersection of County Route 42 and Route 131 in Massena, will be used for off-loading, processing and dewatering the river sediment.

Care will also be taken during the dredging to minimize the impact on spawning fish, including lake sturgeon, which due to lingering stocking efforts in recent years have been making a comeback across the region.

"Dredging will generally be performed upstream to downstream, except for a few upstream areas which have been identified as lake sturgeon spawning areas," the EPA said in a news release. "Work will not begin in these upstream areas until the middle of June. Dredges are expected

THE GIST OF IT

■ **WHAT:** Dredging of Grasse River to begin next month

■ **WHERE:** A 7.2 mile section of Grasse River

■ **CONTAMINATION:** The EPA Superfund Site polluted with polychlorinated biphenyls

■ **TIMELINE:** Dredging, capping, habitat reconstruction to last four years

to work on the river 12 hours a day, Monday through Saturday, through the fall. Project activities will be conducted through the night time hours at the staging area."

Throughout the dredging, contaminated sediment water will be collected and pretreated at the staging area before being sent to the Arconic West plant for additional treatment and subsequent discharge into the Grasse River. Processed sediment will be loaded into dump trucks for transport to the permitted landfill at the Arconic West plant, and those trucks leaving the staging area will be thoroughly cleaned before exiting the site, according to the EPA.

As the project progresses over the next four years, more infrastructure related to the remediation will be needed and the public can expect to see an additional shoreline support area constructed near Haverstock Road in 2019.

"Clean capping material, needed for work in the main channel in 2020, will be brought to this area by truck and transported by pipeline to the cap placement equipment on the river," the EPA said. "Other work to be conducted in 2019 includes the removal of an estimated 7,500 cubic yards of contaminated soil from the floodplain and areas along the north shore of the river near the Alcoa Bridge."

Health and safety plans have also been developed to protect workers and area communities, including the monitoring of air and river water, according to the EPA. Those results will be available on Arconic's project website: www.thegrassriver.com.

"Noise and lighting in the work zones will also be monitored," the EPA said. "Efforts will be made to mitigate noise generated from the construction activities."

For more information about the Grasse River Superfund Site, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/alcoa-aggregate>. General project questions can be directed to Larisa Romanowski, EPA public affairs specialist, at 518-407-0400 or romanowski.larisa@epa.gov. Residents with specific questions or concerns related to dredging and capping activities while work is being performed should contact Arconic's community liaison, Sue Flynn, at 515-764-4400 or Susan.Flynn@arconic.com.

Border patrol makes pot bust

OHIO MAN ARRESTED IN OGDENSBURG: Second major seizure in last week

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OGDENSBURG — In what has been the second major bust in less than a week, state police and U.S. Border Patrol agents Monday charged an Ohio man with possessing about 33 pounds of marijuana.

Troopers on Monday charged Damian D. Cookhome, 36, with felony first-degree criminal possession of marijuana.

According to a release sent out by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, on Saturday on Route 37, Mr. Cookhome — who was identified only as a U.S. citizen and whose name was released by troopers following his arrest — was traveling west when he pulled into a gas station in Ogdensburg and began pumping gas into the vehicle. U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the Ogdensburg Border Patrol station said the vehicle had been considered "suspicious," approached to

speak to him and noticed a large duffel bag in the back of the vehicle.

When agents asked Mr. Cookhome what was in the bag, he denied knowing that there was a duffel bag in the vehicle, the release stated. A Border Patrol K-9 team indicated the possible presence of drugs, which resulted in the discovery and seizure of approximately 33 pounds of marijuana hidden in the bag, agents said.

After initial processing by U.S. Border Patrol, Mr. Cookhome and the marijuana were turned over to the state police.

"This is the second significant seizure of marijuana made by Ogdensburg Border Patrol agents over the last four days," said Swanton Sector Acting Chief Patrol Agent William Maddocks. "These two events demonstrate the need to stay vigilant to stop illegal activity near our border."

On March 21, troopers

charged Ashlyn M. Lazare-Cole, 26, Hogansburg, with felony first-degree criminal possession of marijuana after Border Patrol agents reportedly discovered 58 pounds of marijuana hidden in garbage bags and a dog food bag in the trunk of her car.

According to a news release at the time, agents said she was stopped after they saw a "suspicious vehicle" headed south on Route 11 near Gouverneur, at which time Ms. Lazare-Cole told authorities she was traveling to Watertown to check out a puppy; however, a K-9 alerted agents to the possible presence of drugs in the vehicle and the agents found the 58 pounds of marijuana when they searched inside the trunk.

Colton man indicted on child porn charges

By W.T. ECKERT
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CANTON — A St. Lawrence County grand jury Thursday charged a Colton man with possessing and promoting child pornography.

Roy J. Johnson, 38, of 139 County Route 58, is charged with 12 counts of promoting a sexual performance by a child and 12 counts of possessing a sexual performance by a child.

The indictment charges on Sept. 14, in St. Lawrence County, Johnson possessed, produced, directed or promoted 12 separate digital images

which depicted sexual conduct by children less than 17 years of age.

In other grand jury action Thursday:

James Matteson, 22, of 578 Route 11B, Potsdam, is charged with felony first-degree sexual abuse and misdemeanor endangering the welfare of a child.

The indictment charges that in early July, in the village of Potsdam, Matteson subjected an 11-year-old to sexual contact.

Donald D. Burnham, 51, an inmate in the St. Lawrence

County jail, is charged with second-degree aggravated sex abuse, two counts of first-degree criminal sex act, all felonies, and misdemeanor forcible touching.

The indictment charges on Sept. 23, in the town of Lawrence, Burnham twice engaged in oral sexual contact with another person by forcible compulsion, engaged in sexual contact with another person and while doing so caused physical injury, and intentionally and forcibly touched intimate parts of another person for sexual gratification.

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Gillibrand invites women's suffrage commission to meet in Seneca Falls

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A panel established to develop programs for commemorating the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote has been invited by U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand to meet in Seneca Falls.

Gillibrand, D-N.Y., wrote a letter to Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission Chair Kay Cole James inviting the delegation to gather at the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls.

The town hosted the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848. It was the first women's rights convention. It's why Seneca Falls is often referred to as the birthplace of women's rights.

Gillibrand not only encouraged the commission to meet in Seneca Falls, she urged them to visit nearby sites relevant to the women's rights movement, such as the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn.

One of the members of the commission is Karen Hill, president and CEO of the Harriet Tubman Home in Auburn. The Tubman home is part of the national park.

"The state of New York is the birthplace of women's rights, and Seneca Falls is among the most legendary landmarks of the suffrage movement," Gillibrand wrote. "As we approach this monumental anniversary in United States

history, meeting in Seneca Falls would be an important way for the commission to honor these historical achievements and the heroic efforts of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Tubman and other champions of New York who played a pivotal role in the fight for women's rights."

Gillibrand cosponsored the legislation that created the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission. The panel will be tasked with developing events to commemorate the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which prevents U.S. citizens from being denied the right to vote on the basis of sex.

The commission will

encourage state and local governments to commemorate the 100th Amendment's ratification and coordinate activities throughout the country. It will also recommend ways the president and Congress can commemorate the anniversary.

The commission met in 2013 and will continue to meet this year. A telephone meeting is planned for later this month. The commission will hold an in-person meeting in June at the Department of the Interior in Washington.

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NEW YORK

Parole granted to woman who got teen lover to kill husband in Seneca County

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ALBANY — A Pennsylvania woman convicted of murder for urging her teenage neighbor into killing her husband at their vacation home in Seneca County has been granted parole after serving more than 26 years in state prison.

A New York parole board has ordered 54-year-old Laurie Kellogg released from prison by April 16. In its March 8 decision, the board cited Kellogg's good behavior in prison, her vol-

unteer work as a teaching assistant and her "seemingly sincere remorse" for the 1991 crime.

Kellogg was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for the death of 43-year-old Malcolm Kellogg, who was shot four times in the head while he slept in the couple's cottage on Cayuga Lake. Laurie Kellogg, who was 26 at the time, claimed he physically and verbally abused her and had sexually assaulted two of her teenage friends.

Her 18-year-old neighbor from suburban Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Denver McDowell, pleaded guilty to killing Kellogg. In his trial, he testified that he was on LSD at the time and that Kellogg became his lover to persuade him to kill her husband. He remains in prison serving a 25-years-to-life sentence.

On the night of the crime, Laurie Kellogg traveled to the cottage from her home in Pennsylvania with four teenagers, including McDowell. She claimed in court that she went there only to tell her husband she was leaving him.

At the time, the crime was compared to the case of Pamela Smart, a 22-year-old New Hampshire schoolteacher convicted in March 1991 of persuading her 17-year-old boyfriend to kill her husband.

The Kellogg case inspired a 1994 made-for-TV movie on ABC starring Jennie Garth and Gregory Harrison.

CRIME

Police: woman broke into apartment, attacked man

THE CITIZEN STAFF

Police said an Auburn woman who broke into a man's home and attacked him also struggled with the officer who arrested her.

The Auburn Police Department said that Kerl A. Miller, 24, of 40 Meridian St., was charged Tuesday with second-degree burglary, ending the welfare of a child,

fourth-degree criminal mischief, resisting arrest and second-degree harassment.

Deputy Police Chief Roger Anthony said Wednesday that at 5:03 p.m., Miller broke into the Wall Street apartment occupied by

the father of her child, breaking the door.

A brief struggle ensued between Miller and an officer and they both ended up on the ground when the officer attempted to place handcuffs on Miller, Anthony said.

Miller was arraigned at Auburn City Court Wednesday and was released on her own recognizance.



Miller

POLITICAL CORRUPTION

Panel sympathetic to Silver's claims

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Former New York Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's quest to avoid prison got a boost when a panel of appeals judges heard his appeal Wednesday, questioning whether his actions were crimes or politics as usual.

The Democrat wasn't at oral arguments before the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan, but he likely heard a positive report from his lawyers.

Two of the panel's three judges questioned whether Silver's actions fit the definition of a public corruption crime after a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling narrowed the requirements of the law.

Silver, 75, is appealing his conviction and seven-year prison sentence. Prosecutors said he collected nearly \$4 million in fees to help a cancer researcher and real estate developers. An earlier conviction was overturned on appeal after the trial judge improperly instructed jurors about the law.

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AUBURN

Police: Mom, daughter sold drugs

THE CITIZEN STAFF

A mother and a daughter from Auburn were arrested Tuesday for allegedly selling heroin to undercover officers with the Finger Lakes Drug Task Force, according to the Auburn Police Department.

Auburn Police Department Deputy Chief Roger Anthony said Patty J. Waldbly, 56, of 7 Barber St., had sold heroin in concert with her daughter, Samantha A. Dixon, 30, of the same address, to an undercover task force agent sometime between January and March 2014. Dixon had also sold heroin to agents on three other occasions within that same time frame, Anthony said.

Waldbly was picked up on an indictment warrant at 5:10 p.m. at 70 Arterial East and charged with third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, third-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance and fourth-degree conspiracy.

Dixon was picked up on an

indictment warrant at 6:45 p.m. at 46 North St. and charged with three counts of criminal sale of a controlled substance, one count of criminal sale of a controlled substance, three counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, one count of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, and fourth-degree conspiracy.

Both were arraigned at Cayuga County Court Wednesday. Dixon was sent to the Cayuga County Jail in lieu of \$2,500 cash and \$5,000 bond. Waldbly was being held with no bail or bond.



Waldbly



Dixon

EDUCATION

Business, education leaders to talk to students

THE CITIZEN STAFF

Business leaders and employers, school officials and more are set to talk workforce development with children and parents.

The discussion will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Cayuga-Orangeta BOCES building in Aurelius, according to a news release from the Central New York School Boards Association. People will be able to "discuss the future of apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships, P-TECH programs, and Career & Technical Educational programming."

Educators and program developers and representatives of the association and

the Manufacturers Association of Central New York will be attending.

"Workforce development is not only crucial for the future of our president, it is vital for the sustainability of our local communities," the news release said. "Young adults do not need to move away to find good job opportunities. We have many companies in this region that are looking for qualified employees and are ready to train them in prosperous career fields with growing future potential."

Those who are interested can contact school board association executive director Charles Borgognoni at (315) 463-1904.

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CORRECTIONS

Cuomo still seeking prison closures

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo isn't abandoning his proposal to close more state prisons.

Cuomo's office confirmed Tuesday that the plan to expedite the closure of up to three correctional facilities remains a budget priority for the governor.

One of the governor's 30-day budget amendments requested authorization from the state Legislature to close more prisons by Sept. 1. The Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, which oversees 54 state prisons, would be tasked with determining which facilities should be shuttered.

DOCs would consider several factors, such as facility security level, programs available for inmates and potential reuse of the prisons.

The state Division of Budget estimated that the prison closures would eliminate at least 1,200 beds and save the state more than \$35 million.

Cuomo's proposal didn't receive support from the state Legislature when the Assembly and Senate released their one-house budget resolutions this month. The state Senate



Corrections officers picket in front of Auburn Correctional Facility in 2017.

Democrats' budget plan didn't dismiss the idea of closing more prisons, but explained that "meaningful advance notice and justification for specifically identified prison closures is essential to thoughtful planning of such closures and for constructive reuse of facilities."

Despite opposition from the state Legislature to expediting the closure of correctional facilities, Cuomo hopes it will be part of a final state budget agreement.

Cuomo argues the prison closures are necessary because the inmate population is declining and the crime rate reached an all-time low in New York.

The governor's proposal, As of February, the prison population was 46,973 — down from 56,419 in 2011. It's the lowest inmate population in three decades.

"Through 13 facility closures over the past eight years, (DOCs) has successfully developed a comprehensive process for stakeholder engagement, including the facility staff, union representatives, local community members and elected officials," said Don Kaplan, a spokesman for the governor. "Our proposal would provide DOCs with the authority to conduct this process, expedite the closures and deliver economic and social justice to New Yorkers."

The governor's proposal has been criticized by the

New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association, the union representing correctional officers across the state, and some state lawmakers.

NYSOCOPA has said closing more prisons could lead to overcrowding in remaining facilities and increased violence against officers.

State legislators are concerned that the potential closures could affect communities they represent.

There are two state prisons in Cayuga County: Auburn Correctional Facility, a maximum security prison, and Cayuga Correctional Facility, a medium security prison in Moravia.

State Sen. Bob Antonacci told The Citizen last week that he doesn't believe Auburn Correctional Facility, which is in his district, will be targeted for closure because it's a maximum security prison. The prisons in Auburn and Moravia are two of the largest employers in Cayuga County.

Cuomo and state legislative leaders are in the process of negotiating an agreement on the 2019-20 state budget. The deadline for an on-time budget is Sunday, March 31.

AUBURN

City to vote on highway maintenance increase request

THE CITIZEN STAFF

The Auburn City Council will consider a resolution at its Thursday meeting to request an increase in the Arterial Highway Maintenance Reimbursement rate from the governor and state Legislature.

Since 1961, Auburn has been in an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation to maintain and upkeep the city's portion of the highway. The rates of state reimbursement, 85 cents per square yard and 95 cents for every elevated square yard of the highway, have not increased since 1987, despite rising maintenance costs.

Thirty-eight New York cities have maintenance agreements to combat potholes and other road deterioration. Auburn Mayor Michael Quill has joined 34 other mayors by requesting Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the state Legislature to adjust the reimbursement rate to \$1.87 per square yard.

Over 197,000 square yards of the arterial highway lie in Auburn. Currently, the city gets reimbursed \$167,042 a year for Arterial maintenance. Under a \$1.87 reimbursement

rate, Auburn could be reimbursed about \$368,000.

"Many times over the years I have heard Andrew Cuomo talk about a Co-ca-Cola that he left at the NYS Fair during his father's administration and that when he took office as Governor he returned to the fairgrounds to not only find the same Co-ca-Cola that he left behind, but he discovered that the State had not invested in the fairgrounds for decades. We all know that the Governor has invested in the State Fair and its new attraction we can all be proud of. Well, the Arterial Highway maintenance funds are like the Co-ca-Cola that the Governor left behind; they've been sitting stagnant since 1987 and nobody at the State has addressed the matter," said Quill in a news release.

The 2019-2020 fiscal year budget is in its final negotiation stage. If passed Thursday, city council's resolution would call on the governor, state Sen. Patricia Heinehan, Sen. Robert Antonacci, Assemblyman Gary Finch and all of the state Legislature to adjust the highway's reimbursement rate.

AUBURN

Police: Man driving under influence of drugs

THE CITIZEN STAFF

An Auburn man faces charges after allegedly driving under the influence while in possession of heroin and a hypodermic needle, the Auburn Police Department said on Tuesday.

Donald J. Gregory Jr., 50, 10 Chestnut St., Apt. Upper, was charged with first-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, second-degree



Gregory

operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs, second-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and possession of a hypodermic instrument. Deputy Chief Roger

Anthony said Gregory was stopped by officers at 8:44 p.m. Tuesday on Franklin Street for speeding.

Anthony said that one of the officers, a certified drug recognition expert, determined Gregory was "under the influence of something." Gregory was given standard sobriety tests. After he was charged and brought to AFD headquarters, it was found Gregory had a suspended driver's license from a charge last year of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

Anthony said Gregory was found to have had less than two grams of heroin and a hypodermic needle. Gregory was arraigned in Auburn City Court Tuesday night.

CAYUGA COUNTY

Legislature passes residency preference for department heads

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AUBURN — With the search underway for several department head positions in Cayuga County, legislators on Tuesday passed a resolution requiring a local preference when hiring for leadership roles.

The county is currently in the midst of a recruitment process for leaders in its emergency information technology, and human resources departments. Since it's rare to be able to hire for so many leadership roles at once, Legislator Allen McNabb-Coleman, D-Sennett, who developed the resolution along with Legislator Andy Dennison, R-Ira, said it was a good time to establish a residency preference.

"We wanted to raise awareness," McNabb-Coleman said. "Mr. Dennison and I have been discussing this and we thought it would be a good idea to present a resolution about hiring within the community for these critical roles."

The resolution would offer preference, but not necessarily a requirement, to hiring locally for department head positions, in part because of the connection and familiarity with the area local residents would bring, according to the text of the resolution.

After an amendment to address concerns from Legislator Joe Bennett, R-Auburn, the resolution extended the preference to current county employees and contiguous counties, which Dennison said was the original intent anyway.

"One of the sole purposes of this was to also not just look within the county but within our organization," Dennison

said. "If there's somebody that's been here for 15 years and they're qualified and would be a great person to bring up to the

position of department head, it shouldn't matter if they live within Elbridge, or otherwise."

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J. Justin Woods said the existing brochures for the current search positions would be updated to reflect the preference.

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St. Lawrence Seaway officials mark 60th anniversary

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

The Washington, D.C.-based Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corp. says 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 says 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 seaway opened to commercial shipping in April 1959.

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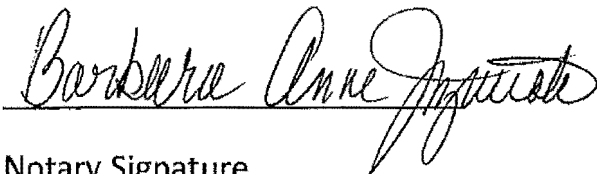
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WORLD NEWS



New York Times

An image released by the Australian government shows a grounded cargo ship that has been leaking oil for weeks on Rennell Island in the Solomon Islands. The Solomon Trader was carrying some 770 tons of heavy fuel oil when it ran aground. The leak is now endangering the largest raised coral atoll in the world, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Oil spill in South Pacific is spreading, imperiling fragile World Heritage site

By JACQUELINE WILLIAMS
NEW YORK TIMES

SYDNEY — An oil spill from a cargo ship that ran aground near a World Heritage site in the South Pacific is spreading, alarming environmentalists and government officials about the threat to the delicate local ecosystem and to people living there.

The Hong Kong-flagged ship, *Solomon Trader*, was carrying more than 770 tons of heavy fuel oil when it ran aground last month on Rennell Island, one of the Solomon Islands, which UNESCO says is the largest raised coral atoll in the world.

The ship is leaking just outside the boundaries of the World Heritage site, called East Rennell.

Officials in Australia, which has a close relationship with the Solomon Islands, said this week that oil had spread along more than 3 miles of coastline and into the surrounding sea, and that it was approaching the boundaries of the heritage

site. The source of the leak has yet to be found.

Australia initially sent experts to help monitor the spill, but Foreign Minister Marise Payne said Sunday that the country would step up efforts and send equipment, vessels and experts to help contain the damage to Rennell Island, which is home to animal species found nowhere else.

There is a "high risk" that the oil spill on the vessel, estimated at more than 650 tons, will leak into the area, Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said Tuesday. It said the Solomon Islands government had asked for Australia's help after the ship's owner and its insurer failed to act.

"Australia has been profoundly disappointed by the slow response of these companies," the department said.

On Wednesday, the insurer, Korea Protection and Indemnity Club, expressed "deep remorse" on behalf of itself and the vessel's owner, King Trader, though it said that "matters

of liability are yet to be determined."

In a statement, the insurer said the ship had run aground on Feb. 5 "during an unexpected gale event."

King Trader arranged for a tugboat to remove the vessel, but a cyclone pushed it farther into the reef, damaging the hull and the engine room, according to the statement.

"Inclement weather has made it difficult and at times impossible to access the vessel, and conditions have been too dangerous for external underwater inspections — a key assessment ahead of salvage operations progressing in earnest," the statement from the insurer read.

Greenpeace Australia Pacific expressed alarm last week about the spill, calling it a direct threat to Rennell Island and the 2,000 people who live there, and who rely on the ocean and the island's natural resources for their livelihoods.

"This requires immediate action, compensation and remediation," Greenpeace said.

Simon Albert, a researcher at the University of Queensland in Australia who has been working with the Solomon Islands government and local communities on Rennell, said the leak was spilling in an "uncontrolled fashion, without any mitigation at all."

He said the reefs within Kangawa Bay, where the oil spill occurred, had the highest live coral cover of the entire island and provided a critical source of food for residents. Albert said there were "likely to be substantial long-term impacts on the health of the coral reef ecosystems and the communities that depend on them."

UNESCO describes East Rennell, which it designated a World Heritage site in 1998, as a "true natural laboratory for scientific study." In 2013, the organization put the site on its list of endangered heritage sites, saying it was threatened by commercial logging, over-exploitation of its marine resources and the introduction of invasive rats.

Trudeau's ex-adviser and close friend denies pressuring official

By IAN AUSTEN
NEW YORK TIMES

OTTAWA, Ontario — He was calm, measured and respectful. Gerald Butts, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's close friend and former top political aide, tried Wednesday to defuse a political scandal gripping Canada, denying that any improper pressure was put on the former justice minister to settle a criminal case.

In televised testimony before a parliamentary committee, Butts painted his interactions with the former minister and attorney general, Jody Wilson-Raybould, on the criminal corruption case of a large company as minimal and friendly. And he said his discussions with her had been aimed at carefully considering what would happen to thousands of Canadian jobs if the company were convicted.

"When 9,000 people's jobs are at stake, it is a public policy problem of the highest order," Butts said, speaking in a calm and lowered voice to the justice committee. "It was our obligation to exhaustively consider options the law allows."

"It was and is the attorney general's decision to make," he said. "It would, however, be Canadians' decision to live with."

Butts said he and others had suggested that in handling the case, Wilson-Raybould should seek advice on how to sign a new law that would enable the company, SNC-Lavalin, to avoid a criminal conviction by paying a multimillion-dollar fine. A criminal conviction, Butts said, would have imperiled Canadian jobs by barring SNC-Lavalin from doing government business for a decade.

Butts, who abruptly resigned from his position two weeks ago, also dismissed a suggestion that the justice minister's move to a different Cabinet post had been a punishment, saying it was an ordinary Cabinet "shuffle."

Butts, a longtime political insider credited for masterminding his friend Trudeau's rise to power, put on a surprisingly apologetic show. Over more than 2½ hours of testimony and questions, Butts kept his voice low, repeating that the government had done nothing wrong while at the same time refusing to vilify Wilson-Raybould, whom he called a "valued colleague and friend."

The crisis began last month when Trudeau and top officials in his government were accused of having improperly pressured Wilson-Raybould to settle the criminal case against SNC-Lavalin, a major Canadian construction and engineering company.

The company had been charged with bribing Libyan officials during the dictatorship of Col. Muammar Gaddafi and defrauding the Libyan government.

Shortly after the accusations were first reported in the *Globe and Mail*, Wilson-Ray-

bould resigned her post. Last week she testified before the justice committee.

She spent nearly four hours laying out a detailed narrative of how she was, in her view, improperly pressured by Trudeau and his aides, including Butts.

She described 10 meetings, 10 calls and several emails in which, she said, she had been asked to order prosecutors to use a new law to cut a deal with the company in which it would pay a multimillion-dollar fine to avoid a criminal verdict.

In his statement, Butts said no pressure had been put on the former minister and attorney general to drop criminal prosecution against the firm. "This, to me, begs the entire question of what constitutes pressure," he said. "According to the former attorney general, 11 people made contact with her office over four months. That's two meetings and two phone calls per month."

Butts took pains throughout his testimony not to criticize Wilson-Raybould, or pick apart her version of events. "When trust breaks down between people, it's easy to see things that happened in a different light," he said.

Butts said he had been surprised at how Wilson-Raybould framed the events, quoting from text messages between the two that he characterized as cordial, and noting that she signed them in a shortened form of her first name, "Jody."

In the end, SNC-Lavalin's case is proceeding as a criminal prosecution. But in January, Wilson-Raybould was moved from justice to the less prestigious post of veterans affairs, prompting some to say she was punished. Butts rejected that suggestion Wednesday.

"Let me say at the outset, categorically: The January Cabinet shuffle had absolutely nothing to do with the SNC-Lavalin," he told the committee.

But he said his relationship with Wilson-Raybould had deteriorated significantly during the lead-up to the shuffle.

The initial plan, Butts said, was to move Wilson-Raybould, a lawyer and a former indigenous leader in British Columbia, to Veterans Affairs.

That, he said, led to a telephone conversation with Trudeau, which he monitored, in which Wilson-Raybould said she did not want to leave her "dream job" as justice minister and attorney general.

"Then Minister Wilson-Raybould did something I didn't expect," Butts said. "I had never seen anyone do it before, in many shuffles, over many years. The former attorney general turned down a Cabinet portfolio."

Butts said Wilson-Raybould explained that she had "spent her life on corporate law, the Indian Act and couldn't be in charge of the programs administered under its authority."

Butts acknowledged that he probably should have foreseen that objection but had not.

2 South African farmers jailed for killing teen

By NORIMITSU ONISHI
NEW YORK TIMES

JOHANNESBURG — Two white South African farmers were sentenced to a combined 41 years in prison Wednesday for killing a black teenager who they had accused of stealing sunflowers, bringing to a close a case that had inflamed tensions in a rural town and exposed the nation's enduring racial divisions.

During a hearing at the High Court in Mafikeng that was packed with black and white South Africans, Judge Ronald Hendricks described the actions of the farmers, who were convicted of throwing the 15-year-old boy off a moving truck in April 2017, as "disgraceful" and "appalling."

The boy, Mathlomea Moseu, died after breaking his neck.

His death set off riots in the town of Coligny, about 125 miles west of Johannesburg. The two farmers — Pieter Doorewaard, 38, and Philip Schutte, 35 — were found guilty of murder, kidnapping and other charges. Doorewaard was sentenced to 18 years in prison, and Schutte to 23 years.

They had claimed that after they caught Moseu stealing, they put him on the truck to take him to a police station. But the teenager, they said, jumped off the vehicle.

The judge said that the killing had not been planned or premeditated, but had "happened on the spur of the

moment." He added, "The community of Coligny was terrorized by this."

The killing prompted days of rioting and looting in the farming town, especially against white-owned businesses.

As in all of South Africa, one of the world's most unequal societies, racial tensions had simmered just below the surface in Coligny, where farms and other businesses are still largely owned by whites and other individuals who are not black South Africans.

Most black residents, who depend on white-owned farms for work, live in a nearby township.

Moseu had lived in a shantytown for newer arrivals, called Scotland informal settlement.

The courtroom was filled with members of the Economic Freedom Fighters, an opposition party that has long pushed for the expropriation of white-owned land without compensation.

Pressure from the party, a spinoff of the governing African National Congress, has compelled the ANC to adopt a similar position under President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Tensions between white farmers and black residents have grown across the country since the ANC adopted the policy in December 2017.

Ramaphosa has tried to assuage fears in and outside South Africa that the policy would not lead to violence or economic turmoil, but most investors are taking a wait-and-see attitude before national elections in May.

Lobby groups for white farmers have accused South African authorities of covering up what they say is the widespread, racially motivated killings of white farmers.

While there is no evidence to support their claims, some have visited the United States to win support for their cause. Right-wing groups and U.S. news outlets have fanned reports that such killings, and even genocide, are being perpetrated against white South Africans.

In August 2018, President Trump, apparently reacting to a report on Fox News, said on Twitter that he was directing his secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, to look into what he described as the targeting of white farmers for land grabs and "large-scale killings" in South Africa.

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Vendors 'have to be here more than just Saturdays'

MARKET • from A1

the Broadway Market into a thriving, year-round destination.

Every year in the weeks leading up to Easter, the market springs to life. Thousands of Buffalonians — and ex-Buffalonians — make their annual pilgrimage to their favorite booths to buy butter lamb, long links of kielbasa, jars of hand-grated horseradish, sprigs of pussy willows and fresh loaves of rye bread. The parking ramp is packed with cars and the aisles are filled with eager customers.

But the rest of the year? The Broadway Market tends to be on the quiet side. Brady Johnson, 78, was among the sprinkling of customers Wednesday afternoon.

He said he drives to the market about once a week to enjoy a cup of coffee and have some breakfast. He thinks the key to turning the market into a year-round destination is to make sure there are lots of booths and stores open year-round. "You see these Easter people?" Johnson said, pointing to unattended booths nearby.

"After Easter, they vacate the place. All the stores go away. That's always been the problem."

A grocery vendor nearby expressed the same sentiment.

"These are all part-timers," the woman said. She didn't want to give her name because she's worried it could affect her business. "They have to be here more than just Saturdays."

Kat DiSto and Rain Kendig, who together run Kathrene's Cuisine — a Filipino food stand where they sell egg rolls and pancit, a stir-fried noodle dish — were thrilled to hear about the new money coming to the market.

Kat DiSto said she'd like to see the money used to enhance security so that their stalls can stay open past 5 p.m.

"There are a lot of customers who want to get food after work," she said. The goal of the \$4 million is to help the Broadway Market mirror



Wanda Skup bottles pungent homemade horseradish at the Famous Horse-Radish booth at the Broadway Market on Wednesday.

Donna Lee/Buttalo News

the success of other marketplaces around the country, such as ones in Boston, Cleveland and Philadelphia, said John Maggione, a senior adviser to Cuomo.

"The Broadway Market is so much a part of Buffalo's heritage and it also has a potential to be a part of its future," Maggione said.

To thrive, the market needs to attract a mix of people, he said — the people who want to visit the market for nostalgic reasons, the new immigrants who are moving into the Broadway-Pillmore neighborhood as

well as hipster food enthusiasts. About \$500,000 of the investment has been earmarked to develop a new plan on how to operate, manage and market the Broadway Market.

"The plan is absolutely key," said Maggione. "We don't want to be playing whack-a-mole fixing a problem here, a problem there."

The rest will be used to make capital improvements to the interior and exterior of the building, which was constructed in 1956. The state is also interested in finding ways to better connect the Broadway Market to the

Central Terminal nearby.

The \$4 million comes on top of other improvements in the works, including new flooring, a commercial kitchen to help foster small food businesses, and a new police substation. The kitchen and substation are expected to open in a few weeks.

"We have made a lot of investments over the years," said Mayor Byron W. Brown. "It's essentially a center of community in that area of the city. We thought that was a good node to build out from."

Council Member David Franczyk,

who has championed the Broadway Market and said he shops there at least once a week, was pleased by the news about the new investment.

"I think what the governor did was extremely helpful," he said. He thinks the market has the potential to draw young foodies from across the region. Like others, he said the market needs to keep offering Polish favorites and also cater to the burgeoning Bangladeshi community in the area.

"You want to see things there that are local, local, local," Franczyk said.

The United States and the six nations should be truly brothers

PIPE • from A1

and 1960, according to Gwendolyn Saul, the museum's curator of ethnography and ethnology.

At first, museum officials thought it might have been mislabeled. But as time passed, that no longer seemed to be the case.

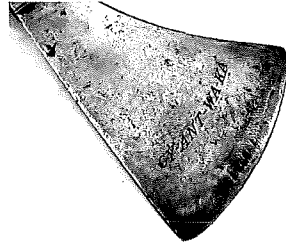
In April 2018, the mystery of what happened to the artifact began to clear up. Saul received a letter from a law firm saying a collector in the Northwest had an object that might belong to the museum.

It turned out to be the peace pipe-tomahawk. The museum, through the law firm, was able to contact the collector, who said she wanted to return the artifact at no cost to the museum even though she paid \$75,000 for it.

The peace pipe-tomahawk was delivered to the museum in June 2018. At least seven collectors possessed the object as it was traced through the black market, Saul said, according to paperwork that arrived with the peace pipe-tomahawk.

"This kind of thing rarely, if ever, happens," Saul said. "It's just an astonishing and really wonderful thing to have happen."

The "beautifully made" peace pipe-tomahawk is filled with symbolism, Saul said. "It really symbolizes the hard work that Seneca leaders,



Mark Kichillo/Buttalo News

Chief Cornplanter eventually grew so disheartened by broken treaties and stolen land that he destroyed most of Seneca's gifts, but the peace pipe-tomahawk, etched on the blade with the chief's Seneca name, survived.

especially Chief Cornplanter, were doing during a very tumultuous time to try to protect their own communities and nations, and also to reach out to forge a relationship with the founding fathers of the United States," Saul said. "I think it's important that it was a gift," she said. "It is a great reminder for us about how we have relationships from nation to nation."

The state museum offered to make the object available on loan to the Seneca Nation, which readily accepted. The artifact will be publicly unveiled today at the Seneca museum, also known as the Onnhasgwe Cultural Center.

"I know Albany said it finally came home," said David L. George-Shongu Jr., acting director of the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum. "But to me, it finally came home."

The wooden peace pipe-tomahawk contains silver hearts and arrows on both sides, symbolizing friendship and adversities, George-Shongu said. Etched into the tomahawk is Cornplanter's Seneca name, which means "the planter."

"Cornplanter was a distinguished leader of the Seneca people through a critical period of Seneca history," said Rick Jimison, the Seneca museum's board chairman.

"He was a skilled Seneca war chief but also a wise and skilled diplomat for peace," he said. "The return of the pipe-tomahawk will serve as a reminder to all of this most important Seneca leader and the role he played in the history of the Seneca Nation and the history of the United States of America."

The peace pipe-tomahawk was presented to the Seneca war chief years after the colonists, led by Washington, burned and destroyed Indian villages and destroyed farms and orchards during the French and Indian War and later the Revolutionary War.

"It's an iconic piece because it symbolizes the relationship between our two people, and because it symbolizes both sides of 180," said George-Shongu. "On one side there is peace, and on one side there's war."

During the American Revolutionary War, Gen. John Sullivan, at the direction of Washington, carried out in 1779 what came to be known as Sullivan's Expedition, which destroyed the towns and cornfields of the British-allied Iroquois nations. Many from the Iroquois nations did not survive the harsh winter with their food sources destroyed, and others resettled in Canada.

In 1793, Cornplanter wrote to President Washington about the ignored native land claims and deadly skirmishes

instigated by white settlers.

"Father, you have said we were in your hand, and that by closing it, you could crush us to nothing," Cornplanter wrote. "Are you determined to crush us?"

Washington responded, "It is my desire, and the desire

of the United States that all the miseries of the late war should be forgotten and buried forever. That in the future, the United States and the six nations should be truly brothers, promoting each other's prosperity by acts of mutual justice and friendship."

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WASHINGTON NEWS

Sanders, Warren struggling to attract black voters' interest

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WASHINGTON POST

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — The crowd packed into the gym of a century-old black church here cheered every time Sen. Bernie Sanders attacked inequities that hit disadvantaged African Americans especially hard, applauding his ideas to address "the disparity within the disparity."

But the problem Sanders faces in appealing to black voters was staring at him as he spoke for an hour recently at the gym of the Royal Missionary Baptist Church: Of the more than 1,000 people who came to see the candidate, fewer than 40 were black.

Last month, Sen. Elizabeth Warren faced a similar dynamic in Greenville, S.C. More than 800 people filled the community center of a politically active church to hear her speak, but only about a dozen black faces were visible — in a state where about 60 percent of the Democratic electorate is African American.

Sanders, I-Vt., and Warren, D-Mass., share a liberal philosophy focused on helping those who've been hurt by the prevailing system, a message both say should resonate in black households. But both are older white candidates hailing from New England, and they often confront skepticism — if not ambivalence or indifference — from black voters, who have been notably absent from their campaign events.

Their challenges provide a preview of battles likely to confront other white candidates, including former Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-Texas, and former Vice President Joe Biden, should he join the race. The Democratic field for the first time includes two well-known black U.S. politicians, both of whom are attracting diverse crowds and interest from the black community.

A month before Sanders spoke at Royal Missionary Baptist Church, Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., held a rally in the same room. Her crowd was much more racially varied, including a group of black women who showed up in church hats. The crowds showing up for Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., also have included far more voters of color.

If Sanders or Warren hope to extend their primary campaigns beyond the first two contests in Iowa and New Hampshire, which have predominant-

ly white electorates, they must find ways to forge stronger connections with black voters, strategists from both campaigns say privately.

Black voters played a critical role in guiding the last two Democratic nominees, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, and it's hard to see a path to the Democratic nomination without significant black support.

About 25 percent of Democratic primary voters in 2016 were African American, and in key states, including South Carolina, the figure was much higher.

Democratic candidates also are striving to show white liberals they can connect with the black community, strategists said. The Democratic base is increasingly sensitive to diversity issues, they said, and many Democratic voters of all stripes say a strong black turnout could be critical to defeating President Trump.

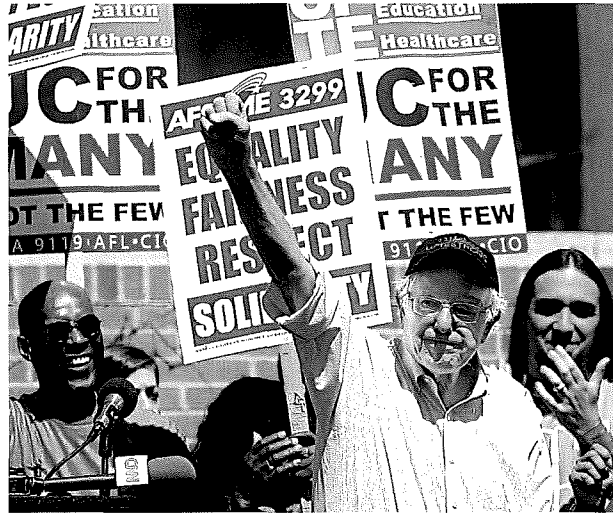
"For a lot of progressive white voters in the Democratic Party, they don't want to nominate someone unless they are really conscious about a diverse coalition, actively seeking the votes of all kinds of people, of all races and ethnicities," said Democratic pollster Celinda Lake. "And they look extra hard at what the white candidates do in this regard."

Sanders and Warren are adopting different strategies. Sanders included a brief stop in Selma, Ala., site of a historic civil rights battle, during the campaign tour that launched his presidential bid. He also retweeted his stump speech to focus on how racism has contributed to financial and social inequality.

Many of Sanders' supporters say they are frustrated that he does not talk more about his own role in the civil rights movement, since they say he has a good story to tell. As a young activist, Sanders attended the 1963 March on Washington, was a leader of the Congress of Racial Equality chapter at the University of Chicago, and got arrested at an anti-segregation protest.

"He was literally chaining himself to black women and being arrested in Chicago," said Shaun King, a black journalist and activist who supports Sanders, referring to a protest Sanders attended, against perpetuating segregation by educating black children in temporary classrooms called "Willie Wagons."

But Sanders, more than most candidates, appears uncomfortable talk-



Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders gives a speech and joins University of California workers for a one-day strike in Los Angeles on Wednesday. In a bid to win over black voters, Sanders is focusing more on issues of racism.

ing about himself. After mentioning his civil rights experiences at early rallies in Brooklyn and Chicago, he has largely returned to his familiar policy-heavy speeches.

King said Sanders does not talk about his civil rights credentials in part because he is reluctant to compare himself to the great civil rights leaders.

"He never wanted to make himself feel like he was on their level," King said. "He mentioned it in Chicago, ... but I don't think he's going to keep mentioning it. I think he feels like it's phony ... like 'I did that because it was right. I didn't do it as a political device.'"

Ben Tulchin, Sanders' pollster, said the candidate is working behind the scenes to build relationships with local black leaders. The senator met with South Carolina faith leaders Friday despite having injured his head on a glass shower enclosure, requiring seven stitches and a large white bandage on his forehead all day.

"Last time, we started at zero, right? And we had to introduce the senator to voters around the country," said Tulchin, acknowledging that Sanders attracted few black votes in South Carolina in 2016. "Now they know him — he's well-known and well-liked, but they don't still know his full

story."

As for Warren, who actually was a Harvard professor several years ago, after seeing her early campaign events fail to draw many black voters, she has decided to go to them.

She is on a campaign swing this week through the South, touring impoverished neighborhoods in the Mississippi Delta in an echo of the famous "poverty tour" taken by Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., in 1967 and 1968. Warren held town hall meetings in Birmingham, Ala., and Memphis, Tenn., and visited Selma on Tuesday.

The tour, covered by national media outlets, is providing images of Warren meeting with local black leaders, walking through African-American neighborhoods and paying homage to the civil rights movement. But some at the events suggest she has an uphill climb.

"When I see a white woman, it is my first reaction to be skeptical," said Xytol Miller, a 24-year-old human resources professional, who came to a pizza party in Jackson, Miss., to watch the broadcast of a Warren town hall. "There is that gap there, that racial gap."

Miller warned to Warren during the event, saying she's "sharp" and "relatable."

Warren's campaign requested that CNN, which sponsored the town hall, hold the session at historically black Jackson State University, all but guaranteeing a diverse audience for her most-watched moment of the campaign.

She fielded more than a dozen questions from black audience members. Asked about compensation for slavery, she said, "It's time to start the national, full-blown conversation about reparations in this country," although she did not commit when host Jake Tapper asked if that included direct money transfers to descendants of slaves.

Warren also said the Mississippi state flag should be redesigned to eliminate the Confederate design it incorporates, and that Confederate monuments should be removed.

A day earlier, Warren held another town hall in a black neighborhood of Memphis, but the audience was far less diverse. About 15 percent of attendees were black, far less than candidates such as Harris and Booker have drawn.

"More will have to be done to get them [black voters] engaged in the campaign," said Carol Johnson, a schools superintendent who attended the event and knows Warren from a stint in the Boston school system.

Trump could be left off some states' ballots in '20 if tax return bills pass

By KAYLA EPSTEIN
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — In refusing to release his tax returns, President Trump bucked decades of tradition and set off a Democrat hunt to obtain them. Now several statehouses are looking at making their release a condition of the 2020 presidential election: Show us your tax returns, or you can't be on the ballot.

Eighteen states have considered legislation this year that would require presidential and vice presidential candidates to post their tax returns to appear on the ballot during a primary or general election, according to data from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL).

Proponents of the bills, such as the one passed by the Washington state Senate this week, say they are aimed at increasing transparency and returning to the "norm" of candidates releasing their financial records. But Democratic law-

makers behind the some of the legislation have admitted they are also very much about Trump, which raises legal and political questions about how far states can — or should — go in regulating who appears on their ballot, especially in a hyper-partisan climate.

Trump has long insisted that he won't release his returns because they are under audit, though that would not preclude him from doing so. The documents have become something of a liberal white whale, and Democrats at federal level have been pursuing laws or legal maneuvers aimed at obtaining them.

In addition to Washington, several other states, including California, Hawaii and New Jersey are considering similar bills. Many, though not all, of the legislatures considering the bills are controlled by Democrats, but even in Republican-controlled states, Democrats have put forth such legislation. Measures failed earlier this year in Mississippi, New Mex-

ico and New Hampshire.

"It is so obvious with this president that had voters known some of what seem to be his business interests, he may not have been elected president," New Jersey Sen. Loretta Weisberg, a Democrat and co-sponsor of the bill approved by the state senate last month, told the Courier-Post.

Similar attempts have been made by states since Trump was elected. In 2017, Dan Claitor, policy specialist in NCSL, noted that at least 25 state legislatures put forward such bills. "Nearly every bill has been introduced by Democrats, in reaction to President Donald Trump's refusal to release his tax returns as per the custom of previous presidential candidates," he wrote of the 2017 legislation.

While Democrats appear to be driving these bills, Dan Weiner, a senior counsel for the Brennan Center's democracy program, told The Post that there was bipartisan support more generally for increasing transparency around presiden-

tial candidates' finances.

"It is always true in American politics that these ideas are championed by perhaps the side that has more of political grace at that particular moment," said Weiner. "That doesn't mean it's not a good idea."

However, Weiner said it would be more helpful for a uniform federal law that dictates disclosures, rather than having individual states pass laws with different or conflicting requirements of candidates.

And not all politicians think this kind of legislation is a good idea. In 2017, former New Jersey governor Chris Christie vetoed one bill that made it to his desk, calling it "politics at its worst." Former California governor Jerry Brown, a Democrat, did the same when Cali-

fornia's legislature passed similar measure.

"First, it may not be constitutional," Brown wrote in his decision. "Second, it sets a slippery slope precedent. Today we require tax returns, but what would be next? Five years of health records? A certified birth certificate? High school report cards? And will these requirements vary depending on which political party is in power?"

In 2019, both states have new governors, and their legislatures are once again considering bills that will force candidates to release tax returns if they want to appear on a ballot.

States have the right to set requirements for candidates to appear on their ballot, such as obtaining a certain number of signatures or abiding by cam-

paign finance rules. But whether they can demand tax returns from a presidential candidate remains legally untested.

Richard L. Hasen, an election-law expert, considered the legality and prudence of these measures in Politico Magazine. While Hasen argues that cases for and against constitutional-ity could be made, Democrats might be opening a "Pandora's box" by pursuing it.

"Will solidly Republican states allow electors to vote only for Republican candidates for president?" he wrote. "If the tax gambit is okay, then such a law might also be constitutional. Or perhaps the GOP would retaliate with laws aimed at voter suppression or other such measures that target typically Democratic constituencies."

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West Seneca schools have been opt-out central in Erie County

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language arts and math tests last year. And Western New York remains one of the areas where the opt-out movement is strongest.

Shirley Verrico of Amherst longs for the days when state assessments in math and English were used mainly to evaluate programs and not individual students.

"I feel for the young parents who don't know it wasn't always like this. They don't realize it used to be different," she said.

Her youngest, a seventh grader in the Williamsville Central School District, will be sitting out this year's assessments. He has never taken the ELA or math tests. Her older children took them, until the emphasis changed to evaluating teachers and schools, placing high stakes on the tests, she said. One of them is at the University of Pittsburgh studying the optical physics, the other will gradu-

ate this June and study dance.

"It's not testing that's a problem for me, it's the way that this set of tests have been infused," Verrico said.

That's not an uncommon opinion; it is shared by the New York State Alliance for Public Education, which offers parents its 2019 version of an Opt-out letter to schools on its website.

It states: "We refuse to allow any data to be used for purposes other than the individual teacher's own formative or cumulative assessment. We are opposed to assessments whose data is used to determine school ranking, teacher effectiveness, or any other purpose other than for the individual classroom teacher's own use to improve his or her instruction."

But High Achievement New York, a statewide group made up of educators, parents, civic and business leaders, has a different take.

"I think it's important to have an objective assessment of whether stu-

dents are learning what we believe is important," said Brian Fritsch, executive director of High Achievement New York. "We've gone through a long process in New York State of revising the state's learning standards. There should be an objective measure to make sure children are meeting those standards."

New York made changes in recent years to address some of the complaints. The tests are taken over two days, not three. As long as they are working productively, students have unlimited time to finish the assessments. The state said "hundreds" of educators were involved in creating and reviewing questions.

The tests cannot be used to evaluate teachers this year, the last year in a moratorium that prevents linking the tests to evaluations. The State Legislature has passed a bill stating that the assessments may be used in evaluating teachers, but it gives local districts the option of using other assessments.

Test refusals started in the spring of 2017, when small numbers of children in school districts in pockets around the state did not take New York State assessments. The movement continued to grow and by 2016, the opt-out rate in New York State had grown to 21 percent of students, despite changes made in the tests and a campaign by the state education commissioner to encourage participation.

Last year, every district in Erie and Niagara counties saw an increase in participation.

West Seneca schools have been opt-out central in Erie County, and in 2016, more than 70 percent of students did not take the assessments. Participation has been climbing slowly since then, with 65 percent refusing last year.

This year, the district held a public forum in the fall about the Every Student Succeeds Act, or ESSA. One provision requires states to ensure that 95 percent of students in each pub-

lic school participate in required assessments. A lower participation rate could affect the accountability status of a school or district, according to New York State.

Administrators have visited each of West Seneca's nine schools letting them know that state assessments are part of a district's overall rating under the federal act, Superintendent Matthew Bystrak said.

"We're trying to educate people and let them know what is involved," Bystrak said.

But it still comes down to the wishes of the parents. If a parent sends in a note opting out of the assessments, "there's not going to be an argument, there's not going to be a push back," Bystrak said.

Fritsch, of High Achievement New York, said he believes the trend toward greater participation will continue this year.

"It's taken some time, but parents are aware that a lot of their concerns have been listened to," he said.

Vehicle rental surcharge upstate would give transit agencies \$4M

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not close to a deal: Who gets the money from the paper bag surcharge? Some want the revenues going to environmental programs; one group is pushing for stores get to keep a part of the paper bag levy.

"We're encouraged by the emerging consensus on this issue," said Richard Azzopardo, a Cuomo senior adviser, said of the bag issue. The idea has been kicking around Albany for years — since California banned single-use plastic bags in 2014 — and Cuomo proposed it in his budget plan in January.

"There has been a conversation if you just ban plastic and are flooded with paper then how does that resolve (the environmental problem)," said Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins after emerging from closed-door talks with Cuomo and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie at the Capitol. "It's something we're considering," she said of the plastic bag ban and surcharge on paper bags.

Changing jail sentencing for certain misdemeanor convictions from 365 days to 364 days, thereby ending automatic deportation that undocumented immigrants face under federal law if they serve a 365-day sentence.

Raises for direct care workers who provide an array of health and other services on behalf of the state. The level of the raises has not been publicly revealed.

The final budget is also expected to jettison a plan to close a carried interest loophole used by hedge fund managers.

The budget would create a vehicle rental tax surcharge upstate, the proceeds of which will be earmarked for upstate transit agencies, including the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority. The Assembly has been pushing for a higher tax level on auto rentals — 6 percent — which would be worth about \$4 million more than a 5 percent tax the Senate has sought, sources say.

"That's definitely a bone of contention between the Assembly and Senate... It's real money," Assembly Minority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes said this morning of the ad-

ditional \$4 million that could go to upstate transit agencies from the Assembly's higher tax level.

Making the state's current property tax cap program permanent in state law also appears to have been the subject of a tentative agreement, or at least many Assembly Democrats are resolved to the fact that Cuomo is serious about not signing a budget deal unless the proposal is enacted. The only question lingering: How will Assembly Democrats soothe the feelings of various groups, including the New York State United Teachers union, if the tax cap is made permanent?

Cuomo has said he also is demanding action on some kind of taxpayer-financed campaign system. But officials are worried about the large costs of such a campaign finance effort, sources say, especially when the state is seeing its income tax revenues drop to worrisome levels. One idea floated a few days ago is to put the matter into a constitutional amendment process, which would kick the final resolution of such a new campaign system until voters statewide would first be able to consider it in 2021. Officials cautioned that such an amendment process is not happening.

Transparency measures that have kicked around for years are also in trouble. One, for instance, would require that people who serve without pay on government panels and who recommend to Cuomo \$750 million in annual economic development grants would have to publicly reveal information about their personal finances, like state employees and members of other voluntary panels. That effort by the two houses appears to be dead in the budget.

Legislative conference committees, which negotiate in secret but give public status updates on occasion, began meeting again Wednesday morning in Albany. State Sen. Shelley Mayer, the Senate education committee chairwoman and co-chair of the budget conference committee on education issues, said the sides have still not gotten a deal on overall state funding level for Foundation Aid — the basic operating aid category for the state's 700 public school

districts. "Our priority remains getting additional and necessary funding for foundation aid and every school district in this state deserves additional state aid," Mayer said.

The autonomous vehicle industry didn't get everything it wants in order to test self-driving cars on state roadways. A plan to make permanent in law the rights of the companies to do testing on New York roads was amended to a two-year sunset period.

Pro-marijuana legalization protesters loudly demonstrated in the Capitol in a last-ditch effort to move that forward in the budget.

Senate Democrats are still pushing to legalize online sports wagering. Such betting is expected to be coming to four upstate commercial casinos later this year, but only for in-person wagering. Gambling interests want to have mobile sports betting, but Cuomo has called the idea unconstitutional.

State Sen. Joseph Addabbo, a Queens Democrat who chairs the Senate's racing, gaming and wagering committee, said Senate negotiators every day are raising the online sports betting issue in closed-door budget talks at the Capitol. He said the constitutional issues can be resolved by having the computer servers be located at the four upstate casinos and then bets could be made via the internet anywhere in the state on those servers. He said the Senate would also extend online sports betting for the three tribes, including the Seneca Nation, that hold gambling compacts with the state.

"I'm not giving up... This is not a wild and crazy idea," he said of a plan that could raise \$100 million for the upcoming fiscal year in licensing fees and tax payments.

The final budget will total somewhere in the neighborhood of \$175 billion. Indeed, lawmakers and Cuomo have no disputes over many tens of billions of dollars that automatically will flow for everything from state worker salaries to various entitlement programs.

"I think it is fair to say that we are close on many things," Stewart-Cousins said, adding that the prospects are good for an on-time budget adoption.



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Five years after California banned single-use plastic bags, New York is poised to follow suit with its own ban on store plastic bags and a five-cent surcharge on paper bags.

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Louisville streaks past ND, 75-53

Field Level Media

On Monday, Louisville's Jordan Nwora was named the ACC's Most Improved Player. On Wednesday he helped the seventh-seeded Cardinals advance to the quarterfinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament with a 75-53 win over Notre Dame in Charlotte, N.C.

The 6-foot-7 sophomore scored 24 points, the 30th time he's scored in double figures this season, to pace

Louisville over 15th-seeded Irish. Nwora was 8-for-15 from the field, including three 3-pointers, and had nine rebounds. He scored 20 against the Irish during the regular season.

Louisville will play No. 2-seed North Carolina in the quarterfinals on Thursday at 7 p.m. It's the third straight season the Cardinals have reached the quarterfinals.

The Cardinals (20-12) also got 12 points from Ryan

McMahon and 10 points and seven rebounds from Steven Enoch.

Louisville's defense was able to stymie Notre Dame's John Mooney, limiting the center to seven points and 12 rebounds. Mooney had 20 points and 10 rebounds in the first-round win over Georgia Tech and scored 20 against the Cardinals in the regular season.

The Irish (14-19) were led by T.J. Gibbs with 21 points.

Birkby

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lift at 700 pounds, the Deadlift at 650 pounds, the Log Press at 310 pounds and the Atlas Stone at 360 pounds.

The Axle Clean and Press and the 18-Inch Deadlift were the events that Birkby also set national records in for his age and weight class.

While he initially began his training at home, Birkby has recently begun to train twice a week at Iron and Stone Strength in Clarence with trainer Tony Kalisz.

With his big-time numbers this past weekend, Birkby qualified for the United States Strongman Nationals, presented by Cerberus Strength USA, in Columbia, Ohio on June 8, 2019. Birkby plans on attending the event.

In Birkby's first professional event in August, his bench press of 420 pounds, his squat of 620 pounds and his deadlift of 600 pounds were all plenty to completely annihilate the previous New York State Raw records for 16-17-year-olds.

The previous New York State records for those that Birkby shattered this past weekend were 245-pounds in the Axle, 235-pounds in the Log Press, 475-pounds in the Deadlift and 275-pounds in the Atlas Stone.



Lucas Birkby shows off his medals that he won last weekend at the NY State Record Breakers & USS National Records outside of NYC.

Matthews

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Distant No. 2 Virginia had the other 23 first-place voters. Cheers to the 23voters who felt Virginia's 28-2 record in the rugged ACC was more impressive than Gonzaga's 29-0 record, including 16-0 in the WCC by an average margin of 27 points against Saint Mary's, BYU, San Francisco, Loyola, Marymount, Santa Clara, San Diego, Pepperdine, Pacific and Portland.

The Coaches Poll had also had Gonzaga No. 1 (28 first-place votes) and Virginia No. 2 with the 4 other first-place votes.

Gonzaga entered this week's WCC tournament leading the nation in scoring (89.2 points per game), scoring margin (24.9 points per game), field-goal percentage (.53.6) and assists-to-turnover ratio (1.80).

Gonzaga's best win was over full-strength Duke 89-87 Nov. 21 in the Maui Invitational. The only losses by the Zags were 76-73 to Tennessee and 103-90 to North Carolina in back-to-back games in December.

During Gonzaga's march through the relatively soft WCC this regular season, the Zags crushed St. Mary's 94-46 (that's no typo) at home and 69-55 on the road.

None of that mattered Tuesday night. The 15-point underdog Gaels (now 21-11 and no longer a bubble team because it won this conference championship game) dictated the pace of the game. They milked the clock and shut down Gonzaga's vaunted fast break. The Zags shot horribly (18-for-46, 37.5 percent field goals and 2-for-17, 11.8 percent from 3-point range).

Gonzaga is an excellent team. They might well win the Big Dance. The Zags simply had a rare off night.

In fact, the lost might help Gonzaga in the long run. They might still be one of four No. 1 seeds on this week's Selection Sunday and they won't be overconfident entering the NCAA Tournament.

AFC EAST DOMINATION BY THE PATRIOTS REALLY IS REMARKABLE

Frustrated fans of the Buffalo Bills, New York Jets and Miami Dolphins might want to pass up this item.

Here is how the New England Patriots have dominated the AFC East since 2001:

New England 220-68 record in the regular season...31-10 record in the postseason...made the playoffs 16 times including the last 10...won six Super Bowls...lost three Super Bowls...16 winning seasons (including the last 10 in a row).

Miami Dolphins 133-155 record in the regular season (87 games behind the Patriots)...0-3 record in the postseason...made the playoffs three times (most recently 2016).

New York Jets 132-156 record in the regular season (89 games behind the Patriots)...4-6 record in the postseason...made the playoffs 7 times (most recently 2010).

Buffalo Bills 119-169 record in the regular season (101 games behind the Patriots)...0-1 in the postseason...made the playoffs once (2017).

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Stars

From B1

Sophomore, three-time all-star, Freestyle/Backstroke — Was a four-time champion at the GR League Championships, as well as the GR-NO Intersectional Championships. Season highlight was being awarded the Swimmer of the Meet at the GR-NO Intersectional Championships. Hobbies include sailing and playing the piano.

Clen Wadkins, H-A-C — Junior, two-time all-star, Freestyle — Was a member of the 200 medley relay and 400 free relay teams, both of which finished first at the GR League Championships. Season highlight was finishing in second place as a team at the GR-NO Intersectional Meet.

Nicole Hume, Alexander — Sophomore, two-time all-star, Butterfly/Individual Medley/Freestyle/Backstroke — Recorded personal bests in both the 100 butterfly and 200 individual medley, breaking the school record in the 100 butterfly. She placed in four events at the GR League Championships, as well as at the GR-NO Championships. Season highlight was continuing her streak of senior-candidate status, which dates back to when she was in eighth grade.

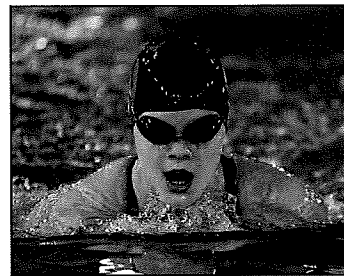
Hailee Lowe, Alexander — Junior, two-time all-star, Diving — Won her second GR League Diving Championship, breaking the six-dive record with a score of 205.58. Also a member of the 400 freestyle relay team, which placed fourth at the GR League Championships, and seventh at the GR-NO Championships.

Jadyn Mullen, Alexander — Eighth-Grade, first-time all-star, Freestyle — Recorded a fourth-place and a fifth-place finish at the GR-NO Championships, along with a fourth-place finish at the GR League Championships. Season highlight was getting a chance to anchor the team's freestyle relays as an eighth grader.

Lauren Young, Alexander — Senior, two-time all-star, Butterfly/Backstroke — Finished the GR-NO Championships with an eighth-place finish in the 200 freestyle relay and a seventh-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay. Season highlight was finishing second as a team in Division II. Future plans include going to college for early childhood education.

Anna Hersom, Byron-Bergen/Le Roy — Senior, first-time all-star, Backstroke/Freestyle — Was a member of the first-place finishing 200 freestyle relay team, and helped the team break the school record in that event. Season highlight was finishing her senior year as an all-star. She plans to attend college for forensic science.

Peyton Koukides, Byron-Bergen/Le Roy — Freshman, first-time all-star, Breaststroke/Individual Medley — Was a member of the 200 freestyle relay team that finished in first place at the GR League Championships. Also finished second at the GR League Championships as a part of the 200 medley relay team. Season highlight was being honored as



Attica's Libby Kibler was named a Genesee Region League all-star this season for the Blue Devils.

an all-star.

Aura Rehwaldt, Byron-Bergen/Le Roy — Sophomore, three-time all-star, Butterfly/Freestyle — Finished the GR League Championships with a first-place finish as a member of the 200 freestyle relay team and a second-place finish as a member of the 200 medley relay team. Placed third in the 200 freestyle at the GR League Championships. Season highlight was serving as a team captain this season.

Jorie Strzelecki, Byron-Bergen/Le Roy — Freshman, two-time all-star, Freestyle — Recorded a first-place finish as a member of the 200 freestyle relay team at the GR League Championships and third in that event at the GR-NO Championships. Also finished second in the 100 freestyle at the GR League Championships. Season highlight was being nominated for the team sportsmanship award.

Acquelyn Keicher, Attica — Senior, first-time all-star, Freestyle — Finished third in the 50 freestyle at the GR League Championships and seventh in the 100 freestyle at the GR League Championships. Season highlight was recording her best-ever time in each of her events. Future plans include attending D'Youville College for Dietetics.

Libby Kibler, Attica — Eighth-Grade, two-time all-star, Individual Medley/Freestyle/Breaststroke — Finished third in the 200 IM at the GR League Championships and GR-NO Championships. Finished fourth in the 100 breaststroke at the GR League Championships. Season highlight was being honored as an all-star for the second time, as an eighth grader.

Jordyn Stachowiak, Attica — Sophomore, four-time all-star, Freestyle — Placed second in the 200 freestyle at the GR League Championships and third in the 500 freestyle at the GR League Championships. Finished fourth in the 500 freestyle at the GR-NO Championships. Season highlight was her team's undefeated Division I record.

Reagan Bifarella, Attica — Junior, four-time all-star, Freestyle/Backstroke/Breaststroke/Individual Medley —

signing Beckham to a five-year, \$95 million contract last season, the Giants saw their season spiral downward, and rumors of a possible trade did not cease despite general manager Dave Gettleman telling reporters at the combine "We did not sign Odell to trade him."

The trade ended months of speculation that Beckham was on his way out of New York. After

Two-time champion at the GR League Championships, in the 50 freestyle and 200 freestyle. Also won the 50 freestyle at the GR-NO Championships. Season highlight was winning the GR League team title for the second time.

Skye Colantonio, Notre Dame — Sophomore, two-time all-star, Backstroke/Freestyle/Butterfly — Placed third in the 100 backstroke at the GR-NO Championships and set a school record in the 50 breaststroke. Season highlight was being honored as an all-star for the second time in two years.

Adryona Miller, Notre Dame — Junior, two-time all-star, Breaststroke/Butterfly/Freestyle — Was a member of the 200 medley relay team which finished fourth at the GR League Championships, and a member of the third-place winning 400 freestyle relay team at the GR League Championships. Both of those relay teams placed sixth at the GR-NO Championships. Season highlight was being selected as an all-star for the second time.

Rachel Nickerson, Notre Dame — Sophomore, three-time all-star, Freestyle/Individual Medley/Butterfly/Backstroke — Won both the 100 butterfly and 500 freestyle at the GR League Championships. Also won the 500 freestyle at the GR-NO Championships. Season highlight was being selected as Summer of the Meet at the GR League Championships.

Helen Frey, Pembroke — Senior, first-time all-star, Freestyle — Finished with some of her best times in four different freestyle events. Career highlights included spaghetti dinners, going to Saturday meets and getting Wendy's after meets. She plans to attend St. John Fisher College to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Derika Warrant, Pembroke — Senior, three-time all-star, Freestyle — Placed fourth in the 200 freestyle at the GR-NO Championships. Career highlights include making the school's top-10 wall for two events and being the number one scorer for her team each of the past two seasons. She plans to attend the University at Buffalo and get a master's degree in biomedical engineering.

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Beckham has 390 catches for 5,476 yards and 44 touchdowns. He made the Pro Bowl in each of his first three seasons, but injuries have cost him 16 games the last two seasons.

The Giants will eat \$16 million in dead money on their salary cap for the deal, while the Browns have the widest under contract for five years and \$77 million.

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BRIEFLY

Fundraiser will support Warsaw students

WARSAW — The Team Forever Loved Craft And Vendor Show And Chicken BBQ will take place Saturday.

The event is set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Valley Chapel Free Methodist Church on 3415 Route 19. Proceeds will benefit Warsaw schoolchildren in purchasing school supplies and the construction of an outdoor library.

The barbecue starts 11 a.m. and will be from Punky's Famous Chicken BBQ.

Tickets cost \$11 and are available at the door but sold out within 30 minutes last year so presale tickets are encouraged, organizers said in a news release.

Call Cindy at (585) 233-3935 for pre-sale tickets or if interested in vendor space.

Tickets are also available at Warren's Commercial Cleaning on 454 North Main St. in Warsaw.

MOVER & SHAKER

BATAVIA — Kelly McCall has been promoted to Vice President Commercial Real Estate Portfolio Analyst with the Tompkins Bank of Castle Western New York team.

McCall is based in the Perry operations center. In her new role, McCall

is responsible for managing the real estate appraisal function for commercial lending at the Bank of Castle. She completes all of the internal real estate evaluations and performs inspections of construction projects in progress.

McCall will also be responsible for portfolio monitoring and reporting.

"Kelly's extensive experience and expertise in banking and finance will continue to be a tremendous asset to not only our clients, but our commercial lending team," said CEO John McKenna, of Tompkins Bank of Castle in a news release. "We are happy to see her advance her career with us."

McCall has 18 years of banking and financial experience. She has a bachelor's degree in Accounting from SUNY Geneseo. Currently, she is a treasurer and member of Kelley's Heroes Marching Band and is a member of the MarkTime Marchers.

She lives in Caledonia with her husband Jon, and two sons, James and AJ.

CORRECTION

Due to reporter error, Republican trustee candidate Robin L'Wall vote total in Tuesday's village election was reported as being 23 votes. L'Wall received 232 votes to win one of two trustee seats.

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City pursuing home repair grants

REHABILITATION SURVEYS: Single-family residence homeowners being asked for input

By BRIAN QUINN
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BATAVIA — With Batavia pursuing grant funds to enable homeowners to make home repairs, the city is looking for single-family homeowners to complete and submit Residential Rehabilitation Program surveys.

"If you own a single-family home in need of repairs, please download the survey from the city's 'Useful Links' tab on the city's homepage at www.bataviadailynews.com. Click on 'Residential Rehabilitation Survey' or pick up a survey in the city manager's office at City Hall," City Manager Martin Moore said in a press release. He said surveys are

also available this week at Richmond Memorial Library.

"The city of Batavia is 'All In' to revitalize our city through economic development and housing programs that will raise our standard of living and make our community one of the most attractive places to live, work, and play," Moore said. "The city is considering applying for federal grant assistance to help income eligible owner-occupied single-family homeowners with essential home improvements."

Grant funds would enable homeowners to make home repairs with grant and deferred loan funding. Any single-family homeowner is encouraged to apply, the city said. "The city of Batavia is requesting

your full cooperation to help us obtain housing rehabilitation grant funding. Please complete and mail in or drop off the surveys to the City Manager's Office, One Batavia City Centre, Batavia, NY 14020," the city said.

The City's goals include the following:

- create a viable urban community with decent housing;
- ensure a suitable living environment for all (safe, sanitary and habitable dwellings);
- expanding economic opportunities for all, including people of low-to-moderate income;
- rehabilitate the city, knowing that it starts with one building at a time.

Edge Factor: An interactive way to generate career interest

INNOVATION: Media production company, county schools, GCEDC launch partnership

By BRIAN QUINN
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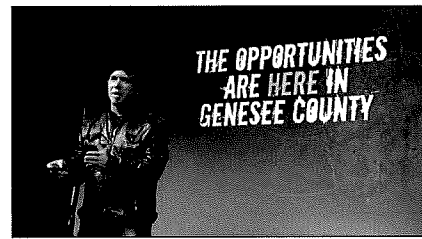
BATAVIA — Jeremy Bout finished his interactive presentation on Edge Factor, but there was still a little time for questions from the high school students in the Batavia auditorium Wednesday afternoon.

Bout, founder of the media production company Edge Factor, gave an interactive presentation to kickoff Edge Factor's partnership with Genesee County schools. The presentation detailed an innovative web video platform.

Fourteen school districts in the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership have signed up for Edge Factor. The Genesee County Economic Development Center said Edge Factor will provide a unified method of connecting students to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and skilled trades careers through Edge Factor's video platform, which is stocked with videos and interactive tools it filmed and produced, including inspirational content and soft skills training.

Among the students who approached Bout after the presentation was Justin Rodriguez, a junior.

"I asked him what advice he would have for somebody who starts at the bottom and wants to do some entrepreneurship," Rodriguez said. "I do programming at BOCES and I was thinking of ideas to make it easier for people when program. I want to be able to create a mouse to scan certain links or anything that's written down to put on screen."



Edge Factor Founder Jeremy Bout gives his presentation to BHS students during an assembly Wednesday.

When Rodriguez was able to speak to Bout, Bout said, "You've got to get your hands dirty. You've got an idea. Do something with it."

Bout said he loved it when somebody told him he couldn't do something.

"When somebody says you can't do (something), search your soul a little bit. Maybe they're saying, 'There's barriers you can't cross,'" he said. "Take action. My response to people is, 'Show me what you've got.'"

The Genesee County Economic Development Center (GCEDC) teamed up with the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership (GVEP), Cypress Creek Renewables, and Edge Factor to bring the platform to local schools, making significant progress in addressing the workforce development challenges faced by Western New York's compa-

nies, schools, and families.

"As more businesses to continue to locate to Genesee County, we need to make sure that we have a diverse and capable workforce to meet the needs of these companies," said Chris Suozzi, vice president of business and workforce development with the GCEDC. "Edge Factor will allow us to take our workforce development efforts to the next level as this platform will educate and train our students for STEM and skilled trade jobs, thereby paving the way for future career opportunities."

GCEDC President and Chief Executive Officer Steve Hyde said after Bout's presentation, "That's what this is about — getting people engaged."

There's critical needs in the market today for workforce in STEM and

See EDGE A7

Close trustee race in Lyndonville

VILLAGE ELECTIONS: Wilson wins by 6 votes, Kenyon by 1

By HALLORY DIEFENBACH
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LYNDONVILLE — In the contested trustee race for the Lyndonville Village Board, the final results were separated by six votes.

Three candidates ran for the two open trustee seats which last for a four-year term: Darren Wilson, Mary Kage and Kimberly Kenyon. Kage and Wilson were incumbents, but when the final tally came in one vote made all the difference. Kenyon beat Kage by one vote and Wilson pulled in six more votes than Kenyon.

The final results were 67 votes for Wilson, 61 votes for Kenyon and 60 for Kage. There was also one write-in vote for Jim Turk.

Absentee ballots were due the day of the election, and while eight were mailed out only four returned. The results are final.

The new term for the village trustees begins April 1 at noon.

HLOM to host newest exhibit tonight

BATAVIA — Tonight the Holland and Office Museum will be celebrating the opening of its newest exhibit — "Beyond the Wardrobe: Changing Styles and Influences of Fashion, 1880-1920."

The exhibit will go into how fashion changed going from the 19th century into the 20th, and Nellie Slocom, HLOM assistant, will be highlighting some aspects of the exhibit and sharing some interesting facts.

The opening begins at 7 p.m. and refreshments will be provided. There will also be some other events coming up for those who are interested:

• March 28 will have Ryan Duffy talk about Chauncey Olcott as part of Java with Joe E. from 9-10:30 a.m.

• The 13th Annual Batavia Antique Show will be April 5-6 at the Richard C. Call Arena at Genesee Community College. Tickets are \$5 per person. Hours will be 5-8 p.m. April 5 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 6.

Dr. Lesli Myers-Small to speak at GCC's 51st commencement

BATAVIA — The Board of Trustees of Genesee Community College were delighted to learn on Monday night that Dr. Lesli Myers-Small will be keynote speaker at the College's 51st Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 19 at 1 p.m. held in the Richard C. Call Arena.

Dr. Shelitha Williams, GCC's vice president of student and enrollment services, reported Myers-Small is a well-known member of the educational community even beyond her current role as superintendent for the Brockport Central School District.

"She is the author of the book 'Life's Leadership Lessons,' has given Tedx Rochester talks, and uses good

humor to engage and build a rapport with students. At the start of each school year, she gets on a school bus and rides to school with some of the youngest new students in her district," Williams reported to the trustees. She also was one of the school superintendents to create a fun and motivating video announcing a school closing. With music and a little dancing, "Too Cold, Brockport, Too Cold" encourages students to stay home, read and be safe.

Myers-Small earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in counseling and human development from the University of Rochester, a second master's degree in urban educational admin-

istration and a doctorate of education in executive leadership from St. John Fisher College. Throughout her career, Myers-Small has designed and conducted workshops and presentations for students of all ages encouraging each of them to use their creative abilities and talents to succeed. Myers-Small has

also received many prestigious honors that reflect her dedication to education and the community, including the Rochester Business Journal 40 Under 40, St. John Fisher Distinguished Alumni Award and Urban League of Rochester Educator Award. Additionally, she was named a 2016 Athena Award finalist.

Additional commencement information can be found at www.genesee.edu/events/commencement.

For more information, contact Marketing Communications Associate Director Donna Rae Sutherland at (585) 343-0055 ext. 6616, or via e-mail: dsutherland@genesee.edu.

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Fab-5

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school is really cool and to be a part of it is even better."

Though not set in stone, Davis is looking to attend D'Youville College next year to continue his basketball career.

Jon Boyce (Elba), Sr., F

In the running for the Player of the Year, Boyce had a spectacular final season for head coach Claci Zambito and the Lancers as he also averaged a double-double with 21 points and 11 rebounds per game, while helping lead Elba to the Lions Club Small School Tournament title and into the Section V Class D2 semifinals.

A member of the Elba varsity team for three years, Boyce finished his career with a 47-17 overall record and was a part of the Class D2 title-winning team in 2016-17.

Boyce also loved the idea of playing small-school basketball at Elba.

"You just can't describe it, you get that feeling in your stomach and you know that you are going to go and play a game at your home court and your whole community is right behind you and supporting you," Boyce said. "It's such a tight-knit community that they are going to be behind you no matter what."

A two-time GR League all-star who just missed out on 1,000 career points, Boyce was named to the Ronald McDonald House All-Star game and the GR/NO Exceptional Senior game.

"I don't think this season was a disappointment at all," Boyce said. "Our whole team, we grew the whole season and it was a good season all around."

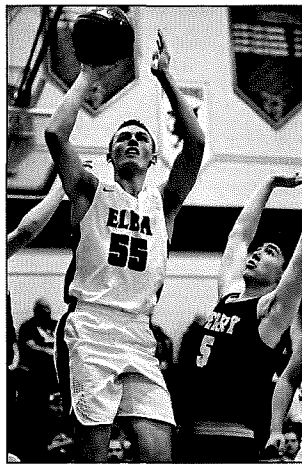
Gabe Macdonald (Notre Dame), Jr., G/F

if Macdonald's importance to his team isn't measured by his stats, all you have to do is look at the Section V Class D1 quarterfinal game against Mt. Morris.

With the game tied in the first quarter, Macdonald left with a leg injury and would not return — the Fighting Irish would end up losing by 34.

In terms of numbers, Macdonald led Notre Dame with 18 points, 9.5 rebounds and 6.6 assists per game, while he was in double digits in scoring in every game but the sectional contest against Mt. Morris.

"I was in the shadows last year so I just did what I was told to do," Macdonald said. "This year I saw that we



Elba's Jon Boyce averaged a double-double and earned a spot on the Daily News Fab-5 team this season.

needed some leadership so I stepped up. If I can help in any way I will. I don't care how many points I have, if I have a triple-double I am happy with that rather than having 30 points."

Macdonald finished the season with eight double-doubles, four triple-doubles and shot 57 percent from the field, while he helped lead the Fighting Irish back from a rough start into respectability at the end of the season, which included wins over Lyndonville and Elba.

As a role player as a sophomore behind Ryan Moffat and Nico Zambito, Macdonald took his role to the next level this season and showed what he can do on the floor on any given night.

Mason McFollins (Batavia), Sr., G

In what was an uncharacteristically up-and-down season for Buddy Brasky and Batavia, one of the lone bright spots was the play of senior guard McFollins.

The Blue Devils finished at just 11-11 with a disappointing early sectional exit, but McFollins was given the keys to the car early on and told to be the leader and he went out and showed just that.

"I always wanted to be the main guy

so I always worked harder," McFollins said. "This year, I was a main contributor on the team and it felt good."

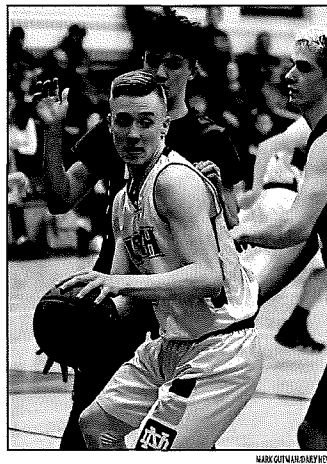
While being named the Monroe County League Division IV Player of the Year, McFollins led Batavia with 22 points per game to go with six rebounds and four assists per night, while he also became the upperclassman to look to after a rough start to the year that saw players out with injury, suspension, etc. as Batavia limped to an 0-4 start.

"I'm proud of my team and how hard we worked over the season," McFollins said. "I know we started 0-4 but when we got our whole team back coach always preached to us that we were 0-0 and we were able to get on a run after that."

Vin Molisani (Caledonia-Mumford), Jr., G

Molisani was the silent assassin for the Red Raiders. He would simply go onto the floor and beat you and you wouldn't know how good he really was until it was over.

Already in his fourth varsity season as point guard for head coach Dan Dickens, Molisani averaged 15.6 points, 5.3 assists, 5.3 rebounds and 2.1



Notre Dame's Gabe Macdonald led the Fighting Irish in points, rebounds and assists this season and finished with four triple-doubles.

steals per night as he helped Cal-Mum to the Section V Class C3 title and a share of the Livingston Conference Division II title.

Molisani is also one of the top perimeter defenders in all of LCAA and his efforts helped the Red Raiders to a 22-2 overall record and what was their second sectional title in four years.

"Vinny is about as good as a two-way player that I have ever coached on the perimeter," Cal-Mum head coach Dan Dickens said. "He always gets the toughest match-ups on defense and has a high IQ as a point guard. He makes all of those better around him."

The MVP of the Class C3 tournament, Molisani has already eclipsed the 1,000-point mark for his career, which puts him third all-time in program history.

SECOND TEAM

Chris McClint (Alexander), Sr., G

Zach Johnson (Lyndonville), Sr., F/G

Colton Dillon (Elba), Jr., G/F

Reece Tresco (Le Roy), Sr., F/G

Joey Burdick (Oakfield-Alabama), Jr., G

Nathan Warters (Kendall), Sr., G

softball) and Batavia's Bryn Wormley (volleyball, basketball, softball).

That's 10-for-10...

I am sure when Daily News sportswriters Nate Rider and Alex Brasky were selecting their GLOW Fab-5 basketball team they didn't choose them based on any other sport besides how they did in basket-

Batavia tennis gets opening win

By The Daily News Sports Staff
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ROCHESTER — The Batavia High School tennis team opened up its season on Tuesday afternoon and came away with a thrilling 4-3 victory over host Eastridge.

After dropping three of four singles matches, the Blue Devils took control of the doubles contests. It was Jaziel Childs at fourth singles, though, who clinched the win as he came from 5-3 down in the second set to win 6-2, 7-5 over Matt Zonahoda to seal it.

Also for Batavia, Tyler Kleinbach and Gavin Tucker were 6-2, 6-4 winners at first doubles, while Aaron Dillon and Riley Schrader took a 6-1, 6-2 at second doubles.

The Blue Devils took the third doubles match via forfeit.

Batavia will be back in action today when it plays host to Honeye Falls-Lima.

PAVILION'S BEEHLER TO PLAY SOFTBALL AT GCC

The Genesee Community College softball team announced that April Beehler has signed her commitment letter to attend and play softball at GCC.

The Pavilion native plays shortstop for the Golden Go-pheers, where she has been named team captain, the recipient of the Coaches Award and has been named a Scholar Athlete. Beehler is a three-sport athlete at Pavilion, where she also plays basketball and volleyball. Beehler will be enrolling in the Nursing program at Genesee in her pursuit of becoming a nurse upon graduation.

In the classroom, Beehler has been named Student of the Year and is a member of the FFA and National Honor Society. Her favorite moment during her athletic career is going to the Section V finals.

ball—but it really makes it fun and exciting knowing that not one of those 10 girls specialize in just one sport, instead all 10 play all three.

That is truly impressive and really inspires me to have faith that the multi sport athlete is alive and well.

It sure is in the GLOW.

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many different skill sets that you learn throughout the different sports. Playing three sports has always pushed me to get better."

I couldn't agree with them any more.

Life lessons—three times a year not once.

Recently, I spoke to a college coach about specializing and he gave me five reasons why he never recruits a one sport athlete and instead recruits the multi sport kids.

1) Less injuries.

2) More coachable.

3) Always competing.

4) Versatility. Smoother transition into other positions.

5) Higher ceilings.

Those five reasons came right from his mouth.

He just won't bother recruiting a one sport athlete.

To take this a step even further, when I looked at our

GLOW Fab-5 Second Team selections—I noticed all five of them as well were also three-sport athletes including Elba's Maddie Muehlig (soccer, basketball, softball), Cal-Mum's Blyse van Auken (soccer, basketball, track), Attica's Taylor Gadd (volleyball, basketball, softball), Pembroke's Dekari Moss (volleyball, basketball,

softball) and Batavia's Bryn Wormley (volleyball, basketball, softball).

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Kendall

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Coach Legault is expecting Regan and classmate Kaitlyn Gregory, along with Wakefield and Jacob to lead this year's squad.

"We may be young but we are going to be led by two incredible seniors and two super sophomores," Legault said. "These girls will be leading the squad back down the road of success and championships that were common a few years ago."

Top newcomers for the girls include freshmen Alexya Brown (throws, sprints, jumps), Emma Allen (middle distance) and Kiersten Rodas (multi event specialist).

KENDALL BOYS

Coach Legault will look for another of her sophomores—Ethan Kuhn—to help the boys this season.

Kuhn is the defending GR champion in the Pentathlon, and will help Kendall in multi events during the dual meet season including hurdles and sprints.

Sophomore Joseph Nettles will also be counted on in the 400, 800, and 1600 this spring.

Top newcomers include sophomore Derek Edick (jumps, sprints) and junior Dale Steffen (hurdles, sprints and pentathlon).

"GR champion Ethan Kuhn, and returning sophomore Joseph Nettles are bigger and stronger than last year, as well as, second year participants Dale Steffen and

Derek Edick," coach Legault said. "All four will prove to be contenders at the Regional and Sectional championships

this year." Kendall boys and girls will open up their season April 3 as the Eagles will play host to GR

rival Lyndonville.

The Genesee Region Championships will take place May 18 at Wheatland-Chili.

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lower the unemployment rate, now 4 percent, over time.

That it took nearly a decade for the proportion of prime-age Americans who have jobs to reach its pre-recession level shows just how ruinous the Great Recession was. It destroyed 8.7 million jobs. And the recovery that followed was comparatively sluggish.

Still, the unemployment fell steadily, from 10 percent to 4.1 percent at the start of 2018. With so few people unemployed, businesses have increasingly begun recruiting more widely, including among people who hadn't been looking for work.

"Economists were too quick to discount what the economy was capable of going forward," said Martha Gimbel, chief economist at the job listings site Indeed. "There continues to be more room to draw people into the labor force and get them a job."

Other factors that have held some people back from seeking work have included the high cost of child care and a lack of paid leave.

Research suggests that such costs have held back the workforce participation rate of prime-age U.S. women, a rate that trails those in most other industrialized countries.

Child care costs delayed the return of Valerie Regas of Atlanta to the job market after she gave birth to her second child in 2012. Regas wanted to go back, but most of the jobs she found didn't pay enough to cover child care. So she remained mostly out of the job market for five more years.

After completing a coding boot camp, Regas was hired last year by a division of the European aerospace giant Airbus. The company initially

wanted someone with more experience, she said. But after she pitched them on her enthusiasm and willingness to learn, she was hired as a software programmer.

"Even with the exorbitant cost of child care, I am now bringing home real money," said Regas, 36.

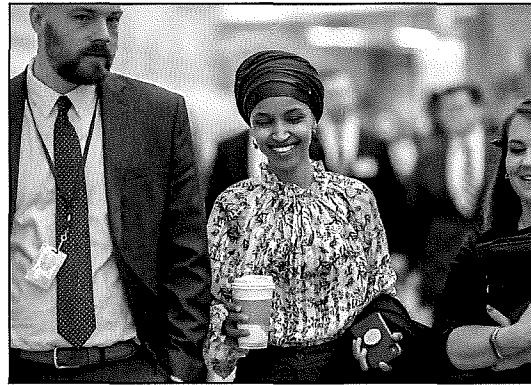
Many companies are relaxing their education or experience requirements, according to economists and staffing agencies. They are considering more applicants with disabilities. Businesses are expanding their training programs. Some, analysts say, are looking with a more open mind at people with criminal backgrounds.

Partly as a result, the number of people who either have a job or are looking for one grew 1.6 percent in 2018, sharply higher than the average annual gain of 0.4 percent in the first five years after the recession.

The rebound has confounded many experts' projections. The Federal Reserve has consistently underestimated the likelihood of more people finding jobs. In 2013, its policymakers estimated that "full employment" — the lowest point to which unemployment was thought capable of reaching without sparking higher inflation — would arrive when the unemployment rate was between 5.2 percent and 5.8 percent.

Unemployment is now 4 percent, with little inflation in sight.

And in 2014, the Congressional Budget Office forecast that the proportion of people ages 16 and up either working or looking for work — often called the participation rate — would be just 62.3 percent by the end of 2017 and would decline thereafter. Instead, the figure reached 63.2 percent in January, a five-year high.



Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., walks through an underground tunnel Wednesday at the Capitol in Washington.

Dem leaders pivot on anti-Semitism measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats on Wednesday postponed indefinitely a vote on a resolution condemning anti-Semitism after a contentious meeting in which some new members confronted leaders over their push to rebuke Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota.

In the party's weekly closed meeting, Democrats protested the way Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other leaders tried to rush out a resolution this week responding to Omar's latest remark about Israel. Omar last week suggested the Jewish state's supporters are pushing lawmakers to pledge "allegiance" to a foreign country.

That forced Democratic leaders to respond, but their draft of the resolution condemning anti-Semitism angered Omar's fellow freshmen and their liberal supporters. Pelosi had already said the measure would be broadened to deny anti-Muslim bias. But that didn't quiet the ranks, and the party's first major dissension broke out in an uncomfortable confrontation, according to three officials familiar with the episode, who, like others, spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private matters.

The upheaval prompted Democrats, who regularly celebrate their diversity, to push off a decision about the resolution.

"It is shameful that House Democrats won't take a stronger stand against anti-Semitism in their conference," President Donald Trump tweeted. "Anti-Semitism has fueled atrocities throughout history and it's inconceivable they will not act to condemn it!"

Rep. Jahana Hayes of Connecticut complained that Pelosi left Democrats out of the loop on the

resolution's details.

"My comments were about the process we are using when concerns arise," Hayes said in a statement. "As a member of Congress I should not get important information from cable news."

Two people with knowledge of the situation said Hayes was engaged in conversation with a colleague when Pelosi asked her a question. The congresswoman did not respond because she did not hear the speaker address her, these people say. Most lawmakers had left the room at the time.

Then Pelosi said, "If you're not going to listen to me, I'm done talking," according to a person in the room.

A senior Democratic aide said Pelosi had earlier acknowledged the issues and said the resolution was not final. One person in the room quoted the speaker as saying the leaders had tried to increase communication so that members stay united and have "a clearer understanding of what our purpose is as a caucus, how we proceed."

Some Democrats hugged Omar, one of two Muslim women in Congress, during the meeting, according to other officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity. She's also received powerful boosts from fellow Democratic freshmen Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan.

Opposition to the resolution came from the most junior ranks of Democrats to the most senior and spanned some of the party's caucuses.

Rep. Katie Hill, D-Calif., said she spoke up in a leadership meeting earlier this week about the original draft being "reactionary" to Omar's most recent comment.

DNC won't let Fox host primary debate

New York Daily News
None of the 12 sanctioned Democratic primary debates ahead of the 2020 election will be hosted by Fox News, the Democratic National Committee announced Wednesday.

DNC Chairman Tom Perez cited an explosive new article from The New Yorker that documented the network's close ties President Donald Trump and his administration.

"I believe that a key pathway to victory is to continue to expand our electorate and reach all voters," Perez said in a statement.

"That is why I have made it a priority to talk to a broad array of potential media partners, including Fox News. Recent reporting in the New Yorker on the inappropriate relationship between President Trump, his administration and Fox News has led me to conclude that the network is not in a position to host a fair and neutral debate for our candidates. Therefore, Fox News will not serve as a media partner for the 2020 Democratic primary debates."

Earlier this week, Jane Meyer detailed a series of links between Fox News and the White House, including then-Chairman Roger Ailes possibly feeding Trump a question about his history with women ahead of a 2015 GOP primary debate and FoxNews.com killing the story about Trump's payment to adult-film actress Stormy Daniels.

Former Fox News president Bill Shine currently serves as the White House communications director.

In a statement, Fox News senior VP and managing editor Bill Sammon praised his hosts.

Of the dozen debates, only two have been assigned so far: one to NBC News/MSNBC/Telemundo and one to CNN.

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Report: Government kept tabs on journalists

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The U.S. government ran an operation to screen journalists, activists and others while investigating last year's migrant caravan from Mexico, a San Diego TV station reported Wednesday, citing leaked documents.

Documents that included photos from their passports or social media accounts, date of birth and other details were kept in a database and some freelance journalists had alerts placed on their passports and were flagged for secondary screenings at customs points, the station KNSD-TV said.

One freelance photojournalist was denied entry to Mexico for reasons that were never stated,

the station reported.

The documents, in the form of dossiers and screenshots, were provided to NBC 7 Investigates by a Homeland Security source on the condition of anonymity, the station reported. Those listed as warranting secondary screening included 10 journalists — seven of them U.S. citizens — a U.S. attorney and 47 people from various countries labeled as organizers, instigators or "unknown," the station said.

The intelligence-gathering efforts were done under the umbrella of "Operation Secure Line," which was designed to monitor the caravan of thousands of people who began making their way north from Central

America late last year to seek asylum in the United States, the source told the TV station.

A Customs and Border Protection statement sent to The Associated Press on Wednesday said the extra security followed a breach of a border wall in San Diego on Nov. 25 in a violent confrontation between caravan members and border agents. The confrontation closed the nation's busiest border crossing for five hours on Thanksgiving weekend.

Such "criminal events...involving assaults on law enforcement and a risk to public safety, are routinely monitored and investigated by authorities," the statement said.

"It is protocol following these incidents to collect evidence that might be needed for future legal actions and to determine if the event was orchestrated."

The statement didn't address specifics of why journalists would be on the list to have their passports flagged.

The American Civil Liberties Union condemned the operation.

"This is an outrageous violation of the First Amendment," attorney Esha Bhandari said. "The government cannot use the pretext of the border to target activists critical of its policies, lawyers providing legal representation, or journalists simply doing their jobs."

Legislation to put Tubman on \$20 bill reintroduced

The Baltimore Sun
BALTIMORE — It's still not clear whose face will be on the \$20 bill in 2020.

Last month, a bipartisan pair of lawmakers, Elijah Cummings, a Maryland Democrat, and New York Republican John Katko, reintroduced legislation to require the Treasury Department to put abolitionist Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill.

Tubman would replace President Andrew Jackson's portrait.

"Too often, our nation does not do enough to honor the contributions of women in American history, especially women of color. Placing Harriet Tubman on our U.S. currency would be a fitting tribute to a woman who fought to make the values enshrined in our Constitution a reality for all Americans," Cummings said in a statement.

If approved, Tubman would be the first African-American pictured on the face of U.S. currency.

Asked Wednesday whether the Treasury Department would be putting Harriet Tubman's face on the bill by 2020, a spokes-

woman referred to comments made by Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin at the Washington Economic Club in January 2018, in which he said, "We haven't made any decisions."

The spokeswoman said Mnuchin's position remains the same, and added "that the primary focus when changing the currency is on developing new security features to prevent counterfeiting."

Cummings and Katko first introduced the Harriet Tubman Tribute Act in 2017 after Mnuchin declined to commit to the Tubman \$20 bill in a 2017 interview on CNBC.

"Harriet Tubman is a hero who bravely led countless Americans to freedom and opportunity, courageously fought for her country," Katko said in a statement.

In 2016, the Obama administration announced a redesign of the \$20 bill that included an image of Tubman, the Dorchester County, Maryland, native who ferried dozens of slaves to freedom.

Jack Lew, Mnuchin's predecessor, announced in 2016 that Tubman would be featured on a new \$20 bill to be unveiled in 2020, the 100th anniversary of the year women received the right to vote.

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is expanding his farm after bringing on two junior partners and milk production has increased.

"It's the dairy farmer's answer to both high prices and low prices," McMahon said.

Fouts said the herd size of milking cows has also increased.

Two things McMahon would

like to see happen to help with milk prices — sign the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement and have a cheese giveaway.

Signing the new trade deal would reopen markets to Mexico, the U.S.'s largest dairy trader. "We really got stung by that," McMahon said about the agreement not being signed.

The deal is now before the U.S. International Trade Com-

mission, before going to Congress.

The second thing to do would be to alleviate the cold cheese storage for the country by giving away stockpiled dairy to people who need it, McMahon said.

By depleting the stored goods, it would increase demand for the cheese products.

"At this point I don't see that happening," he said.

O'Rourke announces 2020 bid

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke formally announced today that he'll seek the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination, ending months of intense speculation

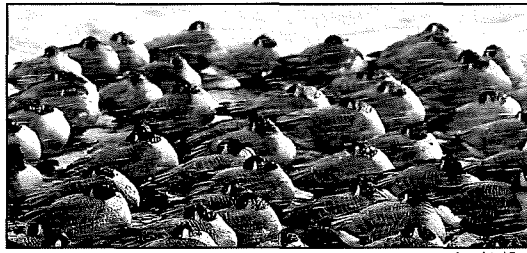


O'Rourke

over whether he'd try to translate his new-found political celebrity into a White House bid. Until he challenged Republican Sen. Ted Cruz last year, O'Rourke was little known outside his hometown of El Paso. But the Spanish-speaking 46-year-old former punk rocker became a sensation during a campaign that used grassroots organizing and social media savvy to mobilize young voters and minorities. He got within 3 percentage points of upsetting Cruz in the nation's largest red state — and shattered national fundraising records in the process — immediately fueling chatter that he could have higher ambitions.

New O'Rourke must prove whether the energy he brought to the Texas campaign will resonate on a much larger stage. For all the buzz associated with his candidacy, the former three-term congressman hasn't demonstrated much skill in domestic or foreign policy. And, as a white man, he's entering a field that has been celebrated for its diverse roster of women and people of color. "This is going to be a positive campaign that seeks to bring out the very best from every single one of us, that seeks to unite a very divided country," O'Rourke said in a video announcement with his wife on a couch. "We saw the power of this in Texas."

O'Rourke promises in the video posted today: "I'm going to travel this country and listen to those I seek to serve" and then will return to El Paso on March 30 for a campaign kickoff.



Canada geese battle choppy water Wednesday as a late winter storm packing hurricane-force winds and snow sweeps over the intermountain West in Denver.

'Bomb cyclone' storm barrels toward Midwest

LONGMONT, Colo. (AP) — National Guard troops were using specialized vehicles with tank-like treads to rescue stranded drivers in Colorado in the wake of a massive late-winter storm that was expected to unleash heavy rain and snow on the Midwest plains today.

Wednesday's blizzard caused widespread power outages, forced the cancellation of hundreds of flights and wreaked havoc on roadways as drivers became overwhelmed by blinding snow. A wind gust clocked in at 87 mph in Colorado Springs.

The storm also contributed to the death of Cpl. Daniel Groves, a Colorado State Patrol officer who was hit and killed by a car as he helped an older driver who had slid off Interstate 76 near Denver.

About 200 vehicles were disabled on Interstate

25 near Colorado Springs, and many more drivers were being rescued on secondary roads, said Kyle Lester with the transportation department's Division of Highway Maintenance.

The window-rattling storm brought blizzards, floods and a tornado across more than 25 states Wednesday, stretching from the northern Rocky Mountains to Texas and beyond.

The culprit was a sudden and severe drop in ground-level air pressure in Colorado, the most pronounced dive since 1950, Carbin said. It was caused by a combination of the jet stream and normal conditions in the wind shadow of the Rockies.

Parts of seven states were under blizzard warnings, and 20 states were under some level of high wind alert, Carbin said.

Newsom defends death penalty moratorium

Los Angeles Times
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California Gov. Gavin Newsom insisted on Wednesday that he possessed the legal authority and moral responsibility to impose a moratorium on executions in California, rejecting the idea that he was defying the will of voters who refused to abolish capital punishment just two years ago.

"The law is the law, and this is crystal clear: The constitution of the state of California provides the governor the ability to reprieve, the ability to do this moratorium," Newsom said during a morning news conference at the Capitol. "I don't

believe there is any ambiguity. My ultimate goal is to end the death penalty in California."

Moments before, Newsom had signed an executive order granting a blanket reprieve to all 737 condemned prisoners in California, the state with the largest death row in the nation.

Newsom said voters knew he was a strong opponent of the death penalty when they overwhelmingly elected him governor in November. He insisted that his decision — which included a rejection of the lethal injection standards being developed by the state and a symbolic closing of the execution chamber at San Quentin State

Prison — should not be a "huge surprise to anybody."

But supporters of capital punishment expressed outrage over the governor's decision.

"Gov. Newsom just demonstrated his first questionable action to be a leader for all Californians by putting his own views above the will of the people," said GOP Assemblyman Tom Lackey, a retired California Highway Patrol sergeant. "Death row inmates are not ordinary criminals. They are kidnappers. They are cop killers. They are rapists who murdered their victims. These are the monsters Gov. Newsom is protecting."

Parents charged in admissions scam roll through courts

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Colleges and companies moved swiftly to distance themselves from employees swept up in a nationwide college admissions scheme, many of them coaches accused of taking bribes and others prominent parents accused of angling to get their children into top schools by portraying them as recruited athletes.

That celebrities were among the accused parents — actresses Lori Loughlin and Felicity Huffman headline the list — created much buzz, but other parents charged included people prominent in law, finance, fashion, manufacturing and other fields — people who could afford the steep price.

At least nine athletic coaches and 33 parents were among those charged. Some parents spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, as much as \$6.5 million, to guarantee their children's admission, officials said.

"Every student deserves to be considered on their individual merits when applying to college, and it's disgraceful to see anyone breaking the law to give their children an advantage over others," U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said in a statement Wednesday. "The department is looking closely at this issue and working to determine if any of our regulations have been violated."

At a brief court appearance Wednesday, a judge allowed Loughlin to be released on \$1 million bond and travel to the area around Vancouver, Canada, to work but otherwise imposed strict travel restrictions. Magistrate Judge Steven Kim said Loughlin must surrender her passport in December, inform the court of her travel plans and provide evidence of where she's been if asked.

Loughlin's lawyer Perry Viscio declined comment outside the courtroom, where a day earlier her husband, fashion de-

signer Massimo Giannulli, was freed on similar terms.

Prosecutors allege the couple paid \$500,000 to have their daughters labeled as crew-team recruits at the University of Southern California, even though neither is a rower.

Among the other parents charged was Gordon Caplan, of Greenwich, Connecticut, co-chairman of the law firm Wilks & Far & Gallagher, based in New York. Caplan "will have no further firm management responsibilities," the firm said in a statement Wednesday.

Telephone messages seeking comment have been left with Caplan, who is accused of paying \$75,000 to get a test supervisor to correct the answers on his daughter's ACT exam after she took it.

Hercules Capital, a Palo Alto, California, hedge fund, announced Wednesday it was replacing its leader, Manuel Henriquez, who has been arrested in New York City and released on \$500,000 bail. Henriquez will still hold a seat on the board and serve as an adviser, Hercules said.

Henriquez and his wife, Elizabeth, of Atherton, California, were charged with participating in the scheme on four occasions for their two daughters. They were also charged with conspiring to bribe Gordon Ernst, former head tennis coach at Georgetown University, to designate their older daughter as a tennis recruit to facilitate her admission and with making a \$400,000 contribution to a charity to help her get accepted to the school.

Georgetown said he hadn't coached there since December 2017 after an investigation found he violated university admissions rules. The University of Rhode Island says Ernst, who was hired as head women's tennis coach in August, was placed on administrative leave.

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to the executive branch," Lee said. He said he'd vote to block Trump's emergency because his own bill "does not have an immediate path forward."

The other GOP senators who have said they will vote to block Trump's border emergency are Thom Tillis of North Carolina, Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Kentucky's Rand Paul.

Tillis and Collins face potentially competitive re-election fights in 2020. Tillis said Wednesday that his vote was

"still a work in progress" as talks with the White House continued. But perhaps 15 GOP senators might oppose Trump in today's vote, said one Republican who offered the estimate only on condition of anonymity.

Within the White House there was concern that agreeing to a deal might only limit the number of defections, said a senior administration official who was not authorized to speak publicly.

Any Republican hopes of a turnaround rested largely on a familiar phenomenon of the Trump administration — an abrupt

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 a warning.

"Anybody going against border security, drug trafficking, human trafficking, that's a bad vote," he said. Framing Tuesday'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.

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."

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on mortgage loan applications. The new case appears to be designed at least in part to protect against the possibility that Trump could pardon Manafort, who led the celebrity businessman's 2016 White House bid for months. The president can pardon federal crimes but not state offenses.

New York's attorney general's office had looked into whether it could bring state-level crimes against Manafort but faced a possible roadblock because of the state's double jeopardy law. That statute goes beyond most other states by preventing state-level charges that mirror federal counts that have been resolved — and also prevents prosecutors from pursuing state-level charges when a person has been

pardoned for the same federal crimes.

Sill, Manhattan prosecutors, who brought the new indictment, contend their trump to today's vote, said one Republican who offered the estimate only on condition of anonymity.

At the White House, Trump said he felt "very badly" for Manafort but hadn't given any thought to a pardon. "No collusion," the president added.

On Wednesday, Judge Jackson made clear the case against Manafort had nothing to do with Russian election interference and she scolded Manafort's lawyers for asserting that their client was charged only 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 the president.

The judge said conspiracy charges concerning Manafort's unregistered foreign lobbying work and witness tampering were "not just some failure to comply with some pesky regulations" as his attorneys argued.

Instead, she said they were evidence that Manafort had spent a considerable portion of his career "gaming the system." He undermined the American political process by concealing from the public and Congress that he was working on behalf of Ukraine — and earning millions of dollars that he never reported to the IRS, she said.

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Wisc. man pleads guilty in teenager's kidnapping, 2 slayings

BARRON, Wis. (AP) — A Wisconsin man pleaded guilty Wednesday to kidnapping 13-year-old Jayme Closs and killing her parents, in a plea deal that spares the girl held captive in a remote cabin for three months from the possible trauma of having to testify at his trial.

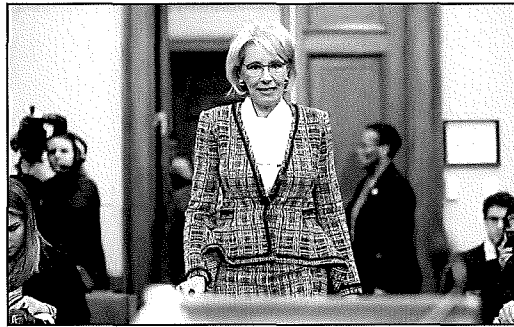
Jake Patterson, 21, sniffled and his voice caught as he pleaded guilty to two counts of intentional homicide and one count of kidnapping. As part of a plea deal, prosecutors dropped a count of armed burglary. Patterson faces up to life in prison when he is sentenced May 24; Wisconsin does not have the death penalty.

In a bizarre remark as he left the courtroom, Patterson turned back and said "Bye, Jayme." His victim wasn't there.

Patterson had said he would plead guilty in a letter sent this month to a Minneapolis TV station, saying he didn't want the Closs family "to worry about a trial."

Patterson admitted kidnapping Jayme after killing her parents, James and Denise Closs, on Oct. 15 at the family's home. Jayme escaped in January, after 88 days in Patterson's cabin near the small, isolated town of Gordon, some 60 miles from her home.

The plea, coupled with an earlier decision by prosecutors not to bring charges in the county where Jayme was held, increases the chances that the details of her time in captivity will remain private.



Education Secretary Betsy DeVos arrives for a House Appropriations subcommittee hearing Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

DeVos defends plan to cut Special Olympics funding

The Associated Press
Education Secretary Betsy DeVos on Wednesday defended a proposal to eliminate funding for the Special Olympics, pushing back against a storm of criticism from athletes, celebrities and politicians who rallied to support the organization.

DeVos became a target on social media after she "loves" the organization's work and said she "personally supported its mission." But she also noted that it's a private nonprofit that raises \$100 million a year on its own. Ultimately, she argued, her agency can't afford to continue backing it.

"There are dozens of worthy nonprofits that support students and adults with disabilities that don't get a dime of federal grant money," she said. "Given our current budget realities, the federal government cannot fund every worthy program, particularly ones that enjoy robust support from private donations."

Special Olympics Chairman Tim Shriver on Wednesday pushed back against the proposed cut.

"This is not the old Special Olympics, it's not my mom's Special Olympics in some ways," he said on MSNBC. "This is a new Special Olympics. We are actively engaged in the educational purposes that the country has articulated at the federal level."

The Trump administration tried to eliminate Special Olympics funding in its previous budget proposal, too, but Congress ultimately increased funding for the group. Lawmakers indicated that the latest attempt will also fail.

"Our Department of Education appropriations bill will not cut funding for the program," said Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., chairman of the Senate subcommittee over the education budget. Blunt said he's a "longtime supporter" of the group and recently attended its World Games.

2 killed in 'random' shooting, car crash in Seattle, police say

SEATTLE (AP) — A man opened fire on motorists in a Seattle neighborhood in what authorities are calling a "random" attack that left two dead and two injured Wednesday afternoon.

One man was fatally shot and another killed in an automobile crash, authorities said. Two other people were shot but survived, including the driver of a Metro bus.

"We believe it's a random, senseless act," Deputy Police Chief Marc Garth Green told reporters. "We're outraged at what this suspect did."

The chaotic scene unfolded in north Seattle just after 4 p.m. Police said that a man approached a 56-year-old female driver in the street and shot her.

He then walked on and fired shots at a Metro bus, striking the

driver, who was able to turn the vehicle around and drive away, authorities said.

The gunman then approached a second motorist and opened fire, killing a 50-year-old man. After police arrived, the suspect fled in the victim's vehicle, police said. He drove a few blocks and then collided with another car, killing the 70-year-old male driver, fire officials said.

The 33-year-old suspect was taken into custody after a brief standoff. He was transported to a hospital with minor injuries, police said.

Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan, Constantine and other city leaders said Wednesday evening they are grieving with the loved ones of the men killed and pledged to support the two people who were injured.

Guilty plea in deadly attack at rally in 2017

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — In a case that stirred racial tensions across the country, a self-avowed white supremacist pleaded guilty Wednesday to federal hate crime charges in a deadly attack at a white nationalist rally in Virginia, admitting that he intentionally plowed his speeding car into a crowd of anti-racism protesters, killing a woman and injuring dozens.

James Alex Fields Jr. of Maumee, Ohio, pleaded guilty to 29 of 30 federal charges stemming from the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville on Aug. 12, 2017.

Under a plea agreement, federal prosecutors will not seek the death penalty against Fields and will dismiss the one count that carried death as a possible punishment. The charges he pleaded guilty to call for life in prison under federal sentencing guidelines.

Sentencing is set for July 3. Fields, 21, was convicted in December in a Virginia court of first-degree murder and other state charges for killing anti-racism activist Heather Heyer and injuring dozens of others.

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."

Azzopardo, 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.

Winning \$768M Powerball ticket sold

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A single ticket sold in Wisconsin matched all six numbers in the Wednesday night Powerball drawing to win the third-largest jackpot in U.S. lottery history. Due to strong ticket sales, the jackpot climbed to an estimated \$768.4 million at the time of the drawing with a cash option of \$477 million.

Powerball said the winning numbers are 16, 20, 37, 44, 62 and the Powerball number is 12.

The \$768.4 million is the third-largest behind the world record

\$1.586 billion Powerball jackpot shared by winners in California, Florida and Tennessee in January 2016, and the \$1.537 billion Mega Millions jackpot won in South Carolina last October.

"It's going to be a very green spring for our first Powerball jackpot winner of 2019," David Barden, Powerball Product Group chairman and New Mexico Lottery CEO, said in a statement. "A jackpot of this size can make many dreams come true — not just for the winner, but for all Lottery beneficiaries and the

lucky state of Wisconsin."

Although the prize grew steadily since the previous jackpot winner on Dec. 26, the odds of matching the five white balls and single Powerball remained one in 292.2 million.

The \$768.4 million estimated figure refers to the annuity option, paid over 29 years. Nearly all grand prize winners opt for the cash prize, which for Wednesday's drawing would be an estimated \$477 million.

Both prize options are before taxes.

On Jan. 24, a 12-foot seam opened in the jail's roof, letting water in. By 8 a.m., 2 to 3 inches covered the floor of a dormitory facility that can house 30 inmates.

Water continued to leak in other places.

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■ Installing new panels in cell doors.
■ Installing a new control panel.
■ Caulking, painting and final cleaning.

Rigg said he's been trying to get work done in the cell block for five years. Having Pike Co., who the county hired to do work on the jail, in the jail and doing work opened that opportunity up.

"To be clear, there is a golden opportunity for us to do work that you needed to have done in that jail and even if we

decide to stay or even if we decide to move, this is still work that urgently needs to get done," said Legislator Beau Harbin (D-Cortland), chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Even if the county decides to build a new jail, it could take five years until a new building was finished, said Legislator Chris Newell (R-Cortlandville). Inmates would still need housing, he added. "I'm in favor of doing this stuff now," he said.

Work on the showers will include adding 16 stainless steel shower units as well as other plumbing work.

has changed over time, but the theme of building a better community has remained the same.

Sickmon said she is also going to do an interactive reading of the story, where she will have items from the book like potatoes and carrots that kids can put into a pot.

There will also be other kids activities offered by Clinch Art Space, Cheerful and Creative owner Ashley Pearson and a local Girl Scout troop.

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In her mind the library needed to participate in the event, but that she wasn't sure how it could do so at first.

"We want to be involved in anything that brings diversity in the community," Sickmon said.

Then Zarcone approached Sickmon with the idea of getting the books to give away. So, through a donation from the Friends of the Library and

a private donation, the library bought 100 paperback copies of the book. The books cost \$6.50 a copy.

"We just got confirmation the books were shipped, so we're excited," she said.

The story is that three soldiers returning from war go into a town looking for food, but the townspeople are wary of them and the soldiers want to persuade the townspeople to make soup with them. The story

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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 Capitol for 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."

Azzopardo, 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.

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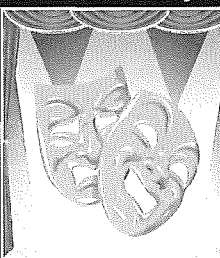
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LOCAL

City: Officials allowed to have guns at meeting

By Samantha Madison
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UTICA — When is it OK for city officials to bring firearms to public meetings? That's a question that was raised recently after Councilman Jack LoMedico and Police Chief Mark Williams were both armed during a March 18 budget meeting at the North Utica Senior Center.

At the time, former Utica Fire Chief Russell Brooks stated that both were in

violation of the law by wearing their firearms in the building.

He pointed out a notice on the front door of the building, which states "No firearms, shotguns, or rifles are permitted on these premises."

LoMedico, who is a New York state parole officer, left the meeting after Brooks' objection. But Williams chose to stay.

The city of Utica later sent a letter to the North Utica Senior Center Board

of Directors to clear up what exactly the law allows.

The letter, signed by Corporation Counsel William Borrill, said that per New York state law, both LoMedico and Williams are exempt from the sign on the door because both work in law enforcement.

The sign on the door of the senior center is provided by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services because child care programs are conducted on the premises, the

city said.

According to state law, firearms are prohibited where child care programs are conducted, but there are exemptions, including those for peace officers and police officers.

New York defines a police officer as a sworn member of the division of state police; sheriffs, under-sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of counties outside of New York City; a sworn officer of an authorized county or county parkway police department;

or a sworn officer of an authorized police department or force of a city, town, village or police district.

A parole officer is included in the definition of a peace officer.

"The law and common sense both provide that the presence of Councilman LoMedico and Chief Williams while carrying firearms was at all times lawful," the city's letter said. "This was further confirmed by the New York Conference of Mayors."

What the law says

- Firearms, shotguns and rifles are prohibited at child care programs, except that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a police officer or peace officer or a security guard from possessing a firearm, shotgun or rifle on the premises for the protection of the child care program.
- Per New York State law, a parole officer is counted in the definition of a peace officer.

Source: New York State law

HOUSING

From Page A3

Unhealthy housing conditions in New York City contributed to a push in urban mobility towards city areas to the north. Utica saw its population swell along with a strong demand for housing.

These factors combined to shape Utica's urban landscape into

an ethnic collage.

A social mix of immigrants began to occupy suburban areas to the east and west.

This coexistence began to push middle-class families to other areas as part of upward mobility.

Movements of these classes defined sectors that still mark a segregation footprint today.

(We still define Utica in those terms: East Utica, West Utica, etc.)

DUPLEX HOUSING

New housing in those areas was not defined with an academic style created by architects. That fall to industrialization, which formed generic constructive plans — and duplex housing was born. Merged within this idea were influences of the Queen Anne style of home, which was based on segregation of private and public uses inside a dwelling. Duplex architecture,

however, used its tools to re-interpret Queen Anne. It also implemented "balloon framing" for mass marketing. These style modifications left behind segregated use of space, abandoning the notion instead for general use of interior areas.

Duplex houses (two-family units) had an attraction for new immigrants who could buy and share a residence — ideally with another family member. Furthering the appeal was that they were located in family sectors and had independent entrances for two separate housing units.

The style also had another benefit. It could be confused with a single-family construction of two levels which disguised the idea of overcrowding.

Prime examples in Cornhill reveal a style that has a steeply inclined roof with a dominant front-facing gable, an asymmetric or symmetric facade with a partial porch, and a full-length or wrap-around porch. Some characteristics include a massing of bays,

gabled roof, decorated or frames in gables, roof form with hips or crossed or intersecting-gabled roofs. Palladium windows without a center arch in the gable also can be found. Forms of the structures range from rectangular, to square-shaped or L-shaped. There were several reasons why people stopped building duplexes in the 1920s.

Restrictions on multifamily housing and the federal push to provide other types of structures contributed greatly. But regulations and building codes also were barriers to its continuance, mainly because of fire issues. The idea that this type of housing was not "middle-class housing" factored into the decline as well.

PRIME EXAMPLES

At Eagle Street next to Park Avenue there is a set of three separate wooden constructions, occupied by 30 housing units, on average lots of 50 feet wide and about 35 percent occupation of the land. These

homes are a perfect reflection of those early times.

The multifamily units are classified today as apartments but still have a physical presence of familiar housing. Each of the three houses have six flats with an average of about 600 square feet per unit.

In an area outside of Cornhill, another group of dwellings contains three attractive single-family homes on State Street near Mandeville Street. They have wooden details that possibly are the products of an architect. Two of these structures were built with bricks, one in 1890 and the other 1900. The third, also built in 1890, has walls of the first level built in bricks, the second in wood. It maintains the same interior: four rooms, kitchen, and 1.5 bathrooms.

Cesar Al Martinez is an architect who was raised and educated in the Dominican Republic. His series "Utica's Building Blocks" examines the diverse architecture of the city with a historical perspective.

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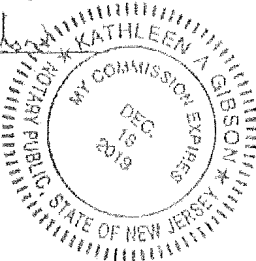
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Month to date 0.05	Month to date 0.27	Month to date 0.46
Normal m-t-d 0.47	Normal m-t-d 0.51	Normal m-t-d 0.46
Year to date 3.87	Year to date 6.50	Year to date 5.71
Normal y-t-d 4.77	Normal y-t-d 5.27	Normal y-t-d 4.52

SNOWFALL	Trace	Season to date
Yesterday	0.02	40.7"
Month to date	2.5"	23.2"
Normal m-t-d	2.4"	31.7"

EXTREMES: High 86°, Tucson, AZ Low -31°, Stockholm, MI

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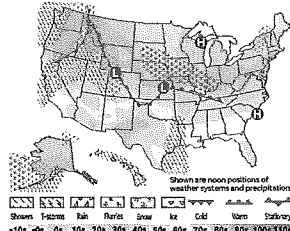
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Bombay	63	Los Angeles	64	San Jose	64
Buenos Aires	59	London	52	Singapore	91
Calcutta	63	Madrid	53	Sydney	73
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Landfill

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sion.

Several environmental groups took up the cause on behalf of residents and say there are still many concerns that need to be addressed before the town board approves the change — including the possibility of radioactive material from Marcellus shale drill cuttings accepted at the facility.

"The landfill's leachate test results show extremely high levels of radon gas in the Hakes landfill," said Kate Bartholomew, chair of the Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter. "But the landfill is not testing for radon in its landfill gas collection system. It needs to begin to do so."

"If the testing of radon levels in the landfill gas shows that radon levels are routinely high or highly variable, additional testing is likely to be needed to trace the radon gas back to its radium sources within the landfill," Bartholomew said.

The Sierra Club was joined by Concerned Citizens of Allegany County Inc. and People for a Healthy Environment Inc. in raising concerns about the landfill expansion.

The groups also have been working with Raymond Vaughn, a Buffalo-based geologist and environmental scientist.

Vaughn submitted a memorandum to Town of Campbell officials citing the need for additional testing.

If you go

■ The Campbell Town Board will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Campbell Town Hall, 8529 Main St. For more information, call 607-527-8244.

■ To read documents pertaining to the Hakes landfill and proposed expansion, go to hakesexpansion.blogspot.com.

"Focusing on radon in the tests outlined here has the advantage of being minimally invasive," he wrote. "Additional testing, if needed, would likely require excavation and/or new boreholes to identify and quantify the radium source(s)."

The expense of additional testing should be borne by the landfill operator as part of the cost of doing business, Vaughn said.

Hakes is owned by Casella Waste Systems, the same company that operates the Chemung County Landfill.

Casella Vice President Larry Shilling previously said radiation detectors installed at the landfill in 2010 have never gone off.

The Campbell Town Board will hold its regular meeting Monday.

A final agenda hasn't been prepared yet and Town Supervisor Jeffrey Horton couldn't be reached for comment Wednesday, but Town Clerk Michelle Seeley said the landfill request will likely be addressed.

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Pick 10: 5-8-15-19-22-27-28-31-32-35-41-46-49-54-55-56-63-64-68-72

Mega Millions: 15-20-32-37-52, Mega Ball: 6, Megaplier: 5

PA Lottery

Cash 5: 2-6-08-28-37
Match 6 Lotto: 4-23-36-40-46-47
Pick 2 Evening: 5-3, Wild: 8
Pick 3 Evening: 0-8-9, Wild: 8
Pick 3 Day: 6-3-7,

Wild:
Pick 4 Day: 7-9-1-4, Wild: 8
Pick 4 Evening: 3-1-9-1, Wild: 8
Pick 5 Day: 4-5-5-0-8, Wild: 8
Pick 5 Evening: 3-0-9-9-1, Wild: 8
Treasure Hunt: 1-6-10-16-30

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 7, the 66th day of 2019.

There are 299 days left in the year.

On this date in:

1793: During the French Revolutionary Wars, France declared war on Spain.

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.

1953: 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.

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Breezy with a few showers

HIGH 64 LOW 33

SATURDAY



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HIGH 40 LOW 24

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A mix of sun and clouds

HIGH 39 LOW 22

MONDAY



Partly sunny

HIGH 38 LOW 19

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EXTREMES: High 95°, Mt. Seneca, NY Low -12°, Daniel, WV

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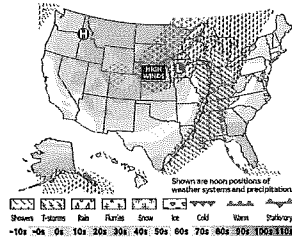


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SKYWATCH

Star	RISE	SET
Sun	7:23 a.m.	7:17 p.m.
Moon	12:06 p.m.	2:22 a.m.
Venus	5:41 a.m.	3:53 p.m.
Mars	8:23 a.m.	11:58 p.m.
Jupiter	2:38 a.m.	11:46 p.m.
Saturn	4:23 a.m.	1:41 p.m.

FORECAST FOR MARCH 14, 2019



Shows are noon positions of weather systems and temperatures.

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INTERNATIONAL

City	Hi	Lo	City	Hi	Lo	City	Hi	Lo
Amsterdam	52	44	Geneva	44	40	New Delhi	78	58
Athens	58	49	Havana	80	67	Pinar	61	49
Bahia	74	47	Hong Kong	78	65	Paris	54	51
Bangkok	86	60	Iskaria	87	75	Prague	45	38
Bijing	62	57	Jerusalem	51	47	Rio de Janeiro	84	60
Bombay	81	56	London	53	52	Rome	61	40
Buenos Aires	52	37	Los Angeles	52	37	Sao Paulo	54	22
Calcutta	46	40	San Jose	50	30	Singapore	92	77
Caracas	64	67	London	57	47	Sydney	78	67
Chennai	33	28	Madrid	45	15	Taipei	78	61
Delhi	77	61	Mexico City	43	52	Yokohama	61	40
Guangzhou	71	55	Montreal	43	39	Yokohama	61	40
Hanoi	79	61	Osaka	54	36	Yokohama	61	40
Hong Kong	51	43	Seoul	53	37	Yokohama	61	40
London	49	41	Shanghai	51	40	Yokohama	61	40

Weather 95° rising, partly cloudy, easterly, showers, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Reed

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chapter president of AARP, and joined the organization's board chair Joan Ruff on Tuesday in addressing the House Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee.

Reed, the ranking Republican on the subcommittee, also talked to the group about his own mother's story to underscore how many people rely heavily on Social Security benefits.

About 114,360 of AARP's roughly 36 million members live in New York's 23rd Congressional District, Ruff said.

Stanley pointed out that a recent study indicated Elmira is one of two American cities still in recession, and said Social Security provides a crucial safety net for many older residents.

"I dare say, without question, that most of our members rely on Social Security income for daily survival," she said.

"Many of our members have small or non-existent company pensions and have Social Security as the sole source of income," Stanley said. "Our members are a hard working lot and have paid into the Social Security system their entire lives until they retired. They have earned the right to receive their payment and are grateful for a system that pays them back for a lifetime of sweat equity."

Without Social Security, nearly four in 10 Americans 65 and older would live below poverty, Stanley added. "That reliance on Social Security is even more pronounced in minority

communities, she said.

Reed, meanwhile, told fellow committee members that his parents, Betty and Thomas Reed, had 12 children, of which he was the youngest, but his mother had to rely on Social Security to supplement her income after his father died when Reed was only 2.

"And like my family, many Americans rely on earned Social Security benefits when a family member reaches retirement age, faces a work-limiting disability or passes away," Reed said. "As we sit here today, it is without a doubt as the Republican leader of Social Security, I care deeply about ensuring Social Security is here today, here tomorrow and here for generations to come."

Reed also pushed for bipartisan reforms that would ensure the Social Security system remains solvent for generations to come without the need for tax increases.

Reed added Congress can't wait until Social Security is on the brink of crisis—as it did in 1993—before it acts, or else the problem will be too serious to overcome.

Ruff told the subcommittee unless Congress acts on reforms, Social Security benefits could be cut by 21 percent beginning in 2034. "A cut like this would result in severe hardships for millions of people across the country, especially considering how modest benefits are now," she said. "AARP's membership believes it is the responsibility of Congress and the White House to take action so that hard-working Americans receive the benefits they have earned."

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Guns

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company noted last fall, a dip furthered by a weaker gun market. On Tuesday, the Pittsburgh-area company said net income for the quarter fell to \$102.6 million from \$116 million in the year-earlier period, per MarketWatch.

Adjusted same-store sales fell 3.1 percent over a 12-month period ending Feb. 2 when compared to that period the year prior, The New York Times reported.

Dick's operates 729 stores — in-

cluding ones in Binghamton, Vestal, Horseheads and Ithaca — along with 94 Golf Galaxy stores and 35 Field and Stream stores (including one in Big Flats), according to the newspaper.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation expelled Dick's from membership last year for "conduct detrimental" to the firearms trade group, but Stack remains undeterred in the company's direction.

"If we had a mulligan, we'd do it all over again," Stack said, per CNBC. The CEO signed a letter last month backing a federal bill extending background checks, the network noted, and recently joined the Everytown Business Council for gun safety.

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www.nylottery.org

Pa. lottery: (800) 692-7481

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NY Lottery

Tuesday:

Numbers Midday: 9-9-2

Win 4 Midday: 6-7-0-6

Numbers Evening: 5-2-8

Win 4 Evening: 0-5-2-2

Take 5: 1-6-31-35-39

Pick 10: 5-9-16-18-19-37-39-42-45-55-57-60-61-62-67-69-70-72-75-80

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Mega Millions: 10-12-16-

49-57, Mega Ball: 18,

Megaplier: 4

Pick 3 Evening: 9-4-2,

Wild: 3

Pick 4 Day: 7-6-5-6,

Wild: 2

Pick 4 Evening: 6-9-1-4,

Wild: 3

Pick 5 Day: 0-1-9-3-8,

Wild: 2

Pick 5 Evening: 5-9-6-0-9,

Wild: 3

Treasure Hunt: 16-18-22-25-26

Pick 3 Day: 8-2-2, Wild: 2

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, which revolutionized the cotton industry.

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NYSEG has filed tariff revisions January 2, 2019 with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) to implement a residential time-of-use rate to become effective April 1, 2019.

A residential customer with an eligible electric vehicle may opt to take service under a Special Provision within Service Classification No. 76 for as long as the customer owns or operates the electric vehicle.

The Customer Charge will be \$15.11 per month. The Day-time per kilowatt-hour delivery charge is \$0.04935 and the Night-time per kilowatt-hour charge is \$0.01812. Supply charges and all other surcharges are applicable. Tariff schedules are available at nyseg.com.

WEATHER

TODAY



Occasional rain; cooler

HIGH 48 LOW 34

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SATURDAY

HIGH 37 LOW 24



Early snow showers

FRIDAY



Breezy with rain and snow

HIGH 40 LOW 20

SUNDAY

HIGH 55 LOW 34



Mostly sunny

MONDAY

HIGH 40 LOW 19



Cooler with rain and snow



Today's forecast is provided by WENY 5 News Meteorologists Joe Veres, Abby DeBello and Tony Chavarria

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BY THE NUMBERS

ELMIRA	BINGHAMTON	ITHACA
Yesterday's high 54°	Yesterday's high 48°	Yesterday's high 52°
Yesterday's low 18°	Yesterday's low 23°	Yesterday's low 21°
Normal high 48°	Normal high 43°	Normal high 41°
Normal low 28°	Normal low 28°	Normal low 28°
Record high 72° in 2012	Record high 72° in 2012	Record high 74° in 2007
Record low -10° in 1952	Record low 8° in 1956	Record low -2° in 2007

PRECIPITATION in inches	PRECIPITATION in inches	PRECIPITATION in inches
Yesterday 0.00	Yesterday 0.00	Yesterday Trace
Month to date 0.46	Month to date 0.37	Month to date 0.41
Normal m-t-d 1.07	Normal m-t-d 1.03	Normal m-t-d 1.62
Year to date 4.98	Year to date 6.60	Year to date 4.82
Normal y-t-d 5.47	Normal y-t-d 5.58	Normal y-t-d 5.68

SNOWFALL: totals for Elmira

Season to date	Season to date	Season to date
Month to date 0.0"	Month to date 2.5"	Month to date 40.7"
Normal m-t-d 7.6"	Normal m-t-d 7.6"	Normal m-t-d 34.4"
Last season 35.0"		

EXTREMES: High 87°, Goodway, AZ	Low -13°, David, WY
High 87°	Low -13°
Goodway, AZ	David, WY

SKYWATCH

LAST	NEW	FIRST	FULL
MAR 27	APR 5	APR 12	APR 19

FORECAST FOR MARCH 21, 2019



Shown are mean positions of weather systems and precipitation.

Legend: Rain, Snow, Sleet, Fog, Thunder, Wind, Clouds

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Collision

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The Addison Central School District said the students were being transported to out-of-district placements at the time of the crash.

Emergency medical responders checked all the children at the scene. They were taken to Guthrie Hospital for further medical checks.

"As always, the Addison Central School District remains focused on the safety of our students," the school district said in a statement. "Families of the students on the bus have been con-



New York State Police investigate a crash that killed a driver who struck an Addison Central School District bus. JEFFREY MURRAY/ELMIRA STAR-GAZETTE

tacted."

Follow Anthony Borrelli on Twitter @PSBABorrelli.

President

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CCC's new leader.

Mullaney will become Corning Community College's seventh president when he succeeds Katherine Douglas, who is retiring June 30 after eight years at the helm of the institution.

"Dr. Mullaney brings a wealth of experience to the college and will be a strong partner with the community," board of trustees Chair Carl H. Blowers said in a news release.

"He has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the community college vision, illustrated his innovative spirit and commitment to meeting workforce needs, and he has a history of serving as a passionate advocate and champion for student success," Blowers said.

Mullaney is currently the vice president of academic affairs at Bergen Community College in Paramus, New Jersey.

He previously served as assistant to the executive vice chancellor at the Maricopa Community Colleges Dis-

trict Office in Tempe, Arizona.

Mullaney earned a doctor of philosophy in English from Tulane University in New Orleans, a master of arts in literature from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, and a bachelor of arts in English from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Mullaney was chosen from a field of more than 50 candidates by a search committee headed by board of trustees Vice Chair Nancy Wightman, and composed of trustees, alumni, faculty, administrators, students and community members.

Both the Corning Community College board and the State University of New York board of trustees voted unanimously Wednesday to approve Mullaney's appointment.

"I am honored to have been selected to lead SUNY Corning Community College as its next president," Mullaney said. "I look forward to carrying on the legacy of innovation and distinction that Kate (Douglas) has embraced at SUNY CCC and in service to meeting the educational and workforce needs of the region."

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NY Lottery

ALBANY, N.Y. — These

New York lotteries were

drawn Tuesday:

Numbers Midday 6-0-9

Win 4 Midday 5-5-8-1

Numbers Evening 6-5-4

Win 4 Evening 1-8-9-8

Take 5 04-07-12-14-24

Pick 10 03-09-11-13-22-

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Pick 4 Evening 9-2-4-3,

Wild: 2

Pick 5 Day 5-9-3-8-5,

Wild: 6

Pick 5 Evening 7-5-4-6-

6-9, Wild: 2

Treasure Hunt 02-06-17-

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TODAY



Incr.
clouds,
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shower

HIGH 56 LOW 40

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FRIDAY



Mostly
cloudy with
showers

HIGH 52 LOW 43



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WENY News Meteorologists
Joe Vener, Abby Delidillo and Tony Chivers

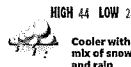
SATURDAY



Mild with
showers

HIGH 65 LOW 37

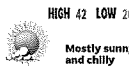
SUNDAY



Cooler with a
mix of snow
and rain

HIGH 44 LOW 24

MONDAY



Mostly sunny
and chilly

HIGH 42 LOW 26

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ELMIRA	BINGHAMTON	ITHACA
Yesterday's high 51°	Yesterday's high 45°	Yesterday's high 49°
Yesterday's low 19°	Yesterday's low 15°	Yesterday's low 15°
Normal high 49°	Normal high 45°	Normal high 46°
Normal low 29°	Normal low 28°	Normal low 27°
Record high 78° in 1959	Record high 72° in 1959	Record high 78° in 1949
Record low 6° in 2014	Record low 9° in 2014	Record low 5° in 2014
PRECIPITATION in inches	PRECIPITATION in inches	PRECIPITATION in inches
Yesterday 0.00	Yesterday 0.00	Yesterday 0.00
Month to date 1.84	Month to date 1.55	Month to date 0.81
Normal m-t-d 2.33	Normal m-t-d 2.56	Normal m-t-d 2.25
Year to date 4.76	Year to date 7.30	Year to date 5.32
Normal y-t-d 6.51	Normal y-t-d 7.32	Normal y-t-d 6.32

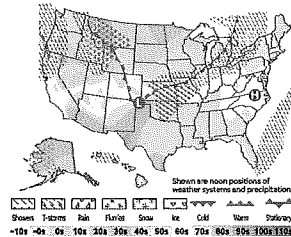
SNOWFALL: inches	Season to date
Yesterday 0.0"	40.7"
Month to date 2.5"	35.0"
Normal m-t-d 9.1"	35.0"

EXTREMES: High 85°, Low -10°, Dayton, OH

THE MOON



FORECAST FOR MARCH 28, 2019



Shaded areas show positions of weather systems and precipitation.

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City	Today	City	Today	City	Today
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statement. "The current regulations New York and the federal government have are not enough, and we must do better to protect our consumers from harassment and predatory tactics."

The legislation cited statistics from YouMail, a company that tracks robocalls and offers a call-blocking application, that showed New York ranked fifth in the nation in robocalls in February, with New York City ranking the third-most by city.

Lawmakers said the state's Do Not Call Registry and the Federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act haven't been effective enough in blocking robocalls and prevent scammers from billing people.

"There isn't an issue I hear more about from constituents than the proliferation of robocalls," said Sen. Brad Hoylman, D-Manhattan. "These calls aren't just annoying—they're dangerous, and often used to defraud unsuspecting consumers, seniors and vulnerable New Yorkers."

If the bill passes the Legislature, it would head to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's desk for his signature.

The Robocall Prevention Act would:

■ Prohibit any person or entity from making robocalls to any telephone number owned by a person in New York, unless for emergency purposes or with the prior express consent of the call recipient.

■ Require telephone companies to make available technology that would block unwanted robocalls that would be free of charge to the consumer.

■ Give the state attorney general new enforcement powers on robocalls and authorize new civil penalties of up to \$2,000 per robocall and up to \$20,000 for calls placed in violation of the law within a continuous 72-hour period.

The bill would also grant New Yorkers "a private right of action" to go after violators themselves.

The measure would allow people to sue and get awarded damages "for those who knowingly and willfully violate the law," lawmakers said.

Consumer groups applauded the measure.

On Tuesday, Verizon said it would provide free spam alerting and robocall blocking tools for wireless customers.

"Now, more than ever, consumers need real protections from unwanted robocalls," said Chuck Bell, programs director for Consumer Reports, in a statement.

Porn

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house, followed an investigation by Tioga County Sheriff's deputies and Athens police in Pennsylvania.

Court documents say the investigation began March 10, when officers from the Athens Township Police Department responded to a complaint from The Cellular Connection in Sayre—an employee discovered a "large collection" of child pornography.

Searies had allegedly stopped in the store earlier that day to buy a new Samsung cellphone, and brought with him an iPhone.

As part of the sale and setup, the store employee transferred data from the iPhone to the Samsung.

Then, the employee imported data from Searies' Google account cloud storage onto the new phone, and court documents allege 100 to 150 sexually explicit images of children ranging in age from 1 to 6 years old were discovered.

Most of the images were of boys,

court documents said, but others included girls.

On March 20, the FBI and Tioga County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant. Searies' phones were seized, and he was questioned by investigators.

During that questioning, Searies allegedly admitted he began viewing child porn more than five years ago.

The images police found on the phone had been downloaded online through Google and saved within the phone's photo gallery, according to court documents charging Searies.

"He admitted that he has been struggling with viewing images of children for several years and has wanted to get help, but has not," court documents said.

Then, Searies also allegedly confessed to having previously engaged in sexual contact with a 5-year-old boy.

Searies remained jailed after a detention hearing Tuesday before a federal judge in Syracuse. He's scheduled back in court April 3 for a preliminary hearing.

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Win 4 Midday: 5-8-0-3

Numbers Evening: 9-9-0

Win 4 Evening: 6-8-2-4

Take 8: 10-14-15-24-37

Pick 10: 1-4-6-7-15-19-24-25-28-35-42-43-47

49-50-57-62-63-71-77

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Match 6 Lotto: 4-13-36-37-43-45

Pick 2 Day: 3-8, Wild: 1

Pick 2 Evening: 6-9, Wild: 1

Pick 3 Day: 9-3-1, Wild: 1

Pick 3 Evening: 6-2-1,

Wild: 1

Pick 4 Day: 8-8-8-0,

Wild: 1

Pick 4 Evening: 2-6-2-4,

Wild: 1

Pick 5 Day: 7-8-8-6-6,

Wild: 1

Pick 5 Evening: 1-0-4-3-2, Wild: 1

Treasure Hunt: 8-13-14-15-26

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 28, the 87th day of 2019. There are 278 days left in the year. On this date in:

1797: Nathaniel Briggs of New Hampshire received a patent for a washing machine.

1898: The U.S. Supreme Court, in United States v. Wong Kim Ark, ruled

6-2 that Wong was an American citizen.

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

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

New York State Electric & Gas Electric Corporation (NYSEG)

NYSEG has filed tariff revisions January 2, 2019 with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) to implement a residential time-of-use rate to become effective April 1, 2019.

A residential customer with an eligible electric vehicle may opt to take service under a Special Provision within Service Classification No. 8 for as long as the customer owns or operates the electric vehicle.

The Customer Charge will be \$15.11 per month. The Day-time per kilowatt-hour delivery charge is \$0.04935 and the Night-time per kilowatt-hour charge is \$0.01812. Supply charges and all other surcharges are applicable. Tariff schedules are available at nyseg.com.