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# Kansas embraces role as underdogs ... again

By Gary Bedore  
THE KANSAS CITY STAR/TNS

SAN ANTONIO — Villanova enters Saturday’s Final Four semifinal game against Kansas as a 5-point favorite. Perhaps just as significant is the fact 18 of 23 ESPN staff members predict Nova (34-4), the surviving No. 1 seed in the East Regional, will defeat the Jayhawks (31-7), the No. 1 seed out of the Midwest, in a showdown between the Big East and Big 12 schools to tip around 7:49 p.m. at the Alamodome.

“We’re used to it. Against Duke we were underdogs,” KU sophomore center Udoka Azubuike said Friday before the Jayhawks’ 50-minute shoot-around at the dome. “We’re just going to do what we always do, play like we normally do,” he added.

The Jayhawks, as 3½-point underdogs, did indeed drop Duke, 85-81, in Sunday’s overtime thriller in Omaha, Neb.

“We’re used to it,” KU junior guard Lagerald Vick said, electing to use the exact same words as Azubuike, when asked of entering a game as the team most expect will lose.

“A lot of people will doubt us. You’ve got to take the good with the bad. They’ve got a pretty good team, pretty good shooters.”

The Wildcats, who have won nine straight games — KU has won seven in a row — enter as the most explosive team in the NCAA Tournament, averaging 86.6 points a game.

Led by Mikal Bridges (99 3-pointers, 17.8 points per game), Jalen Brunson (82 3-pointers, 19.2), Donte DiVincenzo (77 3-pointers, 12.9), Omari Spellman (62 3-pointers, 10.8) and Phil Booth (53 3-pointers, 10.3), Villanova has converted 436 3-pointers in 1091 attempts (.400).

The Wildcats are six 3s shy of tying the 2007 VCU team for most 3-pointers in a season.

Yet KU is right behind Villanova in points and 3s. The Jayhawks have averaged 81.4 points per contest and have cashed 384 threes in 953 tries (.403).

“This year everybody thinks we are underdogs the whole season,” said KU senior Svi Mykhailiuk. He recently passed Terry Brown as KU’s single-season 3-point record holder with 114 (Devonte Graham is right behind with 106 makes). “We’re used to it,” Mykhailiuk added, making it three Jayhawks to express themselves the same way.

Of course, the Jayhawks could be exaggerating their status as underdogs just a bit.

KU was picked to win the 2017-18 Big 12 title and completed that task for an NCAA-record 14th straight season, while being favored in a majority of its contests.

“We don’t pay attention to that,” Mykhailiuk said. “We just play ball.”

Svi did concede that



Jayhawks guard Devonte’ Graham (4) shoots the ball during practice before the Final Four.

stopping Villanova’s outside attack might prove crucial. Texas Tech held the Wildcats to 4 of 24 3-point shooting in Sunday’s 71-59 Elite Eight loss in Boston.

“I don’t know,” Mykhailiuk said with a smile, asked how KU might stop Nova from ripping off three after three. “We can’t let them shoot threes. Don’t go for shot fakes. We have to be tough. Play defense. Guard your man. Play hard. Be ready to compete.”

KU coach Bill Self isn’t exaggerating the underdog role publicly, but did acknowledge this week, “sometimes it’s nice being the hunter instead of the hunted.”

He said there are lots of reasons the Wildcats enter as favorites.

“They’ve probably been the best team from start to finish this year in college basketball,” Self said, just getting started in his praise of Jay Wright’s team, which won the 2016 NCAA title, defeating KU in the Elite Eight on its road to the Final Four.

“In the last five years, they’ve lost 21 games. Think about that. Think about the league they play in and think about the nonconference schedule. They have maximized their potential and got as close against their ceiling over time as anybody has.”

Those looking for individual matchups as keys to Saturday’s national semifinal would

point to the point guard battle between All-Americans Graham and Brunson.

“Their intangibles are even better than their abilities,” Self said of Graham, a 6-2 senior from Raleigh, N.C., and Brunson, a 6-2 junior from Lincolnshire, Ill. “It will be a chess match with both of them. Jalen obviously can do a lot more than play point. He can be a lead guard, but he’s also an unbelievable, efficient offensive player. He may be, probably is, their best post-up player as well. It will be a great matchup.

“Even though we switch a lot, they do too. I hope they’re matched against each other quite a bit because I think it will be fun for people to see that and certainly fun to coach to it.”

Told of Self’s comment, Villanova coach Wright said: “I don’t really think I would enjoy any matchup against Devonte Graham. I would enjoy the challenge it would be. Devonte’s a difficult matchup. You can put a smaller guy on him like Jalen but I think he’s got the ability to shoot over someone close to his size. And you put a bigger guy on him, he’s got the quickness to go by him. I wouldn’t say I look at it exactly like Bill.”

The KU-Villanova winner will meet either Loyola Chicago or Michigan in Monday’s national title game, which is set for a 8:20 p.m.

# Blackhawks win NHL stunner as 36-year-old accountant stars

By Allyson Chiu  
The Washington Post

On Thursday night in the middle of a National Hockey League game between the Chicago Blackhawks and the Winnipeg Jets, an unfamiliar figure in a No. 90 Blackhawks jersey stepped onto the ice at the United Center.

That guy was Scott Foster, the team’s emergency goalie, a 36-year-old accountant who hadn’t played in a competitive hockey game in more than 10 years. He for Western

Michigan University from 2002-05 and plays in recreational “beer leagues.” But Foster has never played in the NHL.

Less than 15 minutes after taking the ice, Foster emerged a hockey legend, delivering a performance that left everyone who watched it in awe.

But how did the father-of-two and rec player end up trending on Twitter and stealing the spotlight?

Foster is one of a small group of “emergency backup”

goalenders who are kept on hand, usually in the press box or stands, in the highly unlikely event both regular goalies are hurt or otherwise unavailable.

Hours before the game, goaltender Anton Forsberg injured himself during a morning practice.

Imagine his surprise when he learned that the backup - in the midst of his own NHL debut - had suffered an injury in the third period.



Chicago Blackhawks goalie Scott Foster (90) is congratulated by defenseman Connor Murphy (5) following the third period against the Winnipeg Jets at the United Center. Chicago won 6-2.

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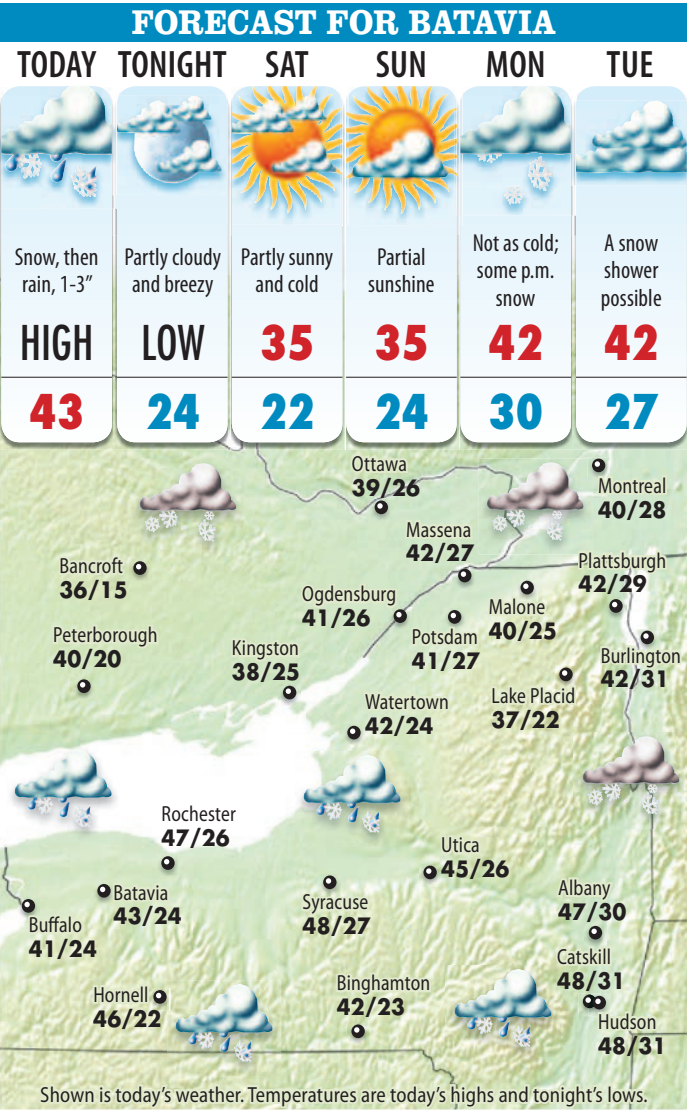
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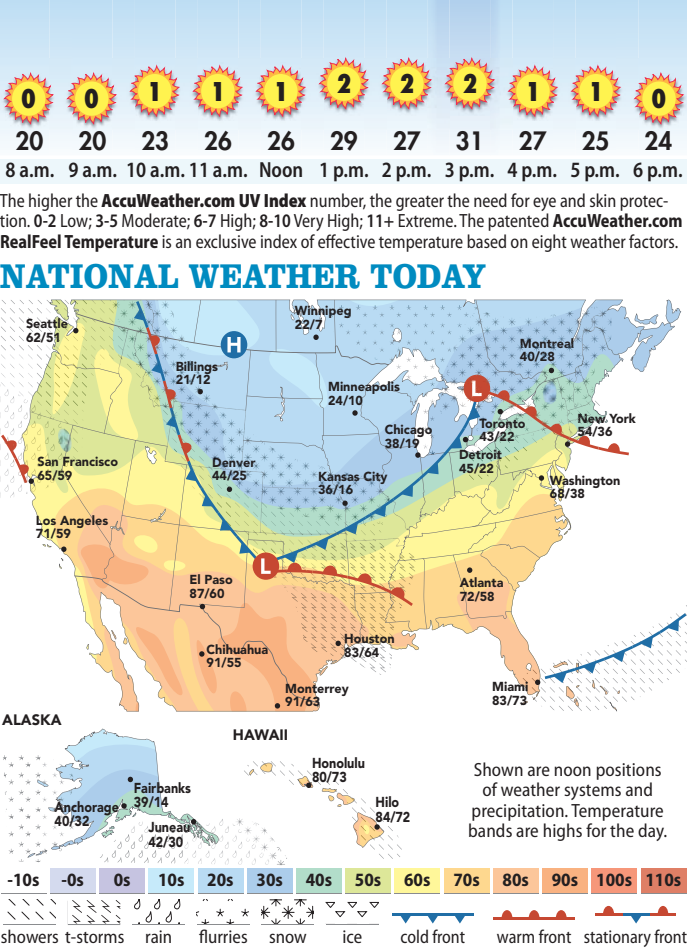
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| Atlantic City  | 56/37 c  | 40/28 sn |
| Baltimore      | 65/39 pc | 39/26 sn |
| Billings       | 21/12 sn | 30/27 c  |
| Birmingham     | 74/53 pc | 58/34 r  |
| Boise          | 62/52 c  | 63/45 sh |
| Boston         | 47/37 sn | 40/30 sn |
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| Charleston, WV | 62/31 c  | 42/22 sn |
| Charlotte      | 73/56 pc | 60/36 r  |
| Cheyenne       | 28/17 sn | 46/37 c  |
| Chicago        | 38/19 pc | 37/22 s  |
| Cincinnati     | 54/28 pc | 44/23 sn |
| Cleveland      | 49/26 c  | 35/26 pc |
| Columbus, OH   | 53/28 c  | 43/24 sn |
| Dallas         | 83/39 t  | 56/44 pc |
| Denver         | 44/25 c  | 61/38 c  |
| Des Moines     | 30/15 c  | 39/25 pc |
| Detroit        | 45/22 c  | 40/22 pc |
| Hartford       | 49/34 sn | 39/25 sn |
| Honolulu       | 80/73 sh | 80/72 c  |
| Houston        | 83/64 t  | 66/54 c  |
| Indianapolis   | 48/25 pc | 41/23 pc |
| Kansas City    | 36/16 sn | 40/28 s  |
| Knoxville      | 64/45 t  | 48/31 r  |
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| Norfolk        | 72/54 pc | 56/37 r  |
| Oklahoma City  | 56/26 r  | 50/33 pc |
| Omaha          | 28/14 sn | 40/28 s  |
| Orlando        | 85/64 s  | 86/66 t  |
| Philadelphia   | 62/36 c  | 42/28 sn |
| Phoenix        | 91/69 pc | 94/73 c  |
| Pittsburgh     | 51/26 sh | 38/23 sn |
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| Raleigh        | 72/55 pc | 63/32 r  |
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| San Francisco  | 65/59 r  | 65/53 sh |
| Savannah       | 78/63 s  | 78/43 r  |
| Seattle        | 62/51 r  | 56/47 t  |
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# Father's habit of returning food embarrassing

DEAR ABBY



JEANNE PHILLIPS

I am in my 30s and moved out of my parents' home 10 years ago. Last week I decided to visit them, and we went out to eat. Dad has a habit of sending his food back to the kitchen — "My steak isn't cooked enough," or "My food is cold. Could you warm it up?" He even does this at restaurants that aren't fancy. Dad has done this my whole life and he's in his 60s. It's embarrassing for me and Mom, and it frustrates the cooks and waitstaff. Is there a polite way of telling him to stop this behavior? He takes any criticism personally. Embarrassed in the N. E.

You are certainly free to tell your father that this habit embarrasses you, but after all these years, you and your mother are not going to change him. Restaurants are in the hospitality business. If your father isn't satisfied with

his food, he has a right to ask that it be served to his liking, and most restaurants will gladly comply. We are not responsible for the actions of other people, and because of that, you should not feel embarrassed about something over which you have no control.

Last year for my birthday, my husband asked me what I wanted for a gift. I told him I would like flowers once a month for one year. He's been pretty good about it.

But I complained about the way I receive them, which is, when we are driving home in our truck (we work together) and it's nearing the end of the month, he'll pull into the parking lot at the grocery store, run in, come back and hand them to me. He always picks out a beautiful bunch, but my complaint was that it's never a "surprise." He says he can't decide if I'm ungrateful or a spoiled brat. What say you?

Grateful in California

Your mistake was in not clearly specifying that what you wanted was a bouquet in a vase from a florist. However, because you also told your husband you wanted flowers once a month, I fail to see how they would in any way be a "surprise." He has been giving you what you asked for, and you shouldn't look a gift husband in the mouth.

People in nursing homes or at home — ill, incapacitated or retired — still need social contacts. In our busy society, these folks are often forgotten, and it is hurtful. We will all get there someday and will understand how important an occasional phone call or greeting card can be. Please ask your readers to make a note on their calendar as a "reminder." If they do, someone will be very grateful for the kind gesture — most likely the recipient — but it may also be their family members. Kindness goes a long way. Remembering in New Hampshire

You have a caring soul and your message is an important one. I know most of you are busy people, but a simple gesture can make a world of difference to those who may be isolated.

# Trimethylamine responsible for that 'fishy smell'

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH



DR. KEITH ROACH

I love fish and chips. I eat them once a month. I have tuna and other fish throughout the month as well. Quite often, the fishy odors linger for days until all remnants have left my body. Is there anything I can do to counteract the smell? I feel that others can tell when I have eaten fish. The odor comes from my mouth, my urine and my feces.

Fish, particularly deep-salt-water fish, contain a substance called trimethylamine oxide. After fish die, it is converted by bacteria and enzymes in the fish to trimethylamine, which is largely responsible for the "fishy" odor; it gets stronger over time. Trimethylamine in humans is excreted through sweat in addition to urine and feces. People have different amounts of the enzyme that breaks down TMA so there's a

variance in the noticeable effect of fishy breath and sweat after consuming fish. A very few people lack the enzyme entirely. TMA can be washed off of fish, and also can be broken down by acid, such as in lemons. Rinsing fish before cooking or using lemon during or after cooking will lessen the odor effect on you. Other foods also may cause an evident odor in the sweat and urine. Cruciferous vegetables

like broccoli and asparagus can change the odor of urine and sweat, as can garlic, onions and some spices. Alcohol, especially in excess, can be picked up by people with sharp noses. Men who ate no meat for two weeks were found to have a "more pleasant" body odor than those who did.

In a recent column, you said "current or former smokers should not take the standard supplement, as it contains beta carotene, which may increase lung cancer risk." By "standard supplement," are you referring to AREDS? I have not smoked in over 30 years. Would this affect me?

Two large studies showed the benefit of vitamin supplementation in slowing the progression of macular degeneration. The first one, the AREDS, used

a combination of vitamins, including beta carotene. The second, AREDS2, did not. A different study, designed to determine whether vitamin supplements help to prevent smokers from getting lung cancer, found that active smokers taking beta carotene were more likely to get lung cancer. That study had some methodological weaknesses, but most experts recommend against current smokers taking a supplement with beta carotene. I would recommend that former smokers use the AREDS2 formulation, based only on minimizing risk. Please note that foods high in beta carotene are still thought to be helpful in reducing risk for many conditions, including heart disease and several cancers, for smokers and for non-smokers (but quitting is the best way to reduce cancer risk).

# Why are you always hungry?

By KAREN D'SOUZA  
The Mercury News  
Summer is coming and you're thinking about trying on swimsuits and launching a new healthy living kick. Pronto. Especially the diet part.

If you are trying to get fit fast, you are likely moving more and eating less — and grappling with the nagging feeling that you can't seem to stop feeling hungry. Am I right? Don't worry, you are not alone. Here are four reasons you're always hungry and what to do to tame your rumbling tummy.

YOU FORGOT THE PROTEIN

If you are looking to slim

down, you may be cutting out too much protein at meals, sabotaging your feelings of fullness. As the Washington Post points out, protein contributes greatly to the feeling of being satisfied. Indulge in some protein at every meal and you will stay full longer. We're not just talking steak, either. Dig into eggs, yogurt, tofu, beans as well as animal proteins.

YOU DIDN'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP

When you are exhausted, you tend to eat more to keep your energy up. In one University of Chicago study, sleep-deprived people ate more than 50 percent more calories than when they had a good night's rest.

Those who got enough shuteye lost this urge to eat, researchers found, according to the Daily Mail.

YOUR GUT GOT CONFUSED

You know how people say you should go with your gut? Well, the problem is that if the microbes in your gut aren't diverse enough, then they may be sending the wrong signals to your brain. As the Washington Post notes, about 20 minutes after a meal, certain bacteria in your gut should send signals that you've had enough to eat by stimulating the release of a hormone linked to feelings of satiety. But if you don't have a very diverse mix of gut bacteria, you

may not get that signal. Oops. Experts suggest supping on a diet rich in fiber and probiotics to get back on track.

YOU'RE DEHYDRATED

Sometimes you are really thirsty but you mistake that feeling for hunger. The confusion happens in the hypothalamus, the part of the brain that regulates appetite and thirst, according to Health. When dehydration sets in, the wires get crossed in the hypothalamus and you start munching when what you really need is a tall, cool glass of water. Experts recommend that you drink more, starting when you first wake up so you get the hydration you need.

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# Oakfield taking budget comments Thursday

**VILLAGE:** 2018-19 tentative plan to include 7-cent tax increase; Mayor says changes will be made through resolutions before board approval

**By BRIAN QUINN**  
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OAKFIELD — The Oakfield Village Board is getting used to some new members and a new mayor (albeit one who’s been on the board for awhile). It’s also putting the finishing touches on a tentative budget for 2018-19 — one that has to be approved by the beginning of May.

The proposed plan may also undergo some changes via resolution, but for now, the village is looking at tentative total expenses of about

\$674,000, with \$199,413.21 as the projected tax levy next year. Former Trustee David Boyle, who started April 1 as mayor after running unopposed for the job, said more public comments will be taken during a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the village boardroom.

“There’s some changes being made, some expenses to reduce the budget,” Boyle said. “By resolution, we’ll identify cuts ... we decided as a village board that we could pare back the budget. There

were some attorney fees that we weren’t going to be using much next year, so we cut that by a small amount,” the mayor said.

Boyle said the proposed budget originally included \$300 pay increases for three trustees that would have taken their salaries from \$2,800 to \$3,100, but they decided to move forward without the raises. The pay for deputy mayor, a position held by John Igoe, was kept in the \$5,000 range, at the same amount that was budgeted for 2017-18.

Boyle said his own salary may be set at \$8,700, a raise from what the position paid this year. He said it’s not as much as the amount the village originally budgeted for the position.

“That was a small increase about 2.2 percent. We’re just trying to keep salaries in line with other villages,” he said.

The current proposal is for a 7-cent increase in the tax rate, which would take it from \$4.01 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to \$4.08 per \$1,000 and keep it under the increase

allowed by the state tax cap. The proposed total expenditures currently amount to \$673,965.09.

“We spent three months going through the budget, seeing what our expenses would be,” he said.

Among the changes made for 2018-19 was moving the start time of meetings from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

“We thought for people who work, to get out of work at 5 o’clock and get to a meeting could be difficult for them. We wanted to encourage

participation. We’ll try it,” he said.

“The 5 o’clock meetings in the past worked out really well for the trustees,” Boyle said. “6:30 p.m. seems a little more natural. You have to try it out, see how the community reacts.”

Boyle said that last week, he started having office hours from 3-4:15 p.m. Tuesdays and 7:45-9:15 a.m. Thursdays.

“I started them already. I’m in the process of organizing my office,” he said.



**Notre Dame senior Margaret Sutherland poses with a ball in the gym at the school. She has organized an April 28 dodgeball tournament as part of her Student of the Year fund-raising campaign to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.**

## NDHS’ Sutherland isn’t dodging leadership role

**CAMPAIGN:** Family’s experience with blood cancer leads to campaign for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

**By JIM KRENCIK**  
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BATAVIA — Forget “dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge.”

The key to an upcoming dodgeball tournament at Notre Dame High School is about much more than avoiding being hit.

NDHS senior Margaret Sutherland is in the running for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Western New York’s Student of the Year project. She hopes to raise at least \$10,000 over a seven-week stretch to aid families dealing with blood cancers.

The Sutherlands are well aware of the challenges those families face, and support they receive. Jack Sutherland, Margaret’s brother, was diagnosed with leukemia at 2 years old.

“Ever since, then we’ve been really big on donating to the LLS because they helped us at a really tough time,” Sutherland said. “It has a close place to my heart — my brother Jack is like my best friend.”

Amanda Harley, the campaign manager for the region’s LLS Student of the Year project, said this year’s effort aims to raise \$125,000 across seven Buffalo-area campaigns. The program will expand across upstate New York next year, but Harley said Sutherland fit the leadership skills needed to run a successful campaign. Notre Dame Principal Wade Bianco agrees.

“Margaret’s leadership capacity has been on display the last 2.5 weeks,” Bianco said. “She has the capacity to think long-range, to chunk the activities, to develop a timeline, and she’s acknowledged that

this has to be a team thing — she’s developed a good team of support ... she’s really showing her leadership capacity - she’s done it (her entire time at NDHS), but this is just the icing on the cake.”

With support from her classmates, family, friends and basketball teammates, and Bianco and staff members Kristen Calarco-Gomez and Emily Patrick, the campaign launched in late March. Sutherland is shooting to raise \$1,500 each week, with the dodgeball tournament the campaign’s big push.

Refreshments and 50/50 raffles will be offered alongside the tournament, which will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. April 28 at the Union Street school’s gym. Eight-person teams must have their rosters and \$80 registration fee — \$10 per player — by April 20 to the school office.

Sutherland said it’s been a few years since she’s tossed a dodgeball, but enjoyed playing in one with her brother. After the LLS reached out to her, she thought of her school’s athletic and competitive drives and began planning.

Students, alumni and guest can all participate in the tournament, but donations can also be made at the Notre Dame High School office — with checks payable to “Leukemia & Lymphoma Society” and “Margaret Sutherland” in the memo line — and at [www.events.lls.org/wcny/buffaloSOY2018/MSutherland](http://www.events.lls.org/wcny/buffaloSOY2018/MSutherland).

The student that raises the most for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society receives a scholarship at the May 3 grand finale at the Foundry Suites

in Buffalo, but Sutherland’s ambitions are just to raise as much as possible.

“It’s a great organization, because they help people at a really tough time,” she said of the LLS. “The money goes to those people — it goes to the patients.”

Harley said the Student of the Year campaigns benefit the Society’s advocacy for research and quality of life assistance to patients and families.

Sutherland and Bianco said the latest addition to her campaign is a prize of the winning team — TF Brown’s is

awarding each of the victorious dodgeballers a \$25 gift certificate.

If you get matched against Sutherland’s team, don’t worry — no one is donating more based on her knocking you over with a powerful throw.

“I like hitting people, but I’ll give other people my ball if they need it (to block a throw),” Sutherland said. “I’m not much of a dodgeball player.”

For more information about the wider Leukemia & Lymphoma Society project, visit [www.studentsoftheyear.org](http://www.studentsoftheyear.org).



**Architect Chris listens to a question from the Planning Board Thursday night during the Walmart site plan review.**

## County planners OK Walmart pickup area

**BATAVIA:** Proposal to aid online shoppers

**By BRIAN QUINN**  
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BATAVIA - A proposed move by Walmart to make things easier for online shoppers has county support, as the Planning Board approved a site plan for a canopy and pickup parking area at the store’s Veterans Memorial Drive location.

The County Planning Board OKd the site plan during its Thursday meeting, with Chris Petrillo of Perry M. Petrillo Architects, PC of Park Ridge, N.J., there to answer any questions the board had.

County Legislature liaison Gary Maha asked where the canopy would be placed.

“When you’re looking at the front of the store, around the left side of the store. It’s adjacent to the grocery side, so that people come out of the grocery door right to the canopy area,” Petrillo said.

Walmart proposes minor changes to the existing store. Along with the canopy, there would be parking striping and signage with directions for customers on where to go, plus a wall sign. The referral to the county lists a building cost of \$125,000 and electrical costs of \$75,000. The plans include an area for

customers to park and wait for their orders to be brought to them.

Planning Board member Tom Schubmehl asked, “The intent is just to pull up there on that driveway, along the north side of the building and then back into these spots?”

Petrillo said, “Typically, people would just pull straight in, their car would get loaded, they’ll back out. They’ll leave the way they came in.”

“They’re basically not doing much except pulling in, waiting in the car and leaving. The drive-by was 25 feet wide and you do get a little bit of extra space ...”

Maha asked, “Is this more for the convenience of the customer?”

“Yes, essentially, sure. You order ahead of time and usually eight hours before or the day before and you pull in and it’s usually pretty quick ...”

After the meeting, Maha noted a lot of big-box stores seem to be losing business to online shopping.

“That’s the first time I’ve heard of such a thing,” he said of the canopy and pickup area. They could happen at other (Walmart) stores.”

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# Age is a barrier to daughter joining mom’s social club

DEAR ABBY



JEANNE PHILLIPS

er is coming up soon, and I’m stressed as to how to handle it. Help!

Social Lady in California

Explain to your daughter that the other members of the group prefer socializing with women their own age, which is why she won’t be invited to join them. Explain that it isn’t personal, that they might not feel comfortable discussing issues in front of her that she has yet to face.

Because your daughter has time on her hands, encourage her to consider volunteering or joining a social group of contemporaries, and if you still feel as upset as you do about this group, ask if she’d mind if you joined her.

I am part of a small social ladies group. The eight of us range in age from mid-50s to late-60s. We get together once a month for lunch, a movie, dinner, shopping, etc. I look forward to it, and we always have a good time.

Recently, we lost a few members due to relocating, and the subject came up about trying to get a few more women interested in joining us. When I mentioned it to my daughter, who is in her early 30s, she got very excited and wants to join. When I approached the group about it, they were dead set against it, which surprised me. They feel it would change the atmosphere of the group because of the age difference.

I haven’t told my daughter yet because I know her feelings will be hurt. Now I’m torn about whether to continue with this group of ladies, since I’m upset that my daughter will be excluded for a reason I consider to be trivial. Some of the ladies have never even met her. There have never been any “rules” discussed about who wouldn’t be accepted.

I don’t know how to proceed with this. Our next get-togeth-

“Russ,” my partner of 33 years, passed away nine months ago. Needless to say, it has been a tough time for me. I had a close relationship with his sister, who lives down the street. She and her husband were very supportive after Russ’ death.

Russ’ sister knows me only within the context of being her brother’s husband. Now that he’s gone, and I’m back to being a single gay man, how do I set boundaries without offending her? She’s always asking where I’m going, what I’m doing, what I have been doing and who I’m going with. It’s making me very uncomfortable because I don’t think it’s any of her business.

I refrain from discussing my private life with her, but she doesn’t seem to be getting the message. I don’t want to offend her since she’s been so good to me, but at the same time, I need my privacy.

Single Again

Could you be feeling guilty for deciding to start a new phase in your life? (You shouldn’t, because it’s normal and natural.) Russ’ sister isn’t some stranger who is trying to pry. She proba-

bly regards you as her surrogate brother. These are questions she would ask Russ if he had lived and you had passed away.

Please try to be less sensitive when she shows an interest. However, if that’s not possible, you will have to level with her about how her questions make you feel.

I have a slightly different version of a “Pennies From Heaven” letter for you.

My darling grandmother would often tell my brother and me she had a “Yankee dime” for us—which meant a kiss. Not long after her death, I started finding shiny dimes in the strangest places—under birthday gifts, by the Christmas tree and in my kitchen (which is my happy place). My heart fills as the dimes continue to pile up. I save them all.

If I had a penny for every Yankee dime I got while growing up, I’d be very rich.

Suzanne In Ocala, Fla.

# Albuterol inhaler does not raise blood pressure

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH



DR. KEITH ROACH

I am wondering if there is a safer inhaler to use in place of an albuterol inhaler. I have high blood pressure that, at times, is very difficult to control. I have not yet tried the albuterol inhaler. I was prepared to, but stopped before doing so after reading the side effects and potential dangers to the heart for someone with high blood pressure.

Asthma is a condition of reversible airway obstruction. It has many triggers, such as smoke or other airborne irritants. Exercise, infection, cold air and emotional stress also can trigger

an asthma attack, and in some people, attacks can happen for no clear reason.

Once an attack occurs, treatment with a fast-acting inhaler like albuterol provides relief for most people, and it can

even be lifesaving in people with very severe asthma. I recommend that all people with asthma have a fast-acting inhaler just in case. People with frequent symptoms should carry it with them, as well as keep one in their home/work/car as appropriate. During an attack, the benefit outweighs the negligible risk to the heart.

However, it’s not optimal to take medicines like albuterol all the time. They do raise the heart rate, causing palpitations and tremor. Albuterol usually does not raise blood pressure significantly.

People who use a lot of albuterol or similar inhalers are more likely to be

hospitalized for asthma than those who don’t. To some extent, this is due to having more severe illness.

Inhaled steroids are another type of inhaler for asthma. They prevent attacks, instead of treating them, and they are useless for people who are having an acute attack. However, people who use more inhaled steroids are less likely to be hospitalized than those who don’t.

People who need albuterol should take it. People who need to take albuterol frequently should be on a better control medication, such as inhaled steroids, so that they need albuterol less often.

# ‘Away for the day’ initiative requires smartphones to be in lockers, not class

PARENTAL GUIDANCE



BETH WHITEHOUSE

High School in East Setauket, wanted a phone for herself.

A former Setauket, N.Y., resident is spearheading an initiative called “Away for the Day,” urging middle schools nationwide to require students to put their phones away during the school day.

Delaney Ruston is a physician and filmmaker behind the 2016 documentary “Screenagers,” which explores the question of when children should get their own smartphones. She delved into the issue when her daughter, Tessa, who attended Paul J. Gelinas Junior

Before making a purchase she talked to hundreds of other families from Seattle to the Bronx as well as experts in brain science and social media.

Delaney and her Screenagers team, now based in Seattle, have conducted a nationwide survey on cellphone policies in schools and parental preferences. She says they learned that 55 percent of middle schools let students carry phones all day and 82 percent of parents don’t want their

kids using phones at school.

“We know through experience kids are using them at breaks, at lunch and unfortunately in class ... sneaking them here and there,” Ruston says. Studies have shown that when kids are allowed to have their phones all day, they are distracted by them, Ruston says.

Ruston’s group is seeking pledges of support from middle schools that will have students put their phones in their lockers for the day.

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# Opioid fee described as ‘assessment’

## BUDGET

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Assembly Democratic majority members were scheduled to go into conference just prior to 10 p.m. and they had requested a “message of necessity” from Gov. Andrew Cuomo that would let them vote on at least two noncontroversial budget bills without the customary three-day “aging” period that is supposed to provide time for actually reading the bills members will vote for.

The battle over yeshivas appeared to be caught in a political tug of war between the GOP-controlled Senate and Democratic-led Assembly.

Brooklyn Democratic Sen. Simcha Felder was holding out for an exemption or moratorium from upcoming state guidelines that will ensure subjects like math and science are taught in yeshivas, which are Orthodox Jewish elementary and secondary schools, in a way that is “substantially equivalent” to the public schools.

While Felder is a Democrat, he caucuses with Republicans and consequently has the needed 32nd, or swing vote, in the 63-seat senate.

He is said to have some allies on this issue, especially lawmakers in the Catskills as well as Rockland and Orange counties, which have substantial Orthodox enclaves where residents tend to vote in unified blocs.

The proposal to exempt those schools, though, was sharply opposed by most Assembly Democrats, who have close ties to teachers’ unions and related education groups.

Assembly opposition may have been a reason



Gov. Andrew Cuomo, center, talks with Sen. Andrew Lanza, R-Staten Island, and Louann Ciccone, Program and Policy Secretary for Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, after a budget meeting at the state Capitol on Thursday in Albany.

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that a pay raise commission was floated as a potential trade for a yeshiva deal.

Many Assembly members remain upset over a 2016 commission that failed to push through what would have been lawmakers’ first raise since 1999 in their \$79,500 base salaries. That raise faltered when Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s appointees to the commission failed to act. The prospect of another attempt at raising their pay may have been seen as a way to get Assembly members to relent on the yeshiva issue.

Even if it passes, though, exempting yeshivas from educational guidelines could spark a legal challenge, noted Michael Rebell, a Columbia University professor and lawyer

who has pursued school funding-equity cases.

Prior Court of Appeals rulings maintain that all schools in the state need to prepare youngsters to be effective citizens with the ability to vote and serve on a jury.

“I’m concerned about the civic education side,” Rebell said of the potential exemptions.

Also in play was the extent to which the state should tax the pending sale of the Fidelis health insurance firm to the St. Louis-based Centene Corp. for \$3.75 billion.

Fidelis, which is operated by the Catholic church, is a major Medicaid provider, and Gov. Andrew Cuomo says the state should get a significant share of the proceeds, possibly collecting unspent excess reserve funds that insurers hold for unexpected expenses. New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan, though, says they want to use the sale proceeds to set up a fund



Assemblyman Dov Hikind, D-Brooklyn, reads a newspaper at his desk while waiting for session to start in the Assembly Chamber at the state Capitol, Thursday in Albany.

to help the poor.

An opioid fee was still alive late Thursday as well.

Described as an assessment or surcharge, this would be collected from manufacturers and wholesalers, allowing the Senate Republicans to maintain that they haven’t approved any new taxes in the budget.

But critics of the plan note that the cost, estimated at \$100 million annually, would inevitably

be passed along to consumers.

There were also questions about whether the money would supplement existing anti-addiction programs or start new efforts to fight the opioid abuse epidemic sweeping New York and other states.

School safety improvements and tougher gun control measures were in discussion: Assembly Democrats want to make it harder for domestic abusers to buy guns while Senate Republicans have pushed for more police and mental health services in the schools.

There had been some

progress.

Two out of 10 main budget bills — Public Protection and General Government and Education, Labor and Family Assistance — were printed on Wednesday, while the noncontroversial Debt Services bill was passed by both houses last week.

Many of the controversial initiatives in the PPGG and ELFA bills were removed, either to be considered after the budget, or to be used as a negotiating chip during the last-minute deal-making.

Some omitted portions, like the precise amount of state aid to public schools will be revived in the final spending bill.

Others, like the Child Victims Act, voting reform, bail reform and the DREAM Act, had been dropped in the interest of passing an on-time budget.

A major priority this year is finding a way to plug New York state’s \$4 billion budget gap and devising a state work-around for the federal tax code, passed in December, which cap the state and local tax deduction that many well-off New Yorkers claim.

Legislative leaders say they are close to an agreement on the tax plan, which could include shifting income tax burden to a payroll tax (to be deducted by employers), and enabling tax-deductible charitable donations to health care and school funds.

That measure would also allow school districts to set up charitable foundations. Taxpayers could donate to these foundations and claim a deduction, which would presumably offset the amount of property tax revenue a school district would need to raise.

DeFrancisco said he thought that was a bad idea and would not likely solve the problem created by the new limits on deductibility.

“It’s an administrative nightmare,” he said of the payroll/income tax swap.

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TRADE

# Trump may rejoin free-trade deal he nixed

*President appoints two to explore re-entering pact*

By Justin Sink and Margaret Talev  
Bloomberg News

Washington

President Donald Trump told lawmakers he is considering rejoining the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the free-trade deal he withdrew from shortly after taking office, as he expressed confidence the U.S. is headed toward resolving trade conflicts without economic disruption.

A week after escalating tensions with his threat to impose tariffs on an additional \$100 billion in Chinese products, Trump said Thursday the two countries ultimately may end up levying no new tariffs on each other. “Now we’re really negotiating and I think they’re going to treat us really fairly,” Trump said during a White House meeting with Republican governors and lawmakers from farm states. “I think they want to.”

The remarks were another conciliatory signal from the administration following tit-for-tat tariffs proposals from the world’s

largest two economies that rattled markets. Trump also indicated that talks are progressing toward successful renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The S&P 500 Index and Dow Jones Industrial Average were both up more than 1 percent at 3:30 p.m. as investors assessed the changing trade dynamics.

After reporters left the room, Trump told the lawmakers he deputized economic adviser Larry Kudlow and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to explore re-entering the Asia-Pacific trade accord. Senator Ben

Sasse told reporters of Trump’s remarks on the TPP, and two White House officials who spoke on condition of anonymity confirmed the statement.

“He multiple times reaffirmed the point that TPP might be easier to join now,” said Sasse, a Nebraska Republican who participated in the meeting with Trump.

The news drew a rebuke from opponents of the multilateral trade pact. AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka said on Twitter that TPP “was killed because it failed America’s workers and it should remain dead.”

“There is no conceivable way to revive it without totally betraying working people,” he said.

Trump withdrew the U.S. from the accord during his first week in office. The pact, which was conceived as a counterweight to China’s economic dominance in the region, had been negotiated under the Obama administration but never approved by Congress.

The 11 remaining nations, representing 13 percent of global output including Japan and Canada, finalized a revised version of the trade pact last month, renaming it

the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership or CPTPP.

Trump suggested in February he was open to rejoining the trade bloc during a news conference with Malcolm Turnbull, prime minister of Australia, which is in the CPTPP.

One of the White House officials said that while the president prefers negotiating bilateral trade deals, a multilateral deal with the TPP countries would counter Chinese competition and would be faster than negotiating one-on-one with each of the 11 other nations.

RUSSIA PROBE

## Vote slated April 26 on Mueller protection bill

By Mary Clare Jalonick  
Associated Press

Washington

Legislation designed to protect special counsel Robert Mueller from a sudden firing by the president is expected to get a committee vote before the end of the month, but its path forward is difficult, as partisan disagreements over the bill are already surfacing.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said Thursday the committee is expected to vote April 26 on the legislation, introduced this week as President Donald Trump escalated his criticism of the special counsel. Grassley has not endorsed the bill, and said he has concerns that it is unconstitutional. But he said at an unrelated committee

hearing that he believes the full committee should vote on it.

The legislation introduced by Republicans Thom Tillis of North Carolina and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Democrats Chris Coons of Delaware and Cory Booker of New Jersey would write into law the existing Justice Department regulations that say a special counsel can only be fired for good cause and by an senior Justice Department official. It would also give any special counsel a 10-day window to seek expedited judicial review of a firing.

The bill’s bipartisan introduction signals escalating worries in Congress as Trump has fumed about an FBI raid of the office of his personal attorney, Michael Cohen

NEW BOOK

## Comey: Trump ‘untethered to truth’

*Ex-FBI director blasts president as unethical*

By Chad Day and Jonathan Lemire  
Associated Press

Washington

Former FBI Director James Comey blasts President Donald Trump as unethical and “untethered to truth” and calls his leadership of the country “ego driven and about personal loyalty” in a forthcoming book.

Comey reveals new details about his interactions with Trump and his own decision-making in handling the Hillary Clinton email investigation before the 2016 election. He casts Trump as a mafia boss-like figure who sought to blur the line between law enforcement and politics and tried to pressure him personally regarding his investigation into Russian election interference.

The book adheres closely to Comey’s public testimony and written statements about his contacts with the president during the early days of the administration and his concern about Trump’s integrity. It also includes personal jabs at Trump that appear sure to irritate the president.

The 6-foot-8 Comey describes Trump as shorter than he expected with a “too long” tie and “bright white half-moons” under his eyes that he suggests came from tanning goggles. He also says he made a conscious effort to check the president’s hand size, saying it was “smaller than mine but did not seem unusually so.”

The book, “A Higher Loy-



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These two file photos show then FBI Director James Comey in Washington on March 20, 2017; and President Donald Trump in Washington, DC, on June 6, 2017.

alty,” is to be released next week. The Associated Press purchased a copy this week.

Comey also describes Trump weighing whether to ask the FBI to investigate, with an eye toward debunking, an allegation involving Trump and Russian prostitutes urinating on a bed in a Moscow hotel. Trump has denied the allegation, and Comey says it appeared the president wanted it investigated to reassure his wife, Melania Trump.

Trump fired Comey in May 2017, setting off a scramble at the Justice Department that led to the appointment of Robert Mueller as special counsel overseeing the Russia investigation.

Comey’s account lands at a particularly sensitive moment for Trump and the White House. Officials there describe Trump as enraged over an FBI raid of his personal lawyer’s home and office, raising the prospect that he could fire Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who appointed Mueller, or try to shut down the probe on his own. The Republican National Committee is poised to lead the pushback effort

against Comey, who is set to do a series of interviews to promote the book.

Trump has said he fired Comey because of his handling of the FBI’s investigation into Clinton’s email practices. Trump used the investigation as a cudgel in the campaign and repeatedly said Clinton should be jailed for using a personal email system while serving as secretary of state. Democrats, on the other hand, have accused Comey of politicizing the investigation, and Clinton herself said it hurt her prospects.

Comey writes that he regrets his approach and some of the wording he used in his July 2016 press conference in which he announced the decision not to prosecute Clinton. But he says he believes he did the right thing by going before the cameras and making his statement.

Every person on the investigative team, Comey writes, found that there was no prosecutable case against Clinton and that the FBI didn’t find that she lied under its questioning.

He also reveals new details about how the government had unverified classified information

that he believes could have been used to cast doubt on Attorney General Loretta Lynch’s independence in the Clinton probe. While Comey does not outline the details of the information — and says he didn’t see indications of Lynch inappropriately influencing the investigation — he says it worried him that the material could be used to attack the integrity of the probe.

The former FBI director provides new details of his firing. He writes that then-Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, now Trump’s chief of staff, offered to quit out of disgust at how Comey was dismissed. Kelly has been increasingly marginalized in the White House and the president has mused to confidants about firing him.

Comey also writes extensively about his first meeting with Trump after the election, a briefing in January 2017 at Trump Tower in New York City. Others in the meeting included Vice President Mike Pence, Trump’s first chief of staff, Reince Priebus, Michael Flynn, who would become national security adviser, and incoming press secretary, Sean Spicer. Comey was also joined by NSA Director Mike Rogers, CIA Director John Brennan and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper.

After Clapper briefed the team on the intelligence community’s findings of Russian election interference, Comey said he was taken aback by what the Trump team didn’t ask.

“They were about to lead a country that had been attacked by a foreign adversary, yet they had no questions about what the future Russian threat might be,” Comey writes.

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**CUBA**

# Raul Castro retires from presidency

*He says he'll remain leader of Communist Party for next few years*

**By Michael Weissenstein and Andrea Rodriguez**  
 Associated Press

*Havana*

Raul Castro turned over Cuba's presidency Thursday to a 57-year-old successor he said would hold power until 2031, a plan that would place the state the Castro brothers founded and ruled for 60 years in the hands of a Communist Party official little known to most on the island.

Castro's 90-minute valedictory speech offered his first clear vision for the nation's future power structure under new President Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez. Castro said he foresees the white-haired electronics engineer serving two five-year terms as leader of the Cuban government, and taking the helm of the Communist Party, the country's ultimate authority, when Castro leaves the powerful

position in 2021.

"From that point on, I will be just another soldier defending this revolution," Castro said. The 86-year-old general broke frequently from his prepared remarks to joke and banter with officials on the dais in the National Assembly, saying he looked forward to having more time to travel the country.

In his own half-hour speech to the nation, Diaz-Canel pledged to preserve Cuba's communist system while gradually reforming the economy and making the government more responsive to the people.

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"There's no space here for a transition that ignores or destroys the legacy of so many years of struggle," Diaz-Canel said. "For us, it's totally clear that only the Communist Party of Cuba, the guiding force of society and the state, guarantees the unity of the nation of Cuba."



DIAZ-CANEL



Adalberto Roque / Pool via AP

Outgoing President Raul Castro celebrates in Havana's National Assembly on Thursday after passing Cuba's presidency to Miguel Diaz-Canel. Castro remains head of the powerful Communist Party.

Diaz-Canel said he would work to implement a long-term plan laid out by the National Assembly and communist party that would continue allowing the limited growth of private enterprises like restaurants and taxis, while leaving the economy's most important sectors such as energy, mining, telecommunications,

medical services and the production of rum and cigars in the hands of the state.

"The people have given this assembly the mandate to provide continuity to the Cuban Revolution during a crucial, historic moment that will be defined by all that we achieve in the advance of the modernization of our social

## PAYMENTS

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lawyer Alexander B. Perry, late Glens Falls attorney William V. Canale, and suspended Saratoga Springs lawyer John M. "Jake" Hogan III.

The fund paid \$1,157 to the most recent of Capoccia's thousands of victims. The 43-year-old victim — who asked to remain anonymous — told the Times Union it took two decades to get only a fraction of what she paid Capoccia. The process was frustrating, she said.

"Justice was not served," said the woman.

The victims fund is sustained through the collection of \$60 payments taken out of lawyers' biennial

\$375 registration fees, said Timothy O'Sullivan, executive director of the fund.

The fund has paid out a total of \$398,348 to the victims of Capoccia, a former Colonie-based debt reduction attorney who defrauded his clients and stole escrow money. The 414 payouts to his victims are the second-highest number in the history of the fund, O'Sullivan said. (Topping the list are the 458 payments to former clients of ex-Long Island attorney Andrew Robert Holman III, he said.)

"It was very unusual that it took as long as it did," O'Sullivan said of Capoccia's case. He said the circumstances of his disbarment case led to the lengthy wait.

Capoccia was disbarred

in New York in 2000 for repeatedly engaging in frivolous litigation, and later relocated to Vermont. His legal troubles continued there: He was subsequently convicted in federal court in 2005 of conspiracy, interstate transmittal and transportation of stolen money, mail and wire fraud, receiving stolen money and money laundering.

Capoccia, now 75, is serving a sentence of more than 15 years in a federal prison in Lewisburg, Pa.

The fund paid \$26,400 last year to a 39-year-old woman who was victimized by Stallmer, a former Rensselaer County Bar Association president and onetime assistant to state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's Real Property

Bureau.

Stallmer, 53, was charged in a loan scam. She conned friends and relatives while using the name of her family's well-established law firm in Rensselaer County. Stallmer would ask the victims for loans, at times promising good returns in exchange, then paid them back using other victims' money. In 2016, she pleaded guilty in Albany County to tax fraud and scheming to defraud. A judge sentenced her to 1 to 3 years in prison; she was paroled a year later.

In total, the fund has reimbursed four of Stallmer's victims a total of \$77,400, O'Sullivan said.

Perry, 52, a former prosecutor and public defender in Rensselaer County, was disbarred in

2011 for misleading and deceiving clients about the status of their cases. Last year, the fund reimbursed \$3,000 to a 76-year-old man victimized by the attorney. O'Sullivan said Perry accepted \$3,000 from the client, provided minimal services of no benefit, deceived the man and abandoned him.

A total of seven of Perry's ex-clients have now been reimbursed a total of \$15,020.

The fund paid \$4,873 to a man and woman in Rexford who were victimized by Canale, a Glens Falls lawyer. The loss involved escrow funds misappropriated by Canale while he served as a court-appointed arbitrator, O'Sullivan said.

He said Canale, 80, was in good standing at the

time of his death in 2013.

Not all of the sums paid to victims are so large: The fund paid out \$300 to a victim of Hogan, 57, who defrauded a client of an unearned legal fee, O'Sullivan said.

In 2016, the Appellate Division of state Supreme Court, Third Department, suspended Hogan after its grievance committee found he failed to communicate with a client, did not forward a client's requested file, misled the committee and neglected various legal matters and appeals of clients.

O'Sullivan said it involved a \$300 advance legal fee for traffic court that Hogan accepted. He said Hogan provided minimal services, of no benefit, and abandoned the client.

## TRASH

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"As far as I'm concerned, the city wants to continue to impose a trash fee, or tax as I like to call it, on owners of multi-unit buildings," he said. "The county wants no part of it. That includes the reimbursement of those folks who chose not to pay. That's (the city's) issue."

The city has missed key deadlines to implementing pay-as-you-throw as it braces for how to manage waste collection once the city's Rapp Road Landfill closes. That is expected at the end of 2022.

Based on a preliminary schedule, Albany should have selected a contractor that would address what the city should do with its trash by September. The city should already be making outreach to residents about how the pay-as-you-throw system should work, too, the schedule outlines.

Yet, not even those on the solid waste working group have heard how it will operate.

"The thing we're behind on already is

determining costs and rate structure that we're going to put against each household," said Councilman Michael O'Brien, who is part of the working group. "We've got some data, but no decision has been made."

Albany officials in December confirmed they received five responses to the request-for-proposal, which sought plans that could include a transfer station at the Rapp Road landfill, waste reduction, enhanced recycling, sustainability options, public and private partnerships

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and/or using an existing landfill in the region.

Brian Shea, Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan's chief of staff, said a decision must be made on that RFP before the city can move ahead with pay-as-you-throw.

"Our first step is to review and score the pro-

posals with the assistance of our new consultants from CHA," Shea said. "Decisions regarding (pay-as-you-throw) will occur once a true cost is established, which cannot happen until a contract has been awarded."

He emphasized all this must go through the Com-

mon Council and will allow for public discussion. He wouldn't say whether the delays could mean an extension of the \$156-per-unit fee imposed on small apartment buildings.

"The city reserves the right to modify this schedule," he said. "We are still closing out 2017.

Any discussions regarding the 2019 budget will occur with the mayor and Common Council and follow the same public process we employ every year."

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## SENECA COUNTY

## Cuomo: No bailout for del Lago casino

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo was allowing the construction of four upstate New York casinos, but he's not receptive to the idea of bailing out the troubled gaming facilities.

One day after del Lago Resort & Casino in Seneca County announced that it was seeking help from the state, Cuomo said he's not sympathetic to casinos requesting assistance.

"The upstate gaming casinos are private concerns. They bid, they made an investment and some of them will say they're not doing as well as they hoped or would've expected," he told reporters in Albany Wednesday. "But they're private concerns, and I don't want to get into the business of bailing out private concerns."

Del Lago opened in February 2017 — Cuomo was at the grand opening event — and has been struggling to meet its lofty revenue projections. The casino was projected to rake in \$263 million in its first year, but fell well short of that goal by more than \$100 million.

The possibility of a bailout was mentioned when Tom Wilmot, chairman of del Lago Resort & Casino, told the USA Today Network's Albany bureau Tuesday that he was asking for the state to help the casino. Wilmot didn't disclose what assistance he requested.

Steve Greenberg, a spokesman for the casino, blamed del Lago's woes on the Seneca Nation's decision to no longer share a portion of its revenue with state and local governments. The Senecas operate three casinos in western New York.

Greenberg also claimed the Senecas have been investing millions in a casino bailout, but he declined to provide more details.

Rochester-area consumers, Rochester is a top market for del Lago.

"Del Lago can compete on an even playing field but not one that's tipped so heavily toward the Senecas," he said.

Like Wilmot, Greenberg didn't reveal what assistance del Lago requested. It's believed that the casino wants a lower tax rate. The four commercial casinos in New York pay a 37 percent tax on slot machine revenue and 10 percent on its table game haul.

State Sen. Joe Griffo, a Mohawk Valley Republican, distributed a letter he sent to Cuomo and Robert Mujica, the state budget director. In his letter, Griffo revealed del Lago wants "a tax break somewhere around \$14 million."

Griffo doesn't support such a bailout for del Lago. "Our state has more pressing needs in areas such as health care, education and infrastructure," he wrote. "It would be inappropriate to devote public revenues to a private casino corporation when the people of New York were promised after the casino referendum that these casinos would be generating revenue for their local economies and would become economic engines themselves."

State Sen. John DeFrancisco, a Republican gubernatorial candidate, also opposes a bailout for del Lago. He also recalled that Wilmot, a longtime Rochester-area developer, wanted to build a casino in New York for years.

One of the sites Wilmot eyed was the New York State Fairgrounds in Onondaga County.

DeFrancisco believes the free market, not the state, should determine del Lago's fate.

"Not a dime in tax dollars should go to a casino bailout," he said.

## COURT

## Convicted murderer sentenced for trying to meet child for sex

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ALBANY — A Cortland man who was previously convicted of murder is headed back to prison, this time for attempting to meet a 12-year-old girl for sex in the town of Aurelius.

Domenick Krango, 61, of 13 N. Cliff Road, pleaded guilty in February to one count of first-degree attempted criminal sex act, a class C felony. At the time, the former U.S. Marine said he had driven to the Finger Lakes Mall last year to have oral sex with a 12-year-old girl he met online.

But instead of a 12-year-old girl, Krango said he found a state trooper waiting for his arrest.

On Thursday, Krango appeared in Cayuga County Court for sentencing and admitted he is no stranger to prison.

In 1981, Krango was convicted of second-degree murder and second-degree kidnapping in Craven County, North

Carolina. According to an article from the Wilson Daily Times, Krango changed in connection with the "gangster-style kidnapping" of a man named Robert Elting in June 1980. There was no information about the murder, which occurred on the same date.

Krango was sentenced to 10 years in prison for kidnapping and life in prison for murder. He was released on parole in 2005 and his parole maxed out in 2010.

In court Thursday, Cayuga County District Attorney Jon Budelmann said his office had received letters from concerned residents who believed Krango was a danger to the community. He asked Judge Thomas Leone to sentence Krango to prison and post-release supervision.

Ryan Muldoon, Krango's defense attorney, said Krango would be on a "short leash" upon his release from prison. And Krango apologized to the court, noting that he would

seek psychological help while incarcerated.

"I'm ashamed," Krango said. "This is not my character. ... In my first incarceration, I was very mean to sex offenders. I don't know what happened — my thinking must have changed."

Leone sentenced Krango to four years in prison and 15 years post-release supervision.

**Also in court:** An Auburn man has admitted to possessing and selling cocaine in Cayuga County.

Aaron Smiley, 40, formerly of 2 Van Patten St., pleaded guilty to one count of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and one count of third-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, both class B felonies.

During his plea, Smiley said he sold one gram of cocaine in November. Then, in December, he said the Finger Lakes Drug Task Force found him in possession of six grams of cocaine at his residence.

A second felony offender, Smiley could face up to 12 years in prison on each count. However, he will likely receive 3 1/2 years in prison and post-release supervision at his sentencing May 31.

An Auburn man said he violated an order of protection on two separate occasions last year. Hector Cabrera, 36, of 14 Mann St., pleaded guilty Thursday to two counts of first-degree criminal contempt, a class E felony. Cabrera said he knew there was an order of protection in place when he visited the victim at her home in Auburn.

While Cabrera could face up to four years in prison on each count, Leone said he'd likely sentence him to six months in jail and five years probation. Cabrera will remain out on \$12,000 cash, \$24,000 bond until his sentencing May 31.

## EDUCATION

## Foreclosure sale of site near CCC's Fulton campus canceled

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An April 2 foreclosure auction of building parcels next to Cayuga Community College's Fulton branch has been canceled, and it's not clear if it will be rescheduled.

The foreclosed properties, 13-41 River Glen Drive, were purchased by River Glen Holdings, a corporation formed in 2011 by the Cayuga Community College Foundation. Cayuga

County owns the main campus space at 11 River Glen Drive, in addition to 46 acres of land on Maple Avenue, in trust for the college.

The corporation owed approximately \$7 million in balloon payment to the mortgage holder in 2016, but the corporation defaulted and a judgement of foreclosure and sale was issued. An auction was scheduled for the properties on Monday, April

2, in the Oswego County Courthouse, but college foundation and county officials learned late Tuesday that it had been canceled.

Oswego attorney James Nicholson is listed as the referee of the auction. His office said Thursday that nothing has been rescheduled, and the auction has been held indefinitely at this point. The office was not aware of why the auction was canceled.

Cayuga County Attorney Fred Westphal and Guy Cosentino, executive director of the college's foundation, did not know why the auction had been canceled, either.

Keith Brandolino, the attorney representing the mortgage holder, did not return multiple calls from The Citizen.

Nicholson's office said there may be an update on the auction's status by the second week of April.

## EDUCATION

## Moravia school praised again for performance

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For the fifth time, Moravia Middle School has been identified as a high achieving school by the state.

The school was inducted under the Essential Elements Schools to Watch program by the state Education Department earlier this month, along with several other schools. The program is a national program directed individually by the states that picks middle schools "that adhere to a rigorous set of criteria and are on a pathway of continuous improvement," according to the education department's website.

The school will be honored at the National Schools to Watch Conference in Washington in late June. Schools keep the title for three years, and must re-apply and be reassessed to keep the designation. The school first received the title in 2006.

School Principal Bruce MacBain said the acknowledgment is an "affirmation of the great things we're doing here." The program's application process was extensive, MacBain said, as it included multiple essays that had to be finished. He said staff brainstormed which of the school's programs and events should have been included in the essays. The primary factors the program examines are a school's developmental responsiveness, social equity, academic excellence and organizational structure, MacBain said. The application was due in July. Program representatives came to the school for a one-day assessment in October, MacBain said.

MacBain credits the staff's teamwork for helping the school get to this

standard.

"We work together in teams in flexible schedule to make each day as vibrant as possible," MacBain said.

The district's emphasis on project-based learning — such as an all-day Mars colony-themed event in 2017 and a project on blue green algae in Oswego Lake done earlier this year — has helped immensely, MacBain said. He said this approach places "real-world academic issues" in front of students while they work together.

MacBain is also proud of the school's recent seventh-grade initiatives, such as a student-led parent-teacher conference, where students assess their own performances, and Monday morning meetings, in which teachers and students alike gather in the school library. In every meeting, students have to talk to their peers about a particular topic they are given for 60 seconds without stopping, MacBain said.

He said students have to gather with peers they haven't spoken with in a few days for the meeting, requiring students to get to know each other a little more. The goal, MacBain said, was for each student to talk to every single person in their grade before the school year's end, and now that they have done that, the school aims to have every student do it again.

MacBain said his favorite part of the state's program isn't the recognition, but that the assessment center tentatively prompts the district to keep moving forward.

"What's great about this program is you need to continuously grow and improve or you get kicked out," MacBain said.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&amp;E)

RG&E has filed tariff revisions June 29, 2016 with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) for new electricity and natural gas delivery rates to become effective May 1, 2018. These tariff revisions cover the third annual delivery rate increase under the terms of a three-year rate plan approved by the PSC in June 2016 and they include a \$25.9 million increase in electricity revenue and a \$9.5 million increase in natural gas revenue.

A residential electricity customer with an average use of 600 kilowatt-hours/month can expect an average monthly bill increase of \$2.84.

A residential natural gas heating customer using 80 therms/month can expect an average monthly bill increase of \$1.95.

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

## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

**Regular Residential Customers:** The electricity energy charge for delivery increased by 0.464 cents per kilowatt-hour. Increases to the natural gas block rates are: 4 to 100 therms: 2.478 cents per therm; 101 to 500: 2.311 cents; 501 to 1,000: 2.042 cents. There are no changes to the "over 1000" therm block rate, monthly customer or minimum charges.

**Residential Time-of-Use Customers:** The electricity energy charge for delivery for Service Classification 4 (Schedule I) increased by 0.402 cents per kilowatt-hour and Service Classification 4 (Schedule II) increased by 0.409 cents per kilowatt-hour. There are no changes to monthly customer charges.

Additional information about changes in residential electricity and natural gas delivery charges is available at [rgce.com](http://rgce.com) (click on "For Suppliers and Partners," then on "Pricing and Tariffs" and then on "PSC Filings").

## NONRESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Information about changes in nonresidential electricity customer charges, electricity demand and energy charges (where applicable), natural gas minimum charges and natural gas therm charges is available at [rgce.com](http://rgce.com).

Changes are also in effect for standby, street lighting and economic development rates. Please check page 2 of the bill for messages and [rgce.com](http://rgce.com) for detailed information.

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

## New York State Electric &amp; Gas Corporation (NYSEG)

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A residential electricity customer with an average use of 600 kilowatt-hours/month can expect an average monthly bill increase of \$1.79.

A residential natural gas heating customer using 80 therms/month can expect an average monthly bill increase of \$4.21.

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

## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

**Regular Residential Customers:** The electricity delivery charge will increase 0.293 cents per kilowatt-hour. The per-therm natural gas delivery charge for the 4-to-50-therms block will increase 76.39 cents per therm and 1.795 cents for the block rate over 50 therms. There are no changes to monthly customer or minimum charges.

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

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

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