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CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 5

■ Copake Board of Ethics 4 p.m., Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-529-1234
 ■ Shaw Planning Board 7 p.m., Town Hall, 2300 Route 66, Shaw 518-398-4544
 ■ Greenport Town Board 7 p.m., Town Hall, 600 Town Hall Drive, Greenport
 ■ Hudson Common Council Youth & Aging Committee 6 p.m., Arts, Entertainment & Tourism Committee 6:45 p.m., City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson, 518-828-1030
 ■ Hudson Industrial Development Agency 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson, 518-828-1030, Tentative
 ■ Livingston Planning Board 7 p.m., Town Hall, County Route 19, Livingston 518-851-8441
 ■ Milan Planning Board 7 p.m., Wilcox Memorial Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan 845-758-5133
 ■ Millerton Village Town Planning Board 7:30 p.m., Village Hall, Dutchess Avenue, Millerton 518-788-4489
 ■ North East Town Planning Board 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, Maple Avenue, North East 518-789-3778
 ■ Palmyra Public Library Board of Trustees 7 p.m., Palmyra Library, 101 Main St., Palmyra, 518-672-5010 (rain date the following day)
 ■ Pine Plains Central School District Board of Education 7 p.m., Shilling Mountain Middle/High School Library, 2369 Church St., Pine Plains 518-385-7161
 ■ Stockport Town Board 7 p.m., Town Hall, 2787 Atlantic Ave., Hudson 518-828-9389

Thursday, June 6

■ Austerville Planning Board 7 p.m., Town Hall, 812 Route 203, Spencerport 518-392-5260
 ■ Chatham Town Board Workshop 7 p.m., Town Hall, 488 Route 295, Chatham 518-392-3262
 ■ Claverack Republicans Club 7 p.m., Town Hall, Route 217, Palmyra 518-651-7570
 ■ Copake Planning Board 7 p.m., Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-529-1234
 ■ Kinderhook Village Planning Board 7 p.m., Village Hall, 6 Clatskill St., Kinderhook 518-758-0882
 ■ Kinderhook Town Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m., Town Hall, 3211 Church St., Valatie 518-758-0882
 ■ Rhinebeck Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck 845-876-1922
 ■ Stockport Town Board Workshop 7 p.m., Town Hall, 2787 Atlantic Ave., Hudson 518-828-9389

Monday, June 10

■ Claverack Planning Board 7 p.m., Town Court Building, Route 217, Mellenville 518-672-7911
 ■ Clermont Town Board 7 p.m., Town Hall, 1795 Route 9, Clermont 518-537-8688
 ■ Germantown Fire District 7 p.m., Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire House, 161 Main St., Germantown
 ■ Hudson Common Council informal meeting at 7 p.m., at City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson, 518-828-1030
 ■ Kinderhook Town Board 7 p.m., Town Hall, 3211 Church St., Valatie
 ■ Red Hook Planning Board 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook 845-758-4005
 ■ Red Hook Village Board 7:30 p.m., Village Hall, 7467 South Broadway, Red Hook 845-758-1081
 ■ Rhinebeck Town Board 6:45 p.m., Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck
 ■ Webster School District Board of Education 7:30 p.m., 845-373-4100

Tuesday, June 11

■ Claverack Fire District 7 p.m., Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire House, 67 Route 23, Claverack
 ■ Hillsdale Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, Main Street, Hillsdale 518-325-5073
 ■ Hudson Conservation Advisory Council 6 p.m., City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson, 518-828-1030
 ■ Livingston Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m., Town Hall, County Route 19, Livingston 518-851-8441
 ■ New Lebanon Central School District Board of Education 7 p.m., Room 3, Waller D. Howard Elementary School, 14665 Route 22, New Lebanon
 ■ New Lebanon Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 14755 Route 22, New Lebanon 518-784-0886
 ■ Rhinebeck Village Planning Board 7:30 p.m., Village Hall, 76 East Market St., Rhinebeck 845-876-1922
 ■ Taghkanic Planning Board workshop 7 p.m., Town Hall, Route 92, West Taghkanic 518-851-7838

DEC announces 'Outdoor Day' celebrations for June 8

ALBANY — New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced that "Outdoors Day" will be celebrated at free events across the state on June 8. DEC is hosting these events as part of the Governor's Adventure NY Initiative to connect people to nature and provide increased access to the outdoors so that New Yorkers of all ages and abilities can experience a wide range of hands-on recreational activities.

Commissioner Seggos said, "With nearly five million acres of land open to the public to explore, New Yorkers have endless opportunities for outdoor adventures. DEC is excited to host Outdoors Day events on June 8th and open up new possibilities for outdoor recreation for people of all ages. We encourage you to spend the day with us enjoying the outdoors and trying a new skill."

New York's Outdoors Day coincides with National Get Outdoors Day, an annual event to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun. The events are also consistent with the Governor's 2018

Executive Order to make New York the first age-friendly state in the country.

At events across the state, Outdoors Day participants will be able to discover new skills and try out a range of introductory outdoor recreation activities such as fishing, paddling, hiking, biking, bird watching, archery, camping, and more. Adaptive equipment and opportunities will be available at select locations.

DEC is hosting 10 Outdoors Day events throughout the state. These family-friendly, open house events will run from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Some programs and demonstrations are scheduled at specific times. Details, including schedules, registration requirements, and a map of activities planned for Outdoors Day can be found on DEC's website.

Activities at DEC facilities include (not all activities are available at all locations):

Fishing: The I Fish NY program will offer free catch-and-release fishing clinics for all ages. Learn about fishing equipment, techniques, regulations, consumption advisories, and good

places to fish. Participants may bring their own gear, but rods and reels will also be available for loan.

Camping 101: Visitors can try their hand at camping basics by pitching a tent on the lawn and learning what and how to pack for a camping trip. When the day is complete, participants will be prepared for an outdoor adventure of their own.

Paddling: Learn the basics of this fun fast-growing sport and try getting out on the water.

Archery: Try your hand at getting a bulls-eye with a bow and arrow and learn important safety tips.

Birdwatching: Learn how easy and fun it is to enjoy birdwatching almost anywhere.

Hiking: Take a short hike and learn the basics of finding the perfect trails to get out on your own.

Outdoor safety: Learn the basics of being prepared and safe so all your outdoor adventures are good ones.

Locations:
 Long Island, Region 1: Hempstead Lake State Park, in partnership with the State Office of Parks, Recreation,

and Historic Preservation NYC, Region 2: Mt. Loretto Unique Area

Lower Hudson Valley, Region 3: Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center

Catskills, Region 3: Kenneth L. Wilson Campground & Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center

Capital District, Region 4: DEC's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and Lawson Lake County Park

Eastern Adirondacks, Region 5: Northampton Beach Campground

Western Adirondacks, Region 6: DEC Lowville office

Central NY, Region 7: DEC's Rogers Environmental Education Center

Rochester/Western Finger Lakes, Region 8: In cooperation with Adirondack Mountain Club (Genesee Valley Chapter) at the Outdoor Expo at Mendon Ponds Park

Western NY, Region 9: Reinsteins Woods Environmental Education Center

Most sites are wheelchair accessible. Contact the event coordinator directly with specific accommodation requirements.



Sheriff Bartlett delivered and handed out "Stop the Bleed" kits to the Ichabod Crane Central School District on May 21. Pictured are Sheriff David Bartlett, Acting Superintendent Suzanne Gundlow and School Resource Deputy Toby VanAlstyne.

Sheriff Bartlett to provide Stop the Bleed Kits for local schools

HUDSON — Columbia County Sheriff David P. Bartlett announced that he will be providing "Stop the Bleed" kits for local schools in Columbia County. Seized money from drug dealers is being allocated to fund these kits and there will be no cost to the taxpayers.

"Stop the Bleed" is a nationwide effort to educate bystanders on life-saving techniques and empower them to act quickly by applying a pressure or tourniquet application during an active bleeding situation.

Sheriff Bartlett says, "It's very, very important to get these kits to a traumatic injury right away to stop the bleeding until EMS or other first responders get there."

Each box purchased contains eight kits, which includes gloves, infused gauze, and a tourniquet. The cost for each box is approximately \$700.

"I was able to purchase these kits with drug asset seizure money. The money is turned over to the Sheriff's Office and federal guidelines are followed. This didn't cost the taxpayers a dime. This money came from the bad guys and we were able to put it into the schools," Sheriff

Bartlett explains.

The Sheriff's goal is to have every school resource deputy trained as a trainer, so the school will have this trainer at their disposal to train whoever they see fit. Currently, deputies are completing their certification training.

"This is a life-saving skill that is important for our teachers and staff to learn. A few minutes can make a huge difference in the case of an emergency and we want to be well prepared to give our students every chance possible," Ichabod Crane Acting Superintendent Suzanne Gundlow said. "This is another example of our great partnership with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office."

In addition to the school districts, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office is working with the Columbia County Health Department, Quaker and Albany Medical Center.

Albany Empire co-owner receives 2019 James M. DiNapoli Award

ALBANY — Dan Nolan, Albany Empire co-owner and Hugh Johnson Advisors LLC President and CEO, was presented with the 2019 James M. DiNapoli Award at the Downtown Albany Business Improvement District's (BID) Annual Meeting on May 22. The event, which provides an update on development in downtown, drew community members, stakeholders, and elected officials.

Created in 2013 in honor of founding member and inaugural chairman of the Downtown Albany BID, the James M. DiNapoli Award is presented annually to an individual, organization, or business that exemplifies DiNapoli's spirit of partnership and community-building in shaping the direction of downtown Albany.

Nolan was instrumental in bringing arena football to the Times Union Center for the first time in nearly 20 years. A lifelong sports fan and self-described "sandlot sports guy," he has fond memories of attending Albany Firebirds games and was excited to be among those who brought the Albany Empire to Downtown, the result of which exceeded expectations; in 2018 the Arena Football League (AFL) team played before a sold-out home opener of over 13,600 people, with home games averaging just under 10,000 fans, easily surpassing the goal of 7,500 per game and resulting in the highest

average per-game attendance in the league.

Generous to sports outside of downtown as well, Nolan recently donated \$1 million to the athletics departments of his alma mater, the University at Albany, a gift which benefits the school's 18 varsity teams; he also chairs the Advisory Board for the university's Great Dane Athletic Club. In addition, Nolan sits on the Center for Disability Services Endowment Board, and is a trustee at Albany Law School and The College of Saint Rose.

With a vision for an ongoing renaissance in Downtown, Nolan is excited by the increase in residential and what he believes is a true sign of neighborhood growth — people walking dogs. It's a trend he sees continuing through the recently announced redevelopment funding of the former Convention Center site, additional apartments coming online, merchants opening their doors, and events like Albany Empire games continuing to draw people to the heart of the Capital City.

"Downtown Albany is an important piece of the region's puzzle and investing here is critical as we experience the suburb trend reversing itself. Wayne Gretzky didn't skate to where the puck was, he skated to where it was going, and it is those with vision who will reap the benefits of where Downtown

is one year from now," said Nolan. "I am thankful for the opportunity to have a hand in investing in Downtown, but the Albany Empire really has been a team effort on and off the field. I am grateful for co-owners George Heist III and Ed Swyer, for Bob Belber who shared the vision of returning arena football to Albany, for our players, cheerleaders, and staff who give their all every day, and for our incredible community that has rallied beyond our wildest dreams to support a hometown team."

"Albany's newest neighborhood is experiencing substantial and ongoing growth through development projects and events that attract residents and visitors, with the Albany Empire offering the opportunity to experience Downtown in a way people haven't been able to in nearly two decades," said Georgetown Steffens, Downtown Albany BID Executive Director. "Dan Nolan's vision for what Downtown is, and what it is becoming, has a ripple effect on the heightened place esteem of those who live, work, and play in our District."

Previous James M. DiNapoli Award recipients include Tracy Metzger (2013), I. David Swavite (2014), Joseph Nicolla (2015), Nancy Zimpher (2016), Anders Tomson (2017), and Gavin J. Donohue (2018).



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— Daniel Patrick Moynihan

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April

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ed it was time for April to retire," Patch said. "She has done her purpose, and that is to produce some beautiful, healthy calves in her lifetime."

April, who is 15 feet tall, has lived at Animal Adventure Park, near Binghamton, for the past four years. She was born in Catskill in 2002 and moved to another facility in upstate New York when the Game Farm closed in 2006. In September 2015 she found a new home at Animal Adventure Park, where

she has lived ever since.

Giraffes raised in captivity have a life span of roughly the early to late 20s.

Both Tajiri and Azizi were fathered by April's mate, Oliver, nicknamed "Ollie," who is now seven years old.

While April will no longer breed, Patch said, she will continue to work for education and conservation initiatives at the park, and will remain on exhibit.

Giraffes are listed as "vulnerable" to extinction, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List, which identifies the status of animal, fungi and plant species, and assesses conservation efforts. An estimated 68,293 ma-

ture giraffes live in the wild at the present time, according to the report.

Animal Adventure Park is home to five reticulated giraffes, also known as Somali giraffes. In the wild, the reticulated giraffes found predominantly in Kenya, with small populations living in southern Somalia and southern Ethiopia, according to the website for the Giraffe Conservation Foundation. An estimated 8,700 reticulated giraffes remain in the wild today, according to the foundation, which is down from approximately 31,000 in 1988.

"Every giraffe species and subspecies is in trouble," Patch said in an earlier interview. "For reticulated giraffes, while they

are not endangered at this time, they are quickly moving up the list. Populations have plummeted by 40% in the last three decades."

Now that April will no longer breed and has been placed on contraceptives, she has been moved to a new barn where she will reside with two of her offspring, Tajiri and his little brother, Azizi, and will be cared for in her senior years. Oliver, her former mate, has a new roommate — Johari, a 14-year-old female giraffe. Patch said Johari is "in perfect condition and viable and ready" for the park's propagation program.

Jury

From A1

The trial will resume Wednesday with jury instruction followed by opening statements by the attorneys for the prosecution and defense.

The jurors were selected from three groups of 21 after each group was questioned by the attorneys. The names of the jurors are not spoken aloud in court to protect their identities.

Few details are known of why Morshed allegedly shot in St. Paul. Police have declined to give a motive in the case. Questions posed by the attorneys gave hints as to what evidence and testimony might be introduced at the trial. Attorney Justin DeArmas, who represents Morshed, asked questions related to the use of guns in self-defense. Assistant District Attorney Ryan

Carry asked jurors how much weight they would give the testimony of police officers.

Columbia County Judge Richard Kowek told prospective jurors a new witness, Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy Thomas "T.J." Merante, was added to the list since it had been submitted to the court Monday. Merante and state trooper Troy Antal were on patrol and spotted Morshed leaving the area the night of the alleged murder, police said.

Merante was patrolling south on Fairview Avenue when he saw Morshed getting into his BMW, and Antal saw the car turning toward him in the vehicle, police said in June 2018. Morshed told reporters as he was being led to jail after his arraignment in June 2018 that he was not in the area at the time of the alleged killing.

"You are the judges of fact in the case and you are also the

judges of credibility," Assistant District Attorney Ryan Carry said in his introduction to the third prospective jury panel.

Both attorneys asked whether the prospective jurors had read any news accounts of the case. Four members of the last prospective jury panel said they had read about the case in the newspaper. When asked if they could be impartial after reading those stories, one said she could not, based on what she read. She was not selected.

Another potential juror said he could be fair and impartial, though he had read news accounts. He was selected.

A woman who said she knew the defendant's brother was not selected. Of the four people who said they knew police officers, three were selected, including one woman who is the daughter of two police officers.

DeArmas said his client is presumed innocent and asked

how jurors feel about using guns to defend themselves from physical harm.

"His (Morshed's) life might be on the line and I'd like for him to have a fair shake," DeArmas told prospective jurors.

DeArmas asked potential jurors whether they would support using a gun in self-defense if someone entered their home and attacked them.

Two potential jurors said they do not support people having handguns outside the home, but support police officers carrying guns. Those jurors were excused.

No one on the last panel raised their hands when asked if they would not defend themselves with a gun, if necessary.

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With Most States Under One Party's Control, U.S. Grows More Divided

Timothy Williams
The New York Times News Service

When J.B. Pritzker took over as the governor of Illinois this year, Democratic lawmakers, who had spent four years at an impasse with his Republican predecessor, vowed that their party's new grip on the state Capitol would bring immediate change.

The pace has been startling. In recent months, Illinois legislators have moved sharply to the left, deeming abortion a fundamental right for women no matter what the Supreme Court might decide, raising the minimum wage, taking steps to legalize recreational marijuana and introducing a graduated income tax.

Some 700 miles to the south, the Alabama state Capitol, dominated by Republicans, has raced in the opposite direction.

Alabama lawmakers voted during this term to ban most abortions. They eliminated marriage licenses, so that pro-life judges opposed to same-sex marriage would not have to sign marriage certificates. And they approved requiring sex offenders who commit crimes involving children to undergo chemical castration at their own expense.

Gov. Kay Ivey of Alabama, a fellow Republican, earlier signed the abortion and marriage license bills, and Monday her office announced that she had signed the castration legislation.

It is the first time in more than a century that all but one state legislature is dominated by a single party. Most legislative sessions have ended or are scheduled to end in a matter of days in capitals across the nation, and Republican-held states have rushed forward with conservative agendas as those controlled by Democrats have pushed through liberal ones.

Any hope that single-party control in the states might ease the tone of political discourse hasn't borne out. Lopsided party dominance has not brought resignation; instead of minority parties conceding that they lack the numbers to effectively fight back, the mood has grown more tense and vitriolic.

"The whole nation is speaking about how divisive we are," Thomas Jackson, a Democrat in the Alabama House of Representatives, told colleagues dur-

ing a contentious meeting last month.

In Oregon, where Democrats control state government, Republicans boycotted sessions for several days over disagreements about taxes and gun control. In Tennessee, where Republicans are in charge, Democrats staged a walkout during a heated and chaotic budget debate, and Republicans ordered the police to go find them.

In New York, the state Legislature passed several laws that had been blocked in previous years by Republicans, who lost control of the Senate earlier this year after a decade in power. Those measures included a law extending the period of time for victims of childhood sexual abuse to file lawsuits, and several others restricting the use of firearms, including bans on bump stocks and teachers carrying guns in schools.

And in Colorado, where Democrats dominate in the capital, Republicans were so upset about the stream of new laws being passed that they demanded each bill be read aloud to slow the pace. Democrats responded by having fire computers simultaneously "read" bills. The computers were able to whip through hundreds of pages in minutes, but the result was gibberish.

Colorado Republicans promptly sued. They won in court, but Democrats went on — at a moderated pace — to pass legislation that many Republicans opposed, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, banning gay conversion therapy for minors and creating a reinsurance program to lower health care costs.

This year was always poised to be contentious in statehouses. Across the nation, nearly 1,700 new lawmakers won seats in the fall elections. The vast majority of the newcomers were Democrats, who won control of six new legislative chambers, meaning that they now dominate both chambers in 18 states. But Republicans continue to control the majority of state legislatures, with 29.

Analysts said that issues addressed by state legislatures this year, which included gun control, health care, education and police procedures, might have more immediate, lasting effect than anything approved in Washington, D.C., where gov-

ernment is divided.

The roots of the polarization in state legislatures can be traced to elections in 2010, when Republicans made decisive gains in statehouses and pressed for policies that included restricting labor unions and abortion access, while expanding gun rights, according to Sarah F. Anzia, a political scientist at the University of California, Berkeley.

Around the same time, Anzia said, national organizations representing interest groups ranging from teachers to gun owners became more active in state capitals, because they found it far easier to make headway in places like Sacramento, California, and Charleston, West Virginia, than in Washington because of gridlock in Congress.

The number of states with either supermajorities of Democrats that also have Democratic governors (California, Nevada and Oregon, among others) or Republicans with Republican governors (Alabama, Ohio and Tennessee, among others) has grown, too, meaning that many lawmakers rarely feel the need to compromise.

"If you are a Republican in one state, you are probably going to be pushing the same agenda as a Republican in an-

other state, and the same is true for Democrats," said Anzia. "That hasn't always been true, and the result is that now more than ever, state legislatures are key players in these partisan battles over politics."

In Minnesota, the only state left with a divided legislature, promises of bipartisanship sometimes devolved into stalemate.

During a budget standoff last month, Tim Walz, the Democratic governor who campaigned last year on a pledge to work across the aisle, angrily denounced Republicans for blocking gun control efforts and supporting deep tax cuts, saying those policies "fit better in Mississippi and Alabama than they do in Minnesota."

Ultimately, Democrats could win neither new gun laws nor new tax increases, and Republicans also failed to win approval for the bulk of their agenda.

Still, once the session ended last month, Walz said that "Minnesota is showing the rest of the nation that Republicans and Democrats can still find compromise and work together to get things done," citing spending increases for public education and efforts to fight opioid addiction.

Trump's trade war has Wall Street forecasts frozen in place

Stephen Grocer
The New York Times News Service

Business executives have warned repeatedly about the damage President Donald Trump's trade wars could do to their profits. Wall Street analysts and strategists have called increasing tit-for-tat tariffs the greatest risk to economic growth. Trade groups have raised alarms about the impact of rising prices on consumer spending.

Yet, as trade tensions have flared again, research analysts who forecast company earnings barely lowered their estimates for this year and next. That may not be good news for the stock market.

Companies in the S&P 500 are expected to increase their profits by 3.1% this year. That's just 0.2 percentage points lower than the forecast for growth at the start of May, when Trump dashed investors' hopes that a trade deal with China was near, according to data from John Butters, the senior earnings analyst at FactSet. Sales-growth estimates for 2019 are just two-tenths of a percentage point lower, at 4.5%.

Estimates for next year have also barely budged.

Given the concern surrounding tariffs, then, why haven't earnings forecasts slipped more?

The answer, in short, is that it's hard to quantify the costs of various on-again, off-again trade conflicts, or threats of future measures.

Many on Wall Street suspect Trump is just threatening more tariffs as a negotiating tactic, and deals will be struck before the most onerous levies go in to effect. The White House's last-minute decision to call off tariffs on imports from Mexico would seem to encourage this kind of thinking.

Of course, the president has followed through on other tariffs, and that lack of certainty has left analysts wary of making big adjustments to their forecasts.

"There are so many different scenarios that people are trying to factor in," said Carmel Welso, director of equity research at Janus Henderson. "Everyone knows that earnings estimates likely need to come down, but by how much?"

That's the biggest challenge."

They also have to consider that governments and central banks around the world will step in to stimulate the global economy, possibly offsetting some of the damage of the trade wars.

Trump's escalation of the trade fight on multiple fronts hit stocks hard in May. The S&P 500 fell 6.6%. Stocks have rallied this month after Federal Reserve officials indicated they were prepared to act if the trade war threatened the economic expansion.

But the stock market is at risk of steeper declines if analysts do begin to revise down their forecasts.

The S&P 500's slide in recent weeks has left the index by some measures looking fairly valued, with a price-to-earnings ratio, which compares stock prices to expected profits over the next 12 months, of 18.2%. That's below the five-year average for the index.

But stocks could quickly begin to look expensive if the economy and earnings falter.

Tariffs will have a direct impact on many companies' bottom lines by raising costs. The bigger effect, though, could come from the disruption of supply chains and the hit the trade wars pose to consumer and business confidence, which could lead to further economic slowing.

Corporate profits may be particularly vulnerable right now. Revenue overall is growing faster than earnings for companies in the S&P 500. In the first quarter, sales rose about 5% from a year earlier, while profits declined 0.4%. And that dynamic is expected to persist over the next two quarters. In other words, companies need revenue growth of 5% just to keep profits from contracting. That suggests companies have little ability to increase their bottom lines by expanding profit margins.

That means earnings could take a bigger hit if the tariffs cause the economy to slow and revenue growth to decline.



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Green

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because their Green Light bill gives a green light to fraud, danger and illegal immigrants voting — a privilege reserved for American citizens — resulting in our Empire State becoming the 'Sanctuary State,' state Sen. Daphne Jordan, R-43, said. "One of the major issues with the measure is that of identity. These IDs, once provided in the form of driver's licenses, will be used by individuals whose true identity is unknown, for voting, free college and for many other benefits paid for by hard-working, law-abiding taxpayers."

The bill passed in the Senate just after 8:30 a.m. Monday with just one more vote than the minimum needed, 33-29. Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo signed the bill soon after.

The Green Light bill — officially known as the Driver's License Access and Privacy Act in the Senate and sponsored by state Sen. Luis Sepúlveda, D-32,

of the Bronx — would restore the right to obtain a driver's license, regardless of immigration status, which was the case prior to 2001, according to a statement from the New York State Senate.

The new law allows applicants for non-commercial driver's licenses or learner's permits to submit additional proofs of identity. The bill also waives the requirement to submit a Social Security number if the applicant signs an affidavit that they have not been issued a number and gives discretion to officials from the Department of Motor Vehicles for acceptable proofs of identity and age, according to the statement.

Supporters have said the bill will be an economic boon to the state.

"The Fiscal Policy Institute estimates that this legislation will result in \$83.9 million in government revenues over the first three years and \$6.4 million in recurring revenue thereafter," according to the statement from the Senate.

Assemblywoman Didi Bar-



Immigration activists rally at the New York State Capitol in Albany, May 21, 2019. Despite immigration advocates' efforts to cast it as both an economic boon and a social justice imperative, the legislation to allow undocumented immigrants to drive has met persistent opposition from law enforcement and large swaths of the public. The bill passed the New York State Senate on Monday.

rett, D-106, supported the legislation, saying it was a matter of ensuring all drivers on the road have been adequately tested.

"This legislation will make our roads safer for everyone by requiring that undocumented drivers pass a road test to ensure they're informed of traffic laws and that their vehicles are regis-

tered, inspected and insured," Barrett said. "This legislation supports our local economy by making sure all workers can be productive employees whether in agriculture, hospitality or any other sector. The bill does not affect an individual's immigration status or voting rights, nor does it allow them to board an

airplane."

Assemblyman Jake Ashby, R-107, voted against the legislation, and said a majority of New Yorkers oppose it as well, according to a recent Siena College poll.

"Supporters of this bill seem happy to reward those who break our laws, whether it is illegal immigrants or criminals within our state, to make political statements," Ashby said. "But those who pay are New Yorkers, with an increased risk to our safety and new burdens placed on local governments. I voted no because this bill encourages lawlessness, rewards those who break the law and distracts the Legislature from working on the pressing needs faced by hardworking New Yorkers."

The Greene County Legislature voted Monday in favor of a resolution to oppose passage of the Green Light bill.

Meanwhile, the Hudson Common Council voted in favor of a resolution supporting the bill.

Assemblyman Chris Tague,

R-102, called it a "misguided attempt to reward those who break our laws" and said the Green Light bill is unpopular with taxpayers.

"A Siena poll shows that a majority of New Yorkers opposes granting driver's licenses to illegal immigrants, but the Legislature is just going ahead with it anyway," Tague said.

There are an estimated 940,000 unauthorized immigrants in New York, the third-largest population in the country, according to the nonprofit Migration Policy Institute.

Prior to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, immigration status did not determine eligibility for a license in New York. In 2001, Republican Gov. George E. Pataki issued an order requiring applicants to have a Social Security number, citing fears about national security.

Twelve states and the District of Columbia allow unauthorized immigrants to drive. New Jersey is weighing a proposal similar to the Green Light bill.

The New York Times News Service contributed to this report.

Shooter

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Police have not released the identity of the suspect.

Police are continuing their investigation into what started the argument and what was about. Investigators are also trying to find out what type of

gun was used. As of late Tuesday afternoon, no weapon had been recovered, Moore said.

Two shell casings were recovered at the scene.

Police have several good leads to assist them in their investigation, Moore said.

Police believe the man who fired the shots was targeting another individual, Moore said.

Late Tuesday afternoon, police could be seen searching for evidence and going door-to-door to talk to residents about what they saw or heard shortly after the shooting.

To reach reporter Amanda Purcell, call 518-828-1616 ext. 2500, or send an email to apurcell@thedailyjournal.net, or tweet to @amandajournal.

Trump, Seeking Reelection Since His Inauguration, Will Now Make It Official

Maggie Haberman and Annie Kamil
The New York Times News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — Almost four years to the day since he announced his first, improbable run for public office from the basement level of Trump Tower, President Donald Trump will officially begin his campaign for reelection on Tuesday night at a special presentation of his signature "Make America Great Again" rallies.

Giant television screens, food trucks, a band known as the Guzzlers and a celebration of all things Trump will turn the 20,000-seat Amway Center in Orlando into something between a playoff game and a music festival before Trump's speech, scheduled for 8 p.m.

A new video is in the works to introduce the speech, and his entire family will be in attendance, mirroring his iconic first announcement on June 16, 2015, which presented to the world the glossy, stiletto-heeled Trump aesthetic and the combative, anti-immigrant views of the candidate at the center of it.

For a president who wants to be seen as an outsider despite occupying the Oval Office, Tuesday night's rally presents an opportunity to, at least for one night, turn the clock back to 2015, when Trump began campaigning as a disrupter with little to lose by making bold promises like the construction of a wall along the southern border.

But the stakes this time are much higher, as Trump heads into the election as the first incumbent in history who has never had a day of his presidency where his average approval rating cracked 50%. And despite the accessories, and a crowd size Trump will be able to brag about, aides privately acknowledge that the candidate is expected to offer little new in his message.

Trump, after all, has been running for reelection since he moved into the White House: He filed papers with the Federal Election Commission for his reelection campaign on Jan. 20, 2017, the day he was inaugurated. The MAGA rallies he has regularly held in friendly red states have lost their novelty and much of the news media's interest.

But the rally is expected to help consolidate his base in a must-win state where advisers view his poll numbers as too soft to be comfortable. Cam-

paign officials are also hoping that packing a 20,000-seat stadium with an expected overflow crowd, a show of force no Democratic candidate can match, will reassure Trump, who has been rattled by his flagging poll numbers and frustrated by watching from the sidelines as the Democratic primary race heats up.

Without a new message or a clear agenda for a second term, Trump's advisers are banking on the belief that the same basic playbook — Trump's preternatural ability to shock and entertain — will again animate his core voters and retain the swing voters who gambled on him in 2016.

It remains to be seen if that strategy will succeed again or whether something new will emerge. "Trump hasn't yet said how he wants to define the race," said Jason Miller, a communications adviser on his 2016 campaign. "That's ultimately going to be up to him."

Optimistic Democrats see danger ahead for the president.

"Trump begins the race in a perilous place," said David Axelrod, a former top political adviser to President Barack Obama. "His is viewed unfavorably in the very Midwestern states that delivered him the White House, and it isn't obvious where he would pick up states to replace them."

Trump's dreary polling numbers come despite a strong economy, which generally portends good things for an incumbent president. But Trump's advisers have found, alarmingly, that voters do not credit him for it.

And Trump often steps on his list of accomplishments on jobs, tax cuts, deregulation and the appointment of conservative judges.

Still, his campaign aides feel confident of his reelection chances, mostly because of their dim view of the Democratic field. He is backed by a campaign operation that is sleeker and more sophisticated than the ragtag team he ran out of the 26th floor of Trump Tower in 2016. The campaign has invested millions of dollars in a digital strategy to harvest emails and phone numbers from potential supporters, and to advertise on sites like Facebook and YouTube, where his supporters can be found.

Nonetheless, Trump remains his own biggest asset and liability.

"This is a candidate, a presi-

dent and personality who just throws out the script and improvises," said Kevin Madden, a Republican political consultant. "He'll probably operate within the stagecraft they provide him, but the message discipline you would expect from an incumbent campaign launching a reelection? It's not going to look anything like that."

(STORY CAN END HERE. OPTIONAL MATERIAL FOLLOWS.)

There are also some basic principles of Trumpworld that have not changed. The president's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, is overseeing most of the operation, as he did last time. Trump primarily trusts only his family members and a small handful of other people, and he is a begrudging recipient of bad news.

That point was on public display over the past six weeks, after The New York Times and other outlets reported that early campaign polling from March showed a bleak landscape for the president.

Trump ordered aides to deny that there were numbers showing him trailing Biden, and to say instead that the full array of numbers were more favorable. Such numbers "don't exist," Trump told ABC News last week. Within days, the network obtained those numbers and proved him wrong.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 26

- Claverack Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m., Town Court Building, Route 217, Malenville 518-672-7911
- Claverack Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 a.m., Town Hall, 1795 Route 9, Claverack 518-537-6868
- Columbia County Board of Supervisors Public Works Committee 9 p.m., 401 State St., Hudson, 518-620-1827
- Columbia Economic Development Corporation 8:30 a.m., 4303 Route 9, Hudson
- Copake Hamlet Roadization Task Force 7 p.m., Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234
- Kinderhook Town Historical Committee 7 p.m., Town Hall, 3211 Church St., Valatie
- Philmont Village Board Workshop 7 p.m., Village Hall, 124 Main St., Philmont 518-672-7032
- Pine Plains Zoning Commission 5:15 p.m., Town Hall, 14 Route 195, Pine Plains 518-356-7155
- Red Hook Central School District Board of Education 7 p.m., District Office Conference Room, 100 Road Elementary School, 9 Mill Road, Red Hook 845-758-2241
- Red Hook Town Board 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook 845-758-4566
- Taghkanic Comprehensive Plan Committee 6:30 p.m., Town Hall, Route 82, West Taghkanic 518-651-7638

Thursday, June 27

- Chatham Village Board 7 p.m., Tracy Memorial Hall, 77 Chatham St., Chatham 518-532-5821
- Chatham Town Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m., Town Hall, 458 Route 285, Chatham 518-392-3262
- Columbia Economic Development Corporation, Governance and nominating committee 6:30 a.m., 4303 Route 9, Hudson
- Copake Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m., Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake 518-329-1234
- Germantown Planning Board 7 p.m., Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown 518-537-6867
- Hudson Community Development and Planning Agency noon One North Front St., Hudson
- Kinderhook Village Planning Board 7:30 p.m., Village Hall, 6 Chatham St., Kinderhook 518-758-9882
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- Kinderhook Town Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m., Town Hall, 3211 Church St., Valatie 518-758-8922
- Rhinebeck Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck 845-876-1922
- Stockport Town Board Workshop 7 p.m., Town Hall, 2187 Atlantic Ave., Hudson 518-620-9393

Friday, June 28

- Hudson Historic Preservation Commission 10 a.m., City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson 518-620-1930

Monday, June 29

- Claverack Planning Board 7 p.m., Town Court Building, Route 217, Malenville 518-672-7911
- Claverack Town Board 7 p.m., Town Hall, 1795 Route 9, Claverack 518-537-6868
- Germantown Fire District 7 p.m., Board of the Commissioners, Fire House, 181 Main St., Germantown
- Hudson Common Council Informal meeting at 7 p.m., at City Hall, 520 Warren St., Hudson, 518-620-1930
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- Red Hook Planning Board 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook 845-758-4566
- Red Hook Village Board 7:30 p.m., Village Hall, 7467 South Broadway, Red Hook 845-758-1081
- Rhinebeck Town Board 6:45 p.m., Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck
- Webster School District Board of Education 7:30 p.m., 845-373-4100

Area attorney is disbarred

By Sarah Trafton
Columbia-Greene Media

HUNTER — A Greene County lawyer has been ordered disbarred following a ruling by state Supreme Court, appellate division, of the Third Judicial Department.

David Leonard Rabin, of Hunter, was accused by the Attorney Grievance Committee of the Third Judicial Department, of providing a falsified judgment containing the forged signature of a Supreme Court judge to a client in a judgment enforcement action in August 2018, according to court papers.

Rabin's misrepresentation caused his client to hire another attorney to enforce that judgment at further cost but with no chance of success,

according to court papers.

Rabin failed to respond to the Attorney Grievance Committee's account of events, which it filed in October 2018, according to court papers.

"We have also taken note of (Rabin's) failure to meaningfully comply with his obligations during these proceedings, demonstrating his contempt for the disciplinary process," according to the decision reached by Third Department Presiding Justice Iliaheba A. Garry and appellate justices Robert Mulvey, Eugene Devine, Sharon Aarons and Stan Pritzker.

Rabin could not be reached for comment Monday.

In their opinion, the justices wrote that they have a duty to protect the

public from misconduct by attorneys who pledge to uphold the law.

"Based on the facts and circumstances of this case, and in order to protect the public, maintain the honor and integrity of the profession and deter others from committing similar misconduct, we find that (Rabin) should be disbarred from the practice of law in this state," the justices wrote.

Legislator Larry Gardner, D-Hunter, who works as an attorney in Windham, has had limited experience with Rabin, he said.

"I had a couple of transactions with him over a number of years," Gardner said.

Former Greene County Public Defender Greg Lubow, of Tannersville, was shocked to hear the news, he

said, having known Rabin for more than 20 years.

Citing "a history of contempt for the disciplinary process," the committee said Rabin was previously suspended from practicing law from 1988 to 2000 for mismanagement of law firm bank accounts, according to court papers.

The grievance committee was at the same time seeking Rabin's suspension for failing to comply with its investigation into other allegations of misconduct, according to court documents, but the court ruled that motion is moot given the order for disbarment.

Rabin studied law at St. John's University and passed the bar in 1973, according to justia.com.

DEC announces progress in efforts to eradicate dangerous and invasive giant hogweed

ALBANY — New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced that statewide efforts to control giant hogweed are making substantial headway in eradicating this large, invasive, and dangerous plant. The Giant Hogweed Program, managed by DEC's Division of Lands and Forests, is in its 12th year and has eradicated the plants from 623 sites, with another 448 plant-free sites being monitored.

"With the assistance of our local partners, DEC's Giant Hogweed Program has made excellent progress in removing this dangerous invasive from New York communities," said Commissioner Seggos. "DEC not only works to eradicate this health hazard, but also to raise public awareness about how to recognize it, avoid it, and report it. We urge New Yorkers to stay vigilant and report potential giant hogweed to DEC, especially during the next few weeks as the plants begin to bloom and become more noticeable."

Giant hogweed can cause severe skin and eye irritation, including painful burns and scarring when skin exposed to its sap becomes more sensitive to UV radiation. As a noxious weed, it is unlawful to propagate, sell, or transport. In addition to health concerns, giant hogweed negatively impacts the state's ecosystem by crowding out native plants and contributing to soil erosion.

Over the years, the diligence of DEC and its regional and municipal partners has led to the confirmation of 2,484 giant hogweed sites in 51 counties. The majority of active sites are concentrated in Central and Western New York. With landowner permission, crews visit and remove these invasive plants using



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root-cutting, herbicide, and umbel (flower head) removal control methods.

DEC released a 2018 Annual Report, which details the progress being made to identify giant hogweed and eradicate this noxious weed. During the 2018 season:

Crews visited 1,993 sites to survey for or control giant hogweed; No plants were found for the third consecutive year at 118 sites, bringing the total number of eradicated sites to 623 — an increase of 25 percent from 2017; Of all sites previously treated

71 percent (1,005) had less than 100 plants and are considered small sites that can be eradicated relatively quickly. DEC expects many more of these sites to have no new plants in the next few years; and Larger sites are responding well to control. Many larger sites that required herbicide treatment are now small enough to be treated by root cutting. Fewer sites have large flowering plants and, in general, sites are patchier than in previous years.

In addition to working with regional and municipal partners, the public has been an invaluable partner in DEC's Giant Hogweed Program, by submitting about 2,000 location reports via phone calls and e-mails each year. Giant hogweed is currently flowering, making this one of the easiest times of the year to locate the plant. Flowering giant hogweed are eight to 14 feet tall and have large, flat-topped clusters of small white flowers, a green stem with purple blotches and coarse white hairs, and large leaves up to five feet across.

If a member of the public finds giant hogweed, do not touch the plant, take photos of the entire plant (stem, leaves, flower, seeds), note the location, and send a report with the information via email to ghogweed@dec.ny.gov, text to 518-320-0309, or call the Information Line at 845-256-3111. If confirmed, DEC will contact the landowner to discuss control options. To report and learn more about other invasive species, the public can use the iMapInvasives database and mapping tool that helps share and coordinate information about detections and response efforts.

For more information about giant hogweed, including eradication efforts, plant ID, or to view the 2018 Annual Report, visit DEC's website.

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