

STAR-GAZETTE

State of New York
County of Chemung

Letkeman being duly sworn, deposes and says she is the Principal Clerk of the Star-Gazette, a public newspaper printed and published in Elmira aforesaid and that a notice of which the annexed is a true copy as published in said newspaper:

On the 26th day of April in the year 2022, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Letkeman, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed, the instrument. (Signature of Notary)

4/5/2022; 4/12/2022; 4/19/2022; 4/26/2022

[Signature]

Legal Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April, 2022

[Signature]

Notary Public

State of Wisconsin. County of Brown

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My commission expires

KATHLEEN ALLEN
Notary Public
State of Wisconsin

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Stocks of Local Interest

Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	2.08	8.6	9	24.18	+20	-1.7	ExxonMbl	3.52	4.2	15	83.16	+04	+35.9	NiSource	.94	3.0	25	31.72	-36	+14.9
AbbottLab	1.88	1.6	30	118.88	+30	-15.5	Fastenal	1.24	2.1	39	60.15	+48	-6.1	Nu Hldg n	...	...	...	8.07	+01	-14.0
Allstate	3.40	2.5	28	137.09	-2.45	+16.5	FncInlnt	1.16	3.9	6	29.66	-51	-6.7	Nucor	2.00	1.3	6	149.52	+26	+31.0
Altria	3.60	6.8	39	52.72	+01	+11.2	FordM	.40	2.4	4	16.66	+01	-19.8	OldRepub	.92	3.7	5	25.14	-1.18	+2.3
AmExp	1.72	.9	20	187.66	+49	+14.7	GenElec rs	.32	.3	...	92.02	-47	-2.6	PPL Corp	1.66	5.8	...	28.70	-32	-4.5
Apple Inc s	.88	.5	48	178.44	+4.13	+5	GrabHl A n	...	...	...	3.92	+45	-45.0	Pfizer	1.60	3.1	15	50.94	-63	-13.7
BkofAm	.84	2.1	12	40.83	-07	-8.2	HSBC	2.00	5.8	13	34.49	-15	+14.4	PhilipMor	5.00	5.2	17	96.28	-50	+1.3
BestBuy	3.52	3.7	11	94.34	+3.96	-7.1	Hallibrtn	.48	1.2	86	38.77	+19	+69.5	ProctGam	3.48	2.3	28	154.08	-1.01	-5.8
BrwnBrrn	.37	.5	35	72.20	-36	+2.7	HomeDp	7.60	2.5	20	305.58	+3.69	-26.4	PrudEntl	4.80	4.1	6	116.38	-2.02	+7.5
ChemungF	1.24	2.7	9	46.76	-07	+7	HonwillntI	3.92	2.0	25	196.07	+04	-6.0	QstDiag	2.64	2.0	9	134.54	-1.79	-22.2
Chevron	5.68	3.5	20	164.37	+15	+40.1	Intel	1.46	3.0	10	49.20	+1.09	-4.5	SenecaB	...	...	...	52.30	...	+11.0
Cisco	1.52	2.7	22	55.87	+21	-11.8	IBM	6.56	5.0	25	130.27	+12	-2.5	SiriusXM	.09	1.3	...	6.69	+10	+5.4
Citigroup	2.04	3.9	5	52.80	+47	-12.6	IntPap	1.85	4.0	10	45.90	-40	-2.3	StanBlkDk	3.16	2.2	14	141.47	+57	-25.0
Citiz&Nthn	1.12	4.6	16	24.55	-02	-6.0	JPMorgCh	4.00	2.9	9	135.91	+60	-14.2	Sysco	1.88	2.3	62	82.88	+47	+5.5
CocaCola	1.76	2.8	31	62.54	-33	+5.6	JohnJn	4.24	2.4	26	176.47	-1.72	+3.2	Target	3.60	1.7	25	214.41	+3.87	-7.4
ColgPalm	1.88	2.5	30	76.59	+17	-10.3	L3Harris	4.48	1.7	28	252.64	-53	+18.5	Tegna	.38	1.7	10	22.46	+04	+21.0
Comcast	1.08	2.2	23	48.11	+41	-4.4	LockhdM	11.20	2.5	20	444.01	-1.97	+24.9	TraneTch	2.36	1.5	26	153.95	-90	-23.8
CmtyBkSy	1.72	2.5	20	69.95	-1.04	-6.1	Lowe's	3.20	1.6	17	204.12	+1.72	-21.0	Travelers	3.52	1.9	13	181.82	-3.43	+16.2
Corning	1.08	3.0	29	36.59	+23	-1.7	Manulife g	1.12	...	8	21.42	+05	+12.3	UBS Grp	.69	3.5	10	19.96	+27	+11.7
DiDi Gln b	...	...	...	3.00	+18	-39.8	MarathnO	.28	1.1	...	25.68	-07	+56.4	UPS B	4.08	2.0	28	205.21	-1.43	-4.3
Disney	...	...	...	138.58	+1.58	-10.5	McDnlds	5.16	2.1	25	246.83	-2.42	-7.9	USSteel	.20	.5	3	37.25	-58	+56.4
DomEngy	2.67	3.1	21	85.35	-98	+8.6	Merck	2.76	3.3	30	83.49	-03	+8.9	VerizonCm	2.56	4.9	10	52.46	+34	+1.0
DuPont	1.32	1.8	7	74.88	+13	-7.3	MetLife	1.92	2.8	10	69.64	-86	+11.4	WalMart	2.24	1.5	43	151.04	+03	+4.4
DukeEngy	3.94	3.5	29	111.79	-1.03	+6.6	Microsoft	2.48	.8	35	314.97	+5.55	-6.3	WalBoots	1.91	4.4	15	43.40	-46	-16.8
Eaton	2.92	1.9	28	150.92	-89	-12.7	MorgStan	2.80	3.2	11	87.28	+29	-11.1	WeisMk	1.28	1.7	18	73.62	-31	+11.7
EliLilly	3.40	1.2	48	291.42	-1.25	+5.5	NatWestGp	...	...	...	5.71	-07	-6.5	WellsFargo	1.00	2.1	10	48.46	-25	+1.0
ElmiraSB	.60	2.6	15	22.97	+04	+5	NY CmtyB	.68	6.4	8	10.62	+03	-13.0	Weyerhsr	.68	1.8	11	38.78	+76	-5.8
Exelon	1.35	2.9	19	47.34	-32	+14.9	NextEraEn	1.70	2.0	...	85.62	-09	-8.3	XeroxHld	1.00	5.1	13	19.50	-47	-13.9

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The Market in Review

NYSE and Nasdaq

Most active (\$1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Twitter	2668405	49.97	+10.66
Protalx	1906503	1.49	+4.4
Aterian	1445503	3.42	+1.09
MullnAuto	904591	2.86	-0.1
AMD	900658	110.53	+2.34
DiDi Gln b	826485	3.00	+1.8
Apple Inc s	764014	178.44	+4.13
ClovisOnc	755880	2.72	+2.2

Gainers (\$2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Aterian	3.42	+1.09	+46.8
IO Biotch n	7.55	+1.88	+33.2
BRC Inc	28.28	+6.31	+28.7
CognitTh n	3.33	+0.73	+28.1
Twitter	49.97	+10.66	+27.1
JumiaTch	11.82	+2.34	+24.7
Lilium	4.86	+0.96	+24.6
IN8bio n	4.21	+0.77	+22.4

Losers (\$2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GWG Hldg h	4.22	-1.12	-21.0
SnowLake n	8.10	-1.94	-19.3
ArtsWay	4.54	-1.03	-18.5
Longever	12.85	-2.76	-17.7
Insignia	10.56	-2.13	-16.8
Expion360 n	6.67	-1.26	-15.9
AeroClean n	3.88	-0.70	-15.3
VertexEn	8.67	-1.24	-12.5
mCloud n	3.93	-0.53	-12.0

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

U.S. Dollar in Foreign Currency

	Last	Pvs. Day
Australian dollar	1.3248	1.3341
British pound	.7625	.7629
Canadian dollar	1.2485	1.2511
Chinese yuan	6.3634	6.3631
Euro	.9115	.9059
Japanese yen	122.82	122.62
Mexican peso	19.8100	19.8679
Swiss franc	.9263	.9255

FUELS

New York Mercantile, CBOT (ethanol)

	Last	Pvs. Day
Crude oil (bbl)	103.28	99.27
Natural gas (btu)	5.71	5.72
Heating oil (gal)	3.55	3.42
Ethanol (gal)	2.16	2.16
NY Harbor gas (gal)	3.20	3.15

METALS

New York Mercantile, COMX (copper)

	Last	Pvs. Day
Gold (troy oz.)	1929.20	1919.10
Silver (troy oz.)	24.58	24.64
Platinum (troy oz.)	986.50	985.00
Copper (pound)	4.78	4.68

(Previous figures reflect current contract.)
Source: The Associated Press

Ruling

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and could affect House Democrats' efforts to maintain their majority.

The disputed New York maps would give Democrats a strong majority of registered voters in 22 of the 26 congressional districts the state will have in

2023. Republicans, who now hold eight of New York's 27 seats in Congress, would only have an advantage in the remaining four districts.

Judge Patrick McAllister's ruling on Thursday had given state officials until April 11 to submit new maps – even as candidates have begun running races based in the disputed boundaries. The decision, if upheld on appeal, could delay New York's June 28 primary elec-

tions into August.

Gov. Kathy Hochul and her fellow Democrats in charge of the Legislature promptly appealed that decision.

The mid-level appeals court in Rochester was expected to handle the case quickly, with a decision possible this month.

"We just hope the court's going to move in an expedited fashion so that we can get this thing finally determined,"

said George Winner, an attorney for the plaintiffs.

New York's primary timetable was being maintained in light of the court-ordered stay. The state Board of Elections posted on its website that petitions from candidates for Congress and the Legislature are still due this week, as scheduled.

Projects

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through direct land acquisitions and perpetual conservation easements.

"The health of our lakes depends on the health of our land," stated Dave Birchenough, president of the Finger Lakes Land Trust Board of Directors. "The Finger Lakes Forever campaign will help ensure the Finger Lakes region retains its beauty and vitality for generations to come."

The organization is focused on protecting the steep hillsides and pristine shorelines that ensure water quality in the Finger Lakes. Featured projects include the acquisition of the Bell Station property on Cayuga Lake; the creation of three new public access points to the popular Finger Lakes Trail; protecting Seneca Lake shoreline; and securing key parcels within the Canandaigua and Skaneateles lake watersheds. Through these efforts, the organization will also secure 21 miles of streambank and initiate restoration projects to help filter runoff.

The campaign will also help see the completion of Canandaigua Vista. The Land Trust recently conserved over 90



The Finger Lakes Forever campaign will help Finger Lakes Land Trust purchase the Bell Station site on Cayuga Lake that boasts 470 acres of wooded hillsides, extensive fields, and several small streams with cascading waterfalls. PROVIDED BY BILL HECHT

acres and a tributary to the lake with plans to create a new preserve, open to the public, minutes from downtown Canandaigua. The organization is now restoring wildlife habitat on the property, including meadows for grassland birds and other species. The Land Trust will also work with partners and volunteers to create safe public access and a trail system that will feature scenic views of Canandaigua Lake. When these improvements are complete, the property will be open for low-impact

How to help

To make a campaign gift, visit flt.org/give or contact Senior Director Kelly Makosch by calling 607-275-9487 or emailing kellymakosch@flt.org.

To learn more about the Finger Lakes Forever campaign, visit flt.org/forever.

recreation such as hiking, wildlife watching, and cross-country skiing.

In addition to funding conservation projects and the land trust's annual operations, the campaign will build the organization's Stewardship Fund to fulfill

the promise of permanent protection.

The Finger Lakes Land Trust has so far protected over 28,000 acres of the region's undeveloped lakeshore, rugged gorges, rolling forest, and scenic farmland by working with landowners and local communities. The land trust also owns and manages a network of over 45 nature preserves that are open to the public and holds perpetual conservation easements on 170 properties that remain in private ownership. The Land Trust also provides programs to educate local governments, landowners, and residents about conservation and the region's distinct natural resources.

Public Notice

NYSEG has filed tariff revisions November 25, 2020 with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) for new electricity and natural gas delivery rates to become effective May 1, 2022. These tariff revisions cover the third annual delivery rate increase under the terms of a three-year rate plan approved by the PSC in November 2020 and they include a \$36.0 million increase in electricity revenue and a \$5.3 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 \$2.42. A residential natural gas heating customer using 80 therms/month can expect an average monthly bill increase of \$1.20.

Customers may see some charges prorated on your 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 0.245 cents per kilowatt-hour. The per-therm natural gas delivery charge for the 4-to-50-therms block will increase 0.368 cents per therm and 0.086 cents for the block rate over 50 therms. The electric customer charge will increase by \$0.95, and the natural gas customer charge will increase by \$1.00.

Day/Night and Time-of-Use Customers: The electricity delivery charge will increase 0.281 cents per kilowatt-hour for Service Class 8 and 0.072 cents per kilowatt-hour for Service Class 12. The Service Class 8 customer charge will increase by \$1.10, and the Service Class 12 customer charge will increase by \$1.55.

Additional information about changes in residential electricity and natural gas delivery charges is available at nyseg.com (click on the Account tab and select "Electric Pricing" or "Natural Gas Pricing" in the "Understand Your Bill" column).

NONRESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

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

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

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

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DiDi Glb n	2.55	+0.3	-48.8		MarathnO	.28	1.1	...	25.22	-6.8	+53.6	
Disney	130.65	-1.22	-15.6		McDnlds	5.16	2.1	25	250.45	-1.01	-6.6	
DomEngy	2.67	3.1	22	87.52	-8.6	+11.4		Merck	2.76	3.2	31	86.63	-1.05	+13.0	
DuPont	1.32	1.9	6	68.48	-3.6	-15.2		MetLife	1.92	2.7	10	70.58	-0.3	+12.9	
DukeEngy	3.94	3.4	29	114.23	-1.12	+8.9		MicroSoft	2.48	...	32	285.26	-11.71	-15.2	
Eaton	2.92	2.1	27	142.27	-2.91	-17.7		MorgStan	4.80	3.3	11	84.02	-0.4	-14.4	
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Veru Inc	3461715	12.28	+7.93	+182.3	
HothThr	1765062	1.05	+4.3		
AT&T Inc	1569260	19.63	-4.51		
Twitter	1175866	47.01	+7.8		
AMD	953771	97.37	-3.63		
MullnAuto	831066	2.66	+1.5		
Apple Inc s	719210	165.75	-4.34		
FordM	659988	15.28	+2.3		

Losers (\$2 or more)					
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg		
SingFutC	7.08	-5.57	-44.0		
MoonLkm A	6.71	-4.29	-39.0		
BcyTher	28.81	-18.18	-38.7		
C4Thera	8.01	-3.31	-29.2		
Viracta	3.58	-1.26	-26.0		
BluWtrVac n	8.05	-2.80	-25.8		
Gogoro n	10.56	-3.54	-25.1		
RubiusTh	2.41	-0.78	-24.5		
ATRenew	3.37	-0.96	-22.2		

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

U.S. Dollar in Foreign Currency		
	Last	Pvs. Day
Australian dollar	1.3460	1.3404
British pound	.7672	.7669
Canadian dollar	1.2621	1.2569
Chinese yuan	6.3701	6.3651
Euro	.9183	.9187
Japanese yen	125.46	124.37
Mexican peso	19.9197	20.0331
Swiss franc	.9311	.9336

FUELS

New York Mercantile, CBOT (ethanol)		
	Last	Pvs. Day
Crude oil (bbl)	94.29	98.26
Natural gas (btu)	6.64	6.28
Heating oil (gal)	3.27	3.32
Ethanol (gal)	2.16	2.16
NY Harbor gas (gal)	3.00	3.13

METALS

New York Mercantile, COMX (copper)		
	Last	Pvs. Day
Gold (troy oz.)	1944.30	1941.60
Silver (troy oz.)	24.98	24.82
Platinum (troy oz.)	973.90	972.20
Copper (pound)	4.63	4.72

(Previous figures reflect current contract.)
Source: The Associated Press

Poland-Ukraine ties seen as target of Russian disinformation

Vanessa Gera
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WARSAW, Poland – Days before Poland’s Independence Day in November, vandals painted the blue-and-yellow colors of the Ukrainian flag on monuments in Krakow. The vandalism, which took place as Russia massed troops near Ukraine’s border, looked as if Ukrainians were defacing memorials to Polish national heroes.

Yet some clues suggested otherwise. The flag’s colors were reversed, with the yellow on top of the blue and one offensive message was in an unnatural mix of Russian and Ukrainian. Though prosecutors are still investigating, Polish and Ukrainian authorities believe it was most likely a Russian-inspired attempt to trigger ethnic hostility between Ukrainians and Poles.

Polish and Ukrainian authorities have for years accused Russia of trying to provoke hostility between their neighboring nations as part of a broader effort to divide and destabilize the West – and the concerns have gained greater urgency since Russia invaded Ukraine.

Poland and Ukraine are neighbors and allies but they share a difficult history of oppression and bloodshed, and those historical traumas sometimes rise to the surface.

Poland has also accepted large numbers of Ukrainian refugees, creating fears that could become another wedge issue that Russia could exploit.

“The Russian efforts to sow divisions between the Poles and Ukrainians, particularly by means of exploiting historical issues, are as old as time,” said Stanislaw Zaryn, the spokesman for Po-

land’s security services. “Russia has redoubled them since the war began,” he said. “And they are more dangerous now because the war is going on and it can affect more people than before.”

Reacting to the November incident, the Ukrainian Embassy in Warsaw immediately denounced it as “shameful” and “a provocation aimed at harming the good neighborly relations between Ukraine and Poland.”

More than 2.5 million Ukrainian refugees have arrived in Poland since the war began, and while some move on to other countries, more than half have remained. Poles have reacted with an outpouring of help and goodwill and the government has extended to the Ukrainians the same rights to education and health care that Poles have.

Never Again, an anti-racism association in Poland, has documented several attempts to stoke aversion to the Ukrainian refugees and even to openly justify Russian President Vladimir Putin’s invasion. In some cases those behind the messages are far-right Polish activists or politicians with pro-Kremlin views, according to a report the organization published Thursday.

“These groups do not enjoy widespread public support, but they do their best to make Poles and Ukrainians quarrel, spread hateful content, conspiracy theories and false information, primarily in the internet space,” it said.

Larysa Lacko, an expert on countering disinformation at NATO, said Russia is known to exploit refugees as a wedge issue because it touches on the economy, race and other sensitive issues, and that she has also observed Russian “dis-

information talking about historical grievances.”

Western Ukraine was once under Polish rule, with Ukrainians largely subservient to a Polish landowning class.

Resentments erupted in ethnic bloodshed during World War II, when the Ukrainian Insurgent Army, a nationalist military formation, slaughtered tens of thousands of Poles in the Nazi-occupied Polish regions of Volhynia and Eastern Galicia.

Poland also has a difficult history with Moscow. Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union carved up Poland at the start of World War II in 1939, invading and occupying the country based on a secret clause in the notorious Molotov-Ribbentrop pact. Poles suffered atrocities inflicted by both occupying states. The Nazis set up death camps and concentration camps where they murdered Jews and they killed many other Polish

citizens as well. Meanwhile, the Soviets sent some Poles to Siberia, and murdered 22,000 Polish officers in the Katyn massacres of 1940.

Even after the war, Poland was forced to live under Moscow’s oppressive control for the decades of the Cold War.

It still stings Poles to remember the Soviet Union denied the truth of the Katyn killings for decades, forbidding Poles from publicly commemorating the victims. When the Polish wartime government-in-exile asked the International Red Cross to investigate the Nazi disclosures of the Soviet crimes, Moscow smeared the Polish leaders as “Fascist collaborators” – much as they have falsely accused Ukraine today of being a Nazi state.

Some Poles, especially those who lived through the war, remember those times and carry a lingering hostility to both Russians and Ukrainians.

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AT&T Inc	2.08	10.7	7	19.46	-.08	-20.9		ExxonMbl	3.52	4.0	16	88.55	+7.2	+44.7	
AbbottLab	1.88	1.6	30	116.29	-1.40	-17.4		Fastenal	1.24	2.3	36	54.95	-1.06	-14.2	
Allstate	3.40	2.4	28	139.73	-1.43	+18.8		FcnInst	1.16	4.0	6	29.28	+0.3	-7.9	
Altria	3.60	6.6	41	54.60	-.38	+15.2		FordM	.40	2.6	4	15.67	+1.9	-24.6	
AmExp	1.72	.9	19	184.48	+3.32	+12.8		GenElec rs	.32	.4	...	90.40	-.43	-4.3	
Apple Inc s	.88	.5	45	165.07	-.22	-7.0		GrabHL A n	...	...	...	3.05	-15	-57.2	
BkofAm	.84	2.2	12	38.85	+1.28	-12.7		HSBC	2.00	5.9	12	33.89	-.05	+12.4	
BestBuy	3.52	3.8	11	93.48	-.36	-8.0		Hallibrtn	.48	1.2	93	41.64	+8.8	+82.1	
BrwnBrrn	.37	.5	34	69.92	-1.34	-.5		HomeDp	7.60	2.5	19	300.21	-4.31	-27.7	
ChemungF	1.24	2.7	9	46.57		+3		HonwillntI	3.92	2.0	24	192.07	-3.12	-7.9	
Chevron	5.68	3.3	21	173.89	+2.30	+48.2		Intel	1.46	3.1	9	46.64	+9.7	-9.4	
Cisco	1.52	3.0	20	51.11	-.06	-19.3		IBM	6.56	5.2	24	126.17	-.39	-5.6	
Citigroup	2.04	3.9	5	52.31	+1.38	-13.4		IntPap	1.85	3.9	11	47.46	+0.3	+1.0	
Citiz&Nthn	1.12	4.6	16	24.26	-.20	-7.1		JPMorgCh	4.00	3.1	8	128.46	+2.34	-18.9	
CocaCola	1.76	2.7	32	64.44	-.58	+8.8		JohnJn	4.24	2.4	27	177.66	-2.24	+3.9	
ColgPalm	1.88	2.3	31	80.01	-.93	-6.2		L3Harris	4.48	1.7	29	259.73	+2.32	+21.8	
Comcast	1.08	2.3	22	46.86	-.72	-6.9		LockhdM	11.20	2.4	21	467.44	-.22	+31.5	
CmtyBkSy	1.72	2.5	19	67.66	-.21	-9.2		Lowe	3.20	1.6	16	198.52	-2.76	-23.2	
Corning	1.08	3.2	26	33.87	+1.8	-9.0		Manulife g	1.12	...	8	21.31	-.05	+11.7	
DiDi Glb n	...	...	...	2.01	-.45	-59.6		MarathnO	.28	1.0	...	26.88	+2.7	+63.7	
Disney	...	...	...	127.77	-2.70	-17.5		McDnlds	5.16	2.1	25	251.06	+5.5	-6.3	
DomEngy	2.67	3.1	22	86.83	-.57	+10.5		Merck	2.76	3.2	30	86.07	-.84	+12.3	
DuPont	1.32	1.9	6	68.60	-.10	-15.1		MetLife	1.92	2.7	10	71.23	+5.9	+14.0	
DukeEngy	3.94	3.4	29	114.24	-.61	+8.9		MicroSoft	2.48	.9	31	280.52	+6.9	-16.6	
Eaton	2.92	2.1	26	140.66	+7.5	-18.6		OrgStan	2.80	3.2	11	86.48	+1.72	-11.9	
EliLilly	3.40	1.1	49	298.82	-3.04	+8.2		NatWestGp	...	...	...	5.77	+0.3	-5.6	
EmiraSB	1.60	2.6	15	22.94	-.02	-.4		NY CmtyB	.68	6.8	8	10.07	+0.3	-17.5	
Exelon	1.35	2.7	20	49.23	+2.0	+19.5		NextEraEn	1.70	2.1	...	81.71	-1.10	-12.5	

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The Market in Review

NYSE and Nasdaq

Most active (\$1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CasaSys	1822876	7.10	+3.21
Twitter	1522802	48.45	+3.37
DiDi Glb n	1397821	2.01	-.45
MullnAuto	1081644	1.84	-.32
Aterian	842025	6.55	+1.02
AMD	804964	93.89	+8.3
BkofAm	799964	38.85	+1.28
Apple Inc s	688626	165.07	-.22

Gainers (\$2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CasaSys	7.10	+3.21	+82.5
NatusMed	33.51	+7.46	+28.6
NthnO&G	28.96	+5.10	+21.4
MoonLkIm A	5.99	+9.4	+18.6
Aterian	6.55	+1.02	+18.4
AgriFrce n	2.61	+4.0	+18.1
EuroDry	36.00	+5.11	+16.5
AziyoBf A	7.41	+9.3	+14.4

Losers (\$2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NutexHlt n	5.17	-2.13	-29.2
NektarTh	4.74	-1.42	-23.1
TG Thera	6.92	-1.93	-21.8
Veru Inc	11.90	-3.05	-20.4
GeniusGr n	6.35	-1.60	-20.1
Gogoro n	8.00	-1.90	-19.2
Viracta	3.30	-.76	-18.7
DiDi Glb n	2.01	-.45	-18.3
Mersana	4.08	-.83	-16.9

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

U.S. Dollar in Foreign Currency

	Last	Pvs. Day
Australian dollar	1.3607	1.3525
British pound	.7687	.7653
Canadian dollar	1.2617	1.2608
Chinese yuan	6.3672	6.3712
Euro	.9273	.9251
Japanese yen	126.98	126.38
Mexican peso	19.8795	19.932
Swiss franc	.9445	.9427

FUELS

New York Mercantile, CBOT (ethanol)

	Last	Pvs. Day
Crude oil (bbl)	108.21	106.95
Natural gas (btu)	7.82	7.30
Heating oil (gal)	3.89	3.85
Ethanol (gal)	2.16	2.16
NY Harbor gas (gal)	3.38	3.38

METALS

New York Mercantile, COMX (copper)

	Last	Pvs. Day
Gold (troy oz.)	1982.90	1970.90
Silver (troy oz.)	26.14	25.69
Platinum (troy oz.)	1015.40	989.60
Copper (pound)	4.80	4.72

(Previous figures reflect current contract.)

Source: The Associated Press

Milestone

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loss – one by one by one.

It began even before the threat had really come into focus. In February 2020, an unfamiliar respiratory illness started spreading through a nursing home outside Seattle, the Life Care Center of Kirkland.

Neil Lawyer, 84, was a short-term patient there, recovering after hospitalization for an infection. On the last Wednesday of the month, he joined other residents for a belated Mardi Gras party. But the songs that filled the entertainment room were interrupted by frequent coughing. Before week’s end, the facility was in lockdown. Days later Lawyer, too, fell ill.

“By the time he got to the hospital they allowed us to put on these space suits and go in and see him,” son David Lawyer says. “It was pretty surreal.”

When the elder Lawyer died of complications from COVID-19 on March 8, the U.S. toll stood at 30. Eventually 39 Life Care residents and seven others linked to the facility perished in the outbreak.

By any account, Lawyer – known to his family as “Moose” – lived a very full life. Born on a Mississippi farm to parents whose mixed-race heritage subjected them to bitter discrimination, he became the first in his family to graduate from college.

Trained as a chemist, he took an assignment in Belgium with a U.S. company and stayed for more than two decades. Fellow expats knew him for his devotion to coaching baseball and for the rich baritone he brought to community theater and vocal ensembles.

“He had the most velvet-like voice,” says Marilyn Harper, who harmonized with Lawyer many times. “He loved to perform, but not in a showy way. He just got such great pleasure.”

After Lawyer and his wife retired to Bellevue, Washington, to be near two of their children, he embraced his role as grandfather of 17.

When his energy for performing diminished, he visited clubs to hear his grandson play guitar. At weddings, he joined his sons, grandson and nephew to serenade brides and grooms in a makeshift ensemble dubbed the Moose-Tones.

Last October, when one of his granddaughters married, it marked the first family affair without Lawyer there to hold court. The Moose-Tones went on without him.

“He would have just been beaming because, you know, it was the most important thing in the world to him late in life, to get together with family,” David Lawyer says.

By the end of March 2020, deaths in the U.S. topped 3,500 and the federal government’s lead expert on infectious diseases, Dr. Anthony Fauci, predicted COVID would eventually take more than 100,000 lives.

Still, the idea that the toll could reach 1 million was “almost certainly off the chart,” he said at the time. “Not impossible, but very, very unlikely.”

Then deaths in the Northeast began to soar. President Donald Trump dropped talk of reopening the nation by Easter. In April, the U.S. surpassed Italy as the country with the most COVID deaths.

At first the virus appeared to bypass Mary Jacq McCulloch, who tested negative after others in her Chapel Hill, North Carolina, nursing home were quarantined.

McCulloch, once a teacher in Tennessee, had long been the spark plug of her family, prone to dancing in supermarket aisles and striking up conversations with complete strangers.

When the 87-year-old became sick late that month, her children, all grown, gathered at her bedside and by phone.

The eldest, Julie McCulloch-Brown, recounted childhood nights falling asleep to the sound of her mother’s bridge parties, “everybody laughing and a sense of being safe, that all was right with the world.” The youngest, Drew, thanked his mother for the energy she gave to raising them, sometimes working multiple jobs to pay the bills.

McCulloch died the next afternoon, April 21, 2020. By day’s end, the U.S. toll had eclipsed 47,000.

Her death came at the height of a North Carolina spring. Now, with the season here again, daughter Karen McCulloch is reminded of their drives together to gaze at the trees in blossom. Mary Jacq’s favorite were the redbuds.

“They are stunning magenta,” Karen says. “I can’t see one in bloom without thinking, ‘Mom would love this.’ Kind of like her – brightly colored and demanding attention.”

By late spring of 2020 the pandemic seemed to be loosening its grip. That is until governors moved to reopen their states and deaths spiraled again, especially in the South and Southwest.

Luis Alfonso Bay Montgomery had worked straight through the pandemic’s early months, piloting a tractor through the lettuce and cauliflower fields near Yuma, Arizona. Even after he began feeling sick in mid-June, he insisted on laboring on, says Yolanda Bay, his wife of 42 years.

By the time Montgomery, 59, was rushed to a hospital two weeks later, he required intubation, his body racked by the virus and a heart attack.

He died on July 18, a day that saw the U.S. toll surpass 140,000. And for the first time since they’d met as teenagers in their native Mexico, Bay was on her own.

The couple had endured hard times together, including the loss of their first child to chickenpox and Luis’ deportation after they crossed into Arizona. But they had returned, finding work, saving to buy a home in San Luis, Arizona, and raising three children.

In the months since her husband died, Bay, a taxi driver, has worked hard to keep her mind occupied. But memories find a way in.

Some evenings she imagines Luis Alfonso sitting on “his” living room couch, boots and backpack on the floor, asking the kids about their day at school.

Others, “he’s in the bedroom, watching me,” she says, in Spanish. Driving past the fields he plowed, she imagines him on his tractor.

“It’s time to get rid of his clothes, but ...” she says, unable to finish the sentence. “There are times that I feel completely alone. And I still can’t believe it.”

On Dec. 14, 2020, cameras jockeyed for position as the nation’s first COVID vaccine was administered to a New York nurse, in time for the morning news shows.

“I feel like healing is coming,” she said. But the vaccines had arrived too late to save a fellow caregiver, Jennifer McClung.

At Helen Keller Hospital in Sheffield, Alabama, staffers knew McClung, a longtime dialysis nurse, as “Mama Jen.” When new nurses started, she took them under her wing. When staffers on other floors had questions, they called her for advice. Some nights, she woke

up crying with worry about her patients, her family says.

In November, McClung, 54, and her husband, John, also a hospital worker, both tested positive.

“Mama, I feel like I’m never coming home again,” McClung texted her mother, Stella Olive, from a hospital bed. Her lungs severely damaged by the virus, she died just hours before the nation’s vaccination campaign began. Later that day, the U.S. toll passed 300,000.

At a memorial service, McClung’s body lay dressed in nursing scrubs at her family’s request. The following day, heading home after getting her first shot, nurse Christa House became so upset she had to pull over.

If only the vaccine had come in time for her friend and colleague “she might have made it,” House told herself.

Today, a decal with a halo and angel wings marks the place McClung once occupied at a third-floor nurses’ station. In Olive’s kitchen, a digital picture frame displays a steady stream of pictures and videos of the daughter she lost.

“I can hear her laugh. I can hear her voice,” McClung’s mother says. “I just can’t touch her. It is the hardest thing in the world.”

By early last summer, lines at vaccine sites had dwindled and daily COVID deaths had declined by tenfold. Then the virus reinvented itself.

In southwest Missouri, where immunization rates had stalled at around 20% in some counties, hospitals were swamped by a surge among unvaccinated residents, people like Larry Quackenbush.

Quackenbush, 60, was the glue that held his family together. After his wife, Cathie, suffered brain damage in a car

accident more than 20 years ago, he became the primary cook, carpooler and caregiver, while working as a video producer for the Assemblies of God denomination in Springfield.

When his 12-year-old son, Landon, came home from summer camp sick with COVID, Quackenbush stepped up again.

Like many in the area, the family wasn’t vaccinated. The shot made Cathie nervous. Mindful of her husband’s heart problems and Parkinson’s disease, though, she gave Larry permission to get it. He never did.

“Even when he started feeling sick, he kept taking care of everybody,” daughter Macy Sweeters says.

In July, first Larry, then Cathie were rushed to the hospital. She was able to return home a day later, but her husband remained, tethered to a ventilator.

He died on Aug. 3, as the U.S. toll topped 614,000. In the days that followed, Sweeters and her husband moved back to Springfield from Texas to help care for her brother.

Quackenbush’s own brother, Randal, who leads a church in Boston, still despairs over the vaccine skepticism. Mostly, though, he mourns the loss of a man so selfless he once gave a college classmate the shirt off his back.

“That was just kind of Larry’s heart,” Randal says. “He was all about helping other people.”

Even when the delta wave ebbed, the toll continued to rise.

Last August, Sherman Peebles, a sheriff’s deputy in Columbus, Georgia, went away for a week of leadership training. On the way home, he was laboring so hard to breathe he drove

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US promises more Ukraine aid

American officials met with Zelenskyy in Kyiv

Matthew Lee
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NEAR THE POLISH-UKRAINIAN BORDER – Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said Monday after a secrecy-shrouded visit to Kyiv that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is committed to winning his country's fight against Russia and that the United States will help him achieve that goal.

"He has the mindset that they want to win, and we have the mindset that we want to help them win," Austin told reporters in Poland, the day after the three-hour face-to-face meeting with Zelenskyy in Ukraine.

Austin said that the nature of the fight in Ukraine had changed now that Russia has pulled away from the wooded northern regions to focus on the eastern industrial heartland of the Donbas. Because the nature of the fight has evolved, so have Ukraine's military needs, and Zelenskyy is now focused on more tanks, artillery and other munitions.

"The first step in winning is believing that you can win," Austin said. "We believe that they can win if they have the right equipment, the right support, and we're going to do everything we can ... to ensure that gets to them."

Asked about what the U.S. sees as success, Austin said that "we want to see Ukraine remain a sovereign country, a democratic country able to protect its sovereign territory. We want to see Russia weakened to the point where it can't do things like invade Ukraine."

The trip by Blinken and Austin was the highest-level American visit to the capital since Russia invaded in late February.

They told Zelenskyy and his advisers that the U.S. would provide more than \$300 million in foreign military financing



In a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, third from left, and Secretary of State Antony Blinken, fourth from left, said the U.S. had approved a \$165 million sale of ammunition.

UKRAINIAN PRESIDENTIAL PRESS OFFICE VIA AP

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"We had an opportunity to demonstrate directly our strong ongoing support for the Ukrainian government and the Ukrainian people," Blinken said. "This was, in our judgment, an important moment to be there, to have face-to-face conversations in detail."

Blinken said their meeting with the Ukrainians lasted for three hours for wide ranging talks, including what help the country needs in the weeks ahead.

"The strategy that we've put in place, massive support for Ukraine, massive pressure against Russia, solidarity with more than 30 countries engaged in these efforts, is having real results," Blinken said. "When it comes to Russia's war aims, Russia is failing. Ukraine is succeeding. Russia has sought as its principal aim to totally subjugate Ukraine, to take away its sovereignty, to take away its independence. That has failed."

Ukraine's foreign minister, Dmytro Kuleba, praised the visit to Kyiv by Blinken and Lloyd and called them representatives of "the country that did more than any other country in the world." Asked whether the new announcements went far enough, Kuleba said that "as long as Russian soldiers put a foot on Ukrainian soil, nothing is enough."

"We appreciate everything that has been done, including by the United States," Kuleba said. "We understand that, for some, what has been done is already a revolution, but this is not enough as long as the war continues."

Kuleba warned that if Western powers want Ukraine to win the war and stop Russian President Vladimir Putin from going "deeper into Europe," then they to speed up the delivery of the weapons requested by Ukraine. He said it takes longer for partner nations to decide to provide Ukraine with the most sophisticated equipment than it does for the Ukrainians to learn how to use it.

"It will be true to say that the United States now lead the effort in ensuring this transition of Ukraine to Western-style weapons, in arranging trainings for Ukrainian soldiers," he said, "and I only regret that it didn't happen a month or two months ago from the very beginning of the war."

Meanwhile, as expected, President Joe Biden announced on Monday his nomination of Bridget Brink to serve as U.S. ambassador to Ukraine. Brink, a career foreign service officer, has served since 2019 as ambassador to Slovakia. She previously held assignments in Serbia, Cyprus, Georgia and Uzbekistan as well as with the White House National Security Coun-

cil. The post requires confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

The announcement comes as American diplomats prepare to return to Ukraine this coming week, although the U.S. embassy in Kyiv will remain closed for now.

Journalists who traveled with Austin and Blinken to Poland were barred from reporting on the trip until it was over, were not allowed to accompany them on their overland journey into Ukraine, and were prohibited from specifying where in southeast Poland they met back up with the Cabinet members upon their return. Officials at the State Department and the Pentagon cited security concerns.

Austin and Blinken announced a total of \$713 million in foreign military financing for Ukraine and 15 allied and partner countries; some \$322 million is earmarked for Kyiv. The remainder will be split among NATO members and other nations that have provided Ukraine with critical military supplies since the war with Russia began, officials said.

Such financing is different from previous U.S. military assistance for Ukraine. It is not a donation of drawn-down U.S. Defense Department stockpiles but rather cash that countries can use to purchase supplies that they might need.

The new money, along with the sale of \$165 million in non-U.S.-made ammunition that is compatible with Soviet-era weapons the Ukrainians use, brings the total amount of American military assistance to Ukraine to \$3.7 billion since the invasion, officials said.

Biden has accused Putin of genocide for the destruction and death wrought on Ukraine. Just on Thursday, Biden said he would provide a new package of \$800 million in military aid to Ukraine that included heavy artillery and drones.

Congress approved \$6.5 billion for military assistance last month as part of \$13.6 billion in spending for Ukraine and allies in response to the Russian invasion.

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U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Monday after the meeting that the West's united support for Ukraine and pressure on Moscow are having "real results."

"When it comes to Russia's war aims, Russia is failing. Ukraine is succeeding," Blinken said.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba welcomed the American support but said that "as long as Russian soldiers put a foot on Ukrainian soil, nothing is enough."

Kuleba warned that if Western powers want Ukraine to win the war and "stop Putin in Ukraine and not to allow him to go further, deeper into Europe," then countries must speed up the delivery of the weapons requested by Ukraine.

Russian President Vladimir Putin accused the U.S. and its allies of trying to "split Russian society and to destroy Russia from within."

When Russia invaded in late February, its apparent goal was the lightning capture of Kyiv and perhaps the toppling of its government. But the Ukrainians, with the help of Western weapons, bogged Putin's troops down and thwarted their push to Kyiv.

Moscow now says its goal is to capture the mostly Russian-speaking Donbas region in the east. While both sides said the campaign in the east is underway, Russia has yet to mount an all-out ground offensive and has not achieved any major breakthroughs.

Ukrainian troops holed up in a steel plant in the strategic city of Mariupol are tying down Russian forces and apparently keeping them from being added to the offensive elsewhere in the Donbas.

Britain said it believes 15,000 Russian troops have been killed in Ukraine since Moscow began its invasion. Defense Secretary Ben Wallace said 25% of the Russian combat units sent to Ukraine "have been rendered not combat effective," and Russia had lost more than 2,000 armored vehicles and over 60 helicopters and fighter planes.

Ukrainian officials have said about 2,500 to 3,000 Ukrainian troops had been killed as of mid-April.

Over the weekend, Russian forces launched new airstrikes on the plant in a bid to dislodge the estimated 2,000 fighters. Some 1,000 civilians were also sheltering in the steelworks, and the Russian military pledged to open a humanitarian corridor Monday for them to leave.

The Russian offer was met with skepticism by Ukraine. Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk said on the Telegram messaging app that Ukraine does not consider the route safe and added that Russia had breached agreements on similar evacuation routes before. She called on the United Nations to oversee an evacuation.

Mariupol has endured fierce fighting since the start of the war because of its strategic location on the Sea of Azov. In addition to freeing up Russian troops, its capture would deprive Ukraine of a vital port and allow Moscow to establish a land corridor to the Crimean Peninsula, which it seized from Ukraine in 2014.

On Monday, Russia focused its firepower elsewhere, with missiles and warplanes striking far behind the front lines, in an apparent bid to slow the movement of Ukrainian supplies toward the east and disrupt the flow of fuel needed by the country's forces.

Oleksandr Kamyshin, the head of the state-run Ukrainian Railways, said five railway facilities in central and western Ukraine were hit early Monday. That included a missile attack near the western city of Lviv.

Ukrainian authorities said that at least five people were killed by Russian strikes in the central Vynnytsia region.

Russia also destroyed an oil refinery in Kremenchuk in central Ukraine, along with fuel depots there, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said. In all, Russian warplanes destroyed 56 Ukrainian targets overnight, he said.

Phillips P. O'Brien, professor of strategic studies at the University of St. Andrews, said the war is, for now, settling into a campaign of incremental battlefield losses and gains.

"The two sides are sort of every day weakening each other," he said. "So it's a question of what can you bring in that's new" and "what can you destroy on the other side."

Meanwhile, a major fire erupted early Monday at an oil depot in a Russian city about 60 miles from the Ukrainian border, Russia's Emergencies Ministry said. No cause was given for the blaze. Photos showed a huge, churning plume of thick smoke.

The oil depot in Bryansk is owned by a subsidiary of the Russian state company Transneft, which operates the Druzhba pipeline that carries crude west to other European countries. The ministry said the blaze damaged a depot containing diesel fuel. It said the region has enough diesel for 15 days.

It wasn't clear if the depot was part of the pipeline infrastructure, but Polish

pipelines operator PERN said deliveries to Poland have not been affected.

A Russian news report said another oil storage facility in Bryansk also caught fire early Monday.

Last month, two Ukrainian helicopter gunships hit an oil depot in Russia's Belgorod region, close to the Ukrainian border.

In a video address Monday, Zelenskyy described his meeting with Blinken and U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin as "encouraging and, importantly, effective."

The Ukrainian leader added that they agreed "on further steps to strengthen the armed forces of Ukraine and meet all the priority needs of our army."

With Russia's shift toward the Donbas, Zelenskyy is now focused on more

heavy weaponry, such as tanks and artillery.

"We want to see Ukraine remain a sovereign country, a democratic country able to protect its sovereign territory," Austin said. "We want to see Russia weakened to the point where it can't do things like invade Ukraine."

In a boost for Ukraine, French President Emmanuel Macron comfortably won a second term Sunday over far-right challenger Marine Le Pen, who had pledged to loosen France's ties to the European Union and NATO.

Le Pen had spoken out against EU sanctions on Russian energy and had faced scrutiny during the campaign over her previous friendliness with the Kremlin.

Public Notice

NYSEG has filed tariff revisions November 25, 2020 with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) for new electricity and natural gas delivery rates to become effective May 1, 2022. These tariff revisions cover the third annual delivery rate increase under the terms of a three-year rate plan approved by the PSC in November 2020 and they include a \$36.0 million increase in electricity revenue and a \$5.3 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 \$2.42. A residential natural gas heating customer using 80 therms/month can expect an average monthly bill increase of \$1.20.

Customers may see some charges prorated on your 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 0.245 cents per kilowatt-hour. The per-therm natural gas delivery charge for the 4-to-50-therms block will increase 0.368 cents per therm and 0.086 cents for the block rate over 50 therms. The electric customer charge will increase by \$0.95, and the natural gas customer charge will increase by \$1.00.

Day/Night and Time-of-Use Customers: The electricity delivery charge will increase 0.281 cents per kilowatt-hour for Service Class 8 and 0.072 cents per kilowatt-hour for Service Class 12. The Service Class 8 customer charge will increase by \$1.10, and the Service Class 12 customer charge will increase by \$1.55.

Additional information about changes in residential electricity and natural gas delivery charges is available at nyseg.com (click on the Account tab and select "Electric Pricing" or "Natural Gas Pricing" in the "Understand Your Bill" column).

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