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Seneca County GOP endorses Porsch for DA

By DAVID L. SHAW

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WATERLOO — The Seneca County Republican Committee has endorsed incumbent Barry Porsch in the race for district attornev.

The Seneca Falls resident is seeking a third four-year term as DA. He received 51 of 52 votes from county GOP representatives to win the party endorsement from former Fayette Town Justice and veteran defense attorney Joe Sapio.

"I am honored to once again receive the endorsement of the committee members

in the race for district attorney," Porsch said Tuesday. "I work 24/7 for the people of Seneca County and will continue to do so if reelected this fall."

Porsch, 58, said he will challenge Sapio for any party line that would result in a primary.

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endorsement means that members will circulate petitions and obtain the necessary signatures in order for Porsch to appear on the

Sapio wrote in an email "it looks like things may head to a Republican primary.'

"I am looking to secure Conservative Independence endorsements," Sapio said. "Also, as the Republicans have endorsed the incumbent, I contacted Democrats and the Working Families Party to see if they would be interested in supporting me." In another contested GOP com-

endorsement, Sinicropi of Seneca Falls was endorsed over former Fayette Supervisor Ed Barto for county

Sinicropi served as personnel director for the county for more than 30 years before retiring Dec. 27, 2010. He returned as a retiree Jan. 1, 2011, before resigning March 2, 2012. He came back again Dec. 3, 2012, as a driver for the Department of Human Services, a position he continues to hold today.

Barto served as county budget director when he was on the Board of Supervisors as Fayette supervi-

Beginning in 2018, the treasurer's position has been reduced to part-time with fewer responsibilities, a lower salary of \$35,000 and no fringe benefits. The Board of Supervisors, with

the approval of county voters, has created a new Department of Finance that has assumed many of the duties of the treasurer. Barto could not be reached for

comment on whether he plans a primary challenge. Republicans County endorsed incumbent

Paul McPherson of Ovid and newcomer Diane Peters of Waterloo for two part-time coroner positions.

Democrats are next

The Seneca County Democratic Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. today at the Fayette Fire Department on Route 414.

The first half of the meeting will be open to anyone interested in the party's consideration for elected office this fall. The second half of the meeting will be for committee members only to consider candidate endorsements.

The first day to circulate petitions is June 6. The petitions must be returned to the Board of Elections between July 11-13.

No Democrat has announced an interest in running for district attorney. Sue Sauvageau of Seneca Falls and Lisa Hochadel of Waterloo have said they're interested in becoming county treas-Two of three Democrats on the 14-member

Board of Supervisors will not run this fall. Seneca Falls At-Large Supervisor Steve Churchill said last week he will not seek re-election, following town of Waterloo Supervisor Gary Westfall's similar If Democrats don't retain those seats, the only

Democrat left on the board would be Cindy Lorenzetti of Fayette.

- David L. Shaw

Meng to speak at Dem conference

By DAVID L. SHAW

dshaw@fltimes.com SENECA FALLS -

Congresswoman Grace Meng of New York's 6th District will be the keynote speaker for the Friday and Saturday conference of the Democratic Women of the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes.

The conference will be at the Holiday Inn on Mound Road. T h e

group chose Seneca Falls, the Birth-

place of the Women's Rights Movement, to honor those in the suffrage movement who forged the path that led to women being granted the right to vote in this state in 1917.

The conference is being called "Celebrating Our Past, Present and Future." The organization will pay tribute to the powerful contributions of women involved in the political movement in the past and who carried the burden for the women of today and tomorrow.

Porsch

Meng, from Queens, is the first Asian-American member of Congress from New York and the only member of Congress of Asian descent in the entire Northeast.

She is the first female member of Congress Queens from since Geraldine Ferraro, who was the first woman to run for vice president on a major party platform when she was Walter Mondale's running mate in 1984.

"Here in New York, we have much to celebrate as a state that has led the way to many firsts,' said Margherita Rossi, president of the DWST-FL.

"Since the 19th century, while women have accomplished much. there is far more work to be done to continue the major strides of those who came before us."

A pre-conference gala will be held Friday night with cocktails and dinner, followed by an art exhibition with drawings of New York suffragists and diverse women vendors.

The group will be addressed at the Friday night dinner by Louise Bernikov, a nationally recognized journalist, author of six books and former consultant to "60 and "NBC Minutes" News."

Her speech is titled Shoulders Stand On" and will highlight how the fight by New York women for the vote changed the national political landscape and served as the tipping point on the road to a constitutional amendment.

On Saturday, the allconference will day include Meng's keynote talk, a presentation by Mira Bernstein of Tufts University on the impacts of gerrymandering on the electoral college and Peter Galie and Christopher Bopst on the pros and cons of a state Constitutional Conven-

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also will speak on the best technological tools for organizers and the role of media and social media in campaigns and mobilization and digital organizing efforts.

"While men women of all ages are encouraged to participate in this meaningful and innovative forum, we are urging all attendees to wear something white as a symbol of suffrage," Rossi said.

The conference fee is \$75 per person, with discounts available to new and renewing members, older adults, college students and others who wish to join the DWST-

For the complete agenda and to register online, go to demwomenstfl.com.

The organization is designed to bring more Democratic women into the political process. Its members represent Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Cortland, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins and Yates counties.

Lottery

Winners: 667, 593

ALBANY (AP) Here are the winning numbers drawn Wednesday as of press time. See Friday's Times for the remaining numbers. **Midday:** 6, 6, 7,

Lucky Sum: 19 Win 4: 1, 1, 9, 5, Lucky Sum: 16

Evening: 593, Lucky Sum: 17 Win 4: 4, 2, 8, 4,

Pick 10: 6, 11, 21, 22, 25, 27, 28, 37, 39, 40, 44, 50, 55, 56, 66, 67, 74, 76, 77, 80

Lucky Sum: 18

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Reed may face critical crowd in Geneva

Passage of healthcare bill sure to be topic at town hall meeting

By STEVE BUCHIERE

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GENEVA — With a controversial Republican healthcare bill passing in the GOP-controlled House, it's likely Congressman Tom Reed will face some hostile constituents when he holds a town hall meeting in Geneva Saturday morning.

Reed, Corning a Republican who represents the 23rd District - which includes the western half of Ontario County and a portion of Finger Lakes, including Yates and Seneca counties will hold a town hall session at the White Springs fire hall, 3770 County Road 6, from 11 a.m. to

"I just want to hear from folks on what's happening on the front line," Reed said in a conference call reporters on Tuesday.

He calls the town halls "the right way to do the job.' But Romulus resident

Brien Ashdown said the meetings are not effective because Reed never changes his stances. "Reed will continue to

hold town hall meetings where he folds his hands and nods his head as constituents speak out against his proposals yet returns to Washington and does what he already planned

If you go ...

Congressman Tom Reed will hold four town hall meetings in the Finger Lakes and Southern Tier on Saturday. The meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

 Trumansburg Fire Department (Tompkins County), 74 W. Main St., 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

White Springs Fire Department, 3770 County Road 6, Geneva, 11 a.m. to noon. Bradford Fire Department (Steuben County),

7603 County Route 20, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Erin Town Hall (Chemung County), 1138 Breesport Road, 4 to 5 p.m.

Seating is expected to be limited, so those attending may want to arrive early.

doing, regardless of his district's needs and desires," he wrote in a letter to the Finger Lakes Times published on Wednesday.

Ashdown said earlier week that he expects a large turnout for Saturday's meeting in Geneva.

Reed said he'd like to discuss issues such as healthcare, the budget, tax reform and the debt He said getting a

healthcare bill passed must be a priority and urged the Senate to pass a bill "sooner rather than later" because he said the Affordable Care has "adversely impacted" people around the nation and in his district.

Reed earlier called the GOP healthcare legislation "a great victory for the American people. We are finally on the path to fixing our broke and broken healthcare system. The AHCA upholds protections for pre-existing and conditions

expansion of Medicaid,

which help our most vul-

nerable populations."

Others differ with Reed's take. State officials say the Medicaid cuts will be devastating to healthcare programs in New York, including its marketplace grams under Affordable Care Act.

A Congressional Budget Office report which House Republicans did not wait for when scheduling their vote on the healthcare bill — said the legislation would leave 14 million more people uninsured next year than under the Affordable Care Act, with 23 million more in 2026. Some of the nation's sickest would pay much more for healthcare, the CBO said. The report also that healthcare premiums could come down within a few years.

While Reed voted in favor of the bill, fellow GOP Rep. John Katko of Camillus did not sup-

Reed's last meetings

in the area in March drew large crowds. At the Manchester Town Hall, authorities did not allow a large number of people to enter the meeting room because it had reached fire-safety capacity. At the Ovid fire hall, where authorities did not limit attendees, Reed found himself surrounded by constituents and protesters. Both sessions were relatively tense but never got out of hand as they have for GOP congressmen holding similar sessions in other states.

The GOP healthcare speakers Reed on.

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bill and investigations of alleged Trump campaign ties to Russia were among the topics questioned

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Playwrights event seeks to start conversations

By JOANNA REIGLE fltimes@fltimes.com

GENEVA — Four years ago. Tyrone Henderson and Lizan Mitchell founded Quick Silver Theater Company. Its goal: to produce plays that generate conversation and engage a

diverse audience.

Henderson, a 1981 Geneva High School graduate, and Mitchell wanted to commission new works by writers of color, provide professional training to theatrical artists of color, and create an environment for marginalized communities to experience and explore classical and contemporary texts.

Quick Silver's team of 13 artists "want to mirror the truth about what we are as humans now," Mitchell said.

year, Henderson launched the Playwrights of Color Summit in his home-

town. It was aimed at being an extension of Quick Silver's goal — providing three unproduced, emerging playwrights with a week to workshop their plays in Geneva alongside highly experienced and emerging actors, directors and

The second Playwrights of Color Summit is slated for Friday and Saturday at three city venues (see pullout).

Hobart and William Smith students Isabelle Ingram, Gale Quintos, Chris Williams, Shaamar Samuel, Jesse Singleton and Luis Figueroa will be actors and crew members in the staged readings.

Thirty plays were submitted and three finalists chosen. Those three — compelling pieces relevant to current social and political tensions will be presented this week-

"When a piece opens up a world I wasn't aware of, it intrigues me," Mitchell said.

"This is just a step in the direction they're headed," added Henderson, noting the successes of last year's emerging playwrights — Carmen, Sergei Burbank and Shasone Lanbert, each of whom presented to sold-out venues here.

Following the readings, audience members are encouraged to join the actors for a Quick Silver Theater — or QST — conversation to be moderated by Michael Bradford, renowned playwright and professor of dramatic arts at the University of Connecticut. The "talk-back" will give the audience an opportunity to ask questions and provide the playwrights with feedback.

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If you go ...

What: Second Playwrights of Summit

Schedule: Friday: "(_l_) or The Ass of the Prophet," 7 p.m., Smith Opera House; Saturday: Benjamin B.J. Tindal's "Goodnight, Tyler," 2 p.m., Geneva Community Center; Christina Nieves' "The Only One," 7 p.m., Hobart and William Smith Colleges' Gearan Center for the Performing Arts

Admission: Free

Reservations: www.Quick SilverTheater.com

opment of a play because) an important part of a successful play is how the audience perceives it," Mitchell said.

believes "it's important to bring actors back to this town." He said New York actors who traveled to Geneva when he was young inspired him to become the actor, mentor, teacher and

playwright he is today. Mitchell also recognizes Geneva's strong support of the

nity respond to a project like the community of Geneva," Mitchell said. This has inspired Quick Silver to begin a project

"I have never seen a commu-

focused on giving back to Geneva, something that will culminate within the next year. Henderson and Mitchell

both extended their gratitude to the local businesses and community members who have supported and sponsored them in their efforts.

DRI final list expected soon | Airport getting funds to upgrade

City manager expects to hear by end of next week on which projects will get state funding

By STEVE BUCHIERE sbuchiere@fltimes.com

GENEVA — The city should soon know the state's verdict on its Downtown Revitalization Initiative priority

City Manager Matt Horn expects to hear Gov. Andrew Cuomo's office soon, adding that he has been getting phone calls with

questions governor's team.

Horn expects a good solid

project list" by the end of the next week. The city has empha-

sized that there is no guarantee all projects on the its recommended list will be funded. Allocations for the 18 projects sent to the state for review are about \$12.25 million, which far exceeds the \$10 million the city has secured in state DRI funds.

The DRI's Local Planning Committee, which formed the list following a slew of public meetings, was not allowed to rank its recommenda- ${
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Horn said any public projects on the stateapproved $_{
m list}$ begin as early as next year, noting the city will soon begin working on its 2018 budget.

As for private projects seeking public funds,

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after the final stateapproved listreleased, Horn said. "Anybody who's ready

to go can start right now," he said. "One of the selection process (requirements) readiness." For the city, the

Routes 5&20 connectivity project is a top priority, a \$4 million project designed to improve connectivity between the lake and downtown. "It's a game-changer

on so many different fronts," Horn said, adding it will create "a real true connection between the lakefront and downtown."

The project calls for, among other things, traffic-calming measures, pedestrian- and bicycle-safety improvements at the three downtown intersections on Routes 5&20 and improved landscaping.

The good thing about the project, Horn said, is that considerable legwork has been done, noting the 2008 lakefront-downtown master plan, which included a revamped 5&20 design. The 2010 lakefront connectivity study, done in conjunction with the state Department of Transportation, takes the plan even further, he said.

Horn expects the project will take about two years to complete once a contract is awarded.

The state funds are the result of the city's successful 2016 bid for million under Cuomo's Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Geneva was selected last summer as one of 10 communities to share in the \$100 million pot of state money made available. Another round is

they could begin soon being awarded to communities around the state this year as well.

Other projects included in the Geneva DRI recommendation include money for renovating a historic downtown building (Dove Block), improving cultural attractions (Smith Center for the Performing Arts), creating new housing (Lake Tunnel Solar Village) and renovating existing buildings for new business ventures (Twisted Rail Brewery's plan to make the Jones Theatre on Exchange Street a brewery tasting room).

Another project calls for a mixed-use development on South Exchange Street in a spot commonly called the OEO, or Office of Economic Opportunity. Exchange Commons would create approximately 50 units of market-priced senior housing on the second floor and small retail shops on the first floor of the vacant site on South Exchange Street.

By MIKE HIBBARD

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CANANDAIGUA The Ontario County Industrial Development Agency will get nearly \$1.7 million in federal funds to upgrade the Canandaigua Airport. The funding was

announced recently by U.S. Sens. Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York. It is part of more than \$17 million that will be going to airports in upstate New York through the Federal Aviation Administration's airport improvement program.

The county IDA, which owns and operates the airport off Brickyard isreceiving \$539,990 for a snowremoval equipment building and \$1,125,000 to repair the airport apron. The latter is where aircraft are parked, unloaded or loaded, refueled, and boarded.

"We have a capital improvement program at the airport, just like with any fixed asset we have,' said Mike Manikowski,

the county's economic developer and executive director of the IDA. "Things are added at the airport over time and need to be fixed. The building will be a place where the snow-removal equipment will be stored, such as wings, plows, etc., and maintenance will be performed. Right now, we have a guy maintaining that equipment outdoors, which is challenging."

In a press release Schumer and Gillibrand said the funding will be used for nearly 40 infrastructure projects at airports in the Capital Region, Hudson Valley, Southern Tier, Central and Western New York, Rochester/Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley and The North Country.

The Greater Rochester International Airport is getting about \$2.4 million in federal funds. The federal money is meant to cover 90 percent of a project's cost, with the state and local municipalities chipping in 5 percent each.

Manikowski said the

federal funding is crucial for the Canandaigua Airport and other regional airports. The IDA has owned the airport for about 20 years, and several years ago expanded the runway to 5,500 feet to handle private jets and other aircraft. "Some of these jets,

which look like small airliners, are pretty heavy and the apron will deteriorate and crack over time," Manikowski said. "We've always had it in our capital improvement plan to repair the apron. The federal funds aren't really taxpayer money. They come from fees charged by commercial airlines."

Manikowski said the airport is fairly busy during the warm-weather months and is used by musicians who play at CMAC, including Dave Matthews last weekend. It's also used by area

"Ŵe'd like it to be a little busier, but once we get into the executive aircraft market you have to have certain amenities," he said.

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Greco: State should pay for foundry outreach

Councilor voted against city spending money on effort

By STEVE BUCHIERE

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GENEVA Councilor John explained his opposition to a proposal to provide additional support to neighbors in the contamination zone around the former Geneva Foundry on Jackson Street, where high have been found.

The Council voted 8-1 last week to spend \$50,000 this year to provide a "go-to" person for residents of the foundry contamination zone to get information. That includes \$40,000 to outside contractors working with the of Neighborhood Initiatives, as well as \$10,000 for materials and supplies. The allocation is expected to double next year.

Greco was the only councilor to vote against the

ports the outreach but does not believe it is the city's responsibility.

"This (contamination) was not the city's fault," he said. "Why go out and hire a consultant? I really can't see

Greco said the state departments of health and environmental conservation should be able to do weekly outreach, given the state is performing the remediation of neighborhood properties. The city is responsible for cleaning up

Last week, a new group focused on the Geneva Foundry contamination presented City Council with a list of demands, as well as asking the city to apologize for its handling of the issue. The group also is asking for

a "public and independent

investigation of what the city

knew, when they knew it and

why they didn't tell residents. The group demanded better communication with the city

over foundry matters.

medical and soil testing for all residents; healthcare for all impacted residents; free access to nearby supervised, outdoor spaces for children; free access to nearby fruits and vegetables; and free space nearby for a community garden, such as

raised beds, with soil, fertilizer, seeds and tools provided. The city said it intends to work with the group, an outgrowth of the Geneva Women's Assembly, a social-

justice organization.

Board OKs residency waiver | CSEA critical of Seneca County for

By DAVID L. SHAW

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WATERLOO — In a split vote, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors Tuesday introduced a local law that would exempt the assistant county attorney and the deputy commissioner of social services from a requirement that they live in the county.

The vote was 8 to 5, with a weighted vote of 447 in favor and 235 opposed. Board member Paul Kronenwetter, R-Seneca Falls, was

Voting for the local law residency waiver were board members Bob Shipley and Don Trout of Waterloo, Greg Lazzaro of Seneca Falls, Ron McGreevy of Tyre, Michael Reynolds of Covert, David Kaiser of Romulus, Cindy Lorenzetti of Fayette and Walt Prouty of Ovid.

Opposed were Greg Wadhams of Junius, Lee Davidson of Lodi, Steve Churchill of Seneca Falls, Bob Hayssen of Varick and Gary Westfall of Waterloo.

A public hearing on the proposed local law will be 6 p.m. July 11. After that, a vote to adopt the local law

In other action:

BACK TO COMMITTEE: A motion introducing a new local law that would amend a 2006 local law was referred back to the Public Health Services Committee.

The proposed law would remove a provision that a building permit can only be issued if the property is not three years or more in arrears on property tax payments.

Real estate developer McDonald urged the board to introduce the local law and schedule a public hearing. He said the county's priority should be public safety of buildings not collection of back taxes. He has argued that getting a building permit to upgrade a building so it can generate revenue to pay taxes should be

Board members spoke for and against the proposed law.

A motion to refer it back to committee was defeated before a motion to introduce the local law was approved by a 9-4 vote. There will be a public hearing at 6 p.m. July 11.

Another motion referred back to the Environmental Affairs Committee would have appropriated \$5,000 to create a system on Fingerlakes1.com to receive complaints of offensive

SPEAKERS: County Code Enforcement Director Peter Brown praised the efforts of senior code enforcement officer Chad Haviland of Lodi, whose final day of work was Tuesday. He will start a new job with the state after nearly 10 years with

"This office has issued some 6,000 building permits since Chad began in 2007 and he's been involved with virtually all of them," Brown said.

"He's gotten the office into state compliance, recruited and trained new inspectors, established new protocols, is very safety oriented and emphasizes fairness. He leaves Seneca County a better place to live and

Kyle Black, regional manager of Seneca Meadows Landfill, gave an update on odor control efforts at the Seneca Falls facility. He said there has been a "significant" reduction in odor complaints from this time in

Seneca County Board of Supervisors

2016 to today.

He explained efforts to install new gas wells, new gas collection pipes and new geomembrane and soil cover.

Doug Avery of Seneca Falls urged board members to convince Seneca Falls town officials and Supervisor Lazzaro not to renegotiate the current community benefits host agreement with the landfill, which expires in

He questioned the motives of the landfill's current owner, Waste Connections, suggesting it has shown signs of wanting to keep the landfill operating beyond the

current closure date of 2025 and wanting to increase trash deposits. Lazzaro responded by

saying "it is better to negotiate than to litigate" and said a contentious atmosphere should be avoided by doing things such as passing a local law that would close the landfill by Dec. 31,



Valerie Sandlas of Seneca Falls repeated her concerns about the negative health impacts from landfills she's uncovered by research. She gave similar information to the Seneca Falls Town Board June 6.

NO SECOND: Despite a recommendation from $_{
m the}$ Assessment & Insurance Committee, a motion authorizing County Manager John Sheppard to negotiate back tax payments for 2014-16, enter into an agreement with property owner James Tydings to satisfy an outstanding back taxes judgment and get an assessment of the property at 84 Auburn Road, Seneca Falls, being free from environmental contamination did not go to a vote. It did not receive a second.

The property is the former Calkins Tire Co. Two people are interested in buying the property from Tydings for \$1, cleaning it up and opening a new business, if the back taxes issue can be settled.

CONTRACTS: The board voted to award a general construction contract for the Route 318 corridor sanitary sewer project from Route 414 in Tyre to the Waterloo Premium Outlets in Junius to Blue Heron Construction of Jordan for \$5.3 million.

It board also voted to award an electrical contract for the project to S.C. Spencer Inc. of Gloversville for \$149,000.

GRANT: The board voted to apply for a state Consolidated Funding Application to help pay for the rebuilding of abandoned County Road 135 to support future development of the former Seneca Army Depot in Romulus. The east-west road would connect Route 96 to Route 96A at the north end of the former depot.

DEMOLISH: Voted 11-2 to advertise for bids for the demolition of a vacant former movie theater building at 8392 Main St., Interlaken. The demolition follows a January state Supreme Court order giving the owner 90 days to repair the property or demolish it himself. It will now be done by the county at the owner's

not being prepared to negotiate By DAVID L. SHAW premium increases and

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WATERLOO

Contract negotiations between Seneca County and Local 850 of the Civil Service Employees Association are off to a rocky start. At least that's the

way the CSEA sees it.

Union labor relations specialist Stephanie Engster said in an effort to begin negotiations earlier than in the past, the county and CSEA agreed to a May 23 bargaining session. Engster said emailed the union's contract proposals to county Personnel Director Kathy Corona May 18 in advance of the meeting.

Corona, County Manager Sheppard and legal counsel James Roemer represented the county.

"When we met on May 23, there was much discussion about the salary inequities and the surrounding counties, as well as a committee resolution scheduled for a vote May 23 to allocate higher pay grades to employees working in certain job titles," Engster wrote in a June 5 letter sent to Board of Supervisors chairman Bob Shipley. "Jim Roemer then proceeded to inform the CSEA team that the county was not ready to proceed forward until time around

Engster listed Roemer's reasons for the delay as:

• No one from the Board of Supervisors was assigned to be at the negotiating table.

 The county had no proposals to exchange with the union.

• Concerns about possible premium increases related to health insurance and impact that would have on prospective wages.

Engster called the outcome of the session "very upsetting" to the CSEA negotiating team.

"It was apparent or seemed to be apparent that the board and the county were not prepared," she wrote. "The county and board have had almost six weeks to assign someone from the board to attend the negotiations and to have proposals prepared to exchange with the CSEA."

Regarding concerns about health insurance, she said the county could follow the usual procedure and look back at the past few years of estimate the hike. "We have done his

before when we have started negotiating with the county well before September and this usually has never impacted the negotiations," Engster wrote.

She told Shipley that at this time, the union negotiating team and members "truly believe the board and the county have no respect for its employees and their She urged Shipley to get involved and get the process moving forward as soon as possible, noting they had hoped to meet a second time in Sheppard said now

that negotiations have begun, Roemer and Shipley are expected to formally respond to the Engster letter. The union's contract

with the county expires

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Dems reassessing after loss

fte eorgia Democrats scramble for answers the wake of an unexpectedly decisive defeat in

Georgia's special House election Tuesday, Democrats are searching for a path forward. Some Democrat

House Democrats appear to be blaming House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) Ossoff's loss to Republican Karen Handel on Tuesday: "I think you'd have to be an idiot to think we could win the House with Pelosi at the top," Rep. Filemon Vela (D-Texas) told Politico. Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) suggested Wednesday on MSNBC's Morning Joe that this should be a moment for Democrats to rethink their economic message, which Murphy said the party has been "hyperconfused" about for "the five past

Democrats now 0-4 in special elections since President Trump took office. (Source: Politico, NBC

News) Approval for **GOP** health-

bill

care

sinks as Senate plans vote Politico/ Consult Morning poll released Wednesday revealed that just 35 percent of voters approve of the GOP-backed healthcare bill that the Senate is poised to vote on next week. Almost half of voters, 49 percent, disapprove of the American Health Care Act outright. Last month, immediately after the bill's passage through the House, 38 percent approved of the bill and just 44 percent disapproved. Late Wednesday, The Washington Post reported the Senate's draft "largely mirrors the House measure," but significant departures include a

Medicaid expansion and linking federal subsidies to income instead of age. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) plans to unveil the bill to senators Thursday. (Source: Politico, The

Washington Post)

Stabbing of officer at Flint airport being investigated as act of terrorism- A Canadian man has been charged with committing violence at an airport allegedly stabbed a police officer in the neck Wednesday morning at the Bishop International Airport in Flint, Michigan. The suspect has been identified Amor Ftouhi of Quebec, and in the criminal complaint, it says Ftouhi used a large knife to stab Lt. Jeff Neville, and yelled, "Allahu akbar." The FBI is leading the investigation into the incident, which is being looked at as a possible act of terrorism. Neville is in stable condition.

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Weekend Weather Watch

Comfortable temps, weather ahead

fter back-to-back weekends with hot and humid weather, the Finger Lakes will enjoy more comfortable temperatures this weekend.

Cool air will slowly rotate east into the Finger Lakes from central Canada behind a storm system that will bring rain and thunder to the region tonight into Friday.

Temperatures with this air mass will be a bit below normal for late June but well within our typical climate parame-

Morning lows will start out Saturday around 60 degrees, which is almost exactly where the morning lows should be. Temperatures will climb into the 70s during the afternoon, with a few places just reaching the upper 70s.

Temperatures will fall back into the upper 50s Saturday night and will be a few degrees cooler for Sunday afternoon as west winds continue to bring in cooler air aloft. Look for high temperatures Sunday afternoon to be in the low to perhaps mid 70s.

The average high in Geneva for Saturday is 79, while Sunday's average high is 78. The average morning low both days is 59.

Fairly pleasant conditions will accompany the comfortable temperatures, though it may not remain completely dry.

As the late week storm system pulls away, a few subtle disturbances will rotate around the parent low. These disturbances will mostly remain north of the international borBy **D**REW **MONTREUIL** fingerlakes gmail.com

der, keeping the precipitation generally locked

up over Canada. However, during the late morning and afternoon hours, a few showers could pop up across the Finger Lakes on both Saturday and Sunday.

These showers will mainly be driven by the sun warming the ground while temperatures above the surface remain quite cool. This temperature difference with height, combined with a slight nudge from the passing disturbances, should be enough to touch off widely scattered showers.

Any precipitation should quickly die off as the sun begins to set and the ground loses the sun's heating presence. Many areas will not see any showers during the afternoon, and those that do will not see much

The wind Saturday will be a bit gusty but should settle down for Sunday.

Meteorologist Drew Montreuil is a Finger Lakes native who uses his local experience and *expertise* to forecast the many different weather patterns of the Finger Lakes. Contact him at fingerlakesweather@gmai l.com or check out his latest forecast for your ZIP code at flxweather.com.

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JEFF KELLAN

Biden delivers impassioned speech to CU students

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Former Vice President of the United States Joe Biden came clean on why he decided to come to Cornell University during the start of his speech at the Senior Convocation ceremony Saturday.

"I have to admit the real reason I came today – I love ice cream," Biden said, referencing the new Big Red, White and Biden ice cream produced by the Cornell Dairy. "I'm the only Irishman you guys know who has never had a drink and loves ice cream. And your dean of the school of agriculture told me that this is the best ice cream because you have the smartest cows.'

Cornell University officials estimate about 30,200 people attended the ceremony at Schoelkopf Field, featuring the former vice president delivering the keynote address. Biden began the address with plenty of lighthearted jokes and anecdotes to the delight of the crowd, then spent the bulk of it talking about his disappointment in the negative rhetoric of the past election, the importance of government being for all of the people and the potential for greatness he sees in the younger generation every

Biden concluded the 37-minute speech with a passionate plea for Americans to stop thinking small, and go back to thinking big.

'The idea that we are somehow behind the 8-ball, it's time for the country to wake up, and ladies and gentleman, the graduating class of 2017, go out and wake us up. God bless you all. God bless the troops.'

Biden, who received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in January, said he was disheartened watching the past election season as he saw politicians blaming certain people for problems and using negative rhetoric to garner a reaction. He remained positive though, saying "The American people will not sustain this attitude for long," which received applause from the crowd.

"Every single person is entitled to be treated with dignity and respect," Biden said. "It's in our DNA.

"American people aren't looking for a handout, they aren't looking for the government to solve their problem, but a at minimum they want the government to understand their problems.'

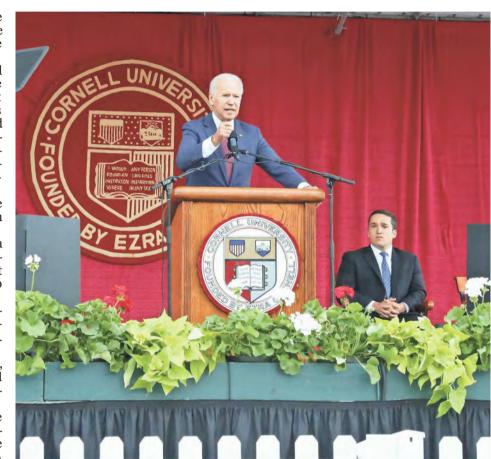
Biden told a story of university-founder Ezra Cornell receiving a letter asking if a black student could attend class. Cornell simply responded, "Send him."

He said he's not one for giving advice, but much of what he said will be useful for the graduates as they enter the fulltime workforce.

"I know one thing," he said. "People who I know who are successful and happy are people who treat others with the same dignity they demand for them-

The sky was overcast but the rain held

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Former Vice President of the United States Joe Biden addresses a crowd of about 30,200 people on Saturday





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Yesterday	0.20"	Yesterday	0.22"	Yesterday	0.15
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Normal m-t-d	0.55"	Normal m-t-d	0.48"	Normal m-t-d	0.56
Year to date	24.65"	Year to date	16.75"	Year to date	14.37
Normal y-t-d	15.30"	Normal v-t-d	13.66"	Normal y-t-d	13.28

POLLEN/MOLD COUNT

Readings reflect
pollen per cubic
meter of air as of
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Trees: High (269)

Grass: Absent Weeds: Absent Mold: Low Source: Dr. Mohan Dhillon

EXTREMES:

High: 110°, Needles, CA; Low: 31°, Dillon, CO

SET

4:36 p.m.

9:50 p.m.

2:49 a.m.

6:26 a.m.

5:29 a.m. 8:37 p.m. 4:57 p.m. 3:35 a.m.

3:23 a.m.

6:29 a.m.

3:11 p.m.

9:11 p.m.

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National forecast for June 5, 2017

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



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Amsterdam	70	55	рс	Geneva	68	53	t	Panama City	89	77	t
Athens	83	65	S	Guatemala City	79	64	C	Paris	73	53	рс
Auckland	59	48	sh	Hanoi	103	83	S	Perth	76	54	S
Baghdad	109	76	S	Havana	88	77	pc	Prague	73	53	рс
Bangkok	92	78	t	Helsinki	55	45	sh	Rio de Janeiro	87	73	S
Barbados	89	80	рс	Hong Kong	90	83	t	Rome	80	62	pc
Barcelona	74	66	S	Jakarta	91	77	t	San Jose	83	67	t
Beijing	87	59	C	Jerusalem	84	61	S	San Juan	90	80	pc
Beirut	80	69	S	Johannesburg	68	40	S	San Salvador	86	70	рс
Belgrade	80	64	t	Kabul	94	62	S	Seoul	83	64	pc
Berlin	70	56	рс	Lima	72	63	pc	Singapore	89	82	t
Bermuda	79	74	C	Lisbon	72	60	S	Sofia	78	58	t
Brasilia	83	60	S	London	63	51	r	Stockholm	66	48	t
Brisbane	73	49	S	Madrid	80	56	S	Sydney	66	49	рс
Brussels	71	54	pc	Melbourne	61	47	sh	Taipei	88	78	t
Bucharest	80	58	S	Mexico City	81	58	pc	Tehran	92	68	S
Budapest	81	60	pc	Montreal	61	51	r	Tel Aviv	85	67	S
Buenos Aires	56	34	pc	Moscow	56	48	r	Tokyo	74	64	pc
Cairo	99	78	S	Nairobi	78	55	pc	Toronto	64	52	sh
Cape Town	70	50	S	Nassau	93	79	t	Turin	72	59	t
Copenhagen	66	54	pc	New Delhi	111	92	pc	Vancouver	66	50	pc
Dubai	100	87	pc	Nice	75	65	t	Vienna	76	59	pc
Dublin	59	46	r	Osaka	80	58	S	Warsaw	74	54	pc
Frankfurt	72	54	sh	Oslo	67	50	pc	Zurich	64	50	t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Buffalo	66	54	t	61	50	sh
Erie	68	55	t	62	51	sh
Harrisburg	79	61	t	71	54	C
New York City	74	56	t	60	51	sh
Philadelphia	79	61	t	66	54	C
Rochester	66	54	t	63	51	t
Scranton	76	58	t	63	49	sh
Syracuse	71	53	t	58	48	t

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Anchorage	58	48	pc r	60	50	pc c
Asheville	78	62	t	76	54	sh
Aspen	76	44	рс	74	43	t
Atlanta	81	68	c	76	63	t
Austin	90	70	t	90	68	pc
Baltimore Baton Rouge	77 80	61 69	r t	75 81	54 68	C
Billings	79	54	pc	75	53	t pc
Birmingham	82	69	ť	78	61	C
Bismarck	92	62	S	80	51	t
Boise	77	53	S	87	61	S
Boston	57	50 54	r	53	50	r
Bridgeport Burlington	67 63	52	t r	59 59	51 50	sh r
Casper	84	52	pc	73	48	t
Charleston, SC	85	72	C	82	67	sh
Charleston, WV	77	58	t	74	53	рс
Charlotte, NC	83	68	t	81	61	C
Chicago	73 81	53 55	S	73	53	S
Cincinnati Cleveland	73	55	t c	76 66	51 54	pc sh
Columbia, SC	87	72	c	80	65	sh
Columbus, OH	81	55	sh	72	54	рс
Concord	58	47	r	55	47	r
Dallas	84	70	t	89	68	pc
Dayton	82	54	t	74	52	pc
Daytona Beach Denver	85 85	72 53	t t	86 74	73 53	t t
Des Moines	88	58	s	82	58	S
Detroit	73	54	рс	68	53	рс
Duluth	69	48	s	73	48	s
Fairbanks	73	51	рс	74	53	pc
Fargo	86	59	S	88	60	t
Flagstaff Great Falls	81 70	47 43	pc pc	81 75	44 48	S S
Green Bay	74	51	рс	76	52	S
Hartford	64	51	r	55	48	sh
Honolulu	86	72	рс	86	73	рс
Houston	87	72	t	89	70	t
Jackson, MS Jacksonville	81 87	68 72	t t	77 83	63 71	c t
Juneau	56	49	r	62	51	C
Kansas City	89	62	s	80	56	S
Key West	88	80	t	88	79	t
Las Vegas	104	79	S	105	76	S
Lexington Little Rock	78 81	59 67	t t	77 84	54 60	pc
Los Angeles	79	61	pc	77	60	pc pc
Louisville	84	63	t	80	58	S
Memphis	81	69	t	84	62	S
Miami	89	80	sh	90	78	t
Milwaukee	67	54	pc	70	54	S
Minneapolis Nashville	81 78	58 66	s t	81 82	59 59	S S
New Orleans	83	71	t	81	72	t
Norfolk, VA	81	68	t	79	64	c
Oklahoma City	81	63	C	88	59	S
Omaha	92	60	S	86	61	S
Orlando Phoenix	85 109	71 82	t	84 107	71 81	t
Pittsburgh	76	55	s t	67	51	s sh
Portland, ME	56	47	r	58	49	r
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Providence	63	51	r	56	50	r
Raleigh	83	66	t	82	61	C
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St. Louis	91	63	pc	82	60	S S
St. Thomas	90	81	pc	90	81	S
Salt Lake City	87	63	S	92	67	S
San Antonio	90	71	t	89	69	рс
San Diego	70	63	pc	70	62	pc
San Francisco Seattle	70 72	52 52	pc pc	68 80	53 55	s pc
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Confined

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building that houses these sex offend-

Cleared by the sentry booth, the rare visitor walks through a chain-link corridor wrapped in razor wire. Electric buzzers unlock gates, the sounds of maximum security echoing on the state property steeped in America's dark history of insane asylums shuttered long

ago as inhumane.

The interview unfolded in a cafeteria-style room, and guards sat at a nearby desk during the hour-long questioning of Raul Laguerre Jr., one of 231 men confined there indefinitely under New York's civil commitment law for sex offenders.

Laguerre had served his entire 10year criminal sentence for a vicious sexual assault, but instead of being released he was civilly confined in 2014, prompting a long-delayed trial set for Monday.

"Every time I go to court, it's the same thing all over again," Laguerre said in the interview. "This is being punished twice for the same crime.'

The closely watched glimpse behind the psych center's walls in 2015 led to an investigation by The Journal News/lohud into the controversial civil commitment law, enacted a decade ago in the wake of a high-profile murder in a downtown White Plains parking garage.

A months-long review of public records and interviews with a dozen medical and legal experts raised questions about justice system failures, abuse inside psych centers and gaps in mentalhealth services in New York and nation-

ally.

"There is not a completely right or wrong answer regarding civil commitment, but really a question of whether or not we're using our community resources to keep the community safe," said Maia Christopher, executive director of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers.

The Journal News/lohud analysis of the civil commitment law in New York, however, found new details about how and why 322 sex offenders are confined at the Marcy psych center and another site in Ogdensburg, near the Canadian

» About a third of the 322 men civilly confined in New York are black, suggesting racial bias in the justice system. The New York Civil Liberties Union has long asserted the bias would be a key failure of the law, but it wasn't confirmed until The Journal News/lohud reviewed sex-offender data in 2017.

» Two-thirds of civilly confined offenders, or 206 men, had no prior convictions that required sex-offender registration, calling into question statements by prosecutors, politicians and mental-health officials that the law focused on repeat offenders.

» At least 15 guards and 22 prisoners have been injured inside the Marcy psych center, according to state and labor union reports, but it's difficult to determine many details about abuse because state officials denied a publicrecords request, citing privacy la tended to protect patients at hospitals.

» Since the law took effect, 91 civilly confined men have been released to a highly restrictive probation program. Many committed violations that likely revoked their release, the most recent

data from 2016 show. Out of 220 violations in one analysis, six were sexual in nature, state data show, but further detail isn't provided.

» It costs taxpayers \$65 million per ear to confine the offenders, or \$175,000 each. By contrast, the strict probation costs about \$9,000 per offender. Exact numbers were unavailable because state officials would not release fiscal records, citing the fact that civil-commitment costs are not separated in state budget documents.

The law

The civil commitment law in New York is named "Connie's Law" after Concetta Russo-Carriero, a 56-year-old legal secretary fatally stabbed by a convicted rapist in a White Plains parking garage outside the Galleria mall.

Phillip Grant was out on parole after serving 23 years in prison for raping three Bronx women when he brutally murdered Russo-Carriero. He told police he wanted to kill a white woman because he was fighting a race war, prompting intense lobbying that led to New York becoming the 20th state with civil commitment.

Under the law, state mental-health officials evaluate sex offenders to determine if they have a mental abnormality that makes them likely to recommit sex crimes, thus requiring confinement after they complete criminal sentences.

The state Attorney General's Office prosecutes the offenders, who are represented by the state Mental Hygiene Legal Service and public defenders.

Examples of the secrecy shrouding civil commitment include the limited public information about who is confined. For instance, the state Office of Mental Health cited privacy law in refusing to confirm Laguerre was locked up in Marcy, despite The Journal News/ lohud obtaining the interview through a mental health law request.
Further, The Journal News/lohud

had to create a database of civilly confined men from an online sex-offender registry to analyze the law. The effort required identifying them from the registry of nearly 40,000 sex offenders in New York.

Politics and media

Opponents have historically criticized civil commitment's cost and the likelihood those confined would ever be set free, but political debate has been limited because many lawmakers are reluctant to appear soft on crime.

Judges have also drawn criticism for erring on the side of confinement. according to legal experts, such as Michael Perlin, a prominent New York law professor and former director of the state Mental Health Advocacy program in New Jersey.

"What's the judge most afraid of?" Perlin said. "They are most afraid of a headline in the New York Post or local newspaper that talks about a patient released by the judge going out and committing a horrific act."

Further insight into how courts handle civil commitment came from a state report last year that disclosed the success rate of prosecutors in New York. Courts supported the key "mental abnormality" diagnosis in 91 percent of 564 cases between 2007 and 2015, the report shows.

Of those cases, 331 men were civilly confined and 174 went on the strict probation program, with the remaining

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LOTTERIES

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SATURDAY NEW YORK

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, June 5, the 156th day of 2017. There are 209 days left in the year.

On this date in:

1794: Congress passed the Neutrality Act, which prohibited Americans from taking part in any military action against a country that was at peace with the United States.

1884: Civil War hero Gen. William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

1917: About 10 million American men between the ages of 21 and 31 began registering for the draft in World War I.

Powerball: 25

1933: The United States went off the gold standard.

1947: Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave a speech at Harvard University in which he outlined an aid program for Europe that came to be known as The Marshall Plan.

1950: The U.S. Supreme Court, in Henderson v. United States, struck down racially segregated railroad dining cars.

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Vestal elementary school students bring history to life in talk show

Classmates dress up to play prominent figures from the past



BUZZ ABOUT YOU MAGGIE GILROY

For about 13 years, African Road Elementary School fourth grade teachers Kelly Wood and Erin Keough have put a spin on the typical class

presentation.

The students ditched their pens and pencils, donning costumes for a Historical Talk Show that puts them in the shoes (and wigs) of famous figures.

Prior to the talk show, students work in study groups of four to pick a historical figure or celebrity. Each individual in the group selects a different famous figure to research and write a biography on. By the end, every member of the group becomes familiar with all four figures.

The culmination of the project is a Historical Talk Show titled "History comes Back to Life," presented on "ARE-TV." Guests included Neil Armstrong, Lucille Ball, Jane Goodall and Albert Einstein.

One person in the group served as the talk show host, and their peers assumed the role of the historical figures they had researched. Some of the students dressed as their figures and even brought props.

Other students assumed the role of "expert" on the people they researched, such as Muhammad Ali, Queen Elizabeth I and Benjamin Franklin.

Some questions the hosts asked their guests included: "How did you inspire change in your lifetime?" and "What were some challenges in your life and how did you overcome them?"

Wood found that the presentation works well for her students.

"They're most invested in it, they really get into the theatrical aspect of it," she said in a statement.

Vestal High School donates to community member: While we're on the subject of Vestal, it should be noted that Vestal High School has also been busy.



Sua Choi performs in African Road Elementary School's Historical Talk Show as Albert Einstein.



PROVIDED / KELLY WOOD Hannah Smyk channels Lucille Ball.

The Vestal High School Student Government donated \$1,000 to the Debbie Guerin Benefit Fundraiser. Guerin is a mother of twins in the second grade at Homer Brink Elementary School and is battling stage 4 cancer. ... Local students awarded scholarships: The School-to-Careers (STC) Partnership of Broome and Tioga Counties (with BAE Systems) awarded \$3,500 in scholarships at the 20th Annual Partnership for Excellence Recognition on Wednesday. The scholarship recipients were Union-Endicott High School's Kristen Coyle (\$1,000 Youth Apprentice Scholarship), Binghamton High School's Jessica Spencer (\$500 Dave Twomey Career Development Scholarship), Windsor High School's Tyler Mucci and Julie Nemcek (\$500 BAE Systems STEM Advancement scholarship), Newark Valley High School's Morgan Sherwood (\$500 BAE Systems STEM Advancement scholarship) and Vestal High School's Emma St. Pierre (\$500 BAE Systems STEM Advancement scholarship). ... Maine-Endwell High School identified as NYS Reward School: New York State Education Commissioner **MaryEllen Elia** named **Maine-Endwell High School** as a 2017-18 Reward School based on its achievement and progress. To qualify, schools must fit specific criteria that demonstrates high academic achievement or the most progress with minimal gaps in students achievement between certain populations of students.

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Vestal postal workers honored for safe driving



BUZZ ABOUT YOU MAGGIE GILROY

Have you ever driven a million miles? How about a million miles without a preventable accident?

Two Vestal postal workers have achieved this milestone. Vestal United States Postal Service workers were included among 70 regional postal workers for safe driving.

On June 13, John Fowler and Ron Deer were recognized as "million milers, for either 1 million miles of driving or 30 years of driving without a preventable ac-

Fowler has given the post office 31 years of service and Deer has given it 35 years of service.

Nineteen workers were recognized as "expert drivers," recognized at any work anniversary for driving without a preventable accident.

Chad Andrus (Vestal postmaster), Jerret Brown (city carrier), Lindsey Butler (city carrier), Sue Mills (rural carrier), Randy Symons (city carrier), Mary Ann Babcock (rural carrier) Carol McGraw (city carrier) and Deer (city carrier) were among those recognized as expert drivers.

An accident is defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as an "unplanned event that results in personal injury or property dam-

Thomas Kelley, District Manager for the Albany District, said that USPS officials purposely picked June 13 to honor the drivers, as it is in the middle of the year "with harsh winter driving behind us but with youngsters at play, construction and tourists on unfamiliar roads in many of our locations yet to come."

"And the 13? There is nothing lucky about a reaching the Million Miler landmark for safe driving," Kelley said. "It takes care, attention and skills every day behind the wheel.'

We feel much safer knowing these drivers on the road.

Broome-Tioga cadet to attend Naval Academy's STEM Camp

Holden Wasko, a 14-year-old Broome-Tioga Civil Air Patrol cadet was chosen to



Ron Deer, left, and John Fowler were recognized as "million milers," for either 1 million miles of driving or 30 years of driving without a preventable accident.

attend the U.S. Naval Academy's STEM Camp. Wasko traveled to Annapolis, Maryland for the camp, which ran from June 5-10. Wasko has dreamed of being a Naval aviator from a young age and, as the camp offered STEM based engineering classes, he is one step closer to achieving this goal.

Windsor student receives **Griffin memorialscholarship**

Morgan Madison, a senior at Windsor High School, received the \$1,000 2017 Joseph A. Griffin Memorial Scholarship Award. Madison is a high honors student and captain of the varsity football and varsity basketball cheer teams. She will attend SUNY Broome in the fall to major in criminal justice.

BCMEA awards music scholarship to three students

Megan MarkAnthony, a soprano at Maine-Endwell High School, received the Hans Eriksen Memorial Scholarship from the Broome County Music Educators Association (BCMEA). Ethan Wetzel, an alto saxophone player at Binghamton High School, and Jonah Capani, a baritone also at BHS, received scholarships as well. All three recipients are high school seniors who are active members with BCMEA in their respective school districts and will be pursuing a music major at an accredited two or four year college in the fall. The scholarships were earned through an audition.

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THE BUZZ

Zoo to screen Disney's 'The Jungle Book'

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Walt Disney films like "Beauty and the Beast," "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and "Sleeping Beauty" have all received the remake treatment in the past decade. But when it comes to picking the best film to show on a big screen at a local zoo, what could be more appropriate than "The Jungle Book?"

On June 24, the Binghamton Zoo at

Ross Park will seat families in the park's amphitheater for a free screening of the 2016 fantasy adventure film, based on the cartoon film released in 1967.

Beginning at 9 p.m., the film — which has a run time of one hour and 51 minutes — will be shown on a big screen beneath the amphitheater's canopy. Its story follows Mowgli, a young orphan boy raised by wolves in the Indian jungle, through a series of adventures with an ever-growing cast of animal characters.

Concessions will be available for purchase at the event. Movie night is spon-

sored by Horizons Federal Credit Union. Follow Katie Sullivan on Twitter @ByKatieSullivan.

Woman stole over \$1K of cigarettes

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A Binghamton woman was arrested for the felony of grand larceny after stealing over \$1,000 in cigarette packs from her employer, police say.

Officials say Amber L. Welch, 23, stole over 135 packs of cigarettes valued at about \$1,050 from the TA Truck Stop on State Route 11 in the Town of Kirkwood.

Police determined that Welch had been stealing the packs over a period of

Welch was issued a ticket to return to the Town of Kirkwood court on June

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MARCELLUS

Modern folk artist to sell prints of church

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MARCELLUS - Modern folk art is how Marcellus artist Jason Cooper King describes his painting style.

Last year, King was commissioned to paint the Marcellus United Methodist Church for its bicentennial.

He used an unusual technique of painting with the four seasons seamlessly moving along the canvas as well as sunrise to sunset to denote the passage of time.

The church's pastor, the Rev. Robin Blair asked King to paint the church with its doors open to welcome all and named the painting "Steadfast."

"The painting was very well received," King said. "I got a standing ovation at the presentation."

During Marcellus' Olde Home days, June 2, 3 and 4, King will be on the point in front of the Methodist church selling 11-by-14 signed prints of the painting as well as post cards on Saturday, June 3.

In case of inclement weather, King will be inside the church's Wesley Hall.

King started his art career at Marcellus Senior High School under the guidance of art teachers the late Bond Shaw and realized they were kindred his wife, Claire Shaw. Bond even delayed his retirement order to see King through graduation.

King followed up that education with a Bachelor of Fine Arts at Syracuse University, graduating in 1989.

edge over the other students in the program, as he had studied art history while still in high school.

After SU, King put aside painting for an extended period of time and turned instead to paying off his student debt by opening a local janitorial service. It wasn't until he met his wife, Beth, that she inspired him to paint again, as she had operated an art gallery in Seattle and could see his work was important.

"I see separation of pieces (in my paintings) and like to make order," King said.

"Maybe that is why I am good at cleaning."

He and his wife, the former Beth Tuttle, met at the Methodist church, where he was employed and her mother was in charge of the Gift and Thrift Shop. After an introduction, they



Modern folk artist Jason Cooper King sits in his Marcellus home with gallery materials he uses when he is showing his artwork.

spirits.

The Kings' home on from teaching for a year in Paul Street in Marcellus displays their passion for antiques, with family heirlooms quite evident and King's paintings adorning many of the walls and fitting right in with the decor.

King grew up on Howlett He said he had an Hill, where his family, the Coopers, has a long history starting in 1907 when the Coopers established the Cooperdale Poultry farm in 1924. His home and elders are often the subject of his paintings.

"I had a great childhood on Howlett Hill growing up with five siblings," King said. "Family is very important to me. I had the good fortune of knowing my great-grandparents."

King has a style all his own. He said he paints the opposite color under each color on his paintings so that when he paints the said Schultz knew how intended color, there is a vibrancy that shines necessary. through. Meanwhile, his color palate tends to lean toward sepia tone, as it harkens back to early attempts at color.

He often works from photos for inspiration but also takes license in order to make the painting more dynamic and interesting.

COOPERDALE FRESH EGGS JAMES C. COOPER

This is the sign from artist Jason Cooper King's family's farm that was on Howlett Hill for years.

His influences are Mex-Wood and Thomas Hart Benton. King's favorite art which he has a large collection to reference. He admires Charles Schultz Staff writer Ellen Leahy can as an illustrator. King to draw just what was Followher on Twitter

King follows suit, simican artist Diego Rivera plifying his paintings in a and Americans Grant way he learned from the abstract artists.

"It's very important to is in children's books, of make sure everything is considered," he said.

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COMMUNITY



NATALIE BROPHY, THE CITIZEN

The family of Chloe Calhoun, an Auburn High School graduate who died last summer, holds a plaque in Chloe's memory after the Catch Me If You Can 5k Sunday during Majorpalooza XX.

Majorpalooza race dedicated to Calhoun

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AUBURN - An Auburn teen was remembered at the 20th installment of Major-

on Sunday. Event organizers decided to dedicate this year's Catch Me If You Can 5k race in honor of Chloe Calhoun, a graduate died in a car accident last on Exchange Street.

summer. Majorpalooza.

"She'll be with us forever," master of ceremonies Terry Winslow said before gifting Chloe's parents, brother and sister a plaque in her memory. "We appreciate everything Chloe's ever done for us. She'll be forever missed. She'll be forever in our hearts."

This year's race saw 390 runners from across central New York, the largest number of participants to date, said event volunteer Christina Calarco.

All proceeds from the run, as well as the rest of the day's activities, go toward helping local children who are in need.

The Stefanak Sprint, a short run for children, followed the 5k. The race is held in honor of Caitlyn Stefanak, who died of cancer in 2011 at the age of 4.

Activities for the whole family began after the race at

Volunteers from the Au-

burn Doubledays sold popcorn and cotton candy and had a bounce house and other activities for children. Children also enjoyed two perpaloozain downtown Auburn formances from The Bubble Man Doug Rougeux.

Over 20 local businesses and vendors, including the Kiwanis Club of Auburn, the Schine Theater and the Finger Lakes of Auburn High School who SPCA, setup booths and tables

Perform 4 Purpose kicked Calhoun actively volun- offthe entertainment portion teered and participated in of the all-day event at 11 a.m. They were followed by Young Sauce, MixTape, Generation Gap and Big Eved Phish. BonJourney, a Bon Jovi and Journey tribute band from New York City, closed out the festivities with a performance from 8 to 10 p.m.

> Majorpalooza began as a house party in local police officer Chris Major's backvard. The event started in 1998 and has since raised over \$100,000.

> "He's pretty quiet, he doesn't like to toot his own horn," Calarco said of Majors. "But he does great stuff."

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NYSEG has filed tariff revisions June 29, 2016 with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) for new electricity and natural gas delivery rates to become effective May 1, 2017. These tariff revisions cover the second of three annual delivery rate increases under the terms of a three-year rate plan approved by the PSC in June 2016 and they include a \$29.9 million increase in electricity revenue and a \$13.9 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 \$1.76. A residential natural gas heating customer using 80 therms/month can expect an average monthly bill increase of \$4.01. Customers may see some charges prorated on a May or June bill to take into account energy delivered before and after the new electricity and natural gas delivery rates went into effect.

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Regular Residential Customers: The electricity delivery charge will increase 0.287 cents per kilowatt-hour. The per-therm natural gas delivery charge for the 4-to-50-therms block will increase 7.277 cents per therm and 1.709 cents for the block rate over 50 therms. There are no changes to monthly customer or minimum charges.

Day/Night and Time-of-Use Customers: The electricity delivery charge will increase 0.234 cents per kilowatt-hour for Service Class 8 and 0.198 cents per kilowatt-hour for Service Class 12. There are no changes to monthly customer charges.

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

NONRESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

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

NYSEG has also filed revisions on May 2, 2017 to revise balancing requirements for customers taking service pursuant to PSC No. 88 -

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

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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), what you pay for energy supply depends on your agreement with your ESCO.

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Obituaries

CORRECTIONS

Inmate planned to escape in box, buried in sawdust

STAFF AND WIRE

AUBURN - Roughly a year after said. a state report first disclosed that an Auburn inmate had plotted an escape by hiding in a load of sawdust, a prisoner claiming to be his actions.

The state Inspector General's 154-page report on New York's prisons was issued in June 2016 in the aftermath of the successful escape by two inmates at Clinton Correctional Facility the prior rity prison in upstate New York. year. The IG report said the state's deputy commissioner for correctional facilities issued a memo in 2015 that urged prison superintendents to "eliminate the possibility of escapes from our facilities," according to the IG report.

"The memorandum referenced 'recent events' - an attempted escape from Auburn Correctional Facility by an inmate who planned to flee in a load of sawdust being removed from the prison, and an attempted suicide by an inmate who security staff improperly left in an Industry area at Eastern to Mower's lawyers at Prisoners Mower said he hatched a plan

Now Gordon "Woody" Mower, who is serving a life sentence without parole for killing his parents two decades ago, told The involved in the plot spoke about Post-Standard of Syracuse that he practiced escaping Auburn Correctional Facility 50 times before guards discovered his plan in April 2015 – two months before two convicted killers cut their way out of a different maximum-secu-

> Mower said his plan involved being buried alive in a bottomless 3-foot by 4-foot wooden box under a big mound of sawdust produced by the prison's woodworking shop, where furniture is made. The sawdust is hauled away regularly in a tractor-trailer by a local farmer who uses it as horse bedding. Mower said the plot failed when another inmate tipped off guards.

The newspaper reported Monday that the planned escape was confirmed by prison records sent

Correctional Facility," the report Legal Services. Karen Murtagh, executive director of the Albany-based agency, said Mower approved the records release to the newspaper.

> The Department of Corrections and Community Supervision neither confirmed nor denied details in Mower's story. It did issue a statement detailing enhanced security efforts at state prisons.

> "DOCCS continues to review its policies and procedures and make significant improvements to enhance the safety and security in New York's correctional facilities," Director of Public Information Thomas Mailey said in an email to The Citizen, "Millions of dollars have been invested in additional security staffing, technology and training and the department will continue to work closely with its hardworking staff to address any safety concerns they may have."

> Mower was 18 when he used a .22-caliber rifle to murder his parents in March 1996 inside their home in rural Richfield Springs.

while serving his sentence at Auburn, the state's oldest prison at 199 years old. He has since been transferred to the maximum-se-

curity prison in Elmira.

Mower claimed he compiled information on the routines of prison guards overseeing the farmer's weekly visits. He said another inmate who helped design the scheme would use a small tractor with a front-end loader to put the box on the farmer's truck, sawdust.

Mower said he would have worn goggles and a protective mask from another prison workshop. After the truck left the prison, he said he planned to pull himself free from under the sawdust. He said he was injured several times during dry runs of the escape the weight of the sawdust, but unusual.

"Where were the correc-Post-Standard. "How did we build ticing.

all this stuff, get buried alive and nobody sees or says anything?"

Mower said another inmate alerted guards to the plan on April 3, 2015.

On June 6, 2015, Richard Matt and David Sweat escaped the Clinton Correctional Facility in northern New York by using tools provided by a prison employee to cut their way through their prison cell wall and gain access to the prison's underground infrathen cover the box with tons of structure. Matt was fatally shot by a U.S. Border Patrol officer three weeks later. Sweat was rearrested and wounded by a state trooper two days after that.

Their escape, which touched off the largest manhunt in New York history, was even more embarrassing for state prison officials when it was revealed that prison when the box collapsed under tailor shop employee Joyce Mitchell provided Matt and Sweat with the guards never noticed anything tools that a guard unwittingly delivered to the inmates. Matt and Sweat also were able to practice tions officers?" Mower told The their escape without guards no-

ELBRIDGE

Pavilion plans move forward

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JORDAN - The pavilion planned as an addition to the town's Elbridge Community Center on Route 31 in Jordan is finally getting some traction.

A grant process for the project started more than four years ago, which resulted in state Sen. John A. DeFrancisco securing \$100,000 to be administered though the Dormitory Authority of State of New York.

"At long last we've received contracts for the pavilion project," Town Councilor Rita Dygert said last week.

In order to accept the grant of \$100,000 the town will have to kick in \$35,000 worth of in-kind services. The rules of the grant allow for the town's highway department to use its employees' labor to do the site work but not the actual construction of the pavilion.



IMAGE PROVIDED

Close up of the town of Elbridge Community Center proposed Pavilion master plan from 2013.

The pavilion site is locommunity center and the entrance to the canal trail. The pavilion is the first step in a project that would include trails, restrooms, an interpretive play area and a pond from a master plan December 2013.

On Friday, Dygert atcated to the west of the El- tended to last-minute debridge Community Center tails after Town Supervisor building. It is between the Ken Bush signed the DASNY contract before mailing it back to the state. The next phase of the project is to update the drawings, as Donald C. Bennett donated 49.96 acres adjacent to the town property in 2016 that drawn up by QPK Design in needs to be folded into an updated plan for the town.

NEW YORK

Cuomo touts N.Y.-Israel tourism pact

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Western Wall in Jerusalem, a joint venture between Israel will highlight these and other historic venues.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the launch of the new initiative, the New Peres Day breakfast in New York City Sunday.

I Love New York, the state's and El Al Airlines to develop travel itineraries that highlight historic sites throughout New York and in Israel.

"Tourism is a key driver of both New York and Israel's economies, and by working together we will showcase our most treasured landmarks to new audiences

and increase visitation," Cuomo said in a statement. "This partnership will help seumin New York City or the strengthen our tourism industries, creating jobs and generating new economic and the state of New York opportunities both at home and abroad."

The list of New York sites includes the 9/11 Museum, Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty in New York City, York-Israel Global Path the Safe Haven Holocaust Through History, during an Refugee Shelter Museum in appearance at the Shimon Oswego and the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls.

The Israel itinerary intourism arm, joined with the cludes the nation's 9/11 Israel Ministry of Tourism memorial, Independence Hall, the Sea of Galilee and the Western Wall, A digital

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advertising campaign will promote the initiative. Press tours, social media and promotional opportunities on El Al flights will also be part of the marketing effort.

Ambassador Dani Dayan, counsel general of Israel to New York, said the Israeli government is "excited" to launch the joint tourism venture with the state.



AUBURN

Police seek pair of suspects in cell phone store robbery

THE CITIZEN STAFF

Monday afternoon.

Police said a white female wearing a baseball hat and a

around 1:23 p.m. from Fast cording to a release. Trak Wireless, 8 South St.

teenagers.

Anyone with information scribed as possibly being APD at (315) 253-3235 or Investigator Mark Schafer at The male allegedly struck (315) 252-5874. Callers may

sweatshirt and gray pants during the robbery and The Auburn Police Destole multiple cell phones damaged a display case, ac-

partment is searching for two suspects, who allegedly robbed a cell phone store Both individuals were de- on the investigation may call

black male wearing a black the store clerk in the face remain anonymous.

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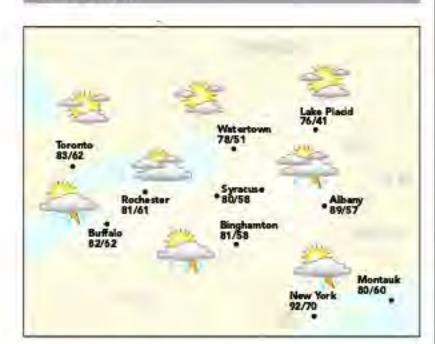
'Guys and Dolls'

Check out a photo gallery from Finger Lakes Musical Theatre Festival's first show of season.

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WEATHER





Today

Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 80. West wind 5 to 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms. Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Light northeast wind.

Wednesday

Sunny, with a high near 75. Light northeast wind becoming north 5 to 10 mph in the morning. Wednesday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. Calm wind.

Thursday

A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 81. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. Thursday night: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm, then showers after 2 a.m. Low around 58. Chance of precipitation is 90

By The Numbers

	Sunrise	Sunset	Precipitation
Yesterday	5:27 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	Yesterday
	5:27 a.m. 8		Year Ago
Today	Jack Calling	5.40 p.iii.	14

Tomorrow 5:27 a.m. 8:46 p.m. Weather Online: For up-to-the-minute weather

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data and forecasts, visit

Owasco Lake Levels

Yesterday	712.88
Year Ago	712.21
Barometer	30.04

Inches

0.00

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23.20

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Linklater's 'Last Flag Flying' to open NY Film Fest

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NEW YORK - Richard Linklater's "The Last Flag Flying" will open the 55th New York Film Festival.

Carell, Bryan Cranston film on Nov. 17. and Laurence Fishburne who reunite to bury the son 15. of Carell's character, who "The Last Detail," with "Boyhood."

Jack Nicholson.

The Film Society of Lincoln Center announced the selection Monday, handing "The Last Flag Flying" one The latest from Linklater of the fall film festival ciris described as a "lyrical cuit's premiere slots. Amaroad movie." It stars Steve zon Studios will release the

The New York Film Fesas a trio of Navy veterans tival runs Sept. 28-Oct.

Linklater's two most has been killed in the Iraq recent films were "Ev-War. It's conceived of as erybody Wants Some!!" a kind of sequel to 1973's and the Oscar-nominated



Richard Linklater appears at the 2016 Texas Film Awards at Austin Studios in Austin, Texas.

Helming pushes Brittany's Law

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State Sen. Pam Helming hopes legislation she's sponsored to establish a statewide violent felony offender registry will be considered by the state Assembly.

gua, sent a letter to Assem- another tool to protect innobly Speaker Carl Heastie cent lives from the dangers urging him to allow a vote of domestic violence." on the bill, which was first introduced by retired state Sen. Michael Nozzolio during his tenure and approved by the Senate on multiple occasions over the mother, Helen Buchel, were

port from Assembly Democrats, the bill hasn't received Edward Brown, who was a vote in the chamber.

The state Senate is scheduled to vote on the measure this week.

"Speaker, it is my hope that this year, the Assembly

will join in the fight to ensure residents of our state have the knowledge to protect themselves and their children from violent felony offenders," Helming wrote. "Much as we already do for sex offenders, this public Helming, R-Canandai- registry would give citizens

> Helming, like Nozzolio before her, has named the legislation in honor of Brittany Passalacqua.

Passalacqua and her murdered in November Despite having some sup- 2009 at their home in Geneva. The killer was John Buchel's boyfriend.

LOTTERIES

Sunday's Results

Midday

Numbers: 2-4-8, Lucky Sum: 14

Win 49-1-0-8

Lucky Sum: 18 Evening

Numbers: 8-9-0,

Lucky Sum: 17 Win 4: 1-8-2-5,

Lucky Sum: 16 Take 5: 04-17-22-33-35

Pick 10: 02-07-09-10-11-13-20-25-27-28-39-40-51-53-58-59-64-69-79-80

Monday's Results

Midday

Numbers: 7-7-1, Lucky Sum: 15

Win 4: 2-7-3-6, Lucky Sum: 18

Monday's results

Evening Numbers:3-5-4

Lucky Sum: 12

Win Four:6-7-8-6

Lucky Sum: 27

Take 5: 11-13-6-16-31

Pick 10: 08-16-18-23-30-33-

36-37-40-41-42-43-55-56-68-73-74-75-76-80

Cash4Life: 10-11-44-53-57 CB3

Semiweekly

Mega Millions: June 9 3-16-28-33-37 MB 9 Powerball: June 10

20-26-32-38-58 PB 3

New York Lotto: June 10 1-29-40-45-52-54 BN 28

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Actor Bob McGrath ("Sesame Street") is 85. Magician Siegfried of Siegfried and Roy is 78. Actor Malcolm McDowell is 74. Singer Dennis Locorriere of Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show is 68. Actor Stellan Skarsgard ("Mamma Mia") is 66. Actor Richard Thomas is 66. Comedian Tim Allen is 64. Actress Ally Sheedy is 55. TV anchor Hannah Storm is 55. Singer David Gray is 49. Singer Deniece Pearson of Five Star is 49. Musician Soren Rasted (Aqua) is 48. Actor-singer Jamie Walters is 48. Singer-guitarist Rivers Cuomo of Weezer is 47. Actor Steve-O ("Jackass") is 43. Actor Ethan Embry ("Can't Hardly Wait," 'That Thing You Do!") is 39. Singer Raz B (B2K) is 32. Actress Kat Dennings ("2 Broke Girls") is 31.

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Sunrise Sunset

5:27 a.m.8:48 p.m.

5:27 a.m.8:48 p.m.

5:27 a.m.8:49 p.m.

Inches

0.23

0.00

24.58

WEATHER



Today

A chance of showers then mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. West wind 11 to 16 mph. Rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch. Tonight: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.



A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 73. West wind 9 to 13 mph. Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.



Wednesday

A chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Thursday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.



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Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. Friday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

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Win Four: 2-1-5-3 Lucky Sum: 11

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Troops recover 16 more **bodies in Marawi City**

Fighting with Islamic militants continues

BY FELIPE VILLAMOR AND RICHARD C. PADDOCK New York Times Service

MANILA — The Philippine military said Sunday that troops had found the bodies of 16 people believed to have been killed by Islamic militants, as fighting continued for a sixth day for control of Marawi City in the southern part of the country.

The discovery of the bodies underlined the civilian toll from the siege, with tens of thousands of residents fleeing the city and the military using aerial bombing and ground troops in an effort to drive the militants from their strongholds.

On Tuesday, President Rodrigo Duterte declared a 60day period of martial law in the south to expand his authority to fight the militants. Late Friday, he expressed support for the troops by joking that they could each rape three women without suffering any consequences. His comment sparked outrage around the world.

Authorities put the death toll from the six days of fighting at 95, including 61 militants, 19 civilians and 15 soldiers and police officers.

The fighting began Tuesday, after government forces attacked a group of militants said to be protecting Isnilon Hapilon, the leader of Abu Sayyaf, an Islamist gang that kidnaps people for ransom. Hapilon has been designated by the Islamic State group as its leader in the Philippines. The United States has offered a \$5 million reward for his capture.

The military has said that Hapilon was sighted in Marawi, a city of about 200,000 people on the southern island of Mindanao, and that he is believed to be in the area.

It is unclear why Hapilon would have ventured there from his relatively secure jungle base, thought to be on the remote island of Basilan, about 300 miles away.

The military previously said that Hapilon had been injured in a January bomb strike and suffered a mild stroke, which would call into question his fitness for a journey to Marawi City over rugged terrain.

Whether he is in the city, the military apparently underestimated the strength of the militants there, mainly members of the Maute organization, a group affiliated with Abu Sayyaf that also embraces the Islamic State group. The military also said that foreign mili- der martial law and he would



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In this file photo from Feb. 7, President Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines holds a news conference in Manila with more than 200 police officers in attendance.

tants from Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore were among those taking part in the clashes.

The Maute fighters quickly took over much of the city, torching a cathedral and hospital, among other buildings, and posting snipers to keep government troops at bay.

"Precision airstrikes and artillery fire will likewise continue at specific targets to hasten the clearing," said Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla, a military spokesman.

Padilla said the 16 civilians' bodies had been found in two locations. One group of eight was found near Mindanao State University and included four men, three women and a child, he said.

The bodies of the eight other victims were found in a ditch at the edge of the city with their hands tied and gunshot wounds to the head, television station ABS-CBN reported. Near their bodies was a cardboard sign that said, "Munafik," which can mean hypocriteor traitor.

Residents in the area said the eight were men who had worked at a bakery and had been attempting to join the stream of refugees heading north to nearby Iligan City when they were stopped by Maute gunmen.

"This development validates a series of reports of atrocities committed by the militants earlier," Padilla said.

Authorities and relief workers said more than 30,000 people from Marawi City had taken refuge in evacuation centers and more than 42,000 had fled to relatives' homes outside

Duterte, during a visit with troops Friday in Iligan City, told the soldiers to do their jobs untake responsibility for the consequences.

"For this martial law and the consequences of martial law and the ramifications of martial law, I and I alone would be responsible; just do your jobs," he said. "I will go to jail for you. If you raped three, I will own up to it."

Duterte said he drew the line at taking "a fourth wife," as the crowd laughed.

It also echoed his previous remarks that he would support police officers involved in his violent campaign against drugs. Police and vigilantes have killed more than 4,000 in the anti-drug campaign since Duterte took office 11 months ago.

The latest comment prompted a storm of protest on social media. Chelsea Clinton said on Twitter: "Duterte is a murderous thug with no regard for human rights. It's important to keep pointing that out & that rape is never a joke."

Others criticized President Donald Trump for praising Duterte's handling of the anti-drug campaign during a recent phone call.

"President Duterte is a grotesque man," tweeted Preet Bharara, the former U.S. attorney in Manhattan who was fired by Trump this year. "Maybe our president will stop needlessly patting him on the back."

Ernesto Abella, Duterte's spokesman, defended the president's latest comment, saying Duterte was attempting to show his support for the sol-

"In Iligan, he gave his full support to the men and women in uniform, taking complete responsibility for their actions, even exaggeratedly describing crimes like taking a fourth wife," Abella said.

Flight disruptions persist

Thousands of British Airways travelers impacted

BY YONETTE JOSEPH

New York Times Service

The wide-scale travel disruption that British Airways blamed on a global IT failure continued for a second day Sunday.

Thousands of passengers faced long lines and some were still stranded as hundreds of flights were considerably delayed out of Heathrow and Gatwick airports, even as the airline said that some of its systems had been restored.

The problems began around 7 a.m. Saturday, at the start of a bank holiday weekend. The airline blamed "a major IT system failure that is causing severe disruption to our flight operations worldwide."

The glitch affected the airline's check-in and operational systems, including call centers, the airline's chief executive, Alex Cruz, said in a video Sat-

By Sunday morning, "many"

of its IT systems had returned, Cruz said in a new video. At Gatwick, they were back to running a "near full" operation, though some flights continued to be delayed. At Heathrow, the airline planned to fly all longhaul services, he said, but the "knock-on effects" of Saturday's disruption would lead to

delays and some cancellations. Cruz apologized to the airline's customers in the video

"I know this has been a horrible time for customers. Some of vou have missed holidays. Some of you have been stranded on aircraft, and some you have been separated from your bags. Many of you have been stuck in long queues while waiting for information. On behalf of everyone at British Airways, I want to apologize for the fact that you've had to go through these very trying experiences."

He advised passengers to check their flight status at ba.com/flightstatus before

traveling to the airport. For those who left Heathrow on Saturday without picking up their bags, Cruz sought to assure them: "We have your bags, and we will look after them." He said the airline would send the bags along by courier if

He said passengers could rebook flights on alternative dates until the end of November or receive refunds.

British Airways is working to get operations back to normal, he added.

The GMB trade union suggested that the failure could have been avoided had the airline not outsourced its IT work. But the airline said in a statement, "We would never compromise the integrity and security of our IT systems."

The airline faced a similar problem in September, when a glitch affected check-in systems and caused delays at multiple international airports.

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Retire

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longer than younger workers and took a 23 percent pay cut to go back to work, according to the Urban Institute. Some spent down retirement savings while looking for work, and lower pay left them less able to save.

In addition, as the stock market crash destroyed half the value of stock market investments, nervous near-retirees pulled out money in a panic, and didn't benefit from gains of more than 200 percent since 2009.

Apart from the feeling of vulnerability the recession left behind, there has been an

increase in working later into life over the last couple of decades due to changes in typical sources of retirement money. Fewer new retirees will have guaranteed pensions like those that helped older retirees. And the age to qualify for full Social Security benefits has climbed. Although people can retire as early as 62 and get some Social Security benefits, full retirement age is 66 and will soon become 67. A person who delays taking Social Security until age 70 gets benefits 76 percent higher than a person claiming Social Security at age 62.

Retirement researchers also say more people now have college educations and white-collar jobs, which enable them to work longer than people in physically demanding blue-collar jobs. However, even with the intent to work longer, many will fail to carry out their plan. Although baby boomers assume they will stay youthful and work for years, even those with desk jobs could end up with health problems or lose jobs in layoffs. In a review of government data, the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College found that 41 percent of American workers retired earlier than they had planned.

So vowing to work forever tends not to be a solid plan. It's one reason why working young baby boomers should beef up their retirement savings now, while they can, and why young workers — even if struggling with disappointing paychecks — should save 10 percent of their pay.

Risk

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coverage through a nonstandard carrier, but did not use such information to price policies in any other city tested. (Geico declined to comment.)

Three large companies — State Farm, Progressive and Liberty Mutual — did not increase rates at all in relation to drivers' prior insurance companies, the study found.

Allstate's pricing "has been and continues to be determined by risk and costs," said Justin Herndon, a company spokesman, adding, "Insurance prices are risk-based so that lower-risk drivers pay less than higher-risk drivers." Allstate does not consider factors like income or race when setting insurance rates, he said.

Linda Wagener, a spokeswoman for American Family, said in an email that a driver's prior insurance from a nonstandard carrier was "one of many factors" used in determining auto premiums. Data show that customers moving from a nonstandard policy have a higher likelihood of future losses than those who come from a standard policy, she said. "As a result," she said, "their rates are different, to reflect the different levels of risk."

Farmers did not respond to a request for comment.

Nonstandard insurers sell about \$7.5 billion in auto insurance in the United States, representing about 7 percent of the auto insurance market, according to the federation.

David Snyder, vice president for policy development and research with the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, said the federation's analysis showed that insurers use a "wide diversity" of practices when considering a driver's prior coverage, suggesting a competitive market. "It shows the companies are not all doing it the same way," he said.

The report is the latest in a series of analyses by the federation, highlighting ways in which lower- and moderate-income consumers may be affected by the use of various nondriving-related criteria to set auto insurance rates.

Here are some questions and answers about auto insurance:

Q: How can I find the lowest premium when switching from a nonstandard auto insurer?

A: Because the use of prior-insurer coverage varies in setting rates, it makes sense to obtain quotes from several insurers, Heller said. It's now easy to obtain quotes from companies online, but he advises calling two or three local agents as well.

Q: Are there other costs, besides premiums, that I should consider?

A: Make sure to ask about fees, not just premiums, Heller said. Particularly with nonstandard insurers, there are often "policy fees" of \$30 to \$50 to buy coverage, and extra fees if you pay in installments or add an additional car to the policy later. After getting a quote, he said, "make sure you know all the hidden costs before you decide which company is giving you the best price."

Q: Do all states permit insurers to consider nondriving-related criteria to be used in setting auto rates?

A: Some states bar the use of credit history, or of an applicant's occupation and educational level, in setting rates. Gov. Andrew Cuomo last month proposed banning the use of education and occupation in setting rates in New York, unless insurers can provide proof to the state's Department of Financial Services that the criteria do not result in rates that are "unfairly discriminatory." The proposal is subject

to a 45-day comment period. "Good drivers shouldn't be penalized with higher premiums just because they have a lower-paying job or may not have gone to college," said Chuck Bell, a policy analyst for Consumers Union, which supports the proposal.

The change, however, could have negative consequences for some drivers, Snyder said. For instance, it might prevent insurers from offering popular "good driver" discounts to certain people based on occupation, as they often do with teachers.

With base rates around \$20 to \$40 a month, they aim to replicate the live-TV viewing experience with dozens of channels in real time.

programming was nearly impossible to watch without a cable-TV subscription. But now sports fans can get their fix through add-on packages via Sling TV, for \$45 a month, and fuboTV, which starts at \$14.99 a month.

In addition, there are numerous niche services like Crunchyroll, an anime streaming service, for \$6.95 a month; Acorn TV, dedicated to British content, for \$4.99 a month; and Curiosity Stream, a documentary plat-

Individually, these services are far less expensive than cable-TV packages. But for viewers whose favorite programs aren't covered by a single streaming provider,

sumers who look at those packages and realize a smaller package is going to ultimately not hitting all buttons they want to hit," Olgeirson said. "We're entering a phase of more choice but not one in which consumers have

Ultimate leverage would allow customers to pay for just the programs they like: say NFL Football, "House of Cards," local news programming and Nickelodeon. But for now, that could require purchasing an antenna and subscriptions to DirecTV Now, Netflix and PlayStation Vue.

That's because of what Craig Moffett calls the value chain. Studios make shows, which are bundled to networks, which are bundled to media conglomerates, which are bundled into a broad package from a cable

form, for \$2.99 a month.

the costs can quickly mount. "You're going to see con-

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Cord

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Until recently, live sports

"When people talk about unbundling ... they mean unbundling individual networks from each other," Moffett said. "Customers find it frustrating that selecting individual networks is not one

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Haves

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"The early millennials believe everything will work out. The recessionists are less trusting about that."

And those younger millennials may have good reason to be mindful about their pay-

History would suggest that the fallout of the economic downturn will continue to haunt the recessionists, who began working when entry-level salaries were suppressed.

"We've seen that those who happened to be unlucky

enough to have entered the labor market in a recession may never really recover from it," said Wendy Rahn, a political science professor at the University of Minnesota.

Economists at the Federal Reserve have found that lifetime earnings tend to hinge on an individual's first decade in the workforce, with those who earn less as they begin their careers never catching up.

The Economic Policy Institute tracked lifetime pay for employees who started work in previous recessions and found that as a group, they experienced lower wages and fewer opportunities.

And real estate company Zillow's research concludes that graduating into the recession has an "immediate and lasting effect on young adults' homeownership rate."

Stalled attempts to fire up their careers may also create ongoing financial worry in the younger cohort. Ubl suggested that their early difficulties could turn them into modern-day versions of their grandparents, the generation that survived the Great Depression and took thriftiness to extremes, always pinching pennies and saving plastic bags.

"Their brains were still developing during this time. I think this will color and shape their impressions for a lifetime," Ubl said.

"It marked them in a profound way, and it will always be part of them."

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SCHENECTADY

Rochester, Providence make inroads in literacy

Could programs in those cities be successful in Schenectady?

BY STEPHEN WILLIAMS Gazette Reporter

The link between poverty and poor literacy development is clear: Poverty makes it harder for children to focus on learning a complex task, and the stress of daily life can discourage adults from talking with their small children in ways that encourage them to expand their nascent vocab-

That's as true in Schenectady as it is in Rochester, 200 miles to the west. Both upstate cities have diverse populations, and around 25 percent of their families living in poverty. When schools teach reading, it shows.

Rochester, however, is making a coordinated community-wide effort to break the link between poverty and reading struggles. Mayor Lovely Warren is personally involved.

"We recognize that if a child actually has the support that it needs to get to reading on grade level by third grade, then their chances of ending in incarceration or not finishing high school is diminished," Warren told the Gazette.

Warren, who has a 6-yearold daughter, launched the "3 to 3" initiative a few months after she took office in 2014. The initiative emphasizes literacy development for young children starting by age 3 and working with them through the third grade — the point at which literacy experts say it becomes harder for children to learn to read, if you haven't already. She lobbied for state funding and private foundation grants to pay for the efforts.

Under the "3 to 3" initiative, the city has worked with the Rochester Public Library and other partners to increase preschool reading programs, strengthen summer library reading programs and distribute free children's books. Preschool enrollment in the city has shot up dramatically, and reading is specifically incorporated into the programs at the city's Recreation and Community Centers. Summer recreation programs have adopted a policy of DEAR — Drop Everything And Read" — for 30 minutes each day.

As of this spring, the Rochester Public Library had distributed more than 2 million children's books for free since 2014, an encouragement for parents to read to children and for children to sound out their first words.

The private Wallace Foundation, meanwhile, is piloting a national model for summer reading, using Rochester as one location. The city and organizations trying to improve early reading outcomes are linked through Roc the Future, a collaboration of dozens of organizations involved in youth development, from birth through finding a career.

In April, the national Campaign for Grade-Level Reading recognized Rochester's work eliminating barriers low-income families face with reading with a 2016 Pacesetter Award.

"More and more of our children are reading at grade level," Warren said. "It takes a village, and it's really about ensuring that that village is strong.'

The Grow Rochester initiative, under which the University of Rochester's Children's Institute screens Rochester children at age three for vision, hearing, speech, social and emotional development, dental health and physical development, with a goal of providing help early if a child needs help before reaching

school age. Problems in any of those areas can impact a child's ability to absorb language and then learn to read.

"The Grow initiative definitely aligns with the 3 to 3 initiative," said Lauri Strano, director of programs and services at the Children's Institute, which does research on early childhood development. "All these physical and emotional things are part of early literacy, if you think about it."

Scott Felderman, an education consultant in Schenectady, cited Rochester as an example of collaboration among Head Start and pre-kindergarten providers, and noted that the screening effort — which reaches about 1,100 of the 3,100 children born in Rochester each year — is innovative.

PROVIDENCE TALKS

Another Northeastern community where the city government has taken initiative to improve literacy outcomes is Providence, Rhode Island, which in 2013 won a \$5 million "Mayor's Challenge" grant competition held by Bloomberg Philanthropies.

In October 2015, Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza launched "Providence Talks," with the goal of increasing childhood language development in the city's poorest households by getting parents to talk more to their toddlers — something program officials said has never been done in this way before. The program has been the topic of favorable articles in The New Yorker, The Atlantic and other national publications.

Providence Talks uses tech-



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> **LEESA PERAZZO** Schenectady City Council president



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Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza launched Providence Talks in 2015 with the goal of increasing language develoment in children.

nology placed in participating households that measures the number of words children are hearing and the amount of parent-child interaction taking place in the household. Based on the results, social workers work with parents or caregivers on ways to increase their children's language exposure during the pre-school years.

"Providence Talks proposes to do something never before attempted at the municipal level: to intervene at a critically early age, from birth to age 3, to close the '30 million word gap' at a citywide scale and ensure that every child in Providence enters a kindergarten classroom ready to achieve at extraordinary levels," the program says on its website.

WORTH LOOKING AT

So, could similar initiatives ever come to Schenectady?

"I know there's been a lot of pocket programs but to my knowledge, nothing has been done citywide by the mayor and council," said City Council President Leesa Perazzo. "I can't imagine we wouldn't be open to it. Our youth are our most important asset. ... It's something I'd like to look at some more."

Based to some extent on what he's learned about Rochester, the Schenectady County Youth Bureau will be incorporating more reading in its summer programs this year, said Youth Bureau Director Ed Kosiur, who is also on the City Council.

A partnership with the city school district, now in its 10th year, offers 45 minutes of "classes" each day during the summer camp run for 200 children ages 8 to 13 from July 5 to Aug. 4 in Central Park. "Our main emphasis is reading and math," Kosiur said, noting the instructors regularly see children who are reading far below grade level.

A new program this summer will give 50 of the children login access to 10,000 books, and the Youth Bureau is paying for the school district's "mobile library" to distribute free children's books. Reading therapy dogs are also part of the plan, and Kosiur said that for the first time, the Youth Bureau will pay for high school-age counselors to go to free lunch sites in the city and read out loud to preschool audiences. Volunteers from MVP will also come in for read-aloud sessions with the children.

"There's a lot of reading stuff, as you can see, that is going on in Schenectady," Kosiur said. "It's actually a response to what our community needs are. We see it here on a regular basis."

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Derek Trucks, left, and Susan Tedeschi, lead the Tedeschi Trucks Band, which served as the inspiration for the blue brews.

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Beers

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Performing Arts Center. And he wanted to know if the brewery would give \$1 for every beer sold to the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, a nonprofit that donates instruments to underfunded music programs in schools nationwide.

"I didn't even hesitate," Oswald said. "I said, 'Yeah, let's do it,' because we love that band anyways and we love doing anything we can to promote music."

The Saratoga brewers have since created a light-tasting beer that "almost anybody will like," Oswald said. Called Summertime Blues, it's a variation of the brewery's summer ale with lemon and "a hint of blueberry," he said, and 5-percent alcohol by volume.

"It's kind of cool, and it kind of matches the band," he said. "We came up with the name of the beer and made the beer to fit it."

Saratoga made a limited batch of 10 barrels, or about 300 gallons, of the bluesy beer and has been selling it in the taproom on Excelsior Avenue and at two Phila Street bars, Bailey's Café and Harvey's, since June 2. Oswald said the beer is selling well and he expects to meet his goal of \$1,000 to \$1,500 to help the charity raise \$100,000 for the national foundation.

Saratoga is one of 4l craft breweries selling beer inspired by Tedeschi Trucks Band across 20 cities where the band is bringing its Wheels of Soul summer tour.

"I wanted to create something where everybody wins, and we will leave behind, literally, a trail of musical instruments for children in these cities," said Nichols, the founder of Craft for Causes.

Breweries like Smuttynose in Hampton, New Hampshire, and Narragansett in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, have brewed beers for the tour, and Saratoga Brewing isn't the only Spa City brewery taking part.

"It's a Belgium wit," said Kurt Borchardt, co-owner of Artisanal Brew Works on Geyser Road, of the Wheels of Soul Wit now on tap. "It tastes about the same as an Allagash. That wasn't our intent, but side by side ... it's hard to tell the difference."

Like Saratoga Brewing, Artisanal brewed about 10 barrels of the beer, which has 4.6 percent ABV.

Borchardt said that, as a brewer who also teaches at Saratoga Springs High School, he couldn't turn down the chance to contribute. He teaches biotechnology, electronics and a woodshop class, but is leaving teaching behind after 13 years this school year, at least for now, to focus on the craft brewery that opened

His partner at the brewery, Colin Quinn, also happens to teach French at the high school.

"I think it's great that they're doing something where the intent is to help out kids," Borchardt said. That's awesome. That's what I'm all about."

He added, "For every beer you sell, a dollar gets donated to a charity for underprivileged kids. That's a no brainer why wouldn't I do that?"
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Oswald said he'll be at Tedeschi Trucks Band's show at SPAC, and he's encouraging customers to text "summerblues" to 24587 for a chance to win tickets. He started listening to the band, led by wife-husband duo Susan Tedeschi and Derek Trucks, just last year and fell in love with Tedeschi's powerful voice and Trucks' show-stopping guitar

"And then this thing came about — now I'm a true fan," he said.

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Pantry

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Taking a page from the Free Little Libraries in Albany, where passersby can take a book from a home with a makeshift bookcase in their yard, Gentile decided to fashion something similar, but for food and hygiene products.

"We don't have the capacity to operate a whole food pantry, but the idea is you can come any time of day, and you don't have to have documentation that says you're a resident of the area, because that's a barrier for some people," she said.

The pantry is located just outside the church's front entrance, and will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Gentile said. The hope is that it will become not just a church project, but a community one, she said, where residents both use the pantry as needed and drop off non-perishable items to keep it stocked.

The rule for food, Gentile

added, is "if you wouldn't eat it, don't donate it."

Gentile is hopeful the idea might inspire similar food pantries to pop up elsewhere in the community.

Pastor Rich Scheenstra views the food pantry as a way the church can be more directly involved in the community. He echoed Gentile, saying Bellevue is a neighborhood that lacks resources to fight hunger, even though the problem affects a number of families who live there.

He acknowledged the potential for things to go awry, noting someone could vandalize the pantry or clean it out and sell the items for personal gain, but he said the overall cause matches up with the church's mission.

"We know the risks involved and the possible problems along the way," Scheenstra said. "But we're excited to see what we'll learn from this."

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Pastor Rich Scheenstra and church member and volunteer Nicole Gentile, who spearheaded the effort to establish a food pantry, review a list of food items donated for its opening.

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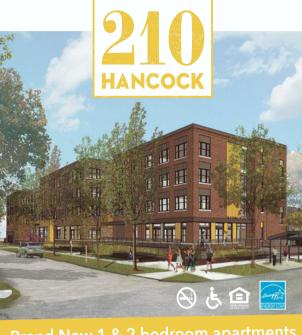
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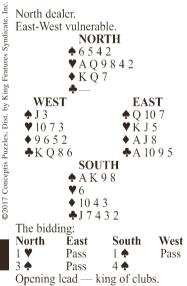
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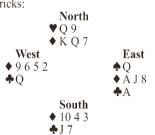
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The first McConnell Cup, emblematic of victory in the women's world team championship, was won in 1994 by a U.S. team composed of Marinesa Letizia, Rozanne Pollack, Sue Picus, Judi Radin and Jill

Blanchard. Today's deal was a key one for the winners. When it was first played, the bidding went as shown. Letizia, the declarer, ruffed the opening club lead and cashed the ace of hearts. She then ruffed a heart, a club, a heart and

another club before cashing the A-K of trumps to produce this position, with declarer needing two more tricks: North



Letizia now led a diamond to the queen, and East, who had failed to unblock the club ace, was helpless. If she won the diamond with the ace, the only tricks she could score were the spade queen and club ace, with declarer winning either the ten and king of diamonds or the king of diamonds and a heart. If instead East ducked the first diamond, declarer would play a heart to produce the same result. Four spades, making four, was worth 420 points.

At the other table, things took a decidedly different turn when East bid one notrump over the one-heart opening and everyone passed. East finished with eight tricks for a score of 120 points. This, plus the 420 gained at the first table, gave the Letizia team a pickup of 11 IMPs in a match they won by just 5 IMPs.

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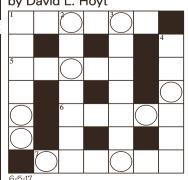
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tainments and others. One group he doesn't mention is the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council. The council has awarded more than \$7 million in taxpayer-funded grants to Merlin (to draw the massive amusement park to Orange County after it was rejected in neighboring Rockland County.

New York's 10 regional councils have designated more than \$4.4 billion to 5,300 projects since they were launched in 2011. But the money is largely void of benchmarks and job-creation goals, limiting the public's ability to objectively determine whether the dollars have been well spent, a review of data and documents by the USA Today Network in New York found.

The investments also have yet to turn the tide of upstate, which is suffering from population losses and a declining workforce, the review showed.

These regional boards are a cornerstone of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's economic plan. Councils act as the gatekeepers to state aid for large-scale developments and initiatives, with members appointed by the governor recommending which projects are most deserving.

Critics say the process lacks openness and is ripe for conflicts because top leaders in the region often sit on the boards where grants can go to their own entities. That criticism has grown in the state Legislature, where lawmakers this year are proposing to tighten oversight of the boards and create new standards under which they operate.

The awards are commonly referred to as the "Hunger Games" because they pit each region of New York against one another for a pot of roughly \$750 million a

Central New York and the Finger Lakes regions have been the big winners, receiving \$529 million and \$506 million, respectively. The Southern Tier council received \$481 million, and the Mid-Hudson got \$476 million.

The money has ranged from \$7 million for the tumultuous I-Square project outside Rochester; to \$150,000 for marketing at the Watkins Glen International speedway in the Southern Tier; to \$40,000 for the Pelham Art Center in Westchester County to hire a part-time development director.

The process explained

Each year, the councils award about \$750 million in aid to the 10 councils. The majority—\$530 million—is not new mon-

ey, but the same state aid previously doled out by governors, state agencies and lawmakers.

The other \$220 million is the "new money" each year allocated through Empire State Development, the state's economic-development arm.

The councils file annual progress reports, posting those online, as well review memos prepared by a Strategic Implementation Assessment Team, led by the secretary of state. Councils present their recommendations to the team each fall.

But there is no audit or independent evaluation of their effectiveness. And the state does not have a current accounting of jobs created or retained, nor of the money spent. The last such assessment was done in 2015, showing just \$55 million had been dispersed and 23,131 jobs created or retained. Even that was incomplete, as the state said it accounted only for assistance through Empire State Development, representing about a fourth of the program awards.

Good-government groups have pushed for a public, all-inclusive "Database of Deals" encompassing all of the state's 30plus economic development programs.

The state has been working on something more limited since last year. Cuomo also has called for a comprehensive economic development report, assessing most if not all of the state's 30-plus programs.

The USA Today Network created its own database with help from the Buffalobased Investigative Post, ProPublica and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. A review of awards showed some of the largest went to companies or colleges whose leaders have sat on the councils.

Corning Enterprises, Binghamton University, the University of Rochester, Marist College and Stony Brook University all have leadership in top council roles, past or present, and all have gotten significant state aid, both through and outside the regional councils.

The largest single award has been \$40 million in tax breaks to Corning, the Southern Tier-based technology giant. In total number of awards, Stony Brook University has far surpassed all others, with 26 since 2011—coming to \$14 million over-

Money for many projects has yet to be released, such as the \$7 million for Legoland and \$2.5 million promised in 2012 for High Tech Rochester, a business incuba-

And some projects simply languish, the records showed. For example, nothing has been disbursed from a \$3 million grant awarded in 2015 to help DeMet's Candy Co. expand in Chemung County, promising to create 70 jobs and retain 114

others in the Southern Tier.

"I think there are questions that should be rightly asked about the councils, their independence, what type of disclosure they should have to do," Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, R-Suffolk County, said in January.

The Legislature sought to require council members to publicly disclose their finances, but the councils and Cuomo opposed the measure, and it didn't make it into the state budget approved April 9.

Avoiding conflict

The reason for opposing detailed financial disclosure is that the council members' role is strategic planning and advisory in nature. They are not the decision makers.

There are conflict of interest forms that council members must fill out. Those forms are public records, and indicate all entities in which members have an interest. They then are supposed to recuse themselves from matters in which those entities are involved.

"It's pretty obvious. You shouldn't be advocating for a project that benefits you personally," said Binghamton University President Harvey Stenger, cochairman of the Southern Tier council.

But does stepping out of the room remove influence, either at the council level or down the line?

The Southern Tier's other co-chairman is Tom Trater, president of Corning Enterprises. Together, BU and Corning have accounted for more than \$51 million, approaching 11 percent of the council's \$481 million in state awards to date.

Project scores offered up by the councils for potential funding account for just 20 percent of the total score. State agencies' scores account for 80 percent.

"There is a perception that there is this table of people and a sack with a dollar sign, and we figure out where it goes," said Anne Kress, co-chair of the Finger Lakes council and president of Monroe Community College.

Nonetheless, the Finger Lakes council last month revamped its process for prioritizing projects — a first look that can give certain projects a leg up — because volunteers doing that work were not subject to disclosure of ethics requirements. And an evaluation team that reads and scores each application has been broadened to include greater geographic diversity.

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boosting the entire region, said Howard Zemsky, who heads Empire State Development, which oversees the process. Of course some of the leading organizations are going to both serve on the panel and get grants, he said.

Former Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy, who headed the councils under Cuomo from 2011 through 2014, called the regional councils "an unequivocal success" that put an end to pork-barrel politics controlled by the Legislature. Duffy now heads the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

"Compare to how we have done business before," Duffy said. "Economic development impacts, at least upstate, were spotty at best, based on which (projects) the Legislature or executive branch favored."

That system was rife with problems and led to some of the state's largest corruption cases. The councils made the spending more open and gave businesses and non-profit groups a central spot to apply for aid, supporters said.

But Sen. Phil Boyle, R-Long Island, thinks Cuomo exerts too much influence over the process.

"The pendulum switched too far into the governor's side," he said. "I'd like to see something in the middle where the governor has input, obviously, and the Legislature has input."

The payoff

The councils are largely aimed at trying reverse the economic fortunes of upstate, which has dealt with decades of manufacturing declines and population losses.

While the region's unemployment rate has fallen from 7.8 percent to 4.6 percent since Cuomo took office, upstate's workforce dropped 3.5 percent since 2011 — down about 190,000 workers, the USA Today Network review found.

In eight of the 10 regions, except for New York City and Long Island, job growth trailed neighboring states and the nation. Three regions — the Southern Tier, Mohawk Valley and North Country — actually lost jobs since the councils started, according to the Citizens Budget Commission, a business-backed research group.

Council members said they continue to see positive results and are constantly changing their priorities to address changes in the local market.

"It takes time to rebuild a regional economy," said Mark Peterson, who is the outgoing president and CEO of Greater Rochester Enterprise who has served on the Finger Lakes council since the beginning.



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Another police shooting acquittal

Black gun owners worry that admitting they are armed will endanger them

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Gerry Martin isn't sure he will ever tell a police officer during a traffic stop that he has a concealed-weapon permit and possibly a weapon — on him.

The acquittal of a Minnesota officer in the death of a licensed gun owner who volunteered that he had a gun seconds before being fatally shot during a traffic stop adds to the worries of African-American gun owners about how they are treated by police and society

Acknowledging that they have a weapon, they said, can open them up to violence from police, who can then claim they feared for their lives simply because of the presence of a gun, even a le-

"As soon as you say, 'I'm a concealed carry holder. This is my license,' they automatically are reaching for their gun thinking you're going to draw your gun on them, once again not realizing you're a good guy," said Martin, who lives in Glenside, Pennsylvania.

Philando Castile was fatally shot by the officer July 6 in a St. Paul suburb seconds after he told the officer he was armed. Officer Jeronimo Yanez, who is Latino, was acquitted Friday of manslaughter and two lesser charges.

During the stop, Castile volunteered, "Sir, I have to tell you, I do have a firearm

Yanez told Castile, "OK, don't reach for it then" and "Don't pull it out."

On the squad-car video, Castile can be heard saying, "I'm not pulling it out," as Yanez opened fire. Prosecutors said Castile's last words were, "I wasn't reaching

The verdict "tells African-Americans across the country that they can be killed by police officers with impunity, even when they are following the law," said Rep. Cedric Richmond, a Louisiana Democrat who is chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

The verdict also tells blacks that "the Second Amendment does not apply to them" because Castile "was honest with the officer about having a weapon in the car, and there is no evidence that he attempted to or intended to use the weapon against the officer," the Louisiana Democrat said.

Outside the courthouse, Castile's mother said Yanez got away with murder. Her son was wearing a seatbelt and in a car with his girlfriend and her then-4-year-old daughter when he was

"I am so very, very, very ... disappointed in the system here in the state of Minnesota," Valerie Castile said.

Licensed gun owner and open-carry

advocate Rick Ector of Detroit said stereotypes can cloud the minds of some officers when dealing with black gun owners. Officers may have had previous encounters with people carrying guns illegally — especially young black men. And that experience can carry over, Ector said.

Once they find out that a black American has a gun permit, "they are not necessarily going to relax, but they now have an idea about your character," Ector said.

Phillip Smith, head of the National African American Gun Association, said police need additional training to remind them that Second Amendment rights apply to black gun owners as much as anyone else.

Like several similar cases, Castile's death was shared worldwide on social media. His girlfriend, Diamond Reynolds, livestreamed the aftermath of the shooting on Facebook because, she said, she wanted to make sure the truth

But videos of black people dying at the hands of police have led to few con-

Only one police officer in recent publicized cases is facing jail time.

South Carolina officer Michael Slager, who is white, shot black motorist Walter Scott in the back as he fled from a traffic stop. Slager pleaded guilty in May to a federal charge of violating Scott's civil rights, and a judge will determine his sentence, which could range from probation to life in prison without parole. Scott's shooting in April 2015 was captured on cellphone video seen worldwide. It contradicted Slager's original statement that Scott had attempted to grab his Taser.



MARY ESCH/AP

Patty Farrell holds a photo of her daughter, Laree, who she found dead of a heroin overdose four years ago in her Colonie home.

Mom's grief spurs NY bill targeting dealers in deaths

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COLONIE, N.Y. - Four years after Patty Farrell found her 18-year-old daughter lying cold and blue in bed from an overdose, the former police detective hopes to see heroin dealers charged with homicide when their

"She was the love of my life, my only child," said Farrell, whose home is like a shrine to her daughter, with photos and keepsakes everywhere. "When I lost her, I lost my world."

A bill named for her daughter, Laree, would create a new criminal classification of "homicide by sale of an opiate-controlled substance," punishable by 15 to 25 years in prison. It has passed the state Senate and awaits action by the Assembly as the legislative session moves into its final week.

Proponents say tougher penalties would help reduce overdoses. But critics say that the focus should be on prevention, treatment and saving lives and that similar "drug-induced homicide laws" in more than 20 other states are a step backward among failed aspects of the "war on drugs.

"We need people to be willing to call for help whenever someone is in trouble," said Kassandra Frederique, New York director of the Drug Policy Alli-

More than 33,000 people died from heroin, fentanyl and other opioid drugs in 2015, according to statistics from the Kaiser Family Foundation. New York state was second in the nation for opioid overdose deaths in 2015.

A flurry of legislation aimed at curbing the overdose epidemic has been enacted or introduced in New York and other states. Since her daughter's death in the Albany suburb of Colonie in 2013, Farrell has lobbied state lawmakers on a broad range of measures including addiction-treatment insurance coverage, access to rehabilitation and curbing overprescription of painkillers.

"They've taken care of some of the issues," said Farrell, who retired after 20 years with the Albany police and took a state job. "But they still haven't done anything enforcement-wise against the big drug dealer who's bringing heroin into our state and selling it to our families and killing them."

Earlier this year, the Legislature and Cuomo inserted \$214 million in the state budget to boost treatment and prevention programs around the state.

We need to take on the heroin epidemic from all sides," said Sen. George Amedore, who sponsored the "Laree's

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