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Sidewalks a risky walk for some

Winter weather can leave sidewalks treacherous for pedestrians, especially the disabled, so whose responsibility is it to clear snow and ice off public walkways?

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LIVING & LEISURE



Make a meal on a sheet-pan

The mixed vegetable shakshuka, a Middle-Eastern specialty that may be more popular than sheet-pan meals, is a dish good for any time of the day.

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SPORTS



Lebron joins NBA's elite group

LeBron James scores 28 points in the Cavaliers' 114-102 loss to the Spurs to become the youngest member of the NBA's 30,000-point club.

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WEATHER



Mostly sunny

Tomorrow's Weather: High temperature near 22, with wind chill value as low as minus 1

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Beware: Potholes up ahead



Jacob DeRochie/contributing photographer

A minivan hits a cluster of potholes along Clinton Avenue on Monday morning. Workers with the City of Cortland Department of Public Works have been patching potholes for about a month, which is earlier than usual, said department Supervisor Dennis Gallagher.

Winter weather helps create road hazards

By CATHERINE WILDE
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You're probably familiar with the "KA-THUNK" of a tire hitting a hole in the road, a teeth-gritting experience that leaves one worrying about a flat tire or damage to the car's struts.

Thanks to the recent extreme temperature shifts, more and more potholes are popping up — or down.

They are being filled weeks earlier than usual, said Dennis Gallagher, supervisor of the City of Cortland Department of Public Works.

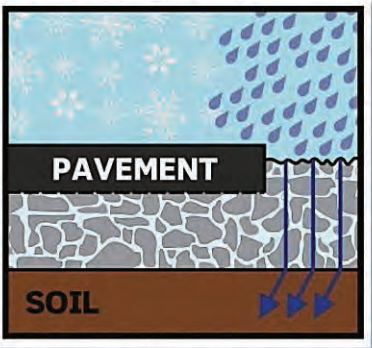
Gallagher said the DPW workers have been out patching holes for about a month, whereas usually they don't start patching until February. This is not necessarily a cost increase for the departments, because workers already work long shifts in the winter, he said, but it is a nuisance and can mean costly repairs for drivers.

Depending on the weather, Gallagher said, their patches may last a week or less. The crews use a hot patch, which is melted asphalt and intended to last a little longer than a cold patch, he explained, which is just loose oil and stone.

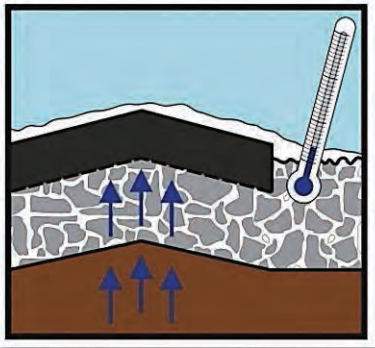
Potholes form when snow or rain seeps into soil below the pavement. The moisture freezes in cold weather, causing the soil to expand and rise. When warm temperatures return the soil to normal level, the

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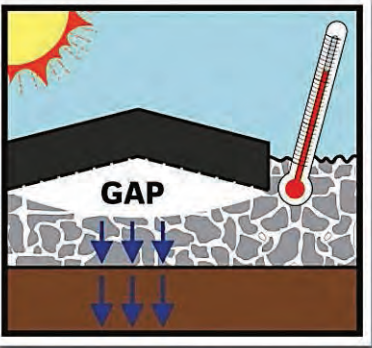
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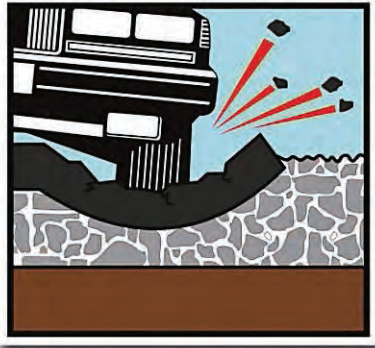
Potholes begin after snow or rain seeps into the soil below the road surface.



The moisture freezes when temperatures drop, causing the ground to expand and push the pavement up.



As temperatures rise, the ground returns to normal level but the pavement often remains raised. This creates a gap between the pavement and the ground below it.



When vehicles drive over this cavity, the pavement surface cracks and falls into the hollow space, leading to the birth of another pothole.

Provided by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Sessions quizzed in Russia probe

By ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Jeff Sessions was questioned for hours in the special counsel's Russia investigation, the Justice Department said, as prosecutors moved closer to a possible interview with President Donald Trump about whether he took steps to obstruct an FBI probe into contacts between Russia and his 2016 campaign.

The interview with Sessions last week makes him the highest-ranking Trump administration official, and first Cabinet member, known to have submitted to questioning. It came as special counsel Robert Mueller investigates whether Trump's actions in office, including the

firing of FBI Director James Comey, constitute improper efforts to stymie the FBI investigation.

With many of Trump's closest aides having now been questioned, the president and his lawyers are preparing for the prospect of an interview that would likely focus on some of the same obstruction questions. Expected topics for any sit-down with Mueller, who has expressed interest in speaking with Trump, would include not only Comey's firing but also interactions the fired FBI director has said unnerved him, including a request from the president that he end an investigation into a top White House official

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Carolyn Kaster/Associated Press

Attorney General Jeff Sessions speaks during a Dec. 15, 2017, news conference at the Justice Department in Washington.

Trump triggers changes at FBI

By SADIE GURMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — FBI Director Christopher Wray is making changes to his senior leadership team, as President Donald Trump has continued to attack the bureau for perceived biases against him and has been calling for a shakeup at the top.

Officials said Tuesday that Wray, who started the job in August, is replacing two top aides who were promoted into their roles by his predecessor James Comey. Such changes are not unusual when a new director takes change, but they are notable amid Trump's public pressure on Wray to get rid of officials who were confidantes of Comey, who



Rybicki

was fired by the president in May.

The Justice Department confirmed that Dana Boente, the outgoing U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia who has also been acting as head of the department's national security division, will become the FBI's general counsel. He replaces James A. Baker, an ally of Comey's who was reassigned in December.

Wray said his chief of staff, Jim Rybicki, notified him last month of his decision to take a job in the private sector. Zachary Harmon, a former Justice Department official who also worked with Wray in private practice, will be taking Rybicki's place.

Trump's blistering attacks on the FBI have proven a tough challenge for Wray in his first months on the job as he tries to make changes while maintaining public confidence and restoring bureau morale.

Wray, a Trump nominee, has faced relentless criticism from Republicans over perceived political bias in special counsel Robert Mueller's probe of possible Trump campaign ties to Russia during the 2016 presidential election, as well as in the handling a year earlier of an FBI investigation of Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server, which ended without criminal charges.

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STATE

300K in bribes linked to ex-Cuomo aide

NEW YORK — A federal prosecutor told a jury Tuesday that a former top aide to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo accepted more than \$300,000 in bribes, but defense attorneys belittled the claim, saying the bulk of the money was his wife's salary at a legitimate job.

Longtime Cuomo confidante Joseph Percoco is the main focus of a prosecution at a Manhattan federal court trial where three businessmen also are defendants. Prosecutors and defense attorneys made their opening statements in the trial Tuesday.

Percoco's proximity to the state's Democratic governor for two decades was underscored in opening statements at his trial.

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NATION

Two killed in Ky. school shooting

BENTON, Ky. — They ran silently, too stunned to shout.

Some of the children ran into classrooms to hide from the boy with the gun. Some ran out of the building, into the fields, across the streets, through the doors of nearby businesses.

"No one screamed," said 16-year-old Alexandria Caporali, recounting the moment her high school became the site of the latest American mass shooting. "It was almost completely silent as people just ran."

Bailey Nicole Holt and Preston Ryan Cope, both 15, were killed and another 17 people injured when a classmate opened fire Tuesday morning in the school.

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Off Beat THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE NEWS

Officer feeds critter for appreciation day

The Associated Press

CLOVIS, Calif. — You may have overlooked Squirrel Appreciation Day, but the police force in Clovis, California, didn't forget.

The Fresno Bee reports that on Sunday, the Clovis Police Department posted a video on its Facebook page showing Police Officer John McGrory giving a nut to a squirrel that scampered over to him.

The squirrel then calmly took the nut and bounced back to a tree as McGrory is seen laughing in the video.

Squirrel Appreciation Day is celebrated every Jan. 21.

Obituaries

Douglas L. Bruce

Douglas L. Bruce, 76, of Marathon, left his earthly body on Jan. 12, 2018, to join his beloved wife, Carol S. Hurd, in Heaven.

A lifelong area resident, Doug was born Oct. 8, 1941, to the late Nettie Leigh Jackson and her husband, Lawrence D. Bruce.

After retirement from Pall Trinity Micro Corp., Doug and Carol were able to dedicate more time to his “first love,” the collection, restoration and showing of antique cars until Carol’s passing in 2002.

To say Doug enjoyed antique cars would be an understatement. He purchased his first car at the age of 13, a 1930 Ford Model A coupe, and his last at the age of 75, a 1935 Chevy coupe. He won Best in Show on numerous occasions, and antique car owners throughout the country display his stainless work at all level car shows ranging from local to nationals. Doug had not only a nationwide, but a worldwide, network of “car buddies” who sought his advice and expertise in stainless steel work and fabrication. His stories and talents will be greatly missed by the antique car buff community.

Doug was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed, especially by his two daughters, Connie (Dan) Frost of Homer and Sherry R. Bruce Esq. of Syracuse; his two granddaughters, Sonya Sprouse and Madalyn R. Smith; his longtime companion, Susan Brigham of Marathon; and his faithful dog Elsa.

Calling hours will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at the Donald L. Barber Funeral Home, 5016 Route 11, Homer.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Bruce’s name may be directed to the charity of one’s choice.

F. Joseph Butler Jr.

Mr. F. Joseph Butler Jr., 90, of Rome, passed away Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, at an assisted living facility.

Mr. Butler was born Nov. 17, 1927, in Cortland, N.Y., son of the late Frederick Joseph Butler and the late Anna Lucia Buttino Butler. He graduated from Cortland High School. He joined the United States Army following high school and graduated from basic training in Fort Bragg, N.C. After completing his military term in Japan, Mr. Butler returned home, attended and graduated Ranger School at the SUNY College of Environment Science and Forestry in Wanakena, N.Y. with a degree in forestry. Mr. Butler married his sweetheart, Jacqueline Sue Armbrust, in 1951. He and Jacqueline moved to Georgia in 1952, where he started work with Georgia Kraft, formerly Rome Kraft. Mr. Butler had several passions, but his favorites were flying and golfing. He was a member of Roanoke Country Club (former president), Kraftsman Club and Coosa Country Club. Mr. Butler was also a member and past president of the Lion’s Club in Jasper, Ga.

Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline Sue Armbrust Butler, Rome; a daughter, Anna Helena Butler, Tybee Island, Ga.; a son, Chuck Butler, and his wife, Terry, Cedartown; a daughter, Judy Butler, Rome; three grandchildren, Joseph Benjamin Butler, and his wife, Jenny, Pooler, Ga., Trey Butler, Atlanta, and Samantha Butler, New Orleans, La.; three great-grandchildren, Addison Butler, Ansley Butler and Charlotte Butler; and several cousins.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, at Henderson & Sons Funeral Home, North Chapel, Rome, Ga.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to the American Red Cross, 112 John Maddox Drive, Rome, Ga. 30165, 1-844-536-6226 or Best Friends Animal Society, www.bestfriends.org.

Henderson & Sons Funeral Home, North Chapel, has charge of the arrangements.

Nelon Palmer

Nelon Palmer, 91, of Cortland, N.Y., passed away on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, at the Groton Community Health Center in Groton, N.Y. He was born Aug. 29, 1926, in Natural Bridge, N.Y.; the son of the late George Palmer and Eva Gage.

Nelon was a 1944 graduate of Carthage high school in Carthage, N.Y. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy during WWII on Aug. 25, 1944. He was honorably discharged on July 18, 1946, as an aviation electronic technician. He continued his education at Canton Agricultural College and graduated from Clarkson College with a BS in electrical engineering in 1951. He joined IBM, where he spent his career testing mainframe computers in Endicott, N.Y., until he retired in 1984. He coached Little League baseball and youth bowling teams while he raised his family in Vestal, N.Y. He was married to Rhoda Jane (Foster) Snay from 1953 through 1976. He moved to Cortland, N.Y., where he married Myrtle Hinkle in on Aug. 25, 1984. He was active in Cortland-area churches, where he served as an teacher and elder.

Nelon was survived by his loving wife Myrtle of 33 years; sons Richard Palmer and Robert Palmer; his sister

Helen (Roger) Yutzler; and three grandchildren: Nathan, Kevin and Michael Palmer.

Nelon was predeceased by his brother Lynn Palmer and sister Nellie (Donald) Worthington.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, at the Wright-Beard Funeral Home, 9 Lincoln Ave. Cortland, N.Y. 13045. Services will begin at 11 a.m., with a burial to be scheduled at Atwater Cemetery in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Disabled American Veterans, 91 Owego St. Cortland, N.Y. 13045.

To send online condolences, please visit www.wright-beard.com.



Schumer rescinds wall offer

By ANDREW TAYLOR
and JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer has pulled back an offer of \$25 billion for President Donald Trump’s long-promised southern border wall, as lawmakers scrambled to figure out how to push a deal to protect 700,000 or more so-called Dreamer immigrants from deportation.

Schumer had made the offer last Friday in a last-ditch effort to head off a government shutdown, then came scalding criticism from his party’s liberal activist base that Democrats had given up too easily in reopening the government without more concrete promises on immigration.

“We’re going to have to start on a new basis, and the wall offer’s off the table,” Schumer (D-N.Y.) said Tuesday.

The shutdown battle — settled mostly on Trump’s terms — complicated the already difficult search for an immigration pact: GOP hard-liners appeared emboldened, while Democrats absorbed withering criticism from progressives. Neither development seemed likely to push the combatants toward the compromises needed to produce a bill that can pass both the tea party-driven House and the more pragmatic Senate.

Still, there were fresh signs of a willingness to keep hunting for a solution, with a flurry of meetings on Capitol Hill and an assessment from White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders that “I don’t think they’re that far apart.”

Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) said he’d been to three meetings Tuesday about immigration. “I know there’s a lot of skepticism around here and not much trust,” he said, “but I do believe that there is a bona fide



Jose Luis Magana/Associated Press
Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) walks to the Senate chamber Friday after a closed meeting with Democrats on Capitol Hill.

bipartisan concern about getting this done.”

Even if the Senate can come up with the votes to pass a plan, Democrats fear there is little chance such a bill would gain the support of House Republicans.

“There were no commitments made in the House” as legislators worked to end the government shutdown, House GOP Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana said Monday, warning against any “amnesty” measure.

Trump weighed in Tuesday via Twitter: “Nobody knows for sure that the Republicans & Democrats will be able to reach a deal on DACA by February 8, but everyone will be trying....with a big additional focus put on Military Strength and Border Security. The Dems have just learned that a Shutdown is not the answer!”

Cornyn, the No. 2 Senate Republican,

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■ Protesters gather near Sen. Charles Schumer’s house over immigration talks.

said Schumer had promised \$25 billion for the wall and other border security measures, though not all of that would have been immediate funding. He called Schumer’s withdrawal of the offer “a step backward.”

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) has committed to trying to reach a deal on immigration and key budget issues by Feb. 8, though Cornyn said Monday that “strikes me as highly difficult.”

Instead, the Senate appeared more likely to start a free-wheeling debate next month.

“Whoever gets 60 votes wins,” said McConnell.

And it remained unclear precisely who was taking the lead in the negotiating.

“If you had a tattoo for every group that’s forming, you’d have an arm full of them,” said Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) who was working to bring together a new bipartisan group of senators to reach an agreement.

The retreat by Democrats brought an end to the three-day government shutdown, but roiled immigration activists who blasted Democrats for caving to Republicans with nothing gained by the promise of a Senate vote.

“Once again, Dreamers are left behind,” said Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-N.Y.).

Trump last year announced that he was ending the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, but gave Congress until March 5 to come up with a legislative fix. With the clock ticking, Trump appeared to agree to a pair of deals with Democrats, then backed out and demanded more money for a border wall.

POTHOLES

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pavement remains raised, creating a gap. Vehicles break the unsupported pavement when they drive over it.

Earlier this month, the temperature ranged from a record high of 60 to a near-record low of minus 9 in just about 36 hours. That’s as big a fluctuation as the pothole that nearly ate your Buick.

That can create a hole, and the “KA-THUNK” sound of hitting one, that we’re all too familiar with.

This all prompts road crews to be out and about putting in the hot patches, Gallagher said.

“It’s all done by hand in a

Share with us

■ Got a hole you love to hate? Share it with us on Facebook. Be polite, but we’ll pass the complaint along.

What can you do?

■ Call 1-800-POTHOLE (768-4653) to report a pothole on the state’s highway system. This would include the

Interstate and Routes 11, 13, 23, 26, 41, 41A, 90, 91, 221, 222, 281 and 392 in Cortland County.

little trailer,” Gallagher said. “We have a heated box that heats it up.”

The roads hit the hardest are the “usual suspects,” he said: Clinton Avenue, the eastern side of Church Street, and the intersection of Port Watson and Main streets. They’re the more heavily

traveled roads, especially inter-sections and turns.

Marathon Town Highway Superintendent Randy Ensign faces the same problem. “The intersections where there’s a lot of turning traffic and stuff like that,” Ensign said. “That’s usually where they show up.”

And sure enough, on Clinton Avenue on Monday, cars were avoiding a string of potholes lining the right hand side of the eastbound lane.

The temperature fluctuations continue today with the forecast calling for snow flurries and a high of 24, according to the National Weather Service in Binghamton, before temperatures drop to about 15 degrees overnight Thursday.

Ensign said he expects his crews to be out patching.

“It’s the thawing and freezing, the really warm days and then cold weather right after it, that’s what does it,” he said. “Just like we’ve got coming now.”

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In the Oval Office on Tuesday, Trump said he was “not at all concerned” about what Sessions may have told the Mueller team.

The recent questioning of the country’s chief law enforcement officer shows investigators’ interest in the obstruction question that has been at the heart of the investigation for months through interviews of many current and former White House officials.

Sessions himself is a potentially important witness given his role as a key Trump surrogate on

the campaign trail and his direct involvement in the May 9 firing of Comey, which he advocated. The White House initially said the termination was done on the recommendation of the Justice Department and cited as justification a memo from Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein that faulted Comey for his handling of the Hillary Clinton email server investigation.

But Trump said later that he was thinking of “this Russia thing” when he fired Comey, and he had decided to make the move even before the Justice Department’s recommendations.

Sessions was one of Trump’s earliest and most loyal allies, the first senator to endorse him during the presidential campaign and then a key national security adviser. He was present for an April 2016 Trump foreign policy speech at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, where he spoke with the Russian ambassador to the United States. He also attended a meeting a month earlier with campaign aides including George Papadopoulos, a foreign policy adviser who pleaded guilty last year to lying

to the FBI.

Sessions may well have been asked during his Mueller interview about any interactions he had with Papadopoulos, as well as about his own encounters during the campaign with the Russian ambassador.

He might also be able to supply information about White House efforts to discourage him from recusing himself from the Russia investigation, which he did last March after acknowledging two previously undisclosed encounters with the ambassador.

Police/fi e log

Police: Court order violated

Accused: Andre M. Leduc, Jr., 26, of 3735 Prospect St., Truxton

Charges: Aggravated family offense, a felony, and second-degree criminal contempt, a misdemeanor

Details: Leduc went to a residence on Clinton Avenue in

Cortland around 9 p.m. Tuesday, where his 3-year-old son who had an order of protection against him, was staying, police said. The felony aggravated family offense stems from a previous conviction of criminal mischief in 2017.

Legal actions: Leduc awaited arraignment today in Cortland City Court.

FBI

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Trump has been especially critical of Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, who plans to retire from the bureau in March. McCabe’s supervision of the Clinton’s email investigation came under scrutiny because his wife’s Virginia Senate campaign received contributions from

Clinton ally Terry McAuliffe’s political action committee.

The president fumed again Tuesday over text messages involving an FBI agent who was reassigned from Mueller’s investigation following the discovery of anti-Trump messages he had traded by phone with an FBI lawyer.

Lottery Winners

ALBANY (AP) — Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the New York State Lottery:

Numbers: Midday: 9-2-4, Lucky Sum: 15, Evening: 2-9-6, Lucky Sum: 17; **WinFour:** Midday: 6-3-5-5, Lucky Sum: 19, Evening: 7-6-7-7, Lucky Sum: 27; **Pick 10:** 7-8-11-15-23-31-34-35-40-49-51-54-55-56-60-64-74-75-77-78; **Take Five:** 1-9-16-30-32; **Mega Millions:** 2-6-30-31-55, Megaball: 7, Megaplier: 4

Deaths

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The Family of Neta Neff



would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended her funeral service and for the many kind messages, cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy.

Special thanks to: Donna Neff and Merbeth Gosselin for the many years of loving care which made it possible for her to stay at home; Cortland County Hospice and Nurse John Hughes for their advice and support; Smith Funeral Home for their care and attention; Reverend William Gallerani for his

comforting words; Joshua Merchant for his touching rendition of “Amazing Grace”; Kathy Shinberg and John Potocnik for playing the music that she loved so much on her mother’s fiddle and father’s banjo; and The Women’s Fellowship of the United Church of DeRuyter for the excellent food.

The love and support sent our way has been truly heartwarming. Mom (Gram) would have been pleased.

Man admits to bank heist

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A city man accused of robbing a bank in Cortlandville in November 2016 pleaded guilty Tuesday in Cortland County Court.

Zacharie Boutoille, 26, appeared before Judge David Alexander with his attorney, Public Defender Keith Dayton, and pleaded guilty to third-degree attempted robbery, a felony.

As part of the plea deal, sentencing, scheduled for March 13, will be up to the discretion of the court. The third-degree attempted robbery charge has a maximum sentence of one to four years indeterminate prison sentence.

Boutoille is accused of entering the First National Bank of Dryden on Route 13 near Lime Hollow Road in Cortlandville on Nov. 26, 2016, demanding money and leaving with \$5,105.88, in

a late-model dark Chevrolet Impala with tinted windows.

Witnesses told police that he had a handgun on his hip during the robbery, but did not draw it.

Boutoille was originally charged with second-degree robbery, third-degree grand larceny and second-degree criminal use of a firearm, all felonies.

Boutoille said in court he had been taking college courses for an associate degree in business

administration.

District Attorney Patrick Perfetti said Tuesday that consideration was given because Boutoille had paid restitution in full, \$5,105.88; voluntarily entered treatment with the Veterans Affairs clinic; had no criminal record; and a history as a combat veteran.

Dayton said he is still working with Boutoille to get details on motive behind the robbery and could not comment further.

Boutoille, who had served as a specialist with the 27th Infantry Combat Team, a unit with the New York Army National Guard, was deployed to Afghanistan as a forward observer for the brigade's artillery for a year, starting in October 2010.

Boutoille's wife, Sara, said in December 2016 he has dealt with anxiety ever since his deployment, but has, so far, no specific diagnosis.

Principal injured sledding

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Nate Cobb was trying to show the kids how to tube. Down the hill he flew at a church camp in Chenango County. He hit the bump, bounced into the air.

And landed on his head. His neck was dislocated.

That was Friday at Camp BaYouCa in Smithville Flats, part of a field trip with Cortland Christian Academy at the Central New York Baptist youth camp. On Saturday, he spent three hours in surgery at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Johnson City to repair the dislocations between the C-6 and C-7 vertebrae, which connects the neck to the rest of the spine. A second surgery follows today to relieve pressure on his C-3 and C-4 vertebrae, which will help repair nerve damage.

The prognosis is good and Cobb said Tuesday from his hospital bed that he still has mobility in both his arms and legs. But full recovery will take six months, maybe a year.

"When someone pushes my arms, I can't push back," Cobb said. The recovery process will include physical therapy sessions, follow-up doctor's appointments and regular healing.

Cobb, 38, of Cortland, is principal of Cortland Christian Academy and active in the Crown City Little League. He will be out of work for a few weeks and plans to take part in the upcoming Little League season, though he does not know how involved he will be coaching pitching and hitting.

Sarah Woodard of Cortland, the wife of league President Steve Woodard, set up a Gofundme fundraiser on Sunday. So far, it has raised \$1,700, past a \$1,000 goal to help Cobb and his family, his wife Kimberly and three kids.

The money will go help provide the Cobb family with gas and grocery cards and other needs. Steve Woodard said this would take some of the stress off the Cobb family as they deal with recovery.

"The response has been fantastic," Woodard said. "We've exceeded our original goal and we'll continue to collect funds."

"The support has been overwhelming," Cobb said, who expects to return home over the weekend. "It's amazing to see the community gather around one person."



Fred Sherman of Cortland walks along the snow and ice covered sidewalks Thursday at Clinton Avenue and Main Street in downtown Cortland.

Joe McIntyre/staff photographer

Snowy walks a nuisance

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Sixty-one year old Laura Eaton used to walk around town, cane and all, until a fall off a snow bank a couple of years ago banged her up and, more than anything, scared her.

The sidewalks around Cortland may be bare, for now because of the recent warm weather, but this is winter; more snow is coming. And that means people like Eaton will make other arrangements to get around.

The responsibility to clear snow from sidewalks lies with property owners, but if they don't, there's no quick fix, said Cortland Code Enforcement Officer William Knickerbocker. Absent a pressing safety issue, a long system of verbal and written notices comes before the city cleans it.

Eaton, who uses a cane, now takes a cab when the snow falls. Others who rely on seeing eye dogs, walkers or wheelchairs often find themselves just not going out at all, says Chad Underwood, Executive Director of Access to Independence.

A snowy sidewalk is a nuisance for anybody, but it's a particular barrier for people with mobility problems.

Eaton used to walk from the senior high rise on Port Watson Street where she lives to her volunteer job at CNY SNAP, an animal spay and neutering facility on Central Avenue.

That is until the fall off the

See a snowy sidewalk?

- **Cortland** — Residents can call Cortland Code Enforcement Officer William Knickerbocker at 607-753-1741 to report a snow-covered walk.

- **Homer** — Businesses and residents in the village of Homer have 24 to 48 hours to clear the snow off their sidewalks. If it is not cleared, there will be a charge, Village Clerk Dan Egnor said. The burden doesn't fall squarely on the

property owners' shoulders, however. The village will help out businesses and residents when it can, especially the elderly.

- **Dryden** — Village Deputy Clerk Abby Homer said keeping sidewalks clear is technically the responsibility of the property owners. However, heavy snows in 1993 and 1994 prompted a special village policy that calls for the village's department of public works to clean the sidewalks

property owner for the work. The process could take days, or weeks.

"If you've got a lot 100 feet in width, it's going to cost you \$70 or \$80 to get it cleared," Knickerbocker said, plus a \$25 administrative fee, and for chronic abusers, a fine in the "hundreds of dollars."

Knickerbocker said since the beginning of this winter season, he's probably delivered hundreds of warnings, but few written citations because people usually address the problem.

Cortland Department of Public Works Deputy Superintendent Nic Dovi said crews are already busy clearing the city-owned properties, including sidewalks around city parks, and also the snow from the curb lines downtown.

"After we catch up on plowing, we do the Main Street area, from the end of North Main near Maple, all the way past William Street," he said. Dovi couldn't remember a time crews cleared private sidewalks downtown.

Underwood just wishes it would not even get this far.

"It's really dependent on the community, some communities are really committed to access," Underwood said, giving Skaneateles, where the DPW clears sidewalks as a village service, as an example. "I would think we would have the same commitment to our businesses."

Staff reporters Jacob DeRochie and Nick Graziano contributed to this report.

Disaster declaration skips Moravia

MORAVIA — Cayuga County was added to a list of counties declared major disaster areas as a result of flooding along Lake Ontario in 2017, but not Moravia.

A major disaster declaration had previously been made for Jefferson, Niagara, Orleans, Oswego, St. Lawrence and Wayne counties based on flooding along Lake Ontario. This allowed for Federal Emergency Management Agency public assistance and hazard mitigation funds to cover emergency work, repairs and replacement of disaster-

damaged facilities, as well as make long-term improvements to reduce the impact of future disasters, according to a news release from Sen. Charles Schumer's office. FEMA covers 75 percent of eligible costs for permanent and emergency work.

However, the money will only fund efforts in northern Cayuga County affected by the lake flooding, said Terry Baxter, Moravia town supervisor. Moravia will not see assistance from FEMA for its two floods in Jul .

— Jacob DeRochie

Driver in crash upgraded

CORTLANDVILLE — A Cortlandville man involved in a crash last week at a Route 13 gas station was listed in fair condition this morning.

Darwin M. Stickle, 41, was taken to Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse after he crashed his Jeep into gas pumps Jan. 17 at the Kwik Fill convenience store at Route 13 and McLean Road Extension after a domestic argument.

Stickle, who had undisclosed

internal injuries, was listed in fair condition this morning, according to hospital officials, up from critical condition last week.

Cortland County sheriff's officers said that while leaving the residence where the argument took place, Stickle reportedly struck a female with his vehicle. The female suffered a minor leg injury. Lt. Todd Caufield previously said police are still trying to determine if the woman hit was involved in the argument.

Jasmine Hawley, assistant manager of the Kwik Fill store, said the store's exterior video footage showed the Jeep appeared to wait on Starr Road as two vehicles crossed the intersection on Route 13, then sped directly toward the pumps. The shear pins, a safety feature, were severed in the crash and halted the flow of gasoline to the damaged pumps.

No charges have been filed, but the investigation continues.

— Jacob DeRochie

Cortland schools options opposed

By ROBERT CREENAN
Staff Reporter

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As consultants introduced the final four options Tuesday to ease Cortland School District space problems — including closing an elementary school — district residents are beginning to organize opposition to any closings.

Karen Diescher and Anna Bennett handed out stickers reading "Save the Parker Panther," the elementary school's mascot, as consultants suggested closing either it or Virgil Elementary School. They, and other parents, are concerned that parents from schools not considered for closure do not realize how much it will affect the district.

"It's a financial study, but it's not taking the educational impact involved," said Diescher, who has a fourth grader at Parker.

"It's an introduction to the issue," Bennett said. "It's far from thorough, it's just estimates."

The four options, trimmed from nine, presented at Tuesday's school board meeting by Alan Pole and Bill Silky of Castallo and Silky all involve either closing Virgil Elementary School or Parker Elementary School, with the possibility of turning the remaining schools into K-2 and 3-6 grade centers.

The school district has \$27.2 million in capital work needed over the next one to two years to keep the district's buildings in proper condition. Virgil has \$638,935 in priority needs while Parker has \$4.3 million in priority needs.

Virgil is the smallest of the district's five elementary schools, with 116 students. It is the only school with one section for each grade, with as few as 12 students per section.

Closing Parker Elementary would save the district \$801,683 annually in salary and benefits, from eliminating 13 jobs. Closing Virgil would save the district \$592,888 annually in salary and benefits from eliminating nine jobs.

Districtwide, enrollment has dropped to 2,362 this year from 2,637 in 2012-13. Consultants expect the decline to continue, settling at 2,007 students by 2024-25. The schools already have more rooms than they need.

Virgil, with 116 kids in 34,654 square feet, and Parker, with 231 students in 50,573 square feet, are the district's smallest schools. Both are three-story buildings, while the consultants prefers single-story buildings.

Virgil is the most isolated of the five schools; Parker has little space for parking.

Other options presented at previous facilities meetings included doing nothing or creating a grade 6-8 middle school. Pole said the district cannot afford either. Creating a middle school would create an additional \$215,000 per year burden on the school district.

The consultants recommended the Board of Education enact an option by the 2019-20 or 2020-21 school years, reduce staff by elimination positions through attrition, have at least one public hearing to seek comment.

"You're not just Parker, Randall, Barry, Smith or Virgil, you're all Cortland," Pole said.

Something to say?

What: Public forum
When: 6:30 p.m. Feb. 6
Where: Cortland Junior-Senior High School Auditorium.
Purpose: To seek comment on these options:
● Close Virgil and keep the remaining elementary schools as K-6 buildings. Savings: \$423,728
● Close Parker and keep the remaining elementary schools as K-6 buildings. Savings: \$1.1 million
● Close Parker and form grade centers: K-2 at Smith and Virgil and grade 3-6 at Barry and Randall. Savings: \$1.4 million
● Close Virgil and form grade centers: K-2 at Randall and Smith and grades 3-6 at Barry and Parker. Savings: \$1.1 million

Around the Towns

Releases for community events must be submitted to the Cortland Standard one week before the planned event is scheduled. To submit a release, email towns@cortlandstandard.net or mail it to P.O. Box 5548, Cortland, NY 13045. Please include a name and contact information (this will not be printed unless permission is granted).

Marathon center to host brunch

The Marathon senior center will hold a pancake brunch from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday.

Cards or Wii bowling begin at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are not required for brunch.

The next brunch will be Feb. 13.

Call 607-849-3884 to make reservations for a meal during the week.

Legion to serve buffet Sunday

The American Legion family will be holding a breakfast buffet from 8 to 11 a.m. Sunday at 63 S. Main St. in Homer.

Veteran and senior discounts are available. Omelets are on the menu available.

Proceeds help fund the many veterans and community service projects of the American Legion family.

Brewster House open house set

All are invited to the Elizabeth Brewster House open house Saturday during Homer's Winterfest activities.

There will be hot beverages, snacks and a friendly tours of the facility between 1 and 3 p.m.

The Elizabeth Brewster House is at 41 S. Main St. in Homer.



An eastern bluebird feeds on a berry.

James_Hendrickson/Cornell Lab of Ornithology

'Year of the Bird' celebrated

ITHACA — This year marks the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

In honor of this milestone, National Geographic, the National Audubon Society, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and BirdLife International will join forces with more than 100 other organizations and millions of people around the world to celebrate 2018 as the "Year of the Bird."

This effort aims to heighten public awareness of birds because of their wonder and beauty—and because they symbolize nature's interconnectedness and the importance of caring for our shared planet.

To get started, visitors to BirdYourWorld.org will discover simple but meaningful

steps that anyone can take to help birds each month and join a pledge to participate.

These steps include participating in the worldwide Great Backyard Bird Count in February, putting in native plants in the spring and cutting back on the use of plastic materials.

Through 12 months of storytelling, science research, and conservation efforts, Year of the Bird will examine how the changing environment is driving dramatic losses among bird species around the globe and highlight what we can do to help bring birds back.

Participating organizations include non-profit and conservation groups, state and federal agencies, zoos, nature centers, and ornithological societies that are working

together to raise the visibility of birds and inspire action through #BirdYourWorld throughout 2018.

The campaign will also utilize National Geographic's portfolio of media platforms reaching millions of people around the world with engaging bird content that will educate, inspire, and raise awareness about the challenges that birds are facing and what people can do to help.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology brings together scientists, technology, and bird enthusiasts from around the world to improve the understanding and protection of birds and nature.

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Writers are welcome to send in their work.

The following guidelines exist:

- Stories are fictional and 600 to 800 words in length and suitable for a community audience.
- Writers cannot be paid, but the paper feels it is valuable to offer local writers an audience and voice in its space.
- The editor will look for appropriate graphics and/or photos to highlight stories.
- Supply author's name and a title that tells local connection. Include name and contact for possible questions (not to be printed)
- Stories are due the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Please submit to Katie Keyser at living@cortlandstandard.net, or mail to P.O. Box 5548, Cortland, NY 13045, or drop off at our 110 Main St. office.

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College names director of libraries

CORTLAND — Jennifer Kronenbitter was named permanent director of libraries by President Erik Bitterbaum effective Jan. 11.

She has been with SUNY Cortland for 11 years, serving

as interim director of libraries since July 2017. She began her career here in 2006, progressing from senior assistant librarian to coordinator of bibliographic services, assistant director then associate director.

Having served in multiple roles at the college, Kronenbitter has extensive experience in a breadth of library services and with each position increased her leadership, personnel and budget responsibilities.

As associate director, she had responsibility for the entire library collection, including monographs, databases, inter-library loans and Teaching Materials Center materials. She managed the budgets for these

collections and worked collaboratively with faculty and librarians to ensure the college's collection fully supports its curriculum and research needs.

As associate director, she was second in charge of the library, and served as a key member of the library leadership team participating in all decisions concerning the library.

Kronenbitter earned a bachelor's in anthropology with a minor in geology from Millersville University of Pennsylvania, a master's in geoenvironmental science from Shippensburg University and a master's in library and information science from Southern Connecticut State University.



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Bids will be received by the Owner until **2:00 PM, Local Time, Thursday, February 8, 2018**, at the office of Kim Vile, Director of Business Services, Cortland Enlarged City School District, 1 Valley View Drive, Cortland, New York 13045

OPENING OF BIDS

Bids will be opened and read aloud at **2:05 PM, Local Time, on Thursday, February 8, 2018**, in the District Office (Kaufmann Center) Conference Room, at 1 Valley View Drive, Cortland, New York 13045.

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The work of this project shall be completed by the dates set forth in Section 011100 entitled "Summary of Work."

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Bidders will be able to visit the Site at the convenience of the Cortland City School District with a minimum of forty-eight hours prior notification to Mr. David Payne (Assistant Director of Facilities) by telephone at 607-644-0327.

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Ms. Sarah Welch
King + King Architects LLP
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Syracuse, New York 13202

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BIDS SHALL BE submitted exclusive of tax and shall be accompanied by a statement of non-collusion as required by Section 103d of the General Municipal Law. The County of Cortland reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By Order of the Cortland County Legislature
Eric Mulvihill, Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

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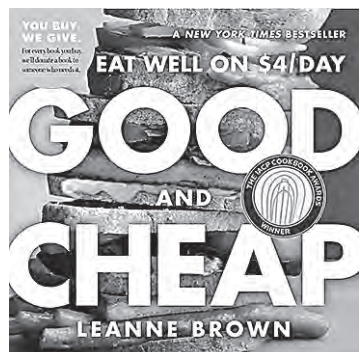
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The cover of Leanne Brown's "Eat Well on \$4/Day: Good and Cheap," published by Workman.

'Good and Cheap' a nice resource

By KATIE KEYSER
Living and Leisure Editor
living@cortlandstandard.net

Knowing I'm always on the lookout for recipes, Gail Van Patten of Cortland brought in a stack of cooking magazines and a real find, Leanne Brown's "Eat Well on \$4/Day: Good and Cheap." I tried a sausage and tomato recipe out of the cookbook, and it was delicious. I trust this book. I thought Brown's Half Veggie Burgers, was a good idea, too.

Use almost any vegetable to make these burger patties, the author says, except for lettuce and other greens, or super-watery vegetables like tomato or cucumber.

Make sure the vegetables are either small to begin with, like corn or peas, or finely chopped to cook evenly, Brown writes. Vegetables that are inedible raw — like potato, squash or eggplant — should be fully cooked before adding them to the patty.

HALF VEGGIE BURGERS
Serves 8
3 cups cooked lentils or beans
1 cup finely chopped bell pepper or other vegetable
1 pound ground beef or other ground meat
1 egg (optional)
salt and pepper to taste
8 buns

1. Roughly mash the lentils with the back of a large spoon.
2. Mix the lentils, bell pepper and ground beef with your hands in a large bowl. If you're grilling, add an egg to keep the patties from crumbling. Season with salt and pepper and form into eight patties.
3. Place a large skillet over medium-high heat (or fire up the grill), and add the patties. Sear them until they're dark brown on one side, about 5 minutes, then flip 'em and do the same on the other side. If you want cheeseburgers, lay cheese on the patties after flipping them once.
4. Serve on toasted buns with your favorite condiments and fresh vegetables.

Notebook

PFLAG to meet

The next Ithaca-Cortland PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) meeting will be 4 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Interfaith Center, 7 Calvert St., Cortland. All are welcome.

Eastern Star meeting Feb. 5

Cortland City Chapter's next meeting is 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Cortlandville Masonic Temple on Route 13, Cortlandville. Lady officers will wear long colored attire and gentlemen officers will wear dark suits.

Bridge scores

Dick Burnham and Jim McConnell were winners in the Friday Cortland Duplicate Bridge game with 33.5 points. Average for the game was 24 points.

Second place was Barb Klockowski and Laura Simon with 27.5 points. Third place was Don Goode and Jim Austin with 24 points. The group will play again 10 a.m. Friday at the Cortland YWCA.

My Kitchen, My Refuge

Amazing sheetpan suppers

Entire meal on one pan

By DANIEL NEMAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch (TNS)

Chefs call it a half-sheet and think it's used for baking.

That's because chefs don't think the same way as home cooks. They're not as resourceful.

What they call a half-sheet, we call a rimmed baking sheet. What they think is best used for, say, cookies, we picture using to cook a whole meal. It's simple, it's convenient, and leaves just one pan to wash.

Take, for instance, the mixed vegetable shakshuka, a Middle-Eastern specialty that is, if anything, even more popular currently than sheet-pan meals. Though it is often eaten for breakfast, it's wonderful any time.

Typically cooked in a skillet on top of a stove, shakshuka is a dish of tomatoes and other vegetables — in this case, zucchini, onions and red bell pepper — that is cooked into a thick sauce. The sauce is then used to poach eggs, and it is all eaten together.

The dish is amazing, a swirling melange of perfectly balanced flavors topped off with a beautiful, runny-yolk egg. And baking it in a sheet pan in the oven makes it much easier to create and serve.

Next up was a pan full of pork chops with roasted apples and Brussels sprouts. I think it is the Brussels sprouts that make this dish so excellent.

VEGETABLE SHAKSHUKA
Yield: 6 servings
2 cups chopped zucchini, from 2 medium zucchini
1 cup chopped yellow onion
1 red bell pepper, chopped
1 Tbs. minced garlic (about 3 large garlic cloves)
3 Tbs. olive oil
1 (28-ounce) can or 2 (14.5-ounce) cans diced fire roasted tomatoes
1 Tbs. tomato paste
1 tsp. paprika
1/2 tsp. ground cumin
1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper
3/4 tsp. salt, divided
1/2 tsp. black pepper,



Cristina M. Fletes/St. Louis Post-Dispatch/TNS

Pork chops with roasted apples and Brussels sprouts

divided
6 large eggs
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

2. Combine the zucchini, onion, bell pepper and garlic on a rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with the oil, and toss to coat. Bake until the vegetables are tender and beginning to brown, 20 to 25 minutes, stirring after 15 minutes.

3. Combine the tomatoes, tomato paste, paprika, cumin, red pepper, 1/2 teaspoon of the salt and 1/4 teaspoon of the pepper in a large microwave-safe bowl; stir to combine. Microwave at high heat until hot, 2 to 3 minutes. Pour the tomato mixture over the roasted vegetables; stir to combine. Return to the oven and roast until the mixture thickens and the tomato liquid is somewhat evaporated, 15 to 20 minutes.

4. Use the back of a spoon to make 6 evenly spaced wells in the vegetable mixture. Break 1 egg into each well; sprinkle the eggs with the remaining 1/4 teaspoon each of salt and black pepper.

Return to the oven and bake until the eggs reach the desired degree of doneness, 8 to 10 minutes.

Sprinkle with parsley.

PORK CHOPS WITH ROASTED APPLES AND BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Yield: 4 servings

1 tsp. paprika
1 tsp. chili powder
1 tsp. garlic salt
1/8 tsp. ground red pepper
1/8 tsp. ground cinnamon
3 Tbs. light brown sugar, divided

2 tsp. finely chopped fresh rosemary, divided

1 tsp. kosher salt, divided
1/2 tsp. black pepper, divided

4 (1-inch thick) bone-in center-cut pork chops

3 Tbs. plus 2 tsp. olive oil, divided

3 Tbs. apple cider vinegar
1 Gala apple, cut into 1/2-inch wedges

1 pound fresh Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved

Kosher salt

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil and lightly grease with cooking spray.

2. Stir together the paprika, chili powder, garlic salt, red pepper, cinnamon, 1 tablespoon of the brown sugar, 1 teaspoon of the rosemary, 1/2 teaspoon of the salt and 1/4 teaspoon of the black pepper in a small bowl. Rub each pork chop with 1/2 teaspoon of the

olive oil; rub both sides of each pork chop with the brown sugar mixture.

3. Whisk together the vinegar and the remaining 2 tablespoons brown sugar, 1 teaspoon rosemary, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper in a small bowl. Slowly whisk in the remaining 3 tablespoons of olive oil until blended. Place the apples, Brussels sprouts and 1/4 cup of the vinegar mixture in a large bowl; toss to coat.

4. Place the pork chops in the center of the prepared baking sheet; place the apple mixture around the chops.

5. Bake for 12 minutes; turn the chops over and bake until a meat thermometer inserted in the thickest portion registers 140 degrees, 10 to 14 more minutes. Transfer the pork chops to a serving platter, and cover with foil to keep warm. Stir the apple mixture on the baking sheet and spread into an even layer.

6. Turn the oven to broil, and broil the apple mixture 3 to 4 minutes or until browned and lightly charred. Transfer the apple mixture to a medium bowl.

Toss together the apple mixture and the remaining vinegar mixture. Season with the kosher salt, and serve with the pork chops.

Make 2 lasagnas, freeze 1 for later

By JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

A piping hot pan of lasagna takes the chill out of January. I fantasize about popping a tray of multi-layered goodness into a hot oven after an afternoon of cross-country skiing.

These days I make two smaller pans, each 8 or 9 inches square, rather than one 13-by-9-inch pan. That way, I have one to serve and one to freeze. The square pan makes 6 moderate-size pieces suitable for a main course. Leftovers reheat well.

SAUSAGE AND SPINACH LASAGNA
Prep: 45 minutes
Cook: 1 1/4 hours
Makes: Two 8-by 8-inch pans, each serving 6
1 pound mild (or spicy or a combination) Italian sausage, removed from casings
1 medium onion, finely chopped
1/2 cup red wine
3 cloves garlic, crushed
2 cans (28 ounces each) Italian-style crushed tomatoes
2 tsp. dried Italian seasoning
Salt, freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup red wine
3 cloves garlic, crushed
2 cans (28 ounces each) Italian-style crushed tomatoes
2 tsp. dried Italian seasoning
Salt, freshly ground black pepper
1 pound (16 ounces) mozzarella (preferably whole milk)
16 ounces ricotta cheese (preferably whole milk)
1 cup shredded Parmesan



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A gorgeous and delicious lasagna.

cheese

1 large egg, beaten
2 Tbs. olive oil
1 box (9 ounces) oven-ready dried lasagna sheets
4 cups (2 ounces) loosely packed baby spinach leaves

1. Put sausage and onion into a large (12-inch) deep, nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Cook until sausage is golden and cooked through, about 10 minutes. Drain excess fat. Return to heat. Add wine; simmer over high heat while scraping up browned bits from bottom of pan, about 5 minutes. Stir in garlic; cook, 1 minute. Stir in tomatoes, Italian seasoning, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Simmer over

low heat, stirring often, about 10 minutes. Cool. There will be about 8 cups sauce.

2. Use the large holes on a four-sided grater to shred the mozzarella onto a plate. Put ricotta, 1/2 cup Parmesan, egg, olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper into a medium bowl. Mix well.

3. To assemble, have everything near the work surface. Lightly oil the bottom and sides of two 8-inch square metal or aluminum baking pans.

4. For each lasagna, pour about 1 cup of the tomato sauce into bottom of pan. Top with 2 lasagna noodles. Use a small spatula to spread 1/2 cup ricotta mixture over noo-

dles. Top with 1/2 cup sauce and 2 pasta sheets. Top with 1/2 cup sauce, 1/2 cup mozzarella, 2 cups spinach and 1/2 cup ricotta mixture. Add 1/2 cup sauce and smooth with the spatula. Top with 2 noodles, then another 1/2 cup sauce and 1/2 cup mozzarella. Top with 2 pasta sheets, 1/2 cup sauce, 1 cup mozzarella and 1/4 cup Parmesan.

5. Repeat to make a second pan of lasagna.

6. To freeze, cover the pans with plastic wrap and then a double thickness of foil. Label and freeze solid. When ready to bake, thaw overnight in the refrigerator.

7. To bake, heat oven to 375 degrees. Remove the plastic wrap from the lasagna. Lightly oil the foil and place it oiled side down on the lasagna and wrap the foil tight to the pan. Bake for 25 minutes (35 if previously frozen). Uncover the pan and continue baking until the sauce bubbles at the edges of the pan and a knife inserted in the center comes out hot, about 30 minutes more.

8. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting into squares to serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 431 calories, 24 g fat, 12 g saturated fat, 80 mg cholesterol, 27 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar, 25 g protein, 1,055 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

'Vagina Monologues' to be staged in Homer

The Center Players acting group is staging "The Vagina Monologues" and "A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, and a Prayer" at the Center for the Arts of Homer.

Both shows will start at 7 p.m. at the 72 S. Main St., Homer, stage. "The Vagina Monologues" takes place Feb. 2 while "A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, and a Prayer" takes place Feb. 3.

The shows contain adult themes. And 90 percent of the proceeds benefit the Cortland YWCA Aid to Victims of Violence, which provides services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

"Vagina Monologues" is an award-winning play based on playwright Eve Ensler's interviews with more than 200 women. With humor and grace, the piece celebrates women's sexuality and strength.

"A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, and a Prayer" is a collection of monologues by world-renowned authors and playwrights, edited by Eve Ensler and Mollie Doyle. These voices rise up to break open, expose and examine violence at all levels: brutality, neglect, a punch, even a put-down.

College Corner

These students achieved honors at their respective colleges:

Christian Chase of Cortland has been named to the fall 2017 dean's list at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, R.I.

Lindsey Goodenough of Dryden, a sophomore majoring in athletic training, and **Gillian McEvoy** of Cortland, a freshman undeclared major, were named to the dean's list at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania.

Meleah Hartnett of Truxton, a student at the University of New Haven (Conn.), has been named to the dean's list for the fall. Hartnett is working on a bachelor of science in communication with a concentration in film production

Luke Herting of Cortland made the dean's list at Monmouth University in New Jersey, where he's studying accounting. The freshman is the son of Tom and Sarah Herting.

Marissa Hingston of Locke has been named to the 2017 fall semester dean's list at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Theodore Phillips of Cortland completed a bachelor of science degree in business administration in fall 2017 at SUNY Oswego and was recognized at the college's commencement in December.

Alex Reynolds of Cortland, a geology major at SUNY Oneonta, and 15 other students explored canyons and hot springs and camped under the stars during winter break as part of their field geology of plate boundaries course. The expedition partially satisfies a capstone requirement for geology majors and allows them to use everything they have learned in geoscience in a field setting, identifying rocks, fossils, faults, geomorphic features, folds and sedimentary structures in their natural settings.

Students visited places right on the plate boundary between the North American and Pacific plates, studying evidence of recent fault movement and the results of rock deformation.

Ian Smith of Cortland was named to Siena College president's list for the fall semester. The president's list requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher at the Loudonville school.

Juanita Stadler of Tully was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Stadler was initiated at Auburn University in Baton Rouge, La. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible.

Gavin R. Teeter, son of Mark and Brenda Teeter of Cortland, has been named to the fall 2017 dean's list at St. John Fisher College in Rochester. Teeter, a freshman, is a sports management major.

Our Opinion

Warmth, cold, everything in between

The thermometer on our porch seems to be broken — or maybe it’s just given up trying to keep up with the wild swings in temperature over the last few weeks.

We’ve had some incredibly variable weather over the past few weeks, ricocheting between seasonable weather, extra frigid temperatures and some rapid thaws. Yes, yes, “if you don’t like the weather in Central New York, wait five minutes,” is a well-worn phrase, but it has some truth to it.

A front page article on Jan. 15 noted the “whiplash” as temperatures dropped from 60 degrees to minus 9 degrees in 36 hours, with one resident lamenting that he didn’t “know what normal is anymore.”

The freezing and thawing cycle has had deleterious effects on everything from ski resorts (hoping to hold on to their hard-earned snow) to the streets, as detailed in a front page article about potholes in today’s newspaper. City crews are patching potholes weeks earlier than usual, and drivers — ourselves included — are swerving all over the roads in order to avoid damage to the car. We should note that drivers should stay in their lanes, and that slowing down to hit a pothole is preferable to veering into the path of oncoming traffic.

The wacky weather has been a blessing for small talk in the line at the bank, but it’s left us scratching our heads as we stare at the coat closet each morning. Raincoat or parka? Boots or shoes? Goggles or sunglasses?

Nevertheless, it’s still winter, and we can expect the weather to return to something approximating the arctic tundra at any time. A nor’easter on March 14 last year closed down virtually the entire county and dropped more than two feet of snow the week before the first day of spring. So expect the unexpected.

The Cortland area will see lower temperatures today and Thursday, before a return to warmer weather starting Friday and continuing through the weekend. Rain could turn to snow on Sunday as the temperatures drop again. We can likely expect some ping-ponging between the usual winter weather and higher temperatures next week, as well.

Once winter does come back with a vengeance, we ask our readers who live in the city and area villages to make sure that the sidewalks in front of homes and businesses are cleared of snow and ice. Although it can be tough to keep up with at times, it’s important that pedestrians are able to use the sidewalks to move about. As noted in an article on page 3 of today’s newspaper, people with disabilities struggle mightily when sidewalks aren’t cleared, and this limits their ability to go about their lives during the winter months. That’s a tough spot to be in, and we owe it to our neighbors to keep sidewalks — which are the responsibility of property owners — safe to travel.

We’ve seen quite a few people walking in the street to avoid icy, snowy sidewalks, and it scares us to death to drive around a corner and find a pedestrian in our path. Whether due to freezing rain or snow on the roads, the best practice is to slow down when driving in winter conditions. Driving at slower speeds makes us feel safer, pedestrians feel safer, and the potholes feel less... ginormous.

For those of you who hate winter, have no fear. The season of mud will be upon us before you know it. Just don’t let the scattered warm spells trick you into thinking that winter in upstate New York is anything other than fickle and cruel.

Your Opinion

Reflections on a developer

To the Editor:

Most developers, and Donald Trump is one, have grown up having developed the need to make things happen. In fact, their sense of worth and achievement is often attached to “making things happen.”

Building, renovating, trying to see what can be created or reused. A developer creates wealth, satisfaction and the reason for life from the eternal buy, sell, build platform. Sometimes developing clouds the mind and emotion of sensibility, though not always.

The unfortunate part for the United States is having a president who has been successful in the past. The sense of achievement is the reward for Donald Trump. His personality glows when being fed by achievements. Most of us are in some ways controlled by this feedback loop.

Our president has been so handsomely rewarded in his conquests that he has effectively lost a rudder that would allow him to see that his life needs to be more than conquests or achievements to satisfy his rather shallow sense of self-worth.

It is amazing that we are in a position of absurdity with our president. The absurdity I refer to is his determination to build a wall between the United States and Mexico. The Chinese did it long ago, and many countries did it as well, but most of the fences or walls are now just tourist treats or abandoned, falling down hulks.

To hold the country hostage between potentially sending back children and families that have been here for long periods of time and spending money on a foolish wall only shows the need for change and the fallacy of having a president who has an inflated, dogmatic, illusional self-worth.

Paul Yaman
Solon

Good Old Days

January 24, 1968

Purchases of four parcels of land adjoining the Cortland Senior High School athletic field and of a new school bus were approved last night by the Cortland Board of Education.

The land includes one lot owned by Robert Bean and two owned by the city of Cortland, all three fronting on Valley View Drive and Pendleton Street, owned by Lawrence Wright.

January 24, 2008

DRYDEN — Mallory Meira was 5-years-old when she saw someone on television donate their hair to create wigs for children who lost hair due to medical problems.

“After I saw it on TV I told my mom that I wanted to give my hair to someone,” said the 9-year-old, who at the time gave about 10-inches of her hair.

On Jan.1, Mallory donated another 11 inches.

“This time my hair was really long and I wanted to get it cut so I asked my mom if I could donate it to Locks of Love again,” the 9-year-old said.

The difference in Mallory’s appearance sparked an interest among her third-grade classmates at Dryden Elementary School. They came up with the idea to locate and interview those in the elementary school who have donated their hair and write articles to put in the school’s monthly newsletter.

“Mallory came in one day with her hair all cut off and she told us she donated it,” said Jennifer DePaul, Mallory’s third-grade teacher. “I put it in our (class) newsletter then I got to thinking there are so many kids that have donated their hair and we should put it the school’s monthly newsletter. The idea just snowballed from there.”



If the name Taylor Weyeneth rings a tiny bell in your head, then you might be related to him. Otherwise, the 24-year-old was, until a week ago, an unknown if powerful member of the Trump administration: deputy chief of staff in the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Weyeneth’s qualifications for the job, which falls under the executive branch and spends hundreds of millions to fight illegal drugs and manage the opioid crisis, are essentially nil. As reported in The Washington Post, he did lose a relative to a heroin overdose and was very moved, making him uniquely qualified for no job whatsoever. His professional experience consisted of working on Donald Trump’s presidential campaign and, before that, working for a family firm that processed health products such as chia seeds, which is a spiffy resume item if you’re aiming to make smoothies at Whole Foods.

Weyeneth’s alarming lack of qualifications raises a number of questions, principally: What in the world were they thinking? Didn’t the president not long ago declare the opioid crisis a public health emergency? Who put Weyeneth there and why?

Since the ONDCP is part of the executive branch, Weyeneth’s placement would have come through the Office of Presidential Personnel, run by John DeStefano, a former staffer and policy adviser to former House Speaker John Boehner. DeStefano is in charge of screening job applicants and interviewing potential ambassadors and

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Cabinet secretaries. He is the arbiter of loyalty among possible hires, and is involved in the firing of those found to be not quite loyal enough.

Given the hundreds of unfilled jobs throughout the administration, including top-level positions, loyalists must be few and far between. DeStefano doesn’t mind the criticism that he’s taking too long to fill positions, however. In a Post interview last April, he said he was more concerned about getting it right than fast. He often asks candidates: “‘What’s your vision?’ ... I’m the person who’s vouching for them to the president of the United States.”

One can only imagine what Weyeneth offered up. It must have been very, very good.

None of this is Weyeneth’s fault, of course. He merely stepped in where he was allowed, as any ambitious, recent college grad would. But his story suggests more serious systemic problems. Bottom line: More-experienced, qualified candidates have simply declined to join the Trump club. It is broadly understood that one either doesn’t last long or

that, once associated with this administration, one’s future becomes rather dim.

Too, word is out that Trump’s henchmen take no prisoners.

So it was with the ONDCP’s acting chief of staff and general counsel, Lawrence “Chip” Muir, who was suddenly shown the door last month. One hears dozens of stories of similarly shabby treatment. The only survivors in this reality show are those who apparently do as they’re told or who flatter the emperor as required.

Thus, people such as Weyeneth get important jobs for which they’re unqualified and accrue power wildly disproportionate to their talents or experience. After a week of reported tensions between Trump and his chief of staff John Kelly, insiders are speculating about whether the retired general will be the next to join the exit parade.

The exit doors seem especially busy with women these days.

“They’re keeping their heads down and getting the hell out of there,” a recent evacuee told me. Though a Republican loy-

alist who has worked in three administrations, she bolted after three months on a job when she realized that Trump world was a cartoon version of “Lord of the Flies.”

“No one’s in charge,” she said.

The pace of voluntary departures is likely to pick up as Democrats appear closer to taking back the House and Senate in November. What profit would there be in sticking around? A Democratic Congress led by Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer could theoretically begin impeachment proceedings against Trump. The Senate Banking Committee, if led by now-ranking Democrat Sherrod Brown (assuming Ohio re-elects him) and featuring Elizabeth Warren (Massachusetts), would no doubt delight in closely examining Trump’s multiple bankruptcies.

The effect of such events would be to humiliate Trump, who hates to lose, and essentially neuter his power to move legislation. Rather than draining the swamp, he would have instigated an exodus of good people, reinforced the status quo, and lent a helping hand to an increasingly left-leaning Democratic Party.

In the interim, poor Weyeneth, who is only 24 after all, is just a kid on a fast ride, who, through no fault of his own has become both emblem and embodiment of the Trump administration’s recklessness and lack of seriousness. He deserves a job commensurate with his accomplishments — and American people deserve grown-ups in the White House.

Stop warrantless snooping

Jacob
Sullum



ternational emails, chat sessions and phone calls.

Once the information has been collected, the FBI can peruse it at will, looking for evidence of crimes that may have nothing to do with foreign intelligence (itself a very broad category), let alone terrorism or national security. Section 702 thus gives the FBI and other law enforcement agencies a way to dodge the Fourth Amendment’s ban on unreasonable searches and seizures, which is generally understood to require a warrant based on probable cause for surveillance that reveals the content of private conversations.

The bill that the House approved implicitly acknowledges this problem by requiring a warrant to search Section 702 data about Americans — but only when the FBI is looking for information about someone who is already the target of a criminal investigation (and only when

the investigation is not related to national security). Criminal suspects, in other words, would receive more privacy protection than people who the government has no reason to believe have broken the law.

The FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act also opens the door to reviving a suspended program that collected international communications “about” a foreign intelligence target. That kind of surveillance can pick up exchanges where neither party is the target and, due to technical problems in screening out domestic internet traffic, even when both parties are in the United States.

Last week, by a vote of 233 to 183, the House rejected an amendment that would have required a warrant for searches of Section 702 data and for surveillance partly motivated by a desire to collect information about Americans. That amendment,

known as the USA RIGHTS Act, also would have explicitly banned “about” surveillance and limited the use of Section 702 information to cases involving foreign intelligence or national security.

The legislators who supported the USA RIGHTS Act included conservative Republicans such as James Sensenbrenner (Wis.) and Ted Poe (Texas) as well as progressive Democrats such as Jared Polis (Colo.) and Barbara Lee (Calif.). They were united by a belief that constitutional rights must be respected even when they inconvenience people who think invoking national security should be the end of the argument.

“Our Founders gave us the Fourth Amendment to prevent a tyrannical government from invading our privacy, and we are fools to relinquish that hard-won right because of fear,” writes Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), who cosponsored the USA RIGHTS Act in the Senate and has vowed to fight reauthorization of Section 702 without reforms. “The Founders did not include the Fourth Amendment in the Bill of Rights as a suggestion.”

When the president thought Section 702 was used to “badly surveil and abuse the Trump Campaign,” he was indignant. If only he could spare some of that passion for a principle that protects the privacy of all Americans.

NYC joins other cities in filin opioid suits

NEW YORK (AP) — New York officials announced Tuesday the city is joining hundreds of other municipalities suing the nation's largest opioid manufacturers and distributors.

Mayor Bill de Blasio said the companies should be held accountable for the drug-abuse crisis.

“More New Yorkers have died from opioid overdoses than car crashes and homicides combined in recent years,” de Blasio said, noting that more than 1,000 people in New York City died of a drug overdose involving an opioid in 2016, a record.

“Big Pharma helped to fuel this epidemic by deceptively peddling these dangerous drugs and hooking millions of Americans in exchange for profit.

The lawsuit seeks to recover a half-billion dollars in current and future costs the city says it will incur to combat the epidemic.

More than 200 lawsuits against drug companies have been brought by local communities across the country, including those in California, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. The lawsuits have been consolidated into what is known as “multidistrict litigation,” an approach taken when lawsuits of a similar nature are filed around the country.

Drug distributors and manufacturers named in the lawsuits have said they don't believe litigation is the answer but have pledged to help solve the crisis.

“We are deeply troubled by the prescription and illicit opioid abuse crisis, and are dedicated to being part of the solution,” said John Puskas, a spokesman for Purdue Pharma L.P., one of the defendants in the New York litigation. “As a company grounded in science, we must balance patient access to FDA-approved medicines, while working collaboratively to solve this public health challenge.”

Weather

Local

Today: Mostly cloudy after 3 p.m., with a high near 22. Northwest wind 9 to 14 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. Total daytime snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 11. Wind chill values as low as zero. Northwest wind around 8 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 22. Wind chill values as low as minus 1. Northwest wind around 8 mph.

Extended

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 35. Light southeast wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the morning.

Friday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Saturday: A chance of showers after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Saturday night: Rain. Low around 33. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.

Temperatures

January 23-24			
10 a.m.	43	7 p.m.	34
11 a.m.	43	9 p.m.	34
Noon	43	Mid	34
1 p.m.	45	3 a.m.	28
2 p.m.	46	5 a.m.	27
3 p.m.	45	7 a.m.	25
4 p.m.	37	8 a.m.	23
6 p.m.	36	9 a.m.	21

Precipitation

January 23-24	0.02 inches
Month to date	0.75 inches

City Snowfall

January 23-24	Trace
Season to date	26.0 inches

Skies Today

Wednesday, January 24, 2018	
Sunset today	5:07 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:26 a.m.
Normal high temperature	30
Normal low temperature	13
Average temperature	22
First quarter moon	Tonight



Protestors gather at Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn, near the home of Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) on Tuesday.

Frank Franklin II/Associated Press

Immigrant activists protest outside Schumer's home

NEW YORK (AP) — Protesters rallied outside U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer's Brooklyn home on Tuesday to denounce the deal to end the federal government shutdown without protections for young immigrants.

About 75 people held signs that said “Clean Dream Act Now” and “No! Not One More Deportation!” Some chanted “If Chuck won't let us dream, we won't let him sleep.”

Senate Democrats — led by Schumer — angered their liberal, activist political base on Monday by yielding to Republican demands to reopen the government without an immigration deal.

The activists wanted them to fight harder for legislation to protect from deportation the 700,000 or so younger immigrants known as “Dreamers” who were brought to the U.S. as children and now are here illegally.

Rebecca Coyle, 43, of Brooklyn, said she was angry with Schumer and urged him to step down as minority leader.

“We sent him to Washington to defend our democratic values and he sold out,” said Coyle. “He gets frightened every time he gets a little pushback.”

New York resident Ali Garvey said her father was deported 35 years ago when she was a baby. She said she feels the pain and suffering that her friends are going through.

“The healing doesn't happen overnight and there are a lot of politicians who are going to have to answer for what they did,” the 36-year-old therapist said.

Tuesday's protest was organized by local groups, including Make the Road New York and the New York Working Families Party.

NY considering own net neutrality bill

ALBANY (AP) — New York state could adopt its own version of net neutrality under legislation state lawmakers announced Tuesday.

The bill would require internet providers doing business with the state or its municipalities to certify that they don't interfere with web traffic or speed to favor certain sites or costumers. Companies that don't abide by net neutrality when it comes to consumers wouldn't be eligible

for contracts. The lawmakers behind the idea say it's a simple way to use the state's lucrative information technology contracts as leverage to encourage fair treatment for consumers around the state.

“This is about keeping a free and open internet,” said Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy, an Albany Democrat and a sponsor of the bill. “It's the power of the New York purse.”

Cuomo's ex-aide allegedly accepted \$300K in bribes

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal prosecutor told a jury Tuesday that a former top aide to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo accepted more than \$300,000 in bribes, but defense attorneys belittled the claim, saying the bulk of the money was his wife's salary at a legitimate job.

Longtime Cuomo confidante Joseph Percoco is the main focus of a prosecution at a Manhattan federal court trial where three businessmen also are defendants. Prosecutors and defense attorneys made their opening statements in the trial Tuesday.

Percoco's proximity to the state's Democratic governor for two decades was underscored in opening statements at a trial projected to last over a month.

“He was the governor's right-hand man,” said Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Boone. “Wherever the governor went, Mr. Percoco went.”

Defense attorney Barry Bohrer said Percoco was the governor's “buddy and his loyal friend and his counselor” during a bottom-to-the-top ca-

reer that began at age 19 and included stints as an unpaid intern for Cuomo's late father, Mario, when he was the state's governor, and for former New York City Mayor David Dinkins.

At Mario Cuomo's 2015 funeral, Andrew Cuomo described Percoco as “my father's third son who sometimes I think

he loved the most.”

He also has likened him to a brother.

In a memoir, Cuomo once wrote that Percoco served as his “divorce counselor” when he split with Kerry Kennedy and was among the first people he turned to when he ran for attorney general in a

rebound from a disheartening failed run for governor in 2002. Percoco was Cuomo's campaign manager in the attorney general race in 2006 and also ran Cuomo's 2011 campaign for governor.

Cuomo has not been accused of wrongdoing and probably will not testify.

Boone told jurors to follow a trail of emails to conclude Percoco, driven by greed, “decided to sell the most powerful thing he owned: his job.”



Percoco

Bike-path trial would be lengthy

NEW YORK (AP) — A man charged with using a rental truck to kill eight people on a New York City bike path would face a lengthy trial next year if the government seeks the death penalty.

At a pretrial hearing on Tuesday, lawyers for Uzbek immigrant Sayfullo Saipov told a federal judge that jury selection alone could take a month or more. Both sides say testimony would take at least six weeks.

Prosecutors want any trial to begin in April 2019 while the defense says it needs until September 2019 to prepare. The judge put off a decision to set a date.

Last week, the defense said Saipov would plead guilty to terrorism if he were spared the death penalty. Prosecutors said it was too soon to make a decision about whether to seek death.

New York in brief

‘Grandma’ the circus clown resigns over misconduct

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A beloved circus performer known as Grandma the clown has resigned from the Big Apple Circus following accusations that he pressured a 16-year-old aerialist to pose for pornographic photos.

The circus' chairman, Neil Kahanovitz, told The New York Times on Tuesday that 65-year-old Barry Lubin offered his resignation on Friday shortly after the alleged victim came forward.

In a statement released by his lawyer, Lubin apologized for his conduct, saying the sexual misconduct allegations are true and that he takes full responsibility for his actions.

The female victim said it happened during the Big Apple's 2004 season in New York.

She said she was at first hired to work with the mini-troupe, but then Lubin persuaded her to model for his personal photography business.

LI surgeon arrested for assaulting nurse

EAST MEADOW — A Long Island surgeon has been arrested for assaulting a nurse at Nassau University Medical Center.

Police say Venkatesh Sasthakonar, of Albertson, approached the 51-year-old female nurse from behind and wrapped an elastic cord around her neck.

The surgeon then left the hospital in East Meadow, but returned several hours later and was taken into police custody.

Police say it happened on Monday after the two had a disagreement.

Sasthakonar was arraigned Tuesday on charges of strangulation and assault.

Information on his lawyer wasn't immediately available.

SUNY revokes Rose's honorary degree

ALBANY — State University of New York officials have revoked an honorary award given to television host Charlie Rose over sexual harassment allegations.

The Daily News reports that the SUNY Board of Trustees voted Tuesday to revoke the doctor of humane letters degree that Rose received from SUNY Oswego in 2014.

Rose was fired by CBS and PBS cut ties with him after several women accused him of unwanted sexual advances. Rose has apologized to his accusers but says he doesn't believe all the allegations are accurate.

SUNY officials in November also took back an honorary doctorate given to movie mogul and alleged serial sexual harasser Harvey Weinstein by the University at Buffalo.

JPMorgan raising wages, hiring, opening branches

NEW YORK — JPMorgan announced Tuesday it will boost wages, open new branches and hire thousands of new workers, citing improved economic performance and sweeping changes to the U.S. tax code.

Wages will rise to between \$15 and \$18 an hour from a range of \$12 to \$16.50 an hour, impacting 22,000 employees, the bank said. Chase will also open 400 new branches and hire 4,000 people in its new U.S. markets, housing and small business divisions. Loans to customers seeking “affordable” homes will rise by 25 percent to \$50 billion and the bank will boost philanthropy by 40 percent, to \$1.75 billion over the next five years

While JPMorgan Chase is the nation's largest bank by deposits and assets, its branch network is only found in 23 states and it does not serve large markets such as Washington, D.C. or Boston. A major branch expansion will likely include going into these markets.

Museum posts sketches of unidentified soldiers

SARATOGA SPRINGS — More than a dozen sketches of American soldiers who served during World War II have been posted on a New York museum's website in the hopes the men can be identified

The sketches made by Stan Dube were posted Tuesday on the website of the New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center. Dube drew portraits of 17 fellow soldiers while serving with the Army's 27th Infantry Division in Hawaii in 1943. He died in 2009.

His son Ira, of Woodland Park, Colorado, discovered the sketches among his father's possessions last year and recently donated them to the museum.

The soldiers in two of the sketches have been identified and the artwork was sent to relatives. The IDs of the other 15 remain a mystery.

Franco accusers detail allegations on ‘GMA’

NEW YORK — Two women who have accused actor James Franco of sexual misconduct said on ABC's “Good Morning America” on Tuesday that they're waiting for him to make amends.

Violet Paley and Sarah Tither-Kaplan repeated accusations they've made on Twitter that Franco abused his power and behaved inappropriately.

Paley has accused Franco of coercing her into performing oral sex on him. “He kind of like pushed my head down and was like, saying, ‘come on,’” she said Tuesday.

Asked what she'd like Franco to do now, Paley said, “a lot of things but please just apologize.”

Kentucky school shooting

‘People just ran’ for their lives

By KRISTIN M. HALL
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Associated Press

BENTON, Ky. — They ran silently, too stunned to shout.

Some of the children ran into classrooms to hide from the boy with the gun. Some ran out of the building, into the fields, across the streets, through the doors of nearby businesses.

“No one screamed,” said 16-year-old Alexandria Caporali, recounting the moment her high school became the site of the latest American mass shooting. “It was almost completely silent as people just ran.”

Bailey Nicole Holt and Preston Ryan Cope, both 15, were killed and another 17 people injured when a classmate opened fire Tuesday morning in the school’s busy atrium, a common area in the center of Marshall County High School, where several hallways meet and children gather before classes.

The trauma consumed the rural town of about 4,300 people, where nearly everyone has a connection to the school. Parents left cars on both sides of an adjacent road, desperately trying to find their teenagers; business owners pulled fleeing children to safety; a state trooper rushed to the school, terrified he would find his own daughter among the dead.

Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rick Sanders said authorities would not yet identify the 15-year-old, now in police custody, who he said walked into the school armed with a pistol just before 8 a.m. and immediately started firing.

Caporali was eating breakfast when she heard a shot, turned and saw the teenager with the gun. She knew him as a quiet boy who played music and always seemed happy. After the first shot, he seemed to hesitate.

In the same room, two 16 year olds, Lexie Waymon and Baleigh Culp, had been laughing and talking about makeup and the homecoming basketball game like ordinary teenagers on an ordinary morning. They heard a bang, and imagined something equally ordinary, like a heavy book hitting the floor.

“That’s what I expected it to be,” Culp said. “Until I saw a body drop on the ground and the bangs continued. There was bullets flying everywhere.”

Fear momentarily seized Waymon. “I couldn’t move. I got up and tried to run, but I fell. I heard someone hit the ground. It was so close to me,” she said. She froze, she said. She could see only blackness — for a full minute, she guesses. Then she



Ryan Hermens, The Paducah Sun/Associate Press

Marshall County High School students are escorted to their vehicles by emergency responders after Tuesday’s fatal shooting at the school in Benton, Kentucky.

came to and ran.

Waymon did not stop running, even though her chest hurt. One phrase ran on repeat through her mind: “I can’t believe this is happening. I cannot believe this is happening.” She didn’t stop until she made it to a McDonald’s, more than a mile from the school.

Culp was running, too. She ran to the highway, hearing shot after shot behind her. She kept running, unsure what to do, when a man reached out from the door of a business and pulled her to safety inside, where dozens of other students were hiding.

“They was running and crying and screaming,” said Mitchell Garland, who owns the cleaning company where the girl took refuge. He estimated between 50 and 100 students who ran from the school huddled there, including his own 16-year-old son.

“Everyone is just scared. Just terrified for their kids,” Garland said.

Inside the school, the boy kept firing, said Caporali, who ran into a classroom.

“It was one right after another — bang, bang, bang, bang, bang,” she said.

He kept shooting until he ran out of ammunition, she said. Then he took off running, trying to get away. He was soon apprehended by police and led away in handcuffs.

But by then, 14 had been shot and five others were injured as they ran from the gunfire. Bailey died at the scene and Preston died after being taken to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Five others remained in critical

condition late Tuesday.

Benton residents gathered in a church hours after the fatal shooting where they reminded that God had not forsaken them and told not to think “what did anyone do to deserve this.”

The case against the suspect will begin in juvenile court, which is closed to the public and the records sealed under Kentucky law. Prosecutors will request a judge move it to adult court, at which point the details will no longer be secret.

The teen is being held at a regional juvenile jail in Paducah, Kentucky, about a half-hour away, authorities said, and he has been appointed an attorney.

Word of the shooting spread quickly around town, and people rushed toward the school.

Marshall County Attorney Jeff Edwards heard the news from a friend and immediately drove to the building. He and his wife both graduated from the school, as did their children.

He saw children running in every direction and said his heart broke for the ordeal he knows they must endure.

He took office in 1997, the year a student opened fire in a school 30 minutes away in Paducah, Kentucky, killing three and injuring five. It was two years before the fatal attack at Columbine High School in Colorado, before mass school shootings became all too common, and it left scars across the state.

“This is something that they will never forget,” he said of children who ran for their lives. “It will be with them forever.”

Powell taking over as Fed chief during economic calm

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — It would seem like a pretty good time to take over as chairman of the Federal Reserve.

Jerome Powell has won Senate confirmation to head the U.S. central bank, inheriting an economy on a roll, a booming stock market and unemployment at a 17-year low.

He will succeed Janet Yellen, the first woman to serve as Fed chairman, when her term ends on Feb. 3. The position is considered the government’s most powerful economic job.

But while the immediate horizon appears clear, Powell faces the risk that today’s sturdy economy, low inflation and rising stock market could reverse course in the coming months or years, forcing him to come up with the right remedies.

INFLATION THREAT

One of the biggest threats could come from inflation, which over the past six years has been extremely low. Some forecasters, however, worry that the days of benign inflation readings could be coming to an end, especially if tight labor markets lead to accelerating wage gains.

There is also the concern that the stock market, which has been soaring to record highs, could get thrown into reverse if investors begin to worry about rising interest rates.

Yellen and other Fed officials have emphasized that they hope to remain on a course of gradual rate hikes but they have warned that if inflation does start to accelerate, they may be forced to apply the brakes more forcefully by raising interest rates more quickly.

That is the type of scenario that in the past has brought an end to economic recoveries. And this expansion is already the third longest in U.S. history. But for the moment, those threats remain just that — threats. In

fact, some Fed officials are not convinced that inflation is on the verge of picking up steam and in fact, they have argued that the central bank may need to slow down rather than accelerate its rate hikes.

That is the economic landscape that Powell inherits following his confirmation for the chairman’s job by a Senate vote of 84-13 on Tuesday.

President Donald Trump tapped Powell for the job after deciding against offering Yellen a second four-year term as chair despite widespread praise for her performance since succeeding Ben Bernanke.



Powell

Powell, 64, has served for 5 1/2 years on the Fed’s board. A lawyer and investment manager by training, he will be the first Fed leader in 40 years without an advanced degree in economics. Many expect him to follow Yellen’s cautious approach to interest rates.

BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

Powell, viewed as a centrist, enjoyed support from Republicans and Democrats.

The 13 senators who voted against Powell’s nomination included four Republicans, eight Democrats and Sen. Bernie Sanders, an independent who votes with the Democrats.

One of the dissenters, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) said she was concerned that Powell “will roll back critical rules that help guard against another financial crisis.”

During the presidential race, Trump was critical of the role the Fed played in implementing the Dodd-Frank Act, the 2010 law that tightened banking regulations after the 2008 financial crisis. Trump and many Republicans in Congress contended that the stricter regulations were too burdensome for financial institutions and were a key reason why economic growth since the Great Recession ended in 2009 had been lackluster.

Gymnasts molested

‘Enjoy hell,’ doctor told before sentencing

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — After listening to the riveting pleas of more than 150 victims, a judge is set to sentence a Michigan doctor who parlayed his reputation and personal charm into years of sexual abuse by molesting Olympic gymnasts and other young female athletes instead of solving their sports injuries.

Judge Rosemarie Aquilina will hear from a few more victims and then send Larry Nassar to prison today, the seventh day of a remarkable hearing that has given the girls, young women and their parents a chance to confront him in court. He faces a minimum prison term of 25 to 40 years but it could go higher.

Among those expected to speak on the last day: Rachael Denhollander, a Kentucky woman who contacted Michigan State University police in 2016 after reading reports about how USA Gymnastics, which trains Olympians, mishandled complaints of sexual misconduct. Nassar worked at Michigan

State and also was the national gymnastics squad’s doctor.

Nassar, 54, eventually pleaded guilty to assaulting seven people in the Lansing area, including Denhollander, but the sentencing hearing has been open to anyone who said they were a victim.

His accusers said he would use his ungloved hands to penetrate them, often without explanation, while they were on a table seeking help for various injuries.

The accusers, many of whom were children, said they trusted Nassar to care for them properly, were in denial about what was happening or were afraid to speak up. He sometimes used a sheet or his body to block the view of any parent in the room.

Brooke Hylek, a gymnast who plans to compete in college, heaped scorn on Nassar.

“I cannot believe I ever trusted you and I will never forgive



Nassar

you,” she said Tuesday. “I’m happy you will be spending the rest of your life in prison. Enjoy hell, by the way.”

“I’d been told during my entire gymnastics career to not question authority,” a former elite gymnast, Isabell Hutchins, said Tuesday.

The judge is likely to be unsparing in her treatment of Nassar. Aquilina has praised the victims who have appeared in her court since Jan. 16, calling them “sister survivors,” while also assuring them that their perpetrator will pay. The women have included Olympians Aly Raisman, Jordyn Wieber and McKayla Maroney.

Nassar has already been sentenced to 60 years in federal prison for child pornography crimes. He is scheduled to be sentenced next week on more assault convictions in Eaton County, Michigan.

DA seeks to block parents from 13 kids kept captive

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The parents accused of torturing 12 of their children and keeping them chained to beds for months and so malnourished their growth was stunted will appear in court today as prosecutors ask a judge to bar them from contacting their kids.

The court proceeding is the latest step as authorities seek to sever ties between David and Louise Turpin and their 13 children — between 2 and 29 years old — who were rescued from their home in Perris, California, on Jan. 14. They have pleaded not guilty to torture, abuse and other charges.

Riverside County prosecutors are seeking a protective order that would prohibit the Turpins from having any contact with their children, district attorney’s office spokesman John Hall said.

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Paul Hill Community Building
- 7:30-9:30 LIVE DJ PHILLY C’S
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Free Rides

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Village Green Bandstand
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Held with or without snow, Cash Prizes
- 11:00 – 3:00 CENTER for the ARTS
Community Arts Challenge Exhibit
- 11:00 ‘til gone - BBQ CHICKEN
Main Street - CNY Heat Girls Basketball
- 11:30 SNOWSHOE DEMONSTRATION
by Lime Hollow at the Bandstand
- 12:30-2:00 CHILI COOK-OFF
Hobo’s Route 281 Grill
- 1:00-3:00 REFRESHMENTS & TOUR
Elizabeth Brewster House
- 1:00-4:00 WINE & CHEESE TASTING
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NBA

LeBron now youngest to 30,000 points

SAN ANTONIO — LeBron James has made it a point not to revel in his accomplishments. He allowed himself a moment to savor this milestone, though.

James became the youngest ever to join the NBA's 30,000-point club.

He became the seventh player with 30,000 career points when he hit a jumper with one second left in the first quarter of the Cleveland Cavaliers' 114-102 loss to the San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday night.

"I don't ever fully appreciate what I do anytime I accomplish something, no matter if it's a win or a loss," James said. "I'm looking forward to the moment when I can be done with the game and I can sit back with my family and my friends and we can drink some wine and talk about all the accomplishments that I had and feats I was able to accomplish."

James, who needed seven points to reach the milestone, finished with 28.

He was recognized by the arena before the second quarter and got a standing ovation from Spurs fans. James patted his heart and said "thank you so much."

"Just a special moment," James said. "I just started thinking about everything that my journey (has entailed) from being a kid that first picked up a basketball when I was five years old to first starting playing organized basketball when I was nine and all the way up until this point. I give a lot of thanks to a lot of people. It's just a special moment."

"It's something I never set out to do. I'm not even a score-first guy when it comes to playing basketball. I love getting my teammates involved and seeing my teammates be excited about scoring and me getting assists. For me to sit here and be the youngest player ever to reach 30,000."

He missed his first two mid-range jumpers against San Antonio before making two driving layups and a 20-footer. He hit the milestone jumper over Danny Green from 19 feet out.

The Cavaliers were unable to celebrate immediately because the Spurs had an opportunity for a last-second shot. When Brandon Paul missed a 71-foot heave and the buzzer sounded, James' teammates quickly streamed off the bench to congratulate him.



Eric Gay/Associated Press
Cavaliers' forward LeBron James scores over Spurs' guard Danny Green during the first half of Tuesday's game in San Antonio. The points gave James 30,000 for his career.

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McGraw boys score decisive hoop victory

The McGraw boys' basketball team got off to a fast start Tuesday night and cruised to a 63-45 non-league win over visiting Blessed Virgin Mary Academy.

Host Hamilton beat DeRuyter 69-63 in another non-league boys' game while the McGraw volleyball team wound up its regular season with a 25-19, 25-20, 22-25, 25-17 loss to host BVMA.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

McGraw 63, BVMA 45: The Eagles led 18-5 after one quarter and never looked back in improving to 11-2 overall. They took a 38-18 lead into halftime and were up 56-31 entering the fourth quarter.

Dakota Stauber led the winners with 24 points, including six 3-pointers, while Chris Pickert added 11 points and Kevin Short and Maurice Peterson added nine each. Peter Hanson had 17 points and Peter Fullerton scored 16 for the Saints (1-8).

"We got off to a good start in this game," Eagles coach Matt Martins said. "We played solid defense in the first half and were able to put up points consistently throughout the game. Brendan May, Chase Curtis and Chris Pickert did a nice job in the third quarter, when we went with a bigger lineup. Evan Ignatowski and Tyler Card started the game for us and did a really nice job running the floor and hustling on defense. In the second half we did a good job of protecting the basket and continued to work the ball around offensively."

McGraw hosts first-place Madison this Tuesday in a Central Counties league contest, the JV tip-off set for 5:30 p.m.

Hamilton 69, DeRuyter 63: The Rockets got a game-high 22 points from Frank Glisson and 19 from Louie Glisson but fell to 8-6 on the season with the loss.

The Emerald Knights had four players in double figures as they improved to 11-2 on the season. Trevor Dow led the way with 20 points, complemented by Sean Hunt with 14, Tarik Cigeroglu with 12 and Ryan Rutledge with 11.

History aside, Spurs beat reeling Cavs

By The Associated Press

While LeBron James was becoming the youngest player ever with 30,000 career points, LaMarcus Aldridge was scoring 30 points to lift the San Antonio Spurs over the slumping Cleveland Cavaliers, 114-102 on Tuesday night.

James had 28 points while becoming the seventh member of the 30,000-point club.

Spurs point guard Dejounte Murray — friend and mentee of James — had 19 points, 10 rebounds and seven steals in his second start since replacing a healthy Tony Parker. Murray soared for a tip follow and then rose to disrupt James' driving layup, which led to a 3-pointer by Danny Green that gave the Spurs a 105-94 lead with 4:20 remaining.

After missing his first two midrange jumpers and a pair of free throws, James made two driving layups and a 20-footer, and then rose above Danny Green for a 19-foot jumper with one second remaining in the first quarter to reach the mark. The shot put Cleveland up 29-25.

At 33 years and 24 days, James is the youngest player to get 30,000. Bryant was 34 years and 104 days



Eric Gay/Associated Press
Spurs' forward Kyle Anderson blows past LeBron James during the second half of Tuesday's game, won by San Antonio, 114-102.

when he got there.

Warriors 123, Knicks 112: Stephen Curry scored 17 of his 32 points in the third quarter to go with seven assists and six rebounds, and Golden State used a big second half to beat New York.

Kevin Durant added 14 points, a career-high 14 assists and two blocks before his ejection with 2:50 left for a

second technical. Zaza Pachulia added 13 points in Golden State's seventh straight victory in the series.

The Warriors bounced back from Saturday's eight-point defeat at Houston to improve to 10-0 following a loss this season.

Michael Beasley scored 21 points and Courtney Lee contributed 20 as New York lost for the third time in

four games and sixth in eight.

Lakers 108, Celtics 107: Kyle Kuzma scored 17 of his 28 points in a phenomenal fourth quarter, and surging Los Angeles sent Boston to its fourth consecutive loss.

Jordan Clarkson scored 22 points in the sixth consecutive home win by the Lakers, who have won three straight and seven of nine overall. Kyrie Irving scored 33 points for the Celtics.

Thunder 109, Nets 108: Russell Westbrook made a go-ahead layup with 3.3 seconds left to help Oklahoma City rally from a 15-point second-half deficit and beat Brooklyn.

The lead changed hands six times in the final 2:23. Brooklyn went ahead 108-107 on a driving layup by Spencer Dinwiddie with 7.8 seconds left, but Westbrook answered with his own. After three timeouts, Dinwiddie missed a 3-point attempt at the buzzer, with the Thunder's Andre Roberson guarding him closely.

Kings 105, Magic 99: Garrett Temple scored 19 of his career-high 34 points in the fourth quarter to lift Sacramento over Orlando. Willie Cauley-Stein had 21 points and nine rebounds and Buddy Hield added 13 points for the Kings.

Australian Open Tennis Federer rolls to semis

**By JOHN PYE
AP Sports Writer**

MELBOURNE, Australia — Roger Federer took care of a long-time rival to set up a semifinal against Next Gen champion Hyeon Chung at the Australian Open.

Defending champion Federer's 7-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over Tomas Berdych extended his winning streak to 14 in Australian Open quarterfinals and to nine in that personal duel. The 19-time major winner leads that head-to-head contest 20-6, including all five meetings at Melbourne Park.

The 36-year-old Swiss star overcame a shaky start, dropping his opening service game and uncharacteristically challenging the chair umpire because of a technological fault.

"I had to get a bit lucky. A bit angry. A bit frustrated maybe at the umpire," Federer said. "Anyway, glad to get out of that first set. It was key to the match."

"That first set could have gone either way. He deserved it, actually. I stole that one a little bit."

Chung became the first Korean to make a Grand Slam tennis semifinal when he beat No. 97-ranked

Tennys Sandgren 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-3 in the afternoon match on Rod Laver Arena.

The 21-year-old Chung hadn't let up when upsetting No. 4 Alexander Zverev or six-time Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic en route to the quarterfinals, but he let his guard down in the last game and needed six match points and to fend off two break points to hold off Sandgren.

"In last game, I think at 40-love ... if I win one more point, I make history in Korea. I have to think about the ceremony, something," he said, explaining how he got slightly ahead of himself. "After deuce, break point. I was like, no, nothing to do with ceremony. But just keep playing — keep focused."

Then he fully embraced the moment, joking in an on-court TV interview, introducing the audience to his parents and his coach, and taking the microphone to speak in Korean to millions of new tennis fans back home.

"I think all the people is watching Australian Open now because we make history in Korea," he said.



Ng Han Guan/Associated Press
Roger Federer reaches for a backhand return to Tomas Berdych during their quarterfinal match. Federer won to set up a semifinal against Next Gen champion Hyeon Chung.

Eagles have bought in to team-first approach

By ROB MAADDI
AP Pro Football Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Winning is an easy sell.

The Philadelphia Eagles are the first team since the 1990 New York Giants to reach a Super Bowl without a player totaling 1,000 scrimmage yards though running backs Jay Ajayi and LeGarrette Blount and wide receivers Alshon Jeffery and Torrey Smith have done so in the past.

That group plus Pro Bowl tight end Zach Ertz, wide receiver Nelson Agholor and others have bought into a team-first, unselfish concept. They’re not checking their stats after games. The only number they cared about all

season was the win column.

One more against New England in the Super Bowl brings home the team’s first NF title since 1960.

“I think this group of guys is as good as you could ask to be around,” offensive coordinator Frank Reich said. “Really, the character and the work ethic, the camaraderie, just the commitment to the process that Coach (Doug Pederson) and our staff is always talking about. There’s a complete buy-in.

“It really helps that we’ve had the success and the execution. It’s always easier to buy in when you’re having the success that we’ve had.”

Blount didn’t even get a carry in a loss at Kansas City in Week 2. Then

NFL

he ran for a season-high 136 yards two weeks later at the Chargers. It was the only 100-yard rushing performance by Philadelphia this season.

Blount, who led the NFL with 18 rushing touchdowns with New England last year, led the Eagles with 766 yards rushing but his touches decreased after Ajayi was acquired from Miami.

“You can’t be selfish when everybody has one common goal,” Blount said. “You have to make sacrifices for the betterment of the team. We’ve done that and it’s gotten us this far.”

Ajayi came to Philadelphia with a reputation for selfishness, but it hasn’t been an issue. He kneeled on the turf and sobbed after the Eagles beat Minnesota in the NFC championship game.

“It’s a special feeling to not be done and to still have our goal of winning a Super Bowl right there in front of us,” he said.

Jeffery was the go-to man in Chicago before joining the Eagles. He didn’t have one 100-yard game, but led the team with nine TD catches.

“We’re not looking at numbers, just going out there and playing,” Jeffery said. “No matter who’s out there having a great game, or whoever the ball’s going to, as long as we’re doing our job

and just catching and working and getting those wins, that’s all that matters.”

There were no “throw me the damn ball” moments in Philadelphia’s locker room.

“I didn’t have to sell it too much,” Pederson said. “These guys are unselfish players. They are team players. I think any time that you factor in the wins, and they’re contributing to the wins, it sort of minimizes or sort of takes away the (idea) that, ‘I’ve got to have 1,000 yards; I got to have 10 touchdowns; I’ve got to rush for this many yards and have this many touchdowns.’ I think it minimizes that a little bit, because the team is doing well and the success of the offense.”

Scoreboard

Basketball

PROFESSIONAL					SCHOLASTIC GIRLS				
NBA					SCAC EMPIRE DIVISION				
EASTERN CONFERENCE					Central Square 61, East Syracuse-Minoa 31				
Atlantic Division					Fulton 78, ITC/Fowler 39				
W	L	Pct	GB		Standings: Jamesville-DeWitt 7-0 (10-2 overall), Central Square 4-1 (8-3), Auburn 4-1 (7-4), Oswego 3-3 (9-5), Fulton 4-4 (8-7), Cortland 1-7 (4-10), East Syracuse-Minoa 0-7 (1-12), ITC/Fowler 0-2 (0-14).				
Boston	34	14	.708						
Toronto	31	14	.689	1 1/2					
Philadelphia	22	21	.512	9 1/2					
New York	21	27	.438	13					
Brooklyn	18	30	.375	16					
Southeast Division					SCAC METRO DIVISION				
W	L	Pct	GB		Cicero-North Syracuse 48, Fayetteville-Manlius 29				
Miami	27	20	.574	—	Nottingham 49, Hannibal 40				
Washington	26	21	.553	1	Standings: Cicero-North Syracuse 8-1 (13-1 overall), West Genesee 5-1 (8-4), Liverpool 5-3 (9-4), Baldwinsville 4-3 (10-3), Fayetteville-Manlius 4-5 (8-8), Nottingham 3-4 (6-6), Henninger 1-7 (3-8), Corcoran 0-6 (0-9).				
Charlotte	19	26	.422	7					
Atlanta	14	32	.304	12 1/2					
Orlando	14	33	.298	13					
Central Division					OHSL LIBERTY AMERICAN DIVISION				
W	L	Pct	GB		Standings: Westhill 6-0 (11-2 overall), Phoenix 4-3 (7-5), Chittenango 4-4 (7-8), Marcellus 3-3 (8-7), Homer 3-4 (4-7), Mexico 0-6 (0-11).				
Cleveland	27	19	.587	—					
Indiana	25	22	.532	2 1/2					
Milwaukee	24	22	.522	3					
Detroit	22	23	.489	4 1/2					
Chicago	18	29	.383	9 1/2					
WESTERN CONFERENCE					OHSL LIBERTY NATIONAL DIVISION				
Southwest Division					Skaneateles 66, Chittenango 56				
W	L	Pct	GB		Solvay 39, Onondaga 30				
Houston	33	12	.733	—	Standings: Skaneateles 8-0 (12-3 overall), Hannibal 4-1 (7-5), Cazenovia 2-4 (5-7), Jordan-Elbridge 2-6 (4-11), Solvay 1-4 (4-8), A-P-W 1-5 (1-10).				
San Antonio	31	18	.633	4					
New Orleans	25	21	.543	8 1/2					
Memphis	17	29	.370	16 1/2					
Dallas	16	31	.340	18					
Northwest Division					OHSL LIBERTY CENTRAL DIVISION				
W	L	Pct	GB		Syracuse Academy of Science 90, Cato-Meridian 35				
Minnesota	31	18	.633	—	Standings: Bishop Grimes 2-0 (11-4 overall), Bishop Ludden 2-0 (12-2), Syracuse Academy of Science 0-0 (8-3), Christian Brothers Academy 0-2 (6-6).				
Oklahoma City	27	20	.574	3					
Portland	25	22	.532	5					
Denver	24	22	.511	6					
Utah	19	28	.404	11					
Pacific Division					IAC NORTH DIVISION				
W	L	Pct	GB		Whitney Point 62, Dryden 59				
Golden State	38	10	.792	—	Large School Standings: Dryden 5-1 (6-5 overall), Whitney Point 5-1 (8-5), Trumansburg 1-6 (1-10), Lansing 0-7 (0-12).				
L.A. Clippers	23	23	.500	14	Small School Standings: Moravia 7-0 (12-1 overall), Southern Cayuga 7-2 (9-5), Marathn 4-4 (5-9), Union Springs 2-5 (3-12), Groton 1-6 (2-11).				
L.A. Lakers	18	29	.383	19 1/2					
Phoenix	17	30	.362	20 1/2					
Sacramento	14	33	.298	23 1/2					

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SUNYAC	
Plattsburgh 99, Potsdam 55	
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Duke 84, Wake Forest 70	
Wednesday: Georgia Tech at Florida State (7 p.m.), Boston College at Syracuse (7), Louisville at Miami (8), North Carolina State at Pittsburgh (8).	
Standings: Virginia 5-0 (19-1 overall), Louisville 5-1 (15-4), Duke 6-2 (18-2), Clemson 5-3 (16-4), North Carolina 5-3 (16-5), Miami 3-3 (14-4), Georgia Tech 3-3 (10-9), Florida State 3-4 (14-5), Virginia Tech 3-4 (14-6), Boston College 3-4 (13-7), Notre Dame 3-4 (13-7), North Carolina State 3-4 (13-7), Syracuse 2-4 (13-6), Wake Forest 1-7 (8-12), Pittsburg 0-7 (8-12).	

NEW YORK STATE	
Buffalo 83, E. Michigan 69	
Croton 68, St. John's 63	
Old Westbury 70, Yeshiva 68	

EAST	
Rider 90, Fairfield 8	
Villanova 89, Providence 69	

COLLEGIATE WOMEN	
SUNYAC	
Cortland 69, Wells 54 (nl)	
Plattsburgh 54, Potsdam 50	
RIT 79, Genesee 78 (nl)	
Standings: Genesee 10-0 (14-2 overall), Cortland 8-2 (11-6), Oneonta 6-4 (10-8), New Paltz 6-4 (9-7), Brockport 5-5 (7-9), Buffalo State 5-6 (8-8), Fredonia 5-6 (7-10), Plattsburgh 5-6 (6-11), Oswego 2-8 (5-11), Potsdam 0-11 (1-16).	

EAST	
Marist 86, St. Peter's 53	
Penn St. 68, Illinois 59	

SCHOLASTIC BOYS	
SCAC EMPIRE DIVISION	
Central Square 70, East Syracuse-Minoa 45	
Fulton 61, Phoenix 44	
Rome Free Academy 94, Auburn 87	
Standings: Auburn 8-2 (11-5 overall), Central Square 7-2 (10-2), Jamesville-DeWitt 6-2 (8-5), PSJA-Fowler 5-3 (10-4), East Syracuse-Minoa 3-5 (5-7), Cortland 2-5 (6-6), Fulton 1-6 (7-7), Oswego 0-7 (2-10).	

SCAC METRO DIVISION	
Corcoran 79, Utica Proctor 72	
Standings: Liverpool 9-0 (14-0 overall), Cicero-North Syracuse 6-2 (11-3), Henninger 4-3 (9-3), West Genesee 3-4 (6-5), Corcoran 3-5 (6-5), Nottingham 3-5 (5-5), Baldwinsville 2-5 (5-8), Fayetteville-Manlius 1-7 (5-8).	

OHSL LIBERTY AMERICAN DIVISION	
Homer 62, Oswego 30	
Cazenovia 42, Chittenango 39	
Utica Academy of Science 53, Marcellus 32	
Westhill 83, Syracuse Institute of Technology 4-2 (6-7).	
Standings: Westhill 7-2 (10-3 overall), Homer 6-2 (9-3), Chittenango 4-2 (7-5), Phoenix 4-4 (9-6), Marcellus 3-5 (6-7), Mexico 2-3 (3-7).	

OHSL LIBERTY NATIONAL DIVISION	
Skaneateles 77, A-P-W 64	
Standings: Cazenovia 6-0 (8-4 overall), Skaneateles 6-3 (6-7), Syracuse Institute of Technology 4-2 (6-7), Jordan-Elbridge 5-3 (6-5), Solvay 2-9 (3-10), Hannibal 1-6 (4-9), A-P-W 0-9 (1-10).	

CENTRAL COUNTIES LEAGUE	
Hamilton 69, DeRuyter 63	
McGraw 63, Blessed Virgin Mary 45	
Madison 92, Otseck Valley 20	
Standings: Madison 6-0 (10-1 overall), McGraw 5-2 (11-2), DeRuyter 4-2 (8-6), Cincinnatus 3-3 (7-3), Stockbridge Valley 1-2 (1-5), Brookfield 0-4 (2-6), Otseck Valley 0-6 (1-9).	

IAC SOUTH DIVISION	
Tioga 72, Spencer-Van Etten 59	
Large School Standings: Waverly 6-1 (9-4 overall), Elmira Notre Dame 6-3 (9-5), Newark Valley 4-3 (7-5), Watkins Glen 3-4 (6-5), Elmira Heights Edison 1-7 (4-9).	
Small School Standings: Newfield 8-0 (12-0 overall), Tioga 8-2 (12-3), Candor 2-7 (3-10), Spencer-Van Etten 2-7 (3-10), Odessa-Montour 1-8 (4-9).	

Transactions

BASEBALL	
Major League Baseball	
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL — Suspended Houston RHP Dean Deetz 80 games after testing positive for Dehydrochloromethyltestosterone, a performance-enhancing substance, in violation of Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. Suspended Houston minor league 1B Jonathan Singleton (Corpus Christi-Texas) 100 games after a third positive test for a drug of abuse in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.	
American League	
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Signed OF Curtis Granderson to a one-year contract.	
National League	
NEW YORK METS — Promoted Brian Chicklo to trainer. Named Jim Cavallini director of performance and sports science, and Joseph Golia assistant trainer. Agreed to terms with INF Ty Kelly on a minor league contract.	
Frontier League	
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed RHP Sam Brunner to a contract extension.	
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed INF Stephen Kerr.	

BASKETBALL	
NBA G League	
AGUA CALIENTE CLIPPERS — Acquired F DeAndre Daniels from the G League available player pool. Acquired the returning player rights to G Cameron Ayers and F JayVaughn Pinkston from Maine for F Vitto Brown.	

FOOTBALL	
National Football League	
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Promoted Jason Wahlers to vice president of communications.	
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed WR Cayleb Jones to a reserve-future contract.	
Arena Football League	
AFL — Announced Albany Empire as the name for the new Albany, N.Y. team.	
HOCKEY	
National Hockey League	
BUFFALO SABRES — Recalled D Matt Tennynson from Rochester (AHL).	
DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned D Joe Hicketts and C Dominic Turgeon to Grand Rapids (AHL).	

ECHL	
ECHL — Suspended Indy's Garrett Clarke two games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions during a Jan. 21 game at Kalamazoo.	
SOCCER	
Major League Soccer	
COLORADO RAPIDS — Named Ene Patel director of player personnel.	
PORTLAND TIMBERS — Acquired the MLS Home-grown Player rights for M Eryk Williamson from D.C. United for \$100,000 General Allocation Money in 2018, \$100,000 Targeted Allocation Money in 2019, a 2018 international spot and a natural second-round pick in the 2020 MLS SuperDraft.	
SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC — Loaned M Aaron Kovar to Los Angeles FC.	

National Women's Soccer League	
WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Acquired G Aubrey Bledsoe and a 2019 first-round draft pick from Orlando for D Shelina Zadorsky.	
United Soccer League	
ATL UTD 2 — Named Rob Valentino assistant coach.	
OTTAWA FURY FC — Signed D Colin Falvey.	

WEIGHTLIFTING	
BROWN — Named Ahen Kim volleyball coach.	
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN — Named Laura Grace Belote assistant volleyball coach.	
CREIGHTON — Named Connie Yori assistant women's basketball coach.	
FLORIDA — Announced RB Jordan Scarlett, WR Rick Wells, LB James Houston and LB Trent Miller have cleared suspension and are now on active roster.	
IOWA — Named Derrick Foster assistant football coach.	
NYU — Named Andrew Brown women's volleyball coach.	
OHIO STATE — Promoted Ryan Day offensive coordinator.	
SYRACUSE — Announced RB Abdul Adams has transferred from Oklahoma.	
UCLA — Named Dana Bible quarterbacks coach, Roy Manning special teams and outside linebackers coach and Vince Oghobase defensive line coach. Retained receivers coach Jimmie Dougherty, running backs coach DeShaun Foster, offensive line coach Hank Fraley and tight ends coach Angus McClure.	
WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH — Named Jon Ellmann women's volleyball coach.	

Tuesday's Games	
Pittsburgh 3, Carolina 1	
Boston 3, New Jersey 2	
Philadelphia 3, Detroit 2, OT	
Montreal 4, Colorado 2	
St. Louis 3, Ottawa 0	
Tampa Bay 4, Nashville 3, OT	
Dallas 6, Florida 1	
Buffalo 5, Edmonton 0	
Vegas 6, Columbus 3	
Anaheim 6, N.Y. Rangers 3	
Vancouver 6, Los Angeles 2	
Winnipeg 5, San Jose 4, OT	
Toronto at Chicago, 8 p.m.	
Los Angeles at Calgary, 10 p.m.	

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE							
EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OL	SOL	Pts	GA
WB/Scranton	39	24	11	3	1	52	136 107
Providence	41	24	13	3	1	52	121 103
Lehigh Valley	42	24	13	2	3	53	142 137
Charlotte	42	24	17	0	1	49	145 128
Bridgeport	42	20	15	4	2	46	117 113
Hershey	42	17	18	3	1	41	110 134
Hartford	43	17	20	3	3	40	116 150
Springfield	44	19	23	1	1	40	130 140

Homer boys romp past Oswego, 62-30

OSWEGO — The Homer Central boys' varsity basketball team made it look easy with a convincing 62-30 non-league victory over host Oswego Tuesday night.

The Trojans (9-3 overall) were able to build a 14-6 lead in the first quarter, then blew things open in the middle two quarters. Homer pulled out to a 32-10 advantage by halftime and continued to pour it on in the third quarter to lead 54-15. That left no doubt in the final outcome as

the Buccaneers fell to 2-10.

"The guys started off a little slow, but our defense got our offense going," Homer coach Sean Malone said. "We had to play without Bryant Quinlan for almost 10 minutes in the first half due to some early foul trouble and we were still able to build a comfortable lead going into halftime. We didn't do anything special during the game, we just didn't do anything to really hurt ourselves either. We still turned the ball over

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too much, but again our defense played well enough that it didn't cost us."

Quinlan would lead a balanced Homer attack with 15 points. Tucker O'Donnell netted 13 points and Stephen Walter added 10.

"Stephen was big down low and got beat up but played through contact most of the game," Malone said. "He re-

bounded well, and we rebounded well as a team last night. We had a significant height advantage and used it. Lannis Dodge came off the bench and played good minutes for us in Quinlan's absence. Our guards controlled the game for the most part and allowed us to have some flo ."

Keyon Johnston topped the Oswego scorers with nine points. Cole Pratt chipped in

with eight.

Homer will return home Friday for a big OHSL Liberty American Division contest against Chittenango, with a 5 p.m. JV start time. Homer is 6-2 in the division and Chittenango is 4-2 after a 42-39 loss to Cazenovia Tuesday. Westhill is in first place at 7-2

"I know the guys are looking forward to it," Malone said.

The Homer JVs got a solid 64-54 victory over Oswego Tuesday.

The Trojans (5-6 overall) grabbed a 21-16 lead in the first quarter and pushed their advantage to 36 31 by halftime. Oswego cut the deficit to 48-44 after three quarters, but the Trojans stayed in control over the final eight minutes. Jarrett Wilbur topped the Homer scoring list with 16 points. Dylan Yacavone added 15 points to the Trojan offense and Derek Fickett netted 13.

Joe Powers led all scorers with 26 points for Oswego.

Section 3 Volleyball

Purple Tigers fall to ES-M

The Cortland High volleyball team is 4-9 on the season after a 25-16, 21-25, 25-9, 25-12 non-league loss to visiting East Syracuse-Minoa Tuesday night.

"This was a tough loss," Purple Tigers coach Cheri Olson said. "We really need the wins at this point in the season. I thought that we did a lot of great things tonight. We just have too many strings of mental errors that force us to play catch-up every set. Natalie Gier had a great match. She blocked the best she has all season and was really placing the ball well on the attack."

Gier had nine kills, three blocks and four digs in the match. Grace Call had 11 digs, 11 assists and an ace, Kayci Olson seven kills, 10 digs, an ace and an assist, Tori Cruz 11 digs and an ace and Jess Kenyon nine digs.

No statistics were reported for ES-M, which improved to 11-2 with the win.

The Cortland JVs lost to ES-M 25-17, 25-15 and are now 7-6 on the season. Alyssa Greenwood had three digs and a kill, Kylie Davie two digs and an ace and Jenn Baker two assists, a dig and an ace.

Cortland's teams visit Cato-Meridian on Thursday, starting with the 5:30 p.m. JV match.

IAC Girls' Basketball

Whitney Pt. nips Dryden

WHITNEY POINT — Amy Stevens scored 14 points in the the fourth quarter Tuesday night as Whitney Point pulled out a crucial 62-59 Interscholastic Athletic Conference North Large School Division girls' basketball victory over visiting Dryden.

Whitney Point (9-5 overall) jumped out to a 20-11 lead in the first quarter. The Purple Lions (6-5) began chipping away at the Eagles' advantage and cut the deficit to 27-23 by halftime. The two teams entered the fourth quarter tied at 40-40.

Stevens' hot hand helped Whitney Point put up 22 points in the fourth quarter and it was enough despite Dryden netting 19 points of its own. Stevens finished with a game-high 23 points and Olivia Driscoll added 22 points for the Eagles.

Keri Daley paced Dryden with 20 points and five rebounds. Amy Gardner chipped in with 13 points and five assists while Madeline Harris scored 11 points for the Purple Lions.

Dryden will play host to Whitney Point Monday in a North Large School Division rematch.



Reporter/Agency

Oklahoma's Trae Young gets Kansas' Udoka Azubuike off balance as he drives past him in the second half of Tuesday's game in Norman, Okla. Oklahoma won, 85-80.

Young keys Sooners' rally past Jayhawks

By The Associated Press

Trae Young vowed to make changes after his spectacular, yet inefficient game against Oklahoma State.

He wasn't kidding.

Oklahoma's fabulous freshman point guard had 26 points on just nine field goal attempts, and the 12th-ranked Sooners rallied to beat the No. 5 Jayhawks 85-80 Tuesday night.

Young scored 48 points against Oklahoma State, but he took 39 shots and missed potential game-winning 3-pointers at the end of regulation and overtime in a loss . Before that, he turned the ball over 12 times in a loss to Kansas State.

"The way I played at OSU — I was overly aggressive at OSU," Young said. "I think tonight, I managed the game a lot better. I got back to the way I was playing before last week and even before K-State. I managed the game a lot better and teammates did a great job of making plays, too."

Kansas coach Bill Self was impressed with the way Young adjusted.

"Kid played great," Self said. "I mean he got 26 points on nine shots. That's very impressive for a guard, and he was very under control and seemed to make the vast majority of the right plays for his team."

Christian James scored 15 points and Brady Manek added 14 for the Sooners (15-4, 5-3 Big 12), who won their 13th straight at home.

Svi Mykhailiuk scored 24 points and Malik Newman added 20 for Kansas (16-4, 6-2), which had won five

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straight.

Devonte' Graham, Kansas' leading scorer, finished with 11 points on 4-of-19 shooting.

"I just missed shots," Graham said. "I told the guys in the locker room that you could put this one on me because I felt like I let the team down today. I had good open shots, but I was just missing them."

Kansas led for most of the second half before Young made two critical, unselfish plays. James' 3-pointer with 1:09 remaining on an assist from Young put the Sooners up 82-80. Manek later drained a 3-pointer, also on an assist from Young, to make it 85-80 with 25 seconds to play.

"It's in Trae's hands to make a read and decision and create," Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger said. "We did that all night, really. He made a good play to find Christian and Christian jumped in there and knocked it down. Brady did the same thing on the next possession. Two big shots."

Oklahoma effectively limited Kansas center Udoka Azubuike. The 7-footer scored nine points, all in the second half. He played with foul trouble and made just 1 of 7 free throws.

Oklahoma drew the second foul on Azubuike with 10:14 left in the first half and Kansas leading 19-13. The Sooners went on a 13-4 run in the next three minutes to take the lead.

The Sooners led 43-41 at

halftime. Young took just four shots and had six assists before the break, and he didn't attempt a 3-pointer.

No. 1 Villanova 89, Providence 69: Eric Paschall scored 17 points to lead Villanova to the win. The Wildcats (19-1, 6-1 Big East) placed six players in double figures in their sixth straight win. Omari Spellman scored 16 points and Jalen Brunson finished with 15 on 5-for-15 shooting.

Villanova grabbed control with a 22-2 run on its way to a 39-30 halftime lead.

Rodney Bullock led Providence with 16 points.

No. 2 Virginia 61, No. 18 Clemson 36: Devon Hall scored 14 points, Kyle Guy had 12 and Virginia broke open a close game with a 22-2 run in the second half.

The Cavaliers (19-1, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) allowed their fewest points of the season.

No. 4 Duke 84, Wake Forest 70: Wendell Carter Jr. had 23 points and 12 rebounds, powering Duke (18-2, 6-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) to the road win.

Marvin Bagley III had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Blue Devils.

No. 14 Texas Tech 75, Oklahoma State 70: Keenan Evans scored 26 points, and Texas Tech (16-4, 5-3 Big 12) rallied from a 15-point deficit

No. 22 Tennessee 67, Vanderbilt 62: Jordan Bowden scored 19 points, Lamonte' Turner hit a huge 3-pointer and Tennessee (14-5, 5-3 Southeastern Conference) held on for its fifth win in six games

Lynch's career best leads Red Dragons

Alaina Lynch recorded career highs of 12 points and four steals and matched her career best with four assists Tuesday night as the SUNY Cortland women's basketball team beat visiting Wells, 69-54, in a non-league contest.

The Red Dragons played their final non-league game of the regular season and improved their record to 11-6. Wells, led by head coach Tara Ruckh and assistant coach Erin Wolstenholme, both former Cortland players, fell to 5-12.

Lynch made 3-of-6 shots from the floor and all six of her free throws. Kristy Vitucci also scored 12 points on 4-of-8 shooting from 3-point range, and Justine Crespo finished with nine points, 10 rebounds and three steals.

Also for the Red Dragons, Shana Crespo and Tanna Mohammed scored eight points apiece, Becca Krenzer finished with six points and career-high tying totals of four rebounds and two blocks, and Taylor Miller amassed six points, five assists and four rebounds.

SCAC Empire Bowling

Cortland boys, girls avenge losses to Oswego

One day after they both suffered 2-1 losses to host Oswego, the Cortland High bowling teams got revenge Tuesday with wins over the Buccaneers at Cort-Lanes.

The boys won 2-1 and the girls scored a 3-0 sweep.

BOYS

Dylan Luther led the way for the Purple Tigers, who won for the first time in eight league matches and are 2-12 overall, with a 593 series on games of 177-214-202. Brian Ngo totaled 560 on 222-166-172 and Mike Davis had 468 on 170-162-136 while Mason Bellrose rolled a 218 game for CHS, which won the first game 876-803 and the third game 884-764, with a total pinfall of 2,555 to Oswego's 2,451.

Eric Carson exceeded the 700 mark for the second time in two days for the Buccaneers (4-4, 6-8), using games of 218-257-257 to shape a 732 series. Con-

nor Loadwick had 520 on 185-192-143 for the visitors, who won the second game 884-801.

GIRLS

Calista VanEpps was the overall leader with a 609 series on games of 189-220-200 as Cortland improved to 3-5 league and 6-8 overall. Taylor Cullip was next for the winners with 570 on 175-184-211, Holly Vallese with 466 on 136-167-163 and Autumn Wells with 445 on 136-146-163 while Gracie Hubbard had a 210 game.

The Purple Tigers won the first game 740-635, the second 845-807 and the third 947-819, for a total pinfall of 2,532 to the visitors' 2,261.

Jordan Hare had a 604 series on games of 168-215-221 for Oswego (2-6, 5-9) and Kaitlyn Grant had 546 on 151-183-212.

Both Cortland teams host Fulton Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at Cort-Lanes.

Bowling

SEAN BABCOCK cracked the magic 800 mark to highlight Tuesday night's league bowling action, using games of 259-268-283 to shape an 810 series for Osborne Floor in the Osborne Floor Covering League at 281 Bowl.

Also earning high honors in the same league were **Tim Becker** with 742 on 279-205-258 for Gator's, **John Bishop** with 740 on 244-236-260 for Ida's 281 Bowl, **Rob Phelps** 703 on 230-227-246 for Wil-Kare Automotive and **Rich Aylesworth** 701 on 243-246-212 for 281 Bowl Pro Shop.

The honor roll included Zach Gardner with 699 on 246-226-227, Gary Talbot 695 on 225-256-214, Ben Ketola 688 on 226-257-205, Ryan Rivers 686 on 215-257-214, Jake Andrews 674 on 190-277-207 and Thomas Paige 671 on 248-247-176.

Also among the honor rollers were Dave Sipe with 669 on 222-257-190, Tony Whitt 667 on 200-232-235, Jon Majka 665 on 221-208-236, Lucas Stevens 652 on 194-227-231 and Josh Cornell 651 on 186-228-237.

281 BOWL Osborne Floor Covering
Don's Auto Uph 93 C.K.A. 71
Osborne Floor 85 Gator's 66
281 Bowl Pro 80 Scott Sm Eng 63
Ida's 281 Bowl 79 Malarkey's 62
Hollywood 75 Wil-Kare Auto 61

C.K.A. (2), J. Stockton 201, M. Root 208, M. Fantacone 215; Hollywood (5), W. Jenney 212, D. Hickok 203, **D. Jenney 251, 213-634, J. Majka 221, 208, 236-665.**
Ida's 281 Bowl (5), M. Riley 206, **M. Myers 233, 223-629, B. Ketola 226, 257, 205-668, J. Bishop 244, 236, 260-740, T. Whitt 200, 232, 235-667; Wil-Kare Automotive** (2), E. Becker 228, **J. Stage 232-603, P. Hans 224, T. Towle 259, 211-640, R. Phelps 230, 227, 246-703.**
Don's Auto Upholstery (7), **M. Cullip 223, 214, 201-638, D. Gardner 205, Z. Gardner 246, 226, 227-699, R. Allen 214, 204-615, R. Rivers 215, 257, 214-686; 281 Bowl Pro Shop** (0), S. Becker 233, **J. Grant Jr. 224, 219-607, D. Stillman 258-609, R. Aylesworth 243, 246, 212-701, B. Fuller 231, 227-648.**
Gator's (2), **R. Tuttle 211, 214-602, B. Taylor 215, K. Hawks 211, 234-638, S. Horner Jr. 217, T. Becker 279, 205, 258-742; Scott's Small Engine** (5), G. McEuen 225, 204, S. Allen 222, D. Hurlteau 203, **N. Hoffman 202,**

215-600.
Osborne Floor (5), **T. Paige 248, 247-671, J. Hogan 220, D. Sipe 222, 257-669, J. Grant 225, S. Babcock 259, 268, 283-810; Malarkey's Pub & Grub** (2), **G. Talbot 225, 256, 214-695, B. Luther 203, R. Preston 221, 207, 203-631, L. Stevens 227, 231-652.**

HI-LANES K&H Kawasaki
KK Bean Tree Srvc 90 Rose Farms 71
Fox's 83 Team Xtreme 70
Doc's 83 VanDee Plumb 69
Young Guns 80 Jim's Srvc Ctr 33
Clean Rides 77 K&H Kawasaki 79
KK Bean Tree Service (5), D. Dunham 214, D. Brown 209, B. Haggood 205; K&H Kawasaki (2).
Young Guns (0); Jim's Service Center (7).
Clean Rides (7), C. Parker 200, D. Root 200, **T. Paige 212-602, J. Cornell 228, 237-651; Rose Farms** (0), D. Arnold 208.
Team Xtreme (5), D. Robinson 220, D. Gilbert 203, P. Fecteau 204, **S. McLaughlin 248, 207-623; Fox's** (2), D. Grippin 241, **J. Esposito 239-615, G. Lansdowne 267-609.**
VanDee Plumbing (2), C. Cincotta 202; Doc's (5), D. Baker 202, D. Bowling 234, M. Benz 212, **J. Andrews 277, 207-674.**

TENNIS

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The No. 58-ranked Chung is the lowest-ranked man to reach the Australian Open semifinals since Marat Safin in 2004. He's also the youngest to reach the last four at a major since Marin Cilic did it here in 2010.

With Chung already through, and Kyle Edmund playing No. 6 Cilic in the other half of the draw, it's the first time since 1999 that multiple unseeded players have reached the Australian Open semifinals

Federer said he has been impressed with the way the two unseeded players have progressed, particularly Chung's run.

"To beat Novak on this court is particularly difficult. ... He's

incredibly impressive in his movement, reminds me obviously a lot of Novak," Federer said. "He's clearly got nothing to lose. I will tell myself the same and we'll see what happens."

Chung's big wins over Zverev and Djokovic have drawn extra attention to a player who last November won the inaugural Next Gen ATP Finals title.

He was too consistent for Sandgren, a 26-year-old American who had never won a match at a Grand Slam tournament or beaten a top 10 player until last week.

Sandgren's unexpected surge to the quarterfinals — he beat 2014 champion Stan Wawrinka and No. 5 Dominic Thiem en route to the quarterfinals — was

overshadowed by heavy scrutiny of his Twitter account and his follows and retweets of far-right activists.

Two women who've been to this stage at a Grand Slam before will meet in the last four. One has two major titles, the other still seeks a breakthrough. Top-ranked Simona Halep recovered from an early break to win nine straight games in a 6-3, 6-2 win over No. 6 Karolina Pliskova and set up a semifinal match Thursday against 2016 champion Angelique Kerber, who routed U.S. Open finalist Madison Keys 6-1, 6-2.

In the other semifinal, No. 2 Caroline Wozniacki will play 22-year-old Elise Mertens.

Kerber has been the only

Grand Slam singles champion in the women's draw since her third-round win over Maria Sharapova. Two-time French Open finalist Halep has had a tougher road — having to save match points in a third-round win over Lauren Davis that finished 15-13 in the third — to reach the semifinals at Melbourne Park for the first time

Kerber has had no serious distractions on a 14-match winning streak, and is hoping to emulate her breakout year in 2016.

She won the Australian and U.S. Open titles two years ago and reached the No. 1 ranking, but slipped into the 20s last year. She didn't win a title between the 2016 U.S. Open and the Sydney International earlier this month.

Peter Jackson making documentary on WWI

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press
LONDON — “The Lord of the Rings” director Peter Jackson is going from Middle Earth to the Western Front, transforming grainy black-and-white footage of World War I into 3-D color for a new documentary film
Jackson’s movie, announced Monday, is among dozens of art-works commissioned by British cultural bodies to commemorate 100 years since the final year of the 1914-18 war.

The New Zealand-based director of “The Hobbit” and “Lord of the Rings” series has restored film from the Imperial War Museum using cutting-edge digital technology and hand coloring, pairing it with archive audio recollections from veterans of the conflict
He said the aim is to close the 100-year time gap and show “what it was like to fight in the war.”

“We all know what First World War footage looks like,” Jackson said in comments broadcast Monday. “It’s sped-up, it’s fast, like Charlie Chaplin, grainy, jumpy, scratchy, and it immediately blocks you from actually connecting with the events on screen.”

“But the results we have got are absolutely unbelievable. They are way beyond what I expected.”

“This footage looks like it was shot in the last week or two, with high definition cameras.”

The film will have its premiere during the London Film Festival



Francois Mori/Associated Press
Director Peter Jackson speaks at the Dec. 4, 2014, screening of “The Hobbit.”

in October before being broadcast on BBC television. Every school in the U.K. will also receive a copy.

The film is part of the government-backed 14-18 Now project, which has presented works by more than 200 artists over four years to remember a conflict in which 20 million people died.

Other works premiering this year include a large-scale performance piece by South African artist William Kentridge about African porters who served in the war; processions to mark the 100th anniversary of some British women winning the right to vote; and a performance celebrating wartime homing pigeons that includes birds fitted with LED lights.

“Slumdog Millionaire” director Danny Boyle — who helmed the 2012 London Olympics opening ceremony — will create a mass-participation work to be performed on the anniversary of the Nov. 11, 1918, armistice that ended the war.

Astrological Forecast

By Jeraldine Saunders

Thursday, January 25, 2018

BIRTHDAY GAL: Actress Mia Kirshner was born in Toronto, Ontario, on this day in 1975. This birthday gal starred as Jenny Schecter on “The L Word” from 2004-09. She also played Kenya Rosewater on “Defiance” and Isobel Flemming on “The Vampire Diaries,” as well as appearing on episodes of “Star Trek: Discovery,” “Bloodline” and “Lost Girl.” Her film work includes “A Swingers Weekend,” “Milton’s Secret” and “The Black Dahlia.”

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stand pat rather than making a stand. The desire for independence at any cost might drive a wedge between you and a partner. Eccentricities might be emphasized, but true love can survive minor turmoil.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Love and affection can be a sure-fire antidote for stress and tension. Even a little innocent flirtation will help make the work move along a bit faster. Use your people skills to charm others and entertain friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Try a bite of everything. A smorgasbord of events on your social calendar can keep you hopping. Following the trail of something fresh and exciting can bring you into contact with unusual people and progressive ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your friendly manner could win the heart of someone you admire. You won’t be able to gauge the reactions of some people who are more reserved than others, but your kindness and warmth will be noted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put your people skills to work even when you are at play. Those in sales positions can get easily get a foot in the door. You could encounter someone who is flirtatious or who challenges you to be more creative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You’ve got the charm to keep them happy down at the farm. Your talent for succinct communication can convince someone that your judgment is trustworthy. Share insights into profitable financial strategies

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): To keep something, sometimes you must set it free. Don’t smother someone by expecting their complete undivided attention. Feel secure about the loyalty of

a lover and don’t make a fuss about short separations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Gather supporters to your side. Teamwork is the best way to get things done in the least time with the most profit. Team members are less likely to compete against you and more likely to lend a helping hand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Warmth and friendliness work in any scenario. Put a little more effort into making your family a priority and focus less on being a financial whiz. Long-term rewards are closer to home than you may think.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Steady is as steady does. Place emphasis on your reliability and dependability. People expect you to be on schedule. A desire for novelty and excitement can be compelling, but can prove aggravating to a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can be counted upon to be the person who performs kind-hearted handling of sticky situations. You may need to remind a partner that cool-headed calculation will achieve better results than wild speculation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your genius for putting everyone at ease can make you the belle of the ball or the center of attention. Your charisma gets a boost under these stars, so don’t be bashful about making friendly, or even romantic, overtures.

IF JANUARY 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your energy and executive ability is an asset, but your competitiveness can be an abrasive element that alienates others during the next five to six weeks. Although you are ambitious, your business sense is at a low point in March, so make no decisions that could impact your financial security. April is an excellent time to enjoy social activities and to expand your contact list through networking. You may experience setbacks in June if you start anything of importance. Delight in a vacation or a romantic attachment in June. Your financial skills and business decision-making abilities are in top shape during September when you can put your ambitions into action. October is a good time to make wise decisions and to launch plans successfully.

Ask Amy
By Amy Dickinson

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Mentor accused of misconduct disappears

DEAR AMY: Recently, a close mentor of mine was accused by multiple women of sexual misconduct in the ’90s. The accusations (many of them quite graphic) were made public in a national and highly respected publication.

I was absolutely devastated. He is a relatively high-profile figure, and I looked up to him. Within 24 hours of the public disclosure, he had stepped down from his job without any investigation or even a chance to respond to the accusations.

I am a man who considers myself a feminist, and I wouldn’t for a second want to question these women’s accounts just because they pertain to someone I know and trusted. At the same time, it is extremely surprising to me that this person, who from my immediate experience and that of many others’ (both women and men) was a genuinely good person with a solid set of ethics, would do such things.

My head is spinning and I have a lot of conflicting thoughts and feelings. This person gave me guidance and support when I was in a very dark place in my life, and reignited a passion for my work that burns even stronger now.

In a weird way, I feel like my trust has been betrayed, or that I didn’t choose the right person as a mentor. We haven’t been in touch since this news broke. I don’t know if I should maintain a relationship, or if doing so would suggest that I tacitly condone his (alleged) behavior. What should I do? — Confused Mentee

DEAR CONFUSED: Your reaction to this is a perfect example of how the consequences of this sexually aggressive behavior radiates outward, affecting all other relationships, until YOU are left feeling bewildered and guilty, and are now questioning your own judgment.

I think we have all seen how complex this can be, and how someone who can hold positions of trust and responsibility can abuse that trust with some, and keep it with others.

I hope you will find a way to accept that you bear no responsibility for not knowing about this behavior. Abusers seem to choose their victims carefully, understanding that their abuse of power wraps those they abuse in a veil of secrecy and shame.

You should contact your mentor, express your confusion and dismay and ask for answers. I doubt you will receive them. If he admits this

to you, you should sever your ties with him. You will have to use your own discernment and decide on the most ethical path forward, but believing the women is a place to start.

DEAR AMY: My ex-husband told me he wanted a divorce over a month ago.

I did not want to split, but he insisted — so I moved out.

I did not contact him after leaving, but he has been calling me almost every day. We keep the conversation light and have not spoken about us as a couple — or about what happened.

How do I broach the subject without him shutting down, as he so often did when we were together?

I get the sense he wants to get back together, but he’s not mentioning it and I am too worried to bring it up myself. — Worried in Hartford

DEAR WORRIED: If you two can’t communicate about your relationship, even to the point of you asking him if he even wants to be married to you, then your relationship is destined to carom along in this cycle.

And if you can’t muster the courage to ask your husband if he wants to be married to you without fear of him shutting down, then you probably shouldn’t be together.

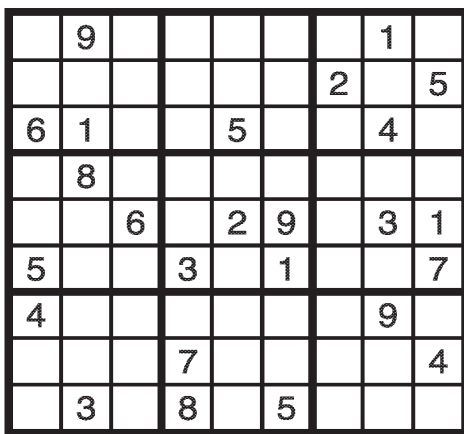
You might start by asking, “Why are you (really) calling me?” No matter how he responds, leave some silence around it. Tell him, “I’d like to talk about what happened between us. If you’re not ready to do that now, let’s take some time off until you are ready.”

DEAR AMY: “Broken-Hearted Niece” wondered if she should invite her toxic aunt to her wedding. I couldn’t believe that you suggested that she should! A wedding is the worst place to try to repair family relationships. It should be about what the marrying couple wants, period. — Disappointed

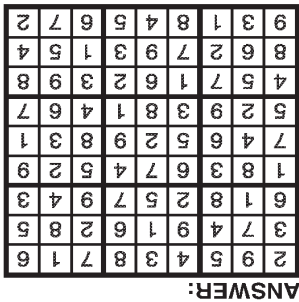
DEAR DISAPPOINTED: I suggested that this niece should invite and confront her aunt over the aunt’s behavior. Laying out clear expectations and consequences: “If there is a problem at the wedding, you will be asked to leave,” should put the niece firmly in charge on her wedding day.

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Sudoku



Here’s How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



Contract Bridge

Asleep at the switch

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	K J 8 4		
♥	9 3		
♦	K 6		
♣	K Q J 9 2		

WEST	EAST
♠ 10 6 3	♥ 9 7 2
♥ K 10 8 5 4	♦ A J
♦ Q 10 8	♣ 9 7 4 2
♣ A 7	♠ 8 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 5
♥ Q 7 6 2
♦ A J 5 3
♣ 10 6

The bidding:
North 1♣ East Pass South 1♦ West Pass
1♠ Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — five of hearts.

Assume you’re West and lead a heart against three notrump. East plays the ace and returns the jack, which wins, and then shifts to a diamond. You cover South’s jack with the queen, taken by dummy’s king, and declarer then forces out your ace of clubs. If you now cash the king of hearts, South makes three notrump; if you don’t, he makes four notrump.

Too late you realize that if you had overtaken partner’s jack of hearts

with the king and returned the eight or ten, South would have gone down one. The question that arises, therefore, is whether you should have made that play, since it would have established declarer’s queen as a trick that he could not otherwise get.

The answer is yes. For his three-notrump bid, South is virtually certain to have the A-Q of spades and ace of diamonds, as well as the queen of hearts he is already known to hold by virtue of East’s jack return.

However, this translates into only six tricks for declarer. Even if you give him a free heart trick by overtaking East’s jack, he won’t have enough tricks to make three notrump without establishing dummy’s clubs. By overtaking the heart jack at trick two and continuing hearts, you can thus ensure getting four heart tricks and a club before South can score nine tricks — and who could ask for anything more?

It is true that if East started with the A-J-x of hearts, overtaking the jack would cost you a trick and maybe make you feel a bit foolish. But your primary duty as a defender is to defeat the contract, and that consideration always supersedes the question of whether declarer goes down one or two.

Tomorrow: The power of inferential thinking.
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Cryptoquote

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L’s, X for the two O’s, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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CRYPTOQUOTE
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I T R S E B P L M I T E J M E V O T ,
I A L O L N T V U H ! — I T S K O T

U E S T K L
Yesterday’s Cryptoquote: THEY DON’T ASK MUCH OF YOU. THEY ONLY WANT YOU TO HATE THE THINGS YOU LOVE AND TO LOVE THE THINGS YOU DESPISE. — BORIS PASTERNAK

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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12 Get larger
13 Eatery choice
14 Latest fad
15 Spots
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20 High homes
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24 Last course
26 Farrow of film
27 Sturgeon eggs
28 Singer Orbison
29 Competitor
31 Suffering
32 Arrangement
33 Soccer legend
34 New York tribe
37 Tattered
39 Eatery choice
43 War of 1812 port
44 Reformer Bloomer
45 Close by
46 Teacher’s unit
- 2** French friend
3 AWOL chasers
4 Fills completely
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6 Organ part
7 Concurs
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9 Marshy area
10 Stunned wonder
16 Detail map
17 High points
18 Queeg’s ship
19 Eatery choice

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Yesterday’s answer

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22 Flair
24 Hang loosely
25 Long, long time
30 Track athlete
33 Makes roads
35 Romance lang.
36 Titled woman
37 Decimal base
38 Iron source
40 Overhead trains
41 Carnival city
42 Palindromic nickname

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Word of the Day

synchronicity (sing-kruh-NISS-uh-tee)

Definition: (noun) 1) the quality or fact of being synchronous 2) the coincidental occurrence of events and especially psychic events (as similar thoughts in widely separated persons or a mental image of an unexpected event before it happens) that seem related but are not explained by conventional mechanisms of causality

Did you know?: The concept of synchronicity is linked to the psychology of Carl Jung, who believed that such “meaningful coincidences” play an important role in our lives.

— Courtesy Merriam Webster Online

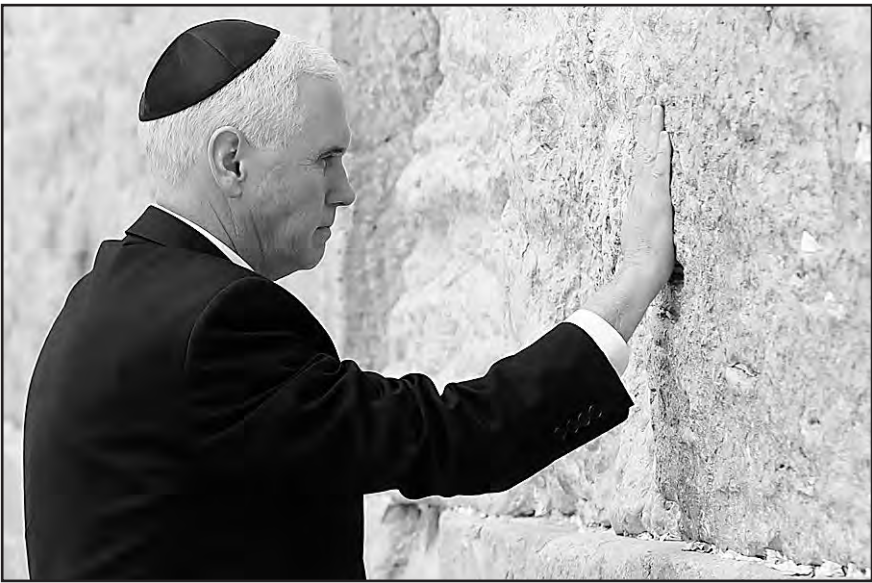
Pence visits Western Wall amid tensions

By KEN THOMAS
Associated Press
JERUSALEM — Vice President Mike Pence placed his hand on the half-lowered Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City on Tuesday as he wrapped up a four-day trip to the Mideast that ended with Palestinians still fuming over the Trump administration's decision to recognize the city as Israel's capital.

On a solemn visit to the holiest site where Jews can pray, Pence tucked a small white note of prayer in the wall's cracks after touring the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

During his first trip to the region as vice president, Pence sought to enlist the help of Arab leaders in Egypt and Jordan on the Mideast peace process and used a high-profile speech to the Knesset to reaffirm President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital and accelerate plans to open a U.S. embassy in Jerusalem.

But Pence's willingness to meet with Palestinian leaders — he told The Associated Press in an interview that the "door's open" — was rebuffed by President Mahmoud Abbas, who canceled meetings last month and offered a not-so-subtle snub by overlapping with



Ronen Zvulun/Associated Press
Vice President Mike Pence touches the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest prayer site, Tuesday in Jerusalem's Old City.

Pence in Jordan from Saturday evening until midday Sunday.

Several Arab lawmakers disrupted the start of Pence's speech to the Knesset, holding signs that said, "Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine."

Much of Pence's trip focused on working with U.S. partners to counter terrorism and make the case for persecuted Christian minorities in the Middle East. But shortly before Air Force Two departed Jerusalem, Abbas' ruling Fatah party called for a general strike to protest Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as the capital — another escalation after the Trump administration had raised hopes of a cooling-down period.

"The trip made zero progress in bringing the Palestinians back to the table,"

ing the Palestinians back to the table," Ilan Goldenberg, director of the Middle East Security Program at the Center for a New American Security, wrote in an email. "In fact, it probably only hardened the Palestinian position."

Aaron David Miller, a Wilson Center distinguished fellow who served as a State Department Middle East analyst and negotiator, said the trip shouldn't be judged in terms of accomplishments. Pence wasn't going to make any breakthroughs, largely because of the Palestinian freeze-out after Trump's announcement, he said.

In negotiations like those hoped for between the Israelis and Palestinians, Miller said, the third party in those talks needs to prod and cajole using both honey and vinegar.

But, Miller said, "we've taken the application of the honey to an extreme."

A senior White House official said top negotiators for the Trump administration, Jared Kushner, a senior adviser and the president's son-in-law, and Jason Greenblatt, Trump's special representative for international negotiations, had not spoken to Palestinian leaders since just before Trump's Dec. 6 announcement. The official wasn't authorized to describe private deliberations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Trump's announcement in December declaring Jerusalem to be Israel's capital has created reverberations through the region and countered decades of U.S. foreign policy and international consensus that Jerusalem's status should be decided in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

The Palestinians have pre-emptively rejected any peace proposal floated by the Trump administration amid concerns it would fall far below their hopes for an independent state in the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza, lands captured by Israel in the 1967 war.

Pence reiterated throughout his travels that the U.S. would accept a two-state solution — if both parties agreed — and would respect the status quo with regard to holy sites and make no determination on final status with regard to boundaries.

Jerusalem's status, a central issue in the decadeslong Israeli-Palestinian conflict, remained at the forefront

Throughout his visit, Pence expressed a strong connection to Israel, most visibly at the Western Wall.

Wearing a Jewish skullcap on his head, he held his right hand on the wall momentarily, his eyes closed.

Pence aides called it a "personal visit."

Car bombs kill 27 in Benghazi

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) — Twin car bombs exploded as people left a mosque in a residential area of the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi, killing 27 and wounding over 30 in an attack timed to cause mass casualties among first responders, officials said

Capt. Tarek Alkharraz, spokesman for military and police forces in Benghazi, said the first explosion went off in the Salmani neighborhood around 8:20 p.m. Tuesday and the second bomb went off a half hour later as residents and medics gathered to evacuate the wounded.

Local health official Hani Belras Ali said at least 27 people were killed and 32 were wounded.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the bombings.

The United Nations condemned the attack on social media, saying that direct or indis-

criminate attacks on civilians are prohibited under international humanitarian law and constitute war crimes.

Libya fell into chaos following the ouster and killing of long-time dictator Moammar Gadhafi in 2011, and since 2014 it has been split between rival governments and parliaments based in the western and eastern regions, each backed by different militias and tribes.

Islamic State fighters had established footholds amid the disorder but have been mostly driven out of the main cities.

Benghazi remains a trouble spot, where bombings and attacks still occur. The city has seen fighting between forces loyal to local strongman Khalifa Hifter, a former U.S.-based Libyan opposition member who leads remnants of Libya's National Army in the east, and Islamist militia opponents.

Turkey urged to show restraint in push on Kurds

BEIRUT (AP) — France and the United States on Tuesday urged Turkey to exercise restraint in its offensive against a Kurdish-held enclave in northern Syria, where the U.N. says an estimated 5,000 people have been displaced by the fighting

Turkish troops and allied Syrian fighters pressed ahead with their operations in Afrin for the fourth day, approaching from three sides and meeting stiff resistance from the U.S.-allied Kurdish militia that controls the enclave.

The U.N. said most of the displaced are still inside Afrin because Kurdish forces are preventing civilians from leaving and Syrian government forces are keeping them out of adjacent areas. International aid groups have no presence in Afrin, which is surrounded by Turkey and rival Syrian forces.

On Tuesday, the Kurdish militia, known as the People's Defense Units or YPG, regained control of a village breached by Turkish forces. The Turkish forces were also repelled from a hill they seized a day earlier on the eastern edge of the district.

The YPG is a key U.S. ally against IS



Furkan Arslanoglu, Depo Photos/AP
Turkey-backed Free Syrian Army fighters head toward the Syrian border Sunday in Kirikhan, Turkey.

and played a major role in driving the extremists from much of northern and eastern Syria. The U.S. military operates bases in Kurdish-controlled territory in northern Syria but not in or near Afrin.

Ankara views the YPG as a threat because of its links to the decades-old Kurdish insurgency in Turkey. Turkey says it aims

to create a 20-mile deep "secure zone" in Afrin, which is in northwestern Syria near the border.

France's Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said the intense fighting in recent days is a sign that new conflicts could erupt in the region as the IS group is defeated.

He warned that without a political solution to the multi-sided Syrian civil war, the region could again explode, with conflicts "just as dramatic" as the war on IS.

French President Emmanuel Macron spoke Tuesday with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, expressing his concern about the operation, according to a statement from Macron's office

He stressed the importance of seeking a lasting political solution for Syria alongside fighting IS and ensuring the delivery of humanitarian aid.

U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who is currently traveling in Asia, said the fighting "disrupts what was a relatively stable area of Syria" and "distracts from the international efforts to ensure the defeat of ISIS," using another acronym for IS.

PRIME TIMEplus ... TV LISTINGS

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TOON	32	53	47	63	Adventure 3	Adventure 3	Teen Titans 3	We Bare 3	We Bare 3	Teen 3	Teen 3	Teen 3	OK KO 3	OK KO 3	Gumball 3	Gumball 3	Teen 3	Teen 3	King/Hill 3	Amer. Dad 3	Cleveland 3	Amer. Dad 3	Burgers 3	Burgers 3	Fam. Guy 3	Fam. Guy 3	
TNT	33	48	34	25	Supernatural 3		NCIS: New Orleans 3	NCIS: New Orleans 3	NCIS: New Orleans 3		NCIS: New Orleans 3		NCIS: New Orleans 3		NCIS: New Orleans 3		NBA Tip-Off (N) 3		NBA Basketball: Wizards at Thunder 3				NBA Basketball 3				
AMC	34	31	61	34	(11:00) ** "The Da Vinci Code" 3		*** "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005, Action) Brad Pitt. 3		Brad Pitt. 3		*** "True Lies" (1994, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger. 3		*** "True Lies" (1994, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger. 3		*** "True Lies" (1994, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger. 3		*** "Bruce Almighty" (2003) Jim Carrey. 3		*** "Bruce Almighty" (2003) Jim Carrey. 3				*** "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere. 3				
USA	35	46	35	24	Chicago P.D. 3		Chicago P.D. 3		Law & Order: SVU 3		Law & Order: SVU 3		Law & Order: SVU 3		Law & Order: SVU 3		Law & Order: SVU 3		Law & Order: SVU 3		Law & Order: SVU 3		Law & Order: SVU 3		Mod Fam 3	Mod Fam 3	
LIFE	36	37	37	38	The First 48 3		Grey's Anatomy 3		Grey's Anatomy 3		Grey's Anatomy 3		Grey's Anatomy 3		Grey's Anatomy 3		Project Runway 3		Project Runway 3		Project Runway 3		Making a Model 3		To Be Announced 3		
COM	37	41	40	43	'70s Show 3	'70s Show 3	'70s Show 3	'70s Show 3	'70s Show 3	'70s Show 3	'70s Show 3	'70s Show 3	'70s Show 3	'70s Show 3	'70s Show 3	'70s Show 3	South Pk 3	South Pk 3	Tosh.0 3	Tosh.0 3	Tosh.0 3	Tosh.0 3	Tosh.0 3	Tosh.0 3	Daily 3	Opposition 3	
SYFY	38	63	36	29	** "Underworld: Evolution" (2006) 3		** "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" (2011) 3						** "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" (2013) 3 (DVS)				** "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" (2013) 3 (DVS)								The Magicians 3		
ABCfam	39	33	44	52	Drumline 3	Reba 3	Middle 3	Middle 3	Middle 3	Middle 3	Middle 3	Middle 3	Middle 3	Middle 3	Middle 3	Middle 3	*** "Hercules" (1997, Children's) 3		Beyond (N) 3		(9:01) * "Jumper" (2008) Premiere. 3		The 700 Club 3				
EI	41	2	42	57	EI News: Daily Pop (N) 3		WAGS Atlanta 3		The Kardashians 3		The Kardashians 3		The Kardashians 3		The Kardashians 3		EI News (N) 3		*** "Mean Girls" (2004) Lindsay Lohan. 3				Revenge Body 3		EI News 3		
TRAVEL	42	52	54	55	Mysteries-Museum 3		Mysteries-Museum 3		Mysteries-Museum 3		Mysteries-Museum 3		Mysteries-Museum 3		Mysteries-Museum 3		Mysteries-Museum 3		Mysteries-Museum 3		Battle- Big Ho. 3		Mysteries-Museum 3		Mysteries-Museum 3		
HALL	43		48	73	(12:00) Home & Family 3		"Ms. Matched" (2016) Alexa PenaVega. 3		*** "Elevator Girl" (2010) Lacey Chabert. 3		Full House 3	Full House 3	Full House 3	Full House 3	Full House 3	Full House 3	Full House 3	Full House 3	Full House 3		Middle 3	Middle 3	Middle 3	Middle 3	Middle 3	Gold Girls 3	
DISN	44	23	46	22	Doc McSt. 3	Sofia 3	Bunk'd 3	Jessie 3	Stuck 3	Liv-Mad. 3	Raven 3	Stuck 3	Andi Mack 3	Bizaard 3	Jessie 3	Bunk'd 3	*** "Brave" (2012) 3		Stuck 3		Bizaard 3	Bizaard 3	Bunk'd 3	Jessie 3	Andi Mack 3	Stuck 3	
FOOD	45	44	56	42	Pioneer 3	Pioneer 3	Beat Play 3	Beat Play 3	Beat Play 3	Beat Play 3	Beat Play 3	Beat Play 3	Beat Play 3	Beat Play 3	Beat Play 3	Beat Play 3	Chopped 3		Chopped 3		Chopped 3		Beat Play 3	Beat Play 3	Beat Play 3	Beat Play 3	
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BET	47	35	41		Diff. World 3	Diff. World 3	Prince 3	Prince 3	Prince 3	Prince 3			* "Big Momma's House 2" (2006) Martin Lawrence, Nia Long. 3				* "Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son" (2011) Martin Lawrence. 3				Black 3	Mancave 3	Run Down 3	Black 3			
TLC	48	40	52	31	Hoarding: Buried Alive 3		My 600-Lb. Life 3		My 600-Lb. Life 3		Say Yes 3	Say Yes 3	Say Yes 3	Say Yes 3	Say Yes 3	Say Yes 3	My 600-Lb. Life 3		My 600-Lb. Life 3		Supersized: Alicia's Story" 3		Family by the Ton (N) 3		My 600-Lb. Life 3		
DISC	49	30	51	27	Almost, Away 3		Moonshiners 3		Moonshiners 3		Moonshiners 3		Moonshiners 3		Moonshiners 3		Killing Fields 3		Killing Fields 3		Killing Fields 3		Interrogation Room 3		Killing Fields 3		
A&E	50	67	38	33	Killer Kids 3		Killer Kids 3		Killer Kids 3		60 Days In "The Beginning of the End" 3		60 Days In "The Beginning of the End" 3		60 Days In "The Beginning of the End" 3		60 Days In "The Beginning of the End" 3		60 Days In "The Beginning of the End" 3		60 Days In "The Beginning of the End" 3		60 Days In "The Beginning of the End" 3		(11:03) The First 48 3		
HIST	51	42	55	35	Clash of the Gods 3		Clash of the Gods 3		Clash of the Gods 3		American Pickers 3		American Pickers 3		American Pickers 3		American Pickers 3		American Pickers 3		American Pickers 3		American Pickers 3		American Pickers 3		
MTV	52	55	59	60	Catfish: The TV Show 3		Catfish: The TV Show 3		Catfish: The TV Show 3		TRL (N) (Live) 3		Wild/Out 3	Wild/Out 3	Wild/Out 3	Wild/Out 3	Wild/Out 3	Wild/Out 3	Wild/Out 3	Wild/Out 3	Wild/Out 3	Wild/Out 3	Wild/Out 3	Wild/Out 3	Wild/Out 3	Wild/Out 3	
VH1	53	36	58	61	Love & Hip Hop Miami 3		America's Next Model 3		** "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" (2011) 3		** "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" (2011) 3		** "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2" (2012) 3		** "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2" (2012) 3		RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars 3		RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars 3		RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars 3		RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars 3		RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars 3		
PARMT	54	34	43	23	(12:00) "The Devil Wears Prada" 3		Lip Sync Battle 3		Two Men 3	Two Men 3	Two Men 3	Two Men 3	Two Men 3	Two Men 3	Two Men 3	Two Men 3	Friends 3	Friends 3	Friends 3								
CMTV	55	51	60	28	Reba 3	Reba 3	Reba 3	Reba 3	Mom 3	Mom 3	Mom 3	Mom 3	Last Man 3	Last Man 3	Last Man 3	Last Man 3	Last Man 3	Last Man 3	Last Man 3		Nashville (N) 3		Last Man 3	Last Man 3	Last Man 3	Last Man 3	
LNTV	56	49	13	39	Gunsmoke 3		Gunsmoke 3		Gunsmoke 3		Gunsmoke 3		Griffith 3	Griffith 3	Griffith 3	Griffith 3	M*A*S*H 3	M*A*S*H 3	M*A*S*H 3	Raymond 3	Raymond 3	Raymond 3	Nashville 3	King 3	King 3	King 3	
ANPL	57	56	53	41	Animal Black Ops 3		Rugged Justice 3		Rugged Justice 3		North Woods Law 3		North Woods Law 3		North Woods Law 3		North Woods Law 3		North Woods Law 3		North Woods Law 3		North Woods Law: Uncuffed "Episode 6" (N) 3		North Woods Law 3		
TCM	61	43	63		Son Gun ** "The Fastest Guitar Alive" 3		** "A Stranger in Town" (1966) 3		** "The Silent Stranger" (1968) 3		(6:15) ** "The Valley of Gwangi" (1969) 3						** "Fanny" (1961) Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier. 3		** "Fanny" (1961) Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier. 3				** "Four Horsemen of Apocalypse" 3				
WE	62	60	66	74	Law Order: CI 3		Law Order: CI 3		Law Order: CI 3		Law Order: CI 3		Law Order: CI 3		Law Order: CI 3		Growing Up Hip Hop 3		Growing Up Hip Hop 3		Growing Up Hip Hop 3		Growing Up Hip Hop 3		Growing Up Hip Hop 3		
BRAVO	63	62		64	Million Dollar LA 3		Million Dollar LA 3		Million Dollar LA 3		Million Dollar LA 3		Million Dollar LA 3		Million Dollar LA 3		Million Dollar LA 3		Million Dollar LA 3		Million Dollar LA 3		(10:15) Top Chef (N) 3		Million LA 3		
LIFEMO	67	73	74		"Fatal Lessons" 3		"The Preacher's Mistress" (2013) 3		"Social Nightmare" (2013) Daryl Hannah. 3		"The Husband She Met Online" (2013) 3		"The Husband She Met Online" (2013) 3		"The Husband She Met Online" (2013) 3		"Web Cam Girls" (2017) Arianne Zucker. 3		"Watch Your Back" (2015, Suspense) 3								
MSGPL	64	69	28	59	(12:00) World Team Tennis 3		From Aug. 1, 2017. 3		College Football NFLPA Collegiate Bowl: American vs. National. 3		30 for 30 3		30 for 30 3		30 for 30 3		People 3	Pre-Game 3	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Denver Nuggets. (N) 3						Post 3		
FOXNW	65	45	33	37	Overtime 3		Daily Briefing 3		Shepard Smith 3		Your World W/ Cavuto 3		The Five (N) 3		The Five (N) 3		Special Report 3		The Story With Martha 3								
FX	68	64	39	26	How I Met Mike 3		Mike 3		** "The Maze Runner" (2014) Dylan O'Brien. 3		** "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" (2015) Dylan O'Brien. 3		** "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" (2015) Dylan O'Brien. 3		** "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" (2015) Dylan O'Brien. 3		** "Transformers: Age of Extinction" (2014, Action) Mark Wahlberg. 3		** "Transformers: Age of Extinction" (2014, Action) Mark Wahlberg. 3						** 2012 3		
GOLF	70	62	30		LPGA Golf 3				PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open, First Round. From Torrey Pines GC in San Diego. (N) 3								Golf Central (N) 3		PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open, First Round. From Torrey Pines GC in San Diego. (N) 3								
OXY	90	90	90		NCIS 3 (DVS)		NCIS 3 (DVS)		NCIS 3 (DVS)		NCIS 3 (DVS)		NCIS 3		NCIS "Call of Silence" 3		NCIS "Kill Art" 3		NCIS "Bloodbath" 3		NCIS "Chimera" 3		NCIS "Knockout" 3		NCIS 3		
TRUTV	91	23	68	71	Jokes 3	Jokes 3	Jokes 3	Jokes 3	Carbonaro 3	Carbonaro 3	Carbonaro 3	Carbonaro 3	Carbonaro 3	Carbonaro 3													



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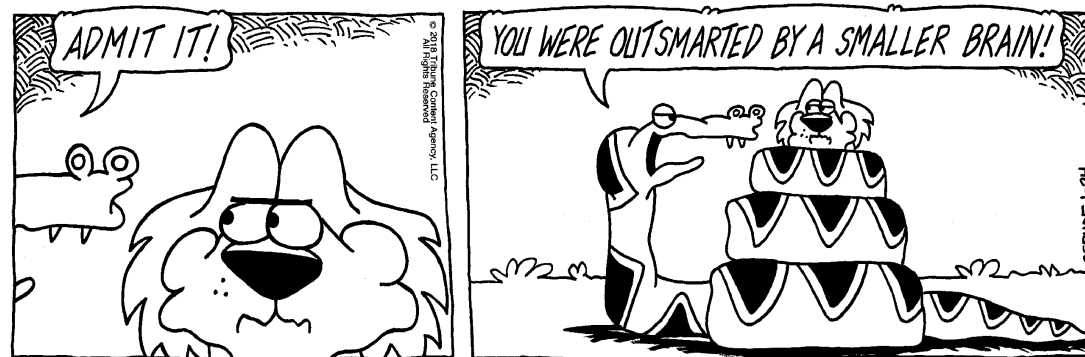
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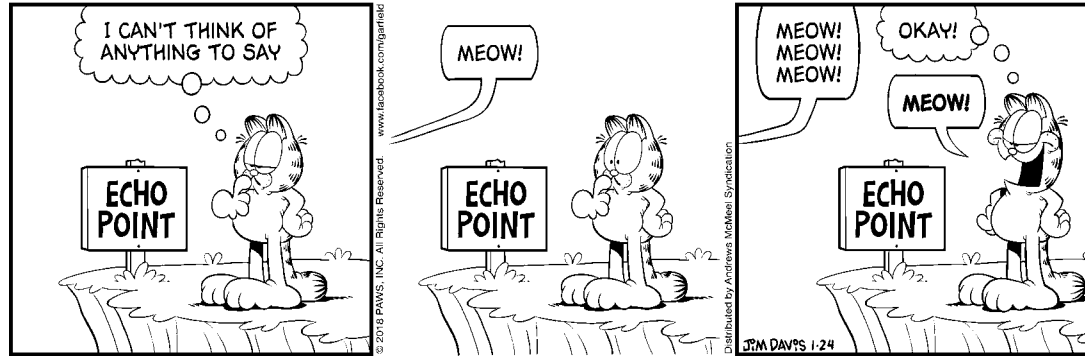
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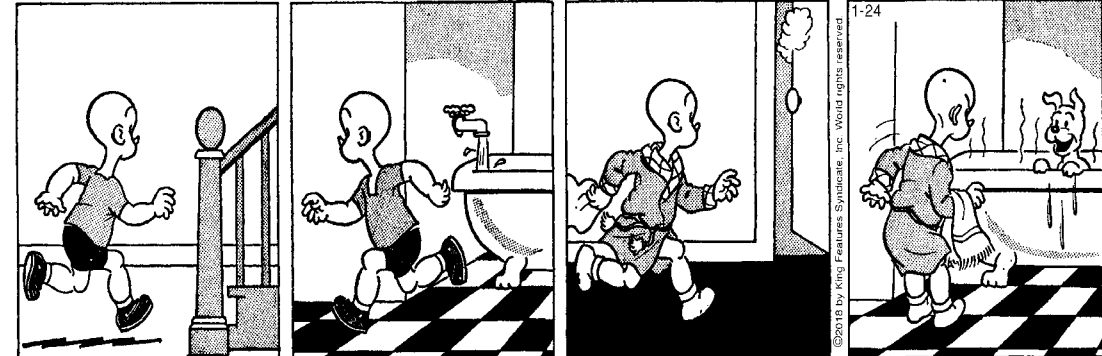
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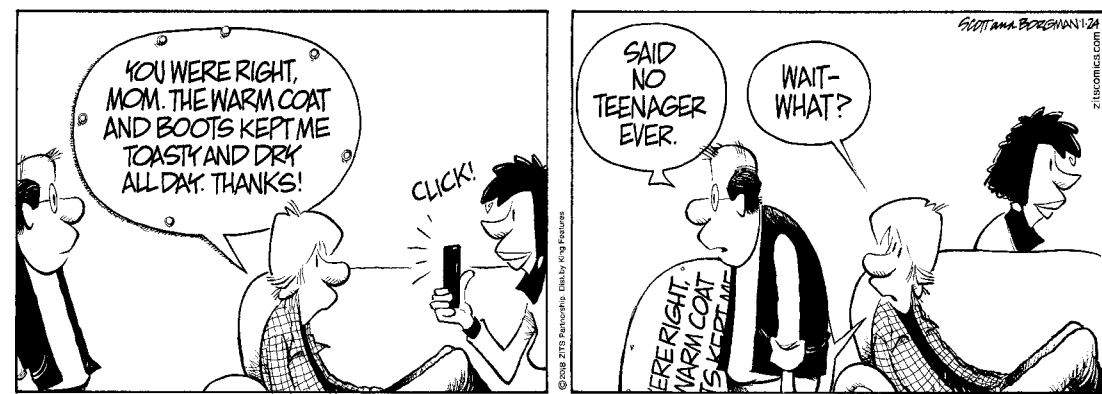
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Head for the fallout shelter?

If a real nuke is coming, these Cold War relics might not be an option

By COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

A generation of Americans knew just what to do in the event of a nuclear attack — or during a major false alarm, like the one recently in Hawaii. Take cover in a building bearing a yellow fallout shelter symbol.

But these days, that might not be the best option, or even an option at all.

Relics from the Cold War, the aging shelters that once numbered in the thousands in schools, courthouses and churches, haven't been maintained. And conventional wisdom has changed about whether such a shelter system is necessary in an age when an attack is more likely to come from a weak rogue state or terrorist group rather than a superpower.

"We're not in a Cold War scenario. We are in 2018," said Dr. Irwin Redlener, head of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University's Earth Institute. "We're not facing what we were facing 50 years ago, when the Soviet Union and the U.S. had nuclear warheads pointed at each other that would devastate the world. There's a threat, but it's a different type of threat today."

People weren't sure what to do when Hawaii mistakenly sent a cellphone alert warning of an incoming ballistic missile and didn't retract it for 38 minutes. The state had set up the missile warning infrastructure after North Korea demonstrated its missiles had the range to reach the islands. Drivers abandoned cars on a highway and took shelter in a tunnel. Parents huddled in bathtubs with their children. Students bolted across the University of Hawaii campus to take cover in buildings.

The false alarm is the perfect time to talk about what to do in such an emergency, Redlener said, because most of the time people don't want to talk about it. At all.

"But it's a real possibility," he said. "City officials should be talking about what their citizens should do if an attack happened. And it's a necessity for individuals and families to talk about and develop their own plan of what they would do."

New Yorkers who were asked this week about where they would seek shelter during a missile attack said they had no idea.

"The only thing I can think is, I would run," said Sabrina Shephard, 45, of Manhattan. "Where we would run, I don't know, because I don't know if New York has any bomb shelters or anything."

The fallout shelters, marked with metal signs bearing a logo similar to, but slightly different from the symbol for radiation — three joined triangles inside a circle — were set up in tens of thousands of buildings



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A bay of bunkbeds can be seen in a crescent shaped room inside a Cold War era Civil Defense bunker in New Orleans on Sept. 26, 2017.

nationwide in the early 1960s amid the nuclear arms race. In New York City alone there were believed to be about 18,000 of them.

The locations were chosen because they could best block radioactive material. Anything could be a shelter as long as it was built with concrete, cinder blocks or brick, had no windows, and could be retrofitted quickly with supplies, an air filtration system and potable water.

But the idea was controversial from the start, especially since one of the scenarios at the time, a full-scale nuclear war between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, would have left few survivors.

By the 1970s, the concept was abandoned. A FEMA spokeswoman said the agency doesn't even have current information on where the shelters are located.

New York City education officials announced last month they are taking down the fallout shelter signs at schools. In Minot, North Dakota, just a few miles from the base where dozens of U.S. missiles are at the ready, a few fallout shelter signs remain, but their status as viable refuges isn't known.

So what should you do if there is a nuclear attack now?

The good news: You may actually survive, because a nu-



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In this Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017 photo, a flashlight illuminates the main command center of a Cold War era Civil Defense bunker in New Orleans.

clear attack today is more likely to be just one bomb — perhaps a small device, smuggled into a city inside a truck, or a single missile lobbed by North Korea that actually makes it across the water. The bad news: You have between 15 and 20 minutes to

get to a safe space.

Eliot Calhoun, a disaster planner for New York's Emergency Management Department, said the smartest thing to do is stay put in a spot with as few windows and as many walls as possible.

"Don't go outside unless you absolutely must," he said.

Subterranean subway stations might be a good place to shelter if you happen to be in one when an attack happens, but experts say tunnels could also be dangerous if they are structurally compromised by a blast.

New Yorker Joe Carpenter emerged from a post office with a faded fallout shelter sign this

week and admitted that he had never thought about what to do in the event of an incoming missile.

"I probably would just huddle with the masses and go along with the crowd, because I've never really considered it," he said.

"It's like everything else: Do we really ponder what's at the end of the road?"



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Water storage containers sit inside a Cold War era Civil Defense bunker located in New Orleans.



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