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Fonda Fair officials to seek state money for improvements

By MORGAN FRISCH
Recorder News Staff

FONDA — The almost 176-year-old fair that's brought thousands to Montgomery County seeking rides, food and agricultural exhibits could be receiving grant funds to update its infrastructure.

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo announced Monday that \$5 million is being awarded to county and youth fairs across the state through the Agricultural Fairgrounds Infrastructure Improvement Program.

Montgomery County Agricultural Society and Fonda Fair Board President Richard Kennedy said he's "cautiously optimistic" in regards to the grant funds.

Fifty-six local fairs can receive approximately \$89,000 to offset the cost of improvement and renovation projects, including new construction. This is the first time in ten years that state fairs will receive critical infrastructure improvement funds.

According to the release, \$5 million has been divided equally among the local fairs. Each fair will be eligible for an award of \$89,285, but fairs must submit a scope of work along with an estimated budget for the projects to receive funding.

Kennedy said fair officials had started working with grant writers

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Last year's fair made rare profit

By MORGAN FRISCH
Recorder News Staff

FONDA — After thanking many volunteers, Montgomery County Agricultural Society President Richard Kennedy said "hats were off" to the Fonda Fair Board, whose fiscal responsibility he credited for making 2016 the first year the fair showed profit during his tenure.

Kennedy, who is also the fair board president, said the event has always come close to making a profit, but never quite makes it after expenses are deducted.

"One of the highlights of this year's fair is the revenue that we brought in and our expenses being down," he said.

Kennedy spoke to dozens of members attending the annual meeting Wednesday in the Fonda-Fultonville High School cafeteria.

The fair's total revenue for 2016 was \$699,287 and the total profit was \$1,107.

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From left, Dutch Hodges, of Denver, Colo.; Christine Files, of Chevy Chase, Md.; and Alice Smith Duncan, of Canajoharie, participate in the Washington Women's March.

Locals share Women's March experiences, agree to meet again

By JOSHUA THOMAS
For The Recorder

CANAJOHARIE — Area residents gathered at Canajoharie High School on Wednesday to discuss their experiences at the Women's March and brainstormed ideas to disseminate information aimed at helping people impacted by the recent actions of the current administration.

"It's been 85 days now since election day," Mark Brody said. "Eighty-five hard and difficult days for all of us."

"All over the country," he continued, "people are finding that the only way to maintain their

emotional stability and health is to try to do something about what's going on."

The Women's March events throughout America and across the world helped to provide an outlet for political frustrations and personal fears, but as Canajoharie resident Alice Smith Duncan pointed out, "there's still work to do."

Brody recounted his experience participating in the New York City Women's March, wherein a massive group moved from second to fifth avenue at a measured pace, accommodating not only one another, but passersby throughout the day.

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Rivers Casino prepares for opening



John Purcell/Recorder staff

Steve Colache, director of slot operations, plays one of the 1,150 slot machines Wednesday at Rivers Casino and Resort in Schenectady.

By JOHN PURCELL
Recorder News Staff

SCHENECTADY — Rivers Casino and Resort is betting on a big opening next week when the public can step foot onto the 50,000 square-foot gaming floor for the first time, but the facility is already bustling with activity as workers become acquainted with their new jobs.

Media members were invited to preview the Rivers Casino and Resort, operated by Rush Street Gaming, as a "mock casino" was ongoing to help train workers with their new roles before the doors officially open at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Mary Cheeks, general manager

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The Associated Press

Groundhog Club handler John Griffiths holds Punxsutawney Phil in Punxsutawney, Pa., today.

Phil: More winter

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — The handlers of Pennsylvania's most famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, said the furry rodent has "predicted" six more weeks of winter after seeing his shadow at dawn today.

The top hat-wearing members of the Punxsutawney Groundhog

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WHAT’S HAPPENING

Today

AMSTERDAM
St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church, 24 Pulaski St., will hold a pierogi sale until 4 p.m. Homemade pierogi with potato with cheese and cabbage. Fresh or frozen. \$8 per dozen.

AMSTERDAM
The Amsterdam Free Library, 28 Church St., will hold its second annual Kirk Douglas Film Festival: “Out of the Past,” at 6 p.m.

AMSTERDAM
A support group for the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Montgomery, Fulton and Hamilton County will meet at the Riverfront Center, Suite 2390, second floor from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For more information, contact Rebecca Cardinale at 843-3261.

AMSTERDAM
The John J. Wyzsowski American Legion Post 701 will hold a membership meeting at the post, 123 W. Main St., at 7:05 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Food and refreshments will follow. The chaplain will give his usual informative remarks.

JOHNSTOWN
Fulton-Montgomery Community College’s Student Activities Board will sponsor a blood drive until 3 p.m. in the lower level of the Student Union. To make an appointment, call F-MCC at 736-3622, ext. 8131 or call the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Friday

AMSTERDAM
St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church, 24 Pulaski St., will hold a pierogi sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Homemade pierogi with potato with cheese and cabbage. Fresh or frozen. \$8 per dozen.



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COUNTY RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEE

The Montgomery County Legislature honored Don Bare, a county employee who is retiring from the Department of Public Works. Bare began employment with the county in 1996, as a motor equipment operator #1. Since 2013, Bare has been the Working Sign Maintenance Supervisor, in charge of the county’s sign shop and the more than 14,000 signs countywide across bridges, county buildings and the 400 miles of roadway. Pictured from left: District 4 Legislator Robert Headwell, Jr., Don Bare and his wife, Linda, District 3 legislator Roy S. Dimond, County Executive Matthew L. Ossenfort.

AMSTERDAM
The Friends of the Amsterdam Library will hold a book sale at the library, 28 Church St., at 10 a.m.

CANAJOHARIE
A Winter Glow Ball will be held at the Canajoharie Community Youth Center, 9 Erie Blvd., from 6:15 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$2 and helps support the After School Program. Open to all students in fifth grade and under. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

NORTHVILLE
The Sacandaga Musical Theater and SVAN will present “Hot Night in the ‘80s” at the Sport Island Pub, 108 Riverside Drive, at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person; \$23 for senior citizens, students and SVAN members, and includes dinner and dessert.

Cash bar available. To make a reservation, call 420-9591 and leave a message.

Saturday

AMSTERDAM
A Healing Touch Practice Group will meet from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration required. For more information, call Sister Rita Jean DuBrey at 841-7146.

AMSTERDAM
The Friends of the Amsterdam Library will hold a book sale at the library, 28 Church St., at 10 a.m.

AMSTERDAM
The DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) will hold a Genealogy Workshop at 10:30 a.m. at the Amsterdam Free Library, 28 Church St. The workshop is open to anyone interested in working on their family tree.

AMSTERDAM
An informational meeting regarding a non-for-profit arts group, Art’s for All, will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Amsterdam Free Library. For more information, call Jay Towne at 627-4628.

AMSTERDAM
A mental health family support group will meet at St. Mary’s Healthcare, 427 Guy Park Ave., third floor, group room D, from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, contact facilitator Mary Lou Barry, of St. Mary’s Behavioral Health, at 841-7468.

FONDA
The Frothingham Free Library, 28 W. Main St., will host a Winter Craft Group at 11 a.m., weather permitting. Crafters can learn how to crochet, knit or bring their current craft project to share with the group. Beginner need a crochet hook or knitting needles and a skein of yarn. For more information, log on to fonlib.blogspot.com or call 853-3016.

FONDA
The Fonda-Fultonville Father Daughter Dance will be held at the elementary school at 6:30 p.m. Girls in grades pre-k to six are invited. The cost is \$25 per couple and \$5 for each additional daughter. The theme of the event is Hollywood. To RSVP, contact Kandace Rose at

853-3732 ext. 4231 or krose@ffcsd.org.

GLOVERSVILLE
A Department of Motor Vehicles Defensive Driving Class will be held at the Gloversville Public Library, 58 E. Fulton St., second floor, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no elevator. The cost is \$35 pre-paid and \$40 at the door. The class is limited to the first 40 registered. To register, call Victor Bujanow at 784-5009.

NELLISTON
The Valley Alliance Church, Route 5, will hold a free clothing giveaway from 9 to 11 a.m. Doors will open at 8:45 a.m.

NORTHVILLE
The Sacandaga Musical Theater and SVAN will present “Hot Night in the ‘80s” at the Sport Island Pub, 108 Riverside Drive, at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person; \$23 for senior citizens, students and SVAN members, and includes dinner and dessert. Cash bar available. To make a reservation, call 420-9591 and leave a message.

Sunday

AMSTERDAM
St. Ann’s Episcopal Church, 37 Division Street, will hold Soup Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

GLOVERSVILLE
The Gloversville Senior Center, 53 Church St., will hold a Princess Tea Party at 2 p.m. \$5 per person. All proceeds go to the miss spirit of colonial scholarship fund.

TRIBES HILL
Tribes Hill Fire Department, 280 Mohawk Drive, will hold a Brooks Chicken Barbecue from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Dinners include a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll and dessert for \$10. Chicken only is \$7. Drive through and local delivery available. For more information, contact the fire department at 829-7222 or Tom Georgia for pre-orders at 258-9448.

Monday

MAYFIELD
The Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, 2736 Route 30, will hold an Introduction to

Bee Keeping class from 6 to 8 p.m. The class is \$40 for those who pre-register and \$50 at the door.

Tuesday

BROADALBIN
St. Joseph’s Church will host bingo in the parish center at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. and tickets are sold at 6:15 p.m.

TOWN OF AMSTERDAM
An Alzheimer’s caregiver support group will meet at the St. Mary’s Memorial Campus, 4988 Route 30, at 6 p.m. For more information, call Meagan DeMento at 867-4999.

TOWN OF AMSTERDAM
Dine to Donate will be held at Recover Sports Grill, 5005 Route 30, from 5 to 9 p.m. The event supports the HFM PTECH Future Business Leaders of America. For more information, contact Nicole Walrath at nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

Wednesday

AMSTERDAM
Survivors of a Loved One’s Suicide Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Mary’s Healthcare. This is a support group for those who have lost a family member, friend or colleague to suicide. Contact Bob Martin at 669-8229 or rmartin5@nycap.rr.com for more information and meeting location.

CANAJOHARIE
The Canajoharie Library, 2 Erie Blvd., will hold a book discussion on “The Book Thief,” at 1 p.m. Copies of the books are available at the library’s circulation desk.

FORT PLAIN
The Fort Plain Library, 19 Willett St., will hold a card-making workshop from 5 to 7 p.m. In addition to paper-crafted cards, adult participants will make three-dimensional items. Advanced registration required. To register, call 993-4646.

Thursday

AMSTERDAM
The Amsterdam Free Library, 28 Church St., will hold a Preschool Learning Hour: Magical Milk, at 10:30 a.m.

AMSTERDAM
The Amsterdam Free Library, 28 Church St., will show “Champion,” as part of the second annual Kirk Douglas Film Festival at 6 p.m.

JOHNSTOWN
An Alzheimer’s caregiver support group will meet at Healthlink/Vitality Plus Services, 2 Colonial Court, from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Meagan DeMento at 867-4999, ext. 216 or email mdemento@alz.org.

TOWN OF AMSTERDAM
The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business After Hours, hosted by the Amsterdam Rotary, at the Raindancer restaurant, 4582 Route 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, contact Alex at the chamber at 725-0641 or email membership@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

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Alpin Haus Fitness Center to host Hot Warrior Yoga Teacher Training

Alpin Haus Fitness Center has announced that locally-based yoga instructor Jennilee Toner will offer her acclaimed Hot Warrior Yoga Teacher Training at its 800-square foot yoga studio in Amsterdam.

The 200-hour, six weekend course is designed for individuals who are interested in becoming a yoga instructor or would like to learn more about the practice of yoga. Classes begin on Thursday, Feb. 9, and will continue over the course of one four-day weekend per month through July 2017.

The comprehensive course will teach students about Hot Hatha and Hot Vinyasa yoga practices, as well as more than 50 Hot Warrior Yoga posture practices. Toner will teach students about the history and philosophy of yoga, the language and myths of the postures, and techniques for on- and off-the-mat injury prevention.

“We are thrilled to offer this experience to members and non-members of the Alpin Haus Fitness Center,” said Andy Heck, president of Alpin Haus. “In recent years, the demand for yoga has soared, with many people, including athletes, recognizing the tremendous benefits that yoga provides for the human body, mind and spirit. Jennilee will train yogis to go out and fill that demand as skilled teachers that bring their knowledge and breadth of understanding to the yoga participant.”

Toner is an acclaimed yoga instructor, and is the author of “The Perfect Chaturanga: A Comprehensive Guide to the Human Body Through the Practice of Vinyasa Yoga.” She has been practicing hatha and vinyasa yoga for more than 20 years, and began leading teacher training courses in 2010.

“I am excited to bring my teacher training to the Alpin Haus Fitness Center community,” Toner said. “It was such an honor to consult on the construction of the beautiful yoga room a few years ago and it is a pleasure to be teaching fitness and yoga classes there now. Teaching yoga history, philosophy, anatomy, sequencing, alignment and assisting is one of the best jobs in the world, and I am so glad to do it at Alpin Haus.”

Tuition for the course is \$2,500 for Alpin Haus Fitness Center members; and \$2,700 for non-members. For more information about Hot Warrior Yoga Teacher Training at Alpin Haus Fitness Center, please visit www.alpinhausfitnesscenter.com.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Canajoharie Board of Education to meet Thursday

CANAJOHARIE – The Canajoharie Central School District Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 2, at the high school in room 113 (choir room).

March meeting rescheduled

FORT PLAIN — The village's March board meeting scheduled for March 21 has been moved to March 22, due to village elections being held on March 21.

Fort Plain Village Board meeting are held at 168 Canal St. at 7 p.m.

F-MCC’s Barto Lecture Series welcomes: Rosa Clemente

JOHNSTOWN — On Tuesday, Feb. 7, Fulton-Montgomery Community College’s Barto Lecture Series, in conjunction with Student Activities Board, will host guest speaker Rosa Clemente speaking on “Politics in Our Time.”

Clemente, a native of the South Bronx, has spent her life dedicated to scholar activism. She is currently a doctoral student in the W.E.B. Dubois department of UMass-Amherst. Throughout her scholarly career, Clemente has been a constant on the ground presence through the many political struggles facing Black and Latino people in the 21st century.

As the co-founder and coordinator of the first ever National Hip-Hop Political Convention, Clemente helped bring together more than 3,000 activists to create and implement a national political agenda for the Hip-Hop generation. She also co-founded the R.E.A.C.Hip-Hop Coalition, a Hip-Hop generation based media justice organization. She



CLEMENTE

was a youth representative at the first ever United Nations World Conference against Xenophobia, Racism and Related Intolerance in Durban, South Africa. Rosa has received numerous awards, grants and fellowships. She has written for Ebony, Clamor Magazine, The Black World Today, The Final Call, The Ave. Magazine, and numerous websites.

Clemente ran for Green Party Vice President in the 2008 U.S. election. Along with Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, the pair became the first women of color ticket in American History.

The presentation will take place in F-MCC’s Theatre, 2805 Route 67, Johnstown at 12:30 p.m. Students and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event.

The William M. Barto Memorial Speaker Series is named after a popular F-MCC Professor of History and Psychology who died in a tragic accident in August 2000 at the age of 37. The lecture series honors Dr. Barto because he initiated the practice of inviting significant guest lecturers to speak at the college. This series is part of F-MCC’s commitment to provide opportunities for cultural, intellectual and athletic enrichment for students and the community.

For further details, contact the Student Activities Office at 736-3622, ext. 8131.

Simply The Best Home Care to host Home Health Aide of the Year ceremony

JOHNSTOWN — A ceremony to honor caregivers who exemplify quality care will be held at Simply The Best new main office located at 108 N. Main Street. The event is to highlight selected home health aides who go above and beyond for the clients they service.

Simply The Best Home Care award programs recognize those home health aides who throughout the year demonstrate the high standard and quality of care synonymous with the Simply the Best reputation. The individual awardees are selected from over 1,000 caregivers employed by the company.

This year’s award recipients are Daniella Dutea from Gloversville, who will receive the coveted Home Health Aide of the Year; Jessica Maclean

from Amsterdam, who will receive the Most Dedicated Home Health Aide Award; Yocaira Edwards from Amsterdam, who will receive the Most Reliable Home Health Aide of the Year, and Shirley Therian from Johnstown, who will receive the Most Punctual Home Health Aide of the Year. Each recipient will receive a framed certificate, flowers, and a cash award.

Simply The Best Home Care is a licensed agency that provides home health care services to the elderly and infirm in Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schohorie, and Warren counties. For more information about Simply The Best Home Care, call 518-762-1767 or log on to www.simplythebesthomecare.com.

Your Local Tax Preparation

4 Tax Changes That Could Impact Your 2016 Return

With tax filing season upon us, it's a good idea to educate yourself on what's changed since last year. While it's been a relatively quiet year in terms of new tax laws, there are a handful of items for which you'll want to prepare.

1. The Tax Deadline is April 18. This year, the deadline to file returns is Tuesday, April 18, 2017, rather than the traditional April 15 date. That's because the April 15 falls on a Saturday and Emancipation Day, the anniversary of the abolition of slavery, is recognized on Monday, April 17, 2017 and is a holiday in the District of Columbia. For tax-filing purposes, the IRS treats this day as a federal holiday.

2. Delayed refunds for some early filers. If you claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) this year, you'll have to wait until after mid-February to get your refund. The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act, passed in late 2015, says the IRS cannot issue credits or refunds for an overpayment before Feb. 15, 2017 to any filer who claims the EITC or ACTC.

The delay gives the IRS more time to review income tax returns - and prevent the agency from inadvertently processing fraudulent returns. Fraudsters file bogus returns before the actual filer can complete their taxes and often claim credits like the EITC and ACTC.

Both the EITC and ACTC are refundable tax credits. That means they are beneficial even after reducing your tax liability to zero. If the amount of these credits is more than the amount of taxes due, you'll get the difference back as a refund. Savvy criminals know this - and input numbers to make it look like they should get more money back.

If you don't file either of these credits, the IRS says your refund will likely get processed in the typical time frame of 21 days.

3. Don't be surprised if your state asks for your driver's license number or state ID. Depending on the state in which you live, you may be asked to provide your driver's license number (DLN) or state ID number when you file your 2016 state return. This is part of a broad effort by the IRS, states and the entire tax industry to lessen the risk of tax-related identity theft. Identity thieves may have personal information such as your name and Social Security number, but not your DLN. The additional information helps states verify you are who you say you are.

Implementing additional identity verification measures, such as requesting a filer's DLN and related information, can help curtail the number of fraudulent returns states process this year. The IRS now requests this information, but it is not required to electronically file a federal return.

4. Affordable Care Act (ACA) forms may be late this year - but don't wait to file your return. By now, you're probably accustomed to receiving ACA-related forms reporting whether you and members of your household met health insurance coverage requirements established by the ACA for the prior year. What's new this year is when you'll receive some of those forms.

The deadline for companies and insurers to issue Forms 1095-B and 1095-C to individuals has been delayed this year. Employers and insurance providers must mail your forms by March 2, 2017 - considerably later than the original Jan. 31 deadline.

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Kennedy said the fair profited, despite \$40,000 that was invested into the facility for a new sound system and handicapped seating.

He described a bittersweet moment. The passing of long-time board member Shirley Sammons. During the opening of the 175th Fonda Fair, the board announced the creation of a memorial park in honor of Shirley and her husband Jake, who has been on the fair board 50 years and was also in attendance Wednesday. Sammons said during the meeting that he is still compiling a history book of the fair. Kennedy told members that the memorial is expected to be complete by fair time and students from the Ag-PTECH school in St. Johnsville will help to build and design the project.

Convoy For a Cause was considered one of the year's highlights, with over 200 trucks and \$8,100 raised. The funds were split 50/50 between the Montgomery County Office for Aging and WGY's Christmas Wish. Also noted, was winning the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce's Centennial Award at the annual dinner and the ground's equine events becoming one of the best revenue sources.

"We just continue to provide the equine community something that they want," Kennedy said.

A concert for 2017 is still being organized, but Kennedy said it will be figured out by March. The fair board meets next week and will continue to discuss preparation for the 2017 event. One of the most notable changes is that the fair will run from Wednesday to Monday instead of Tuesday to Monday. The fair's carnival ride providers switched several years ago and Coleman Brothers has provided the service for the past two. Kennedy explained that Coleman has another show directly before the Fonda Fair, making it very challenging to tear down the equipment to open at the grounds on Tuesday. Although opening day has continued to be on Tuesday the past two years, the event opened later. Kennedy said with the number of attendees and expenses on the shorter day, they are better off opening Wednesday. Obtaining vendors can be a trying task, especially for seven days. Kennedy said the vendors were happy about consolidating the event to six days.

"If we make our vendors happy, more people will come and if more vendors come, more people come," he said. "We are excited to see how our six day show goes."

Claude Lee VanArsdal

January 30, 2017



Claude Lee VanArsdal, a lifelong resident of Sharon Springs, died on Monday, Jan. 30, 2017, at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown after a short illness. He was 78.

Born in Ames on Dec. 12, 1938, he was the son of the late Leon and Elsie (Matte) VanArsdal.

He was a graduate of Canajoharie Central School and later worked in turbine unit No. 273 at General Electric in Schenectady for 28 years, retiring in 1996.

He enjoyed listening to country music and he played bass guitar for local 70's era country bands-Good 'OL Boys, Full House and the Wranglers. Claude was a foster parent for 38 years. During retirement, he enjoyed gardening, reading, mowing and watching his grandchildren play sports.

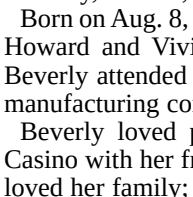
Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Helen (Diamond) VanArsdal; four daughters, Linda (Steve) Barnes, Cindy Cadwell, Sherri VanArsdal-Brown and Tanya (Bill) Smith; five sons, George (Sue) VanArsdale, Craig (Cathy) VanArsdal, Scott VanArsdale, Fred VanArsdal and Chad Lee VanArsdal; a sister, Eleanor Cardinal; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several foster children.

A service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, at Lappeus Funeral Home, Sharon Springs. Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. Cremation will follow the service at Vale Cemetery Crematorium, Schenectady.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Springs Central School Booster Club, POB 218, Sharon Springs, NY 13459.

Beverly A. Engle

January 31, 2017



Beverly A. Engle, 76, of Amsterdam, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, at her home.

Born on Aug. 8, 1940 in Amsterdam, she was the daughter of the late Howard and Vivian Mason Engle. A lifelong resident of the area, Beverly attended local schools and went on to work for many of the manufacturing companies within the city.

Beverly loved playing bingo, especially going to Turning Stone Casino with her friends from the apartment complex. Most of all, she loved her family; Beverly will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her son, Scott Engle (Cora); brothers, Kenneth Engle (Carol) and Gary Engle (Joyce); grandchildren, Alicia Snyder, Patricia DiSecenza (Mark), Brandy Snyder and Andraiah Bleyl; great-grandchildren, Michelle, Lily, John Jr, Wade and Kayden. Nieces, nephews and cousins also survive. Besides her parents, Beverly was predeceased by her great-grandson, Skyler.

It was Beverly's wishes that there be no formal calling hours or services. Private burial at Chuctanunda Cemetery, where Beverly will be buried with her parents will take place at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations in Beverly's name can be made to the Susan B. Koman For the Cure, 501 New Karner Road, Suite 2B, Albany, New York 12205; in memory of Beverly being a 12 year breast cancer survivor this April 2017.

Beverly's arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Betz, Rossi & Bellinger Family Funeral Home, 171 Guy Park Ave., Amsterdam. Online condolences can be made at www.brbsfuneral.com.



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Empire State Winter Games set to begin

LAKE PLACID (AP) — The 37th annual Empire State Winter Games are set to begin.

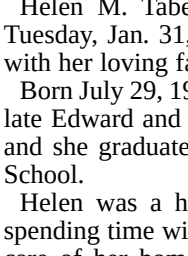
Organizers have inspected the competition venues and checked the weather forecast for the events taking place over the weekend. As much as two feet of snow has blanketed New York's North Country since last week, just in time for the 29 different sport disciplines to be staged in six communities.

It's anticipated that a record number of athletes, more than 2,200, will enter the events, which include snowboarding, skiing, bobsled, luge, skeleton, speed skating, hockey and broomball, to name just a few.

Most athletes will participate in the Opening Ceremony tonight in the Lake Placid Olympic Center's Herb Brooks Arena.

Helen M. Taberski

January 31, 2017



Helen M. Taberski, 87, of Amsterdam, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, at Mountain Valley Hospice in Gloversville with her loving family at her side.

Born July 29, 1929, in Amsterdam, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Edward and Josephine Pierog Zabo. She was a lifelong resident and she graduated in 1947 from the former Wilbur H. Lynch High School.

Helen was a homemaker who enjoyed raising her family, loved spending time with them throughout the years and was always taking care of her home. She was a parishioner of St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church.

On May 26, 1951, she married Edward S. Taberski, who passed away June 27, 2013.

She was also predeceased by her son, James Taberski, who passed away in 2002; her brother Edward Zabo; and two sisters, Regina Hasenfuss and Theresa Ruff.

Survivors include her son, Thomas E. (Kathy) Taberski, town of Florida; a sister, Joan (Dominick) Gonzales of Fulton N.Y.; two grandchildren, Thomas (Jessie) Taberski of Hillsboro, Ohio, and Michael (Andrea) Taberski of Amsterdam; two great-granddaughters, Ashley and Anna; four great-grandsons, Jace, Cru, Allen and Andrew; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services and a gathering will be private and will be held at the Betz, Rossi & Bellinger Family Funeral Home, 171 Guy Park Ave., Amsterdam with the Rev. O. Robert DeMartinis presiding. Private burial will take place in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Helen's memory to St. Stanislaus Church, 50- 52 Cornell St., Amsterdam, NY, 12010 or to Mountain Valley Hospice, 108 Steele Ave., Gloversville, NY, 12078. Please pay your condolences to Helen's family at www.brbsfuneral.com.



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James Raymond Dence

January 31, 2017



James Raymond Dence, 72, of the Rockton area of Amsterdam, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, with his loving family by his side, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born Sept. 2, 1944, in Midland, Texas, he was the son of James H. and Majorie A. Murtlow Dence.

Jim graduated from the former Wilbur H. Lynch High School Class of 1962 and went on to earn his associates degree in retail from the former Mohawk Valley Community College in 1964. He began his career at Almart Stores in Albany, N.Y., and after being promoted, relocated to Youngstown, Ohio, for several years, and then to Wilmington, Del. After returning "home" in 1977, he and his wife operated the Rockton Y Market until taking a position with the Montgomery County Department of Social Services, retiring after 20 years of service.

Jim enjoyed fishing, and looked forward to his annual Canada trip with his buddies each year. He took great pride in his garden, especially his garlic bed. He served on the committee for The Rockton Reunion, a great party enjoyed by many. But most of all, he had a deep love for his family, never missing a family gathering, or any of his grandsons events.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 51 years Dolores (Brignole); his daughter Leigh (John) Dorr; grandsons, James David "J.D." Haberek and Matthew Thomas "Matt" Haberek; his brother, Robert (Nancy) Dence; his sisters, Nancy (David) Jinks and Donna Vergona; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and cousins. Jim is predeceased by his son James Thomas Dence; his parents, James and Majorie Dence; his brother-in-law, Anthony Vergona and his dear friend, William Johnson.

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation for the wonderful care Jim received from Dr. Jeremiah Benoit and Dr. Robert Goslin and the staff at NYOH, along with the nurses and staff of Maria Hall at St. Mary's Hospital.

Calling hours will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, and a Memorial Service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017, at Betz, Rossi,& Bellinger Family Funeral Home, 171 Guy Park Ave., Amsterdam, N.Y. Interment will take place at a later date at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery, Truax Road, Amsterdam. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to NYOH of Amsterdam, 1700 Riverfront Center, Amsterdam, NY 12010, or the United Methodist Church, 347 Golf Course Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010. Those wishing to express their condolences to the family may do so by signing our online memorial at www.brbsfuneral.com.



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LUCKY SUM: 13

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Local residents John Laffan (left) and Matt O’ Brian participate in the New York City Women’s March.

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“It was a very inspiring day for me,” Brody said. “People were very earnest and angry, but it was the kindest demonstration I’ve ever been at.”

Though it took a full six hours to traverse a relatively small section of Manhattan — Brody joking that the march’s pace was reminiscent of “The Walking Dead” — the diversity and passion of the crowd, the creativity of their signs and their insistence on peaceful expression, proved to be immeasurably “energizing.”

“It was something that was, for me, very helpful — to physically see that many people out there making a statement,” he said.

Smith Duncan, who attended the Women’s March in Washington, DC, was similarly inspired by her experience.

“There was a spirit of reunion — but also of early values, old values and shared values — that was extremely moving for all of us.”

Smith Duncan’s journey began two days after the November election in Maine, where she was visiting a friend.

Learning that a Women’s March had been scheduled in the nation’s capitol, the friends decided to attend. Upon making contact with her daughter — who lives in Washington, DC — just one day later, Smith Duncan learned that all available space in her home had already been promised to fellow march participants.

She contacted another friend who offered a bed, in a home that also rapidly filled with peaceful protesters.

“That was the beginning of this sensation that people were really coming together for this,” Smith Duncan said.

Her experience at the march, she explained, was “intense,” but also “gentle, friendly and kind,” the crowd she marched alongside being continuously “full of compassion.”

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of the casino, said after the grand opening it will become a 24/7 entertainment destination.

“Once we open the doors, they will never close again,” Cheeks said.

The \$330 million project includes 67 gaming tables, 15 custom made poker tables and 1,150 slot machines for people looking to gamble. There’s various dining options ranging from a quick bite to a sit down meal at Duke’s Chophouse, along with a sports bar featuring nightly entertainment. The 10,000 square-foot event center is also looking to attract conferences, weddings and other private events, with the space able to be divided into multiple rooms.

“The key is to understand the experience that’s being looked for,” Cheeks said. “Not everybody is a gamer. They may look for great dining, a nice little lounge act, or if they’re a gamer making sure they’re at the game of choice.”

Rivers Casino seeks to entice patrons into the festive environment before they even step foot onto the gaming floor, with an expansive view of the facility from the entranceway.

“You can actually stand here and view the whole casino,” Rosemarie Cook, vice president of gaming, said while standing at the gaming floor entrance. “The idea is to give us a full view of everything, so that the customer has a good sense of their surroundings.”

There’s signage throughout the gaming floor, so all areas of the facility can be easily located. To step onto the gaming floor, guests must be at least 21 years old.

Cook said if someone is unfamiliar with a particular table game they shouldn’t feel intimidated because there are game guides at each table, which includes roulette, craps, blackjack, Let It Ride, Pai Gow and other games.

“The first thing a customer is able to do is to get a how to play guide, which is great,” Cook said. “Every player who comes in and wants to know about a game, we have an individual gaming guide for each game.”

Cook said craps is often the most intimidating game for people unfamiliar with table games, but she believes it’s actually one of the easiest to play.

The inspiration provided on that Saturday following the presidential Inauguration, she said, hasn’t waned. Instead, it’s grown, Smith Duncan said and people have continued to stand up for their values.

“What’s happened since then has been just as important and moving,” she said.

Smith Duncan noted that the march reminded her of the local area before and during the early years of the American Revolution, wherein Montgomery County was incredibly active in the patriotic movement, even forming a safety committee to formulate a local response to larger, looming threats.

“I feel like we need a Committee of Safety,” Smith Duncan said, adding that a potential goal would be to provide information about how local individuals can deal with consequences of decisions being made on a daily basis by the current administration.

Several actions, which people can engage in with-in their own communities — were outlined.

One suggestion involved visiting the website, indivisibleguide.com, which provides information from government insiders regarding the most effective ways to contact and impact representatives.

The site also has a text service, which provides subscribers with daily, less-than-five-minute actions they can partake in relating to current issues and government initiatives.

Attendees were also encouraged to reach out not only to representatives including Sen. Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Sen. Charles E. Schumer, and Rep. John Faso but also to friends and relatives, including ones with dissimilar views.

Several people in attendance agreed that they’d like to continue the conversation in an official capacity, agreeing to meet again in the Canajoharie High School cafeteria on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

“There’s three dealers on a craps table, so they have the opportunity to really help out a customer while other customers are playing,” Cook said. “There’s some very basic wagers on that game you can play and have so much fun without worrying about all the other complicated wagers.”

Gaming guides are also available at the Rush Rewards Player’s Club card center, which allows customers to earn points toward rewards. The more points a customer earns by playing table games or slot machines, the greater the rewards. These could include free play, food offers, entries into promotional drawings and discounted hotel room rates. The 165-room hotel is scheduled to open this summer.

There is a Poker Room separate from the table games, where players can play against each other in Texas Hold’em, Seven Card Stud and Omaha, along with some variations of those games. Patrons would sign up on a waiting list to play and then a game begins when a table is filled or available.

If someone is looking for a more gaming casual experience, there’s a swath of slot machines offering bets ranging from a penny to high limit levels.

Steve Colache, director of slot operations, said the casino has state-of-the-art slot gaming with all of the major manufacturers represented and some smaller manufacturers. Slot machines have a variety of themes including some based off popular television shows, celebrities or digital and board games.

Cheeks said what will set apart Rivers Casino and Resort from similar locations is the customer service offered.

“Everyone has slot machines, tables games, so on and so forth — It’s the service level that differentiates you,” Cheeks said.

The facility’s target is to employ 1,022 people, with approximately 960 people currently licensed to work at the casino. Only around 25 percent had prior casino experience before joining the team, with most team members coming from the greater Capital Region.

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when the state first announced funds might come available.

“If we were to get it, we have serious infrastructure improvements that need to be done,” he said. “Our water lines are extremely old and our sewer lines are also extremely old.”

The projects must be submitted to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, which is administering the program. Funds can be used to build, repair, replace, acquire, or install fair-ground buildings, facilities or equipment that are used to house or promote agriculture, according to the release.

Kennedy said water is the primary infrastructure improvement that needs to be completed. He said there have been multiple events planned on the fairgrounds during the winter months, but were unable to happen to because of the water lines.

“Unfortunately, our water lines range from four inches deep to four feet deep, so we have to winterize everything and shut everything off,” he said. “That’s why we can’t utilize the fair grounds in the winter because our water lines are not able to be used.”

Kennedy said replacing and updating the waterlines will cost close to \$1 million. He also mentioned that the Fonda Fair is a private entity.

“We pride ourselves quite frankly on not relying on public money,” Kennedy said, adding that the few infrastructure improvements made over the last 30 years had public assistance.

“There are no tax dollars that go to help fund the Fonda Fair,” he said.

According to the release, fairs will be contacted with instructions of how to submit their proposals. Once they are approved, a contract will be developed and completed through the New York State Grants Gateway. All projects must be finished and the funds awarded and spent by March 31, 2021. Any remaining funds will be divided equally among the awardees who can then submit additional plans.

“Anytime funding like this is available we certainly hope for something,” Kennedy said. “But we don’t put our budget in place expecting anything.”

County Executive Matthew Ossenfort said the Fonda Fair and fairgrounds are both major tourism assets for Montgomery County.

“This past summer, the Fonda Fair celebrated 175 years and continues to provide great entertainment for families and educational opportunities for our children,” he said. “The county is willing to assist the Agricultural Society in any way possible to help secure this funding for infrastructure improvement and renovation projects.”

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Club’s Inner Circle reveal Phil’s forecast every Feb. 2, based on a German legend surrounding Candlemas. The legend says if a furry rodent casts a shadow that day, winter continues. If not, spring comes early.

In reality, Phil’s prediction is decided ahead of time by the group on Gobbler’s Knob, a tiny hill just outside Punxsutawney about 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Thousands of people gathered overnight to await the forecast. They were treated to folk music and a Star Wars-themed fireworks display under cloudy skies, with temperatures just below freezing, while they waited.

Records dating to 1887 show Phil has now predicted more winter 103 times while forecasting an early spring just 18 times — including last year. There are no records for the remaining years.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Thruway lanes reopen 8 hours after fatal crash

ULSTER (AP) — State police says a trucker from Vermont has died after his rig rear-ended another on the New York State Thruway in the Hudson Valley, shutting down northbound traffic for about eight hours.

Troopers say the accident occurred around 9 p.m. Wednesday when 47-year-old Vernon Bigelow, of St. Albans, drove his tractor-trailer into the back of a truck traveling north in the town of Ulster between Interstate 90’s Exit 18 at New Paltz and Exit 19 at Kingston.

Police say Bigelow’s rig then went out of control and hit the center guard rail before bursting into flames. He died at the scene.

The crash blocked both northbound lanes, forcing traffic to get off the highway at Exit 18. The lanes reopened around 5 a.m.

Police: Firefighter, cop, rescue driver from fiery crash

RONKONKOMA (AP) — An off-duty police officer and volunteer firefighter are being called “guardian angels” after authorities say they rescued a woman from a fiery crash on the Long Island Expressway.

Suffolk County police say Melissa Ortiz was heading east on the highway in Ronkonkoma when her vehicle

collided with a National Grid truck around 10:50 a.m. Wednesday. The impact caused her SUV to overturn and burst into flames.

Ortiz was trapped in the vehicle. Highway Patrol Officer Thomas Mutarelli and Elmout volunteer firefighter Jeffrey Dupoux happened to be nearby and jumped into action, pulling Ortiz to safety with help from at least one other person.

Ortiz and the truck driver were treated at the hospital and released.

Commissioner Timothy Sini says the rescue was an “act of bravery and professionalism.”

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CCSD holds annual Winter Ball with outer space theme

By JOSHUA THOMAS
For the Recorder

CANAJOHARIE — Well-attired Canajoharie High School students assembled in the East Hill Elementary School’s Great Room for the 2017 Winter Ball on Saturday.

With outer space as the dance’s theme, students took a four hour trip on a rocket ship — the Great Room also dressed to the nines, with projected planets looming high above, decorative suns and little green men lining the walls.

The theme was decided by the 18-member Student Council in November, the students having since planned every facet of the event, executing their expansive vision primarily using cardboard and recycled materials.

“They came up with all the decorations,” Student Council Advisor Patricia Countryman said.

The students also came up with themed food items, including hot dog and fruit kabob rockets. The food was created in the high school the day prior, then prepped at East Hill. The student council members took a half day to prepare and decorate for the following evening’s big event.

“You name it, they did it,” Countryman said of the students.

She said they incorporated lessons and life skills into the preparations and as the students decorated on Friday, a gigantic sun they had created was slipping down the wall. They had to work in the moment to figure out how to fasten individual spires, add fishing line and anchor the creation.

“It’s all very important problem solving skills,” Countryman said.

“You see something not working, you fix it. They worked great together as a group.”

PURE Entertainment provided entertainment during Saturday’s Winter Ball. Students were also provided the opportunity to have professional photos taken by The Classic Image Photography.

Around 10 p.m., a court was named, with students having chosen two peers from each grade level the week prior, two seniors presiding over the remainder of the event as Winter Ball king and queen.



Joshua Thomas/For the Recorder

From left, Olivia Shults, Reagan Sala, Mackenzie Blair, Hannah Robinson, and Hunter Pritcher.



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Kiah Smith and Sam Terwilliger.



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John O'Connor and Jordan Porter.



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Richard Consalvo and Sophia Fischette.



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From left, Alexz Lathers, Julia Viscusi, Jessica Lapine, Olivia Stanley, Amy Reedy, Caitlyn Montanye, and Cheyenne Rebello.



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From left, Lillie Willis, Madyson Casler, and Jillian Forgette.



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From left, Reagan Sala, Olivia Shults, and Amber Booth.

EDITORIAL

Why Gorsuch is a good Supreme Court choice

When it comes to vetting Supreme Court picks, senators of both parties should avoid getting in the way of distinguished nominees within the broad judicial mainstream, especially those who have proven themselves to be highly competent, experienced, ethical and not extremist.

This point of view used to be widely accepted. But since 22 Democrats opposed John Roberts in 2005, each new nominee has faced sharp partisan criticism and substantial opposition.

Now President Trump has nominated Neil Gorsuch, a judge on the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Given that this comes after one of the dirtiest tricks in Senate history — the Republican majority’s refusal to even hold hearings on qualified, moderate Merrick Garland, the federal appellate court judge nominated by President Obama in March to replace the late conservative Antonin Scalia — Senate Democrats may go to extraordinary lengths to try to block Trump’s nominee. They are eager to use Gorsuch’s nomination as a vehicle both to demonstrate their understandable fury over Garland’s treatment and to show solidarity with the millions of Democrats outraged over Trump’s victory despite losing the popular vote and Trump’s actions in his first two weeks as president.

But two wrongs still don’t make a right. Gorsuch is an impressive jurist, and that judgment goes beyond his Harvard law background, his clerking for two U.S. Supreme Court justices and the acclaim he’s received as a judge and professor. He is no Republican hard-liner. Gorsuch has views about criminal justice that emphasize civil liberties, not government authority, far from the norm for conservatives. In 2013, he gave a powerful, laudable speech lamenting the ever-growing complexity of the criminal code, wondering “what happens to individual freedom and equality when the criminal law comes to cover so many facets of daily life that prosecutors can almost choose their targets with impunity?”

There will be pushback from pro-choice groups. Gorsuch has not written explicitly about Roe v. Wade, but much has been read into his condemnation of assisted suicide on the grounds that “the intentional taking of human life by private persons is always wrong.” Yet analysts say his confirmation would still leave the anti-Roe faction on the court a vote or two from the majority. Chief Justice Roberts is a conservative, but his history suggests he’d be wary of tossing out such a high-profile precedent.

For these reasons, we believe that if Gorsuch does well in his nomination hearings and if no red flags emerge in the heavy scrutiny he is likely to face in coming weeks, he deserves confirmation.

There’s also a chance that the nomination fight fizzles out because of simple politics. Ten Senate Democrats up for re-election in 2018 represent states that Trump won on Nov. 8, and some may worry about what a no vote on Gorsuch would mean for their re-election chances.

Democrats may also want to delay any knock-down, drag-out confirmation fight for the future day Trump may get to replace one of the court’s liberal judges with a conservative pick instead of swap a conservative for a conservative.

But even if Democrats mount opposition, the Republicans have 52 votes in the Senate and can use the “nuclear option” of changing Senate rules to overcome a filibuster if Republicans can’t muster 60 votes to block it. Barring a bombshell, Gorsuch should prove he’s within the legal mainstream and be on his way to confirmation.

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COMMENTARY

Why Groundhog Day must end



By
Tom
Purcell

Punxsutawney Phil must be stopped. You know Phil. Every Feb. 2, Groundhog Day, he is yanked from a tree stump in Punxsutawney, Pa. If he sees his shadow, his organizers allege, there will be six more weeks of winter. If he doesn’t, spring will be just around the corner.

Millions have enjoyed this primitive ritual for years, but now there’s a problem.

Groundhog Day evolved from Candlemas Day, a Christian tradition commemorating the purification of the Virgin Mary. As this tradition evolved in Germany, it got ever more colorful. Germans soon believed that Candlemas Day could also predict the weather. Somewhere along the line they began yanking a hedgehog out of a tree stump, and the tradition was born. When German immigrants settled in Punxsutawney in 1887, they brought the tradition with them.

Now we have a problem.

How, in this day and age, can any government body impose on our diverse society any celebration that has its roots in a Christian faith? Aren’t the people of Punxsutawney providing their de facto support of one religion over the others? Isn’t their outmoded event offensive to those who practice no religion?

Isn’t this annual event, then, out of sync with the American tradition of separating church and state? If Santa Claus and Christmas trees are being banished in public squares, how can Groundhog Day not follow suit? Groundhog Day is guilty of numerous other offenses. In Punxsutawney, the event is managed by a group of men known as the “Inner Circle.” These are the fellows who wear top hats and tuxedos and yank Phil out of the tree stump.

As usual, it is the men who are exploiting a helpless little creature for profit and greed, and men who have kept women out of leadership positions within their Inner Circle clique.

The hypocrisy of these allegedly Christian fellows is staggering. They talk of how they pamper Phil. That he

lives in a heated home and is fed delicious treats. But then they boast about one especially disgusting tidbit.

Phil has a harem.

The Inner Circle provides Phil with three nubile female companions to take the edge off his lonely bachelor existence. That’s right, this band of middle-aged men is trafficking in “woodchucks of the night.”

For these reasons, I cannot understand how, in these progressive times, such an offensive primitive ritual continues to be celebrated every year.

Sure, I understand that small-minded people believe such traditions enrich our lives and bring levity to the hearts of millions.

I understand that American traditions evolved from a hodgepodge of cultural influences, and that the best of them celebrate our common humanity.

But still, Groundhog Day as we know it must end -- or at least be drastically modified.

For starters, we must set Phil free. No innocent animal should be kept in captivity so that he can be exploited by greedy capitalists. We must release him back to his natural habitat immediately.

We can replace him with a less offensive living entity, such as a tree or shrub. Trees and shrubs cast shadows, too, and holding them in captivity is much more humane, since their roots keep them from roaming freely anyhow. (“Groundshrub Day?”)

Most important, this event should be entirely secular. Any reference to the Christian past must be deleted from the official Web site.

I’m confident that if the men in the Inner Circle make these needed changes — if they begin admitting women to leadership positions immediately — the Groundshrub Day tradition will continue for many years to come.

If they don’t someone is likely to take these suggestions seriously and file suit within the week.

Tom Purcell is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist. Send comments to Tom at Tom@TomPurcell.com.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2017. There are 332 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day.

ON THIS DATE:

In 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated.

In 1887, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, held its first Groundhog Day festival.

In 1959, public schools in Arlington and Norfolk, Virginia, were racially desegregated without incident.

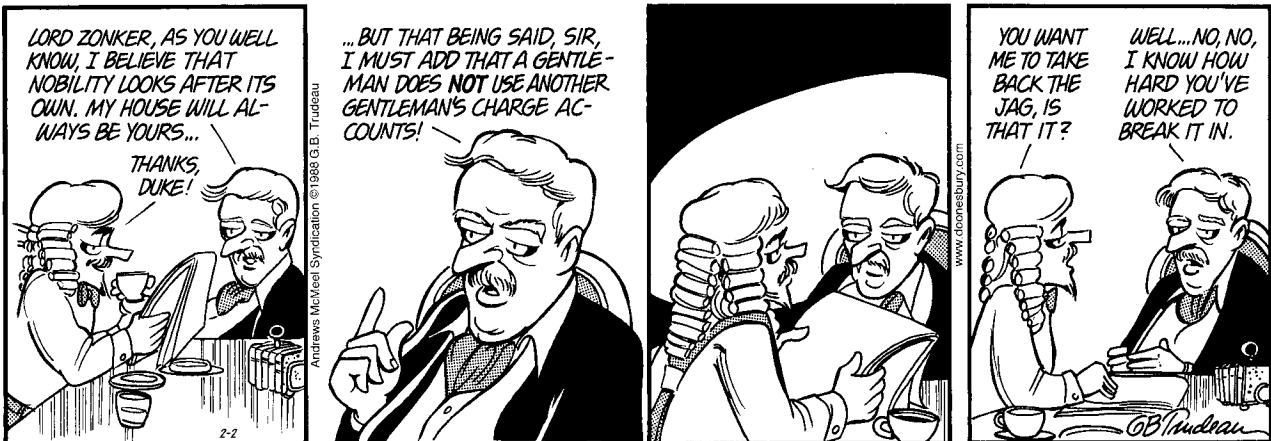
In 1964, Ranger 6, a lunar probe launched by NASA, crashed onto the surface of the moon as planned, but failed to send back any TV images.

In 1980, NBC News reported the FBI had conducted a sting operation targeting members of Congress using phony Arab businessmen in what became known as “Abscam.”

TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS: Gossip columnist Liz Smith is 94. TV chef Ina Garten is 69.

— The Associated Press

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US puts Iran ‘on notice’ after missile test, won’t elaborate

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said today his administration has put Iran “on notice,” echoing comments from his top national security adviser that the U.S. will act against Iran unless it stops testing ballistic missiles and supporting Houthi rebels in Yemen.

Trump and his National Security Adviser, Michael Flynn, didn’t elaborate on what retaliatory actions the U.S. could pursue.

Trump tweeted, “Iran was on its last legs and ready to collapse until the U.S. came along and gave it a life-line in the form of the Iran Deal: \$150 billion.”

He also tweeted, “Iran has been formally PUT ON NOTICE for firing a ballistic missile. Should have been thankful for the terrible deal the U.S. made with them!”

Flynn on Wednesday forcefully denounced Iran’s behavior in his first public remarks since Trump took office. He accused Iran of threatening U.S. allies and spreading instability throughout the Middle East while faulting the Obama administration for doing too little to stop the Islamic Republic.

“As of today, we are officially putting Iran on notice,” Flynn said from the White House podium.

On notice for what, Flynn didn’t say. Senior Trump administration officials said they were actively considering a “range of options” including economic measures and increased support for Iran’s regional adversaries. The officials, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity, declined repeatedly to say whether military action is being considered.

The warning was an early manifestation of Trump’s promise of a tougher American approach to Iran. Yet administration officials emphasized that their allegations were unrelated to Iran’s obligations under the Iran nuclear deal that President Barack Obama and world leaders negotiated. Though Flynn noted Trump has criticized that deal, officials declined to say whether Trump planned to follow



The Associated Press
National Security Adviser Michael Flynn speaks during the daily news briefing at the White House, in Washington, Wednesday. Flynn said the administration is putting Iran “on notice” after it tested a ballistic missile.

through on his campaign pledge to renegotiate it.

“The Obama administration failed to respond adequately to Tehran’s malign actions — including weapons transfers, support for terrorism and other violations of international norms,” Flynn said.

The White House also faulted Iran for backing Houthi rebels in Yemen who on Tuesday claimed a successful missile strike against a warship belonging to a Saudi-led coalition fighting to reinstall Yemen’s internationally recognized government. The media arm of the Shiite rebels said the vessel was believed to belong to the Saudi Arabian navy.

Administration officials said Iran was providing key support by arming, training and financing the rebels, with a goal of leveraging its relationship with the Houthis to “build a long-term presence in Yemen.”

DeVos nomination on thin ice with 2 GOP senators opposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump’s nomination of school choice activist Betsy DeVos as education secretary is on thin ice after two Republican senators vowed to vote against her.

DeVos, a billionaire Republican donor who spent more than two decades promoting charter schools, has emerged as one of Trump’s most controversial Cabinet picks facing fierce opposition from Democrats, teachers unions and civil rights activists. With Sen. Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska in opposition, the nomination could die if DeVos loses the support of one more Republican — and all Democrats vote against her.

Murkowski said she believed DeVos has much to learn about public education.

“I have serious concerns about a nominee to be secretary of education who has been so involved on one side of the equation, so immersed in the push for vouchers that she may be unaware of what actually is successful within the public schools and also what is broken and how to fix them,” Murkowski said.

If all other GOP senators support DeVos, and all Democrats oppose her, she would end up with a 50-50 vote in the Senate and Vice President Mike Pence would have to break the tie to confirm her. A vote is expected in the coming days.

Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, the Republican chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, praised DeVos and expressed confidence that she would be

confirmed.

“Mrs. DeVos believes in our children, their teachers and parents — she believes in the local school board instead of the national school board,” Alexander said in a statement. “She’s committed to public education, and there’s no better example of that than her work on the most important reform of public schools in the last 30 years — public charter schools.”

White House press secretary Sean Spicer said he wasn’t concerned about the defections by Collins and Murkowski.

“I have 100 percent confidence she will be the next secretary of education. She is an unbelievably qualified educator and advocate for students, teachers, parents,” he said after the two senators announced their opposition.

In addition to the statements of opposition by the two Republican senators, a billionaire philanthropist and public education backer came out against her.

Eli Broad sent a letter to senators urging her defeat, saying DeVos is “unprepared and unqualified for the position.” He also said that if she were confirmed, “much of the good work that has been accomplished to improve public education for all of America’s children could be undone.”

Democrats have vigorously opposed DeVos, questioning her commitment to public education, her overall qualifications to lead the Education Department and her views on LGBT rights, the needs of students with disabilities and potential conflicts of interest arising from her business holdings.

Dems in Trump states face pressure over Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Donald Trump presses for Senate confirmation of his Supreme Court nominee, Judge Neil Gorsuch, much of the initial, intense pressure will be on moderate Democrats, especially those up for re-election next year in states that Trump won handily.

Some of those senators are keeping their options open, saying they will wait to meet with the nominee and make a decision in time. Some have signaled or pledged opposition. Several said in statements that Gorsuch too often sided with corporations and against the working-class — voters they are trying to court in their re-election bids.

Led by Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., Democrats are insisting that Gorsuch get 60 votes of support in the 100-member Senate, saying that would make it clear that Gorsuch is mainstream enough to be confirmed.

It’s unclear if Republicans, with a 52-48 majority, will be able to woo the eight Democrats they need. Liberals are pressuring Democrats to resist Trump and all his nominees. But that could prove politically costly for the 10 Democrats up for re-election in Trump states.

Australian PM won’t comment on report of terse Trump call

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia’s prime minister said his country’s relationship with the United States remained “very strong” but refused to comment on a newspaper report today that an angry President Donald Trump cut short their first telephone call as national leaders.

At the heart of the weekend conversation between Trump and Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull was a deal struck with the Obama administration that would allow mostly Muslim refugees rejected by Australia to be resettled in the United States.

Turnbull declined to comment on reports in The Washington Post that Trump had described the agreement as “the worst deal ever” and accused Turnbull of seeking to export the “next Boston bombers.”

The Boston Bombers refer to Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, U.S. citizens born in Kyrgyzstan, who set off two bombs at the 2013 Boston marathon, killing three and injuring more than 260 people.

Turnbull also would not say whether Trump had abruptly ended the expected hour-long conversation after 25 minutes as the Australian attempted to steer the conversation to other topics.

“It’s better that these things — these conversations — are conducted candidly, frankly, privately,” Turnbull told reporters.

Turnbull said the strength of the bilateral relation was evident in that Trump agreed to honor the agreement to resettle refugees from among around 1,600 asylum seekers, most of whom are on island camps on the Pacific nations of Nauru and Papua New Guinea. Australia has refused to accept them and instead pays for them to be housed on the impoverished islands.

“I can assure you the relationship is very strong,” Turnbull said. “The fact we received the assurance that we did, the fact that it was confirmed, the very extensive engagement we have with the new administration underlines the closeness of the alliance. But as Australians know me very well: I stand up for Australia in every forum — public or private.”

Hours after the Washington Post story was published — and after Turnbull’s comments — Trump took to Twitter to slam the deal.

“Do you believe it? The Obama Administration agreed to take thousands of illegal immigrants from Australia. Why?” Trump tweeted. “I will study this dumb deal!”

The Washington Post story shot to the top of trending topics on Twitter in Australia. It was plastered across the top of Australia’s major news sites, and the nation’s news networks launched running commentaries on it.

Trump, who a day before the conversation had signed an executive order suspending the admission of refugees, had complained that he was “going to get killed” politically by the deal, the newspaper reported, citing anonymous officials.

“I don’t want these people,” Trump reportedly said. Trump also told Turnbull that he had spoken to four world leaders that day and that: “This is the worst call by far.”

Trump told Turnbull that it was “my intention” to honor the agreement, a phrase designed to leave the president wriggle room to back out of the deal, the newspaper reported.

There were some mixed-messages from Washington this week on the state of the agreement.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer confirmed on Wednesday that Trump had agreed to honor the deal.

Daily Bridge Club

by *Frank Stewart*
Tribune Media Services

Cy the Cynic says the toughest part of dieting is not watching what you eat, it's watching what other people eat.

I suspect Cy thinks a tough part of bridge is watching his partners play the dummy. As today's North, Cy tried for slam over South's jump to three hearts, and South went on. When West led the queen of clubs, South took the A-K to pitch a diamond. He drew trumps and led the jack of diamonds: queen, king, ace.

South ruffed the next diamond, led a spade to the king and finessed with his jack. West took the queen for down one, and the Cynic headed for the bar.

LAST SPADE

I can't blame Cy for being disconcerted. After South wins Trick One, he can draw trumps, then take the A-K of spades. When East-West follow low, South discards his last spade on dummy's second high club, ruffs a spade, and returns with a trump to pitch diamonds on the good spades, making seven.

If spades broke badly, South could try for a 12th trick by leading toward the king of diamonds.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ K 5 4 3 2 ♥ 10 9 2 ♦ K 3 ♣ A K 5. Your partner opens one diamond, you bid one spade and

he raises to three spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner has a hand worth about 17 points with four-card support. His pattern won't be balanced since he didn't open 1NT. Cue-bid four clubs. If partner cue-bids four diamonds in reply, bid four spades or cue-bid five clubs and leave a further move to him. With A Q 9 8, A, A Q 6 5 2, 7 6 3, he will act again.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K 5 4 3 2
♥ 10 9 2
♦ K 3
♣ A K 5

WEST
♠ Q 10 8
♥ 5
♦ Q 8 6 5 4
♣ J 10 8

EAST
♠ 9 7
♥ 4 3
♦ A 10 9 7
♣ 9 7 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 6
♥ A K Q J 8 7 6
♦ J 2
♣ 3

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♣ Q

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Sausage balls: Simply delicious

By ELIZABETH KARMEL
Associated Press

Supposedly, we all have our dirty little food secrets, those crazy things we’re embarrassed to admit we love. But the truth is, I don’t consider any of my loves to be secrets. If I love something, I am proud to eat it, no matter how trashy or elegant it is. If I was ashamed to eat it, I wouldn’t eat it!

Which is why in this day of aspirational organic, local, vegan, sustainable, nose-to-tail eating, I think a little honesty about what tastes good and satisfies the soul is important. And that’s why I’m sharing my No. 1 pick for great Super Bowl party food, a trashy, delicious little recipe for sausage balls I got from my Aunt Mert.

I made them twice this Thanksgiving for a tony northern crowd, and I served them right alongside smoked salmon and caviar. The sausage balls were scarfed up while the more sophisticated offerings were ignored. They are spicy, savory, salty and full of protein, so they are the perfect pairing for the beer that typically flows on Super Bowl Sunday!

The simplest southern sausage meatball recipe is three ingredients — bulk hot breakfast sausage, cheddar cheese and Bisquick. They are so simple that even someone who can’t boil water can make them! All you need is a bowl and a fork (or clean hands) to mix everything together and a baking sheet to cook them on.

If you don’t like spicy foods, you can leave out the cayenne, but I think it helps balance the richness of the sausage balls. I also use the sharpest cheddar that I can buy and prefer to grate the cheese myself because it seems to melt better. If you prefer Italian flavors, you can adapt the recipe and use bulk hot Italian sausage and substitute 1/2 cup of grated Parmesan or Romano cheese for 1/4 pound of the cheddar.

SPICY SAUSAGE MEATBALLS

You can prep this recipe in advance. Follow through the step of forming the meat mixture into balls, then arrange them on a baking sheet and freeze. Once frozen, store in plastic bags. Cook frozen meatballs as directed, but increase oven time to 35 minutes.

Start to finish: 40 minutes (15 minutes active)

Makes: 36 meatballs

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon melted butter
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder or granulated garlic
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 pound grated sharp cheddar cheese
1 pound loose spicy sausage meat
2 eggs

Heat the oven to 350 F.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt, butter, garlic and cayenne. Set aside.

In a second large bowl, use your hands to mix together the cheese, sausage and eggs until well combined. Add the flour mixture and mix for several minutes to ensure all ingredients are evenly distributed.

Pinch off about 1/4 cup of the mixture and roll into 1 1/2-inch meatballs. Arrange the meatballs on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake for 25 minutes. Serve hot.



The Associated Press

Spicy sausage balls

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- Stewarts**
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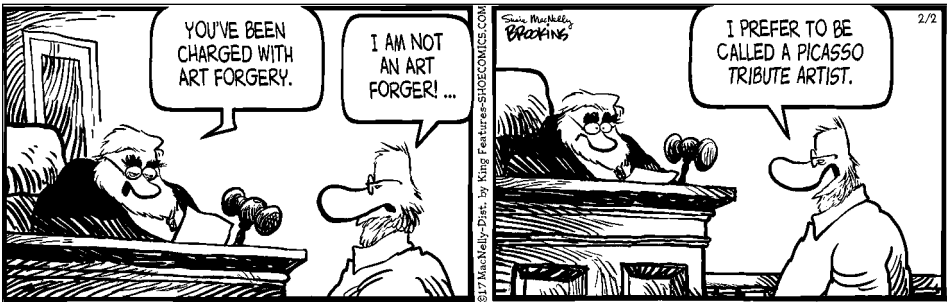
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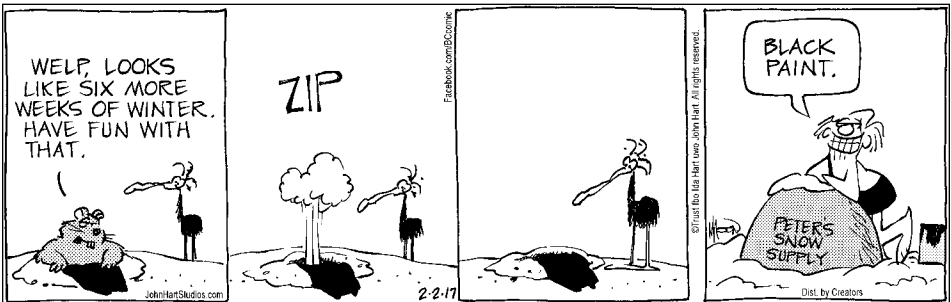
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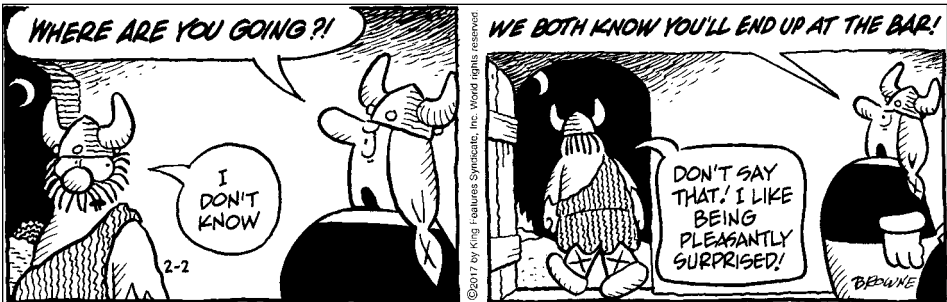
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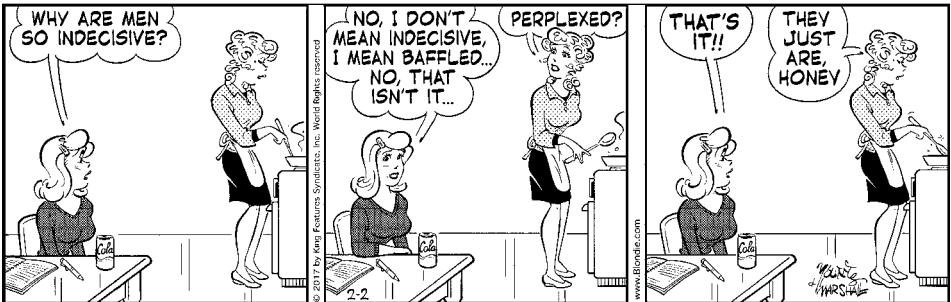
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Twins ready for different paths



By
ABIGAIL
VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old identical twin. My sister and I are sick of the whole “twin” thing and want to go to separate schools. We really want to be our own people. We have wanted this for a long time now. However, I’m not sure we can because, where I live, you have to go to the school in the town you live in.

Do you have any suggestions on things we can do to make new, different friends, and how we can look different from each other? We are moving this year, so next fall we will be in a new school. – **THE TWIN THING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

DEAR TWIN THING: You and your sister are smart girls. What you want to do will be healthy for both of you, and I congratulate you for wanting to do it. It’s important that each of you develop as individuals, and the move will give the perfect opportunity to start.

If you have been dressing alike, make a point of not doing it from now on. If you have been wearing your hair in the same style, change that too. When you enroll in the new school, join separate clubs, go out for different sports, etc. If you do, people will no longer perceive you as molded from the same cookie cutter. Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: As a baby shower gift for my (soon-to-be) grandson, I plan on opening up a UTMA (Uniform Transfers to Minors) account for his college education with a \$5,000 initial deposit. My idea is to add \$1,000 every year on his birthday for the first five years.

Would it be tacky to challenge, or encourage, his other three grandparents to contribute to the account by matching their contributions every year up to my

DEAR ABBY

\$1,000? Or would it be better to just tell them my plans and let them know they can also make deposits to the account? I don’t know the financial situations of the others, and I don’t want to offend anyone. Your thoughts? – **ABOUT TO BE A GRANDPA IN ARIZONA**

DEAR GRANDPA: I’m voting for your second idea, for the reason you gave. While the concept of an education fund for your grandbaby is laudable, making it a “challenge” might create financial stress for the other grandparents and be perceived as one-upmanship if they are unable to donate as much to the fund as you do.

DEAR ABBY: An older friend and I have exchanged emails since last spring. Hers have been mostly political and disparaging toward minorities. I asked her to please not send this stuff since we have opposite opinions on the subject, and I don’t plan to change my mind. I enjoy our in-person talks because they are nothing like the emails she sends, which are “forwards” somebody else has put together.

I quit reading them, but is there a way to politely stop her from disseminating nasty propaganda? I have tried fact-checking and sending corrections to her and to those on the long list of people she has sent these emails. It doesn’t work. – **FACT CHECKER**

DEAR FACT CHECKER: Because someone sends you emails does not mean you must read them all. Filter your email so that the political rants go into a special folder, then delete them en masse.

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HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE
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For Friday, Feb. 3, 2017
ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)

For the next several months, you will be looking good. This is an excellent time to buy wardrobe treasures. Enjoy shopping. (Keep your receipts.)

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)

Many of you might be involved in a secret love affair for the next several months. You definitely are doing something behind the scenes that pleases you.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)

Friendships with creative, artistic people will be important to you this year. In fact, it’s a good time to make new friends.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)

A romance with a boss might begin for some of you. (This is possible for the next four months.) Meanwhile, others will want your creative advice about things.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Travel for pleasure appeals to you during the next few months. You want a little adventure and a chance to get away for fun.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Your relationship with romantic partners will be affectionate and cozy during the next few months. This also is a good time to benefit from the wealth and resources of others.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You will improve your relationships with partners and close friends this year, because Venus will be opposite your sign for most of the time until June. This is great news.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

For the next few months, work on ways to make your workplace feel and look more attractive. Many of you will get a raise or praise as well. Looking good.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

This year you’ll have lovely romantic possibilities and opportunities. This lovely blessing will last for the next four months. Enjoy.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Many of you are involved in redecorating projects at home because you want your place to be more attractive. The next few months also are a great time to entertain at home.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Life is good. During the next few months, you will see how much love there is in your daily world. It might amaze you. You also will appreciate the beauty of your surroundings more than usual.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)

Look for ways to boost your income during the next few months, because they do exist. (Mind you, you also will be spending money on beautiful things for yourself ones.)

YOU BORN TODAY You value your freedom, especially freedom of thought. You are compassionate and will fight for the rights of those less fortunate. During the next three years, you will experience a time of culmination, success and financial accumulation. That’s why it is wise to settle your debts this year. This also is a social year that deals with the results of last year’s changes.

Weekender

The Calendar

Friday

Jack Hanna's Into the Wild Live, 7:30 p.m., Proctors Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. Box office, 518-346-6204.
Aaron Mittler, 6 p.m., Saratoga Winery, 462 Route 29, Saratoga Springs.

Saturday

Into The Woods, 3 p.m., Proctors Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. Box office, 518-346-6204.
Bizarre Magic with Brian Brushwood, 3:30 p.m., Proctors Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. Box office, 518-346-6204.
Jay Ungar and Molly Mason in Concert, 7:30 p.m., Proctors Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. Box office, 518-346-6204.

Sunday

Harlem Globetrotters, Times Union Center, 51 S. Pearl St., Albany. Box office, 518-487-2000.

Tuesday

Aaron Mittler, 6 p.m., Rustic Loft, 4740 Route 30, Amsterdam. 518-212-5886.

Wednesday

Aaron Mittler, 6 p.m., Plaza's Italian Bistro, 130 N.Pine St., Gloversville. 518-725-4007

Feb. 9

NY Times "Foreign Affairs," Columnist Thomas L. Friedman, 8 p.m., Proctors Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. Box office, 518-346-6204.

Feb. 11

Regina Carter, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Box office, 518-473-1845.
Get the Led Out: The American Led Zeppelin, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. 518-465-3334.
Valentine's Stand Up Comedy Night, Broadalbin Hotel, 59 W. Main St., Broadalbin. 518-883-5414
Deconstructing Beatles: Roll Up! Deconstructing Magical Mystery Tour, 7:30 p.m., Proctors Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. Box office, 518-346-6204.

Celebrity birthdays



BRINKLEY

Feb. 2: Comedian **Tom Smothers** is 80. Singer **Graham Nash** is 75. Actor **Bo Hopkins** is 73. Singer **Howard Bellamy** of the Bellamy Brothers is 71. Actor **Brent Spiner** ("Star Trek: The Next Generation") is 68. Model **Christie Brinkley** is 63. Comedian **Adam Ferrara** is 51. Singer **Shakira** is 40.

Feb. 3: Comedian **Shelley Berman** is 92. Actress **Blythe Danner** is 74. Singer **Melanie** is 70. Actress **Morgan Fairchild** is 67. Actor **Nathan Lane** is 61. Actress **Maura Tierney** is 52. Actress **Rebel Wilson** is 31. Rapper **Sean Kingston** is 27.

Feb. 4: Singer **Alice Cooper** is 69. Actress **Lisa Eichhorn** is 65. Country singer **Clint Black** is 55. Singer **Natalie Imbruglia** is 42. Singer **Gavin DeGraw** is 40.

Feb. 5: Actor **Stuart Damon** is 80. Singer **Barrett Strong** is 76. Actress **Charlotte Rampling** is 71. Actress **Barbara Hershey** is 69. Actor **Christopher Guest** is 69. Actor **Tom Wilkinson** is 69.



ROSE

Actor **Tim Meadows** is 56. Actress **Jennifer Jason Leigh** is 55. Actress **Laura Linney** is 53. Singer **Bobby Brown** is 48. Actor **Michael Sheen** is 48. Country singer **Sara Evans** is 46. Actor **Jeremy Sumpter** is 28.

Feb. 6: Actor **Rip Torn** is 86. Actress **Mamie Van Doren** is 86. Actor **Mike Farrell** is 78. NBC news anchorman **Tom Brokaw** is 77. Actress **Gayle Hunnicutt** is 74. Singer **Fabian** is 74. Actor **Michael Tucker** ("L.A. Law") is 73. Actor **Jon Walmsley** ("The Waltons") is 61. Actor **Robert Townsend** is 60. Actress **Kathy Najimy** ("Veronica's Closet") is 60. Actor **Barry Miller** ("Saturday Night Fever") is 59. Actress **Megan Gallagher** is 57. Singer **Axl Rose** of Guns N' Roses is 55. Singer **Rick Astley** is 51. TV host **Amy Robach** ("Good Morning America") is 44.

Feb. 7: Comedian **Robert Smigel** (Triumph the Insult Comic Dog) is 57. Actor **James Spader** is 57. Country singer **Garth Brooks** is 55. Comedian **Chris Rock** is 52. Actor **Ashton Kutcher** is 39. Actress **Tina Majorino** is 32.

Feb. 8: Conductor **John Williams** is 85. ABC News anchor **Ted Koppel** is 77. Actor **Nick Nolte** is 76. Comedian **Robert Klein** is 75. Actress **Brooke Adams** is 68. Actress **Mary Steenburgen** is 64. Author **John Grisham** is 62. Actor **Henry Czerny** ("Revenge") is 58. Singer **Vince Neil** of Motley Crue is 56. Actor **Seth Green** is 43. Actor **Jim Parrack** ("True Blood") is 36. Actress **Cecily Strong** ("Saturday Night Live") is 33.



NOLTE



In this image from Fox Television, Corey Hawkins stars as Eric Carter in a scene from "24: Legacy." The series premieres on Sunday night following the Super Bowl before switching to its regular time slot Monday at 8 p.m.

Fox restarts the clock for new version of '24'

By ROB OWEN
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PASADENA, Calif. — Meet the new "24," same as the old "24."

Jack Bauer may no longer be around in Fox's "24: Legacy" (approximately 10 p.m. Sunday following "Super Bowl LI," then 8 p.m. Mondays starting Feb. 6), but the show feels largely the same as in the old days, just with new faces on board.

"Legacy" introduces U.S. Army Ranger Sgt. Eric Carter (Corey Hawkins, "Straight Outta Compton"), who is six months removed from killing a terrorist leader in Yemen only to find his squad and their families targeted because one of the guys stole something from the deceased Bin-Khalid that his associates want back.

Enter former CTU chief Rebecca Ingram

(Miranda Otto), whose U.S. senator husband (Jimmy Smits) is running for president while she tries to protect Carter and the other Rangers. "Legacy" introduces new CTU analysts, some of whom, in true "24" fashion, may or may not be moles.

"Legacy" clings to the old "24" style with the ticking clock and multiple boxes on screen. Like the most recent "24" season, 2014's "24: Live Another Day," this one is also 12 episodes, so at some point there will be a time jump.

Hawkins makes for a welcome new addition to the franchise, giving the show a less Job-like hero than the increasingly beset upon Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland does not appear but remains an executive producer). But while this newcomer — and his

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This image released by STX Productions shows Britt Robertson, left, and Asa Butterfield in a scene from "The Space Between Us."

'The Space Between Us' veers off-course

By CARY DARLING
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

REVIEW

Call it "The Unspectacular Now." "The Space Between Us" aims to be an epic story of young love on the level of "The Spectacular Now" or "The Fault in Our Stars." The cinematography often is gorgeous and the score is full of teary uplift. But none of that matters when little about the film feels authentic.

Set in a near future where a group of astronauts — thanks to visionary Richard Branson/Elon

Musk-like scientist/entrepreneur Nathaniel Shepard (Gary Oldman) — is on its way to Mars for a long-term stay, the film does raise questions worth pondering. What if one of the crew (Janet Montgomery) were secretly pregnant as she boarded the ship? Once the word is out, do you bring them back or let them go? Assuming the latter, how would a human not born on Earth be different from all those who came before? How disorienting would

it be for the child to be from Earth but not of Earth?

In "The Space Between Us," the baby boy, Gardner, grows into a bright, inquisitive and relatively happy young man (Asa Butterfield) among the scientists in the antiseptic, artificial world of the Martian outpost. But he may never experience his true "home" as his body is slightly different from other humans; he isn't suited for

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PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER MOVIE GUIDE

A DOG’S PURPOSE. 2 stars. The meaning of life is explored through one pooch and his humans. With Britt Robertson, KJ Apa, John Ortiz, Dennis Quaid, Josh Gad. Written by W. Bruce Cameron & Cathryn Michon and Audrey Wells and Maya Forbes & Wally Wolodarsky; based on the novel by W. Bruce Cameron. Directed by Lasse Hallstrom. 2 hours. PG.

THE BYE BYE MAN. (Not Previewed) Stacy Title (“The Last Supper”) directs Douglas Smith, Lucien Laviscount, Faye Dunaway, and Carrie-Anne Moss in a horror pic about a mysterious figure who seems to inspire people to commit the vilest of sins. 1 hr. 36 min. PG-13 (terror, horror violence, bloody images, sexual content, thematic elements, partial nudity, some profanity, and teen drinking).

ELLE. 3.5 stars. Paul Verhoeven’s most daring exploration of sexual politics features a stunning performance by Isabelle Huppert as a successful business executive and single mother who is violently raped by a masked assailant. Refusing to become a victim or to seek revenge, she tries to understand the dynamics of rape, going as far as to befriend and seduce her attacker. 2 hrs. 10 min. R (violence involving sexual assault, disturbing sexual content, some grisly images, brief graphic nudity, and profanity).

FENCES. 3.5 stars. August Wilson’s Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece, about a working-class African American family in the 1950s, is transformed into a compelling, searing film in the hands of producer, director, and star Denzel Washington. He plays a charismatic, funny, energetic, but equally embittered Pittsburgh garbage collector who derides anyone, including his wife, Rose (Viola Davis), and his best friend (Stephen Henderson), who suggest life has improved for African Americans since the Civil War. Once a star baseball player forced by segregation to play in the Negro Leagues, the aging patriarch is harshest on his sons (Russell Hornsby, Jovan Adepo), whose optimism disturb him deeply. 2 hrs. 18 min. PG-13 (thematic elements, profanity, and some suggestive references).

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Earth’s atmosphere or pressure. But he has developed an online friendship with another lonely teenager, an Earth girl named Tulsa (Britt Robertson), and that neatly dovetails with the desire of Shepard’s company to find a way to reintegrate him into the larger human society. So Gardner becomes the boy who fell to earth ... and that’s when the movie falls apart. Quickly breaking away from his minders, Gardner goes on a mission to find both Tulsa and his father. Outside of having trouble at first walking and running (because he feels so “heavy” on Earth), Gardner shows little sense of the extreme dislocation someone in his position would feel. A bigger problem, though, rests with the Tulsa character. Perhaps in an effort to make her more “Force Awakens” cool, director Peter Chelsom (“Hannah Montana: The Movie”) and writers Allan Loeb, Stewart Schill and Richard Barton Lewis have turned her into a veritable superhero — she flies planes! she



‘RINGS’

Johnny Galecki stars in “Rings,” in this image provided by the studio. The film opens Friday.

OPENING IN HOLLYWOOD THIS WEEK

“The Comedian” — A former comedy star struggles to reinvent himself but finds inspiration in a woman he meets while doing community service after a confrontation with an audience member. With Robert De Niro, Leslie Mann, Cloris Leachman, Danny DeVito, Harvey Keitel, Edie Falco. Written by Art Linson, Jeff Ross, Richard Lagravenese, Lewis Friedman, story by Linson. Directed by Taylor Hackford.

“Don’t Knock Twice” — An adolescent with issues unleashes the dark powers of an allegedly abandoned house. With Katee Sackhoff, Lucy Boynton, Javier Botet, Nick Moran. Written by Mark Huckerby, Nick Ostler. Directed by Caradog W. James.

“Eloise” — Looking to claim his inheritance, a young man must enter a closed-down asylum to learn the fate of a long-lost aunt. With Chace Crawford, Eliza Dushku, Brandon T. Jackson, PJ Byrne, Robert Patrick. Written by Christopher Borrelli. Directed by Robert Legato.

“I Am Not Your Negro” — Filmmaker Raoul Peck picks up writer James Baldwin’s unfinished manuscript, “Remember This House,” about the assassinations of Medgar Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr., connecting the Civil Rights Movement to #BlackLivesMatter in this documentary. Narrated by Samuel L. Jackson. (1:35) PG-13.

“Rings” — The deadly videotape returns and a young woman discovers an even darker level to its evil in this reboot of “The Ring.” With Matilda Lutz, Alex Roe, Johnny Galecki, Aimee Teegarden,

Bonnie Morgan, Vincent D’Onofrio. Written by David Loucka and Jacob Estes and Akiva Goldsman, story by Loucka and Estes. Directed By F. Javier Gutierrez. (1:42) PG-13.

“The Space Between Us” — The first human born on Mars returns to Earth and sets out to find his father. Written by Allan Loeb and Peter Chelsom & Tinker Lindsay, story by Stewart Schill and Richard B. Lewis & Loeb. Directed by Chelsom. (2:01) PG-13.

“War on Everyone” — A pair of corrupt cops who extort money from criminals stumble into a deeper mess when they blackmail a strip club owner and his boss. With Alexander Skarsgard, Michael Pena, Caleb Landry Jones, Malcolm Barrett, Tessa Thompson, Theo James, David Wilmot, Stephanie Sigman, Paul Reiser. Written and directed by John Michael McDonagh. (1:37) R.

“Wheeler” — Stephen Dorff, playing a fictional Texan, goes to Nashville in search of country music stardom, interacting with real people and performing live in character. With Kris Kristofferson, Audrey Spillman, Bobby Tomberlin, Bart Herbison, Ed Norman, Travis Meadows. Written by Dorff and Ryan Ross. Directed by Ross. (1:40) PG.

“Youth in Oregon” — A man faces the unenviable task of driving his father-in-law across country while trying to persuade him not to have himself euthanized. With Frank Langella, Billy Crudup, Christina Applegate, Nicola Peltz, Alex Shaffer, Mary Kay Place, Josh Lucas. Written by Andrew Eisen. Directed by Joel David Moore. (1:45) NR.

THE FOUNDER. 3 stars. Michael Keaton is brilliant as Ray Kroc, the man who created the McDonald’s fast food empire in this revelatory biopic that starts off as a sunny story about an underdog who makes it big but

shifts halfway into a cautionary tale about corporate greed. The film’s oddball shifts and turns may turn off some viewers, but the cast is superb throughout including Laura Dern and Linda Cardellini as Keaton’s love inter-

ests and John Carroll Lynch and Nick Offerman as the McDonald brothers whom Kroc pushed out of the business after franchising the restaurant they created. 1 hr. 55 min. PG-13 (strong brief profanity).

GOLD. 2.5 stars. Matthew McConaughey is intense, almost feral in this strange business movie that’s half epic adventure story, half Wall Street satire. He plays Kenny Wells, a gold prospector near bankruptcy who finds the biggest gold deposit in history in the Indonesian jungle. Édgar Ramírez is terrific, and far more subtle as Wells’ partner while Bryce Dallas Howard is wonderfully bodacious as Kenny’s good hearted lover. Despite an exciting first part set in the jungle, the film is far too predictable. 2 hrs. 1 min. R (profanity throughout and some sexuality/nudity).

HACKSAW RIDGE. 3.5 stars. One of Mel Gibson’s greatest achievements as director, this incredibly violent, gory WWII epic tells the true story of U.S. Army medic Desmond Doss (a remarkable Andrew Garfield), who became one of the most decorated soldiers of the Pacific Theater without firing a single shot. A conscientious objector, he single-handedly saved more than 75 wounded men during the Battle of Okinawa. The first-rate ensemble cast includes Hugo Weaving, Sam Worthington, Rachel Griffiths and Teresa Palmer. 2 hrs. 11 min. R (intense prolonged realistically graphic sequences of war violence including grisly bloody images).

HIDDEN FIGURES. 3 stars. Taraji P. Henson, Octavio Spencer, and Janelle Monáe are terrific in this feel-good family movie about a group of black female mathematicians who worked at NASA during the 1960s. The true story is about overqualified scientists who could only get jobs crunching numbers for their white male bosses, but who overcame prejudice to make their own mark on the space program. Where it lacks as serious history, the film makes up for with an empowering social message. The ensemble cast includes Kevin Costner, Glen Powell, Mahershala Ali, and Aldis Hodge. 2 hr. 7 min. PG (thematic elements and some profanity).

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This image released by STX Productions shows Asa Butterfield in a scene from “The Space Between Us.”

expertly breaks into and steals cars! she has wisdom beyond her years! — thus undermining any emotional credibility the film had been trying to build. If they wanted to show how strong and independent she is, they could have done it without making her a cartoon.

We’re supposed to applaud as these crazy kids flout authority

and escape across the country, but since the movie has so easily squandered its intriguing premise, there’s little reason to cheer.

‘THE SPACE BETWEEN US’ 1.5 out of 4 stars

Cast: Asa Butterfield, Gary Oldman, Britt Robertson

Rated: PG-13 (brief sensuality, strong language)

Running time: 121 min.

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THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Beyonce is pregnant with twins

NEW YORK (AP) — Blue Ivy is about to become a big sister — twice over.

Beyonce and Jay Z announced Wednesday on Instagram that the superstar singer is pregnant with twins.

“We have been blessed two times over. We are incredibly grateful that our family will be growing by two,” said a statement signed “The Carters,” Jay Z’s real last name.

The news accompanied a photo of Beyonce showing a baby bump while wearing just a bra, underwear and a veil, kneeling in front of a backdrop of flowers. The singer’s representative did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The news triggered half a million tweets in 45 minutes, according to Twitter.

Their daughter, Blue Ivy, was born in 2012. The little girl served as the inspiration for Jay Z’s hit song “Glory,” and she’s appeared in music videos alongside her mother.

Beyonce set a record in December for earning Grammy Award nominations in the rock, pop, R&B and rap categories in the same year with her diverse album “Lemonade.”

Beyonce in October ended her six-month Formation World Tour at MetLife Stadium in New York City. She has also been named one of the headliners this spring at the Coachella music festival.

Beyonce and Jay Z routinely make listings of the most powerful people in the entertainment industry. She is the most nominated woman in Grammy Awards history, with 53 nominations and 20 wins. He co-founded the record company Roc-A-Fella, the clothing line Rocawear, a nightclub chain and the streaming service Tidal.

She and Jay Z were married in April 2008.

In 2013, Beyonce told ABC News that she definitely “would like more children.”

“I think my daughter needs some company. I definitely love being a big sister,” she said, referring to little sister, Grammy-nominated singer Solange Knowles.

David Cassidy to retire at year end

LOS ANGELES (AP) — David Cassidy is wrapping up his 50-year career.

The 66-year-old entertainer says he will play his final West Coast concerts this month and plans to retire at year’s end.

Cassidy says in a statement on his website Wednesday that “traveling and my arthritis” have made performing around the country difficult in recent years.

The one-time “Partridge Family” heartthrob says, “This is not a complete ‘Good bye’ but I’m planning on working much less.”

He is set to perform in Las Vegas in Feb. 17 and in Southern California shows on Feb. 18 and Feb. 19.

A spokeswoman for Cassidy says he will perform some East Coast dates next month as well.

Actor Frank Pellegrino of ‘The Sopranos’ dies at 72

NEW YORK (AP) — Former “Sopranos” cast member and New York restaurateur Frank Pellegrino has died.

Pellegrino died Tuesday in New York of lung cancer, according to publicist Ken Langdon. He was 72.

As an actor, he was best known for his role as FBI Chief Frank Cubitoso on HBO’s crime drama “The Sopranos.” He also appeared in “Law & Order” and “New York Undercover,” and in films including “Cop Land” and “Goodfellas.”

He was also co-owner of Rao’s, legendary as one of Manhattan’s most exclusive dining spots. The Italian restaurant, which boasts only 10 tables, has served such luminaries as Hillary Clinton, President Donald Trump, Woody Allen and Leonardo DiCaprio. For many others, reservations are impossible to come by (at least, through 2017, according to the restaurant).

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5/6, 7/29 Montreal.....\$65

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This image released by Universal Studios shows John Ortiz in a scene from “A Dog’s Purpose.”

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LA LA LAND. 4 stars. Some kind of transcendent magic happens in Damien Chazelle’s starry-eyed musical, with one foot (in tap shoes) firmly planted in the past, and the other (in taps, too, of course) planted in a me-first, modern-day world. Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone are the struggling Los Angelinos who fall in love despite a mutual wariness, walking and talking, singing and dancing, amid a swirl of classic Hollywood references. Not quite perfect, but its imperfections, and its embrace of passion over cynicism, are part of the charm. 2 hrs. 8 min. PG-13 (profanity, adult themes).

LIVE BY NIGHT. 2 stars. Director Ben Affleck’s stylish Depression-era crime thriller is a rambling, over-long, overly-complicated and fragmentary period piece about a bootleg booze smuggler (played by Affleck) who rises to the top of Tampa’s organized crime scene despite his distaste for violence and for the mob. Featuring a great cast, including Sienna Miller, Zoe Saldana, Brendan Gleeson, Elle Fanning and Chris Cooper, the film is gorgeous to look at but it lacks any real cohesion or direction. 2 hrs. 8 min. R (strong violence, profanity throughout, and some sexuality/nudity).

MANCHESTER BY THE SEA. 3.5 stars. Kenneth Lonergan (“You Can Count on Me,” “Margaret”) proves once again he’s one of America’s finest dramatists with this working class drama about loss, grief and family obligations. Casey Affleck is sensational in an Oscar-worthy performance as a self-hating, melancholic who has lived a miserable life as a janitor since he lost both his children in an accident. When his older brother (Kyle Chandler) dies, he’s forced to return to his tiny hometown and assume responsibility for his teenage nephew (Lucas Hedges). Costars Michelle Williams, Matthew Broderick and Gretchen Mol. 2 hrs. 17 min. R (profanity throughout and some sexual content).

PATRIOTS DAY. 2.5 stars. Director Peter Berg and star-producer Mark Wahlberg who collaborated on “Lone Survivor” and “Deepwater Horizon,” reunite for yet another epic, fact-based film about a recent American disaster with a beautifully-realized, meticulously-detailed chronicle of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing and the days-long manhunt for the terrorists that followed. Despite its realist detail, this is anything but realism: The filmmakers refuse to explore the context of the events they portray, filtering the whole thing through drippy sentimentality. Costars John Goodman, JK Simmons, Michelle Monaghan, Kevin Bacon. 2 hrs. 13 min. R (violence, realistically graphic injury images, profanity throughout and some drug use).

relationship with an estranged gang member brother — marks a welcome effort to breathe new life into a wheezing franchise, most of the other storytelling elements feel overly familiar. Of course, there’s political friction! Boy, that guy sure seems like he could be a mole or is that overly obvious? Naturally Edgar Stiles’ cousin now works at CTU!

At a Fox press conference Wednesday, producers discussed their abandoned efforts to make a “24” movie, which led to this new TV iteration in “24: Legacy.”

“We understood the Jack (Bauer story) had run its course,” said

SILENCE. 3 stars. Martin Scorsese’s film is a magnificently beautiful if uneven and overlong adaptation of Japanese Catholic author Shusaku Endo’s 1966 masterpiece. Andrew Garfield delivers a feverish turn as a young Jesuit missionary who arrives in Japan in 1670 when Christianity had been outlawed and witnesses the brutal repression of Japanese converts. Liam Neeson is good as an older Jesuit who tries to guide him. 2 hrs. 41 min. R (some disturbing violent content).

SLEEPLESS. 2.5 stars. Jamie Foxx plays a Las Vegas undercover police officer caught between crooked cops and a gangster-controlled casino underground. With Michelle Monaghan, Dermot Mulroney, Gabrielle Union. Written by Andrea Berloff. Directed by Baran “Bo” Odar. 1 hour 35 min. R. (Strong violence and language throughout.)

SPLIT. 3 stars. M. Night Shyamalan who made something of a comeback with the small budget found footage horror pic “The Visit,” continues the trend with this intensely creepy, engaging and entertaining psychological thriller featuring a virtuoso performance by James McAvoy (“The Last King of Scotland,” the “X-Men” series) as deranged killer with 23 distinct personalities who abducts three teenage girls he plans to feed to a demonic beast he believes is emerging as his 24th personality. Anya Taylor-Joy (Morgan) is terrific as one of the hostages, the strong-willed, disturbed outcast Casey. 1 hr. 57 min. PG-13 (disturbing thematic content and behavior, violence and some profanity).

UNDERWORLD: BLOOD WARS. (Not Previewed) Kate Beckinsale returns as the leather-and-latex- clad vampire Death Dealer Selene in the fifth installment of the vamps-vs.-wolves saga. But gone is Scott Speedman, who played her lover in the first four films, the wolf-vamp hybrid Michael. The story? Selene continues her crusade against the wolves and the corrupt vamp faction that betrayed her. 1 hr. 31 R (strong bloody violence and some sexuality).

XXX: THE RETURN OF XANDER CAGE. 0.5 stars. The third entry in Vin Diesel’s popular series about an extreme sports enthusiast turned secret agent is an empty-brained, soulless and loud collection of fight scenes, CGI explosions and flat jokes interspersed with equally soulless scenes of beautiful men and women standing around half naked or in designer duds. Covered from start to finish with a wall of loud, up-tempo music, this sad waste of money and talent costars Donnie Yen, Tony Jaa and Deepika Padukone. 1 hr. 47 min. PG-13 (extended sequences of violent action, and for sexual material and profanity).

what it means to be a hero in American television and look like I look,” he said. “That just really stuck with me. The only pressure is to step into Eric Carter’s shoes and make him live as fully and complex, and as flawed. That’s what we get to play with every day.”

At least one character from the original “24” will return for “Legacy”: Tony Almeida (Carlos Bernard), who was last seen in prison.

“The way we left him in a dark and ambiguous place,” Katz said, “it had to be him.”

executive producer Howard Gordon. “After ‘Live Another Day’ we had the liberty to create this character and this case.”

Executive producer Evan Katz said the Eric Carter character brings a youthful idealism that hasn’t been seen in the lead “24” character previously.

“We’re finding him in this instance at the beginning of his journey through CTU to what ultimately this season will bring him into becoming an agent,” Katz said.

Hawkins said it was significant for him as an African-American man to play the role.

“Your mind just starts going to

THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 2, 2017																	
	T	A	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00
WNYA	4		The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Who Wants/ Millionaire	Seinfeld "The Boyfriend"	Bones A frozen body is found in a pond. (In Stereo)	Bones The Grave Digger kidnaps Booth. (In Stereo)	Newschannel 13 Live at 10	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Family Guy (In Stereo)	Family Guy (In Stereo)	The Cleveland Show	King of the Hill	American Dad		
TBS	5	48	Seinfeld "The Soul Mate"	Seinfeld "The Bizarro Jerry"	Seinfeld "The Little Kicks"	Seinfeld "The Package"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	2 Broke Girls	Conan		
WRGB	6	6	CBS 6 News (N)	CBS 6 News (N)	CBS Evening News/Pelley	Celebrity Name Game	The Big Bang Theory (N)	Superior Do-nuts "Pilot"	Mom (N) (In Stereo)	Life in Pieces (N)	Training Day A detective has questionable methods.	CBS 6 News (N)	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (In Stereo)	The Late Late Show With James Corden			
WXXA	8	7	Modern Family	Modern Family	News10 at 7:00	The Big Bang Theory	Hell's Kitchen (Season Finale) The winner is announced. (N)	My Kitchen Rules David Arquette hosts the dinner party.	News10 at 10:00 (N)	News10 at 10:30 (N)	The Big Bang Theory	The Simpsons	TMZ (N) (In Stereo)	The Real (In Stereo)			
WTEN	10	10	News10 at 6:00pm (N)	ABC World News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy Meredith searches for Alex. (N)	Scandal "Hardball" Fitz and Abby face a national crisis. (N)	How to Get Away With Murder (N) (In Stereo)	News10 at 11:00pm (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (In Stereo)	Live (In Stereo)	Nightline (N)	Paid Program			
WMHT	11	4	BBC World News	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo)	Age Wise (In Stereo)	The Doctor Blake Mysteries "This Time And This Place"	This Old House (N)	Ask This Old House (N)	Mercy Street Foster cares for an ailing Mary.	Charlie Rose (N) (In Stereo)	Tavis Smiley (N)	Nightly Business Report	The This Old House Hour				
WNYT	13	13	Newschannel 13 Live at 6	NBC Nightly News - Holt	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Superstore (N)	Powerless (In Stereo)	Chicago Med A girl has rapidly changing symptoms. (N)	The Blacklist Killer gives a fatal disease to victims. (N)	Newschannel 13 Live at 11	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (In Stereo)	Late Night With Seth Meyers (In Stereo)				
CSPN	14	71	House of Representatives	U.S. House of Representatives	Special Orders		Politics and Public Policy Today (In Stereo)						Politics and Public Policy Today				
WCWN	15	8	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly "I See Love"	Supernatural Lily Sunder gains powers in black magic. (N)	Riverdale Details of Jason's death emerge. (N)	CBS 6 News at 10pm (N)	Upstate Sports Edge	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Anger Management		
WYPX	20	5	Blue Bloods Danny's Friend may have ties to the mob.	Blue Bloods "The Bogeyman" A new, deadly type of heroin.	Blue Bloods "The Bogeyman" A new, deadly type of heroin.	Blue Bloods A veteran who may have PTSD.	Blue Bloods A popular drag queen is murdered.	Blue Bloods A popular drag queen is murdered.	Blue Bloods Danny and Baez investigate a kidnapping.	Blue Bloods A woman threatens to kill a man.	Blue Bloods A woman threatens to kill a man.	Imperial Pearls by Josh Bazar	Diamond Cou.				
HSN	21	15	As Seen on TV (N)	Beauty Report With Amy	Beauty Report With Amy	Beauty Report With Amy	The List With Colleen Lopez	The List With Colleen Lopez	The List With Colleen Lopez	The List With Colleen Lopez	Perlier Beauty (N)	Oil Cosmetics	My Saint Hero				
QVC	22	12	(5:00) Gold Gallery			Today's Top Tech	Shoe Shopping With Jane										
TWC	23	33	Weatherscan Local From The Weather Channel														
ESPN	24	25	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	College Basketball: Michigan State at Nebraska. (N) (Live)			30 for 30 (N)	Berman: All the Way	SportsCenter	SportsCenter (N) (Live)							
ESPN2	25	26	Around/Horn	Interruption	College Basketball: Missouri at Florida. (N) (Live)		College Basketball: Arizona at Oregon State. (N) (Live)	College Basketball: Gonzaga at BYU. (N) (Live)									
MSGPL	26	20	UFC	UFC Event	Storm Rpt.	Big East	UFC Reloaded From Las Vegas.	MSG Hockey	Storm Rpt.	Big East	MSG Hockey	Storm Rpt.	Big East	MSG Hockey			
TNT	27	18	Castle "The Way of the Ninja"	NBA Tip-Off (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Houston Rockets. (N) (Live)		NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Clippers. (N)										
USA	28	30	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Colony "Panopticon" (N)	Law & Order: SVU	Colony "Panopticon" (N)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Colony			
AMC	29	34	(4:30) "Groundhog Day"	Movie: "Groundhog Day" (1993) A TV weatherman's day keeps repeating.	Movie: "Groundhog Day" (1993) A TV weatherman's day keeps repeating.		Movie: "Groundhog Day" (1993) A TV weatherman's day keeps repeating.	Movie: "Love by the 10th Date" (2017) Meagan Good.	Movie: "Love by the 10th Date" (2017) Meagan Good.	Movie: "Love by the 10th Date" (2017) Meagan Good.	Movie: "Love by the 10th Date" (2017) Meagan Good.	Movie: "Love by the 10th Date" (2017) Meagan Good.	Movie: "Love by the 10th Date" (2017) Meagan Good.	Movie: "Love by the 10th Date" (2017) Meagan Good.			
LIFE	30	27	Project Runway: Junior	Project Runway: Junior	Project Runway: Junior (N)		Project Runway: Junior (N)	Project Runway: Junior (N)	Project Runway: Junior (N)	Project Runway: Junior (N)	Project Runway: Junior (N)	Project Runway: Junior (N)	Project Runway: Junior (N)	Project Runway: Junior (N)			
FX	31	23	(4:00) "The Bourne Legacy"	Movie: "The Bourne Legacy" (2014) A woman disappears on her fifth wedding anniversary.	Movie: "The Bourne Legacy" (2014) A woman disappears on her fifth wedding anniversary.		Movie: "The Bourne Legacy" (2014) A woman disappears on her fifth wedding anniversary.	Movie: "The Bourne Legacy" (2014) A woman disappears on her fifth wedding anniversary.	Movie: "The Bourne Legacy" (2014) A woman disappears on her fifth wedding anniversary.	Movie: "The Bourne Legacy" (2014) A woman disappears on her fifth wedding anniversary.	Movie: "The Bourne Legacy" (2014) A woman disappears on her fifth wedding anniversary.	Movie: "The Bourne Legacy" (2014) A woman disappears on her fifth wedding anniversary.	Movie: "The Bourne Legacy" (2014) A woman disappears on her fifth wedding anniversary.	Movie: "The Bourne Legacy" (2014) A woman disappears on her fifth wedding anniversary.			
TOON	32	47	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Steven Univ.	Advent. Time	King of Hill	Cleveland	American Dad	American Dad	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	Eric Andre Sh.
NICK	33	28	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Thundermans	Thundermans	Ride (N)	Game	Movie: "Game" (2003) Steve Martin.	Nashville	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
DISN	34	35	Girl Meets	Bizaardvark	K.C. Under.	Good-Charlie	Stuck/Middle	Good-Charlie	Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Girl Meets	Best Friends	Austin & Ally
FREE	35	16	Movie: "Days of Thunder" (1990) Upstart stock-car driver goes to the edge.	Movie: "Days of Thunder" (1990) Upstart stock-car driver goes to the edge.	Movie: "Days of Thunder" (1990) Upstart stock-car driver goes to the edge.		Movie: "Days of Thunder" (1990) Upstart stock-car driver goes to the edge.	Movie: "Days of Thunder" (1990) Upstart stock-car driver goes to the edge.	Movie: "Days of Thunder" (1990) Upstart stock-car driver goes to the edge.	Movie: "Days of Thunder" (1990) Upstart stock-car driver goes to the edge.	Movie: "Days of Thunder" (1990) Upstart stock-car driver goes to the edge.	Movie: "Days of Thunder" (1990) Upstart stock-car driver goes to the edge.	Movie: "Days of Thunder" (1990) Upstart stock-car driver goes to the edge.	Movie: "Days of Thunder" (1990) Upstart stock-car driver goes to the edge.			
COM	36	43	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Key & Peele	Key & Peele	Key & Peele	Key & Peele	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily Show	At Midnight	Barstool	South Park	South Park
DISC	37	17	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid		The Wheel "Abandoned"	The Wheel "Survive the Turn"	The Wheel (In Stereo)	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Afraid		
A&E	38	57	The First 48 "Senior Year"	The First 48 (In Stereo)	The First 48		The First 48 "The Other Wife"	Nightwatch (Season Finale) (N)	The First 48 (In Stereo)	The First 48 (In Stereo)	The First 48 (In Stereo)	The First 48 (In Stereo)	The First 48 (In Stereo)	The First 48 (In Stereo)	The First 48		
HIST	39	40	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars		Alone (In Stereo)	Alone (In Stereo)	Alone (In Stereo)	Alone (In Stereo)	Alone (In Stereo)	Alone (In Stereo)	Alone (In Stereo)	Alone (In Stereo)	Alone		
TLC	40	37	My 600-Lb. Life	My 600-Lb. Life	My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life: Supersized "Doug's Story" (N) (In Stereo)	Extreme Weight Loss	My 600-Lb. Life: Supersized "Doug's Story" (In Stereo)	My 600-Lb. Life: Supersized "Doug's Story" (In Stereo)	My 600-Lb. Life: Supersized "Doug's Story" (In Stereo)	My 600-Lb. Life: Supersized "Doug's Story" (In Stereo)	My 600-Lb. Life: Supersized "Doug's Story" (In Stereo)	My 600-Lb. Life: Supersized "Doug's Story" (In Stereo)	Weight Loss		
HGTV	41	41	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop		Flip or Flop	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hunters		
FOOD	42	51	Chopped "Orzo It Seemed"	Chopped "Fig Out"	Chopped		Chopped "Oodles of Noodles"	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Chopped "Oodles of Noodles"	Chopped "Oodles of Noodles"	Chopped "Oodles of Noodles"	Beat Bobby		
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Shall the Canajoharie Central School District be authorized to:
(a) lease two (2) 66-passenger buses for a five (5) year term at an annual cost not to exceed

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\$17,500 each (total \$35,000 annually);
(b) lease one (1) wheelchair bus for a five (5) year term at an annual cost not to exceed \$19,100;
(c) expend such sums for said leases and purchases; and
(d) expend from the Bus Replacement Reserve Fund an amount not to exceed \$54,100 for such purpose?
The vote upon such proposition shall be by paper ballot or by absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots. Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the

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School District Clerk beginning on February 27,2017. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on or prior to March 24,2017, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 24,2017. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. prevailing time on weekdays through March 24,2017. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by

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making his challenge and reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said special vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the vote. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the transportation vote to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.
Dated: 01.09.17
Patricia VanHeusen, District Clerk

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TIFICATES SERIES 2004-OPT, Plaintiff, Against Index No.: 110/2015 SAMUEL W. MUSTO AKA SAMUEL MUSTO; ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered on 10/27/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at the Lobby of the Montgomery County Office Building, Fonda, NY 12068 on 3/2/2017 at 9:30 am, premises known as 148 Cranes Hollow Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010 and described as follows: ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Hamlet of Cranesville, Town of Amsterdam, County of Montgomery, and State of New York and designated on the tax maps of the Montgomery County Treasurer as Section 57.3, Block 1 and Lot 26. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$115,792.92 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 110/2015 William F. Martuscello, Esq., Referee. Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, PL, 114 Old Country Road, Suite 400, Mineola, NY 11501 Dated: 1/10/2017 NY97143232671 MNB
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the United States of America, Plaintiff AGAINST Clifford Cook; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 4, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction the lobby of the Montgomery County Office Building, 64 Broadway, Fonda New York on February 24, 2017 at 10:00AM, premises known as 1237 State Highway 334, Fonda, NY 12068. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Mohawk, County of Montgomery and State of NY, Section 35.11 Block 5 Lot 19. Approximate amount of judgment \$59,688.08 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 2014-648. Richard Weinheimer, Esq., Referee. Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC, Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff, 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835.
Jan 31 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

MidFirst Bank, Plaintiff AGAINST Johnnie Andrew Abreu, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 12-4-2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Lobby of the Montgomery County Office Building, 64 Broadway, Fonda, NY on 3-2-2017 at 9:00 AM, premises known as 48 Chapel Place, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

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ACROSS

1 Pickle juice
6 Metallic sound
10 Fencer's weapon
14 Brain parts
15 Livy's route
16 Bird's crop
17 It divides to multiply (var.)
18 Roquefort hue
19 Vacuum part
20 Be all ears
21 Meadow blossom
23 African nation
25 Rural sights
26 Make a lap
27 Eats sparingly
29 Skimpy pullovers
32 Pithy
33 Two-piece part
36 Director — Kazan
37 Gatsby descriptor
38 Spiky hair style
39 Not like Abner, really
40 Weed whackers
41 High-IQ group
42 Know intuitively
43 Pantry container
44 Nerdy cap
47 Cure-all
51 Test tube site

DOWN

1 Dissatisfied feeling
2 Bard's teen
3 Steel girder (hyph.)
4 Kearney's place
5 NASA counterpart
6 Shinbone
7 "— never fly"
8 Have to have
9 Surliest
10 Bounces back
11 Roam stealthily
12 Paved the way
13 Wide-mouthed pitchers
21 Life of the party
22 Lo-cal
24 Fleur-de-
27 Tractor pioneer
28 Subj. of rollovers
29 Util. bill

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30 MacGraw of the movies
31 None at all
32 Crowd, in Madrid?
33 Cinnamon goody
34 HMO staffers
35 Rap-sheet letters
37 Left (2 wds.)
38 Hair shirt occasions
40 Next in line
41 "Aqua Velva —"

42 Night noises
43 Coral islet
44 Utter delight
45 Birdie beater
46 More or less
47 Bear down
48 Jeweler's weight
49 Get the lead out?
50 High points
52 Ripped
53 Killer whale
57 Sault — Marie

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Feb 3 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate holders CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-OA7 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OA7, Plaintiff AGAINST Chaim C. Horowitz, Avroham Flohr, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10-14-2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Lobby of the Montgomery County Office Building, 64 Broadway, Fonda, NY on 3-2-2017 at 9:30 AM, premises known as 11 Green Street, Amsterdam, NY 12010. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Amsterdam, County of Montgomery and State of New York, SECTION: 55.27, BLOCK: 2, LOT: 47. Approximate amount of judgment \$159,103.25 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index#: 08-677. Jeffrey Francisco, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-028513-F00.
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Montgomery, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, doing business as Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee for

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BCAT 2015-13ATT, Plaintiff, vs. Cathleen Pratt, Michael W. Pratt, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on December 20, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Montgomery County Office Building, Lobby, 64 Broadway, Fonda, NY on March 08, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., premises known as 2046 State Highway 162, Esperance, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Charleston, County of Montgomery and State of New York, Section 135, Block 1 and Lot 35. Approximate amount of judgment is \$133,242.97 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 1193/2009. J. Gerard McAuliffe, Jr., Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff FEB - 1 2/2 2/9 2/16 2/23/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT MONTGOMERY COUNTY JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff against Craig Warner, et al Defendants Attorney (s) for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered October 20th, 2016 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the lobby of the Montgomery County Office Building, 64 Broadway, Fonda, NY 12068 on February 23rd, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. Premises known as 18 East Main Street, Fonda, NY 12068. Sec 35.12 Block 4 Lot 9. All that Tract or Parcel of Land, situate in the Town of Mohawk, Village of Fonda, County of Montgomery and State of New York Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$74,786.55 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 2013-805. William A. Nowak, III, Esq., Referee
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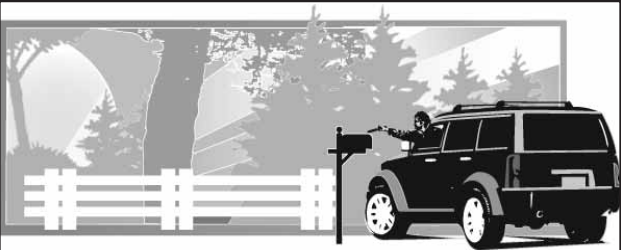
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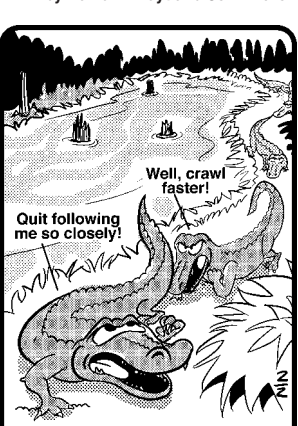
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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Porzingis, Knicks top Nets

NEW YORK (AP) — Kristaps Porzingis was trying to lead a fourth-quarter turnaround and just needed a couple Knicks teammates to join him.

Carmelo Anthony? Nope. Ineffective and on the bench.

Derrick Rose? Nope. Injured and on the bench.

Try Willy Hernangomez and Sasha Vujacic.

Porzingis had 19 points and 12 rebounds and New York rallied for a 95-90 victory over the Brooklyn Nets on Wednesday night.

“I think we just willed ourselves,” guard Brandon Jennings said.

Anthony had 15 points, but sat the final 12 minutes after shooting 6 for 22 from the field, possibly worn down from playing 46 minutes Sunday in a quadruple-overtime loss in Atlanta and 32 more Tuesday in a loss at Washington, when Porzingis sat out while sick.

Instead, the Knicks rallied behind Hernangomez, who had 16 points and 16 rebounds, and Vujacic, who made team history by converting a pair of four-point plays in the game.

“It was a huge game for us,” Porzingis said. “Last night, obviously, we didn’t have a great game, so tonight we felt like this was a must-win for us and somehow we did it.”

The only other starter on the floor for the comeback was Jennings — and he was only starting because point guard Rose remained out with a sprained ankle.

“We know that second unit. They did a similar thing to us in the Garden,” Nets coach Kenny



The Associated Press
New York Knicks forwards Kristaps Porzingis (6) and Willy Hernangomez defend as Brooklyn Nets' Sean Kilpatrick (6) drives to the basket during Wednesday's game in New York.

Atkinson said. “They were kind of the difference maker in our game at the Garden. They got us again tonight.”

The Knicks never led through three quarters and were down 10 when Porzingis and Hernangomez — former teammates in Spain for Seville — helped spark a 16-2 run to open an 82-78 advantage on Justin Holiday’s 3-pointer with 5:11 to play.

CELTICS 109, RAPTORS 104

BOSTON (AP) — Isaiah Thomas scored 19 of his 44 points in the final quarter to lift the Boston Celtics over the Toronto Raptors in a showdown for first place in the Atlantic

Division.

It was the fifth straight win for Boston, which moved 1 1/2 games ahead of the Raptors in the division and holds the Eastern Conference’s No. 2 seed.

Kyle Lowry led Toronto with 32 points, former Celtic Jared Sullinger had 13 and Norman Powell added 12. The Raptors have lost seven of nine.

In a final quarter that rivaled playoff intensity, Celtics forward Jaylen Brown was fouled on a breakaway attempt and walked over and had words with Lowry — before a few others player joined in and had to be separated by the officials. Boston’s Terry Rozier and the Raptors’ DeMarre Carroll were each given a technical.

Orange from page 24

Orange (14-9, 6-4), headlining a wild game that saw N.C. State star freshman Dennis Smith Jr. post his second triple-double of the season.

“Yeah, from the start, it felt good,” Gillon said. “I was hitting in warmups, then they let me get a few. They went under the screen, I hit it twice. They left me open in the corner, and I hit that one. So from there, they let me catch my groove.”

“You saw the rest.”

Gillon’s 43 points and nine 3-pointers were PNC Arena records.

“I don’t think I can remember one like that,” Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said of Gillon’s performance. “It was pretty good.”

N.C. State (14-9, 3-7) was positioned to survive when Maverick Rowan hit a tough 3 with 10.5 seconds left for the 87-84 lead, only to see Gillon answer at the other end.

“That’s probably a shot you’d want to have a guy take against you, to be honest, and he made it,” N.C. State coach Mark Gottfried said. “He was out of this world today. He played amazing.”

From there, Andrew White III scored the first nine points of overtime — part of his own 28-point night — as Syracuse took control of a game that looked lost midway through the second half.

Rowan finished with a career-high 31 points for the Wolfpack, while Smith had 13 points, 11 rebounds and 15 assists. The ACC said Smith is the first player in league history to post two triple-doubles in the same season in conference play and fourth to have two in one season overall.



The Associated Press
Syracuse's John Gillon (4) shoots during the second half of Wednesday's game against North Carolina State in Raleigh, N.C. Gillon scored 43 points for Syracuse in a 100-93 overtime win.

No player has ever had three.

BIG PICTURE

Syracuse: Syracuse picked a heck of a way to earn its first ACC road win after coming in at 0-4. The Orange trailed 75-59 with 8:44 left in regulation, but a flurry of 3 from Gillon and Tyler Lydon quickly got them back in it — a sign of what the Orange can do when they’re clicking. The Orange made 15 of 26 behind the arc and shot 56 percent (32 of 57).

N.C. State: It was another bad loss in a season quickly getting away from them, and it came on the heels of a 25-point weekend loss at Louisville.

“We’re not in panic mode,” junior Abdul-Malik Abu said. “We still believe in ourselves.”

Tomorrow's weather

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Cloudy

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Mohawk Valley forecast

Today: A chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 31. Total daytime snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Tonight: A chance of snow showers, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 13.

Friday: A slight chance of snow showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 26.

Friday night: A chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 13.

Saturday: A chance of snow showers, mainly before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 26.

Saturday night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 13.

Sunday: A chance of light snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 32.

Sunday night: A chance of light snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.

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Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 29.

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NATIONAL SUMMARY: As lake-effect snow continues around the Great Lakes tomorrow, spotty rain is in store from Louisiana to the Carolinas. Much of the central United States can expect a dry day with some sunshine. Rain will soak western Washington to central California, and snow will bury the higher terrain. An icy mix may fall around Portland, Oregon.

Goodell dodges on Raiders, parries on Pats

HOUSTON (AP) — Nothing produces awkward NFL moments quite like watching the commissioner parry all those thorny issues involving the league’s oldest and newest troublemakers — the Raiders and Patriots.

Reporters spent time poking Roger Goodell about “Deflategate,” the Raiders’ now-threatened move to Las Vegas, and other delicate topics at the commissioner’s less-formal, less-crowded and, frankly, less-newsworthy pre-Super Bowl news conference, held on a Wednesday this year instead of the traditional Friday afternoon slot.

Going sans necktie and speaking in a room about half the size as his usual Super Bowl venue, Goodell insisted nothing was off-kilter between the league and either team.

He said “there’s a great deal more work to be done” before the Raiders can move to Las Vegas, a reality reinforced after both casino magnate Sheldon Adelson and a backup financier, Goldman Sachs, pulled out of the stadium deal this week. The league is supposed to decide on the Las Vegas move in March.

“But if any key aspect is changed, the process could be slowed down,” Eric Grubman, the league’s executive vice president of business ventures, told The Associated Press.

Goodell said it was unlikely a casino owner could own a stake in a stadium, which would seem to disqualify Adelson anyway. About the more delicate question of whether it’s good business for the league, which has always dis-

dained gambling, to stick a franchise in the gambling capital of America, the commissioner said the league is in touch with the reality that gambling “exists throughout our world.”

“We’ve always said there’s a fine line between team sports gambling and the NFL,” Goodell said. “We want to protect the integrity of our game and that’s something we’ll always do.”

The commissioner was only four days away from potentially handing the Lombardi Trophy to Patriots owner Robert Kraft. It would be the most awkward commissioner-owner handoff since 1981, when Pete Rozelle presented Raiders owner Al Davis with the trophy while Davis was suing the league over Rozelle’s attempt to block the team’s move from Oakland to Los Angeles.

Fittingly, Goodell took five questions about the Patriots, almost all of them designed to put him on the defensive. The core of it: “Deflategate,” and the four-game suspension he levied against Patriots quarterback Tom Brady to start the season.

Among the highlights: Why didn’t Goodell attend a Patriots playoff game, while heading to Atlanta twice? Has he spoken with Brady? How is he getting along with Kraft?

“We have a disagreement about what occurred,” Goodell said. “We have been very transparent about what we think the violation was. We went through a lengthy process. We disagree about that. ... I’m not afraid of disagreement. And I don’t think disagreement leads to distrust or hatred.”



The Associated Press

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell poses for a picture after a news conference during preparations for Super Bowl 51, Wednesday, Feb. 1 in Houston.

Kraft was among the very few owners who attended the news conference, but he ducked out quickly afterward without taking questions.

Goodell also faced a number of questions on the Chargers’ recent move from San Diego to Los Angeles: “Relocations are painful,” he said.

Of this week’s news reports that San Diego could end up as a home for the Raiders if Las Vegas falls through, Goodell cited a “history of markets that get deals done after a team leaves. It’s a painful way to do it.” Among those markets are Cleveland, St. Louis, Los Angeles and this year’s Super Bowl host, Houston.

On other topics:

—Goodell said no timeline had been set on an investigation into alleged domestic abuse by Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott. He said there’s an active investigation into former Giants kicker Josh Brown and no decision has been made about his status.

—About loosening restrictions on marijuana use, Goodell essentially ignored the question and

said he wants to include that topic in negotiations with the players’ union.

—The commissioner defended widely derided and often non-competitive weekly games on Thursday nights and said they’d remain part of the schedule.

—He fielded no questions about concussions or protecting quarterbacks, even though both remained hot topics all season.

—In the wake of a TV ratings decline, the league will keep looking into ways to decrease the amount of dead time during games.

—Probed a few times on the travel ban and other decisions made recently by President Donald Trump, Goodell refused to wade in, saying he’s 100 percent focused on the Super Bowl. “We’re in a unique position to have an event on Sunday that will bring the world together,” he said.

Goodell also announced the NFL would return to Mexico City next year for a game pitting — who else? — the Raiders and the Patriots.

Lombardi Trophy presentation with Goodell and Brady would be fun to see

By **RON COOK**
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

HOUSTON — I can confirm the Atlanta Falcons made it in Houston on Sunday afternoon. I saw the whole team at Media Night Monday night at Minute Maid Park. Matt Ryan, soon to be named MVP of the 2016 NFL season. Julio Jones, an extraordinary wide receiver. Vic Beasley Jr., the league’s leading sacker. They all were there. They all said they plan on showing up Sunday night for Super Bowl LI at NRG Stadium.

Just telling you in case you think this week is all about Tom Brady and the New England Patriots.

Or, more accurately, Brady and Roger Goodell.

It has been a fun start to the hysterical hype leading up to Patriots-Falcons. Goodell took a conciliatory tone with Brady and Patriots owner Robert Kraft by saying what an honor it would be for him to hand the Lombardi Trophy to them. Kraft, once a strong Goodell supporter, said their relationship never will be the same. Brady’s father, Tom Sr., said that darn right it would be an honor for Goodell “because somebody that has Roger Goodell’s ethics doesn’t belong on any stage that Tom Brady is on.” Brady immediately told his dad no more media interviews this week.

And it’s only Tuesday.

Nearly every NFL player despises Goodell because they believe he is a tyrant. I can’t think of one Steelers player who doesn’t dislike him. That’s why many are going against the nationwide grain — outside of New England, of course — and pulling for the Patriots to win. They want to see Goodell squirm when he presents the Lombardi to Brady and Kraft, much the way commission-

er Pete Rozelle did after Super Bowl XV when he gave the trophy to Oakland Raiders maverick Al Davis, who was suing Rozelle and the NFL for blocking his move to Los Angeles. It would be must-see television, better probably than the game, which I’m guessing the Patriots will win decisively. It would be a moment Goodell couldn’t avoid. He refused to go to Foxborough, Mass., for either of the Patriots’ playoff games this month, leading to a “Where is Roger?” chant late in the AFC championship against the Steelers. Gutless is among the kinder things they are calling Goodell in New England. He said he didn’t want to be a distraction and wanted the attention on the players.

Sure, Roger.

Right.

This goes back to Deflategate and Goodell’s 1 1/2-year battle with Brady over deflated footballs in the AFC championship after the 2015 season. It was silly and unnecessary, not to mention costly with the legal fees for both sides totaling more than \$25 million. In the end, Goodell won, if that’s possible after soiling the reputation of the face of his league. Brady was suspended for the first four games of this season. Kraft and the Patriots were fined \$1 million and the team had a first-round draft pick taken away.

“For what the league did to him and what Roger Goodell constantly lied about is beyond reprehensible, as far as I’m concerned,” Brady Sr. told KRON-TV in San Francisco. “He went on a witch hunt and went in way over his head and had to lie his way out numerous ways. The reality is that Tommy never got suspended for deflating footballs. He got suspended because the court said that he could, Roger Goodell

could do anything he wanted to do to any player for any reason whatsoever. That’s what happened. The NFL admitted they had no evidence on him.”

Too bad Brady silenced his old man.

Wouldn’t you rather listen to Brady Sr. than Bill Belichick?

Deflategate and Goodell’s heavy-handed approach to it led to what many have called Brady’s Redemption Tour. After sitting out the first four games, he led the Patriots to an 11-1 record, throwing 28 touchdown passes and two interceptions and doing it without injured Rob Gronkowski for all but six games. After a mediocre playoff game against Houston, Brady destroyed the Steelers in a 36-17 win by throwing for a franchise postseason-record 384 yards and three touchdowns.

“Did it give him a little extra motivation? Sure,” Kraft told the New York Daily News. “The whole thing, yeah, I think it was extra motivation.”

Brady, at 39, is on the verge of strengthening his claim as greatest quarterback of all time. He has won a record 24 postseason games. He is playing in his seventh Super Bowl, which gives him more experience than the entire Atlanta team (five Super Bowls combined). If the Patriots win, it will be Brady’s fifth title, breaking his tie with Terry Bradshaw and Joe Montana for most by a quarterback during the Super Bowl era. If the Patriots win, there’s a good chance Brady will be MVP for the fourth time.

“Tom Brady is one of the all-time greats, and he has been for several years,” Goodell told Fox Sports Radio. “He’s an extraordinary player, a great performer and a surefire Hall of Famer. It would be an honor (to give him the Lombardi).”

Sure, Roger.

Right.

At 41, Atlanta’s Matt Bryant finally makes it to Super Bowl

HOUSTON (AP) — When Matt Bryant trots on the field to attempt a field goal, often with the game on the line, he wants his mind to be filled with nothing but positive vibes.

Sometimes, he’ll imagine he’s sitting on the floor, playing with his seven children.

“When you’re with your kids, there are no negative thoughts,” Bryant said with a wistful look. “It kind of takes the edge off the moment.”

That might come in handy Sunday, when he’ll be kicking in the biggest game of his life.

At 41, Bryant finally made it to the Super Bowl with the Atlanta Falcons.

“It’s taken a little while,” he said, grinning. “But better late than never.”

Certainly, no one in the big game is more mindful of his good fortune than Bryant, who endured a long and trying journey filled with professional setbacks and personal tragedy to become one of the oldest players in Super Bowl history.

He didn’t even get a chance to kick in the pros until he was 27, so he worked at a pawn shop and as a personal trainer to make ends meet. He’s been cut by five NFL teams, not to mention the Arena Football League’s Iowa Barnstormers. His resume includes two entities that no longer exist: NFL Europe and the United Football League.

As discouraging as all that was, it paled in comparison to what happened at home. In 2008, his 3-month-old son, Tryson, died of sudden infant death syndrome.

“You appreciate things more, especially your own children,” Bryant said Wednesday.

On the field, he’s the ultimate late bloomer.

Bryant was selected for his first Pro Bowl this season after leading the league in scoring with 158 points. He connected on 34 of 37 field goals — six of them traveling at least 50 yards — and all but one of his 57 extra-point attempts.

“He deserves it. He has deserved it before,” Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan said. “He’s one of the guys that we rely on in critical situations. If you can just get the ball to the number that he talks about at end-of-game situations, you just know that he’s going to put it through the pipes.”

Of course, Bryant wasn’t able to play in last weekend’s all-star game.

He’s got a far more important game in Houston.

“When we found out that he was going to be going to his first Pro Bowl, I called him and asked, ‘Matt, have you ever been to the Pro Bowl?’” Falcons coach Dan Quinn recalled.

Bryant sounded underwhelmed.

“Do you want it?” Quinn asked, a bit incredulously. “And he said, ‘Only if we’re not in the Super Bowl.’ So, way back even in December, I knew where his mindset was at.”

Rest assured, Bryant never takes anything for granted.

He’s got a firm grasp on the precariousness of a kicker’s life.

“In three seconds, you can go from living in the penthouse to the outhouse,” he said. “There’s nothing in the middle in my world.”

Vick writes letter to Atlanta, says he’s huge Falcons fan

ATLANTA (AP) — Michael Vick never led the Atlanta Falcons to the Super Bowl. His career with the team ended in disgrace. Yet no one is rooting harder for the Falcons to win their first championship. “A lot of people are surprised when they find out how passionately I’ve been rooting for the Falcons this season,” Vick wrote in a more than 4,300-word letter posted Wednesday on The Players’ Tribune website. “They assume that there is some sort of tension between us, some level of bitterness. And even when I tell people that it isn’t the case ... I have a feeling they may not exactly believe me.” Vick was perhaps the most dynamic player in franchise history , a quarterback who revolutionized the position with both his passing and running skills. But after six years with the Falcons, a stint that included two playoff appearances

and one trip to the NFC championship game, Vick was sent to prison in 2007 for running a dogfighting operation. While serving his time, the Falcons drafted Matt Ryan, handed him the starting quarterback job and cut all ties with Vick. In his letter, Vick said he always thought he would get a chance to rejoin the team because of his unique bond with the city. “I wanted to lead the Falcons to the Super Bowl,” he wrote. “In my mind, even from a prison cell, there was at least one thing I hadn’t lost: I was still the Atlanta Falcons quarterback.” While at the Leavenworth federal penitentiary in Kansas, Vick learned the Falcons had taken Ryan with the No. 3 overall pick in 2008. Heartbroken, he finally realized there was no going back to Atlanta, at least as a member of the home team. Vick played five years for the

Philadelphia Eagles and had backup stints with the New York Jets and Pittsburgh Steelers. He did not play this past season and will reportedly hold a retirement bash the night before the Super Bowl in Houston. “As my playing career in the NFL winds down, and as I reflect on the past and really start to contemplate where I go from here ... well, one thing that I’ve known I always wanted to do was write a letter, And not just any letter. I wanted to write a letter to the city of Atlanta,” Vick said. “Without Atlanta, I’m nothing. Without Atlanta, I might not even be here to write this today.” The team and the city patched up the relationship with Vick this season . He readily accepted when the Falcons invited him to participate in a ceremony with other former Atlanta players marking the final regular-season game at the Georgia Dome.

When he came out at halftime, riding in a convertible with former teammate Roddy White, the stadium erupted with a huge ovation. There were no boos. “The lights were so bright — and I just let them wash over me. If I had gone blind, in that moment, then that would have been OK,” Vick wrote. “The cheers were so loud — and I just let them pour into my ears. If I had gone deaf, in that moment, then that also would have been OK. “And we made our way further and further onto the field, it just got brighter, and brighter, and louder, and louder. I didn’t actually want to die, right then, in front of 70,000 people — but it was one of those moments where you’re thinking, You know what? I could die right here ... and that would be OK, too. “It was perfect.”

Coaches, QBs lapped by Brady/Belichick marvel at success

HOUSTON (AP) — Marv Levy, the only coach in NFL history to take a team to four consecutive Super Bowls, looks at what Bill Belichick and Tom Brady have done together with the New England Patriots and marvels. “Really, it is remarkable that they keep going back, and they maintain the focus and dedication necessary to do it,” the former Buffalo Bills coach said. “It just becomes, quote, old hat. It’s just almost unfathomable what they’ve accomplished. So they sure do deserve great credit, and it shows you that the draft isn’t perfect. Sixth-rounder at quarterback. Many will rate him the greatest quarterback ever. It’s an amazing streak they have going.” Consider this: Belichick and Brady not only are the NFL’s most successful coach and quarterback duo, they’ve nearly lapped their closest competition. They are preparing for their record seventh Super Bowl on Sunday, while only three other coaches reached the Super Bowl with the same quarterback as many as four times. Chuck Noll and Terry Bradshaw went 4-0 in Super Bowls in the span of six years. Tom Landry went 2-2 with Roger Staubach and the Dallas Cowboys. Joe Montana is a perfect 4-0 in the Super Bowl,

though only three of those rings came with coach Bill Walsh. And then there’s Levy, who teamed with Jim Kelly to take the Buffalo Bills to the Super Bowl between 1991 and 1994, losing each time. Putting together an extended run of excellence requires some key ingredients: **LEADERSHIP** Levy had general manager Bill Polian and owner Ralph Wilson in Buffalo, and points to Patriots owner Robert Kraft and Belichick as the key in New England because they know what type of players they want on the roster. Belichick hasn’t shied away from brash personalities, bringing in wide receiver Randy Moss and even giving defensive lineman Albert Haynesworth and wide receiver Chad Johnson chances. Moss stuck around much longer than expected and prospered before being cut loose during the 2010 season. Wide receiver Chris Hogan languished on the Buffalo squad the past four years only to tie for the league lead averaging 17.9 yards per catch this season. Since Kraft took over, this is the Patriots’ eighth Super Bowl — twice what Denver and Pittsburgh have managed — with four championships equaling those teams’ four appearances. “Total organization wins,” Levy



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In this Dec. 14, 2014, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, left, celebrates with head coach Bill Belichick after defeating the Miami Dolphins 41-13 in a game in Foxborough, Mass.

said. “It starts with their owner Robert Kraft, who I think has been a great owner. Their personnel department, their scouting staff, their coaching staff. Total organization wins, and as much credit as Brady and Bill Belichick deserves, it’s the others that are in there.” **DRIVE TO WIN AGAIN** Making one Super Bowl appearance is tough enough that four franchises have yet to do it even once — Detroit, Cleveland, Jacksonville, Houston — while this is just the second trip for the Atlanta Falcons. Finding the drive and motivation to chase success again and again simply isn’t easy. “It isn’t just automatic,” Levy said. The roster turnover around Brady certainly helps keep the

appetite strong. Among those on the roster for Sunday’s game, 32 have never played in a Super Bowl. **SALARY CAP ERA** Belichick is the only coach since the NFL put in a salary cap starting in the 1994 season to win four Super Bowls. Noll, the man Belichick is tied with, won his four rings with Pittsburgh in the 1970s. Figuring out how to fit salaries in a budget wasn’t an issue for Chicago’s George Halas or Curly Lambeau and Vince Lombardi with the Green Bay Packers — the only other coaches with five or more NFL championships. Montana credits the Patriots with building around Brady and a core of players in an era when big paydays await after winning a Super Bowl ring.

Martellus Bennett escaped Jason Witten’s shadow to establish roots

By CHAREAN WILLIAMS
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HOUSTON — Martellus Bennett was only 21 when he joined the Dallas Cowboys as a second-round pick. Bennett learned more than he realized in his first four NFL seasons. The former Texas A&M star discovered that only recently, now at 29 years old. “Tony Romo used to ... always tell me, ‘Be urgent, but don’t rush,’ ” the New England Patriots tight end said. “I had no idea what the hell that meant, because to me rush and urgent is the same thing. Then, as I got older, like two years ago, I told a rookie, ‘Be urgent, but don’t rush.’ I said, ‘Oh [shoot], I get it. I finally get what he was saying.’ ” The Cowboys expected more from Bennett than they got. Playing second fiddle to Jason Witten, Bennett caught only 85 passes for 846 yards and four touchdowns. All four of his touchdowns came in his rookie season of 2008. In the past five seasons, with three teams, Bennett has 318 catches for 3,441 yards and 26 touchdowns.

“When I was in Dallas, I was more of a flash player, which is a player who shows up here and shows up there,” Bennett said. “I think the biggest thing about that was I tried to do so much at one time to show them, ‘Hey, I need more,’ and you’ll drop a ball because you’re already thinking about the first 10 moves you’re going to make to get open.” Still, owner Jerry Jones tried to re-sign Bennett when he became a free agent in 2012. Instead, Bennett signed with the New York Giants, clearly wanting out of Dallas by taking less money to leave. Looking back, Bennett said if he had tweaked his perspective “by maybe 36 degrees” he would have enjoyed his time with the Cowboys more. “I think the biggest frustration might have been more with myself,” Bennett said. “I feel like if I would have changed my perspective in Dallas, I would probably have more success earlier, but I just wasn’t a backup. It was hard to fight that. So I felt I was running on life’s treadmill. Like I put in all this work — all this work — but when I got off the tread-

mill, I’d be in the same spot I was. “It never seemed there was a light at the end of the tunnel, no matter what I did or how I did. That was one of the biggest things.” Bennett listed 12 ex-Cowboys teammates who helped him develop. He never mentioned Witten. In an interview with ESPN.com last summer, Bennett was critical of Witten. “I hated Jason Witten. I appreciated his game, but I always hated him,” Bennett told the website. In his one interview this week during his first Super Bowl week, the highly entertaining Bennett didn’t go that far. His only criticism of Witten was that the 14-year veteran didn’t go out of his way to help Bennett. But Bennett said he learned from Witten just by watching a “Hall of Fame tight end.” “It wasn’t until I left and became a starter that I realized, ‘Man, I’m a lot like Jason Witten the way he took notes; the way he did things like that,’ ” said Bennett, who grew up in Houston and graduated from Alief Taylor. “I do a lot of that stuff now and that’s just from watching the guy that was so great for so long.”

Beyond politicians: A legacy of goofy Super Bowl bets

BOSTON (AP) — Mayors and governors long have made friendly wagers over Super Bowls, usually putting up a crate of local delicacies against whatever goodies the opposing team’s home is famous for. But the goofy bets go well beyond city halls and statehouses. A few examples of weird wagers:

WHAT A SCREAM

Six Flags New England and Six Flags Over Georgia are run by the same company, but they’re rivals thanks to this weekend’s Super Bowl between the Patriots and Atlanta Falcons. If the Patriots win, the Georgia park will temporarily rename its 24-story spinning swing ride the Patriots SkyScreamer and serve New England clam chowder when it opens for the season. Should the Falcons win, the Massachusetts park will rename its similar ride the Falcons SkyScreamer and serve Georgia peach pie.

SWEET REVENGE

Kane’s Donuts, a Boston-area doughnut shop, is on a streak with bets against rival shops in Houston and Pittsburgh already this post-season. Now it’s taking on Atlanta’s Sublime Doughnut. In addition to boxes of tasty treats, employees of the losing shop have to wear the winning team’s jerseys while baking their doughnuts.

ART FOR FOOTBALL’S SAKE

The Seattle Art Museum and the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts, wagered artwork when the Patriots played the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl two years ago. After Malcolm Butler’s last-minute interception clinched New England’s 28-24 victory, the Washington museum made good on its promise to loan Albert Bierstadt’s 1870 landscape, “Puget Sound on the Pacific Coast,” to the Clark for three months. Had the Seahawks won, the Clark would have loaned Winslow Homer’s 1900 masterpiece depicting the Maine coast, “West Point, Prout’s Neck,” to Seattle.

A WONDERFUL DAY FOR PIE

McGreevy’s sports bar in Boston and Foley’s Pub in New York City made shepherd’s pie their bet over the 2012 Super Bowl between the Patriots and New York Giants. They agreed to donate proceeds of several months’ worth of sales to the winner’s charity of choice.

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“It’s definitely a safety rule,” DeMagistris said. “I believe that most schools are already charting pitches and putting guys on a number of days’ rest. I think it’s a pretty good rule. You’re really gonna have to pay attention to who you’re playing, what’s coming up next, because you want to know who’s available.”

Teams will record pitch counts on an official form during every game, and after each half-inning the pitch counts will be confirmed by both teams. Any discrepancies will be resolved based on the home team’s pitch count chart. Both head coaches will be required to sign the pitch count form at the end of each game.

Schools are also required to make game charts available to other schools prior to any game to show the availability of pitchers for that given day.

“(This) action by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee is a giant step forward in doing our part to protect and support our student athlete baseball players”, NYSPHSAA baseball coordinator Ed Dopp said in a press release detailing the new regulations. “We will continue to monitor and adjust the pitch count rules in an attempt to always improve opportunities for our student athletes and address safety as best we can.”

Fort Plain coach Craig Phillips, the state’s all-time wins leader, said the new rules will likely have their biggest immediate impact at the small-school level, where teams don’t have the same depth of quality pitching as larger programs.

“We’re so young this year that I don’t think the rule’s gonna have much effect on us, because we’re gonna try to use seven or eight pitchers and go a couple innings every day with them,” Phillip said. “But, I think the rule’s gonna hurt the little schools, especially if you get a bunch of rainouts. I think you’re gonna have lousy baseball games, and they’re gonna go on longer because you have to check with each other between innings and you could have a fight over how many pitchers each pitcher threw.”

Phillips said he’s probably relied on a star pitcher a bit too much at times over his 40-plus years on the bench, citing Dustin Baker in 2007 and Jesse Heroth in 2016, but said in both situations it was the pitchers who convinced him to send them back to the mound — and in both seasons, it ended with a state championship for the Hilltoppers.

“Last year, in sectionals and regionals, Jesse had about six days rest between starts, and as long as you spread it out, I think it’s OK,” he said. “I think most coaches know their pitchers. At times I probably used Jesse too much, I used Dustin Baker too much, but like Jesse



Amsterdam's Kyle Sherlock pitches during a 2016 game at Shuttleworth Park.

said, ‘Coach, this is once in my lifetime. This is my dream.’”

The new rules will force coaches to adapt quickly, and as is commonplace in the spring season, inclement weather could throw a further wrench into how teams manage pitchers, but DeMagistris said the state committee will work on making changes after the year if the need is apparent.

“Next year, maybe the state can look at starting pitchers and catchers a week early, so you can develop them, because the season’s short enough as it is now,” he said. “It’ll be tweaked. We’re gonna look at it. Some of the smaller schools, we’re gonna have to watch and keep an eye on it.”

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Broadalbin-Perth's Tyler Graham pitches during an April 21, 2016 game against Gloversville at Husky Field in Gloversville.

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pitches — and remember, they’re getting paid handsomely for their work — it’s not always comfortable to watch the pitch count of a high school kid rise into the triple digits and keep on going. In the moment, it’s often thrilling, and you marvel at the gutsiness and toughness of a kid who is barely old enough to drive taking the ball pitch after pitch and continuing to perform at a high level.

And yet, there’s the sinking feeling that accompanies those efforts, the hope that as impressive as the singular effort is, it won’t leave the kid with a surgically-repaired arm sometime

down the road.

In eight years covering high school baseball, I haven’t met a coach yet who would willfully put a pitcher into a situation where he overexerts himself to a dangerous degree, or who wouldn’t take a pitcher out if he said his arm was sore, but there’s still something cringe-worthy about hearing that a high school pitcher threw 150, 160 pitches in a single afternoon.

That’s just excessive, and these regulations put an end to it. Full stop, do not pass go, do not collect \$200.

Questions still abound.

Are four nights rest — which includes the night of the game — really enough for a high school pitcher to come back after throwing 105 pitches when the pros rarely, if ever, come back on rest that short?

How will teams, especially small-school teams, adjust to rules that force them to rely on pitchers who might not be ready for the varsity level because they’ve simply run out of other arms to use?

How will teams cope with pitching when inclement weather compacting the already short baseball season into a four or

five-week sprint and forcing teams to play anywhere from four to six games in certain weeks?

There are questions on both sides of the coin that still need answering, and it will be up to NYSPHSAA to monitor the situation and make tweaks where tweaks are needed.

But as a test balloon? As a first step to cutting down the number of kids in their teens who have to undergo reconstructive surgery for the sake of winning a few baseball games?

For now, something is certainly better than nothing.

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AREA SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY

BOYS BASKETBALL

Mayfield at Northville, 7 p.m.
OESJ at Bishop Gibbons, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Amsterdam at Scotia-Glenville, 7 p.m.
South Glens Falls at Broadalbin-Perth, 7 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Guilderland/Voorheesville at Canajoharie-Fort Plain, 4:30 p.m.

BOWLING

Foothills Council Championships, at Boulevard Bowl, 8 a.m.

FRIDAY

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bishop Gibbons at Fonda-Fultonville, 5:30 p.m.
B-K-W at Canajoharie, 7 p.m.
Mekeel Christian at Fort Plain, 7 p.m.
Scotia-Glenville at Amsterdam, 7:30 p.m.
Broadalbin-Perth at South Glens Falls, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fort Plain at Mekeel Christian, 6 p.m.
Canajoharie at B-K-W, 7 p.m.
Fonda-Fultonville at Bishop Gibbons, 7 p.m.
OESJ at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Broadalbin-Perth at Schuylerville, 10 a.m.

WRESTLING

Section II Division 1 Class 2 Championships, at Queensbury HS, 10 a.m.
Section II Division 2 Class 2 Championships, at Coxsackie-Athens HS, 10 a.m.
Section II Division 2 Class 3 Championships, at Whitehall HS, 10 a.m.

MONDAY

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bishop Gibbons at Mayfield, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Broadalbin-Perth at Amsterdam, 7 p.m.
Galway at Greenwich, 7 p.m.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

AGSA registration sessions scheduled

The Amsterdam Girls Softball Association will be holding in person sign-ups for the 2017 season at Bacon Recreation Center on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon and on Monday, Feb. 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm. The Saturday session was originally scheduled to be held at Amsterdam City Hall, but was moved due to City Hall being unavailable for that date.

Sign-ups will be held at City Hall on Feb. 11 and 25 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Cost is \$60 for one child, \$90 for two or \$120 for three or more. The league is open to girls ages 5 to 18 residing in Fulton or Montgomery Counties. Mail and online registration information can be found by visiting the AGSA website at www.amsterdamgirlssoftball.org.

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Fonda-Fultonville 59, Schoharie 34

Juliana Taylor pumped in 29 points for the Lady Braves, who outscored Schoharie 36-10 in the first half and had no problem cruising to the win.

Abby Lombardoni added nine points and Kaleigh Smith scored seven for Fonda-Fultonville.

Katie Brisley finished with 14 points to lead Schoharie.

Fort Plain 42, Duaneburg 27

Anganese Gomez scored 13 points and Alexis Gomez added 12, and the Hilltoppers held Duaneburg to just two points in the fourth quarter to pull away for the victory.

Sierra Logan added six points to aid the Lady Hilltoppers.

Duaneburg was led by nine points from

Cassidy Schaeffer and eight points from Morgan Hoffman.

Mayfield 38, Bishop Gibbons 34

Sydney Sheldon scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Lady Panthers to a win in a defensive battle.

Camryn Meca chipped in eight points for Mayfield.

Abby Kienzle scored 11 points and Sarah Malinowski contributed eight points for Bishop Gibbons.

Galway 60, Northville 33

Ashlyn O’Neil led three players in double figures with 14 points, and Galway opened up a 17-5 lead after the first quarter and never looked back in a win over Northville.

Galway also got 11 points from Hannah

Pawlowski, 10 from Madison Ritter and nine from Callia Boudreau.

Hannah Coupas scored nine points and Brianna Bace scored seven for Northville.

Non-league

Burnt Hills 40, Broadalbin-Perth 33

Annablee Morrison scored a game-high nine points and the Spartans outscored B-P 17-10 in the fourth quarter to break open a tie game and secure the win.

Avery Pollard added seven points for Burnt Hills, while Erin Pahl, Elaina Taplin and Kiera Walsh each scored six points.

Nyah Thompson and Hannah Magliocca each scored seven points to pace the Lady Patriots, with Kacie Corcuera and Lola DiCaterino chipping in six points each.

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Porzingis, bench players help Knicks rally to win over Brooklyn Nets.

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Coaches, QBs surpassed by the tandem of Belichick and Brady marvel at success.

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COMMENTARY

Pitch count rules aren't perfect, but had to come



By
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The New York State Public High School Athletic Association voted Friday to approve new pitch count regulations for the upcoming high school baseball season. It's a move that's

been coming for quite some time, and an attempt to preserve the long-term health of high school pitchers is a long time coming — not only in New York, but across the country.

Are there flaws in this new plan? Absolutely.

Is it going to help? You bet.

There are certainly issues that are going to need to be addressed as time goes by, and Section II baseball coordinator Mike DeMagistris told me in no uncertain terms Tuesday night that these new rules are going to be evaluated closely and, if need be, tweaked and tweaked again by state and section officials to make sure they can create as close to a perfect balance between looking out for the health of student-athletes and allowing coaches to field competitive teams.

But, making sure a 16-year-old kid doesn't put his arm through 140 pitches on a half-freezing afternoon in mid-April is not only good for the kids, but for the quality of high school baseball in general.

In an age where major league pitchers rarely work past 120

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Fort Plain's Jesse Heroth pitches during the 2016 Section II Class D championship game against Fort Ann at Joe Bruno Stadium in Troy.

Safety first

New NYSPHSAA baseball rules cap pitch counts, mandate rest periods

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With an eye on player safety, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's Executive Committee voted Friday to approve new pitch count restrictions and regulations for high school baseball that will go into effect across the state this spring.

The new rules, which set a cap for the number of pitches a player can throw in a day and provided mandated rest periods, were in the works for a long time — and not only in New York — according to Section II baseball coordinator Mike DeMagistris.

"The National Federation (of State High School Associations) mandated that every state had a pitch count rule starting spring 2017," said DeMagistris, who is also the varsity baseball coach and athletic director at Gloversville High School. "They've

been looking at this for months, and we finally approved it Jan. 11 in the state baseball committee, then the executive committee approved it Friday."

The new rules cap the maximum number of pitches a player can throw in a day at 105 during the regular season — which increases to a maximum of 125 in the postseason. It also imposes maximum pitch counts of 85 at the freshman and junior varsity level and 75 at the modified level.

The regulations also mandate minimum rest periods after throwing certain pitch totals: One night for 30 or fewer pitches, two nights for 31-65 pitches, three nights for 66-95 pitches and four nights for 96-105. During the postseason, those limits change to one night for fewer than 40 pitches, two nights for 41-71, three nights for 72-102 and four nights for 103-125.

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Gillon, Orange rally past NC State

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — John Gillon kept burying 3-pointer after 3-pointer as Syracuse erased North Carolina State's big lead, his confidence so unshakable that he at one point walked downcourt with a finger over his mouth to shush a home crowd turning from rowdy to panicked.

"They thought it was over," Gillon said. "I was just like, 'We're not losing this one, so we're going to keep pushing.'"

The graduate transfer from Colorado State finished with a career-high 43 points, helping the Orange rally from 16 down in the second half to beat the Wolfpack 100-93 in overtime for their first Atlantic Coast Conference road win.

Gillon made 10 of 13 shots and 9 of 10 3-pointers, the last a tough one from the left side with 1.8 seconds left to force the extra period — one that had Gillon strutting down the court afterward and shaking his head at the crowd.

He also hit all 14 of his free throws and finished with nine assists in 44 minutes for the

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Cremo, Nichols lead UAlbany to 90-77 victory

ALBANY (AP) — David Nichols scored 24 points and dished a career-high eight assists, Joe Cremo added 23 points with five assists, and Albany shot 60 percent from the floor in the second half to run away from UMass-Lowell 90-77 on Wednesday night.

Travis Charles scored 15, Greig Stire added 12, and the Great Danes (14-10, 5-4 America East) used 20 assists in making 32 of 61 field goals.

Devonte Campbell's layup capped an 11-3 run and Albany pulled ahead 50-38 early in the second half after shooting 75 percent from the floor over the span. Costa Anderson's 3 put Albany up 63-48 with 11:52 left and the Great Danes cruised after leading by 18 with 8:21 to play.

Albany led 39-35 at halftime behind Cremo's 12 points and Stire's 10.

Jahad Thomas scored 26 points and Ryan Jones added 18 with five assists for the River Hawks (9-15, 3-6).

B-P falls to Mekeel in 2 OT thriller, 74-69

SCOTIA — Deonte Holder and Carter Stewart scored 20 points apiece, and the undefeated Mekeel Christian boys basketball team finally shrugged off a challenge from Broadalbin-Perth to pick up a thrilling, 74-69 win in double overtime in a non-league game Tuesday night.

Jordan Jackson added 17 points and Oscar Iteji scored 10 for the Lions, who let a seven-point lead slip away in the fourth quarter before pulling out the win after two overtime sessions.

Preston Taylor scored 25 points to lead the Patriots, who were 24 hours removed from a huge Foothills Council win just down the street from Mekeel Christian against Scotia-Glenville. Joey Ladipo added 16 points, Troy Monroe hit

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five 3-pointers on his way to a 15-point night and JP Person added 11 points for B-P.

Monroe's 3-pointer late in regulation forced overtime. It was the second double overtime game for the Patriots in less than a month, as they also won a 65-62 thriller Jan. 11 against Queensbury.

**Western Athletic Conference
Duanesburg 84, Fort Plain 39**

Jared Hulbert's game-high 32 points helped the Eagles storm to a win over Fort Plain.

Nickolas Passono added 11 points and Tyler Martin scored 10 for Duanesburg, which powered to a 52-24 halftime lead.

Jaxson Yacowenia scored 11 points to lead

the Hilltoppers, who also got seven points each from Jacob Hisert and Garrett Nare.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL
Western Athletic Conference
Canajoharie 65, OESJ 56**

Mackenzie Bowerman and Sierra Hill scored 14 points apiece, and the Cougars used a 26-point first quarter as a springboard to victory.

Madison Koelbl and Frankie Nare scored 12 points apiece and Hannah Smith added nine points for Canajoharie.

Merari Freeman scored a game-high 18 points for OESJ, which also got 15 points from Alexis Romeyn and a dozen points from Addie Brundage.

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