

DEATH NOTICES**William T. Bavisotto**

William T. Bavisotto, 73, of Corning, died Monday, April 27, 2015 at home. A memorial Mass will be held at 1:30 p.m. today at St. Vincent De Paul Church. Arrangements are with Carpenter's Funeral Home.

Victoria Dortehea Berto

Victoria Dortehea Berto, formerly of Corning, died Friday, April 24, 2015 at Absolut Care at Three Rivers, Painted Post. Calling hours are 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Church, 155 State St., Corning. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated there at the conclusion of calling hours at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. Arrangements are with Haughey Funeral Home.

Dawn M. Chatfield

Dawn M. Chatfield, 85, of Bath, died Monday, March 16, 2015. Services will be held at 11 a.m. May 9 at First Presbyterian Church, Bath. Arrangements are with Fagan's Funeral Home.

Walter H. Fuhrer Sr.

Walter H. Fuhrer Sr., 86, of Elkland, Pa., died Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at home. Calling hours are noon-2 p.m. Saturday at Kenyon Funeral Home, Elkland. Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 2 p.m. Saturday

Tracy L. Gleason

Tracy L. Seeley Gleason, 46, of Troy, Pa., died Monday, April 27, 2015. Calling hours are noon-2 p.m. Tuesday at Olney Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Ulysses. Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

George Graber

George Graber, 78, of Wellsboro, Pa., formerly of Sunderlinville, died Tuesday, April 28, 2015. Calling hours are 2-3 p.m. Saturday at Olney Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Ulysses, Pa. Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Kevin L. Lee

Kevin L. "Sid" Lee, 49, of Jobs Corners, Pa., died Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at Arnot Ogden Medical Center, Elmira. Calling hours are 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Buckheit Funeral Chapel and Crematory, 637 S. Main St., Mansfield.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 4 p.m. Sunday.

Georgianna Williams

Georgianna Williams died Saturday, April 25, 2015. Calling hours are 4-7 p.m. Saturday at Haughey Funeral Home, 216 E. First St., Corning. Services will be held there at 11 a.m. Monday. Burial will be in St. Mary's Orthodox Cemetery.

OBITUARIES**Doris M. Draper**

Corning | Doris M. Draper, age 81, of Corning, NY, passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at Robert Packer Hospital. She was born on February 20, 1934 in Corning to Thomas and Carrie (Emboden) O'Bryan. She married Fred Draper on May 23, 1975. Doris worked as a bank teller for Central Trust Bank in Painted Post for many years. In her

retirement she was an avid reader and found happiness in spending time with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed the excitement of gambling and taking a chance on scratch off tickets.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Fred Draper; sister, Margaret (Carl) Condon; brothers, Tom O'Bryan, Terry (Janet) O'Bryan; son-in-law, Duane Huyler; three grandchildren, Laurel Huyler, Amy Rigby, Joseph Huyler; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to call at Carpenter's Funeral Home, 14 East Pulteney Street in Corning on Tuesday, May 5, 2:00pm to 4:00pm and 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Funeral services will be held there on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 11:00am. Burial will immediately follow

in Coopers Cemetery. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.CarpentersFuneralHome.com.

**Jean L. O'brian**

Bath | Jean L. O'Brian, age 74, of Bath, NY died Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Jean was born February 8, 1941 in Corning to John and Blanche (Owen) Rayner. She married Louis O'Brian on May 6, 1995 in Savona, NY.

She retired from Corning Incorporated in 1998 as an inspector with 35 years of service to the company. Jean loved

collecting owls, listening to country music, traveling, going to the jamboree in Prattsburgh, and spending time with her friends.

She is survived by her husband, Louis O'Brian; grandchildren, Amy Brush and Christina Derrick; close friends, Leroy and Marcia Monroe, Sylvia and Dick Padgett, Cookie Edwards; several brothers and sisters-in-law; nieces and nephews.

Jean was predeceased by her brother, John Rayner.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Jean's family entrusted her care to Haughey Funeral Home, Inc. in Corning.

**WEEKLY COLUMN | SEN. TOM O'MARA****State aid will modernize libraries**

National observance days, weeks and months have been coming one right after the other recently: Earth Day, National Volunteer Week, and National Donate Life Month throughout April, to highlight just a few.

But it was also National Library Week recently and so before we put that observance back on the shelf for another year, I'll share just a few important footnotes. Sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across America (school, public, academic and special), the week of April 12-18 was devoted to recognizing "the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support."

Or, as Albert Einstein once remarked, "The only thing you absolutely need to know is the location of the library."

The good news, according to a statewide poll earlier this year by the Siena College Research Institute, is it appears that more and more New Yorkers know how to find their local library — and they think it's important.

According to the poll: ■ Library usage is up 10 percent statewide, with usage up by 20 percent for lower-income households.

■ Three-quarters of poll respondents called public libraries "very important" to education and information access.

■ Nearly 70 percent have utilized the resources of a public library in the last six months.

■ A clear majority believes that state aid to libraries should be increased.

**TOM O'MARA**

On this last point, the 2015-16 state budget included \$91.6 million in state aid to public libraries. That's a \$5-million increase over Governor Andrew Cuomo's proposed budget and fast approaching the level at which libraries would be considered fully funded under existing law. In other words, it's important progress.

At the same time, the new budget includes \$14 million for the Library Construction Grant Program. Library construction aid has proven invaluable to many individual libraries across the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions, and statewide, to help them upgrade their facilities in a variety of ways.

According to the New York State Library, which administers the grants, surveys reveal that public library construction and renovation needs statewide total more than \$2.2 billion. Nearly 50 percent of public library buildings across New York are over 60 years old. Another 30 percent are more than three decades old. Many of the state's local public libraries are unable to accommodate users with disabilities, cannot provide Internet and computer and other electronic technologies to users because of outdated and inadequate electrical wiring, do not

have sufficient space to house the library's collection, and lack sufficient space for public access computers.

The construction grants help libraries and library systems make renovations and upgrades, update electrical wiring to accommodate computer technology, renovate facilities to provide wheelchair accessible entrances and become fully accessible to persons with disabilities, and provide community meeting rooms.

Legislation I'm currently sponsoring would address one shortcoming in the construction aid program by allowing libraries to access this funding for the installation of broadband services. That's not accommodated under the current program, but it should be — particularly for libraries in rural areas and smaller communities where they're often the No. 1 point of Internet access.

Libraries are the leading digital literacy educators in New York. That role will only expand in future years. Expanding library aid in this fashion would be an investment in economic growth and workforce development, in New York's overall educational and cultural well-being, and one that will produce a substantial return by making an enduring, positive difference for so many local communities.

The underlying importance of access, of course, points directly to the critical role played by our public libraries to encourage students and their families to read, and as the gateway for making books and other reading

materials and programs available throughout our communities.

The chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Libraries, my colleague Senator Hugh Farley of the Capital Region, who for years has been one of the State Legislature's staunchest library advocates, recently said, "Throughout my career I have tirelessly fought for library funding because educational resources, including Internet access, should be available to anyone with a desire to learn. Children, seniors and young families rely on the educational opportunities provided by these cherished public institutions. It's time we fund libraries in a manner consistent with their record-high usage."

Public libraries across New York State serve over 19 million patrons annually. Our region is incredibly fortunate to have an outstanding network of public libraries providing access to books and so many other activities, learning materials, and civic and cultural opportunities. They're worth getting to know.

Visit the website of the Southern Tier Library System, www.stls.org, for links to member libraries in Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben and Yates. The members of the Finger Lakes Library System, including Tompkins County, can be found online at www.flls.org.

—State Sen. Tom O'Mara represents New York's 53rd Senate District, which includes Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler and Yates counties, and a portion of Tompkins County.

COLORADO SHOOTING**Theater gunman's stoic behavior at heart of trial**

By **Sadie Gurman**
The Associated Press

CENTENNIAL, Colo. — The courtroom where the Colorado theater shooting trial is unfolding is awash with emotion as survivors recount the horrors of dodging gunfire and stumbling over loved ones' bodies as they fled. But the man tethered to the floor at the defense table seems impervious to it all, hardly moving as witnesses share details of his carnage.

Interpretations of James Holmes' stone-faced, nearly catatonic demeanor cuts to the heart of the case. His attorneys say he seems aloof because of anti-psychotic medications he has taken since he killed 12 people and injured 70 more in the packed movie theater. But prosecutors hint of something dark and calculating below that emotionless exterior.

Holmes has remained unaffected in the opening days of his death penalty trial, stoic even as attorneys revealed the most intimate details of his personal life,



James Holmes is depicted as he sits in court at the Arapahoe County Justice Center on the first day of his trial Monday in Centennial, Colo. JEFF KANDYBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

from his failures in romance to his family's history of mental illness. He stares blankly ahead, rarely turning his head to glance at jurors or the crowded gallery. He doesn't speak to the attorneys by his side. Not even the sight of his parents seated two rows behind him gives him any noticeable rise.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE**Humanitarian aid for victims starts to arrive in remote villages**

By **Katy Daigle and Johnson Lai**
The Associated Press

KATHMANDU, Nepal — The first supplies of food aid began reaching remote, earthquake-shattered mountain villages in Nepal on Wednesday, while thousands clamored to board buses out of Kathmandu, either to check on rural relatives or for fear of spending yet another night in the damaged capital.

Frustration over the slow delivery of humanitarian aid boiled over in a protest in the city, with about 200 people facing off with police and blocking traffic.

The protest was comparatively small and no demonstrators were

detained. But it reflected growing anger over bottlenecks that delayed much-needed relief four days after the powerful earthquake that killed more than 5,000 people, injured twice that many and left tens of thousands homeless.

Police, meanwhile, arrested dozens of people on suspicion of looting or causing panic by spreading rumors of another big quake.

Helicopters finally brought food, temporary shelter and other aid to hamlets north of Kathmandu in the mountainous Gorkha District near the epicenter of Saturday's 7.8-magnitude quake. Entire clusters of homes there were splintered to piles of stone and drenched with mud.

Women greeted the delivery with repeated cries of "We are hungry!"

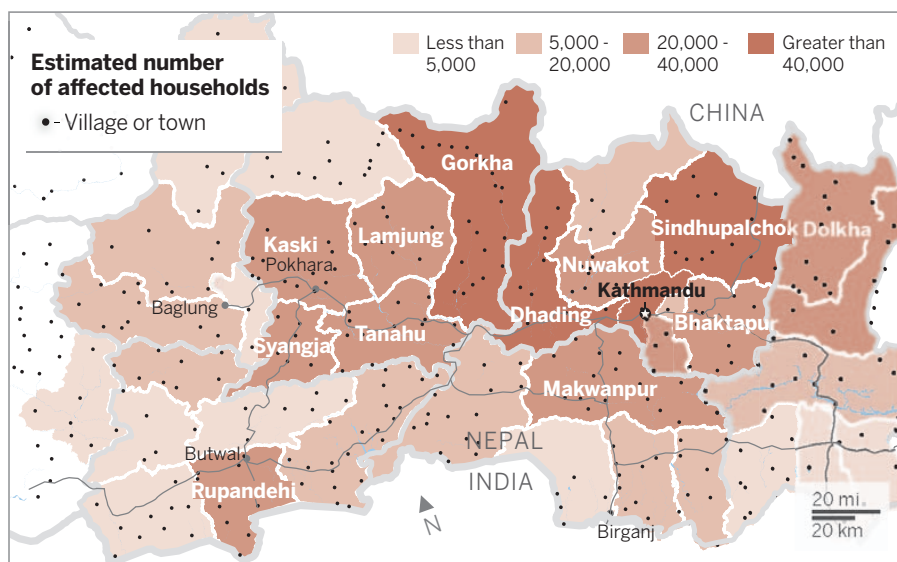
The U.N. World Food Program warned that it will take time for food and other supplies to reach more remote communities that have been cut off by landslides.

"More helicopters, more personnel and certainly more relief supplies, including medical teams, shelter, tents, water and sanitation and food, are obviously needed," said the program's Geoff Pinnock, who was coordinating the flights.

With more than 8 million Nepalese affected by the earthquake, including 1.4 million who need immediate food assistance, Pinnock said the effort would continue for months.

Still no access to remote regions affected by earthquake

More than 8 million people in 39 districts have been affected, of which over 2 million people live in the 11 severely affected districts. Many are homeless and without food or medical aid.



SOURCE: United Nations, Office of the Resident Coordinator in Nepal