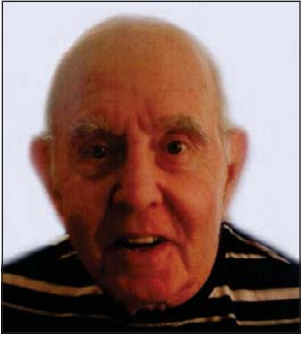


OBITUARIES**Eugene R. Travis**

CORNING | Eugene R. Travis, age 77, of Corning, NY passed away peacefully Friday, October 17, 2014 at Guthrie Corning Hospital, Corning, NY.

Gene was born October 14, 1937 in Corning, NY to the late Thomas and P. Jane (Torpy) Travis. Gene married Madlyn M. (Hilboldt) Travis on July 11, 1964 at St. Patrick's Church in Corning. They celebrated 50 years of marriage together.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Shangri La aircraft carrier during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Gene loved running and biking. He ran several marathons including the Boston Marathon in 1982 and also many local Wineglass marathons.

He was retired from Corning Inc. in the security division and received his 50 year pin in 2014.

Gene will be dearly missed by his wife, Madlyn Travis; daughter, Lynnette (Paul) Blanco of Elmira, NY; beloved grandsons: Devon and Donovan Geter of Elmira, NY; sister-in-law, Sylvia Travis of Horseheads, NY; sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Symons of Schenectady, NY; brother-in-laws, T. Roger (Ellie) Hilboldt of Melborne, FL and Eugene Hilboldt of Northville, NY; cousin, Thomas Torpy; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents Gene was predeceased by his brother, Rodney W. Travis.

At Gene's wishes there will be no calling hours or

services.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.philipsfuneralhome.com.

Gary R. Warner Sr.

Gary R. Warner Sr., age 72, of Addison, NY died Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at Guthrie Corning Hospital.

Gary was born on March 8, 1942 in Endicott, NY to Leo and Helen (Middendorf) Warner.

He served his country proudly in the Navy from 1962 until 1966. He retired from Conrail and worked for the Addison Central School District as a bus driver. He was most proud of his association with the American Legion. He was Past Commander of the Addison American Legion and is currently the Chaplain of the Corning American Legion Post 746. Gary was an avid woodworker.

He is survived by one daughter, Kelly Leary of Addison; two sons, Ross Warner of Elmira and Gary Warner, Jr. of Horseheads; six grandchildren; sister, Jeanne Michaud of Windsor, NY, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, October 24th from 10-12 Noon at Haughey Funeral Home, Inc., 216 E. First Street, Corning. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, October 24th at Addison Rural Cemetery with full military honors.

Haughey Funeral Home, Inc. has been entrusted with Gary's care.

**WEEKLY COLUMN | SEN. TOM O'MARA****The graying of New York's farmers**

In mid-September, an article in National Geographic highlighted what it called the "dramatic graying of the American farmer ("American Farmers Are Growing Old, With Spiraling Costs Keeping Out Young," September 19, 2014).

Noting that the nation's farmers are 17 years older than the average American worker, the article pointed to spiraling costs – for taxes and crop insurance and fuel and supplies, to name a few – as one of the major reasons why the next generation is turning away from this essential way of life.

It's good reading, and timely as well.

New York government has devoted a lot of time and effort over the past few years zeroing in on more and more ways to help strengthen New York State's nationally prominent agricultural industry.

Much of this work has focused on diversifying the industry to bolster traditional strongholds.

The prime example would be the steps we've taken to encourage and expand our in-state yogurt industry, now the nation's largest, which in turn has been a boon to New York's dairy industry that, earlier this year, officially reclaimed its place as America's third-largest.

Similar efforts are underway to help grow a New York State-based craft beer industry in a way that sparks the production of new field crops like malt and hops to offer additional opportunities for more farmers.

These, and many others, are critical

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initiatives. Because when we get down to the fundamental building blocks of a stronger future, agriculture is always, always part of the discussion.

In the words of the New York Farm Bureau, "To put it simply, farms fuel the state's economy – especially in the many rural regions of the state. In many communities, farms are the largest employer in the area. They also support other business employment, such as equipment and seed dealers. With the proper investment and needed changes, farming can lead the state back to economic health."

Last year, the Senate advanced "Grown in New York," a comprehensive tax and regulatory reform strategy to make sure New York State doesn't tax, regulate or price our farmers out of business.

Earlier this year, we turned our attention to farming's next generation. Take all the actions you can think of to keep land in farming, encourage diversification, promote innovation, and address costs and taxes and regulations, but ultimately none of it matters if young men and women don't believe there's a future in farming.

That's a real concern. Travel across the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes, and there are many examples of multi-generational farm

operations which are still in the family and still going strong. They're great – and hopeful – success stories.

But the other side of the coin is a reality too, which is why the Senate this year advanced a "Young Farmers NY" strategy to target this reality: the average age of a New York State farmer is approximately 57. A growing percentage of all farmers are aged 65 and above. In short, the state's aging farmer population poses one of the most serious threats to the future of New York's 36,000 family farms, and American agriculture generally.

"Younger farmers can't afford to buy in," one farm wife was quoted as saying in the recent National Geographic piece, "Everything is sky-high."

If New York's going to remain a prominent agricultural state, we need to address this exact challenge. And this year's state budget began to do just that by enacting key provisions of Young Farmers NY.

First, the budget included long-overdue estate tax reform. Farming is a land and capital intensive business. The value of even an average-sized farm could easily exceed New York's previous \$1 million estate tax threshold. It made it more difficult to keep generations-old farms in the family, and it forced many farmers to make the difficult choice of subdividing or selling off farmland in order to pay tax bills. The estate tax threshold was increased from \$1 million to \$5.25 million this year – a move

that's long been a priority of the Farm Bureau and other farming advocates, as well as small business advocates generally. This higher threshold will certainly help family farms and other businesses more effectively plan and achieve family succession by lessening what are often business crippling estate taxes.

And just last week, two additional Young Farmer NY initiatives got underway: the New Farmers Grant Fund to assist eligible beginning farmers meet critical start-up costs, and the Young Farmers Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program to provide college loan forgiveness awards for students who earn an agricultural degree from a State University of New York (SUNY) college or university, including the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, and work in New York State agriculture for at least five years after graduation.

You can find links to details on these new initiatives on my Senate website, www.omara.nysenate.gov (just click on the "Young Farmers NY" icon in the left-hand column of the home page).

We believe Young Farmers NY offers a common sense blueprint to begin helping the industry attract and keep a new generation of farmers on the land – which is where we need them to be.

State Sen. Tom O'Mara, R-Big Flats, represents New York's 58th Senate District, which includes Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler and Yates counties, and part of Tompkins County.

DEATH NOTICES**Daniel M. Celelli**

Daniel M. Celelli, 64, of Corning, died Friday, Oct. 17, 2014 at Guthrie Corning Hospital.

Calling hours are 4-7 p.m. Friday at Haughey Funeral Home Inc., 216 E. First St., Corning.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 222 Dodge Ave., Corning.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Rosemary Hugic

Rosemary Hugic, 83, of Lawrenceville, Pa., died Friday, Oct. 17, 2014 at the Green Home in Wellsboro, Pa.

Calling hours are 3-5 p.m. today at Kenyon Funeral

Home, 214 W. Main St., Elkland, Pa.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 5 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

Harry A. Swan

Harry A. Swan, 80, of Horseheads, died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014 at Arnot Ogden Medical Center, Elmira.

Calling hours are 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Lynch Funeral Home, 318 W. Broad St., Horseheads.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 8 p.m. Tuesday, the Rev. Rhonda Kouterick officiating.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Horseheads.

SUPREME COURT**High court balks at last-minute voting changes**

By Mark Sherman
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court has allowed Texas to use its strict voter ID law in the November election even after a federal judge said the law was the equivalent of a poll tax and threatened to deprive many blacks and Latinos of the right to vote this year.

Like earlier orders in North Carolina, Ohio and Wisconsin, the justices' action before dawn on Saturday, two days before the start of early voting in Texas, appears to be based on their view that changing the rules so close to an election would be confusing.

Of the four states, only Wisconsin's new rules were blocked, and in that case, absentee ballots already had been mailed without any notice about the need for identification.

Texas has conducted several low-turnout elections under the new rules — seven forms of approved photo ID, including concealed handgun licenses, but not college student IDs. The law has not previously been used in congressional elections or a high-profile race for governor.

The Supreme Court's brief unsigned order, like those in the other three states, offers no explanation for its action. In this case, the Justice Department and civil rights groups were asking that the state be prevented from requiring the photo ID in the Nov. 4 election, where roughly 600,000 voters,

disproportionately black and Latino, lack acceptable forms of ID.

The challengers said that the last time the Supreme Court allowed a voting law to be used in a subsequent election after it had been found to be unconstitutional was in 1982. That case from Georgia involved an at-large election system that had been in existence since 1911.

Republican lawmakers in Texas and elsewhere say voter ID laws are needed to reduce voter fraud. Democrats contend that such cases are extremely rare and that voter ID measures are thinly veiled attempts to keep eligible voters, many of them minorities supportive of Democrats, away from the polls.



Visitors line up to enter the Supreme Court Tuesday in Washington as it begins the second week of its new term. The Supreme Court has allowed Texas to use its strict voter ID law even after a federal judge had said it threatened to deprive some people the right to vote. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STOCK MARKET**What's next after wild week for stocks?**

By Bernard Condon
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The stock market needs to see a therapist.

Temperamental, flighty, prone to violent mood swings, the market took investors on a wild ride this week. From one day to the next, even within a few hours, stocks swung from despair to optimism, deep losses to big gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average plummeted 460 points at one point Wednesday, but pared most of those losses by the end of the trading day. On Friday, it surged 263 points. The difference between the Dow's high and the low for the week was the largest in nearly three years.

Investors seemed buffeted from every corner: Plunging

oil prices, signs of a slowdown in Europe and fear of Ebola on the downside; strong corporate earnings and reassuring jobs market figures on the upside.

Here's a look at the factors driving the manic trading, and the outlook for next week:

European recession?

Investors are afraid that Europe could slip into another recession, perhaps deeper than the one it emerged from just a year ago, and the slowdown could cut into U.S. corporate profits.

The bad news from Europe started piling up earlier this month. Germany, the region's biggest economy, said that manufacturing output fell. The International Monetary Fund cut its estimate of 2014 growth in the eurozone to an anemic 0.8 percent.

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Just a note of thanks for all you did for our mother. You both have a gift of comfort for families during a very difficult time. You also have a great gift in helping families as well. We were so pleased with how mom looked. You allowed us a for better last memory of how mom looked, for that we will always be grateful!
God Bless you both!
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