

OPINION

COMMENTARY | STATE SEN. TOM O'MARA, R-BIG FLATS

How are they treated and appreciated?

The memorials — the words and the places of remembrance — are essential. But so are the actions that must always go hand in hand with the tributes.

Or, in a thought commonly attributed to our nation's first President, George Washington, "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."

Recent Memorial Day observances here at home, and across our state and nation, were poignant expressions of appreciation for the bravery, sacrifice and service of veterans. Appreciation, as noted in the phrase above, represents a fundamental

part of this equation. The other key part is how veterans are treated.

With that in mind, the state Senate recently approved a comprehensive legislative package addressing a range of concerns and challenges facing New York's active military men and women, and veterans. The legislative action came during the same week that the Senate inducted nearly 60 New York State veterans into the Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame, including long-time Steuben County farmer and World War II veteran Warren A. Thompson. We valued the opportunity to salute Warren as a symbol of the "Greatest Generation." I will also take this chance to commend the Bath VA caretakers who accompanied Warren to Albany for the induction ceremony and who, day in and

day out, deliver, in outstanding fashion, their own commitment to our veterans' well-being.

The measures the Senate acted on seek to recognize the sacrifices of America's active military and veterans — to pay better attention to how they are treated. Our military men and women have made and continue to make a remarkable commitment to serve this nation. In return, we have a duty and responsibility to take actions and provide the programs and services they need and deserve.

The legislation focuses on employment, health care, home ownership, tax relief and a range of other economic, educational, public safety and government services challenges and concerns, including measures to:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Skating event a success

To the Editor,
A public skate with the Elmira firefighters in March raised \$350 for Chemung River Friends. The firefighters, members of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 709, hosted the event at the First Arena in Elmira to thank the community for its support and to give citizens — especially children — a chance to meet these real-life heroes and learn more about what they do. The funds will be used to purchase new life vests for a River Friends program that gives free life vests to children who need them. The two-hour event was free, and the firefighters asked the public to make voluntary donations — they totaled \$350 — and were recently given to Chemung River Friends. The firefighters and River Friends have partnered for several years to improve river safety and recreation. It's

public support and partnerships, like this one with the firefighters, that helps River Friends to continue to improve our rivers and trails, and demonstrates the community's belief in what we are doing.

We thank the firefighters and the good people who skated and donated.

Jim Pfiffer, Executive Director, Chemung River Friends

Issue of second-hand smoke

To the Editor,
Over the last decade there has been a significant change in New Yorkers' expectations regarding exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke.

We are no longer exposed to tobacco smoke where we work, eat and shop. What about where we live? Living in a smoke-free home is a choice everyone should have.

New Yorkers are well

aware that living in a smoke-free home is one of the best things they can do for their family's health and to protect their property; the vast majority do not allow smoking in the home.

Unfortunately, for residents of apartments and other multi-unit housing, the decision to have a smoke-free home is not theirs alone. For many people living in multi-unit housing complexes, breathing second-hand smoke from neighboring apartments has become a real health problem.


In addition to the obvious health benefits of reducing exposure to second-hand smoke, smoke-free housing can be a good business decision for complex owners and managers.

According to a community survey of property owners in 6 upstate NY counties, 97% of landlords who have a no-smoking policy are satisfied with their decision. It's clear why. No-smoking policies attract tenants, minimize maintenance costs, reduce fire risks and decrease the potential for legal liability due to non-smoking tenants' exposure to secondhand smoke.

The Southern Tier Tobacco Awareness Coalition (STTAC) is a valuable resource for tenants and apartment managers. STTAC can provide consultation and policy development services and signage free of charge.

They can be reached at 607-737-2858 or sarahrobins@co.chemung.ny.us.

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OBITUARIES



Donald L. Ordway Jr.

Donald L. Ordway, Jr., age 71, of Addison, NY passed away suddenly on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at home. Donald was born June 9, 1946 in Corning, NY to Donald L. and Margaret L. (Quill) Ordway Sr.

Donald proudly served his country from 1966 to 1974 in the Marines.

After his honorable service with the military, Don moved his family to Michigan where he worked for Masco (Metaldyne). He happily retired from Storflex in New York.

He is survived by 4 children: Marlene L. Ordway of Dearborn, MI, Donald L. Ordway III (Laurie) of Addison, NY, Heather R. Powell (Chris) of Dearborn Heights, MI, Crystal D. Ordway (Rick) of Lincoln Park, MI; 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters: Margaret Holton of Painted Post, NY, Lawrence Ordway (Helen) of Bakersfield, CA, Barbara Vargeson of Painted Post, NY, Harold Ordway (Adie), Campbell, NY; and several nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents he was predeceased by his brother, Franklin Ordway of Addison, NY.

Family and friends are invited to call at Carpenters Funeral Home, 14 E. Pulteney St. Corning, NY on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 from 10:00am-12:00pm

and 4:00pm-6:00pm. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday at 11:30am. Burial will immediately follow in Bath National Cemetery.

Kind words or fond memories of Donald can be offered to his family at www.CarpentersFuneralHome.com.



Robert Wilcox

Rochester/Bath NY – April 1956 – December 21, 2017. Bob was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Barbara Wilcox. He is survived by his children Justin, Stephanie (Max Gifford), and Ayrtan (Giselle Morales), ex-wife and good friend Cheryl Wilcox, sister Lin Wilcox, brother Michael (Laurie) Wilcox, and many good friends and relatives. Bob/Bobby/Ballsy worked at Babcock Ladder and Ingersoll Rand before moving to Rochester and having a career in the tool and die trade. He was a life-long Steelers and NASCAR fan. He will always be remembered for being a ball buster, having a “wise” comeback, and building great bonfires.

We will be celebrating Bobby's life on Saturday, June 23, at Mossy Bank Park in Bath, from 12 to 5. Please come with a special memory to share. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bobby's memory can be made to, Finger Lakes SPCA 72 Cameron St Bath NY 14810 or to the comfort care home where he spent his last days, Pines of Peace 2378 Ridge Road Ontario NY 14519.

DEATH NOTICES

George A. Bliss, Jr.

George A. Bliss, Jr., 66, of Bath, died Friday, June 1, 2018 at The Vincent House in Wayland.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are with H.P. Smith & Son Funeral Home.

Anna M. McCormick

Anna M. McCormick, 92, formerly of Canisteo, died Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at Elderwood of Hornell.

Calling hours are 2-5 p.m. today at H.P. Smith & Son Funeral Home, 29 East Main Street, Canisteo.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Brendan's Catholic Church in Almond.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Churchyard Cemetery in Rexville.

David Michael McGrain

David Michael McGrain “Mikey,” 68, of Elmira, died Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at St. Joseph's Skilled Nursing Unit in Elmira.

Per his wishes, there will be no calling hours or services.

Arrangements are with Lynch Funeral Home.

Joseph William Mulcahy

Joseph William Mulcahy, 90, of Lawrenceville, Pa, died Friday, June 1, 2018.

Calling hours are 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 18 St. James Street, Mansfield, Pa.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Arrangements are with Buckheit Funeral Chapel and Crematory.

Marjorie M. “Marge” King

Marjorie M. “Marge” King, 75, of Painted Post, died Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at Robert Packer Hospital of Sayre, Pa. Per her wishes, there be no formal services. Arrangements are with Carpenter's Funeral Home.

Helen M. Linsler

Helen M. Linsler, 96, of Addison, died Thursday, May 31, 2018 at Corning Hospital. Calling hours are 3-6 p.m. today at Carpenter-Flint Funeral Home, 10 Wall Street, Addison. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 51 Maple Street, Addison. Burial will be at noon Tuesday at Holy Cross Cemetery, Ellicottville.

Lucille A. Royer

Lucille A. Royer, 90, formerly of Addison, died Friday, June 1, 2018 at Arnot Ogden Medical Center. Calling hours are 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at Carpenter-Flint Funeral Home, 10 Wall Street, Addison. Service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Addison Rural Cemetery.

Sharon A. Olson

Sharon A. Olson, 57, of Horseheads, died Saturday, June 1, 2018 at home.

Calling hours are 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Higher Hope Church, 356 Maple St., Big Flats.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Arrangements are with Lynch Funeral Home.

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International stocks: Time for a closer look?

Traditionally, American investors have primarily invested their money in stocks and bonds of U.S. companies. That approach has not only worked well over the long-term, it has also been successful during the past several years in particular. Our domestic stock market is near record highs and interest rates are near historic lows. But where do we go from here?

Many investors are tempted to lock in some of their gains by reducing their exposure to these markets, but what alternatives to traditional stocks and bonds should they consider? One option is to take a closer look at the international stock market.

If you're like a lot of your fellow citizens who have invested in stocks or stock mutual funds over the years, chances are you have mainly purchased holdings in American companies

and avoided those based elsewhere. It may not have been an intentional bias, either. Many foreign markets were lacking in transparency, efficiency and liquidity, and investing in such markets was not something many investors felt comfortable doing. Today, however, to a large degree, that's no longer the case. Over the past decade, many new mutual funds and exchange-traded products have been introduced that provide easy and efficient exposure to foreign stocks and stock markets.

Investors can take on exposure to international markets by buying individual stocks in the form of American Depository Receipts that trade on U.S. stock exchanges. These are dollar-denominated securities that represent ownership of the foreign shares. However, just like domestic securities, buying only two or three individual positions does

not provide much in the way of diversification.

Products that offer single-country or multi-country exposure are more readily available these days. The multi-country products include groupings based on such factors as geographical location, the market caps of companies in the basket, the maturity of the home economy, or a combination of all these elements. Foreign markets are often subdivided into categories known as “developed” and “emerging” markets.

As is the case with products in the U.S. market, the securities and funds that track one or more foreign markets cover a spectrum of asset classes from conservative to aggressive, as well as from income-oriented to those with little yield, if any.

If international markets are a new area to you, a qualified financial consultant who understands foreign

investments, and the role they play in a portfolio, can help you decide if investing in international markets is suitable for you, and how to invest in these markets.

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State attorney general races gain attention

By Geoff Mulvihill
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The Associated Press

DENVER — The top priority for Democrats pushing back against President Donald Trump is gaining control of at least one branch of Congress this year, but they're also focused on a pivotal seat lower on the ballot — state attorney general.

The top state law enforcement position comes with a political weapon Democrats have wielded 47 times since Trump took office: They have sued the administration as a way to halt policies they regard as unconstitutional or otherwise harmful. Attorneys general have gone to court over immigration, the environment, birth control and internet regulation, among other issues.

That's a key reason the races are starting to gain attention and money.

“No one is above the law, not even the president of the United States,” said Sean Rankin, executive director of the Democratic Attorneys General Association. “That's the cornerstone message.”

Yet for all the pushback against Trump administration policies, how far to take the message of resistance is causing a split in some Democratic primary contests. Some candidates say opposing Trump is important but should not be all-consuming.

The rift has made for some spirited Democratic campaigns.

In Colorado, first-time candidate Phil Weiser, a law school dean, explains in



In this May 24, 2018, photo, one of two Democrats seeking the party's nomination to run for attorney general in Colorado, Joe Salazar, right, greets a supporter during a fundraising event in Denver. [AP PHOTO/DAVID ZALUBOWSKI]

a TV commercial that he's running for state attorney general because of Trump. The ad shows the former Obama administration official as preoccupied with ways to hold the president's policies in check, even taking notes about it while hiking with his family in the Rocky Mountains.

“The reality is we have a federal government right now that is disregarding the rule of law,” Weiser said in an interview.

Inside an urban winery in a former warehouse surrounded by auto repair shops, state Rep. Joe Salazar, who also is seeking the office, took a job at Weiser last month. He told about 30 supporters that anyone inspired to run by opposition to Trump “must have lived a very privileged life.”

Salazar, a civil rights lawyer endorsed by Sen. Bernie Sanders, said it's a given that either Democrat would take on the president.

“That's the low-hanging fruit,” he said. “We're all

going to be joining lawsuits or initiating lawsuits against the administration.”

But he said he decided to run for different reasons — to spread economic benefits, protect the environment and take actions that help children.

Whichever Democrat wins Colorado's June 26 primary will face a Republican who says that going after the president is not what an attorney general should be doing.

“They're looking for an excuse to bring Donald Trump into this race,” George Brauchler, a district attorney, said in an interview. “They're going to try to convert this AG's office into a political ambulance-chaser.”

Attorneys general of both parties have made suing the federal administration a bigger part of their job in recent years.

Marquette University political science researcher Paul Nolette counted 62 multistate lawsuits over

eight years against policies of former President Barack Obama, largely over what Republicans saw as federal overreach. That included one opposing Obama's health care overhaul just minutes after it was signed into law.

Texas Republican Greg Abbott, now the state's governor, repeatedly described his job this way: “I go into the office, I sue the federal government and I go home.” But Republicans bristle when Democrats sound a similar note.

The Republican Attorneys General Association has a website criticizing Michigan Democrat Dana Nessel on a litany of topics, including telling supporters that she would sue Trump, who carried the state in 2016, “all day, every day.”

That message worked for Nessel when she won the nomination at a state Democratic convention this spring over a union-backed former U.S. attorney appointed by Obama.

Nessel told The Associated Press that voters want an attorney general to protect the state from federal policies that could hurt them. For example, she said Michigan's large Arab population is vulnerable to Trump's restrictions on travel from certain Muslim-majority countries and his administration's plan to add a citizenship question to the 2020 U.S. Census.

“There's an eagerness to use the Michigan attorney general to fight back,” said Nessel, who had the backing of Sanders activists during the party convention.

O'MARA

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- Create a task force to study and improve the job market for veterans. The task force, which would be comprised of stakeholders from state government, the private sector, and institutions of higher education, would hold annual public hearings and make recommendations on how the state assists military veterans find and maintain employment;
- Create a certified service-disabled veteran-owned business enterprise development and lending program to help provide

financial and technical assistance to disabled veterans who have started a business in New York;

- Encourage public employers to hire military service veterans by establishing a “Hire a Vet” program to provide grants to municipalities employing a veteran;
- Help service-related disabled veterans afford a home by giving those with a VA disability rating of 40 percent or higher a preference in applications to the state's Affordable Home Ownership Development Program;
- Establish a Veterans' Gerontological Advisory Committee to help address the needs of a state with

the second-highest veteran population in America, and an older veteran population whose needs and problems pervade multiple geriatrics and gerontology disciplines. At no cost to the taxpayers, the advisory committee will be able to provide crucial recommendations to the Director of the state Office for the Aging on policies, programs, services and trends affecting the aging veteran population;

- Direct the state Division of Veterans' Affairs and other state agencies to study and address the alarming trend of homeless persons who are veterans in New York, as well as the amount of

homeless veterans who are also parents; and

- Establish the “Veterans' Memorials Preservation Act” to help protect veterans' memorials throughout the state.

Earlier this year, the Senate also restored significant funding in the 2018-2019 state budget for veterans' initiatives and increased funding for numerous programs that support veterans and their families.

Let us all hope that appreciation and treatment always remain guiding forces whenever and wherever decisions affecting America's veterans are made.