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**NATION/WORLD**

**Worker finds \$15K in middle of road**

UPPER DARBY, Pa. — A suburban Philadelphia transit worker has found a bag loaded with over \$15,000 in the middle of a road and turned it in to police.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reports that Bob Tracey was driving home from work Monday night when he spotted the black bag.

Tracey says he thought it was a purse. But when he opened it, he saw dozens of crisp \$100 and \$20 bills.

The 61-year-old Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority worker immediately called police.

Upper Darby Superintendent of Police Michael Chitwood says "to turn that kind of cash in" makes Tracey "truly a good Samaritan."

It's unclear who lost the money.

Tracey says his wife assured him he did the right thing, even though he was \$15,000 richer "for about a half hour."

— The Associated Press

**LOCAL**

**Order of Eastern Star meets Monday**

HORNELL — Ivanhoe Chapter No. 160, Order of Eastern Star will meet on Monday, March 14. There will be dinner for members at the Italian Villa at 6 p.m. Reservations are required; call secretary Jeanette Reed or Matron Linda Mehlenbacher to make reservations. The meeting will then be held at 7:30 p.m. at United Presbyterian Church, 150 Main St., Hornell. Please use the entrance on Church St. Linda Mehlenbacher and Patron Mehlenbacher will preside over a summoned meeting of all members. St. Patrick's Day refreshments following the meeting will be provided by Matt Mehlenbacher.

**Renewed push for highway funding**

ALBANY — A bipartisan group of 130 state legislators, organized by State Senator Tom O'Mara (R-Big Flats) and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (R-Corning) and representing more than 60 percent of the Legislature's membership, Wednesday joined county and town highway superintendents and other local leaders from across New York to call for increased state support for local roads, bridges and culverts.

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ANDOVER BUDGET ISSUES

**JUDGE QUESTIONS VILLAGE'S MOTIVES**

Heckman says if Village Court goes, so will police department

By Brian Quinn  
Daily Reporter

ANDOVER — The village justice whose village court will be eliminated if Andover voters OK a proposition Tuesday said

he's had virtually no communication with the village on the proposal.

Village Justice Steven Heckman said, however, that his main concern is that voters know if Village Court goes, the Andover

Police Department may be next to be dissolved. This is the opposite of what Mayor David Truax and village trustees said in a story in Wednesday's Daily Reporter. The village has said it would save \$10,400 in the 2015-16 budget by abolishing Village Court. Cases would be transferred to Town Court. Voting is

between noon and 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Andover Town Hall, 22 E. Greenwood St.

"The village of Andover is in a tight spot financially," Heckman said Wednesday, but added, "What they're doing (with the proposal to abolish Village Court) isn't what it seems. The Village Court

has cost them hardly any money for years. I've been doing this for 12 years. Most of the time, it's a positive financial situation.

"The important thing, and what the people in the village are going to want to know is, this isn't about the court. It's about getting rid

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HOMETOWN INNOVATION

**A STR8 OUT HIT IS IN THE CARDS**



Str8 Eight players compete in the game's annual tournament in 2013 at Terra Cotta Coffee House in Alfred, the site that also hosts monthly tournaments on the 8th at 8 p.m. PHOTO FROM STR8 EIGHT FACEBOOK PAGE

Game invented in Alfred gains popularity

By Jason Jordan  
The Evening Tribune

ALFRED — Many people may know Peter McClain from his role on the Alfred Village Board or in his capacity as Director of Sponsored Programs and Control Services at Alfred State College, but not everyone knows of his secondary identity as an inventor.

In 2010, a dream prompted McClain to invent Str8 Eight, a card game that has become very popular locally.

"It's something I dreamed up. I was in the middle of a very vivid dream, and while I was sleeping, I was playing a board game where you connect all the intersecting points on the multiplication tables, so when I woke I up I was like 'I want to play that game!'" he recalled.

Six years later, the "dream" game has become so popular that Terra Cotta Coffee House in Alfred hosts a tournament on the eighth day of each month,

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Decks of Str8 Eight cards each bear the purple and gold of Alfred University, alma mater of inventor Peter McClain, and proudly proclaim where the game was invented. PHOTO PROVIDED

SCHUMER PROPOSAL:

Grants for lead testing in schools

In Hornell, officials say 'rest easy'

By Jason Jordan  
The Evening Tribune

"Flint may have been just the tip of the iceberg," Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) told reporters on Wednesday,



Schumer

when he detailed his new bill that would allow schools use of \$100 million in federal grants under the Environmental Protection Agency to test their water supplies.

The legislation is designed to prevent widespread lead poisoning like the one uncovered in the Michigan city at the end of 2015.

"Everyone knows about Flint, Mich., but we also know in New York and around the country that Flint is a far cry from the only place with lead finding its way into our water supply," the senator said. "Wherever there is lead there is a risk of it seeping into our water supply at unsafe levels."

Installing lead piping was not outlawed until 1986, leaving many homeowners at an elevated risk of lead exposure.

"A vast majority of our water supply in New York passes through pipes laid before 1986," Schumer said. "So we've got trouble."

However, most water sources are treated with anti-corrosive chemicals so metals from the pipes don't get into the water. Despite treatment, some upstate communities are finding elevated levels of lead in their water.

"The Ithaca School District found elevated levels of lead at two of their elementary schools, and that's really troubling because children under six face the biggest risk," he said.

Children under six may face learning and developmental disabilities as a result of their exposure, unlike adults whose most common symptoms are a rash, hair loss and fatigue.

"The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) says that even low blood-lead levels are a major concern for children under six years of age," said the senator.

Water samples cost an

SEE TESTING, A6

ALFRED-ALMOND CENTRAL SCHOOL

Students to present 'timely story'

'Fiddler on the Roof' opens tonight

By Ryan Papaserge  
The Evening Tribune

ALMOND — A group of Alfred-Almond students will take 2016 audiences back to 1905 Russia, a tumultuous time, with performances of "Fiddler on the Roof" starting tonight.

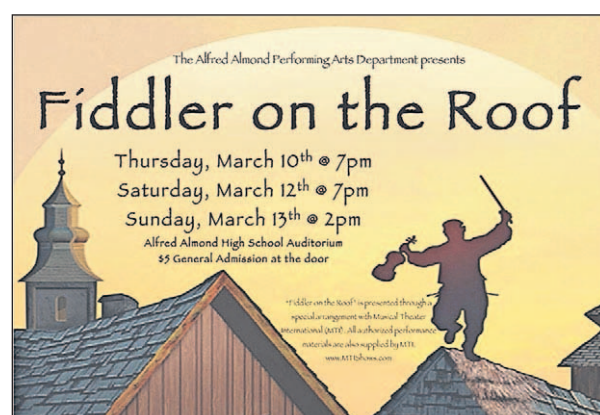
Showtime for the musical, which is being

presented by the Alfred-Almond Performing Arts Department, is set for 7 p.m. in the Alfred-Almond High School Auditorium. Performances will also be held Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tickets for the performances are \$5 general admission at the door.

"Fiddler on the Roof" deals with Tevye (Jesse Cressby) and his struggles to continue his Jewish

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The Alfred-Almond Performing Arts Department's presentation of "Fiddler on the Roof" opens tonight at 7 p.m. inside the Alfred-Almond High School Auditorium. PHOTO PROVIDED

# LOCAL & STATE

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## STATE BRIEFS

### NY Senate GOP unveils \$3.5B state income tax cut plan

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The Republican leaders of the New York Senate want to cut middle-class income taxes by \$3.5 billion as part of a larger tax relief proposal that would also help seniors and small businesses.

The proposal unveiled Wednesday faces challenges in the Assembly, where Democratic leaders support raising taxes on millionaires while giving middle- and lower-class taxpayers more modest relief.

When fully phased in the Senate plan would reduce income taxes for 5 million middle-class taxpayers by 25 percent. Seniors would receive \$275 million in relief and small businesses would get another \$494 million in new exemptions.

Senate Leader John Flanagan of Long Island says lower taxes would benefit average New Yorkers and the state's entire economy.

The proposal now becomes a part of ongoing negotiations over Gov. Andrew Cuomo's \$145-billion budget plan.

### NY man guilty in fatal shooting of gay man

NEW YORK (AP) — A man charged with shooting a gay man in New York City after taunting him on the street has been found guilty of murder as a hate crime.

A Manhattan jury convicted Elliot Morales on Wednesday in the 2013 death of Mark Carson.

He faces up to 30 years in prison when he is sentenced.

Witnesses testified at Morales' trial that he shouted anti-gay slurs at Carson and his roommate before firing a fatal shot when the men confronted him.

Morales, who represented himself, argued that the shooting couldn't have been a hate crime because he is bisexual.

New York's hate crime law doesn't say attackers need to be of a different ethnicity or sexuality than their victim.

### Cops identify armed man fatally shot by SWAT team

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Police have identified the man who was fatally shot by a Rochester SWAT team sniper during an armed standoff earlier this week.

Officials on Wednesday say 49-year-old Phillip Vitullo of Rochester was identified through an autopsy conducted by the Monroe County medical examiner's office.

Police were called to an apartment building on Lake Avenue early Monday morning for a report of a man brandishing a shotgun.

Officers closed off the area around the building and a SWAT team was called in. Police say Vitullo fired at least twice from inside an apartment around 6 a.m.

Police officials say he was shot once by a SWAT team member nearly three hours later as he leaned out of an apartment window with a shotgun.

No one else was injured.

## TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

# Legislators lead drive for CHIPS funding

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In a joint statement, O'Mara and Palmesano said,

"Across-the-board parity in transportation funding is a top budget priority this year. Governor Cuomo and legislative leaders will be deciding how best to allocate billions of taxpayer dollars for upstate and downstate transportation infrastructure and we want to make sure that local roads, bridges and culverts throughout the state receive an equal and fair share of state assistance through CHIPS and other investments. The improvement and repair of locally maintained roads and bridges in every community across the state are going unmet year after year even though local motorists keep delivering billions of dollars in taxes and fees to the state every year that are supposed to be dedicated to maintaining local roads and bridges.

Local highway superintendents representing every region of the state have been in Albany this week as part of their annual "Local Roads Matter" advocacy campaign.



New York State lawmakers, local highway officials and local leaders hold the "Local Roads Matter" banner as officials call for increasing state funding for highways, roads and bridges. PHOTO SUBMITTED

## SUBWAY ADS

# Muslim comedy ads go up in NYC

By Karen Matthews  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A series of humorous ads promoting a film about Muslims are appearing in New York City subway stations five months after a federal judge ruled the ads should go up.

The two comedians who directed the film and created the ad campaign say they are thrilled that subway riders can finally see the advertisements, which poke fun at negative stereotypes of Muslims.

"The narrative that's generally out there is that Muslims are dusty people wandering in the desert wielding weapons," said Negin Farsad, one of the comedian/directors. "We wanted to give at least one other image of Muslims."

Farsad's and Dean Obeidallah's 2013 film "The

Muslims Are Coming!" follows a group of Muslim comedians as they travel around the U.S.

The ads the two comedians created to promote the film were rejected last year by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which operates the subway system, on the ground that they violated its ban on political ads.

But Judge Colleen McMahon ruled in October that the ads were not primarily political.

The six ads started going up in subway stations around the city on Monday.

One ad reads "Those Terrorists Are All Muslim." The word "Muslim" is crossed out and replaced with "Nutjobs."

Another says: "Muslims hate terrorism! They also hate: People who tell you they went to an Ivy League

school within 10 seconds of meeting them ... When the deli guy doesn't put enough schmear on your bagel ... Hipsters who wear winter hats in the summer ... the pickling of everything ..."

Farsad said it's unfortunate it took a court battle to get the ads up, but the film they are promoting is still available for download and on DVD.

She and Obeidallah said the ads' lighthearted message is more timely than ever, with Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump proposing a ban on Muslims entering the United States.

"There's fear within our community of what Trump would do if he became president," Obeidallah said.

Ortiz said the ads have been revised to state more plainly that they are promoting the film.

## CAN THEY DO THAT?

# Trump's Great Wall faces hurdles

By Matthew Lee  
and Alicia A. Caldwell  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump promises to build a great wall along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexican border and make Mexico pay for it, but it will be a difficult pledge to fulfill.

Can he do it? Sure, a wall can be built, but it's not nearly as simple as Trump says it will be.

Constructing the wall, now a signature applause line at Trump campaign rallies, is a complicated endeavor, fraught with difficulties. Numerous bureaucratic, diplomatic, environmental, monetary and logistical hurdles must be overcome.

And forcing the Mexican government to foot the bill won't be easy, especially since its president has flat-out refused.

During President George W. Bush's second term, Congress authorized \$1.2 billion to build several hundred miles of double-layer fencing but

the government faced myriad obstacles.

Private landowners objecting to buyout offers. There were environmental concerns and lawsuits.

Some 650 miles of border fencing now sits on the border, including roughly 15-foot tall steel fencing in many urban areas that is designed to stop or slow border crossers on foot and vehicle barriers, which are shorter steel posts filled with cement and planted in the ground. Just getting that built was a challenge and a new, taller wall like the one Trump wants would almost certainly face as much, if not more, opposition.

One of the biggest hurdles

is a 1970 boundary treaty governing structures along the Rio Grande and Colorado River at the Mexican border.

It requires that structures cannot disrupt the flow of the rivers, which flow across Texas and 24 miles in Arizona and define the U.S.-Mexican border, according to The International Boundary and Water Commission, a joint U.S.-Mexican agency that administers the treaty.

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## POLICE REPORTS

### Canisteo Village Police Department

Zaria D. Clark, 17, of Canisteo was arrested Monday and charged with second-degree harassment and unlawful possession of marijuana. Clark was issued appearance tickets to appear in Canisteo Village Court at a later date.

### Hornell Fire Department

Firefighters responded to a 911 call for an automatic alarm at 30 Seneca St., the site of the Arc of Steuben, Tuesday at 2:56 p.m. Upon arrival, firefighters found no detectors in activation. It was determined that the alarm was set off by National Fuel crews working outside. Firefighters checked the entire building and nothing was found. The system was reset.

Firefighters returned to the Arc of Steuben for an automatic alarm Tuesday at 5:25 p.m. Upon arrival, firefighters found no fire but a detector in the back hallway was in alarm. The detector was taken down and cleaned. The panel was reset.

Firefighters made another trip to the Arc of Steuben for an automatic alarm Wednesday at 11:25 a.m. Upon arrival, firefighters found no smoke or fire showing but dust in the main office detector had set off the alarm. The detector was taken down and cleaned. The system was reset.

### Hornell Police Department

Colleen Wilson, 45,

of Hornell was charged Tuesday with issuing a bad check.

### Wellsville Village Police Department

Adam C. Koester, 32, of Dansville was arrested Tuesday on a bench warrant issued by Wellsville Village Court for failure to appear. Koester was transported from the Livingston County Jail to Wellsville. Koester was processed and arraigned in Wellsville Village Court. He was committed to Allegany County Jail for 89 days or until his fine of \$256.20 is paid in full.

Wayne E. Becker, 53, of Wellsville was arrested Tuesday and charged with first-degree sexual abuse. The charge stems from an incident that allegedly took place on East Hanover Street in February 2010. Becker was processed and arraigned in Wellsville Village Court. He was committed to Allegany County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash bail. Becker is due back in Wellsville Village Court on March 15.

### Livingston County Drug Task Force

Brandon I. Mountzouros, 24, of Dansville was arrested Tuesday on a superior court warrant. Mountzouros was charged with third-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance and third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance. Mountzouros was arraigned in Livingston County Court and released to the custody of the Steuben County Sheriff's Office where he is currently being held on unrelated charges. The Dansville Police Department assisted with the arrest.

## Good Home Cooked Meal Without The Country Drive

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