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**113-year-old N.J.
woman is oldest
American**

PITTSSTOWN, N.J. — A 113-year-old New Jersey woman is the new holder of the title of oldest American.

Adele Dunlap became the country's oldest person earlier this month following the death of Goldie Michelson, of Worcester, Massachusetts, The Record newspaper reported.

She also is the 10th oldest person in the world, according to the Los Angeles-based Gerontology Research Group, which tracks supercentenarians, people 110 or older.

— *The Associated Press*

**Mother's warning
doesn't save
nightclub victim**

FORT MYERS, Fla. — With the Orlando massacre still fresh on everyone's mind, the mother of a young man who was slain at a nightclub early Monday had warned her son about what to do if there were a shooting: "hit the floor, find a table."

But when gunfire erupted at the Club Blu parking lot, 18-year-old Stefan Strawder didn't have anywhere to hide. He was killed along with a 14-year-old boy, and 17 other people ranging in age from 12 to 27 were wounded during a swimsuit-themed party for teens.

"I told him to look for all the exits if any kind of shooting would go off, to hit the floor, find a table and get out of the way ... because I thought about the people in Orlando. That was a big thing," Strawder's mother, Stephanie White, told The Associated Press.

Since the shooting happened in the parking lot, "He didn't have that chance," she said. **Page A4.**

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**Red Cross calls
blood shortage
critical**

ELMIRA — While thousands of people from across the country responded to the emergency request for blood and platelet donations issued by the American Red Cross in early July, a critical blood shortage remains.

The Red Cross urges eligible donors to give now to help ensure blood is available throughout the rest of the summer to meet patient needs.

At times, blood and platelets are being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in, which impacts the ability to rebuild the blood supply. Right now, the Red Cross has less than a five-day blood supply on hand. For a listing of donations sites, please turn to **page A5.**



\$2.5 BILLION CONTRACT

Jobs full steam ahead

Alstom, Amtrak partnership to be finalized this week

By Jason Jordan
The Evening Tribune

HORNELL — Nearly a year after being named the preferred partner in a landmark contract, Hornell-based rail manufacturer Alstom reportedly is just days away from signing a transformative deal.

On Monday morning, Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) announced that the Amtrak Board of Directors is expected to vote this week to support finalization of negotiations with Alstom to provide new Next Generation High-Speed trains for Amtrak's Acela Express



Griffin

service as part of a \$2.5 billion program.

The contract is expected to create over 750 jobs, including 400 jobs directly at Alstom in Hornell, and an additional 350 or more across New York State at subcontracting



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companies.

Schumer announced that final federal financing approvals have been secured, clearing the way for execution of an agreement between Amtrak and Alstom.

"Amtrak and Alstom signing on the dotted line

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In this June 2015 photo, Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) makes his initial trip to Hornell's Alstom in support of the company's position in contract procurement with Amtrak. A second trip to the plant in Sept. 2015 was made to announce Alstom as Amtrak's preferred partner to build their new line of Acela Express trains. A third visit may be upcoming to announce that Alstom has been awarded the \$2.5 billion contract in the near future. FILE PHOTO

LOCAL WEATHER

Severe storms slam area



Hornell Fire Department Captain Brian Tingley surveys the damage after a partial wall collapse at 10 Cottage Ave. in the city Monday afternoon. PHOTOS BY RYAN PAPASERGE/THE EVENING TRIBUNE

Monday storms cause power outages, building damage

By Ryan Papaserge
The Evening Tribune

HORNELL — Wicked summer weather moved through the area Monday, leaving power outages and damaged homes in its wake.

A severe thunderstorm late Monday morning was responsible for knocking wires down on North Main Street Extension, in turn causing power outages at the Hornell Plaza and rendering traffic lights near that area out of service.

The North Hornell Fire Department was called to the scene at 10:52 a.m. after Shawn Day, who lives near where the wires were knocked down, contacted 911 when wires



A NYSEG crew works to repair a power line on North Main Street Extension Monday afternoon.

were arcing near his home at 7378 N. Main St. Ext.

"We called 911 and they sent North Hornell Fire Department," Day said. "Almost a half-hour later they send an ambulance with one of their personnel. He went over and

sprayed it. The fireman said he's lucky he didn't get killed with the type of extinguisher it was."

Another call was made to 911 and the Hornell Fire Department was authorized to come to the scene and provide mutual

aid. Once power was off, firefighters made sure the area where the wire was arcing was cooled before leaving the scene.

Day told The Evening Tribune that it was "just a matter of time" before the fire caused by the wires would do damage to his home. While he felt emergency response could've been quicker, he was relieved that issues were limited to utilities that were affected.

"Somebody's looking out for us and it didn't catch the house," Day said. "Now my landline phone has to be replaced, we've got to replace the gas line because the electric went so far down into

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DNC DAY 1

First lady electrifies convention with speech

By Julie Pace and Ken Thomas
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Seeking to bridge deep Democratic divides, Bernie Sanders robustly embraced his former rival Hillary Clinton Monday night as a champion for the same economic causes that enlivened his supporters, signaling it was time for them, too, to rally behind her in the campaign against Republican Donald Trump.

"Any objective observer will conclude that — based on her ideas and her leadership — Hillary Clinton must become the next president of the United States," he declared in a headlining address on the opening night of the Democratic convention.

Sanders joined a high-wattage lineup of speakers, including first lady Michelle Obama who made a forceful, impassioned case for the Democratic nominee. Mrs. Obama's address all but wiped away earlier tumult in the convention hall that had exposed lingering tensions between Clinton and Sanders supporters.

Mrs. Obama, who has spent nearly eight years in the White House avoiding political fights, took numerous swipes at Trump, all while avoiding mentioning him by name.

"This election and every election is about who will have the power to shape our children for the next four or eight years of their lives," she said. "There is only one person I trust with that responsibility, only one person I believe is truly qualified to be president of the United States, and that

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Gold	1,319.30	▼ 3.80
Silver	19.615	▼ .042
Platinum	1,085.00	▼ .60
Copper	2.2160	▼ .0180
Oil	43.13	▼ .06

MARKET MOVERS

■ **Kimberly-Clark Corp.:** Down \$2.04 to \$132.59 — The maker of Huggies diapers and Kleenex tissue disclosed weak revenue as the dollar remained strong.

BRIEF CASE

Ryanair to shift focus from UK

DUBLIN — Ryanair, Europe's biggest short-haul airline, plans to reduce winter services at its main London hub and pursue growth at other bases because of weakened British economic prospects following the country's vote to leave the EU.

CEO Michael O'Leary made the announcement Monday as part of Ryanair's first-quarter earnings, which underscored the company's unrelenting growth and profit increases.

AMC makes final bid for Carmike

NEW YORK — AMC Theatres is making its final bid for Carmike Cinemas Inc., offering to buy the movie theater operator in an approximately \$1.2 billion deal including debt.

AMC, which was bought by Chinese conglomerate Dalian Wanda Group in 2012, made an initial offer of \$1.1 billion for Carmike in March.

—The Associated Press

TECH VERIZON BUYS YAHOO

The end of an era



Marissa Mayer, president and chief executive officer at Yahoo, listens to a reporter's question during a press conference Feb. 19, 2015, at the Yahoo Inc. Mobile Developer Conference in San Francisco, Calif. BLOOMBERG FILE PHOTO

Once an internet giant, Yahoo sold to Verizon for \$4.83B

By Michael Liedtke and Tali Arbel
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Verizon is buying Yahoo for \$4.83 billion, marking the end of an era for a company that once defined the internet.

It is the second time in as many years that Verizon, extending its digital reach, has snapped up the remnants of a fallen internet star. The nation's largest wireless carrier paid \$4.4 billion for AOL last year.

Yahoo will be rolled into Verizon's AOL operations and CEO Marissa Mayer may be reunited with AOL CEO Tim Armstrong. Both were executives at Google for years and Armstrong tried unsuccessfully to

convince Mayer to combine the two companies when they remained independent.

"We have enormous respect for what Yahoo has accomplished: this transaction is about unleashing Yahoo's full potential," Armstrong said in a printed statement.

Most analysts expect the deal to end the four-year reign of Yahoo's Mayer, who flopped in her attempts to turn around Yahoo.

Mayer, though, told employees in a Monday email that she intends to stay without specifying for how long. "I love Yahoo, and I believe in all of you. It's important to me to see Yahoo into its next chapter," she wrote.

Yahoo Inc., based in Sunnyvale,

California, is parting with its email service and still-popular websites devoted to news, finance and sports in addition to its advertising tools under pressure from shareholders fed up with a steep downturn in the company's revenue during the past eight years.

The slump deepened even as advertisers pour torrents of cash into what is now a \$160 billion market for digital advertising, according to research firm eMarketer.

Most of that money, however, has been flowing toward Google and Facebook, two companies that eclipsed Yahoo during its slide from an online sensation, once valued at \$130 billion, to a dysfunctional also ran.

What does acquisition mean for Yahoo users?

By Mae Anderson
The Associated Press

NEWYORK — If you have a Yahoo email account or regularly visit services like Yahoo Finance and Yahoo Sports, you might be wondering what will happen to the once-venerable brand once Verizon takes over.

It's quite possible that Verizon will retain the Yahoo brand — as a sub-brand like AOL.

Here's what's known — and what isn't — about what Verizon's deal for Yahoo means for you.

THE REST OF THE YEAR

Nothing major will change until the deal closes. It's possible the companies will reveal their intentions sooner, but they might need some time as a single company to figure things out. In an interview with The Associated Press, CEO Marissa Mayer said Verizon has told her it's interested in keeping the Yahoo brand.

WILL MY EMAIL GO AWAY?

In the U.S., Yahoo is the second most-popular email service behind Google's Gmail. It's even more popular in Europe and Latin America. Because of that, it makes sense for Verizon to keep that brand affinity intact, eMarketer analyst Paul Verna said. Look to what Verizon did with AOL as guidance. People with AOL addresses did not have to change their email address.

AMTRAK

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is the final stop in this long journey to bring hundreds of good paying jobs to the economically struggling Southern Tier," said U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer. "This contract is a win-win-win that will improve rail safety, bring jobs to Upstate New York, and improve the Amtrak experience for passengers along the entire Northeast Corridor."

Congressman Tom Reed (R-Corning) joined Schumer in announcing the expected completion of the final step in the federal grant funding process for Alstom in Hornell.

"We join with Senator Schumer in celebrating the near completion of the contract. We care about creating the quality, family-sustaining jobs in our region. This funding recognizes that we have a workforce that is second to none and will have a long lasting positive impact on our community. It's only right that we continue to stand with Alstom, and celebrate this victory for local workers. We will continue to work together with Senator Schumer, the Department of Transportation, Alstom, Amtrak and our team of local leaders and are proud to bring this investment to our region," he said.

Reed also credited a grassroots effort to see the project come to fruition.

"We have been working with a team of local leaders on this issue, stewarding the proposal through the process for years. It's great to see this get to the finish line for the sake of Hornell and so many families in our region," he said.

At the forefront of the local leadership team were Hornell Mayor Shawn Hogan and City of Hornell Industrial Development Agency CEO James W. Griffin.

"We knew it was coming because we met with Alstom officials last week, and they said all the negotiations are done," Hogan said. "The funding has been approved, but it's also awaiting review by the Office of Management and Budget and that has to wind its way through, but all systems are 'go' and we're ecstatic."

Hogan says his confidence never wavered, even as the months of negotiations stretched on.

"One-hundred percent confidence. We knew this was going to happen," he said.

Griffin was also optimistic, but cautiously so.

"I'm thrilled that they've made the announcement, but to the best of my knowledge nothing has been signed or passed," he said. "Until a contract is signed, you don't have a contract. We're anxious for it to happen, but we'll be happier when we have a signed contract."

The IDA chief deflected praise for the project reaching this milestone back to state and federal officials who helped advance the contract.

"We appreciate Senator Schumer and the governor, who have been a driving force, pushing this from every direction," he said.

There are apparently some procedural steps left to take place before the award is officially made, but with financing secured, it's apparent that the process is wrapping up. The Amtrak board is expected to have

its Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing loan approved before voting to award to Alstom this week.

Hogan, who is in Philadelphia for the Democratic National Convention this week, intends to attend the Amtrak board meeting if possible.

State lawmakers also lauded the long-awaited deal.

"The creation of approximately 400 manufacturing jobs at Alstom is unbelievably great and important news for the Southern Tier economy and especially for Alstom's workers and their families together with the entire Hornell area. It's another foundation of manufacturing that's critically important to job growth in Steuben County, across the Southern Tier and all throughout Upstate New York. It's an unbelievable testament to the quality of Alstom and its workforce, as well as to the perseverance of Senator Schumer, Congressman Reed, Mayor Hogan and so many community leaders. Very simply, it's going to make a huge difference for the future of economic development across the Southern Tier," said State Senator Tom O'Mara (R-Big Flats).

Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (R-Corning) said, "It will be a huge and much needed shot in the arm for our local Southern Tier economy. Turning around the regional and statewide economies has to include a revitalization of the manufacturing sector. Creating 400 new manufacturing jobs at Alstom will strengthen the foundation of Southern Tier manufacturing and ensure that the facility will continue to stand

as an economic lifeline for the entire Hornell area. It will be great news for our incredible Alstom employees and their families, and I appreciate the steadfast work of Alstom officials, Senator Schumer, Congressman Reed, Mayor Hogan, Senator O'Mara, Assemblyman Nojay and the team of federal, state and local leaders who provided support every step of the way."

Because of the sensitive nature of the pending deal, Alstom officials could offer no comment on the particulars of the situation.

"We are not at liberty to comment on any details around this procurement," said North American Communications Director for Alstom Pete Barkey.

Statements from Amtrak were also not readily available on Monday.

Alstom currently employs approximately 600 people in Hornell, and over 1,000 people in Upstate NY.

With negotiations finished, Alstom and governing officials can turn focus to the proposed Rail Manufacturing Center for Excellence, which will train workers and subcontractors to work on the high speed technology.

"We're going to have a labor force that needs advanced technical training," Griffin said.

More than \$30 million in New York State's Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI) funding has been designated for that project, with additional private and local investment expected.

"We've been meeting with Alstom officials right along, so that's moving along as are other issues including housing and downtown revitalization," Hogan said.

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is Hillary Clinton."

While Sanders had endorsed Clinton previously, his remarks Monday marked his most vigorous and detailed praise of her qualifications for the presidency. It came at a crucial moment for Clinton's campaign, on the heels of leaked emails suggesting the party had favored the former secretary of state through the primaries despite a vow of neutrality.

WEATHER

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the ground. We're just very lucky."

NYSEG and National Fuel crews worked at the scene to repair the power lines and restore gas to Day's home.

Meanwhile, North Hornell and Arkport firefighters were joined by the Steuben County Sheriff's Office in directing traffic to and from the Hornell Plaza as traffic lights were out of commission.

A Walmart employee told The Evening Tribune that the store had lost power around noon and it was restored at around 2 p.m. The employee said that a backup power system had been running before the outage.

Meanwhile, Wegmans remained open during the outage through the use of a backup generator.

According to assistant store manager Christine Wingerden, the store's prepared foods department and sub shop were limited until power returned at around 2 p.m.

Weather was also deemed to be the cause of

Sanders scored the resignation of party chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz, a nemesis in the primaries, but that wasn't enough to quell the anger of supporters. As the convention opened, they still erupted in chants of "Bernie" and booed Clinton the first several times her name was mentioned. Outside the convention hall, several hundred marched down Philadelphia's sweltering streets with signs carrying messages such as "Never Hillary."

a partial wall collapse at an apartment building on 10 Cottage Ave. The Hornell Fire Department was called to the scene at around 2 p.m. Monday afternoon where bricks could be seen falling from the side of the building.

The City of Hornell Department of Public Works and the Code Enforcement Office was called to the scene as firefighters and DPW employees worked together to barricade the entrance to the building.

NYSEG reported power outages in Arkport, Belmont, Greenwood, Rexville, Hornell, Troupsburg, West Almond and Woodhull throughout the afternoon.

Other weather-related incidents Monday afternoon included:

- A tree falling on a house at Murray Hill Road in Greenwood.
- Lines down on Smith Hill and Mead roads in Woodhull.
- Trees down on Tuscorora Street and Brooks Avenue in Addison. A tree was also on lines blocking both directions of traffic along Fairview Hill Road in the village.