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Sheriff's Office to hold neighborhood meetings

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office will hold a series of neighborhood crime and safety meetings throughout the county. The meetings will provide residents with information on how they can help reduce crime and keep their neighborhoods safer, according to the Sheriff's Office. Residents will also be able to ask questions and hear about some of the latest technology being utilized by the Sheriff's Office.

The meetings are set for 7 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Big Flats Town Hall, 476 Maple St.; 7 p.m. March 30 at Southport Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Ave., Elmira; and 7 p.m. April 20 at Horseheads Town Hall, 150 Wygant Rd.

Woman charged with \$10K in welfare fraud

A Penn Yan woman has been charged with collecting \$10,700 in public assistance benefits. Francesca R. Robinson, 25, of Penn Yan was charged with third-degree welfare fraud, a class D felony, and first-degree offering a false instrument for filing, a class E felony, following an investigation by the Yates County Sheriff's Department and Department of Social Services. She will appear in Penn Yan Village Court on Feb.

STATE

Senate confirms Garcia to NY's top court

The state Senate has confirmed the nomination of former U.S. Attorney Michael Garcia to the remaining vacancy on the state's highest court. Garcia, most recently a partner at a New York City law firm, was the top federal prosecutor in Manhattan from 2005 to 2008. He's the pick of Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo, but has promised senators that he would be independent.

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HEROIN CRISIS

Homicide charges for heroin dealers?

State legislators eye A-1 felony charge for overdose deaths

By Derrick Ek ek@the-leader.com

ALBANY | Heroin dealers could face a homicide charge - and up to 25 years



in prison - if one of their customers dies of an overdose under legislation

proposed in the state Senate and Assembly. The legislation would

create a new charge of homicide by sale of an opiate-controlled substance, a Class A-1 felony punishable by 12 to 25 years in prison. That's the same level felony and sentencing guidelines as second-degree murder.

Right now, those found to have sold heroin to a person who dies of an overdose can only be charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance, which typically carries much lighter

sentences. The proposed legislation is a response to a growing heroin epidemic and a

spike in overdose deaths.

lawmakers say. "Awareness and education, prevention and treatment are fundamental responses. But so are tough laws and law enforcement, especially when it comes to heroin traffickers and

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NORTHSIDE REVIVAL

New craft breweries set to open on Bridge Street



Local businessman Joe Carey stands inside the brewpub he plans to open this spring on Bridge Street in Corning. ERIC WENSEL/

New hotel, street project also coming this spring

By Jeffery Smith

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CORNING | Two new craft breweries are expected to open on Bridge Street this spring are among a handful of projects expected to enhance the business district.

Joe Carey, owner of Carey's Brew House, at 58 Bridge St., said

the two-story building will include for the first time this spring." a full-service bar, a comfort food restaurant and a large upper-floor banquet facility.

"We're just anxious to open," said Carey, who also owns two other Bridge Street businesses, The Site Cyber Bar & Grill and Corning Computer Repair Service. "It will be great opening the doors

Carey, who purchased the building in December 2014 for \$515,000, said the Brew House will employ about 15 people and be open seven days a week.

"Joe and Tammy Carey are long time business owners, who are

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INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

Cities call on state for help

By Jeffery Smith jsmith@the-leader.com

CORNING | City leaders say a lack of state mandate relief combined with the property tax cap makes them unable to fix deteriorating municipal infrastructure.





last week in Rochester before state Assembly committee in Rochester on infrastructure issues facing cities.

Corning

City Man-

ager Mark

Ryckman

testified

The committee is chaired by Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, D-Bronx.

"I appreciate the Assembly committee taking testimony," Ryckman said. "It gives cities a chance to explain our issues directly to the state Legislature."

Ryckman said over the years the City of Corning's municipal infrastructure has deteriorated.

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CAMPAIGN 2016 NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY

State of hope

By Kathleen Hennessey and Lisa Lerer The Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. | For nearly 25 years, New Hampshire has been the tory books. backdrop for some of the comebacks, pleas, denials,

hustle, glory and drama. Now those ghosts of primaries past are trailing Hillary Clinton as she tries – perhaps, one last time - to pull off another one for the his-

Trailing by double digits, most memorable Clinton according to some polls, the Clinton campaign is

Hillary Clinton

can't escape the expectations and that "special bond"

the limits of

between the Clintons and voters of New Hampshire on the cusp of

finding it Tuesday's primary.

"It still exists," said Dayton Duncan, a New Hampshire-based historian and Clinton supporter. "But time passes."

For the Clintons, New Hampshire is the opportunity for 2nd chances

As polling in the final days found a possible tightening in Clinton's contest with Vermont Sen. Bernie

Sanders, it was hard not to hear the faint echoes of history. Could this be the beginning of a third storied Clinton comeback in New Hampshire? Could she come close enough to make the claim?

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"We recently completed a study of our street conditions," Ryckman said to the committee. "The findings outlined the need to invest \$31 million over a 14-year period to bring our streets to acceptable driving standards.

This amount does not include the cost of upgrading the miles of water and sewer mains below the surface."

But instead of investing in the infrastructure, Ryckman said the city has reduced workforce, and reallocated funding from street improvements, water/sewer upgrades and facility repairs to fund mandated pension costs and ever increasing health insurance premiums.

"(Gov. Andrew Cuomo) doesn't want to rescind unfunded mandates that are driving our costs; he doesn't want to restore state aid as he did for school districts; and he doesn't want us to raise property taxes," Ryckman said.

"Despite these issues, he wants cities to pave our streets and upgrade our utilities. Hopefully, the state Legislature will provide cities the relief we need to invest in our infrastructure."

The city's workforce was reduced from 131 to 115 employees during the 2002-03 recession, Ryckman said.

The workforce was then cut to 103 in 2010 due to declining revenues and rising costs.

"These two rounds of layoffs are a 21 percent reduction in our full-time workforce," Ryckman said. "During both rounds of workforce reductions, the majority of positions eliminated were in the form of direct layoffs, not through attrition.

These were hardworking, valued employees that we can no longer afford."

Councilman Frank Coccho, D-6, said four councilmen and five city staff members traveled to Albany on Monday to meet with Sen. Tom O'Mara, can be done."

R-Big Flats, Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, R-Corning, and other legislators.

'We hope to convince them and their colleagues that something needs to be done," Coccho said.

"You just can't impose these mandates and not send a check along with them. I'm not overly confident this will help. We've been doing this for years telling them and telling them and unfortunately we haven't been lucky enough to get them to bend just a little bit. We need relief."

The tax cap limits the annual growth of the property tax levy for schools and municipalities to two percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. The cap is only .73 percent for municipalities this year due to low inflation.

Ryckman said if the state Legislature is not going to lift the property tax cap, or provide the mandate relief that was promised when it was imposed in 2011, it could exempt infrastructure improvements from the tax cap.

"The property tax cap does not allow municipalities to meet increases in health insurance and contractual wages, let alone invest in our aging infrastructure," Ryckman said.

The self-imposed 2 percent spending cap on the state's budget excludes capital costs, Ryckman said.

If this exclusion is necessary for the state government, municipalities should be afforded the same relief, he said.

Hornell City Mayor Shawn Hogan said the two percent cap is popular with the state Legislature and the people it represents, but municipalities shouldn't be treated different under it than school districts or the state government.

"We're just looking for parity," Hogan said. "Make it a true two percent cap tied in with the rate of inflation and exempt capital spending. Otherwise it limits the number of projects that

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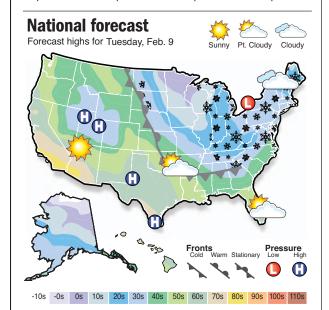
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CAMPAIGN 2016

A sprint to NH finish — but brace for long campaign

By Josh Lederman and Jill Colvin The Associated Press

SALEM, N.H. | Eyeing their first wins in a capricious campaign, Republican Donald Trump lashed out at his opponents Monday while Democrat Bernie Sanders sought to play it safe on the eve of the nation's initial primary. GOP contenders vying for second and third saw fresh hopes for survival after New Hampshire as both parties settled in for a drawn-out slog to the nomination.

As snowfall brought yet more uncertainty to the race's final hours, Hillary Clinton tried to move past talk of a shake-up in her

campaign and controversy over comments by supporters that women should feel obliged to vote for her. Barnstorming New Hampshire with her husband and daughter Chelsea Clinton, she worked to flip Sanders' favored critique against her by claiming that he, too, had taken big bucks from Wall Street - if only indirectly.

But it was Trump, the billionaire businessman, who launched the harshest attacks - not against Texas Sen. Ted Cruz who had bested him in Iowa but against Jeb Bush. The former Florida governor is one of three Republicans hoping Marco Rubio's recent stumbles have opened a fresh path for one of them to

emerge as the more mainstream alternative to Trump and Cruz.

"Jeb is having some kind of a breakdown, I think," Trump told CNN, calling Bush, the son and brother of presidents, a spoiled child and an embarrassment to his family. "I think it's a very sad situation that's taking place."

The enmity was mutual. Vying for votes in Nashua, Bush described his opponent variably as a loser, a liar, a whiner and the worst choice for president. He blasted what he said was Trump's proclivity for "insulting women, castigating Hispanics, ridiculing the disabled and calling American POWs losers."

Still, Trump was running

ahead in pre-primary polls, as was Sanders on the Democratic side.

Not so long ago, Republicans saw New Hampshire as the proving ground that would winnow their chockablock field of candidates. Rubio's surge into third place in Iowa one week ago raised the prospect that voters here would anoint him over Bush, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

Yet Rubio faced fresh questions about his readiness - and his ability to defeat the Democratic nominee – after Saturday's debate, when he was mocked for reciting rote talking point about President Barack Obama over and over.

CAMPAIGN places for her to start," Bill **Bellwether states** Clinton told The Associated

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"New Hampshire is legendary for being unpredictable," said Terry Shumaker, a longtime Clinton backer.

Cautioned Duncan: "Elm Street in Manchester is a boulevard of broken dreams."

"Comeback" is not a word the Clinton campaign is using. Since barely winning Iowa a week ago, Clinton and her allies have been trying to lower expectations for her performance on Tuesday.

She's playing in Sanders' "backyard," she's noted, as her allies rattle off New Hampshire Democrats' history of picking politicians from neighboring states.

"New Hampshire, because of its location, and Iowa because of the way the caucus works, were probably

Press.

A s the campaign announced Hillary Clinton would campaign in Michigan over the weekend, a sign she was already looking past New Hampshire, Clinton's pollster, Joel Benenson, declared Friday: "Our goal here is to get close."

The Clintons have shown that close can be good enough.

In 1992, Bill Clinton spun a second-place showing over Paul Tsongas from neighboring Massachusetts as a triumph for the "comeback

New Hampshire rescued a near-death campaign beset by accusations of infidelity and draft dodging.

"There have been times when someone coming in second has been the news," noted Shumaker, who cochaired Bill Clinton's New the two most challenging Hampshire campaign then. SOURCE: AP Election Services

Wins in the early voting states of Iowa and New Hampshire often - but not always - give candidates momentum toward a party nomination.

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2008	Barack	Mike	Hillary	John
	Obama	Huckabee	Clinton	McCain
2004	John	George W.	John	George W.
	Kerry	Bush*	Kerry	Bush*
2000	Al	George W.	Al	John
	Gore	Bush	Gore	McCain
1996	Bill Clinton*	Robert Dole	Bill Clinton*	Pat Buchanan
1992	Tom	George	Paul	George
	Harkin	H.W. Bush*	Tsongas	H.W. Bush*
1988	Richard	Robert	Michael	George H.W.
	Gephardt	Dole	Dukakis	Bush
1984	Walter	Ronald	Gary	Ronald
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1980	Jimmy	George	Jimmy	Ronald
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dealers. I agree that we can't arrest our way out of this crisis, but we shouldn't hesitate to throw the book at the pushers and suppliers of this deadly drug," said Sen. Tom O'Mara, R-Big Flats, who co-sponsored the Senate bill and serves on the Joint Senate Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction.

Steuben County District Attorney Brooks Baker says he supports the proposal.

"The ability to prosecute a drug dealer for the damage he does, an overdose, and to call that what it really is, which is murder, is something that we as prosecutors have looked for for a very long time," Baker said.

Baker says he doesn't consider the homicide charge to be overly harsh because heroin dealers are well aware of how dangerous the drug is.

"It is a substance that can kill in the first use and addict on the first use," Baker said. "It's one for which we have always had the least patience for here in Steuben County, and our judges have been the hardest on, and we get pushed the hardest to prosecute. But this gives you another able to say, 'Look, if you sell this stuff and someone dies,

you're responsible.'" The legislation was introduced in the Senate by Sen. George Amedore, an Albany-area Republican, and in the Assembly by Assemblyman Michael DenDekker, a Democrat from Queens.

It targets mid- to highlevel dealers, and not those who share drugs with a fellow user, lawmakers say. The state passed a Good as a tool, we're getting encourages people to call 911 if someone overdoses and shields them from being charged with drug possession.

Under the new law, people would not be charged with homicide if a fellow user overdoses, lawmakers say, even though giving someone heroin is considering the same as selling under arrow in the quiver, to be current laws. However, the person could still be charged with distribution.

> However, it's not always easy to determine who is an upper-level dealer and who is merely selling to friends to support their own habit, said Kassandra Frederique, New York director for the Drug Policy Alliance, a non-profit which generally views the harsh sentences of the war on drugs as unsuccessful.

"I think that anytime we're using criminalization

Samaritan law in 2011 that further away from implementing public health interventions that are going to save lives," Frederique said.

The homicide charge is part of a package of new legislation recently introduced in the Legislature to deal with the heroin crisis, including lowering the amount of yearly proceeds to be considered a major drug trafficker from \$75,000 to \$25,000, which Baker also supports.

"A major trafficker in Steuben County is not a \$75,000-a-year drug dealer," he said. "Somebody who's selling \$25,000 worth of drugs in our community is a major trafficker. They are a major problem. They are selling to lots and lots of people, because there just isn't that much money here."

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committed to the success of the Northside," said City Manager Mark Ryckman. "They have worked hard through the ups and down Bridge Street has experienced over the years. We greatly appreciate their willingness to make this new investment."

Mark Harrison, co-owner of That Other Place, said Brick House Brewing, a brewing system that will produce four to five different types of beer, will open in the basement at TOP in early spring.

"When the brewing opens (TOP) will open at 11:30 a.m. for lunch daily," Harrison said. "It will be a great addition."

Jamie Johnson, executive director of the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency, said work on the delayed upscale Hilton Garden Inn, on Riverside Drive, is expected to start in early spring.

anchor like that on the Northside," Carey said. "It will have a very positive affect."

"I'm all for progress here on the Northside," said Bob Holden, whose family has owned Stevens Paint Store at 62 Bridge St. since 1963. "I think it's great. I'm really looking forward to the completion of the hotel. It will be good to see it moving forward."

Work at the hotel site was shut down in late May 2015 by the state Department of Environmental Conservation because manufacturing waste such as ash, glass and brick has been found in the soil underneath the former Days Inn, according to DEC officials. The work can not resume until the DEC receives and approves a cleanup plan, which has not yet occurred.

Kerry Fitzpatrick, property owner, said he has been working on a daily basis with the DEC and he fully expects the project to be underway early this spring.

City Manager Mark Ryck-"We've long needed an man said another positive



Carey's Brew House will open this spring in a two-story Bridge Street building. It will include a bar, restaurant and upper-floor banquet facility. PHOTOS BY ERIC WENSEL/THE LEADER

addition that this spring to the Bridge Street area is a street project to improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow.

"The Bridge Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Enhancement Project should be out to bid in the next couple of months," Ryckman said. "The total cost is approximately \$550,000. Issues with pedestrian safety were identified in a 2011 study commissioned by the Gaffer District."

Councilman Frank Coccho, D-6, said he is impressed with

the streetscape work that will be completed. "I believe the work will

help pedestrian and vehicle safety," Coccho said. "And that means a great deal to me."

Ryckman said it's exciting to see so much activity this spring on the Northside.

"New investment in this area is long overdue," Ryckman said. "Last year, spurred by the expansion of the Corning Museum of Glass, the city renewed its focus on Northside redevelopment. We are now seeing these efforts pay