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# Embezzlement charges reinstated for ex-state senator

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Embezzlement charges were reinstated Monday against a once-powerful New York legislator already serving a five-year federal prison sentence.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan restored the embezzlement claims on the same day that it upheld the conviction and five-year prison sentence for former state Sen. John Sampson on other charges.

It's up to federal prosecutors to decide whether they'll pursue another trial. They're reviewing the decision.

U.S. District Judge Dora Irizarry, Sampson's sentencing judge, sent him to prison for longer than federal sentencing guidelines call for after she determined that the embezzlement allegations were relevant even though she had dismissed them, citing the statute of limitations.

The appeals court said it was not sure the government could prove that the alleged crime occurred within an allowable period but believed it should be given the opportunity to prove it.

The 53-year-old Brooklyn Democrat was convicted in 2015 of obstruction of justice and making false statements. He was acquitted of six other counts.

The appeals court said Sampson, who's currently imprisoned at a New Jersey lockup, can now be prosecuted on charges that were rejected by Irizarry.

Those charges allege he embezzled $440,000 from various foreclosure escrow accounts while acting as a court-appointed referee in home foreclosure proceedings.

Sampson's lawyers did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Sampson began serving in the New York state Senate in 1997, serving as the leader of the Democratic Conference from June 2009 to December 2012 and as Senate minority leader from January 2011 to December 2012. He was expelled in 2015.

In this Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018 photo, yellow cabs make their way across 42nd Street outside Grand Central Terminal in New York. Responding to tales of financial woe, New York City lawmakers are considering a proposal to try and stabilize the city's iconic taxi industry by putting a temporary cap on the number of drivers working for companies like Uber and Lyft. The restrictions come after a year in which many drivers for-hire in the city have complained that the explosion in the popularity of ride-hailing services has upended regulations intended to limit competition and ensure that every driver made enough money to survive. (AP Photo/ Mary Altaffer)

## Around the State

### *State to spend $10.7M to redesign highway where teen died*

COHOES, N.Y. (AP) — Work is set to begin on a nearly $11 million project to improve pedestrian safety along a stretch of an Albany-area highway where a 16-year-old girl was struck and killed two years ago.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced Monday that the conversion of state Route 787 in the city of Cohoes will begin later this month. The Democrat says the $10.7 million redesign project by the state Department of Transportation is scheduled to be finished by the end of the year.

The project will include updated crosswalks, a landscaped median other features designed to slow down vehicle traffic after it leaves Interstate 787.

Brittany Knight, a 16-year-old Cohoes resident, was killed in June 2016 when she was hit by a vehicle as she crossed the four-lane highway at an intersection.

### *General Electric laying off 200 workers at turbine plant*

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — General Electric says it's laying off 200 hourly workers at its upstate New York plant that produces steam turbines for the company's power unit.

Boston-based GE announced Tuesday that the layoffs include unionized manufacturing and assembly employees at its facilities in Schenectady, where Thomas Edison co-founded the company in 1892. Another 25 unfilled jobs will be eliminated.

GE Power unit spokesman Christopher Shigas says the layoffs come after a 45 percent drop in volume at the plant.

The Times Union of Albany reports GE employs about 4,000 workers at GE Power and other units in Schenectady. The company employs another 1,500 at GE's main research lab in the neighboring town of Niskayuna.

GE laid off 130 hourly workers at the Schenectady plant and Niskayuna facility in January.

### *New cable operator should observe net neutrality*

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Democrats in the New York state Assembly say any broadband provider picked to replace Charter Communications in the state should be required to observe net neutrality. Twenty-five Democratic lawmakers proposed the idea Monday.

The state recently revoked its approval of Charter's merger with Time Warner Cable Inc. and ordered the company to find a new provider for its more than 2 million New York customers.

The lawmakers say whichever company replaces Charter should be prohibited from altering web speeds or traffic to favor certain sites or apps.

The federal government repealed its net neutrality policy earlier this year, eliminating rules that had prevented providers from slowing down or speeding up service to benefit certain customers.

The state already has a neutrality policy for providers with state contracts.

### *NYC councilman convicted of blocking ambulance in protest*

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City councilman Jumaane (joo-MAH'-nee) Williams has been sentence to time served after he was convicted of blocking an ambulance during a protest over the detention of a prominent immigration rights activist in January.

A jury on Monday found Williams guilty of obstructing emergency services. He was acquitted of disorderly conduct and the more serious charge of obstruction of government services.

The 41-year-old Democrat from Brooklyn was arrested outside a federal building over the detention of Ravi Ragbir, a citizen of Trinidad who has been fighting deportation after a fraud conviction.

Williams launched his campaign to unseat incumbent Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul a few days after his arrest.

They face off in the Democratic primary on Sept. 13.

### *NY attorney general sues Labor Dept., citing amnesty*

NEW YORK (AP) — New York state's attorney general has sued the U.S. Labor Department, saying a new program that lets employers who break labor laws avoid punishment is a "get-out-of-jail-free" card.

Attorney General Barbara Underwood made the claim Monday in a Manhattan federal lawsuit.

She asked a judge to force the department to respond to her request for information about the Payroll Audit Independent Determination Program.

Underwood says in a release that the program "is nothing more than a get-out-of-jail-free card for predatory employers."

She says the new program permits offending employers to dodge prosecution and penalties.

She also says the Labor Department has failed to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act.

Government lawyers who will have to respond to the lawsuit did not immediately comment.

### *Man dead after jumping out of freezer was cold-case suspect*

NEW YORK (AP) — Authorities say a man who died after jumping out of a freezer and threatening employees with a knife at a New York City brunch spot was a suspected cold-case killer who'd just been released from jail in Boston.

Police say 54-year-old Carlton Henderson screamed "Away from me, Satan!" as he rushed out of the walk-in freezer at Sarabeth's Restaurant around 11 a.m. Sunday. Police say he went into cardiac arrest after kitchen employees stripped away the knife and took him to the floor.

Henderson was facing murder charges in the 1988 shooting deaths of 26-year-old William Medina and 22-year-old Antonio Dos Reis.

He had been in jail since his June 2017 arrest, but a judge ordered him released on his own recognizance last Wednesday after ruling to suppress key evidence.

# NYC ponders precedent with 1-year cap on new ride-hail cars

BY DEEPTI HAJELA AND KAREN MATTHEWS
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City's yellow cab drivers, thrown into financial upheaval in recent years by the arrival of a veritable army of black cars picking up passengers through ride-hail apps, could be getting a lifeline from elected officials voting on legislation that would pump the brakes on Uber, Lyft and others.

In what would be a first-in-the-nation step if passed, the City Council on Wednesday is looking at a series of proposals that include a one-year cap on new licenses while a study of the industry is undertaken, as well as calls for minimum pay levels for all drivers, whether taxi or black car, and minimum fares.

The rise in the number of ride-hail vehicles, from about 65,000 in 2015 to 100,000 now, has been dizzying. For supporters, the cars have become a vital part of the city's transportation network. For critics, they've added to severe congestion on city streets and caused financial chaos for yellow cab drivers and increasingly for ride-hail drivers who complain the competition for fares is cutting into their incomes.

The roughly 13,500 yellow cabs each have a medallion, the license that allows it to be operated. For years, the medallions were a limited commodity, and seen as a ticket to guaranteed income, a solid investment that many owners willingly borrowed huge sums against for home mortgages or schools loans. As recently as four years ago, the city was selling medallions for more than $1 million. But the floodgates opened by the entrance of ride-hail apps has brought the value of the medallions down sharply, to $200,000 or less, and also reduced incomes for cab drivers who still have loan payments coming due.

The taxi medallion that Lal Singh bought for $225,000 in 2000 was supposed to be his ticket to a comfortable retirement. But Singh, despite his high blood pressure and diabetes at 62, still drives 14-hour shifts, every penny going toward the $312,000 he owes on a medallion he can't sell "because nobody would buy it. Nobody have cash money. Nobody's financing."

Singh has so far resisted declaring bankruptcy as other medallion owners have. Six drivers have taken their own lives in the last year, including a driver-for-hire who shot himself in his car in front of City Hall after railing against politicians and Uber in a newsletter column posted to Facebook. "I will not be a slave working for chump change," Douglas Shifter wrote. "I would rather be dead."

Some of those who didn't support a previous, ultimately unsuccessful attempt at a cap in 2015, like Council Speaker Corey Johnson, have been convinced it's a necessary step.

"We are not against these companies operating. We think they've actually filled a need," Johnson said. "We also believe there needs to be a regulatory framework in place."

As in 2015, the ride-hail companies are pushing back, with concerns that a cap would keep them from being able to replace drivers who leave and therefore reduce service, and questions over why there is what they consider a rushed governmental process taking place. They've reached out to app users to ask them to make their support known to elected officials as well.

"We're really concerned about the process and the speed with which the council is trying to ram this through," said Joseph Okpaku, vice president of public policy at Lyft.

Uber spokesman Josh Gold said the company wasn't opposed to some of the proposals, but the cap on licenses is a problem.

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## Around the State

# Buffalo Zoo's elephants moving to New Orleans

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Zoo's two aging Asian elephants are moving to New Orleans.

Zoo officials announced Tuesday that the 35- and 36-year-old female elephants will move out of the zoo's 1912 elephant house and adjoining yard to a newly renovated exhibit that houses two other aging elephants at the Audubon Zoo.

The new space in Louisiana has multiple pools, shade trees and a new barn with heated and padded floors.

Buffalo's cramped elephant house has long been criticized by animal rights activists as inadequate, especially given Buffalo's long winters.

Buffalo Zoo Board Chairman Jonathan Dandes says the decision to move the elephants demonstrates the zoo's willingness to do what's best for its animals.

# Attorneys argue that search that yielded heroin was illegal

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Lawyers for three New York City men charged with trafficking nearly six kilograms of heroin in Massachusetts have told a judge police had no reason to search their clients' vehicle.

The Republican newspaper reports that attorneys for driver Erik Balista-Reyes and passengers Felix Cerrategil and Gesler Echavarria appeared in court Monday for a motion to suppress evidence heaing.

The men were charged after their vehicle was pulled over on Interstate 391 in Holyoke in July 2017.

The officer who stopped them testified the car was speeding in the left lane when there was no other traffic. He justified the search, saying he felt the men were a threat. Troopers found heroin with a street value of $300,000.

Defense attorneys say police didn't have a legitimate reason to suspect criminal behavior.

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Information from: The Springfield (Mass.) Republican, http://www.masslive.com/news/

# Flash flooding closes roads, damages homes in central NY

COVERT, N.Y. (AP) — Authorities say flash flooding caused by heavy rains has inundated roads and damaged homes in sections of the Finger Lakes region.

The Seneca County Sheriff's Office has issued a no unnecessary travel alert Tuesday morning after roads flooded in four towns in the southern end of the county between Seneca and Cayuga lakes.

The National Weather Service says up to 5 inches of rain has fallen in that area, prompting a flash flood emergency alert that advises residents to seek higher ground.

The weather service says emergency crews are on the scene working to evacuate residents.

There are no reports of injuries.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo's office says he's headed to Seneca County to survey the storm damage. The Democrat's office says he'll hold a news conference around 10 a.m. at a campground in the town of Lodi (LOH'-deye).

# Buffalo leaders meet US officials amid spike in violence

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — City leaders in Buffalo, New York are asking the federal government for help in curbing a recent spike in citywide violence.

Democratic Mayor Byron Brown and city Police Commissioner Byron Lockwood met with federal officials last Wednesday, a few days after two young mothers, Santana Andersen and Lakendra Tillman, were shot and killed. Brown tells WIVB-TV that last week's meeting was productive.

Brown says officials discussed strengthening existing collaborations and how to move forward with partnerships in law enforcement.

There have been 36 homicides in the city so far this year. That's four more than were reported at this time of the year in 2017.

# Judge denies request to move US trial for 'El Chapo'

NEW YORK (AP) — A U.S. judge has denied a request by notorious Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman to move his trial.

Judge Brian Cogan made the ruling on Tuesday at a hearing in Brooklyn.

Guzman's lawyers said intense security measures used in transporting him from a Manhattan jail for Brooklyn court appearances were creating a public spectacle that hurt his chances for a fair trial. The measures have included closing the Brooklyn Bridge for a police motorcade.

The judge said he wouldn't publicly explain his reasoning for denying the request to move the case to Manhattan. But he said some of the logistical concerns would be addressed.

Guzman has pleaded not guilty to charges that his cartel laundered billions of dollars and oversaw a ruthless campaign of murders and kidnappings.

# Ride-hail drivers rush to register cars before license cap

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City, the largest American market for Uber, is becoming the first U.S. city to regulate the growth of app-based rides.

Uber drivers lined up for hours to register their cars Monday, the day before Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio was expected to sign a bill placing a temporary cap on new licenses, according to The New York Times.

Once the legislation becomes law, no new licenses will be granted for a year, with the exception of wheelchair accessible vehicles.

The City Council approved a package of bills that included the moratorium while the city studies the rapidly changing industry. The legislation also will allow the city to set a minimum wage for app-based drivers.

Backers of the proposals said both the traditional yellow cab industry and drivers for app-based services are suffering as for-hire cars flood the city's streets. They said the growth of ride-hailing apps has also worsened traffic congestion.

# Collins' exit prompts GOP scramble, ballot questions

n this Aug. 9, 2018 photo, provided by Nate McMurray for Congress, Nate McMurray, the Democrat who is running in the 27th Congressional District, speaks to supporters in Rochester, N.Y., the day after his opponent, U.S. Rep. Christopher Collins, R-N.Y., was arrested on insider trading charges. On Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, Collins said he would end his re-election bid, while McMurray called on Collins to resign. (Nate McMurray for Congress via AP)

By DAVID KLEPPER
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Republicans may have to nominate Congressman Chris Collins for another political office in order to strip his name from the November ballot after the three-term conservative lawmaker dropped his re-election bid following insider trading charges.

The odd move may be necessitated by New York state election law, which sharply defines how a candidate's name can legally be erased from the ballot. Death is one. Disqualification for not being a U.S. citizen or at least 25 years old is another. A third, and the only possibility likely to apply to Collins, would allow him to remove his name if he accepts a nomination for another office, such as county clerk or district attorney.

Republican leaders from the eight counties in Collins' western New York district will soon meet to discuss the party's next steps following Collins' announcement that he would get out of the race. He was charged last week with illegally using inside information about a biotech company to help his son avoid hundreds of thousands of dollars in loses when one of the company's drugs failed in a medical trial. Collins has pleaded not guilty and vowed to fight the charges.

Several Republicans have either announced campaigns or been mentioned as possible contenders for Collins' seat, which represents the area between Rochester and Buffalo. They include state Assemblyman Ray Walter; Erie County Comptroller Stefan Mychajliw; state Sen. Robert Ortt; real estate developer Carl Paladino, who made a failed bid for governor in 2010; and David Bellavia, a local radio show host who lost to Collins in the 2012 primary.

Local party leaders will pick Collins' replacement for the ballot.

"Nobody wanted to be in this position. It's an absolute shame that this happened, but it is what it is," Walter told The Associated Press on Monday. "It's a conservative Republican district ... luckily we have a whole bunch of candidates."

New York's 27th Congressional district is considered the most right-leaning in New York state. Voters in the district backed President Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton by nearly 25 percentage points in 2016, when Collins beat his Democratic challenger by more than 2-to-1. As one of Trump's most loyal allies in Congress, Collins was considered a strong favorite.

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FILE - In this Nov. 7, 2018, file photo, CNN journalist Jim Acosta does a standup before a new conference with President Donald Trump in the East Room of the White House in Washington. CNN sued the Trump administration Tuesday, demanding that correspondent Jim Acosta's credentials to cover the White House be returned because it violates the constitutional right of freedom of the press. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci, File)

# CNN sues Trump, demanding return of Acosta to White House

By DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN took its access battle against the Trump administration to court on Tuesday, demanding the reinstatement of correspondent Jim Acosta's White House credentials because their revocation violates the right of freedom of the press.

Besides seeking an injunction to let Acosta return immediately, CNN is launching a case that will test the ability of government officials anywhere to freeze out a reporter who displeases them.

The White House, never shy about picking a fight with CNN, says bring it on.

"This is just more grandstanding from CNN, and we will vigorously defend against this lawsuit," said White House press secretary Sarah Sanders.

The administration stripped Acosta of his pass following President Donald Trump's contentious news conference last week, during which Acosta refused to give up a microphone when the president said he didn't want to hear anything more from him.

Sanders initially explained the decision by accusing Acosta of making improper physical contact with the intern seeking to grab the microphone. But that rationale disappeared after witnesses backed Acosta's account that he was just trying to keep the mic, and Sanders distributed a doctored video that made it appear Acosta was more aggressive than he actually was.

Trump called Acosta a "rude, terrible person," and Sanders on Tuesday accused Acosta of being unprofessional by trying to dominate the questioning at the news conference.

For its part, CNN believes the White House is trying to silence a reporter.

Trump has made CNN and its reporters a particular target of his denunciation of "fake news" and characterization of the media as an enemy of the people. CNN CEO Jeff Zucker, in a letter to White House chief of staff John Kelly, called Trump's attitude toward CNN a "pattern of targeted harassment."

"Mr. Acosta's press credentials must be restored so that all members of the press know they will remain free to ask tough questions, challenge government officials and report the business of the nation to the American people," said Theodore Olson, former U.S. solicitor general and one of CNN's lawyers on the case.

The White House Correspondents' Association backed the lawsuit, filed in Washington, D.C., district court.

"The president of the United States should not be in the business of arbitrarily picking the men and women who cover him," said Olivier Knox, president of the correspondents' group.

CNN would seem to be on strong legal ground, said Katie Fallow, senior staff attorney at the Knight First Amendment Institute. During the Nixon administration in the 1970s, the Secret Service tried to deny credentials to a reporter from the Nation magazine because he had been involved in physical altercations, but was overruled by the D.C. circuit court, she said.

"I think it's important, particularly as the president continues to push back on the role of an independent press, to stake out the legal rules that should govern this and not let the president block people from speaking based on their viewpoint," Fallow said.

CNN said Acosta was given no warning of the action, and no recourse to appeal it. Acosta traveled to Paris to cover Trump's visit there this weekend and, although given permission by the French government to cover a news event, the Secret Service denied him entrance, the company said.

Because of this, CNN also has a strong argument to overturn the White House stance based on due process grounds, said Jeff Robbins, a lawyer who focuses on media issues for the firm of Saul, Ewing, Arstein & Lehr in Boston.

"Pick your poison — it's the Fifth Amendment or the First Amendment," Robbins said.

Legalities aside, the president has never been afraid to fight the media, believing the stance resonates with his supporters.

And Acosta is one of the reporters they dislike the most. Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer, who worked for President George W. Bush, last week dismissed the supposed physical contact with an intern as a reason for banishing Acosta, but said he doesn't belong in the press room because he's essentially like an opinion columnist instead of a journalist.

Acosta is a "left-wing

# Incoming House members prep for do's and don'ts on the Hill

By LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Don't hire someone you can't fire, like the son of a campaign donor or the child of the mayor. No matter what you may have said during the campaign about changing Congress, hire enough Hill veterans to make the office run smoothly. And make sure the person answering the phone sounds like folks from back home.

That's only some of the advice headed for the historic class of House freshmen of both major political parties streaming into Washington this week for orientation on the nuts and bolts underpinning a job like none other.

Under tight security, new members and their staffs pulled up in front of a hotel about a mile (1.6 kilometers) from the Capitol on Tuesday. A bank of cameras and a table marked "luggage drop-off" awaited their arrivals in the morning chill.

"I'm just trying to figure out what's going on," said Rep.-elect Tim Burchett, R-Tenn., a former member of the state legislature. "I figure that we're the small fish in a very big pond right now."

They are a younger generation of lawmakers — including a record number of women — arriving flush with victory and optimism. The Democrats are ready to take on President Donald Trump in the biggest and most diverse class of new lawmakers since Watergate.

"I hope that we are ushering in a new era," one of the class stars, Massachusetts Rep.-elect Ayanna Pressley, said Monday.

Perhaps the most famous member of the freshman class, Democratic Rep.-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, jumped into the fray on Tuesday, joining about 200 climate-change activists as they staged a protest at the office of House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi.

Ocasio-Cortez, 29, who is set to become the youngest member of Congress in January, addressed the group briefly before arrests were made. Pelosi said in a statement that she welcomes the activists. She has pledged to reinstate a special committee on climate change after Democrats take control of the House.

Rep.-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-NY., arrives for orientation for new members of Congress, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018, in Washington. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

Among the new Democrats, there's an uncomfortable vote looming on whether Pelosi, former speaker of the House, should lead them. Rep.-elect Mikie Sherrill, D-N.J., on Monday became the latest House Democrat newcomer to say she won't vote for Pelosi because she wants "new leadership." Pelosi has said she expects to become speaker again.

Pressley and several of her classmates made their Washington debut on Monday in a packed news conference whose setting suggested as much about the new majority's intentions as the agenda they described. Gathered in the atrium of the AFL-CIO down the street from the White House, they appeared as the newest members of the ascendant House Progressive Caucus, dedicated to universal health care and new climate policy. The incoming majority, including a gain of at least 32 seats, will be fighting a Republican-led Senate and a president with a history of tweeting trouble for people who displease him.

And the newly elected Republicans are on the same side as Trump, at least in theory.

But for both parties of newcomers, those big questions are for later. The first votes on Pelosi, for example, won't unfold until after Thanksgiving. And the new Congress, the 116th session, doesn't convene until Jan. 3.

Now, for many newcomers, it's a scramble to stand up offices in the warren of Capitol Hill and back home in House districts that each represent more than 700,000 people. Every office has a budget. And every freshman who doesn't already have a home in pricey Washington will have to figure out how to rent an apartment, or maybe just keep a rollaway bed in the office, on a $174,000 salary.

"We focus on getting them to appreciate that there are certain activities that they have to do in the next 90 days," said Bradford Fitch, president and CEO of the nonprofit, nonpartisan Congressional Management Foundation, which is among those briefing new members.

The new crop of lawmakers includes a lot of firsts.

For the first time, two Native American women are headed to the House, in addition to two Muslim congresswomen-elect. Massachusetts and Connecticut also will send black women to Congress as firsts for their states.

But not every freshman is new to Washington.

Rep.-elect Donna Shalala of Florida was health and human services secretary to President Bill Clinton. Former NFL linebacker Colin Alfred of Texas is a civil rights lawyer who worked in President Barack Obama's housing department. Andy Kim, a New Jersey Democrat whose race against Republican incumbent Rep. Tom MacArthur has not yet been called, is an Obama administration alumnus who served as a civilian adviser in Iraq.

Whatever their background, every newly elected member is heading for a job as one of 435 colleagues in Washington juggling what can sometimes be a seven-day-a-week job of votes, constituent requests and committee meetings. All the while, those who intend to return are already thinking about — and soon will be fundraising for — their 2020 re-election campaigns.

But first things first, Fitch said. At the progressive caucus briefing for new members on Monday, he handed out a 300-page book, "Setting Course: A Congressional Management Guide," updated for the incoming Congress. It sets out everything from hiring a core staff in November and December to the culture of Congress.

Chapter One talks about Dos and Don'ts of these first days. Do learn to delegate, for example. Don't "skip the House/Senate orientations and party organizational activities."

And don't "try to do everything."

During this period, "they don't have to come up with a solution to the Middle East crisis," Fitch said.

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# Remember the caravan? After vote, focus on migrants fades

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and CATHERINE LUCEY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Did someone say caravan?

One week after Election Day, President Donald Trump's daily drumbeat of warnings about a caravan of "bad thugs" and potential terrorists intent on invading the U.S. from Mexico has largely fallen silent.

The migrant caravans are still trudging along, the largest still about 1,000 miles from the southern border, but Trump — and many in the conservative media — have dramatically reduced the frequency and intensity of their dire warnings now that they no longer feel the same urgency to stir up GOP voters.

Trump and his media allies have largely moved on: They're more focused now on the possibility of electoral chicanery in recounts in the Florida Senate and governor's races.

Within the West Wing and in Trump's orbit of allies, there is a sense that the caravan was a useful midterm messaging tool, one that became the centerpiece of an eleventh-hour pre-election strategy modeled on the president's 2016 campaign pledges to crack down on illegal immigration, according to four White House officials and outside advisers not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

But once the election was over, the president's attention turned elsewhere, the officials and advisers said.

For weeks before the election, the caravan was a dominant news story. The largest caravan was believed to have formed in Honduras on Oct. 12 and first was featured in a "Fox & Friends" segment four days later, which prompted a tweet from the show's most famous fan.

As the midterms approached, Trump and his conservative allies flooded the zone with harsh rhetoric and hardline policy proposals, including sending troops to the border, revoking birthright citizenship and an ad featuring a Latino man convicted of killing two police officers that was widely condemned as racist.

But the caravan was Trump's favorite talking point. During his final blitz of campaign rallies, he hammered at the threat night after night and, without evidence, suggested that Democrats were supporting — and perhaps funding — the march of migrants.

"Democrats are inviting caravan after caravan of illegal aliens to pour into our country, overwhelming your schools, your hospitals, and your communities," Trump said in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, on election eve. "If you want more caravans, if you want more crime, vote Democrat tomorrow. ... If you want strong borders and safe communities, no drugs, no caravans, vote Republican."

Trump ratcheted up his rhetoric on Twitter too. One tweet read: "We will NOT let these Caravans, which are also made up of some very bad thugs and gang members, into the U.S. Our Border is sacred, must come in legally. TURN AROUND!"

That tweet, on Oct. 31, was his last on the subject. Since the election, he's invoked the caravan only once. Asked about it during a news conference last Wednesday, Trump said "I'm not just talking about the caravans" when talking about militarizing the southern border and his proposed wall.

The thousands of Central American migrants in the


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## AROUND THE STATE

### Mayors' group lays out 2019 priorities in Albany

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Scores of mayors from across New York state are proposing a new initiative that they say will help them address the issues they'll face in 2019.

The New York State Conference of Mayors gathering in Albany Monday brought together more than 80 city and village officials, including 50 mayors. They some of the top issues they'll face in 2019 include infrastructure spending and tax structure.

The organization says its priorities for the upcoming legislative session in Albany include a new $100 million municipal investment initiative that would provide need-based funding to cities, villages and towns.

The mayors say in addition to maintaining highways, municipalities also have to deal with aging water and sewer infrastructure. The group supports the collection of taxes on sales by online retailers with a substantial economic presence in the state.

### Police identify man killed in Rochester shooting

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Police have identified the man who was killed in a shooting in upstate New York.

Rochester police say officers found 24-year-old Christopher Brock suffering from gunshot wounds on a city street around 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

He was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital where he died of his injuries.

Police believe he was shot about one street away from where he was found.

The search for the shooter is continuing. No arrests have been reported.

### Cuomo, other state officials giving out holiday turkeys

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and members of his administration are giving out Thanksgiving turkeys at several locations across the state.

The Democrat's first stop Tuesday morning is the Bay Eden Senior Center in the Bronx. Next he'll be at the Long Island Cares food bank in Hauppauge in Suffolk County before heading upstate to distribute turkeys at the Delavan-Grider Community Center in Buffalo.

Several agency chiefs in his administration are also handing out turkeys at locations in the New York City metro area and upstate in Johnson City and Middletown.

### Accused Catholic priest: 'I know I'm innocent'

AMHERST, N.Y. (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest in upstate New York who was placed on leave amid accusations of child sex abuse says he knows he's innocent.

WGRZ-TV in Buffalo reports the complaint against the Rev. Samuel Venne centers on his time at Our Lady of Pompei in Depew in 1980.

Venne says he has not been told the accuser's name, and his attorney has not been able to give evidence to show his innocence.

Venne is one of 18 Buffalo-area priests placed on leave as part of an investigation into alleged abuse. The investigation process abides by Catholic canon law and not the American justice system.

The 76-year-old Venne says a dog "has more legal rights than a priest who's been practicing his vocation for 40 years."

### Suit: Bank fires worker over comment because she's white

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A Pittsburgh bank employee who said on social media that a man who drove through a crowd of protesters should have used a bus instead of a car is claiming in a federal lawsuit that she was fired because she's white.

The Tribune-Review reports that Lisa Ellis of Mt. Lebanon made the comment June 30, three days after a Pittsburgh police officer was charged with homicide in the shooting death of an unarmed black teenager. The shooting fueled daily protests around Pittsburgh, and a man was charged with reckless endangerment for driving his car through a crowd of activists, injuring three.

Ellis wrote on Facebook, "Total BS. Too bad he didn't have a bus to plow through." Her comment was one of 2,000 responding to a news article about the reckless driving case.

BNY Mellon subsequently fired Ellis, who worked as a senior analyst in the wealth management department.

Ellis filed a wrongful termination suit on Friday.

"We believe that she was targeted because she is white, and that she would not have been fired if she was not white," said Vincent Colianni, her attorney.

BNY Mellon confirmed Ellis no longer works for the New York-based financial services company.

"BNY Mellon expects our employees to adhere to our Code of Conduct and other policies to ensure a culture of diversity, inclusion and respect for all individuals," the company said in a statement.

Colianni contended that Ellis's Facebook comment had nothing to do with race. Instead, her lawsuit said, Ellis blamed the protesters for blocking streets and didn't think the driver should have been charged.

"It's true that Lisa regrets her choice of words, but it was never meant as an attack or a criticism of Antwon Rose or his family or the protesters," Colianni said.

"The protest was about race, but she wasn't critical of the merit of the protests or the underlying cause. She absolutely understands and sympathizes with their cause. It was their tactics," he said. "But, because her comment involved a protest over the shooting of a black man by a white police officer, the comment was construed as racist because it came from a white person."

The lawsuit alleges that activists worked with a BNY Mellon human resources official to solicit complaints about Ellis and build a case to have her fired.

# Amazon HQ expansion means tough fight for talent

By ALEXANDRA OLSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — When tech giants like Amazon expand, other companies don't just worry about losing business. They also fret about hanging on to their employees.

Some of the industries that have defined New York City and the Washington, D.C., area will face increased competition for talent when Amazon sets up shop in their territory, with plans to hire 50,000 new workers amid the tightest job market in decades.

The expansion comes at time of fierce demand for computer programmers, mobile app developers, data scientists and cybersecurity experts. Salaries keep rising as companies from banks to retailers seek new technology professionals to expand their online presence and automate operations. Particularly in demand are software developers, with many switching jobs each year. Even some banks have eased up on their dress codes to project a hipper image.

"It's a very competitive market in New York," said William Lynch, president of the New York-based fitness tech company Peloton. "It really requires you to be smart about how you are reaching the new hiring pipeline."

Tech employment in the U.S. has grown by an average of 200,000 new jobs each year since 2010, a trend that is expected to continue for at least the next decade, according to an industry report from Computing Technology Industry Association, or CompTIA, which analyzes data from the Labor Department and other sources. The figure includes all people employed by tech companies, as well as tech professionals in other industries.

In New York, big banks are among the biggest employers of computer technology professionals. J.P. Morgan Chase employs 50,000 people in technology and hired its first artificial intelligence research chief in May. Goldman Sachs has said one-quarter of its employees work in engineering-related roles. Amazon's traditional retail rivals are striving to expand their online business and develop new technologies to improve operational efficiency.

But young professionals are flocking to tech companies, lured by the idea of changing the way people do everything from buying homes to exercising.

"In the past, the traditional career path has been to go into financial services, investment banking and consulting. What we see now is a surge of interest in tech companies," said Dan Wang, a professor of Business and Sociology at Columbia University.

Amazon will begin recruiting in a few months for its two new headquarters in New York's Long Island City and the Washington suburb of Arlington, seeking talent to support an empire that has expanded to include cloud computing services, advertising and, video streaming and TV production. The company expects to hire about 25,000 people over several years for each location. The average salary will be about $150,000 a year.

Amazon's move is only the most dramatic example of technology companies expanding their presence in the East Coast. Instagram opened a new office in New York over the summer and plans to hire hundreds of engineers. Google is reportedly looking to add 12,000 more employees in New York City.

Amazon, now 24 years old, will have to contend with New York's thriving startup scene, where companies flush with venture capital offer young people big roles and the chance to upend new industries.

That's the kind of pitch prospective employees hear from Peloton, which announced plans Monday to move into bigger headquarters in midtown Manhattan in 2020. The fitness tech company, which received $550 million in new investment in August, will be hiring thousands of people across locations in the next years, especially in technology, marketing and sales, said Lynch, the company president. It currently has nearly 100 positions open in New York City.

"We are aware of Amazon and it's amazing for New York City. But Google has been here. We've been recruiting against Google for a long time," Lynch said.

The scramble for talent goes beyond tech workers. Technology companies employ more than 3.7 million people in supporting roles like marketing and financing, according to CompTIA.

That panorama is top of mind for people like Dimple Bansal, a business graduate student at Columbia University who is focusing her studies on technology strategy. Last spring, she took an internship at Airbnb and over the summer she interned at Google.

"Tech is a growing landscape. I think it's exciting to bridge the divide between pure technology skills, and to bring the business mindset to these companies that are touching so many lives," said Bansal, 27.

Financial institutions have stepped up their recruiting strategies, trying to present their companies as innovation hubs for products from mobile apps to AI solutions for fraud reduction.

J.P. Morgan announced plans earlier this year to open a financial technology campus in California's Bay Area. Goldman holds online coding challenges as part of its recruitment efforts and launched an in-house incubator to allow employees to develop ideas.

Wang, the Columbia professor, said startup fashion brands could benefit from partnerships if Amazon leverages its New York location to venture into the luxury market. But Wang said that could mean a competition for workers from rivals like Walmart-owned Jet.com, which currently has job openings for dozens of engineers in its New Jersey headquarters, across the Hudson River from New York.

"If I were working at Jet.com, I would be very tempted by Amazon," Wang said.

As technology firms spread out, young professionals can be choosy about where they live, another incentive for companies like Amazon to set up shop in in trendy urban centers.

Based on an analysis of the revisions in job listings made on its online professional network, LinkedIn calculated 13 percent of the workers specializing in software leave their employers for another job each year.

Mathew Calkins, a 25-year-old machine learning engineer who works in Washington, D.C., for the consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton, is moving to New York to work at Google later this year. He saw New York City as a thriving technical hub with more diversity than many of its West Coast counterparts.


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**More information on the High Bridge Wind Project** can be found at www.calpine.com/highbridgewind and on the Siting Board's website (www.dps.ny.gov) under Case 18-F-0262. Copies of many materials discussed at this open house will be available for public review on these websites following the event.

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