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COLD SEASON: Have you ever been curious about a sneeze?

The website thefactsite.com says that people don't sneeze in their sleep, as the brain shuts down the reflex. Maybe it's a bit gross, but it seems like everyone is sick at this time of year.

The website also estimates that if you sneeze while traveling at 60 mph, your eyes are closed for an average of 50 feet.

From Reader's Digest, some more information about sneezes. Sneezing is your body rebooting. Researchers from the University of Pennsylvania reported on why we sneeze, concluding that we need to reset our nasal cavities every so often. A sneeze accomplishes that.

A sneeze can travel up to 100 miles per hour. The faster the air moves out of your nose, the louder the sneeze.

This is why it is so important to cover your mouth with your elbow when you sneeze: the spray can travel five feet or more.

Sneezing is quite a workout, as it engages one's throat, chest, diaphragm and abdomen.

The cold itself is actually a minor infection caused by more than 200 different viruses, the most common of which is the rhinovirus.

Adults get an average of two to four colds per year, mostly between September and May, while children suffer from six to eight colds per year. Colds usually last about seven to 10 days.

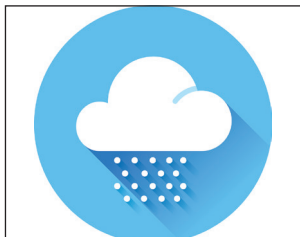
More than one billion cases of the common cold occur in the U.S. each year.

According to Smithsonian Magazine, stocking up on vitamin C won't help. If you take at least 0.2 grams of vitamin C every day, you aren't likely to have fewer colds, but the colds you get may be of shorter duration.

Web MD reports: "Time to set the record straight. There's no evidence that you get sick because you've been out in the cold weather. And don't worry if you get overheated. It doesn't lead to a cold either."

What does make a cold worse, however, is stress. The more stressed you are, the longer a common cold can last.

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Former Eldred secretary to serve jail time

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SMETHPORT — A former Eldred Borough secretary will serve time in McKean County Jail and pay thousands of dollars in restitution for allegations she was stealing sewage payments from residents.

Robin C. Mazurkiewicz, 55, of Eldred, was sentenced Thursday in McKean County Court before President Judge John Pavlock. She pleaded guilty Dec. 20 to charges of theft by failure to make required disposition of funds, a third-degree felony; and tampering with public records, a second-degree misdemeanor.

Mazurkiewicz will serve 30 days to 23 ½ months in McKean County Jail with 23 ½ months of probation to be served concurrent to — or at the same time as — the jail term.

She was ordered to pay back \$24,500 in restitution for money stolen from the borough, as well as \$1,800 for the cost of the forensic accountant who aided in the investigation. As part of the plea agreement, she must pay restitution in full by March 1.

Additionally, she is to complete 100 hours of community service and have drug & alcohol and mental health evaluations.

"I am very remorseful for what I've done," Mazurkiewicz told Pavlock.

She said the only thing she asked was if she could serve house arrest instead of jail time.

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Era photo by Caleb Huntoon
The clock tower of Old City Hall, at the intersection of Boylston and Kennedy streets, stands tall before sunset on Tuesday.

Casey, Toomey split in votes on bills to end shutdown

HARRISBURG (AP) — Pennsylvania's U.S. senators split in votes on competing bills for ending the partial government shutdown as the Senate rejected President Donald Trump's plan and another that passed the Democratic-controlled House.

Thursday's votes saw Republican Sen. Pat Toomey back Trump's legislation, while Democratic Sen. Bob Casey supported the House bill. The Democratic proposal got two more votes than Trump's plan in the Republican-controlled Senate.

The House bill would have reopened the government through Feb. 8, but didn't allow money for a border wall that Trump is demanding.

The Trump-backed bill included \$5.7 billion for border-wall funding, along with funding to reopen the government on a longer-term basis, temporary protections for young immigrants and new curbs on Central Americans seeking safe haven.

Some 800,000 federal workers are due to miss a second paycheck Friday.

A weekend at the movies with the Southern Tier Symphony

By DANIELLE GAMBLE
Special to The Era

Cravings for popcorn are sure to waft through the concert halls this weekend when the Southern Tier Symphony presents a movie-themed showcase this weekend.

In its second concert series of the season, the orchestra will present "Music from the Movies." Selections include themes from such cinematic classics as "Jurassic Park," and "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial," as well as pieces you may have heard dozens of times but never known the name of.

"They evoke movie memories because they've been a part of several movie scores for years," said the orchestra's Executive Director Betsy Cashing. "I love the fact that (Conductor Ben Grow) has put together so many iconic pieces that will touch people."

The first show will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Olean (N.Y.) High School Auditorium. The second is set for 3 p.m. Sunday at the Bromeley Theater at the University of Pittsburgh Bradford campus.

Cashing said the program is broken up in parts that reflect the type of music being played.

The first half will be classical music in movies — that is, historical works in film and pop culture. This will include such pieces as:

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Era file photo
The Southern Tier Symphony performs in Bradford in January 2018.

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“Other than that, I have to pay for what I’ve done,” Mazurkiewicz said.

She has no criminal record or supervision history, Pavlock said, but he added, “Doesn’t mean she should not be punished.”

The judge accepted the sentence in the plea agreement because Eldred Borough representatives had no objection to the plea; however, if they had objected, he said he probably would not have followed the plea.

Pavlock explained that not only did Mazurkiewicz need to be held accountable, but he also wanted to send a message to anyone else who might consider similar behavior.

On the day Mazurkiewicz entered her plea, District Attorney Stephanie Vettenburg-Shaffer said that between Jan. 1, 2014, and March 31, 2018, Mazurkiewicz failed to deposit \$24,500 of borough funds into the proper account.

In her position at the borough, Mazurkiewicz was responsible for taking sewer and waste payments from customers and depositing them, Shaffer said. She would take the payment money, but erase the transaction from the borough’s system and pocket the money.

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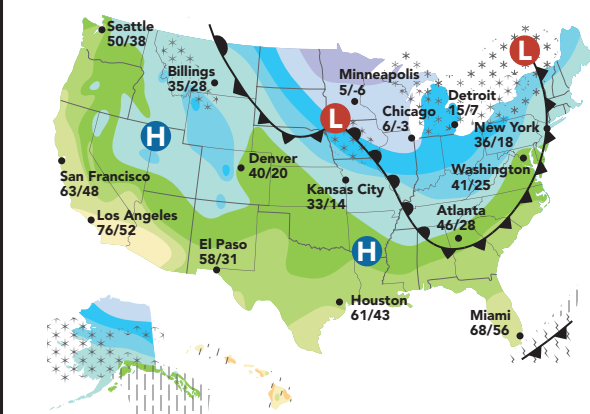
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WEATHER

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LOCAL FORECAST

Today

Today will be cloudy with snow showers likely, a high near 18 degrees and wind gusts as high as 33 mph. Tonight will be mostly cloudy with a low around 3 degrees.

Extended Forecast

Saturday will be mostly cloudy with a high near 20 degrees. Saturday night will be cloudy with a chance of snow and a low around 12 degrees. Sunday will be cloudy with a chance of snow showers and a high near 26 degrees. Sunday night will be cloudy with a chance of snow and a low around 6 degrees. Monday will be cloudy with a chance of snow showers and a high near 20 degrees. There will be snow Monday night, and the low is expected to be around 15 degrees.

BRADFORD READINGS

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Midnight	43	9 a.m.	32	6 p.m.	23
1 a.m.	44	10 a.m.	30	7 p.m.	22
2 a.m.	44	11 a.m.	30	8 p.m.	23
3 a.m.	44	Noon	28	9 p.m.	22
4 a.m.	43	1 p.m.	26	10 p.m.	22
5 a.m.	44	2 p.m.	24	11 p.m.	22
6 a.m.	36	3 p.m.	24	Last year	
7 a.m.	35	4 p.m.	24	High	30
8 a.m.	33	5 p.m.	23	Low	15

Symphony

- “Also sprach Zarathustra,” composed in 1896 by Richard Strauss and famously featured in Stanley Kubrick’s “2001: A Space Odyssey.”
- Hungarian Dance No. 5 in G minor,” by Johannes Brahms, completed in 1869. It is featured notably in Charlie Chaplin’s 1940 satirical anti-fascist film “The Great Dictator.”
- Johann Sebastian Bach’s “Air on the G String,” composed in 1731. The piece is used in “Se7en” and the James Bond film “The Spy Who Loved Me.”
- “Infernal Galop” from Jacques Offenbach’s “Orpheus in the Underworld,” a piece better known as the Can-Can as it has been tied to the high-legged French dance. It has been used in an extraordinary number of movies and shows, including Mel Brooks’ “Robin Hood: Men in Tights,” 2001’s “Moulin Rouge!” and Disney’s “The Little Mermaid.”
- Samuel Barber’s “Adagio for Strings,” which premiered in 1938. The tragic work has been featured in films including Oliver Stone’s “Platoon” and David Lynch’s “The Elephant Man.”
- “The one that always comes to my mind is when the memorial for the World Trade Center was held, they played that there,” Cashing said.
- Aaron Copland’s “Fanfare for the Common Man,” written in 1942. As reported by NPR, the piece was written as the U.S.

entered World War II, and was inspired by a speech by Vice President Henry A. Wallace that included the quote: “I say that the century on which we are entering, the century which will come out of this war, can be and must be the century of the common man.” Copland’s piece has, in turn, inspired such film scores as “Saving Private Ryan” and the classic “Superman” theme.

- Ludwig van Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy” from his Ninth Symphony. It’s featured dramatically in several classic films including Kubrick’s “A Clockwork Orange” and the action film “Die Hard.”

The second half will showcase music for movies — selections and suites adapted from famous film and musical scores.

“The whole idea is that people can see the progression” of how movie music has been inspired by classic works, Cashing said.

Music featured will come from such films as:

- “Raiders of the Lost Ark,” released in 1981 as the first installment of the Indiana Jones franchise and directed by filmmaker Steven Spielberg. The music is by arguably the most influential film composer in history, John Williams.
- “E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial,” released in 1982 and featuring another partnering of Spielberg and Williams.

- “Jurassic Park,” released in 1993, yet another Spielberg/Williams work.
- Andrew Lloyd Webber’s “The Phantom of the Opera,” a 1986 Broadway musical featuring the storyline from an early 20th century French novel. The story was made into several film and stage adaptations, and a film version of Webber’s musical was released in theaters December 2004.
- “My Fair Lady,” a 1956 Broadway production that was made into a 1964 film starring Audrey Hepburn.
- “An American in Paris,” a 1951 film inspired by George Gershwin’s 1928 composition, featuring many of his popular works.

Cashing noted the two arrangements of “My Fair Lady” and “An American in Paris” to be featured this weekend were done by the late John Whitney, founder of the Southern Tier Symphony.

She added while the list of pieces is longer than normal, the concert won’t be.

“Typically we do a full symphony at each concert, and that takes about one half of the performance,” she said. “But when you come to music that’s affiliated with film and used on stage and so forth, they take pieces of it” from longer works. “It looks like more, but it’s really about the same amount.”

Cashing said those in attendance will be asked to fill out a small survey about

the performance, and those audience reviews will be used to put together a concert review to be published in an upcoming edition of the *Olean Times Herald*.

“Everybody gets to be the reviewer,” she said, adding the feedback will also help the symphony pick future concert selections.

Tickets are \$20 per person and students of any age are free.

Additionally, each concert will feature a pre-concert talk by the orchestra conductor, to begin 45 minutes prior to each performance.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit southerntiersymphony.org.

Lotteries:

Thursday
Midday
Pa. Pick 2 (1/24): 8-5
Pa. Pick 3: 8-3-9
Pa. Pick 4: 2-0-4-9
Pa. Pick 5: 2-0-7-9-9
Pa. Treasure Hunt: 6-9-16-17-20
Evening:
Pa. Pick 2 (1/24): 9-2
Pa. Pick 3: 5-7-8
Pa. Pick 4: 2-4-4-1
Pa. Pick 5: 3-5-9-6-6
Pa. Cash Five: 5-18-29-32-35
Pa. Cash 4 Life: 13-34-36-49-55
Pa. Match 6: 2-4-10-38-42-49

Midday:
N.Y. Numbers (1/24): 1-9-6
N.Y. Win Four: 3-6-7-4
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N.Y. Numbers (1/24): 3-4-9
N.Y. Win Four: 1-2-0-5
N.Y. Pick 10: 2-8-22-24-27-29-30-32-34-38-45-46-52-55-59-62-64-66-73-77

High heat but no record: 2018 was 4th warmest year on Earth

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — While Earth was a tad cooler last year than the last couple of years, it still was the fourth warmest on record, a new analysis shows.

With the partial U.S. government shutdown, federal agency calculations for last year’s temperatures are delayed. But independent scientists at Berkeley Earth calculate that last year’s average temperature was 58.93 degrees (14.96 degrees Celsius).

That’s 1.39 degrees (0.77 degrees Celsius) warmer than the average from 1951 to 1980 and about 2.09 degrees (1.16 degrees Celsius) warmer than pre-industrial times.

It’s likely other temperature measuring groups will agree on 2018’s ranking since they had it at fourth hottest through November, said Berkeley Earth climate scientist Zeke Hausfather. The Japanese

Meteorological Agency has already calculated it at fourth. Record-keeping started in 1850.

Only 2016, 2017 and 2015 were warmer than last year, with only small differences among them. That was mostly because of natural yearly weather variations like El Nino and La Nina, Hausfather said. He said it would be foolish to call last year’s slight dip a cooling trend.

“The long term is stunningly clear,” he said.

Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann, who wasn’t part of the Berkeley Earth team, said the fact that nearly every year recently is in the top five or top 10 hottest years is “clear evidence of human-caused warming on this planet.”

Last year, 29 countries, including much of Central Europe, and Antarctica had record hot years, Hausfather said.

Pennsylvania airman is laid to rest at Arlington

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A Pennsylvania airman killed last year in Afghanistan has finally been laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Dylan Elchin was buried Thursday with full military honors.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reports more than

300 people attended a short service before the burial.

Elchin was eulogized by his commander as an airman who willingly accepted tough assignments, adding that he loved the military and died fighting for freedom Thursday with full military honors.

In December, a memorial was held for Elchin in his hometown of Hookstown

in Moon Township so local friends and family could say goodbye.

Elchin was one of three service members who died when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb in Afghanistan in November. A fourth— Sgt. Jason Mitchell McClary, from Export, Pennsylvania — at a hospital after the attack.

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