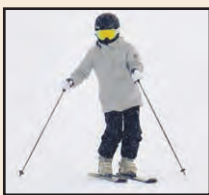


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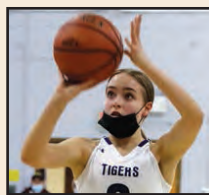
Omicron has done little to keep people from snowboarding and skiing on local slopes.



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Purple Tiger girls basketball standout Kirsten Merritt has fought her way back from an ACL injury.



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New York COVID positivity rate falls below 10%

New York Daily News (TNS)

ALBANY — New York's state-wide COVID positivity rate fell below 10% on Friday, the first time the marker has dropped into the single digits in more than a month.

Gov. Kathy Hochul, speaking at the Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island, said she's confident that the state is heading in the right direction following the omicron-fueled holiday surge.

"Here is a trend that you don't need to be a scientist to see: The trend is going down, a 66% drop in new cases over the past two weeks," the governor said.

The state reported 28,296 new coronavirus cases on Friday, a fraction of the nearly 100,000 daily cases being recorded at the height of the most recent surge earlier this week.

In the city, the seven-day average of new daily cases has been well under 20,000, New York City Health Commissioner Dave Chokshi said earlier this week.

Hochul commended the city and Long Island for a swift decline in cases over the past two weeks.

She also noted that hospitalizations remain above 11,000 and some areas upstate are still struggling as hospitals experience bed shortages and staffing issues.

The state's seven-day average of new COVID hospitalizations is down 20.5% compared to one week ago.

Staffing issues remain a concern in the city as well, prompting Hochul to deploy an additional 88 nonmedical National Guard troops to support staff at nine nursing homes across the five boroughs.

Additional federal help is also on the way as military surge teams from the Biden administration set to arrive at a Brooklyn hospital and one in New Jersey in the coming days.

"This is a reminder that this isn't over," Hochul said. "We've got over-worked healthcare workers still on the front lines."



Yuner Gao/staff reporter

Moises Guevara, manager of Garcia's Mexican grocery on Main Street in Cortland, talks to customers Jan. 7 in the store. "Before the pandemic, people were waiting in line," Guevara said. The arrival of the pandemic disrupted everything.

Entrepreneurs endure Small businesses persevere amid economic disruption

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Garcia's Mexican grocery on Main Street in Cortland opened shortly after the 2020 COVID-19 outbreak. Several weeks? Several months? Manager Moises Guevara doesn't remember the exact day.

But he does remember the hard time at the beginning. The business did not go well at first, particularly because many of its customers are Hispanic farm workers.

"Many people worked at the farm, and they were not allowed to come out," he said, "This went on for months."

But the business persevered. Its start was bucking the trend.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought widespread economic disruption, the U.S. Small Business Administration reports in "The Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Small Businesses." Businesses closed; unemployment surged to levels not seen since the Great Depression. The number of self-employed workers in April 2020 was 20% lower than in April 2019.

The pandemic complicates an

already difficult task, said Bob Haight, Cortland Area Chamber of Commerce president and CEO.

"Small businesses ownership is very difficult at any time," he said. "We have recessions. We have pandemic and weather-related things."

But we have dreams, too, and for many people, owning a business is one of them.

'THERE ARE GOOD OPPORTUNITIES'

"So Americans have filed to start 4.3 million businesses in 2020, and that was a 24% increase from 2019," said Elizabeth Wimer, an assistant teaching professor of entrepreneurship at Syracuse University. "And we are expecting a similar or even higher number in 2021."

"There are good opportunities," Wimer said. "So when we say good opportunity, we mean that the entrepreneur found something that's attractive, timely, durable. So there are some opportunities out there even without the pandemic. And maybe some people received extra employment benefits and maybe they tantalize to begin investing in their own entrepreneur businesses. Some people kind of like to be their

own boss or the feeling of being their own boss by remote working."

NEW ENTREPRENEURS

Sam Daniels, 24, is one of them. Born and raised in Cortland, she does not have much business experience. But at the start of the new year, Daniels finally made her longtime New Year's resolution to take on a store, Apricity, opposite Garcias.

Apricity opened last September, but its first owner has moved on after just four months.

"She was a nurse for quite a while and I guess she kind of missed the nursing," Daniels said. "This is not her passion."

Amid the pandemic, Apricity was doing well. "Actually it's better than she expected," Daniels said.

Good sales were the reason Daniels decided to take over, but not the most important. "I've always wanted to have a physical store," she said.

NOW COMES THE CHALLENGE

But with the dream comes a challenge. For Guevara at Garcia's Grocery, survival depended on the business

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Federal worker vaccine mandate blocked

CQ-Roll Call (TNS)

WASHINGTON — A federal judge in Texas blocked the Biden administration's vaccine mandate for federal workers nationwide Friday, in a ruling that leans on a Supreme Court order last week that stopped a similar rule for larger businesses.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Brown in the Southern District of Texas wrote that granting the preliminary injunction is about the authority of the president, and not about "whether folks should get vaccinated against COVID-19 — the court believes they should."



Brown

"It is instead about whether the President can, with the stroke of a pen and without the input of Congress, require millions of federal employees to undergo a medical procedure as a condition of their employment," Brown wrote in a 20-page order. "That, under the current state of the law as just recently expressed by the Supreme Court, is a bridge too far."

The Supreme Court, in a 6-3 order last week, halted an Occupational Safety and Health Administration rule for larger businesses to either require vaccination or have a masking and testing policy early this year. The court concluded that Congress gave the agency the power to regulate workplace dangers but not health care more broadly.

Brown pointed to part of that Supreme Court ruling that held COVID-19 "is not a workplace risk, but rather a 'universal risk' that is 'no different from the day-to-day dangers that all face from crime, air pollution, or any number of communicable diseases.'"

Applying the same logic means President Joe Biden did not have statutory authority to issue the federal worker mandate either, Brown concluded.

The Justice Department immediately filed a notice Friday that it would appeal the decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, and the issue of the injunction appears likely to go to the Supreme Court.

Also last week, in a 5-4 order, the Supreme Court did allow a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services vaccine mandate for health care workers at federally funded health care facilities.

In the three decisions in Texas and at the Supreme Court, the challenges to the Biden administration actions were at preliminary stages, when courts were deciding whether to allow the actions to go into effect while the lawsuits moved through the legal system.

Brown wrote that he made the injunction nationwide to avoid confusion, since the lead plaintiff in the

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NY expands absentee voting after ballot measure defeat



Associated Press

A New York City Board of Election staff member removes an absentee ballot from its envelope as she helps count ballots in the primary election July 2 in New York. New York would extend absentee balloting through the rest of 2022 under a bill that breezed through the Democratic-controlled Senate and Assembly this month.

ALBANY (AP) — New Yorkers can again choose to vote by absentee rather than face the risk of catching COVID-19 at polling sites through the rest of 2022 under a bill that Gov. Kathy Hochul signed Friday.

The Assembly passed the bill 100-45 on Wednesday, and the Senate passed the bill last week with a 42-21 vote. One Democrat in the Senate and two Democrats in the Assembly opposed it.

Currently, New York law only allows an individual to request an absentee ballot if they will be absent from their county or New York City on Election Day, or if they have an illness, physical disability, or care-taking responsibilities for someone who is ill or disabled.

The new law again amends the definition of illness to include when a voter can't go to a polling place because of the risk of contracting or spreading a harmful disease. New York first passed such legislation in 2020.

The Democratic governor has said

she intends to allow every New Yorker to vote by absentee in 2022.

"Gov. Hochul is committed to restoring faith in government and elections, which is why she proposed a number of State of the State reforms to improve access to voting and safeguard elections in New York," her spokesperson Hazel Crampton-Hays said.

The legislation's passage comes months after voters in November defeated two proposed constitutional amendments that would have allowed same-day voting registration and permanent no-excuse absentee voting. Democrats wielding a legislative supermajority had expected both to easily pass.

"The failure of the voting rights ballot proposals in New York and the threat to voting rights across our nation place an even greater responsibility on the Legislature to do the right thing and prioritize voting reforms," Sen. Alessandra Biaggi, a Democrat representing Bronx

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Weather

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Rest of today: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 13. Southwest wind around 6 mph.

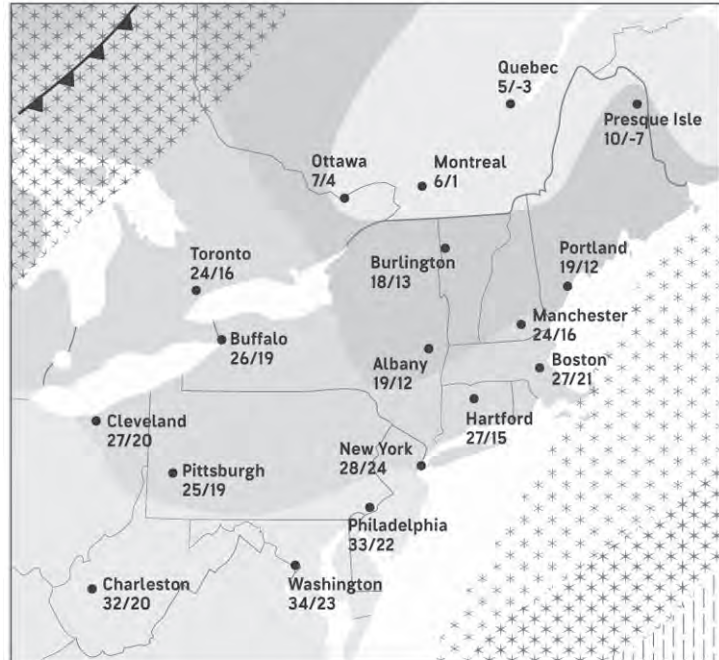
Sunday: A chance of snow showers, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 22. Calm wind becoming west 5 to 9 mph in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Sunday night: A chance of snow showers, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 2.

Skies Today

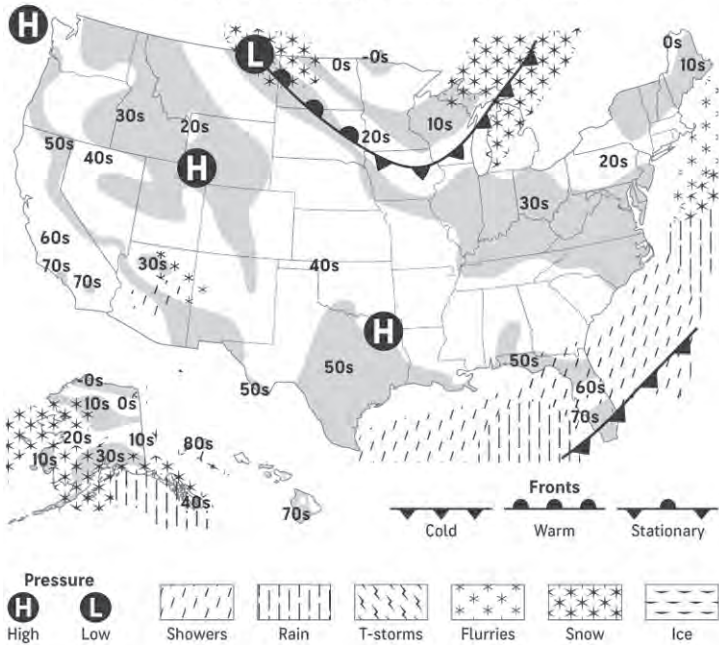
Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022	
Sunset today	5:04 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:27 a.m.
Normal high temperature	30
Normal low temperature	14
Average temperature	22
First quarter moon	Jan. 25

Forecast for Saturday, January 22, 2022



Forecast for Saturday, January 22, 2022

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



NATIONAL SUMMARY: Arctic air will settle over much of the Eastern states today as cold rain lingers over Florida. Snow will fall around the Upper Midwest. As an Alberta clipper storm drops southeastward, snow will spread from the Dakotas to Minnesota during the afternoon then into more of the Midwest at night. Santa Ana winds will rattle Southern California.

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Lottery Winners

ALBANY (AP) — Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the New York State Lottery:

Numbers: Midday: 3-1-4, Evening: 8-4-3; **WinFour:** Midday: 8-6-6-3, Evening: 0-6-1-4; **Pick 10:** 4-9-12-13-19-21-24-28-29-37-45-46-49-51-52-53-59-69-75-76; **Take Five:** Midday: 10-15-17-29-32, Evening: 2-8-15-16-37; **Mega Millions:** 38-45-46-55-67, Megaball: 18, Megaplier: 2; **Cash4Life:** 5-21-24-36-46, Cash Ball: 2

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Extended

Monday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 23.

Monday night: Snow showers likely, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Tuesday: A chance of snow showers. Cloudy, with a high near 30.

Tuesday night: A chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 6.

City Snowfall

Jan. 20-21	None
Season to date	20.5 inches

Precipitation

Jan. 20-21	None
Month to date	1.59 inches

Records

Rock star Meat Loaf dies at 74

NEW YORK (AP) — Meat Loaf, the heavyweight rock superstar loved by millions for his “Bat Out of Hell” album and for such theatrical, dark-hearted anthems as “Paradise By the Dashboard Light,” “Two Out of Three Ain’t Bad,” and “I’d Do Anything for Love (But I Won’t Do That),” has died. He was 74.

The singer born Marvin Lee Aday passed away Thursday, according to a family statement provided by his longtime agent Michael Greene.

“Our hearts are broken to announce that the incomparable Meat Loaf passed away tonight,” the statement said. “We know how much he meant to so many of you and we truly appreciate all of the love and support as we move through this time of grief in losing such an inspiring artist and beautiful man... From his heart to your souls... don’t ever stop rocking!”

No cause or other details were given, but Aday had numerous health scares over the years.

“Bat Out of Hell,” his mega-selling collaboration with songwriter Jim Steinman and producer Todd Rundgren, came out in 1977 and made him one of the most recognizable performers in rock.

Fans fell hard for the roaring vocals of the long-haired, 250-plus pound singer and for the comic non-romance of the title track, “You Took The Words Right Out of My Mouth,” “Two Out of Three Ain’t Bad” and “Paradise By the Dashboard Light,” an operatic cautionary tale about going all the way.

“Paradise” was a duet with Ellen Foley that featured play-by-play from New York Yankees broadcaster Phil Rizzuto, who alleged — to much skepticism — that he was unaware of any alternate meanings to reaching third base and heading for home.

After a slow start and mixed reviews, “Bat Out of Hell” became one of the top-selling albums in history, with worldwide sales of more than 40 million copies.

Meat Loaf wasn’t a consistent hit maker, especially after falling out for years with Steinman. But he maintained close ties with his fans through his manic live shows, social media and his many television, radio and film appearances, including “Fight Club” and cameos on “Glee”

and “South Park.”

Friends and fans mourned his death on social media. “I hope paradise is as you remember it from the dashboard light, Meat Loaf,” actor Stephen Fry said on Twitter. Andrew Lloyd Webber tweeted: “The vaults of heaven will be ringing with rock.” And Adam Lambert called Meat Loaf: “A gentle hearted powerhouse rock star forever and ever. You were so kind. Your music will always be iconic.”

Meat Loaf’s biggest musical success after “Bat Out of Hell” was “Bat Out of Hell II: Back into Hell,” a 1993 reunion with Steinman that sold more than 15 million copies and featured the Grammy-winning single “I’d Do Anything for Love (But I Won’t Do That).”

Steinman died in April.

A native of Dallas, Aday was the son of a school teacher who raised him on her own after divorcing his alcoholic father, a police officer.

Aday was singing and acting in high school (Mick Jagger was an early favorite, so was Ethel Merman) and attended Lubbock



Meat Loaf

Obituaries

Lawrence (Larry) E. Fitts

Lawrence (Larry) E. Fitts, 79, of Cicero, passed away peacefully Friday, January 14, 2022 surrounded by family. Larry was born December 19, 1942 in Cortland, NY, the elder son of the late Elliott Harris Fitts and Phyllis Glann Fitts.

He grew up in Homer, NY, graduated from Homer High School, Class of 1960 and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University.

Larry went into business for himself at an early age by growing vegetables on the family farm and selling them at a local stand. When prompted, he loved retelling stories of his early entrepreneurship with ‘peas’ and ‘cabbage’. After college graduation, Larry worked as an appraiser, eventually forming Fitts Appraisal, as a private company. Most of his life Larry was known as a prolific Town Assessor, appointed by up to 13 towns at once, from the greater Central New York area. He loved the challenge of his positions, working with the community members on a daily basis and was respected by everyone with whom he interacted.

Larry was active in sports throughout his life. He competed in track in high school, pick-up basketball games in college, and throughout most of his adult life was an avid golfer and bowler. He cherished being involved with his sons’ teams in hockey, basketball, and golf. He contributed much of his time to after school sports activities and teams in the Homer and Dryden school districts. His sons remember that Larry never missed a game or match throughout their entire high school years. He remained an active sports fan throughout his life and was a season ticket holder for pretty much any sport in the Syracuse area that involved a ball or a puck.

Larry was a master storyteller and his sons often encouraged him to put the tales of his colorful life down on paper. Sadly, he simply ran out of time. Larry touched the lives of many people in his life and the world won’t be as bright with him gone.

He is survived by his wife, Allie; his sons, Michael (Jill) Fitts and Brian (Lauren) Fitts; a stepson, Sean Devaney; sister, Dottie (Jack) Ireland; brother, Jim (Donna) Fitts; sister, Lorna (Pete) Lyons; his beloved grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew and Sophia Fitts; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will hold public calling hours from 3:00 - 6:00 pm on Friday, February 4, at Newell-Fay Manlius Chapel, 8171 Cazenovia Rd., Manlius.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Larry’s name to the Humane Society. For the guest book, please visit: www.SCHEPPFAMILY.com.



Keith Allen Jennison

Keith Allen Jennison of Marathon, NY died on January 17, 2022. He was born in the Town of Lapeer on May 27, 1936, to the late Robert Larkin Jennison and Mary Christine (House) Jennison. He was predeceased by his loving parents, brothers Carl H. and Donald B; wife Beatrice D. (Crosby) Jennison, wife Ruth (Smith) Jennison, sisters-in-law Betty (Crosby) Betz and Bonnie (Kurtz) Jennison, and son-in-law Ty Braman. He is survived by sons Kenneth A Jennison (wife MaryEllen), James R. Jennison, Robert J. Jennison (wife Sandi), and daughter Karen Ann (Braman) Forkey (husband Charles Forkey Jr.) all of Marathon. Also surviving are brothers-in-law Dale Betz and William Smith (wife Erin), sisters-in-law Donna Jennison and Donna Smith. He has 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no calling hours. A memorial service is being planned in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to MAVAC PO Box 132 Marathon, NY 13803 or a charity of one’s choice. Arrangements are being handled by Sunset Memorial Services, Whitney Point, N.Y.



Death Notices

FITTS — Lawrence (Larry) E. Fitts, 79, of Cicero, a native of Cortland, died Jan. 14, 2022. Calling hours will be 3 to 6 p.m. Feb. 4 at Newell-Fay Manlius Chapel, 8171 Cazenovia Road, Manlius.

JENNISON — Keith Allen Jennison, 85, of Marathon, died Jan. 17, 2022. There will no calling hours. A memorial service is being planned for the spring.

WING — Anne Wing, 83, of Cortland, died Jan. 13, 2022. A celebration of life will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Wright-Beard Funeral Home, 9 Lincoln Ave., Cortland.

Comic, Emmy winner Louie Anderson dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Louie Anderson, whose four-decade career as a comedian and actor included his unlikely, Emmy-winning performance as mom to twin adult sons in the TV series “Baskets,” died Friday. He was 68.

Anderson died at a hospital in Las Vegas of complications from cancer, said Glenn Schwartz, his longtime publicist. Anderson had a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Schwartz said previously.

“‘Baskets’ was such a phenomenal ‘second act’ for Louie Anderson. I wish he’d gotten a third,” Michael McKean said on Twitter. George Wallace wrote: “You’ll be missed, Louie. What an awesome friend. One in a million.” Gilbert Gottfried posted a photo of himself, Anderson and Bob Saget, who died Jan. 9, with the caption: “Both good friends that will be missed.”

The portly, round-faced Anderson used his girth and a checkered childhood in Saint Paul, Minnesota, as fodder for his early stand-up routines.

In a 1987 interview with The Associated Press, Anderson compared himself to another comedian who mined his childhood for comedy.

“Bill Cosby and I had similar goals,” Anderson told AP. “I wanted parents to be able to bring their children and children to be able to bring their parents to my concerts. I feel a family that can laugh about family problems is better off. The difference between Cosby and myself is that he sees it from an adult perspective and I tell it from a child’s viewpoint.”

He had a life-long battle with weight, but said in 1987 that he’d put a stop to using his size as stage material.

“I’ve always been big,” he said. “But I don’t do fat jokes anymore.”

In later years, his life as one of 11 children in a family headed by a troubled father and devoted mother was a deeper source of

Christian College and what is now the University of North Texas. Among his more notable childhood memories: Seeing John F. Kennedy arrive at Love Field in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, then learning the president had been assassinated and driving to Parkland Hospital and watching a bloodied Jackie Kennedy step out of a car.

He was still a teenager when his mother died and when he acquired the nickname Meat Loaf, the alleged origins of which range from his weight to a favorite recipe of his mother’s. He left for Los Angeles after college and was soon fronting the band Meat Loaf Soul.

For years, he alternated between music and the stage, recording briefly for Motown, opening for such acts as the Who and the Grateful Dead and appearing in the Broadway production of “Hair.”

By the mid-1970s, he was playing the lobotomized biker Eddie in the theater and film versions of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show,” had served as an understudy for his friend John Belushi for the stage production of National Lampoon and had begun working with Steinman on “Bat Out of Hell.”

reflection and inspiration for Anderson, both in his screen work and in his best-selling books.

His latest book, 2018’s “Hey Mom,” was a tribute in letters to the lessons he learned from her and how-to tips on facing life’s challenges. He also gave the late Ora Zella Anderson a shout-out for the “Baskets” role.

“I just started writing with one letter, saying, ‘Hey Mom, I’m playing you on TV. I hope you see it. I hope you’re a part of it...” Anderson told AP that year.

He won the best supporting actor Emmy in 2016 for his portrayal of Christine Baskets, mother to twins played by Zach Galifianakis, in FX’s “Baskets.” Anderson, who received three consecutive Emmy nods for the role, played it with restraint and with specific touches he credits to his mom.

“Nuance is what I go for, tiny rather than bigger things. Mom did things with her eyes or her grimace or her disappointed lips — or her passive-aggressiveness,” he told the AP in 2015, laughing. “Rolling eyes were big in our family.”



Anderson



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Thursday, January 20th

The 355 (PG13) – 3:45pm 6:45pm
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 Sing 2 (PG) – 4:00pm 6:30pm
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Friday, January 21st

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Saturday, January 22nd

West Side Story (PG13) – 12:15pm 3:30pm 6:30pm 9:00pm
 The 355 (PG13) – 12:30pm 6:45pm
 American Underdog (PG) – 3:15pm 9:15pm
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Sunday, January 23rd

West Side Story (PG13) – 3:30pm 6:30pm
 The 355 (PG13) – 7:00pm
 American Underdog (PG) – 3:15pm
 Scream (R) – 3:30pm 7:00pm
 Sing 2 (PG) – 3:30pm 6:45pm
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In Loving Memory of

Jane M. Ryan

Oct. 21, 1958 – Jan. 10, 2021

To My Wife, Jane,
 It's been one year since you left us.
 We all miss you so very much.
 We miss your smile and your words
 of wisdom. I'll be with you someday.

With Love from Richard and Family

Community

Dryden sets date to lay broadband cable

By VALERIE PUMA
Staff Reporter

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DRYDEN — As the town of Dryden plans for a spring groundbreaking to lay fiber optic cables, the town board is negotiating easements from the village of Dryden to bring broadband access to more residents.

The town has a firm date of April 1 to get contractors out to Pinckney Road to begin construction and laying the fiber optic cables, but aren't sure yet which direction they'll bring service to first, Ryan Garrison of Hunt Engineering said Friday at the town's broadband access committee meeting.

"That will be basically the very first building block of our network," Garrison said. "We identified this area as kind of our pilot area, where we could get started immediately, get customers online, vet certain things."

Because the pilot area is located on the western side, the cables will eventually continue down the rail trail to reach more-populated areas, Garrison said.

"That would be our alternative solution to going through the village," Garrison said.

The town board is negotiating with the Dryden Village Board of Trustees regarding easements and revenue payments, said town Supervisor Jason Leifer.

"They want us to give them 2% to 3% of revenue for village hookups," Leifer said, a request that has the broadband committee considering first routing cables through the hamlets of Etna and Varna, instead. "Unless they drop it, we'll be dealing with that. They're asking essentially for a utility tax they're not entitled to."

Leifer said the broadband project is not about profit, and the town will consider applying for more grants to help

reduce the cost for customers.

In her state of the state address earlier this month, Gov. Kathy Hochul announced a new \$1 billion ConnectALL initiative to expand broadband access, including two grant opportunities that could fit with the town of Dryden's goals.

The Local Connectivity Planning and 21st Century Municipal Infrastructure program aims to provide grants to municipalities, nonprofits and other entities constructing open and accessible public broadband infrastructure. The Rural Broadband program will provide matching grants to support rural broadband access, including last-mile connections and middle-mile projects.

"We'll go for it — for every dollar we can find," Leifer said.

With the help of state and federal grant funding, the town won't need to borrow as much money and will be able to keep the monthly fees low for

customers, Leifer said. He expects it could charge even less than the \$30-a-month Affordable Subsidy the state has planned.

"We want to get broadband out to the more rural parts as fast as possible," Leifer said.

Initial construction is set to begin this spring regardless of which route the town chooses to take, said Hunt Engineering information technology consultant Kenneth Gleason.

"We can go either direction," he told committee members. "That's the focus — building that pilot area first, and by that time you guys should have a direction of either going toward Varna or toward the village."

If things go well, Gleason might even direct two construction crews, going in both directions.

"I'm fine going toward Varna, but then we're not going to stop, right?"

We're going to keep going with the backbone toward Freeville and then from Freeville into Dryden," Gleason said. "If we have to stop because we don't have the easements in the village, then we'll have to deal with that at the time, but we're not going to stop."

Leifer said possible roadblocks for the project would be a labor shortage, and whether the town can run fiber optic cables through the village. Without easements, broadband service won't be available to village residents.

"I don't really know what the village trustees' concerns are, but the town has bent over backward to help the village out on many things over the years," Leifer said. "All we're asking for is permission to serve the residents of the village."

Village officials could not be reached for comment, but Leifer said he expects to schedule more meetings with the mayor and trustees to settle the matter.

Coronavirus briefs

Cortland County to distribute COVID test kits

Cortland County will distribute a second allotment of rapid COVID-19 test kits at three sessions on Sunday and another on Jan. 29, the county announced Friday.

The kits, provided by New York State, will also be distributed through the county's municipalities.

The distribution points, which will be open for two hours will limit recipients to one kit each, while supplies last:

■ **Cortlandville** — 9 to 11 a.m. Sunday at Cortlandville Fire Station 1. Enter from McLean Road to Terrace Road.

■ **Scott** — 10 a.m. to noon at Scott Town Hall.

■ **Truxton** — 1 to 3 p.m. at Truxton Town Hall. Enter from Railroad Street and exit on Chenango Road.

■ **Marathon** — 9 to 11 a.m. Jan. 29 at Marathon Town Hall. distribution will be done, "drive-by" style. Enter Brink Street from the west, then continue east to Route 11.

Cortland County plans vaccine clinics, too

The Cortland County Health Department, in collaboration with New York State, is hosting vaccination clinics. Registration can be found at www.cortland-co.org/1009/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information.

Cayuga County is no longer contact tracing

The Cayuga County Health Department announced Friday it ceased calling COVID-19-positive persons effective Thursday.

Cortland and Tompkins counties announced last week they had ceased contact tracing.

Instead, the state contact tracing team has taken over the task because of the number of positive cases, Cayuga County announced.

If you tested positive for COVID-19 at a testing facility, you will potentially receive a phone call from a 518 area code, although not every case will receive a call because of the surge in cases.

If you have tested positive or been exposed to a person who tested positive for COVID-19, you can complete an Attestation of Quarantine or Attestation of Quarantine at www.cayuga-county.us/1606/COVID-19-Isolation-and-Quarantine.

The Cayuga County Health Department continues uploading positive home tests into the state contact tracing database. If you test positive on a home test, you can submit your positive test results at covidtest@cayuga-county.us. I include your full legal name, date of birth, phone number, and date the test was taken.

Cortland County adds 216 cases, 3 deaths

Cortland County confirmed 216 new cases of COVID-19 on Friday, and three deaths, bring-

ing its total cases to 11,110.

Tompkins and Cayuga counties reported 297 new cases Friday. The number of people who have contracted the virus increased to 40,749 across Cortland, Tompkins and Cayuga counties since the pandemic began in March 2020. The number of people who have died from the virus has risen to 298.

■ The Cortland County Health Department was monitoring 217 active cases. It no longer reports data of contacts yet to be confirmed positive. Seventeen people were hospitalized. Since the pandemic began, 445 people have been hospitalized. The state Health Department reports 255,823 tests have been administered. The county has reported 95 deaths.

■ Tompkins County reported 191 new cases Friday, reports the state Health Department. The number of confirmed cases rose to 15,315. The state reports 2,866,670 tests have been administered. Seventy-five Tompkins residents have died.

■ In Cayuga County, the state Health Department reported 106 new cases Friday. Confirmed cases rose to 14,303. The state reports 318,263 tests have been administered. The state reports 128 people have died.

Cortland County rate now at 1,377 per 100,000

Cortland County reported 655 new cases of coronavirus from Jan. 14 to Thursday. The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Cortland has 1,376.60 new cases per 100,000 people over the past week.

Cortland County was listed as having a "high risk" of transmission.

The CDC recommends indoor masking in counties that exceed 50 cases per 100,000 over seven days.

The rates and risk, from the CDC:

Cortland: 1,376.60 — high
Tompkins: 1,087.30 — high
Cayuga: 1,100.87 — high
Onondaga: 1,553.22 — high
Broome: 986.41 — high
Chenango: 970.20 — high
Tioga: 1,084.99 — high
Madison: 962.77 — high

159,892 receive COVID vaccine in 3 counties

The state Health Department reports 28,841 Cortland County residents have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, or 60.3% of the county's total population and 67.8% of its people over 18. A total of 56.5% of the county has been fully vaccinated.

In Tompkins County, 82,621 people have received at least one dose, or 80.4% of the population and 84.9% of people over 18; 73.3% are fully vaccinated.

In Cayuga County, 48,430 residents have received at least one dose, or 62.8% of the total population and 70.8% of people over 18; 58.1% are fully vaccinated.

Statewide, 16.08 million people have received at least one dose, or 86.7% of the state's population; 73.4% of the total population is fully vaccinated.



Yuner Gao/staff reporter

Skiers flocked to Greek Peak Mountain Resort on Thursday. Resort President Wesley Kryger said business has boomed with the cold weather. Because it's outside, social distancing is easier.

'Great weather for skiing'

By YUNER GAO
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The rolling mountains in Virgil are covered in snow, but the nearby changing room is full of skiers and snowboarders at Greek Peak Mountain Resort.

Blaise Epperly, who came to the Virgil slopes from Moravia, was one of them. "I love skiing because it feels free," he said Thursday. "You can do whatever you want."

The big fan of skiing was concerned about mild winters and less snow.

"I was a little bit worried because it's warm," Epperly said.

However, the transmissible Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus has done little to discourage people from skiing and snowboarding.

"Honestly, skiing is one of the activities that are relatively safe because it's outdoors, and we're socially distancing from each

other," said Rod Rotondi, a ski instructor at Greek Peak.

"Because the ski club is outside, I am not concerned," said Meara Sabin.

Sabin, who was skiing with her son, was more concerned about the warm start to the season, even though the temperature as she chatted Thursday dropped through the day into the single digits. "I think it's a slow start. But now it's getting colder. So, yeah, it's great weather for skiing."

"Our businesses have done well. The temperature is being a little bit colder," said Wesley Kryger, Greek Peak Mountain Resort president. "We were able to make a lot of snow and we almost have all our trails open now."

The ski center, which opened in 1958, has six chair lifts, 56 trails and terrain parks.

Greek Peak's ski season usually begins on the Friday after Thanksgiving, but was delayed several weeks.

"Oftentimes, we get plenty of natural snow. But if we don't, Greek Peak has the amazing snow-making capability," Rotondi said.

The resort, however, can't make the cold.

"The weather has not been cooperative through most of December but it started to turn around in January," Kryger said. "The natural snowfall is substantially behind what we normally are this time of year. But the cold temperatures have allowed us to make more man-made snow."

"Our midweek business has been good," Kryger said. I think people who are working remotely are able to come outside some more during the middle of the week."

In addition to Epperly, Charles Blackmon-Luca came to Greek Peak from New York City.

"It seems fun," he said. It was his first time skiing. "I am excited."

If you're cold, think what it must be like for birds

By RUSSELL SMITH
Contributing Writer

Many physical and behavioral characteristics help non-migratory birds survive cold northern winters.

One characteristic essential to their survival is a higher body temperature. Bird body temperatures vary, depending on activity, but range between 104 degrees to 112 degrees Fahrenheit. Although this helps them combat the cold, it also requires them to consume high fat, high energy foods to maintain their body temperature.

Some behavioral characteristics you may see from birds in the winter include fluffing, tucking, sunning, shivering and roosting. Fluffing is when birds puff out their feathers, which creates space for air pockets and added insulation.

Tucking is when birds pull different body parts closer into their body to shield them from the cold. You might have seen birds tuck their bills into their wing or cover their legs with their feathers.

Sunning is more than the mere act of sitting in the sun, it is when birds spread their feathers and try to expose the largest part of their body, usually their back, to maximize their heat absorption.

Birds can also raise their metabolic rate, which will temporarily increase body tempera-

ture by shivering, much like humans. Many small birds will combat the cold by roosting together at night to share body heat.

We can help winter birds by putting up bird feeders and winter shelters.

Knowing a little about the birds in your area or that you want to attract can help in selecting the type of feeder and seed you should offer. Some birds feed on the ground, others off the ground, and still others will feed both places.

There are several common feeder types: house or hopper feeders, tube feeders, tray or platform feeders and cage feeders.

House or hopper feeders include a platform with walls and a small roof surrounding the seed that dispenses from space between the wall bottom and platform.

Tube feeders hold seeds in a central tube and either have holes with perches along their length or deposit the seeds onto a lower tray.

Tray or platform feeders are flat feeders usually elevated on a pole that provide a platform on which the birds can gather and pick through the seed. There are ground versions too.

Cage feeders are wire holders with large spaces that are used to hold suet cakes made up of

fat and often mixed with seed.

Consider visibility of the feeder and the security of the location when deciding where to place it. If you like to observe the birds, then make sure the feeder is placed where you can see it. However, the distance from your window can be critical. Too close to a window might increase the risk of window collisions. Blinds, curtains, and window clings or other decorations can also help birds see the window and avoid it if the feeder is near.

Consider placement near natural shelter such as trees or shrubs for resting places and cover from predators. At the same time, maintain some distance because branches can provide jumping-off points for seed-hungry squirrels and hiding places for bird-hungry cats.

Different birds eat different things, so offer a variety. Consider filling your feeders with foods such as sunflower seeds, peanuts, nyjer and suet. Foods high in oil and fat help birds store fat and maintain body temperature.

If you buy seed types individually, you can tailor a bird food recipe to meet winter bird needs. Black oil sunflower seeds have a higher oil content than other sunflower seeds and provide a

good energy source. Blue jays, cardinals, chickadees, finches, nuthatches, and sparrows love it.

Thistle or nyjer is a small, high-quality seed that goldfinches and buntings love. Thistle seed requires a special bird feeder with smaller holes.

Something just as important as feeding, and often overlooked, is shelter. A roosting box, for example, is similar to a birdhouse, but larger and intended to supply shelter for multiple birds. They have fewer vents and thicker walls to reduce heat loss. Flocks of bluebirds, titmice, nuthatches, chickadees and wrens can gather at night and huddle to conserve body heat.

Drinking water sources are also less accessible in the winter. Adding a heated birdbath to your yard, although a little extravagant, will help keep water from freezing.

If you have not yet been feeding birds in your backyard, it may take several days before the birds discover your new feeder; don't get discouraged. Weather may also influence the time it will take for birds to find refuge in your yard. Stay patient and the birds will arrive.

Russell Smith is a natural resources conservationist with the Cortland County Soil & Water Conservation District.



Cortland Standard file photo
Natasha Seib, of Marathon, views the art on display at the Center for the Arts of Homer in Homer in this file photo on the Community Art Challenge. Organizers are changing it up this year, with a formal closing ceremony next month.

This year's Arts Challenge to close with reception

This year's Community Arts Challenge theme, organized by the Cortland Arts Connect and Center for the Arts of Homer, is "change." Consistent with the theme, the two boards are changing the date of its public celebration and awards ceremony.

Originally scheduled as a "grand opening" event on Jan. 28, the annual public show will now take place on the evening of Feb. 17. This year's event will be heralded as the arts challenge's "grand closing" celebration.

The party will begin at 6:15 p.m. Feb. 17 with refreshments in the center's community

room and a slide show in the center's theater. Performances of the dance and music entries and readings of poetry entries will begin at 7 p.m., followed by the awarding of prizes in all categories, including the people's choice award.

In accordance with COVID-19 protocols, masks will be required throughout the evening, except for those eating in the community room. There will be adequate space in the theater for people to spread out. Organizers will film much of the ceremony and will post it online during the week of Feb. 21.

To mark the official opening of the arts

challenge exhibit, the public is invited to view the art exhibit in the center's gallery from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 28.

People are also invited to visit center's gallery 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, during the weeks of Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15. Appointments to visit on evenings or weekends can be made by calling the center at 607-749-4900.

For those who are unable to come to the center, the exhibit will be posted online. The public can vote for the People's Choice award on the CortlandArtsChallenge.org website.

2 Cortland profs get humanities grant

The National Endowment for the Humanities announced \$24.7 million in grants for 208 humanities projects across the country recently, including a grant to two SUNY Cortland professors.

History professors Kevin Sheets and Randi Storch received \$142,955 to conceptualize the research and teaching of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era into new curriculum, states a release from NEH.

Sheets is chairman of the history department at SUNY Cortland, and a former board president for the Cortland County Historical Society. Storch is a former chair.

"Dr. Storch and I have received six other NEH grants, so this new humanities initiative grant is our seventh from the NEH," Sheets said in an email. "This one is different in that it focuses on college faculty. The other six NEH grants have all focused on K-12 professional development, working with humanities teachers from across the country."

"Our goals are to help participants develop new courses or reimagine their existing courses," he added. "We are also interested in helping a wider audience of teachers to incorporate this new thinking into their classrooms."

Storch and Sheets plan to edit a book to bring those insights and practical teaching applications to middle and high school teachers and college instructors.

"Our hope is to encourage a reexamination of this pivotal period in U.S. history," Sheets wrote.

Other grants across the county are to support Oakwood University's creation of a living history museum, based on the life of Dred Scott, and the digitization of 18th- and 19-century North American climate and weather data, including daily meteorological observation records kept by Thomas Jefferson from 1776 to 1826.

"These NEH grants will support educators and scholars in enriching our understanding of the past and enable cultural institutions from across the country to expand their offerings, resources, and public programming, both in person and online," said endowment acting chairman Adam Wolfson.

Sheets said the Gilded Age and Progressive Era is conventionally thought of as taking place from the 1870s to 1920. He and Storch will be among 20 historians who will consider when it took place, and where.

"When many scholars, teachers, and students think about the Gilded Age and Pro-

gressive Era they think of the city. The typical narrative emphasizes the rise of places like Chicago, the steel works in Pittsburgh, the tenements and skyscrapers in New York City," he said. "What we are hoping to do in this project is encourage participants to 'replace' the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, to think not simply about cities but about the relation cities had with other regions, other geographies, other places."

Two scholars will lead the discussion at a five-day summer workshop at SUNY Cortland's Raquette Lake. They will share content, assignments and teaching materials. They'll revise their courses over the two-year exploration.

There will be six virtual sessions next year to continue the work of the summer session. Historians will also commit to a book project on the period. Some will present work at a conference, others at a webinar on professional development for other New York teachers. All will come out of the experience with with new materials that college and high school students can use to teach their students.

Katie Keyser, living and leisure editor, contributed to this report.

Become a blood donor and save a life

By LAUREL KELLY
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January is National Blood Donor Month, which makes this a good time to become a blood donor.

Nearly 16 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S., reports the American Red Cross. Daily needs include 29,000 units of red blood cells, 5,000 units of platelets and 6,500 units of plasma.

People need a blood transfusion for many reasons. Some may need blood during surgery. Others depend on it after an accident or because they have a disease that requires blood components.

There is no substitute for human blood. All transfusions use blood from a donor.

See www.redcross.org to find



Patrick T. Fallon/AFP via Getty Images/TNS
A person donates blood during a Children's Hospital Los Angeles blood donation drive in the LA Kings blood mobile outside the Crypto.com Arena on Jan. 13 in Los Angeles.

an American Red Cross blood drive near you.

Blood donation is a voluntary

procedure that can help save the lives of others. Several types of blood donation meet differ-

ent medical needs. The most common type is whole blood donation. About a pint of whole blood is donated, and the blood is then separated into its components: red cells, plasma and platelets.

To be eligible to donate whole blood, plasma or platelets, you must be:

- In good health.
- At least 16 or 17 years old, depending on your state. Some states allow minors to donate with a parent's or guardian's permission. While there's no legal upper age limit, policies may vary among donation centers.
- At least 110 pounds.
- Able to pass the physical and health history assessments.

If you aren't already a blood donor, consider becoming one. Your gift can mean the world to someone in need.

Ask Amy By Amy Dickinson

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Favorite grandson is the main course

DEAR AMY: My grandmother is 91 and lives on her own. Her husband died a year ago.

Although she has a few other grandchildren locally, I have always been her favorite because I was the first grandson.

My mom lives less than a mile away and sees her almost daily, and my grandmother talks to her neighbors, so she isn't totally isolated.

I am in my 40s and live 20 miles away.

Ever since I learned to drive, my grandmother has asked me to come over for dinner. She often tries to lock me into a date for the next dinner before the one I'm eating is even finished.

This has always been annoying.

Over the years I would jokingly complain about it, but let it go.

This past year, with her living alone, this has gotten worse.

Now she expects me to come at least twice a week and complains if she doesn't get enough one-on-one time with me.

She also has been complaining that "It has been a while" since she last saw me when it has only been a few days.

I cringe when she calls or texts because I know I'll be asked to come over for dinner. Then I have to come up with some excuse — or cave.

I could visit three or four times a week and it still wouldn't be enough! I don't want her to stop inviting me over, I just don't want to make it a part of every conversation.

Without sounding selfish or uncaring, how do I tell her that this kind of behavior is annoying and makes me not want to answer the phone?

— Favorite Grandson

DEAR FAVORITE: I do not give you permission to give your 91-year-old grandmother the brush-off.

One solution is to have a "standing date" once a week with her. Every Sunday afternoon, you will drive over to see her. If you can also see her at other times, that will be a bonus for both of you.

If she agitates about the next date, remind her: "Sunday is just four days away. I'm looking forward to it!"

Your grandmother was widowed last year. She has been through a lot. Her memory may be failing.

Come on, man! You can handle a little annoyance. Show up.

DEAR AMY: I appreciate the support you show in your column toward extraordinary fathers.

You ran a question from "Conflicted," whose father always gave her spending money whenever she went on vacation. (Conflicted's husband was offended by it.)

In 1941, my dad was five years old when his mother passed away.

One week later, his father dumped all eight children onto the state to grow up separately — being used as farm hands at various locations across the state.

It was a lonely, abusive, and sad childhood.

When he was 13, he ended up at a home next to my mom's farm, and the two kids fell madly in love. It really was an incredible love story.

My father spent his entire life giving everything he could to our family.

Every Mother's Day after I became a mother, he gave me money to buy flowers for my yard and vegetables for our garden.

Every scratch ticket he won he put in a card and surprised me for no reason. Every event, every vacation, and every holiday he made extra special with all the wonderful things he did.

The void that has been left in our lives since this wonderful man died is enormous.

The legacy of his selflessness and generosity lives on, as I am my father's daughter, and I have passed these lessons on to my own children.

Conflicted's husband should be proud that his wife has a thoughtful and generous dad. It's a beautiful attribute.

— Missing My Dad

DEAR MISSING: Thank you for this tribute to the tremendous power of love to overwhelm adversity.

(Excuse me now, because I seem to have something in my eye...)

You can email Amy Dickinson at askamy@amydickinson.com or send a letter to Ask Amy, P.O. Box 194, Freeville, NY 13068. You can also follow her on Twitter @askingamy or Facebook.

Notebook

Artists sought for McNeil Building

Cortland Arts Connect is seeking exhibit proposals for its gallery space at the McNeil Building in downtown Cortland.

Solo and group shows will be considered. Group shows need a point person. At this time, only 2-D work can be accommodated.

Artists are also invited to submit four to 10 pieces for review for hanging at the Guthrie Cortland Medical Center. One to two artists will be selected, and selected works will be hung for six months. For details or to submit a request email admin@cortlandartsconnect.org or call 607-753-1188.

Guitar lessons offered at C4Art

Kathy Byers offers guitar lessons at the Center for the Arts of Homer, 72 S. Main St., Homer, center. Lessons can be recorded for enhanced practice at home. Students express themselves freely as they gain confidence on their instrument. Visit: www.KathyByers.com or call: 973-975-8559 to find out more.

Caregivers group meets monthly

Those caring for an aging loved one can join others doing the same in a Caregiving Support Group that takes place monthly.

Sessions taking place from 3 to 4 p.m. every fourth Thursday of the month on Zoom. Call 607-753-5060 for details. Sponsored by the county Area Agency on Aging.

Golden era movies screened

NORWICH — Chenango Arts Council joins Guernsey Memorial Library and the city of Norwich to bring the public some of the brightest stars and greatest films from the Golden Age of Hollywood starting Wednesday.

The movies can be seen 7 p.m. Wednesdays through March 2 in the Martin W. Kappel Theater at the Chenango Arts Council on 27 W. Main St., Norwich, with the "Adventures of Robin Hood" shown on March 9 at The Colonia. Free movies and popcorn, all winter long, possible with public funds from the statewide Community Grants Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

The council also seeks staff for virtual and in-person art workshops. Email workshop proposals, fees, and needed supplies to info@chenangoarts.org.

Other Opinions

The following editorial roundup, compiled by The Associated Press for members, provides excerpts from editorials that have appeared in the last week in newspapers from around the US and world.

The Washington Post: “Martin Luther King, Jr. did not give up. Those fighting for democracy must follow his example”

On this Martin Luther King Jr. Day, it is perhaps more important than ever to recall King’s immortal expression of hope, a paraphrase of a 19th century abolitionist minister: “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.”

King preached both urgency and patience — nonviolent perseverance in the face of fire hoses, dogs, beatings, lynchings. Every second of marginalization was intolerable. Yet it took a decade after King’s 1955 Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott for Congress to approve the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Enslaved Americans had been freed a century before. King did not lose hope. He kept working. He believed that most people feel compassion for their fellow human beings, even if it can take time for some to recognize themselves in others — and even more for this recognition to change minds.

Though the challenges today are different, it is increasingly hard to hold on to this hope and faith in each other. Compassion across political and social disagreements appears to be disappearing. Abhorrent beliefs are hardening rather than softening. Americans increasingly refuse to venture outside their bubbles — physical and virtual zones of the like-minded that are filled with varying amounts of misinformation.

Thus, a once-in-a-century pandemic is exacerbated by people who refuse to accept miracle vaccines and the politicians who pander to them. A disturbingly large number of voters, concentrated on the right, now believe that anti-democratic violence is acceptable. And, most important for King’s legacy, the political system is failing to protect the voting rights of minorities in the United States.

The Supreme Court in 2013 gutted the Voting Rights Act. Republican-run states have since passed waves of laws that are designed to make voting harder, with a disproportionate impact on minority communities. There was once a bipartisan commitment in Congress to protect all Americans’ voting rights. Now, Republicans block bills that would impose modest minimum standards for voting access and they balk at efforts to repair the Voting Rights Act they once overwhelmingly supported.

King would not have lost hope. He would have kept working. “The road ahead is not altogether a smooth one. There are no broad highways that lead us easily and inevitably to quick solutions. But we must keep going,” he declared in Montgomery in 1965.

China Daily: “Biden’s problem-solving policies exacerbate those in Sino-US ties”

On Jan 20 last year, Joe Biden was sworn in as the 46th president of the United States vowing to solve its problems. Reviewing the development of Sino-US relations, one year on, it is clear that his administration has worsened the problems in Sino-US relations, not solved them. Not only has it enthusiastically inherited its predecessor’s bullying trade practices and Indo-Pacific strategy targeting China, it has also sought to further toughen them.

More Chinese entities have been blacklisted, and the administration has tried, and continues to try, to get the US’ allies to close ranks with it, and to persuade or coerce other countries, to isolate China politically and economically and in the technological field, despite their obvious reluctance to choose sides.

It has also been attempting to command the moral high ground by carrying out value diplomacy; bigging itself up as a beacon for democracy and defender of human rights while denigrating China as being a wrecking light for democracy and a violator of human rights. At the same time, it has called on China to cooperate with it to jointly respond to climate change, and strengthen bilateral coordination to try and resolve regional issues such as the Iran nuclear deal.

Yet despite China and the US having broad common interests and sharing common responsibilities for the world, and despite the Chinese side having made it clear in the exchanges between the two sides that it is always willing to engage in constructive dialogue with the US — including in the two leaders’ three talks by phone and video link, and the diplomatic interactions in Anchorage, Tianjin, Zurich and Rome — the administration continues to refuse to work with China to build a cooperative relationship based on mutual trust and respect.

The competition-confrontation-cooperation trichotomy with which it dresses up its China policy cannot disguise its artifice. China is the other that must be feared, since both the US psyche and the US economy demand a bete noire.

But it is a shortsighted and selfish policy that courts disaster for the world. Not least because apart from trying to put in place an Iron Curtain to separate the US and its allies from the rest, the Biden administration is continuously playing the Taiwan card, irrespective of the dangers of doing so.

The Guardian: “Boris Johnson and ‘partygate’

In the days when he combined the job of Tory MP with editing the Spectator magazine, Boris Johnson was forced to go to Liverpool to apologize following the publication of a gratuitously offensive editorial about the city.

Later, revealing his true feelings, he derided the episode as “Operation Scouse-grovel”. But the faux-contrition did the trick. In his biography of Mr Johnson, the journalist Andrew Gimson writes: “The Liverpool debacle did no lasting damage. It amused a great number of people and made him even more famous.”

Faced with a nation’s outrage during a public health crisis, Mr. Johnson appears to have believed he could get away with a similarly disingenuous approach. Unable to deny that he attended a lockdown-breaking drinks party in the garden of Downing Street, the prime minister has issued grovelling apologies while deploying sophistry to evade the consequences of his actions. His latest self-exculpatory move — made during an abject interview with Sky television — was to suggest that no one in No 10 warned him that the May 2020 party broke Covid rules.

The language chosen was deliberately specific, failing to rule out warnings of a more general kind; but in essence Mr. Johnson asked the country to swallow the idea that he was the only person in Downing Street who did not understand what was taking place on 20 May. It is a proposition so shamelessly implausible that one senses that even Mr. Johnson does not expect it to be believed.

The question thus becomes what the Conservative party intends to do about a leader who has brought the government into disrepute, and betrayed the nation’s trust at a time of crisis. In the House of Commons on Wednesday, the senior Tory MP David Davis echoed the words used to dispatch a previous Tory prime minister, Neville Chamberlain, in 1940, telling Mr. Johnson: “In the name of God, go.” It was an appropriate message for a prime minister whose cavalier approach to the lockdown rules he himself set confirms an unfitness for office.

The defection of a northern Tory MP to Labour also testified to the extent to which Mr. Johnson’s authority is draining away. But while the prime minister’s behavior has succeeded in uniting MPs from different party factions against him, there is disunity over how to proceed. Some MPs, particularly among the 2019 election intake, favour moving to a vote of no confidence and a possible leadership contest immediately; others wish to wait to hear Sue Gray’s report on the Downing Street parties before acting.



Medical aid in dying

George Will



Although Amanda Villegas’s manual dexterity is hindered by her mild case of cerebral palsy, she is a gifted photographer who documented the last five days of her husband’s life with bladder cancer that metastasized. She has posted the photos on Google Drive, under “This is Cancer.” Steel yourself before viewing them. But view them. They ground in reality the increasingly urgent debate about medical aid in dying (MAID).

Chris was 29 when he died at home on June 19, 2019, just a week after doctors belatedly gave him a terminal prognosis. The tragedy of his disease had been compounded by multiple misdiagnoses. The unnecessary horrors of his final days were the result of a hospital’s misinformation — perhaps religiously motivated mendacity — and a restrictive provision of a California law that has been liberalized, effective Jan. 1, 2022.

Speaking recently by phone from California, Amanda said that Chris, who was skeletal at the end, was so drenched in pain that “he would cringe and scream if anyone touched or moved his bed.” He had been told two falsehoods, that MAID is illegal in California, then that it is legal only in Northern California. While he had the strength, he repeatedly screamed “please let me go.” He died with tubes draining fluids from his stomach, kidneys and chest.

California’s MAID law, as enacted in 2015, allows mentally capable adults, with a medi-

cal diagnosis of less than six months to live, the option of receiving prescription medication that enables them to die in their sleep. Until amended this year, the law’s eligibility process could take weeks, even months. It included a 15-day waiting period between two oral requests for the medication — a delay that put a peaceful end beyond Chris’s reach.

One-third of those beginning the eligibility process died before completing it. Beginning this year, the waiting period has been reduced to 48 hours, and hospitals and hospices will be required to post their MAID policies on their websites. (New Mexico adopted similar legislation last year.)

The Economist magazine, true to its classical liberal tradition, recently praised “the welcome spread of assisted dying” for advancing a “basic freedom” that is now “legal in one form or another in a dozen countries.”

Worldwide, MAID is generating useful data. A British study

found that doctors tend to overestimate — by 500% — how long terminal patients will live, often to give those suffering illusory hope. In Oregon, which has had MAID since 1997, a third of those who receive end-of-life medication do not take it but derive comfort from having it at hand. In the 25 years since Oregon became the first state to legalize MAID, only 4,209 people nationwide have used it to assert their autonomy in ending their lives on their terms. Ninety percent died where most Americans say they want to die: at home, often with loved ones.

Kim Callinan, president and CEO of Compassion & Choices, which advocates for MAID, says it “creates a shift within our end-of-life care system from a paternalistic model to one that is resoundingly patient-driven.” Her organization says that “over the past six years, 30 national and state medical and professional associations have endorsed or dropped their opposition to” MAID.

Skeptics understandably warn about a slippery slope: Persons worried about becoming burdens on their families might find the MAID option coming to imply an obligation. So, a doctor mentioning it might inadvertently be experienced as coercive. If MAID is justified by fear of severe pain culminating in death in less than six months, what about informed choices by mentally sound persons gripped by advancing dementia? Or the psychological afflictions of, say, persons deeply weary of life. Are such persons mentally capable?

Crucially, MAID is for those who are already dying and want help — for preventing a hideous death, not for truncating an unhappy life. MAID — the medical management of a natural process — should be considered a supplement to hospice (palliative) care.

Life is lived on a slippery slope: Taxation can become confiscation, police can become instruments of tyranny, laws can metastasize suffocatingly. However, taxation, police and laws are indispensable. The challenge is to minimize dangers that cannot be entirely eliminated from society.

In percentage terms, Americans 85 and older are the nation’s most rapidly growing age cohort. Medical marvels extend, and enhance the quality of, life -- up to a point. MAID, enveloped in proper protocols, can and should be a dignity-enhancing response to especially harrowing rendezvous with the inevitable.

Americans out of work). He bragged about “record wage gains” (while failing to add that those gains were decimated by record inflation.)

Americans who listened to Biden (which fewer and fewer are doing these days) thought to themselves: What planet is this guy living on? It’s costing me more to fill my gas tank, heat my home and buy food — and my grocery store’s empty shelves look like the old Soviet Union. I can’t get an appointment for a coronavirus test — and if I do get sick, they are rationing treatments. I can’t go return to work because my children are back in online school. I’m afraid to drive my car because my city has seen a surge in carjackings. But Biden thinks he’s doing one heck of a job?

It’s one thing to oversell a jobs report, or even a foreign policy blunder. Yet on Wednesday, Biden plans to present a revisionist history of the entire first year of his presidency. Sorry, but you can’t boast about your covid strategy when 55% disapprove of it. You can’t brag about your economic performance when 60% say it has been dismal. You can’t crow about your foreign policy when 55% believe you’re doing a terrible job as commander in chief. You can’t talk about how you’ve united the country, when a 49% plurality say you’ve done more to divide us. And you can’t say you’ve had a great first year in office when 63% say we’re on the wrong track.

Here’s what you can do, Mr. President: Cancel the speech.

Biden wants to brag?

Marc Thiessen



from 2019 to 2021. At least 12 major cities broke annual homicide records in 2021, we are experiencing the worst border crisis in U.S. history, and a surge of deadly fentanyl crossing the southern border has helped fuel an increase of 30% in overdose deaths in the past year. The disastrous retreat from Afghanistan projected weakness on the world stage and emboldened Russia to amass troops along its border with Ukraine -- putting us on the knife’s edge of a land war in Europe. And while Biden promised in his inaugural address to put his “whole soul” into uniting the country, he just gave a speech comparing millions of Americans to segregationists and traitors.

Little wonder that Biden’s approval rating has plummeted, from 55.5% when he first took office to just 42% today in the RealClearPolitics average. Polls show that majorities or pluralities of Americans think Biden is incompetent, not physically or mentally up to the job, and doing a worse job than expected. In one USA Today/Suffolk poll,

nearly two-thirds of Americans said Biden should not run for a second term.

Yet unlike Bush, Biden is not changing strategy. Instead, he appears set to deliver yet another speech telling Americans, “I’m doing a great job, you just don’t realize it yet.” If he does, it will backfire.

Recall that Biden became a national laughingstock when he delivered a speech calling his Afghanistan debacle an “extraordinary success.” Then, earlier this month, he delivered another address bragging about the December jobs report. The same jobs numbers CNN correctly declared “a major disappointment,” Biden boasted that he had delivered “the sharpest one-year drop in unemployment in United States history” (failing to mention the unemployment rate only measures people who are actually looking for work). He crowed that he added “the most jobs in any calendar year by any president in history” (failing to note that this is because the pandemic had forced record numbers of

FBI: Laundrie admitted in notebook he killed Gabby Petito

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — The boyfriend of slain cross-country traveler Gabby Petito admitted killing her in a notebook discovered near his body in a Florida swamp, the FBI announced Friday.

It was the first time authorities squarely pinned the blame for Petito’s death on Brian Laundrie, though he was the prime suspect all along.

Investigators meanwhile announced that Laundrie, 23, had sent text messages to intentionally deceive people that Petito, 22, was still alive after he beat and strangled her in late August, according to a statement released by the FBI in Denver.

“All logical investigative steps have been concluded in this case,” FBI Denver Division Special Agent in Charge Michael Schneider said in the statement. “The investigation did not identify any other individuals other than Brian Laundrie directly involved in the tragic death of Gabby Petito.”

Petito’s body was found Sept. 19 at a campground near Grand Teton National Park in northwestern Wyoming. A coroner determined she’d died about three weeks earlier of “blunt-force injuries to the head and neck, with manual strangulation.”

Laundrie returned home to Florida in early September but went missing soon

after. In October, his parents found an item belonging to him in a nature preserve near their house.

Further searching turned up Laundrie’s remains, a revolver, backpack and the notebook. Medical examiners determined Laundrie died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The FBI did not specify what, exactly, Laundrie had written in the notebook and in the texts he’d sent to mislead. The texts were sent between Laundrie’s phone and Petito’s phone, according to the statement.

“The timing and content of these messages are indicative of Mr. Laundrie attempting to deceive law enforcement

by giving the impression that Ms. Petito was still alive,” the statement said.

Grand Teton was the last place the couple visited during a cross-country van trip last summer that ended with Laundrie mysteriously returning home alone in the vehicle. Laundrie and Petito grew up on Long Island, New York, but were living in Florida in recent years.

The couple documented their trip on Instagram. They crossed Colorado and on Aug. 12 were stopped by police near Moab, Utah, after the two got into a scuffle.

Police video showed Petito describing a fight that escalated. Police concluded Petito was the aggressor but of-

ficers decided to separate them for the night rather than file charges.

An independent report released last week faulted Utah police for not issuing a domestic violence citation to Petito after she told police she had hit Laundrie first. The report also pointed to indications Petito was likely a victim in their overall relationship and faulted investigators for not taking a statement from a 911 caller who reported seeing the couple outside their van and a man slapping a girl.

Attorneys for the Petito and Laundrie families did not immediately respond Friday to emails and text messages seeking comment about the FBI’s conclusions.

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of Garcia’s Mexican restaurant next to it, which is owned by the same person.

“Before the pandemic, people were waiting in line,” Guevara said. The arrival of the pandemic disrupted everything. The state limited restaurants to takeout and delivery in March 2020. “We lost 80% of the income during the closing time,” Guevara said,

After the restaurant was able to reopen, things began to get better. The benefits of the newly opened grocery started to show. Word of mouth spread about the opening.

“People who come to the store will be more likely to come to the restaurant. So it brings a lot of traffic to the restaurant,” Guevara said.

FREQUENT CHANGE

However, the grocery still didn’t break even — until recently.

“We never think of closing it,” Guevara said. “Eventually we’ll be OK.”

But “eventually” requires changes. The first was to raise prices. The grocery had been living beyond its means for more than a year and a half. “We cannot survive with what we are charging now,” Guevara said.

The second is to step up publicity. “I want to improve social media and do more advertising on Instagram and Twitter,” he said.

The third is to hire more people so the store can make deliveries.

“I know the Hispanic culture,” Guevara said. “They don’t know much technology and they use cash. And they don’t drive.”

As the manager of the restaurant for four years and the grocery store for a year and a half, Guevara never thought of closing them, even in the most dif-

ficult and darkest moments.

“Once the owner said ‘What do you think if we close temporarily?’ I said ‘No. We have to stay open,’” he said, clenching his fist slightly. “One thing I know is like if we close temporarily, we won’t open again. We have to stay open to survive.”

Closing would mean losing employees, and finding good workers is never easy, he said. “It is a good decision to make even if we lose money a little bit or just break even.”

A GOOD DECISION?

Daniels isn’t sure, yet, whether her decision to take over Apricity is a good one.

“I used to sell vintage clothes online for a bit,” she said. But the idea of a physical store has been haunting her. “I love the feeling of interacting with people in the physical store.”

Still, she would be taking over in the middle of a pandemic. Supported by family and friends, she decided to sign the lease.

“There are two sides of the coin. For one aspect, it is smart because the rent is cheaper,” Daniels said. “There are a lot of grants out there and public assistance. And I don’t have to invest too much.”

Daniels has been collecting vintage clothing and accessories for a decade, inspired by her parents’ love of the 1930s and ‘40s.

“Look,” she pointed to two large parcels. “I have a lot in stock.”

She plans changes. “Apricity used to be a thrift shop, but I want it to be more of a boutique store, a gift shop. So that’s a little bit different,” Daniels said. “I guess this would only be the only gift shop in the city, at least right on Main Street.”

Nevertheless, she was nervous about the new career.

One concern, of course, is the pandemic. “I don’t know if peo-

ple are willing to come here in person,” she said.

Another is about the location, which makes her worry about a possible lack of foot traffic. “I think the biggest hurdle would be getting foot traffic in here. It’s not right in the part of Main Street where people would walk by just for fun.”

But because it’s where her passion lies, she has already come up with ways to keep the store alive and even thriving, with both in-person and online retailing. She plans a grand opening in February.

DIVERSITY HELPS

Daniels’ approaches are not unusual. Many small stores are starting to sell online at the same time.

“People have been very creative about how to adapt to an environment when things are more distant,” said Tom Schryver, the David J. Ben Daniel faculty adviser for Big Red Ventures, a venture capital fund run by MBA and other graduate students at Cornell University.

“I think contactless payment, delivery, order ahead and pick up, and some other things like that were moving in the direction (of being adopted) prior to the pandemic but the pandemic is just a huge catalyst for their adoption,” Schryver said. “I think people taking advantage of these will do quite well.”

Daniels may do that, and more. “I would like to do some events here, like shop-and-sip type of things,” she said. “I am also hoping to host private appointments for people who want to look at the clothes that I sell.”

In a worst-case scenario, all she needs to do is to get through six months. “I have just signed a lease of six months,” she said.

And she didn’t quit her job as a jewelry designer.

“I love being busy,” she said.

VOTING

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and Westchester, said.

One rejected amendment would have allowed for lawmakers to pass same-day voter registration by getting rid of a requirement that people register to vote at least 10 days before an election.

The other failed amendment would have removed a constitutional restriction limiting absentee voting to New Yorkers who are ill, have a physical disability or are outside the country.

Democrats passed the constitutional amendments for two years in a row in the Legislature: a requirement for getting referendum on the ballot.

But the state’s Conservative Party waged a successful, multi-million campaign against the referendum in the final days leading up to the November

election.

State campaign finance reports show the party spent nearly \$4.2 million on radio and online ads beginning in mid-October.

The Conservative Party’s ads argued that same day voter registration and expanded absentee voting would weaken election security.

Democrats did not mount a statewide campaign in support of the referendum — a decision blasted by voting right supporters who have long pushed for the reforms.

New York still took some steps to make voting easier last year: Hochul signed bills in December to increase the mandated number of early voting sites and require absentee ballots to be counted in time for unofficial results to be known on election night.

Since New York rolled out

early voting in recent years, voting rights activists have criticized the lack of polling places and limited hours.

And in 2020, the presidential election was marked by delays as counties tallied up a tsunami of absentee ballots.

Republican state election commissioners Peter Kosinski and Anthony Casale slammed Hochul and lawmakers for passing the two laws: “These actions are a direct threat to the integrity of the election process, designed to make it easier to manipulate the votes of people voting by absentee ballot.”

A December review by The Associated Press found fewer than 475 potential cases of voter fraud in the six battleground states disputed by former President Donald Trump — a number that would have made no difference in the 2020 presidential election.

MANDATE

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case, Feds for Medical Freedom, has more than 6,000 members in every state and nearly every federal agency.

The initial lawsuit asking for the injunction says there are more than 1 million federal employees who would have to “either submit to forced vaccination pursuant to illegal mandates, or forfeit a career built up

over years or decades of faithful public service.”

The Justice Department argued in the case that the vaccination requirement, “designed to stem the spread of this deadly and highly contagious disease within the federal workforce and among the millions of Americans it serves — fits comfortably within the President’s broad authority to oversee the Executive Branch

workforce.”

The mandate, which includes a religious or medical exemption but without an option to get tested instead, was issued Sept. 9.

The government initially said it would discipline noncompliant employees near the end of November, but put it off until this year and some of those actions are “imminent,” Brown wrote.



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All of us in this photo survived attempts to take our lives by abortion. We are someone’s son or daughter, spouse or parent, aunt or uncle, sibling, friend, neighbor. Behind the word “choice” is a *person*. We know from our work that there are hundreds of us, likely thousands.

We live in a world that normalizes the act that was meant to end our lives. **We aim to build a culture in which every human being is seen as being more than a “choice.”**

Abortion Survivors Network (abortionsurvivors.org) provides help, hope, and a voice for abortion survivors. *If you have been impacted by abortion in any way and need to talk to someone, call the national helpline for abortion recovery: (866) 482-5433. If you’re pregnant and need help, call the Cortland Pregnancy Center: (607) 753-3909.*

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A Parent’s Guide to Cortland County Teens



Myth #4: Allowing kids to drink at home is a “safe” option.
Fact: A recent study found that there is no protective benefit of parental supply of alcohol. Kids who were provided alcohol by their parents had higher odds of binge drinking, alcohol related harm, and symptoms of alcohol use disorder than kids with no supply of alcohol. Cortland County also has a social host ordinance that holds adults responsible for allowing minors to consume alcohol on their property (violators could be faced with a \$250 fine or up to 15 days in jail).

5 Myths About Underage Drinking in Cortland County (and Beyond) Debunked
Do you know the difference between these myths and facts about underage drinking in Cortland County and beyond? Let’s clear the air.

Myth #1: Most kids in Cortland County drink alcohol.
Fact: Based on the 2019 youth development survey of over 2,000 7th-12th graders in Cortland County, only 21% of teens report using alcohol at least once in the past 30 days. Only 43% report using alcohol in their lifetime. Most kids in our community are not drinking alcohol.

Myth #2: I can’t do anything to stop my kid from drinking, they’ll do it no matter what.
Fact: Kids who have a trusting, supportive relationship with their parents, and are provided with clear family rules about alcohol use, are more likely to wait longer before drinking. Not only that, but parents are in a unique position to physically limit access their child has to alcohol in their own home (which survey data shows is the most common place teens in Cortland County access alcohol).

Myth #3: It’s better to wait until kids are older to talk about the dangers of alcohol.
Fact: The American Academy of Pediatrics, recommends that parents start talking about the dangers and consequences of alcohol use with their children as early as nine years of age. Based on our youth survey, 5.0% of 7th grade students in Cortland County report drinking alcohol at least one time in the past 30 days. Your child may be exposed to alcohol, or pressured to drink, at a younger age than you might expect so communication early and often is essential.

Myth #5: European teens drink more responsibly because they are “taught” to drink at a younger age at home compared to kids in the U.S.
Fact: Studies show that teens in European countries drink more frequently and get drunk younger than teens in the United States. The percentage of American youth who report drinking in the past 30 days is lower than youth in all Western European Countries with the exception of Iceland.

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NFL

Giants hire Bills' Schoen as new GM

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Joe Schoen was at the top of the New York Giants' list of candidates when they started their search for a new general manager, and the Buffalo Bills assistant GM never left that spot.

The Giants hired the 42-year-old Schoen as their GM on Friday. It ended a quick but extensive search in which they interviewed nine candidates in the first round and gave three a second interview in finding a replacement for Dave Gettleman.

"Throughout our search, Joe impressed us with his ability to communicate a progressive and comprehensive vision for our team," Giants co-owner John Mara said. "His philosophy and collaborative approach to building a roster and coaching staff align with what we were looking for in a general manager."

Schoen got the nod over San Francisco 49ers assistant general manager Adam Peters and Kansas City's executive director of player personnel Ryan

Poles, the other two men who got second interviews.

"Joe is the kind of exceptional leader we sought to oversee our football operations," fellow co-owner Steve Tisch said. "We will do whatever it takes to support Joe's vision and strategic plan for success. We are excited to begin this next chapter with Joe as our general manager."

Schoen faces a major rebuilding process. The Giants have made the playoffs once since winning the Super Bowl in February 2012. They have had five

straight double-digit losing seasons, including a 4-13 record this past season.

Schoen (pronounced Shane) spent the last five seasons as GM Brandon Beane's top assistant. They have rebuilt the Bills, making the playoffs four of five seasons, while winning the last two AFC East titles. Prior to that, Buffalo had a 17-year playoff drought.

His first job will be to find a coach to replace Joe Judge, who was fired last week after posting a 10-23 in two seasons. Interviews probably will start next week.



Schoen

Bills at Chiefs 6:30 p.m. Sunday, TV: CBS



Associated Press

Bills running back Devin Singletary, second from left, celebrates his touchdown run with his teammates during Buffalo's victory last weekend over the Patriots.

Bills head to KC for juicy rematch

By DAVE SKRETTA
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Stefon Diggs walked off the field inside Arrowhead Stadium back in October with two very distinct feelings: elation that his Bills had avenged an AFC title game loss to the Chiefs and the conviction that they would meet again.

Get ready for the latest throw-down between two of the league's best teams Sunday night.

Fresh off a near-perfect 47-17 blowout of New England last weekend, Diggs and the Bills are headed back to Kansas City for the divisional round of the playoffs. And awaiting them are Patrick Mahomes and the high-flying Chiefs, who turned around their season after a lackluster start and then throttled Pittsburgh 42-21 in their wild-card matchup.

"They've got all the talent in the world," Diggs said. "They've been playing at a high level. They've been to the Super Bowl twice. They have a hell of a quarterback, hell of receivers, good defense —

they're a great team."

Turns out he wasn't the only one that anticipated another showdown.

"We'll probably play them a lot of times. It'll be great competition," Mahomes said, "and it's definitely going to be a great challenge for us as a team to compete with them."

Indeed, it's difficult to find a game with more star power than this one.

Josh Allen threw five TD passes against the Patriots to set a Bills playoff record, while Diggs and resurgent running back Devin Singletary give him plenty of playmakers. On the other side, the Buffalo defense featuring All-Pro safety Jordan Poyer and running mate Micah Hyde led the league in just about every meaningful statistical category.

Buffalo, which has lost eight consecutive playoff games away from home, scored on each of its first seven drives against the Patriots and became the first NFL team to finish a playoff game with no punts, field goals or turnovers.

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High School Basketball

Eight straight!

Cortland extends win streak at Oswego's expense

**Cortland 56
Oswego 33**

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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The Cortland girls basketball team kept things rolling Friday evening, winning its eighth straight game by defeating Oswego for the second time this season, 56-33.

The win pushes the Purple Tigers' record to 10-2, and they trail only Indian River (13-2) in the Section III Class A standings.

It wasn't an ideal start for Cortland, which just had its highest point total of the season the previous game, scoring 73 points. The Purple Tigers led 12-5 after one quarter.

"I think we were a little slow to start and we just didn't have the energy that we normally have," Cortland head coach Janice Meyer said. "We beat them by double digits last time on the road so I don't know if we were a little complacent."

The offense picked up in the second and third quarters, powered by good offensive performances from Kendall Mack and Mallory Turner. By the end of



Katie Vartanian/contributing photographer

Cortland's Mallory Turner looks to score over a trio of Oswego defenders. Turner led the Purple Tigers with 17 points in the 56-33 victory.

the third quarter, the score was too out of reach for Oswego as the Purple Tigers led 45-26.

Mack scored eight points in the second quarter and Turner added eight in the third.

"I thought Kendall Mack did a really nice job of keeping the composure of the game," Meyer said. "Mallory Turner just went to work underneath and found opportunities."

It is usually a balanced effort from Cortland and Friday night was no different. There is always someone new stepping up for the Purple Tigers to help

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Cortland's Kirsten Merritt rebounds from ACL tear

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Just months before her senior year, Cortland girls basketball senior Kirsten Merritt got the news that she had torn the ACL in her right knee, leaving a big question mark next to her senior season.

"I did it at my trainers' actually, and when I went to the doctor, they said I was fine. So I just thought I sprained my knee, but then I went to Ithaca for sports medicine since I couldn't walk for two weeks and they told me that it happened," Merritt said. "I was just so ruined because I was missing out on this AAU season and I didn't know if I was going to be back for next season."

Cortland head coach Janice Meyer has been coaching Merritt since eighth grade. Merritt's injury impacted both Meyer and her teammates.

"When she got hurt, it was a blow and it was a blow to me too," Meyer said. "I thought

about it for a long time. But she got to it, she had goals in mind and she wasn't going to let it down. We were preparing for the worst but hoping for the best."

Merritt didn't get too down after the injury and has since fought her way back. She has played in every game this season, something that months ago, she never thought would happen.

"I worked my butt off all summer long and I was supposed to be back in six months and I wasn't really expected to play until after Christmas, but then I got back in five and a half months," Merritt said. "I played in our first game this season, which was really good to happen."

Since returning, Merritt has been a huge part of Cortland's success. The Purple Tigers are currently 10-2 on the season and in the midst of a eight-game win streak. Merritt is also the team's leading scorer at 10.2 points per game.

Being back on the court has meant everything to Merritt, as she gets to play the game she loves with the same group she's been playing with for years. The entire team is friends both on and off the court.

"I love being out there, it just makes me happy," Merritt said. "We (my teammates) are so together. We do everything outside (of basketball), we are all friends. It is really great to have the same girls over and over. I make so many memories with them and having Janice as my coach for five years has been so great."

After the season, Merritt will take her relentless attitude on to college, where she plans to play basketball at Buffalo State. Just less than a year ago, she was nervous college coaches would not see her play due to injury, but now she has nearly a full-length season under her belt with plans to play at the next level.

"I went there a couple times

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Katie Vartanian/contributing photographer

Cortland's Kirsten Merritt has played in every game this season after tearing her ACL less than a year ago.

McGraw snaps skid on senior night

► Second-half surge lifts Eagles to victory

**McGraw 43
Stockbridge Valley 36**

BOYS BASKETBALL

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The McGraw boys basketball team came out of halftime a different team, outscoring Stockbridge Valley 19-5 in the third quarter to come back and win 43-36 Friday night at McGraw High School, snapping a four-game losing streak.

The game was McGraw's senior night, with the ceremony taking place between halves.

Quintin Burdick took over in the second half, scoring 12 of his game-high 17 points after the break. He scored three baskets in the third quarter, then went 4-for-7 in the fourth from the free throw line all while battling calf cramps. Burdick knew he needed to be on the floor to help his team win and only missed a minute of game time.

"We needed this game to get into sectionals," Burdick said. "I was just keeping my mind healthy and playing through it."

Seven other Eagles scored in the big third quarter, with all adding between one and

three points. In the fourth, it was just Burdick's six points, Nick Sutton's four and Nate Stiles' one, but that was enough to secure the victory.

Stockbridge Valley made a late comeback attempt, with the Cougars going on a 7-0 run early in the fourth to cut McGraw's lead from 12 to five.

Despite coming out with the win, McGraw's free-throw shooting was shaky down the stretch, something the team needs to work on to close out tight games.

"They were huge free throws, but previous to that we missed several free throws," McGraw head coach Brian Driscoll said. "We've got to be a little better. We usually shoot pretty well in practice. We need to be more consistent with knocking them down and making sure it doesn't get close at the end like that."

McGraw trailed 16-13 at halftime after a sloppy first half. Neither team could convert on their opportunities and it seemed like there

was a lid over the basket. But for as much as the Eagles struggled, Stockbridge Valley failed to pull away.

For all the scoring he did, Burdick's biggest assist came before the game. With six seniors on McGraw's team, he volunteered to come off the bench on the night he was celebrated.

"I figured that since I've been playing the whole season and these guys haven't gotten a chance to play as much as I have, I'd give them a couple minutes to get out there and have some fun," Burdick said.

Burdick's 17 points led the way, while Sutton and Cameron Nitti both added in six points. Nolan Knickerbocker (5), Antonio Underwood (4), Stiles (3), Kryshin Whible (1) and Jaydon Bassett (1) also scored for the Eagles.

McGraw's next game is at 7 p.m. Monday at Madison. That will be a tough test for the 4-7 Eagles, but the schedule lightens up after that.

"We want to be competitive against Madison," Driscoll said. "After that, the schedule does lighten up a little more. Being over that COVID hurdle, being able to practice again, getting back to what we do and playing McGraw basketball, we'll be in for a good stretch run here."

Sorokin, Nelson lead Isles; D'Angelo haunts Rangers

NEW YORK (AP) — Ilya Sorokin stopped 17 shots for his fourth shutout of the season, Brock Nelson scored twice and the New York Islanders beat the Arizona Coyotes 4-0 Friday night.

Scott Mayfield had a goal and an assist, and Austin Czarnik also scored to help the Islanders get their third straight win and seventh in their last nine (7-1-1).

Sorokin got his sixth win in his last eight starts and has only allowed 15 goals over that stretch. The 26-year-old goaltender is 11-7-5 in his second NHL season.

Scott Wedgewood finished with 31 saves but the Coyotes snapped a two-game winning streak in the second of a four-game trip.

Arizona failed to score in both meetings against New York this season, losing 3-0 at home on Oct. 23.

Mayfield opened the scoring with 6:09 left in the first on a slap shot from the point in which Lee screened Wedgewood. Mathew Barzal got a loose puck off an offensive zone face off and danced around Nick Schmaltz before getting the puck back to Adam Pelech who eventually set up Mayfield.

The Islanders doubled their lead 2:58 later as Mayfield sent a cross-ice pass to Czarnik for an easy tap-in near the back post. Islanders captain Anders Lee also picked up an assist on the play.

New York improved to 12-4-4 when scoring the first goal and outshot the lifeless Coyotes 35-17.

Nelson sealed the victory when he scored his 12th and 13th goals of the season in the third. First, he gathered a bouncing puck and fired a wrist shot past Wedgewood at 1:22. Then, midway through the period, Nelson crashed the net and finished a pass from Anthony Beauvillier. The play was reviewed, but the original call of a good goal stood.

HOME COOKIN'

The Islanders improved to 7-1-1 in their last nine at UBS Arena after starting 0-5-2 at their \$1.2 billion new home. New York began the season on a 13-game road trip, tying an NHL record, as the construction on the venue was completed. New York also recorded its eighth straight win on home ice against Arizona.

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The Islanders are 12-2-2 when they score at least three goals, including shootout winners. Under Barry Trotz, the Isles are 100-11-13 when scoring three or more.

IRON MEN

Mayfield skated in his 121st consecutive game and is one of three Islanders — along with Cal Clutterbuck and Zach Parise — to participate in every game during the 2021-22 regular season.

HURRICANES 6, RANGERS 3

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Tony DeAngelo had a goal and two assists against his former team as the Carolina Hurricanes beat the New York Rangers 6-3 on Friday night.

Sebastian Aho also had a goal and two assists, while Vincent Trocheck, Seth Jarvis, Jesper Fast — another former Ranger — and Nino Niederreiter also scored in the first meeting of the season between the top two teams in the Metropolitan Division. Teuvo Teravainen and Andrei Svechnikov had two assists apiece, and Frederik Andersen stopped 20 shots in Carolina's third straight win.

Mika Zibanejad and Chris Kreider each had a power-play goal and an assist for the Rangers. Greg McKegg, an ex-Hurricanes player, got his first goal of the season. Alexander Georgiev, playing for the first time in more than a week, made 29 saves.

Since they were shut out for the first time this season Jan. 13 by Columbus, the Hurricanes have totaled 17 goals in three games. That matches the team's best goal production in a three-game span this season.

Trocheck redirected DeAngelo's delivery from inside the blue line off the post on the game's first power play on the way to a 3-0 lead by early in the second period.

But Kreider and McKegg drew New York to 5-3 with goals just 74 seconds apart in the first 6 1/2 minutes of the third period.



Associated Press

Unlike other stars who have been connected to steroid use, Boston's David Ortiz appears destined to be voted into the Hall of Fame.

Big Papi on track for HOF election

BOSTON (AP) — Boston's Big Papi appears headed to the Baseball Hall of Fame. The Red Sox slugger looks to be on track for induction in Cooperstown this summer, riding the strength of his on- and off-field achievements to overcome stigmas that have stalled or derailed the candidacies of some of his predecessors.

Namely, Ortiz appears to have bucked anti-designated hitter sentiment that has been blunted by the inductions of Frank Thomas, Edgar Martinez and Harold Baines. And Ortiz's lone reported positive for performance-enhancing drugs — on an expected anonymous 2003 survey test lacking the usual due process — seems to be hurting him less than the more substantial evidence against can-

didates like Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Alex Rodriguez.

Through Friday, Ortiz had been named on 84% of the ballots revealed at the bbhotracker.com website maintained by former Oakland Athletics fan Ryan Thibodaux and his number-crunching minions. A candidate needs 75% for induction; totals traditionally go down when the final numbers are released.

Clemens and Bonds, all-time greats whose accomplishments are tainted by steroid use, were barely above the threshold in their 10th and final appearance on the baseball writers' ballot.

The Hall will announce the results of the BBWAA vote on Tuesday.

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win games. Leading scorer Kirsten Merritt had an off night and they were without consistent rotational player Claire Turner, but Cortland found a way to grind through it and come out with the victory.

"We were short one today, Claire Turner was out," Meyer said. "That definitely changed things for us. Her energy is so great, she's picking up seven to 10 rebounds a game off the bench. I was able to put Riley Larkin in her filling role today and she did a really nice job. I thought Kendall recognized a bit that Kirsten was struggling and took over that game. I feel like we didn't have any huge offensive presence tonight but we had people pulling each other through. You are going to have games like that.

"I don't think it was one of our strongest games, but we got the win, a good win," Meyer said. "We had enough spurts of energy and really good things. We just had seven really successful games in a row and today we made it happen."

Mallory Turner led the way with 17 points and Mack and Valerosa Gambitta each had 10 points. Merritt contributed eight points. Margaret Starr (5), Riley Larkin (4) and Sophia Ryan (2) also scored for the Purple Tigers.

Cortland is back in action at 6:45 p.m. Jan. 25, on the road against Jamesville-Dewitt. The Red Rams handed the Purple Tigers their second loss of the year back on Dec. 10.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

TIOGA 45, GROTON 30

Groton held an 18-14 lead at halftime before Tioga outscored the Indians 17-8 in the third quarter to take the lead for good. Maddie Perkins led Groton with eight points.

MORAVIA 51

ODESSA-MONTOUR 29

Allison Kehoe led Moravia with 18 points, Chloe Hanson had 12 points and seven rebounds and Kate Baylor notched eight points, eight rebounds, seven steals, three assists and two blocks.

BOYS BASKETBALL

CORTLAND 48, OSWEGO 47

Max Gambitta scored more than half of Cortland's points as the Purple Tigers held off a late comeback attempt by Oswego.

Gambitta scored 26 points to go with six rebounds and three steals. Emerson Johnson and Marvin Bell added eight points, with Johnson getting three steals and Bell grabbing 12 boards. Ben McGrath (4) and Robbie Atkins (2) also scored for Cortland.

SPENCER-VAN ETTEN 59

MARATHON 49

Marathon dug itself another hole it couldn't climb out of as the Olympians lost despite Conor Holland's 32-point, eight-rebound, four-steal performance. The Olympians trailed by double digits most of the game, but cut the deficit to nine before Markus Brock hit a 3-pointer to open the Spencer-Van Etten lead back up.

Drew Rozewski added seven points for Marathon, while Braeden Morrison (5), Braydin Drakes (3) and Jon Forrest (2) rounded out Marathon's scoring.

TIOGA 50, GROTON 45

Groton trailed by 12 points with 3:30 left and cut the deficit to four with 1:28 remaining, but came up short in the end. Austin Hunt had a shot to make it a two-point game with 12 seconds left, but he was blocked and Tioga sank one of two

No. 60 Anisimova upsets Osaka

By JOHN PYE

AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Within an hour of her third-round loss at the Australian Open, defending champion Naomi Osaka had consigned it to the past.

It's part of her new resolution for 2022. No dwelling on what's already happened.

Osaka had two match points against 60th-ranked Amanda Anisimova in the third set Friday, and she missed two backhands.

Anisimova held serve to force a tie-breaker, which she dominated, and finished with an ace for a 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5) comeback victory over the four-time major champion.

In doing so, the 20-year-old American ensured that the so-called final-before-the-final — a much-anticipated fourth-round showdown between Osaka and top-ranked Ash Barty — won't happen.

"I'm not sure if I'm going to have regrets about those two match points," Osaka said. "Like, I thought she played really well. But I can't really look in the past anymore, you know?"

"Like I just have to focus on what I can do in the future to hopefully evade those situations."

Anisimova, who had lost her previous nine matches against top 20 players and had to rebound from a set and a break down to survive her first-round match, hit 46 winners to Osaka's 21.

Osaka, one of the most powerful hitters in the women's draw, praised Anisimova's service returns and described how the ball kept coming back at her so low and fast that she couldn't adjust her footwork to counter it.

"I just want to soak in this moment," said Anisimova, who took out Olympic champion Belinda Bencic in the second round. "It was an amazing match. It was very close. You know, there were a bit of nerves, and to play Naomi for the first time ... it's unreal, honestly."

Anisimova won her first WTA hard-court title at a tuneup tournament in Melbourne this month and is now on an eight-match winning streak — the lon-

Tennis: Australian Open



Associated Press

Naomi Osaka of Japan reacts during her third-round match against Amanda Anisimova of the U.S. The anticipated "final before the final" between Osaka and top-ranked Ash Barty won't happen.

gest of her career in main draw matches.

It's the fourth time Osaka has been unable to defend a major title, and the 11th time in her 21 trips to Grand Slam events she has been knocked out in the third round, including last year's U.S. Open.

After winning the title last year — her second at Melbourne Park in three years — Osaka withdrew from the French Open in the second round and skipped Wimbledon to take a break for her mental health.

After her tearful exit at the U.S. Open, she took an extended layoff to reset and arrived at the year's first major with a seeding of No. 13. She also brought a new approach, vowing to enjoy the game more and never again cry in a news conference.

She's spent time meditating, keeping a journal of things she needs to be grateful for, and more time hanging out with

family and friends.

"I can't win every match. So I just have to, like, take that into account," Osaka said. "I feel like I grew a lot in this match. The last match that I played in New York I think I had a completely different attitude, so I'm really happy with — you know, of course I lost, but I'm happy with how it went."

Barty is hoping to become the first Australian woman to win the championship here since 1978.

She advanced to the fourth round with a 6-2, 6-3 win over 30th-seeded Camila Giorgi and has only conceded eight games and spent less than three hours on court.

A career break a few years back, to play professional cricket, did Barty a world of good. Since her return, she won her first Grand Slam title at the 2019 French Open — beating Anisimova in the semifinals — and won Wimbledon last year..

Cantlay fights wind to take AMEX lead

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Patrick Cantlay fought through gusting wind on his back nine Friday to take a one-stroke lead into the weekend at The American Express in a bid to win for the third time in four starts.

Tied for the first-round lead with Lee Hodges after a 10-under 62 at La Quinta Country Club, Cantlay shot a 68 on PGA West's Nicklaus Tournament Course to reach 14-under 130.

"I actually puttred really well today and made nothing," Cantlay said. "The greens were a little beat up and it was hard to make putts. But I rolled it really well and I rolled it how I wanted to, I just didn't get any to go in."

Tom Hoge was second after a 66 on PGA West's Stadium Course.

"I really felt fortunate that we got through 17 holes without the wind really coming up," Hoge said. "Just our last hole there it got gusting."

Joseph Bramlett, playing in the last

group off the 10th tee at La Quinta, bogeyed the final two holes in strong wind for a 67 to drop into a five-man tie for third at 12 under.

Will Zalatoris birdied his last seven holes on the Nicklaus layout for a 61 to also join Cameron Young (68), Lanto Griffin (65) and Greyson Sigg (67) at 12 under. Young played at Nicklaus, and Griffin and Sigg at the Stadium.

The fourth-ranked Cantlay won the BMW Championship and Tour Championship in his final two starts last year to take the FedEx Cup, then opened this year with a fourth-place finish — at 26 under — two weeks ago in Hawaii in the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

Last year in the desert, the 29-year-old former UCLA player closed with a Stadium-record 61 to finish a shot behind winner Si Woo Kim. Cantlay will play the Stadium the final two days, with more wind expected Saturday.

"It's a golf course that suits my game," Cantlay said. "We'll see how it plays tomorrow with the increased

wind. ... Controlling your golf ball will be a premium tomorrow and leaving your golf ball in the correct spot will be really key to scoring well."

Hoge will play tree-lined La Quinta on Saturday.

"I feel better playing La Quinta," Hoge said. "A little more protected over there in the trees, a little shorter golf course. You can play a little more conservatively off tees and just get it in play and go from there."

Zalatoris finished with a birdie from the wrong fairway on the par-4 ninth. The PGA Tour rookie of the year is making his first start of the year.

"I just gave myself chances," Zalatoris said. "I hit a lot close and made a couple 20-, 30-footers to keep the round going and, obviously, making birdie on 9 from the wrong fairway is kind of the icing on the cake."

He wasn't concerned about the wind that picked up just as he finished.

"I live in Texas, so I'm used to it," Zalatoris said.

Golf

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and I love it out there (Buffalo)," Merritt said. "Buffalo is different from here and I can also be back here when we play Cortland. I am really happy that I can get away from home but still stay close."

Meyer is very excited for Merritt. The two have been working to prepare the senior guard for the next level and she has a lot to bring to a team like Buffalo State.

"I can't wait and I already bought my Buffalo State gear," Meyer said. "We have been working on some different levels of her game. She is an undersized guard at the college level, so, just finding ways for her to attack gaps and kick. Her shot is money right now, but we have been finding those different weaknesses that are going to bring her game to the next level. It will be tough, it is going to be a transition for her freshman year, but she's got the work ethic, the mindset, the commitment and the drive to get it done."

Merritt, Meyer and the Purple Tigers hope to put one last run together with eight games left on its regular-season schedule before making a play toward a sectional title.

Bengals at Titans, 4:35 p.m. today, TV: CBS

► Top-seeded Titans eager to start playoff run

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans have survived using more players than any NFL team in a non-strike season and still earned the AFC's No. 1 seed.

They're as rested and healthy as they've been all season, and now they have Derrick Henry, the NFL's top rusher in 2019 and 2020, back for the postseason.

It's time to take the next step today in their AFC divisional game with Cincinnati.

"Everything that we dream about since we were kids is right there in front of us," All Pro safety Kevin Byard said.

The Titans (12-5) start their third straight post-season before a sold-out crowd at Nissan Stadium trying to take advantage of home-field advantage where they went 7-2 during the regular season. They lost a wild-card game to Baltimore here a year ago and haven't won a playoff game at home since Jan. 11, 2003.

The two-time AFC South champs have won three straight and four of five. One more win puts them in their second AFC championship game in three seasons.

"These guys were prepared to play long into 2022," Titans coach Mike Vrabel said.

This is the revival of an old AFC Central rivalry between fourth-seeded Cincinnati and the former Houston Oilers. The Bengals won the only playoff game between these teams 27-14 on Jan. 6, 1991. That was their last postseason win until second-year quarterback Joe Burrow led them to a 26-19 victory over the Raiders to snap that 31-year drought.

Now these young Bengals (11-7) must end another playoff skid to reach Cincinnati's first AFC championship game since January 1989 and third overall. The Bengals are 0-7 in the playoffs away from home, and Houston is the only other NFL team that has yet to win a road playoff game.

"We're here to win," Bengals running back Joe Mixon said. "We don't care about some theory I guess that everybody's pretty much worried about. We know what we've got in front of us. We know what we have to do in order to get where we want to be. We've got the path laid out for us."



Associated Press

Aaron Rodgers says he accepts his football mortality and acknowledges this might be his last chance to win a second Super Bowl. History is not on the Packers side vs. the 49ers.

49ers at Packers, 8:15 p.m. today, TV: Fox

► It may be now or never for the Packers, Rodgers

GREEN BAY (AP) — Aaron Rodgers understands time is running out on his hopes of winning a second Super Bowl title with the Green Bay Packers.

The 38-year-old quarterback's latest post-season run begins tonight as he tries to beat the team that has served as the three-time MVP's biggest playoff nemesis.

Rodgers owns an 0-3 playoff record against the San Francisco 49ers, though he's beaten them in the regular season each of the last two years. The top-seeded Packers (13-4) and 49ers (11-7) face off again Saturday night in an NFC divisional playoff game at Lambeau Field.

"I think football mortality is something that we all think about," Rodgers said. "And we all think about how many opportunities we're going to be afforded moving forward, and each one is special."

Since stumbling to a 3-5 start, the 49ers have won eight of 10 while showing a knack for de-

living away from home. They secured a playoff berth by rallying from a 17-0 deficit to win an overtime road game with the Los Angeles Rams, and followed that with a 23-17 wild-card victory at Dallas.

Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo says San Francisco's slow start caused the 49ers to adopt a playoff mentality ahead of schedule.

"Putting that pressure on your team early, it creates a mindset," Garoppolo said. "It creates an atmosphere in the locker room of a sense of urgency that we have to win now and we have to make some plays."

The Packers beat the 49ers 30-28 on the road back on Sept. 26, with the 49ers erasing a 17-0 deficit to take the lead in the final minute before Rodgers drove Green Bay into position for Mason Crosby's 51-yard field goal as time expired. The Packers also beat the 49ers 34-17 on the road last season.

But the 49ers can lean on their successful post-season history against Rodgers' Packers, including a 37-20 victory in the NFC championship game two seasons ago.

"This is a special opportunity," Rodgers said.

(back) missing practice.

Otherwise, both teams should be healthy when they take the field Sunday night, though Buffalo is without top cornerback Tre'Davious White for the postseason after he had a season-ending knee injury after a 31-6 win at New Orleans.

Rams at Bucs, 3 p.m. Sunday, TV: NBC

► Brady, Bucs take another crack at Rams

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are excited about another opportunity to face a regular-season nemesis in the playoffs.

The defending Super Bowl champions host the Los Angeles Rams in the NFC divisional round Sunday, looking to avenge a pair of losses to the only team they've played but yet to beat since Brady joined the Bucs in 2020.

Brady is 2-0 in postseason rematches against opponents who defeated Tampa Bay during the regular season, beating the New Orleans Saints on the road in last year's playoffs before taking down Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs in the Super Bowl.

Now, the Rams (13-5) stand between the Bucs (14-4) and another trip to the NFC championship game.

"I think all of these games are little bit independent from one another. Yeah, we played them earlier in the year, but it's a very different team we had, and I think a little bit of a different team they had, too, so they are each their own individual type of game," Brady said.

"The point is it doesn't really matter what happened ... when we played them last. It's really about this game and what we learned from the last game."

The Bucs are 29-9, including 5-0 in the playoffs, since Brady's arrival. The Saints and Rams have handed them six of those losses.

The eventual division winners met in Week 3 in Los Angeles, with the Rams getting off to a fast start en route to a 34-24 victory.

A lot has changed since that game for both teams. The Bucs have a different look because of injuries and the Rams have added Odell Beckham Jr. on offense and Von Miller on defense.

The Rams need a strong performance from quarterback Matthew Stafford, and it's imperative that the Aaron Donald-led pass rush has a big game, too.

"Seems like Week 3 was an eternity ago now," coach Sean McVay said.

"It's a great opportunity. ... I'm hoping that we continue to earn more opportunities," Stafford said. "That's the goal at this point."

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"It's tough to have a perfect game," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said, "and they did a nice job with it last week."

As for the Chiefs? Well, they've merely won their past five playoff games at Arrowhead Stadium.

Mahomes became the first player to throw for at least 400 yards and five touchdowns with fewer than 10 incompletions in the postseason in last week's romp past Pittsburgh.

His familiar targets, Travis Kelce and Tyreek Hill, did most of the work while the suddenly stout Kansas City defense held the Steelers to 44 yards in the first half.

Throw in the fact that both teams are intimately familiar with each other — Bills coach Sean McDermott even spent most of his formative years working for Reid in Philadelphia — and the stage is set for a riveting matchup.

"We don't want to have that feeling that we had there last year. We know our season ended there last year," Allen said, "and now we have to do everything in our power to put our foot forward and make sure that it doesn't end there this year."

REMEMBER WHEN

The Bills were 4-1 and riding high after their 38-20 win at Kansas City, when Dawson Knox's 117 yards receiving tied the third-best output by a tight end in team history. Then they lost five of their next eight games, a slide that began when Knox broke his right hand during a 34-31 loss at Tennessee.

Buffalo rebounded by closing with four straight wins to clinch its second consecutive AFC East title. That run has coincided with Singletary giving Buffalo a more balanced attack with 456 yards rushing over his past six games.

IN DEMAND

Buffalo coordinators Leslie Frazier (defense) and Brian Daboll (offense) are both attracting attention to fill head coaching vacancies. Daboll met with the Bears on Sunday and both assistants met with the Vikings.

INJURIES

The Bills only listed defensive end Mario Addison as limited in practice by a shoulder injury, while the Chiefs had backup running back Darrel Williams (toe) and cornerback Rashad Fenton



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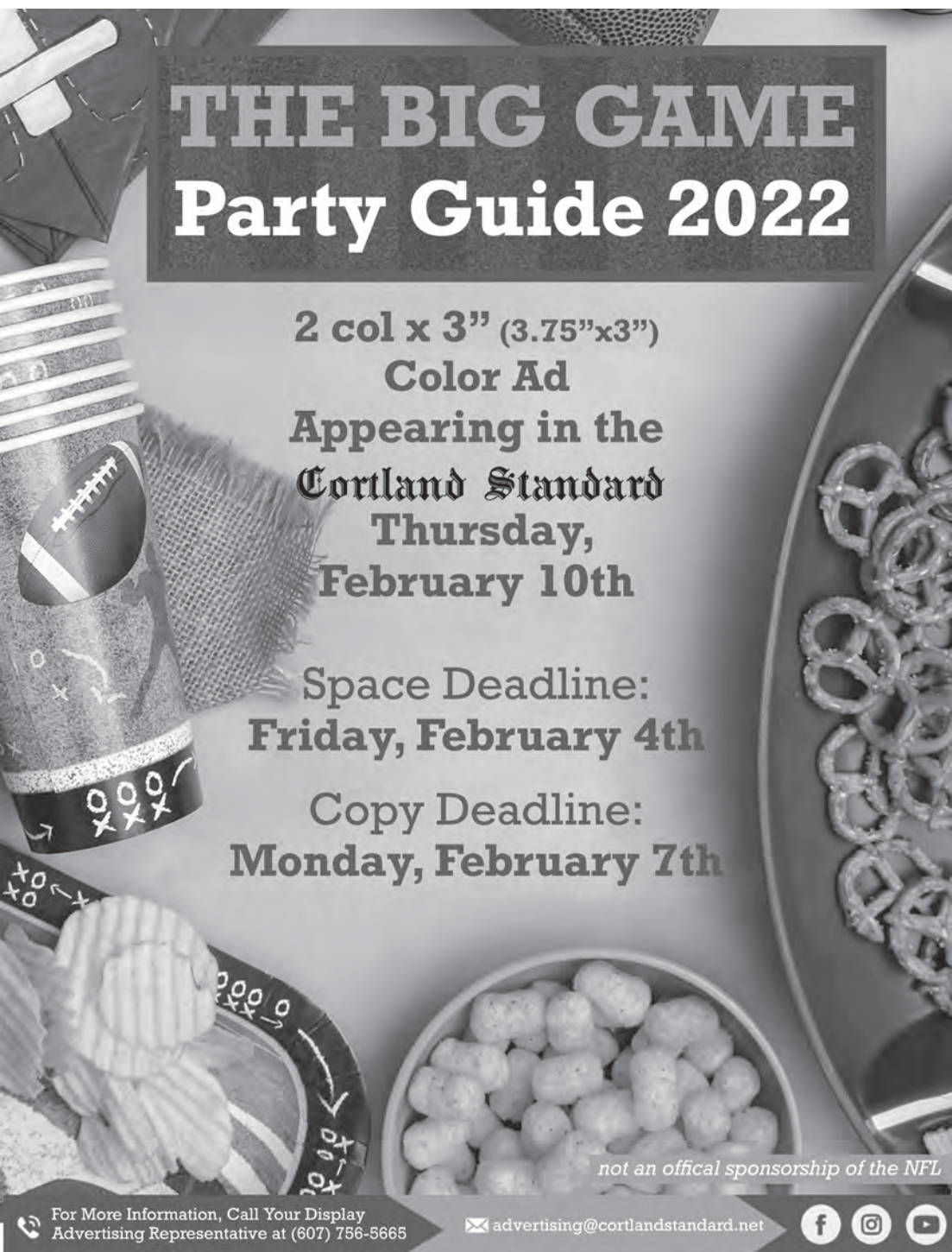
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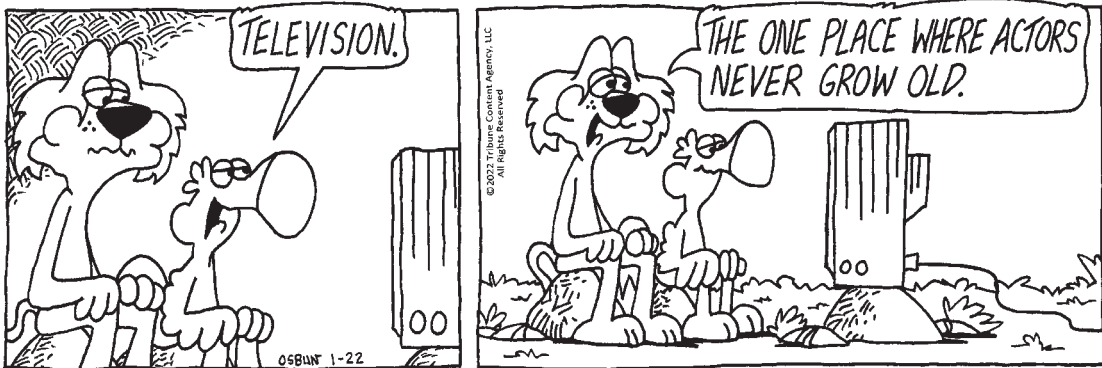
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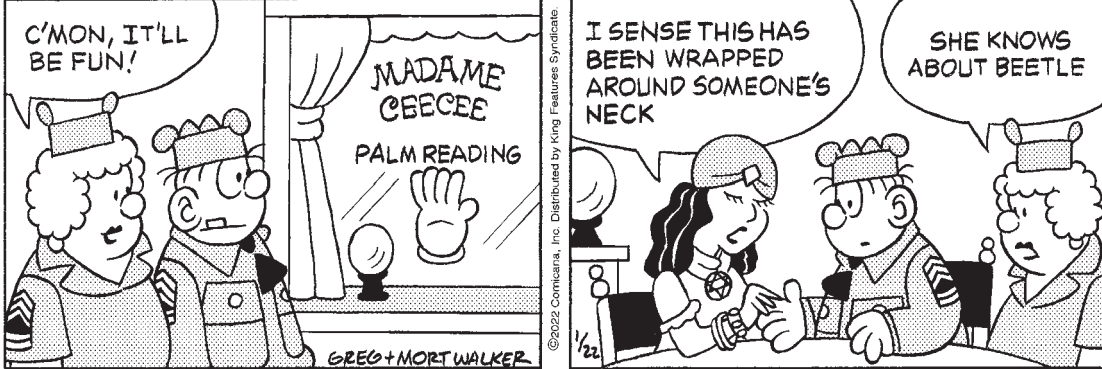
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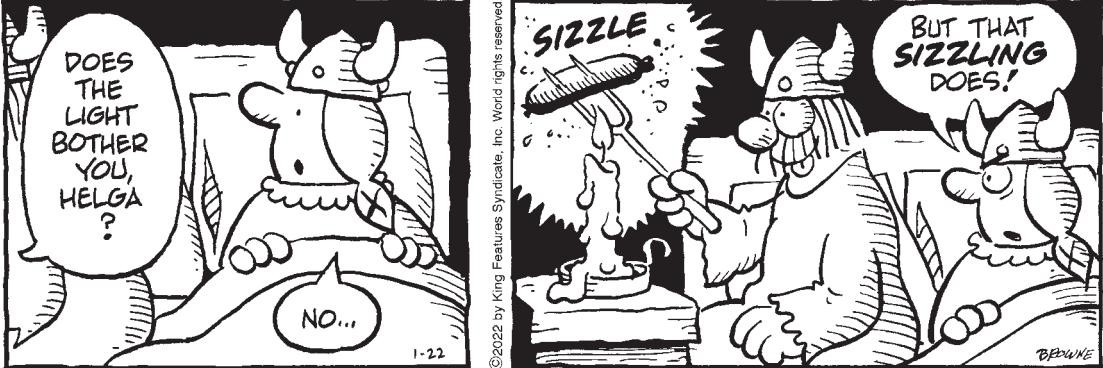
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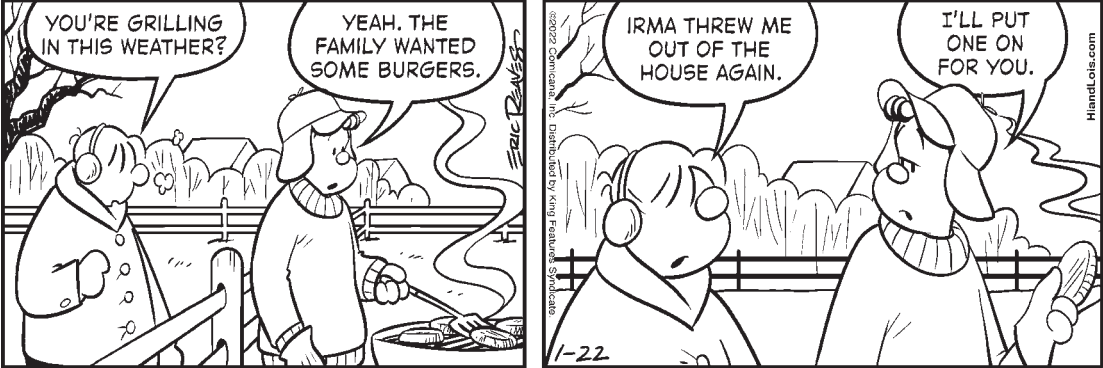
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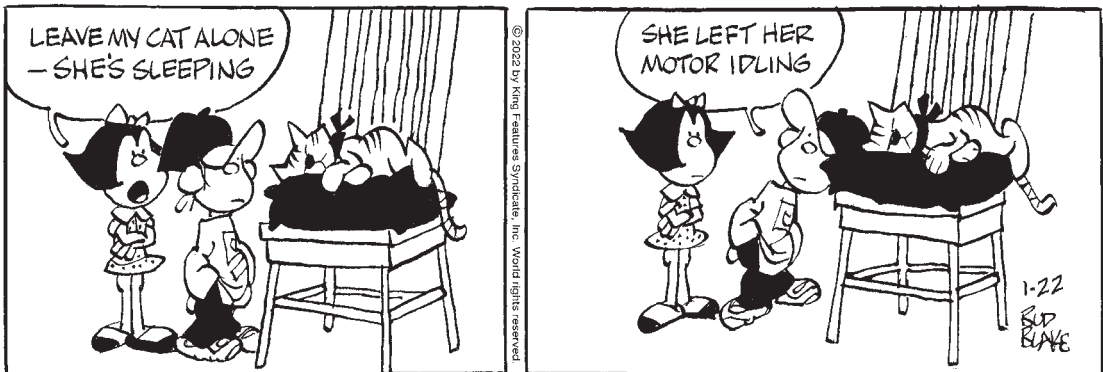
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Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena

Sunday, January 23, 2022

BIRTHDAY STAR: Actress Lindsey Kraft was born in Manhasset, New York, on this date in 1983. This birthday star currently plays the recurring roles of Allison on “Grace and Frankie” and Claire on “Why Women Kill.” She’s also appeared on episodes of “The Good Doctor,” “The Conners” and “The Big Bang Theory.” On the big screen, Kraft’s film work includes performances in “A Futile and Stupid Gesture,” “Newly Single” and “See You in September.”

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don’t restrict yourself, let yourself be fluid and open. In the week to come, you might enjoy interacting with people much older or younger, or become interested in some of the latest thoughts and trends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may crave plenty of action, but too-frequent or disruptive interruptions and changes in your plans may keep things popping as the week unfolds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you must take a chance, bet on a sure thing. Review your goals and the practical steps needed to achieve them. In the week to come, you may develop an understanding about how a key relationship heightens your enthusiasm.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your closest relationships should run smoothly during the week ahead because your loved ones are likely to make an effort to be entertaining.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your taste for elegance and sophistication might be at odds with some things in the upcoming week. You may feel uncomfortable or unable to relax in formal settings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You must respect yourself if you want to earn the respect of others. Follow your highest ideals and behave in ways that make you proud of yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Just to be contrary, you might adopt an opposing view. Remain organized and attentive to duties even when you yearn to try something different.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In the week ahead, loved ones may seem more difficult than usual. Focus on getting attention for your accomplishments rather than for your rebellion against conventions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Impress people with your industry as well as your enthusiasm in the week ahead. There may be time to dive into home improvements or choose tasteful items at a discount. Flaunt your casual but rugged style.

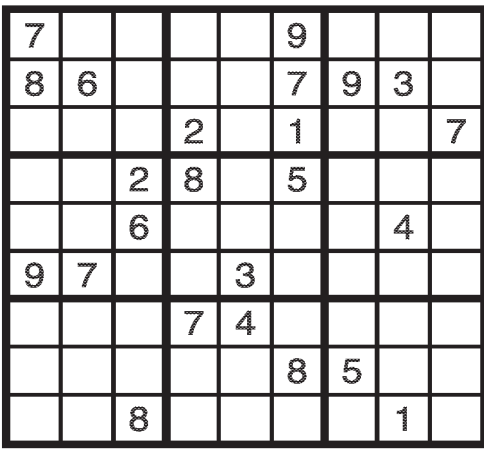
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may become aware of how someone feels and find ways to help them find new freedom. Unusual ideas and people may stimulate your interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Maintain your self-discipline. You may be frustrated by unexpected changes to your plans in the week ahead and realize that the only way to fulfill your dreams is to become more flexible and organized.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put some thoughtfulness into your work. Making money might be the goal but only so you can keep a roof over your head and own beautiful things.

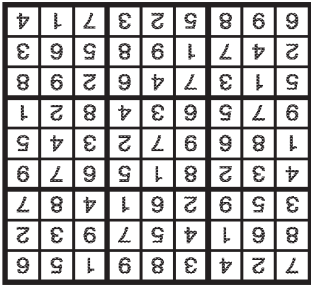
IF JAN. 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The next two to five weeks offer you time to be inspired by idealistic dreams and a respite from the hustle and bustle of the harsh world. This does not mean that you ignore practical matters and as a matter of fact, your insight in business is likely enhanced as the end of February arrives. Avoid becoming entangled in romantic relationships in March when you may only see what you want to see if your social life shoots upward.

Sudoku



Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



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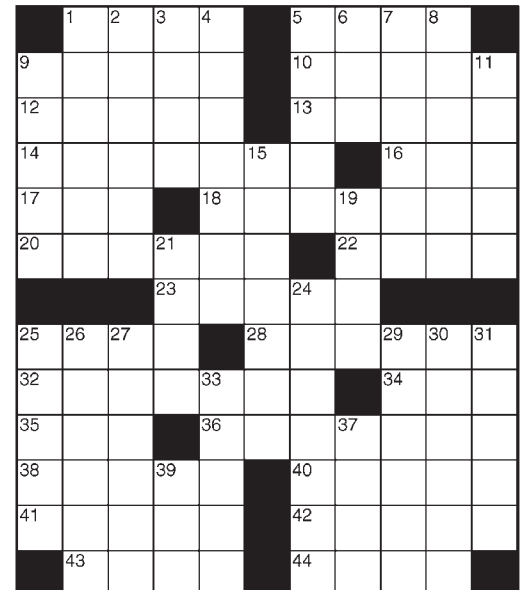
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Yesterday's answer

8 Lease signer
9 Like Olympic pools
11 Authority
15 Old dishes
19 Muscle quality
21 Nuisance
24 "I should be going"
25 Eggs on
26 Hams' needs
27 "Let me in!"
29 Take wing
30 Nauseate
31 Road curves
33 Earthy color
37 Lacking depth
39 Simile center



Word of the Day

pandiculation (pan-dik-yuh-LAY-shun)

Definition: (noun) a stretching and stiffening especially of the trunk and extremities (as after waking from sleep)

Example of usage: "Carefully orchestrated pandiculations follow a routine: Lips part, the tongue hunkers down, and muscles in the face, mouth and diaphragm engage ..." — Laura Sanders, Science News, May 7, 2011

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Elementary arithmetic

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A 7
 ♥ Q 8 4
 ♦ A Q 2
 ♣ A K 10 9 3

WEST
 ♠ J 10 9 6 4 3
 ♥ J 9 7 3
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ 2

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q 5
 ♥ A K 10 2
 ♦ K 10 4
 ♣ Q 6 4

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 NT Pass 4 ♣ Pass
 4 ♥ Pass 5 ♣ Pass
 5 NT Pass 7 NT
 Opening lead — jack of spades.
 The ability to count to 13 is obviously important in bridge, but utilizing this ability at the proper moment is quite another thing. Here is an example that illustrates the kind of difference simple arithmetic can make.

West led a spade against seven notrump after North checked for aces and kings via the Gerber Convention. South could count 12 sure tricks — three in each suit. The 13th trick had to come from either hearts or clubs, and the problem was how to guard against the pos-

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2104862	2013	Nissan	Rogue	60,775	\$14,999
220010A	2014	Volkswagen	Jetta	44,889	\$15,999
XD3856A	2016	Jeep	Cherokee	96,925	\$17,999
XD3963	2021	Mitsubishi	Mirage	8,342	\$18,999
XD3854A	2018	Ford	Edge	91,409	\$19,999
XD3905X	2016	Volkswagen	Tiguan	76,493	\$19,999
XD3917X	2017	Ford	Focus	25,196	\$19,999
XD3952W	2017	Jeep	Compass	49,598	\$19,999
XD3957	2016	Dodge	Grand Caravan	59,199	\$19,999
XD3958	2016	Dodge	Grand Caravan	41,679	\$20,999
XD3943	2019	Mazda	CX-3	40,085	\$21,999
XD3933	2018	Mazda	Mazda3	17,123	\$22,999
XD3939	2018	Mazda	Mazda3	11,263	\$22,999
XD3934	2018	FIAT	500	19,052	\$23,999
XD3879	2018	Jeep	Compass	38,236	\$24,999
XD3909	2018	Jeep	Compass	40,070	\$24,999
21D518B	2019	Hyundai	Tucson	24,354	\$24,999
XD3849A	2020	Ford	Escape	48,405	\$25,999
XD3877	2019	Jeep	Cherokee	28,471	\$25,999
XD3953W	2019	Jeep	Cherokee	53,699	\$25,999
XD3836C	2018	Jeep	Compass	34,604	\$25,999
XD3878	2019	Jeep	Cherokee	38,431	\$26,999
XD3916	2017	Jeep	Compass	37,714	\$26,999
XD3927	2019	Jeep	Compass	29,179	\$26,999
21D531A	2018	Jeep	Cherokee	39,404	\$26,999
XD3937A	2015	Ram	1500	94,740	\$26,999
22D036A	2019	Chevrolet	Equinox	23,533	\$26,999
XD3924	2019	Dodge	Caravan	49,735	\$27,999
XD3907	2019	Jeep	Cherokee	48,208	\$28,999
XD3914	2020	Jeep	Compass	36,287	\$28,999
XD3920	2019	Jeep	Cherokee	22,379	\$28,999
XD3938	2018	Mazda	CX-5	23,977	\$28,999
XD3948	2019	Dodge	Caravan	48,690	\$28,999
XD3901A	2017	Chrysler	Pacifica	44,167	\$29,999
XD3945	2018	Mazda	CX-5	34,688	\$29,999
XD3946	2018	Mazda	CX-5	34,789	\$29,999
210539A	2019	Jeep	Cherokee	31,763	\$29,999
XD3959	2017	Alfa Romeo	Giulia Base	100	\$29,999
210536A	2019	Jeep	Cherokee	46,674	\$29,999
21D472B	2018	GMC	Sierra 1500	53,881	\$30,999
XD3909	2018	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	36,995	\$30,999
21D537A	2019	Jeep	Cherokee	13,047	\$30,999
21D528Y	2017	Chevrolet	Traverse	60,388	\$30,999
210534A	2019	Jeep	Cherokee	17,966	\$30,999
XD3947	2019	Dodge	Challenger	25,240	\$30,999
XD3870	2018	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	15,911	\$31,999
22D008A	2018	Ram	1500	18,682	\$31,999
21D519A	2018	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	37,721	\$32,999
22D008B	2020	Hyundai	Santa Fe	14,108	\$32,999
XD3926	2018	Alfa Romeo	Stelvio	26,825	\$32,999
XD3964	2020	Nissan	Murano	31,005	\$33,999
XD3893W	2018	Jeep	Wrangler	36,071	\$34,999
XD3899	2019	Ram	1500	32,271	\$34,999
XD3923	2019	Alfa Romeo	Giulia	4,360	\$34,999
XD3928	2018	Chrysler	Pacifica	45,231	\$34,999
XD3935	2018	Ford	Explorer	25,423	\$34,999
XD3960	2018	Dodge	Charger	13,345	\$34,999
XD3944	2018	Chrysler	Pacifica	18,082	\$35,999
XD3961	2019	Ram	1500	14,557	\$35,999
XD3869	2019	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	23,619	\$36,999
XD3932	2018	Alfa Romeo	Stelvio	34,930	\$36,999
XD3965	2019	Dodge	Durango	34,120	\$36,999
XD3839X	2016	Jeep	Wrangler	43,033	\$37,999
XD3915	2019	Ram	1500	34,420	\$37,999
XD3969	2017	Chrysler	Pacifica	25,118	\$37,999
21D489A	2019	Ram	1500	39,696	\$38,999
22D015A	2019	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	39,051	\$38,999
XD3908	2018	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	9,484	\$39,999
XD3867X	2018	GMC	Canyon	40,689	\$39,999
XD3949	2020	Subaru	Ascent	7,859	\$39,999
XD3954	2019	Ram	1500	33,001	\$39,999
22D078A	2019	Chevrolet	Traverse	37,696	\$39,999
XD3968	2020	Ram	1500	12,291	\$39,999
XD3942	2019	Dodge	Durango	33,395	\$40,999
XD3950	2020	Jeep	Gladiator	16,136	\$43,999
XD3966	2017	Ram	1500	62,502	\$43,999
XD3931	2019	Jeep	Wrangler	983	\$44,999
22D041A	2019	Ram	1500	60,794	\$44,999
XD3956	2018	Jeep	Wrangler	23,276	\$44,999
XD3921	2019	Ram	1500	22,011	\$45,999
22D029A	2020	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	13,737	\$45,999
XD3922	2019	Dodge	Charger	16,849	\$46,999
21D507A	2021	Lincoln	Corsair	3,576	\$47,999
21D509A	2021	Chrysler	Pacifica	4,126	\$49,999
XD3918	2021	Jeep	Gladiator	7,804	\$49,999
22D042A	2020	Ford	Explorer	12,226	\$49,999
XD3967	2019	Ram	1500	21,278	\$49,999
XD3896W	2020	Ram	1500	16,861	\$50,999

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XG1351A	2016	Jeep	Compass	82,709	\$14,999
XG1407	2021	Chevrolet	Spark	7,229	\$16,999
XG1452	2016	Dodge	Journey	81,882	\$16,999
XG1467	2019	Nissan	Sentra	52,998	\$17,999
XG1426	2018	Dodge	Journey	59,304	\$18,999
XG1414	2017	Chevrolet	Equinox	37,869	\$19,999
XG1368A	2017	Ford	Mustang	60,426	\$21,999
XG1406	2019	Ford	Escape	40,904	\$23,999
21G233Y	2015	Acura	MDX	87,631	\$23,999
20G182C	2018	Chevrolet	Equinox	37,074	\$24,999
XG1443	2019	Volkswagen	Jetta	34,678	\$24,999
XG1464	2018	Nissan	Rogue	42,254	\$24,999
XG1392	2019	Jeep	Cherokee	32,110	\$25,999
XG1398W	2018	Dodge	Challenger	32,593	\$25,999
XG1405	2019	Lincoln	MKC	45,078	\$25,999
XG1408	2019	Mazda	CX-5	20,608	\$25,999
XG1409	2019	Mazda	CX-5	23,114	\$25,999
22G006A	2016	Ram	1500	88,490	\$25,999
XG1436	2019	Chevrolet	Equinox	29,535	\$25,999
XG1444	2018	Jeep	Compass	35,000	\$25,999
21G145C	2018	Honda	CR-V	43,694	\$26,999
21G227A	2015	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	41,544	\$26,999
XG1470	2019	Dodge	Grand Caravan	45,590	\$27,999
XG1473	2018	Ford	EcoSport	31,383	\$28,325
XG1442	2018	Ford	Edge	38,360	\$28,999
XG1447	2019	Jeep	Renegade	35,587	\$28,999
XG1450	2016	Ram	1500	90,149	\$28,999
XG1432	2019	Jeep	Cherokee	44,813	\$29,999
XG1434A	2019	Jeep	Cherokee	31,867	\$29,999
XG1422	2020	Jeep	Compass	2,683	\$29,999
XG1457	2019	Nissan	Pathfinder	55,000	\$29,999
XG1460	2019	Mazda	CX-5	16,673	\$29,999
XG1410	2019	Jeep	Cherokee	18,108	\$30,999
XG1455A	2017	Ford	Explorer	41,091	\$32,999
XG1463	2017	Jeep	Wrangler	34,055	\$32,999
XG1480	2018	Chrysler	Pacifica	24,322	\$32,999
22G011A	2019	Ram	1500	32,754	\$32,999
XG1429	2019	Ram	1500	35,078	\$33,999
21G237A	2017	Ram	1500	70,732	\$33,999
XG1433	2018	Ram	1500	36,984	\$33,999
21G226B	2016	Ford	F-150	78,800	\$33,999
XG1441	2019	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	35,075	\$34,999
XG1438	2019	Ram	1500	26,280	\$34,999
XG1403A	2019	Chrysler	300M	15,076	\$34,999
XG1456A	2018	Toyota	Sienna	54,769	\$34,999
XG1458	2019	Honda	Pilot	18,499	\$34,999
XG1411	2021	Jeep	Cherokee	3,095	\$35,999
21G210B	2019	Ram	1500	17,462	\$35,999
XG1466	2019	Ford	Explorer	57,688	\$35,999
22G012A	2019	Ram	1500	22,868	\$35,999
XG1437	2018	Cadillac	XT5	47,501	\$36,999
XG1468	2018	Alfa Romeo	Stelvio	33,742	\$36,999
XG1475	2019	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	37,806	\$36,999
XG1478	2019	Dodge	Durango	37,228	\$36,999
22G005A	2016	Ford	F-350	58,000	\$37,999
XG1454	2018	Jeep	Wrangler	17,445	\$37,999
XG1474	2020	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	15,875	\$38,999
21G222A	2019	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	43,997	\$39,999
XG1435	2019	GMC	Sierra Limited	38,998	\$39,999
XG1461	2020	Chrysler	Pacifica	33,580	\$39,999
XG1465	2021	Ford	Bronco	31	\$39,999
XG1384A	2019	Ram	1500	28,099	\$40,999
XG1479	2019	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	35,343	\$42,999
22G008A	2019	Lincoln	Nautilus	43,742	\$43,999
XG1453	2017	Ford	F-250	58,656	\$43,999
XG1440	2019	Ram	1500	13,294	\$44,999
22G015Y	2017	Ram	2500	49,330	\$44,999
XG1462	2020	Dodge	Durango	8,705	\$44,999
XG1476	2021	Jeep	Gladiator	6,616	\$46,999
XG1451	2020	Chevrolet	Traverse	17,244	\$48,999
XG1477	2018	Jeep	Wrangler	41,292	\$49,999
21G241Z	2019	Ram	1500	30,851	\$57,999
22G010A	2020	Ram	1500	16,003	\$58,999
22G022A	2019	Ram	3500	45,903	\$62,999
XG1420	2021	Ram	1500	794	\$89,999
XG1472A	2016	Jeep	Wrangler	N/A	Please Call

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