

SUNY Cortland students and alumni celebrated the Red Dragons' 38-28 win in the 64th Cortaca Jug



Moravia football took home its first Section IV 8-man title with a 74-41 victory over Trumansburg.

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Judge rules case against C'ville is moot

Whether or not Mathey can recoup legal fees still in question

By JACK LAKOWSKY **Staff Reporter**

jlakowsky@cortlandstandard.com A state Supreme Court justice said Monday most of a Cortlandville judge's lawsuit against ers rejected a referendum to eliminate her job, but left open the possibility of awarding legal

In a hearing Monday, Justice Oliver Blaise dismissed nearly all of Mary Beth Mathey's claims, including that the Cortlandville Town Board met illegally to craft the proposal eliminating her position and a request the court sanction Town Attor-

said cases need "live controversy" — an issue with actual conflict — for courts to hear them.

"The law is well settled that court authority only extends to live controversy," Blaise said. He added that Mathey's claim DelVecchio should be sanctioned should be brought before an attorney grievance commit-

In an email, Cortlandville

the town is moot, because vot- ney John DelVecchio. Blaise Town Supervisor Tom Williams said the town won't investigate Mathey's claim that DelVecchio engaged in misconduct; that would be the court's job.

> To Mathey attorney John Steven's agreement, Blaise dismissed Mathey's suit against the Cortland County Board of Elections, saying it should remove the question from the ballot, a point the Nov. 7 vote made ir-

Blaise left open the potential for Mathey to win reimbursement for her attorney's fees. Blaise said the parties can gather evidence through Dec. 29, ahead of a Feb. 7 hearing.

Before Blaise's ruling, Stevens argued the election should not negate the consequences of an illegal action that was intentional and negligent.

"They covered their intent," Stevens said. The board's action incurred expenses for Mathey, and so it should be fined.

John Mancuso, attorney for the town, argued the issue was plainly moot. Mancuso also argued against the judge's decision to allow further discovery of evidence to determine whether Mathey should be awarded attorney's fees.

"Discovery isn't needed," Mancuso said. "It will increase expenditures for both sides."

IDA will give iSpice \$3M in tax breaks **for 350+ jobs**

From Staff Reports

The Cortland County Industrial Development Agency voted unanimously Monday to finalize more than \$3 million in tax incentives over 10 years for iSpice LLC, in exchange for 350 or more jobs.

"This type of project is a perfect fit for Cortland County, returning manufacturing jobs to the former Voyant facility in less than a year after it closed was a priority for the IDA," said IDA board Chairman Michael McMahon in a release.

The IDA has awarded the company a \$1.7 million property tax exemption, a \$1.2 million sales tax exemption to help buy production equipment and a \$126,000 mortgage recording tax exemption. The local incentives are in addition to previously announced state incentives including a low-cost ReCharge NY power allocation from the NY Power Authority and an incentive package from Empire State Development.

In addition to the job creation, the IDA payment in lieu of tax agreement will spur a \$25 million investment in the 500,000-square-foot facility, including a laboratory for research and development of new products.

"This project demonstrates the excellent working relationship our IDA has with its municipal partners," Cortland Mayor Scott Steve said. "iSpice has pledged to support local quality of life initiatives and work with local suppliers

and vendors." Cortland County Legislative Chair Kevin Fitch says, "The IDA spent several months negotiating the incentive package with iSpice to make sure our county and the company were getting the best deal

The company is based in Pointe-Claire, Quebec, providing more than 200 products in 13 countries and has been in business for over 30 years, supplying the food industry, institutions, wholesalers and retailers.

"The IDA board scrutinized this deal to make sure that the incentives were appropriate for the project, we look forward to working with iSpice to fill the many jobs they will create," said IDA Executive Director Brendan O'Bryan.

The Central Avenue facility sits on 15.6 acres designed and zoned for light industrial uses, with high ceilings and multiple loading docks, which were used by Voyant Beauty and ALPLA to bottle health and beauty products until they announced in October 2022 the closure of their Cortland operations by the end of 2022, eliminating nearly 500 jobs.

iSpice is leasing the facility from a team of investors including Bill Cleary of Stuart, Florida, the former owner of Pudgie's Pizza in Cortland.

State champions!



Paul Cifonelli/Sports Editor

The Cincinnatus girls soccer team celebrates Sunday in the school parking lot after being escorted through McGraw and Cincinnatus by emergency vehicles. The team won the school's first state title earlier in the day at Homer High School. See story, Page 7.

WH hopes Biden-Xi meeting brings progress on military communications, fentanyl fight



White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan speaks during the daily briefing at the White House in Washington, Monday.

By COLLEEN LONG and AAMER MADHANI

Associated Press WASHINGTON — U.S. officials expressed hope Monday that this week's highly anticipated face-to-face meeting between President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping will produce some concrete results, including the possible reestablishment of military communication between the two nations and a shared effort to combat illicit fentanyl traffick-

The two leaders will meet Wednesday on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in San Francisco. The Biden-Xi bilateral will be the marquee moment of the forum, which is dedicated

to promoting trade, investment and economic development among nations around the Pacific Ocean.

Biden and Xi have not spoken in a year. Their last meeting was at the Group of 20 summit in Indonesia last fall. And since then, tensions between the two nations have grown following a series of events touched off by the shooting down of a Chinese spy balloon that had wafted across the U.S. earlier this year.

The frosty relationship between the two economic superpowers has global implications: China and the U.S. produce roughly 40% of the world's goods and services.

U.S. officials have set relatively low expectations for the Biden-Xi meeting, suggesting

that simply getting back to a baseline of routine communication would be a good benchmark for success. Still, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said Monday there could be some movement toward shared goals, through "intense diplomacy."

"All in all we're looking forward to a productive meeting,' Sullivan said. "President Biden has a long history with President Xi and their conversations are direct, they're straightforward and President Biden believes there is no substitute for leader-to-leader, face-to-face diplomacy to manage this complex relationship.'

Among those goals: the reestablishment of communications

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Records

Weather

Rest of today: Patchy frost after midnight. Otherwise, mostly clear, with a low around 25.

Chance of precipitation 40%.

Skies Today

Local

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 Sunset today 4:44 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:55 a.m. Normal high temperature 47 32 Normal low temperature Average temperature 40 First quarter moon Nov. 20

Extended

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 49. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph in the after-

City Snowfall

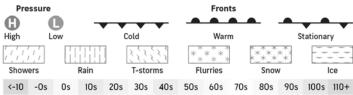
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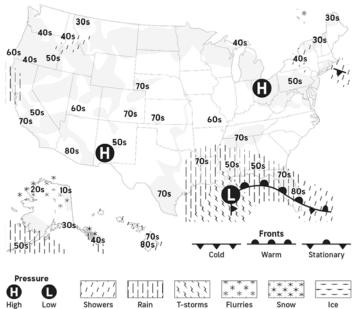
Forecast for Tuesday, November 14, 2023





Forecast for Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day



NATIONAL SUMMARY: A potent storm will continue to spread drenching rain from much of Louisiana to Florida today. Meanwhile, a storm approaching the Pacific will dampen the interior Northeast. Much of the rest of the nation can expect a dry day with sunshine.

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Lottery Winners

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

Numbers: Midday: 1-4-8, Evening: 1-2-1; WinFour: Midday: 4-2-5-3, Evening: 9-8-6-0; **Pick 10:** 2-8-10-28-31-32-34-39-41-43-44-47-48-52-54-57-67-72-77-78; **Take Five**: Midday: 5-22-27-28-34, Evening: 11-24-27-29-33; Cash4Life: 4-11-15-27-52, Cash Ball: 2; Lotto: 26-29-41-43-44-50, Bonus: 20; Powerball: 1-12-14-24-57, Powerball: 7, Power Play: 4

Here are the winning numbers selected Sunday:

Numbers: Midday: 0-3-5, Evening: 3-4-8; WinFour: Midday: 5-0-2-2, Evening: 7-5-7-2; **Pick 10:** 2-12-15-17-19-20-21-26-27-34-38-42-46-48-53-64-72-73-74-79; **Take Five**: Midday: 2-3-5-6-29, Evening: 6-20-28-36-37; **Cash4Life:** 1-21-41-56-57, Cash Ball:

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

Numbers: Midday: 9-9-8, Evening: 3-9-7; WinFour: Midday: 2-4-8-9, Evening: 6-0-7-2; **Pick 10:** 12-16-18-19-22-25-28-30-35-38-42-43-45-55-68-72-74-78-79-80; **Take Five**: Midday: 5-21-29-33-39, Evening: 7-9-33-36-38; Cash4Life: 5-16-21-50-57, Cash Ball: 1, Powerball: 24-33-35-37-42, Powerball: 21, Power Play: 2

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Ardelia Kowalski

Ardelia Kowalski, 83, passed away on Monday November 6, 2023. She was born on February 21, 1940, the daughter of the late Lyman and Bernice Adams Bushnell.

Ardelia was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She worked as a Teacher's Aide, at the Randall School in Cortland, from 1970 until she retired in 2000. Ardelia loved the kids at school, they were her number one priority. In her free time, she enjoyed reading, camping, and listening to country music. Ardelia loved life and she always had a smile on her face.

Ardelia is survived by her husband Edward Kowalski, her children Leon Rounds Jr. and Terri Harden, her grandchildren Jay Harden and Hannah Harden, her siblings Richard "Dick" (Denise) Bushnell, Jessie (Sharon) Bushnell, Ronald (Pete) Bushnell, Arthur "Art" (Sylvia "Pete") Bushnell, Stanley "Marty" Bushnell, Robert "Bob" Bushnell, Kathleen Robbins, Debbie Rangcapan, and Anna Buck, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her first husband Leon Rounds Sr., her sister Aggie Metcalf, her sister in laws Patricia Bushnell, Charlene Bushnell, and Judy Bushnell, and her brother in laws Burt Buck, Steve Robbins, and Dutch Metcalf.

Calling hours will be held on Friday November 17, 2023 from 11am-12pm at the Wright-Beard Funeral Home, 9 Lincoln Ave., Cortland, NY. A funeral service will follow at 12pm with Pastor Stephanie Brown officiating. A burial will follow in the Virgil Cemetery.

The service can be streamed by visiting the Wright-Beard Funeral Home website and viewing Ardelia's obituary and clicking the "Live Funeral Stream," tab.

Donations can be made to the Cortland Country Music Park & Campground, 1824 State Rt. 13, Cortland, NY 13045.

To offer online condolences please visit www.wright-beard.

Patricia Ann Teichert Monroe Carver

Patricia Ann Teichert Monroe Carver, 85. of Flemingsburg, passed away Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at the Hospice of Hope in Maysville.

Born in Cortland, New York on February 8, 1938, her father was the late Paul Franz Teichert and her mother was the late Eva Clark Cleveland. She was the widow of Donald Monroe and Fred Carver.

Patricia worked for Cortland Corset, Cortland Line, U.S. Shoe, Techno Trim, and Licking Valley. She was a member of the Unity Baptist Church.

She is survived by four of her children, Jeffery Monroe, Jarrod Monroe, Judy Fink, and JoAnn McNeill; 11 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; her brother, Roland Teichert; two of her sisters, Maria Coville and Terri Mullen; her good friend, Robert Hotaling.

In addition to her parents and her two husbands, she was preceded in death by her son, James Donald Monroe; her daughter, Janet Lynn Monroe; two of hers sisters, Karen Woodard and Paula Pickert; and her good friend, Pat Hotal-

Visitation for Patricia was 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, November 10, 2023, at Boone-Nickell Funeral Home.

Calling hours will be held on Friday November 17, 2023 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Wright-Beard Funeral Home, 9 Lincoln Ave., Cortland, NY, A funeral service will be held on Saturday November 18, 2023 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the McGraw Cemetery.

Friends may offer online condolences at www.boonenickellfuneralhome.com, and www.wright-beard.com.

Grant 'Duke' W. Fuller

Grant "Duke" W. Fuller, 69, of DeRuyter, NY, passed away on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at the Chenango Memorial Hospital, Norwich, NY.

Duke was born in Cortland, NY, on April 30, 1954, the son of the late Frederick and Delores Miller Fuller. He retired from Pall Trinity, Cortland, in 2019 after several years of service. While at Pall Trinity, he served as the union representative for the UAW. Prior to Pall Trinity, he worked at the Sealtest Milk Plant in Homer until its closing. He was a life member of the Cincinnatus Fire Department and former member of the McGraw Fire Department and had also been an EMT for the Cincinnatus Emergency Squad. He was a member of the Blue Devils Hose Team and won several trophies during fair competitions. He served as a coach for little league baseball and a basketball coach for fifth and six graders at Cincinnatus Central School. Duke was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Claudia "Cleo" Fuller; and their children, Brandi (Lee Cole) Armstrong of Hamilton, Curtis Fuller of Pitcher, and Anthony (Mandy) Fuller of Baldwinsville. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Tanner, Caleb, and Noah Armstrong, Carlene Underwood, and Payton Fuller; his great-grandson, Giovanni; brothers, Frederick (Eileen) Fuller of Delaware and Richard Fuller of McGraw; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Graveside services for Duke will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Taylor Rural Cemetery with Reverend Will Gallerani officiating. In keeping with Duke's wishes, there will be no prior calling hours or funeral

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Duke may be directed to the Cincinnatus Fire Department or the Cincinnatus Emergency Squad. To leave a personal message for the family, please visit www.klsharpfuneralhome.com.

David William Strauff

David William Strauff, 78, of Cortland, NY, passed away unexpectedly but peaceably in his sleep at home in Cortland,

A prayer service for friends and family will be held at 11 A.M. on Thursday, November 16th at St. Mary's Cemetery with the burial to follow.

David (Dave to most if not all) was born in Cortland to Floyd Strauff and Gwendolyn Strauff (née Davenport) on December 27th, 1944. He went to high school at Cortland Jr./Sr. High School and graduated in 1962. He went on to work various construction jobs and served in the National Guard during the Vietnam Conflict. He worked Constructional Maintenance at SUNY Cortland for nearly 32 years. An avid sportsman, David enjoyed hunting and fishing, frequenting various areas of the St. Lawrence River often.

David is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Rosalia Strauff (née Garcia), his two sons, Andrew and Gregory, his sister-in-law, Judith Strauff, and numerous nieces and neph-

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, his eldest brother Lyndon 'Bud' Strauff, his older sister, Isabelle Stephenson (née Strauff)

Obituaries

Dolores "Dodie" Mike, born to Mary and Charles Dunham on November 13, 1947, died peacefully on November 4, 2023 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, New York. With her son, Randi, and daughter-in-law, Debbi, by her side, she passed away, embraced in the comforting circle of family love.

Dodie was a cherished mother to her two children, Dean and Randi Rainbow, and a beloved sister to Pat Bushnell and Edith Rulison. Her legacy extended beyond her immediate family, as she was also a loving

caregiver to her faithful feline companion, Barbie. She also treasured her friends and neighbors of these last 20+ years she lived in Cortland.

Dodie dedicated much of her life to the service of others. For

Dolores 'Dodie' Mike

many years, she served as a medical billing agent at Family Health Network in Cortland, New York, contributing her skills and compassion to the well-being of the community. In her retirement, Dodie continued to give back, generously volunteering her time at various local organizations, including the Senior Centers, Cortland Repertory Theatre, Food Bank, Center for the Aging, the Country Peddler, and more. Known for her warm heart and caring nature, Dodie found

joy in simple pleasures, cherishing family moments and the tranquility of quiet times at home. Her commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of those around her was evident in the selfless acts of kindness she performed throughout her retirement years. Dodie will be remembered not only for her professional

achievements but also for the indelible mark she left on the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her. Her legacy of love, compassion, and service will continue to inspire and uplift those who carry her memory forward.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a charitable organization of your choice in her honor. There will be a celebration of her life in the upcoming Spring. She will always be loved, her memory forever alive in the hearts of those she touched.

Raymond A. Wescott

Raymond A. Wescott. 78. of Cortland. New York, passed away unexpectedly at his home on November 8th, 2023. Raymond was born on December 26th, 1944 to Frank and Francis Manning. After graduating from Cortland High School in 1963, Raymond proudly served his country as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corp. He received various military honors for his service and marksmanship, including the Vietnam Ser-



He retired from Endicott Machine and Tool Co. where he worked for 26 years. Raymond loved to hunt, fish, play the lottery, and he was a frequent visitor at Hyde's Diner.

The last decade of Raymond's life was spent as a devoted caregiver to those he loved most. He cared for his late wife, Louise before she lost her battle with cancer in 2015. Since Louise's death, Raymond has been the sole caretaker of their disabled son, Logan.

Raymond is survived by his children: Raymond "Jay" Wescott, Matthew Wescott, Mike Wescott, Paulette (Clayton) Smith, Lyndsee (Christopher) Mott, Amanda (Jeremy) Morey, Christopher Wescott, and Logan Wescott; his siblings: Art Manning, Carolyn Plummer, Joyce Nadge, and Cathy Smith; his grandchildren: Brett Wescott, Brittany Henry, Justin Renfroe, Corey Wescott, Daniel Wescott, Zachary Wellman, Matthew Morey, Cheyenne Mott, Thomas Morey, and Oliver Mott, several great grandchildren and his companion, Vivian Pow-

Raymond was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Francis Manning, his brother, Frank Manning, and his wife. Louise M. Wescott.

A service will be scheduled for Spring 2024. Donations in Raymond's memory can be made to Franziska Racker Centers, Administrative Offices, 3226 Wilkins Road, Ithaca NY, 14850 in support of the ongoing services provided to individuals with special needs. To offer online condolences, visit www. wright-beard.com.

Mrs. Vittoria D. Flocco

Mrs. Vittoria D. Flocco, "Vicky" 98, of Cortland passed on Nov 11. 2023 after a brief illness. Born March 4, 1925 in Cortland, Vicky was the daughter of Nicola and Faustina Giorgetti D'Adamio and was an area resident her entire life.

Mrs. Flocco was formerly employed by the Crescent Corset Co. and was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church. She was a member of their Altar Society as well as the Stella D'Oro Lodge. She is survived by a brother; Rocco (Maria) D'Adamio of

Italy and a sister in law; Adrianna D'Adamio of Cortland as well and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Flocco was preceded in death by her husband; Nicola Flocco in May of 1992. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 12 noon in St. Anthony's Church followed by the Christian Rite

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church prior to Mass. Contributions in Mrs. Flocco's memory may be made to St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church.

of committal and burial in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y.

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Community

Police/fire

Virgil man charged with sex abuse

A Virgil man was charged Monday with having inappropriate sexual contact several times between January 2022 and this month in the town of

Joseph P. Cunningham, 37, of Route 11, was charged with first-degree criminal sex act, first-degree sex abuse, felonies; and sexual misconduct a misdemeanor, Cortland County sheriff's officers said. He was accused of abusing the victim several times at an undisclosed location.

He was arrested the same day the incidents were reported, police said.

Cunningham was arraigned through Cortland County central arraignment and released to Alternatives to Incarceration pending a future court ap-

Woman charged with contempt

Accused: Ashley K. West, 32, of Mill Street, Marathon

Charges: Second-degree criminal contempt, a misdemeanor

Details: West violated an order of protection during a domestic dispute about 9:56 p.m. Saturday on Phillips Road in Lapeer, Cortland County sheriff's officers said. West was arrested at her home.

Legal Actions: West was ticketed to appear Dec. 14 in Lapeer Town Court.

Cincy woman charged with endangering child Accused: Evelyn V. Renz, 37, of

Lower Cincinnatus Road, Cincinnatus Charges: Endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor; seconddegree harassment, a violation

Details: Renz engaged in a physical altercation about 8:28 p.m. Thursday in the presence of a child at a location on Lower Cincinnatus Road, Cincinnatus, police said.

Legal Actions: Renz was arraigned via Cortland County central arraignment and released without bail pending an appearance Dec. 20 in Cincinnatus Town Court.

Ithaca man charged with DWI in C'ville

Accused: Dustin Fitzpatrick, 35, of

Charges: Driving while intoxicated, driving with a blood-alcohol content of 0.08% or more, misdemeanors; possession of open container, speeding, violations

Details: Cortland County sheriff's officers stopped Fitzpatrick's vehicle about 10:26 p.m. Saturday on Luker Road in Cortlandville for speeding. Police said they found Fitzpatrick intoxicated.

Legal Actions: Fitzpatrick was ticketed to appear Nov. 27 in Cortlandville Town Court.

Truxton man charged with DWI

Accused: Jacob A. Ruddy, 30, of

Charges: Driving while intoxicated, driving with a blood-alcohol content of 0.18% or greater, misdemeanors; failure to stop at a signal, driver's view obstructed, violations

Details: Cortland County sheriff's officers stopped Ruddy's vehicle about 1:13 a.m. Friday on McLean Road in Cortlandville for failing to stop at a stop light. Police said they found Ruddy intoxicated.

Legal Actions: Ruddy was ticketed to appear Nov. 7 in Cortlandville Town Court.

Parties smaller after Red Dragons take home the Cortaca Jug

By TODD R. McADAM **Managing Editor**

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The stream to downtown Cortland started shortly after the SUNY Cortland Red Dragons defeated the Ithaca College Bombers on Saturday in the 64th Cortaca Jug football game.

Lots of smiles. Some laughter. A few people wearing less than winter-weight wrapping their arms around themselves in the 31-degree air.

The Red Dragons won, 38-28, at Butterfield Stadium in Ithaca, reversing last year's defeat and bringing the record for the rivalry to 43-35-3, in Ithaca's favor.

Cortland police clustered on Clayton Avenue, as SUNY Cortland police stretched their patrols past the campus and into downtown Cortland. Cortland County sheriff's officers were around, too.

There wasn't much to report, said Lt. Cheyenne Cute, at least not by late afternoon, only an hour or so after the game ended. Police had bro-

ken up one party of a couple of hundred people, but most of the gatherings were smaller.

"A lot of little parties," Cute said. "Nothing too major."

A few minutes later, Cortland Police Chief Paul Sandy waved as he drove past, and Cortland Mayor Scott Steve chatted with an officer and critiqued the wit on the signs students had painted on bed sheets and hung out the night

"I really liked the 'Ithaca burned Garcia's," Steve said, a reference to the fire that destroyed a Mexican restaurant on Main Street earlier this year. Then pointed to another a couple of doors down. "But I don't know what that one means.

It was a euphemism, not entirely polite.

Lines grew outside the downtown drinking holes as bouncers checked IDs. Some of the revelers were alumni, debating which of their old haunts they planned to revisit.

"Who won?" a middle-aged couple asked of a group of stu-

Madi Monaghan, a SUNY Cortland senior from Rochester, leans against her friend, freshman Zak Kreiley of Dansville, at Cortland Beer Co. shortly after the SUNY Cortland Red Dragons defeated the Ithaca College Bombers, 38-28, in the 64th annual Cortaca Jug.

dents walking down Central Avenue.

"Cortland." "Whoo hoo!"

On Court Street, SUNY Cortland senior Madi Monaghan of Rochester, a therapeutic recreation major, leaned against the shoulder of freshman Zack Kreiley, an exercise science major from Dansville. Both are on the swim team.

"Sports-wise, this is the biggest thing for Cortland students," Monaghan said. "It was phenomenal."

The students, and alumni, celebrated.

And got ready. On Sunday morning — well, noon, actually — they planned to gather in downtown Cortland and clean up the place. It was a party, after all.

Polkville crash



Jack Lakowsky/Staff Reporter

A car struck a tree Monday morning on Route 11, near the entrance of the Pit Stop plaza in Polkville. Cortland

Towns

Sen. Webb to recognize veterans today

State Sen. Lea Webb (D-Binghamton) will host a veterans resource fair from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today at the Burns-McCauliffe American Legion Post at 63 S. Main St., Homer, Webb's office announced Monday.

Webb will recognize three local veterans for their commitment to the nation and the community, and will partner with local organizations to outline resources available to veterans.

Partners include the YMCA. Cortland County Mental Health Department, Speak-Up Cortland, Binghamton Veterans Center, Clear Path for Veterans and Tompkins Cortland Community College.

Webb's office will also provide free COVID-19 test kits

Pine cones: The original decoration for the tree

By EMILY OLSENWIK

County sheriff's officers were on scene investigating the crash.

Contributing Writer As the temperature outside contin-

ues to fall, we may notice something other than leaves and snow covering the ground. Pine cones of all shapes and sizes are not just decorating festive arrangements but backyards as well. Chances are they're only landing there after years of being held tight.

Pine, fir and spruce trees are all part of the conifer family commonly referred to as evergreens. They produce cones or strobili alongside their thin, spiky needles and can have a drastic range in size, color and texture. While all coniferous trees produce cones, the true pine cone only comes from pine trees in the genus Pinus.

All conifers produce male and fe- of protection begins. The husky brown male cones, and depending on the

species, may cohabitate the same tree. Typically, female cones grow much larger than male cones as it harbors hundreds of seeds on its multiple rows of woody scales. Their notable ovoid shape hangs down from the branches of pine trees unlike their smaller male counterpart

that is often camouflaged amongst the needles, with only a yellowish cluster of pollen to give them away.

Pollination of conifer seeds is carried out with the help of animals and the wind. When the seeds of the pine cone are pollinated in the spring, the process

scales curve upward and inward to envelope their precious cargo. With the production of a sticky resin, the scales of the cone are sealed tight, keeping out cold and making it nearly impossible for squirrels and birds to eat them.

Female pine cones have one mission. Protect their seeds. They are patient and

particular. Pine cones can live attached to a tree for 10 years before they become brittle and fall. Much like a fledgling springing a nest, the seed does not leave the cone until it has reached maturity and only under the proper environmental circumstances: warm and dry so the seeds' wing-like air transport can help them disperse in the wind.

Because each tree produces new pine cones yearly, different ages and stages of development are ever present. Sometimes it seems the production of cones varies from one season to the next. Chances are this is a coping mechanism for the tree in response to surviving a harsh winter or stressful summer.

The harsher and drier the weather, the more urgent it is for the conifer to generate offspring in the form of seeds in order to ensure the survival of their species.

Emily Olsenwik is a secretary with Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Sometimes, democracy comes at a cost — money and sleep

A couple of neighbors stopped me as I hauled my garbage cans back to the garage. It was the morning after Election Day, and frankly, I was about to head to work for a 12-hour day playing catch-up with little more than a nap from the night before.

It was a gratifying chat. One of my neighbors had spent election night with some friends in Tompkins County -Lansing, I believe — and they lamented how they had gone to the voting booths with no idea what was on the ballot or who the candidates were. They lamented the lack of a daily newspaper — or at least a lack of coverage from the daily newspaper that serves Tompkins County.

But not here, they said. They knew what was on the ballot — mostly uncontested races in Cortlandville, where I live. But they understood the issues behind a ballot proposition to eliminate a town justice position, and that they had a pair of state referendums and one about reducing the size of the Cortland County Legislature as it redistricts. They knew they had a choice of state Supreme Court justice candidates, too.

About the one thing they felt Tompkins County did better was their "I voted" stickers; Tompkins' looked nicer. I believe they were designed by a Tompkins County child in a contest.

All in all, it was a pick-me-up, and I went to work in a better mood, if still a

But election coverage of the sort the Cortland Standard publishes comes at a cost. We give away both election advance stories and campaign-related stories on our website, cortlandstandard. com, and we publish the results in front of the pay wall, too.

The cost is a bit more than you might think. I estimate that our city desk three reporters and an editor — each spent 10 to 15 hours planning, researching, interviewing candidates and writing their stories. Figure 50 hours of work to produce our pre-election package, which filled all of Page 1, all



EDITOR'S Notes How a daily newspaper works every day.

BY TODD R. McADAM

of Page 3 and a large chunk of Page 6 on Oct. 28. Figure in the time spent by copy editors (and me) giving additional edits to the stories and designing the pages, and I figure we looked at 60 hours of labor.

On Election Night, we were all hands on deck. Figure another 50 hours of labor (and a little bit of overtime) to produce that coverage. Some people were still working at 2 a.m. to make sure you had the latest, and most in-depth coverage we could provide.

Subscribers already had access to all that (and thank you for subscribing; I like paying my bills and I have a child in college), but we posted all of that on our website without charge, too.

All tallied, the newsroom spent several thousand dollars of the publisher's money to deliver that coverage. And we haven't discussed the cost of the paper, ink and time of our production and circulation co-workers.

We don't make that kind of effort because it brings us a great deal of money. We might be better off hiring a reporter to do nothing more than cover Taylor Swift — which has been done, by the way, by the company that owns the Tompkins County daily.

We do it because we have a deeply held belief that the Cortland Standard and the journalists it employs have a commitment to this community, and to the democracy on which it is based, to inform voters to the best of our ability.

Sometimes that comes at a cost.

It's a principle the nation's founders held dear: An educated, informed electorate will make better decisions to advance their communities and their

"No experiment can be more interesting than that we are now trying, and which we trust will end in establishing the fact, that man may be governed by reason and truth," Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1804, even as the newspapers were pillorying him. "Our first object should there be, to leave open to him all the avenues to truth. The most effectual hitherto found, is the freedom of the press. It is, therefore, the first shut up by those who fear the investigation of their action."

So what's what we do. Even if it costs us a little sleep.

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Living & Leisure

Notebook

Literary Club explores lit. and animation

The art forms of animation and literature were the theme of the Nov. 1 meeting of the Ladies Literary Club of Cortland.

Dianne Webster's topic was "Walt Disney: Animation Artist." The main informational source was "Walt Disney: An American Original" by Bob Thomas. Walt Disney was an innovator in the entertainment industry. He was a pioneer in adding sound and color in animation. Disney was a leader in early television programming. He and his staff received many citations for their prolific works, including 48 Academy Awards and 7 Emmys. Is writing an art? What types of literature qualifies as art? Diane Ames researched these questions and concluded: Literature, considered one of the "Magnificent Seven"

categories of art, helps us appreciate life in new ways and lets us relate to things that differ from our day to day lives, much the same as the visual arts do.

The next meeting will be on Nov. 15. Hostesses are Diane Ames and Chris Buck. Papers will be presented by Karen Cunningham and Diane Tennant.

Eastern Star meets Nov. 16

The Order of the Eastern Star's Homer chapter will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Masonic Lodge on Route 13 in Cortlandville.

Officers for 2024 will be elected and installed. Annual committee reports will be delivered.

Sandra Attleson will preside as matron. Dress code is long white for the ladies and tuxedos for the gents.

Katina Casterline, Deborah Steinhauser and Hazel Leach will provide refresh-

That soul haunting the office?

That was me

I was in the newsroom on the second floor of the Cortland Standard building at Main and Tompkins streets last week and it was getting late in my day. I was looking to get home. I figured I should check in with the managing editor to make sure there wasn't something else to do before I wrapped up.

Glancing toward the ceiling, I exhaled. I hadn't planned to go, but I thought I had better walk up to see him on the third floor.

I took the elevator up to be less conspicuous. When I got upstairs, a couple of people were walking out of the large room on the floor and heading toward the stairs.

"They're in there," one of them said, gesturing over his shoulder to the big room that decades ago held presses for a commercial printing shop the newspaper's owners operated.

A little apprehensive, I walked in slowly, poking my head around the corner into the space that is now used for storage. The lights were off. Across the darkened room, near a wall along Main Street, about a dozen people were illuminated slightly by the ambient light from the street lights outside. One — obviously the leader — was trying to encourage someone to speak. He was looking around the room at no one in particular. A camera and other equipment were set up. There were portable lights that I think were triggered by motion. It was suppos-



Working *It Out*

By KEVIN CONLON City Editor kconlon@ cortlandstandard.com

edly everything you need to contact a ghost.

The group from Dream Seekers Paranormal had come to the newspaper's building, an ornate three-story brick Victorian-era structure that opened in March 1883. They must have figured there had to be a ghost hanging around somewhere inside after all these years.

When I arrived in the large third-floor room, the leader was asking questions of a possible ghost, such as which department he worked in. The multi-colored lights illuminated at times, supposedly in response to questions. But the ghost was not very helpful. I have family members who believe in ghosts

and I have seen ghost-hunting shows on television on occasion, so I got the gist. I tend to be skeptical by nature but I know some things are difficult to explain. So I try to keep an open mind - at least open a crack. After the exchange on the third floor, the members of the group agreed to head to the basement to search some more.

I thought they were wrapped up, and I was walking toward the back of the room when my cellphone rang softly. I saw it was one of my daughters, who has a fascination with ghosts, so I answered it and told her where I was.

"I heard a man's voice," the leader of the ghost hunters called from across the room to the others. I didn't have the heart to tell him it was me. It was not entirely out of kindness — I am a wise-ass and I was waiting anxiously to see

where this would go. "Knock on something," he called out, rapping on a wooden wall with a fist.

It took all of my energy to stop myself from pounding my feet in the dark. I also held my tongue as he continued trying to make contact with a spirit. He got no response.

Disappointed, they finally headed down the stairs toward the basement as I made my exit on the elevator. As it started to descend, I thought it would serve me right if I fell to my death down the elevator shaft and was left to haunt the Cortland Standard building for eternity. I'm still not sure if I believe in ghosts, but karma makes a lot of sense.

"Working It Out" is a column by City Editor Kevin Conlon that runs every week. Disclaimer: This is not an advice column. I am not an expert at anything. I rarely do things the easy way and the last thing you should do is follow my

180 days of bloom with 'Window Boxes of Yore'

By NORMAN WINTER **Tribune News Service** (TNS)

Nov. 1 marked the conclusion of a group of the warm season window boxes created by son James and partner Anthony of Eden Estate Management in Columbus, Georgia. As best as I

On Gardening



Norman Winter

can calculate this has been a terrific 180-day display of what I have been calling the "Window Boxes of Yore."

I called them that because they had a look that was special. The boxes made of copper with metal framing gave that feel of nostalgia. Oh, they did magazine worthy wooden window boxes and planter

boxes elsewhere, but these were exceptionally blooming nonstop on one of the hottest west Georgia summers anyone can remember.

A while back I was getting a brake job done at a repair place and I gave the attendant my name and he looked at me and said, "You are the one with the garden Facebook page, I follow you!" He then said, "I am waiting on some top soil for my boxes." As gently as I could, without hollering, I tried to steer him away from that, directing him toward potting mixes.

Window boxes, planter boxes and virtually all containers need premium potting soil. Eden Estate Management uses the best professional grade potting mix they can buy. I asked James about the drainage holes in the copper and he said he got out the drill and added

That is his modus operandi on all boxes. Fill your window box about half way, place your plants in their positions and add soil to the top of the root



These Window Boxes constructed of copper and with metal framing bloomed for 180 days in Columbus, Georgia. The plants were fertilized, and pinched or pruned as needed every two weeks. This photo taken May 2 shows the plants selected, Superbena Stormburst verbena, Superbells Tropical Sunrise calibrachoa, Diamond Snow euphorbia, summer snapdragons and geraniums.

ball. Lastly an irrigation system with small tubing and tiny mist emitters is put into place.

If you have hopes of a showy window that will last for six months, your tainly, remember those suggestions,

Also, my husband has lung disease,

and so being in a small house with 26

people and all the dog hair and dander

is unacceptable to us. My husband said

he won't be going, but hasn't told her

We said we'd pay for a reception

Are we wrong in not allowing the

Is she wrong for wanting the wedding

I'm heartbroken over this and my

Don't get me wrong — we love dogs.

at her house even though it's small and

dogs at our house for the wedding?

wouldn't be good for her father?

daughter and I are not speaking.

hall, but that is also unacceptable to our

plant selection is critical. Most everyone will talk thriller, spiller and filler or tall, small and fall followed by instruction on color and texture. Cer-

but think also about tough-as-nails award-winning plants too. If the plants you choose are winning university trials you know your chances of success will be increased.

The "Window Boxes of Yore" featured two Superbena verbena varieties, Stormburst and Whiteout. There were also Superbells Tropical Sunrise calibrachoa, Luscious Royale Cosmo lantana, Diamond Snow euphorbia, geraniums and summer snapdragons too! Of course, they took advantage of creating repetition in the design like you do in the landscape.

The client's boxes were on a twoweek maintenance where James and Anthony would selectively hand prune or pinch, fertilize and check on irriga-

This triggered new growth and repeat blooming until the day they were pulled for cool season color. Just like your beds at home, the flowers would go in and out of bloom cycles but not all at the same time.

There is a high probability that the boxes would have been dazzling at the 210-day period, maybe even longer, which you might select to do at your home. But in the commercial world, once the green industry has switched to Christmas, your choices in cool season transplants drop substantially.

Though there is no such designation, I would encourage the powers to be in the garden world to designate a Year of the Window Box.

Until then, I'll do it, Norman Winter, The Garden Guy, designates 2024 "The Year of the Window Box." Plan now that you will do it too and send your photos to nwthegardenguy@gmail. com. Please identify your plants and I'll share them to the world.

So, with that in mind I hope you will make 2024 the year you get on board, it will transform your home to a real garden, and put a happy spring into

Norman Winter, horticulturist, garden speaker and author of "Toughas-Nails Flowers for the South" and 'Captivating Combinations: Color and Style in the Garden." Follow him on Facebook @NormanWinterThe-GardenGuy.

Wedding celebration must go to the bride's 4 dogs

DEAR AMY: My daughter will be getting married in a couple of weeks (her second marriage).

They were engaged right before CO-VID and put the wedding on hold.

They've now decided to go ahead with a small wedding, but the guest list has exponentially increased to about 26 people.

She wanted to host it in her house. but her house is very small and she has four dogs who don't behave.

We offered our (much larger) house and said that we would also help with the food and set-up.

Our daughter agreed on one condition — that she bring her dogs. She wants to dress them up and have them be a part of her wedding.

Her dogs are not well behaved. They are not consistently housebroken.

They bark a lot and jump on people. These dogs have never been to our house. We have hardwood floors and new furniture.

Who is going to be responsible for

ing will be problems.

My daughter said it's non-negotiable, so she will have it at her place.

Her house is small. Parking and seat-

But how would this be enjoyable for anyone? - Dog Tired **DEAR DOG TIRED: You and your**

daughter are at an impasse, but if you can choose to calmly accept her choices — however harebrained you believe them to be - then it will release both of you.

Neither one of you is "wrong."

The significant difference between you two is ... it's her wedding. She has named her dogs as her most beloved attendants. You've drawn the



line about having the dogs in your house (smart move), offered a number of options she deems unacceptable, and so her decision has been

If it would endanger your husband's health to attend this wedding, then he should stay home. If you can bear spending a couple of hours in her home under these circumstances, you should try your best to attend, and see if you can FaceTime or set up a Zoom session for your husband to view the ceremony.

This whole thing sounds like your

nightmare. (It is certainly mine.) But it is her wedding, and if you consciously decide to stop judging and undermining her choices, you should spare yourself both the heartbreak and the tension. Everything after that is up to her.

DEAR AMY: I know some people who occasionally come out with, "All I can do is be honest" when asked about something.

You already know that really means, Brace yourself. Here comes a negative observation encased in a pejorative comment.'

When someone says that I have taken to saying, "Oh. You're one of those lucky ones. A whole bunch of us got sucked into believing it is more important to be polite and considerate of other people's feelings.'

Do you think my response is rude and

condescending? It almost always embarrasses the other person who made the honesty com-

Please be honest with me (pun intended).

— The Comeback Kid

DEAR KID: Yes, I do think your response is at the very least sarcastic, and definitely condescending. I do understand your impulse to

head comments off at the pass, however, especially if you assume they will be negative or upsetting. But you should consider whether it might be better for you to let people reveal themselves through their own words, and then you can respond with your own brand of honesty.

DEAR AMY: Thank you for your response to "Happy Drunk," who drinks to excess every day and yet claims that his drinking does not harm anyone, including himself.

Wow — I had a parent like that! After a childhood of neglect, my siblings and I got to watch him die an excruciating and slow death from cirrhosis of the

We weren't so "happy."

— Hurting

DEAR HURTING: Several survivors of "happy drunks" have shared similar stories.

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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 across New York State.

Albany Times Union on a lesson in dark money

A campaign to kill a bill that would ban most noncompete agreements blurs the line between "education" and lobbying

Here's a basic tenet of democracy that we should all be able to agree on: If you want to plunk down hundreds of thousands of dollars in an effort to influence a governmental action, you are engaged in what is known as "lobbying," and you should expect to be required to disclose your spending. The very reasonable thinking behind this non-radical idea is that the public deserves to know who is funding such campaigns.

The latest attempt to make an end run around this principle is the campaign organized by the Public Policy Institute of New York State Inc. against a bill headed to Gov. Kathy Hochul's desk that would ban noncompete agreements — contracts that bar a worker from jumping to a competitor or starting a new business in the same field for a set period of time. Advocates for the legislation say the measure will help individual workers as well as the broader state economy; opponents — meaning businesses that are not usually fans of any kind of competition — argue it will cause employers to flee New York for other states where they wouldn't be similarly encumbered. Four other states, evenly divided between red and blue, have passed similar measures, while many other states have dialed back the scope of such agreements.

As the Times Union's Joshua Solomon reported last month, the Public Policy Institute is running what it describes as a "significant, seven-figure media ad buy to educate New Yorkers on the economic risks" of the bill. That language is notable inasmuch as the institute, an affiliate of the state Business Council, is what is known as a 501(c)3 organization, the designation given to nonprofits that engage in educational campaigns as well as a variety of other charitable purposes. The Business Council is a 501(c)6, the designation for nonprofit trade and industry groups; it's a registered lobbying group. Donations to the Institute are tax-deductible; donations to the Business Council are not

What is the difference between lobbying and mounting an educational campaign on a business topic? It might not surprise you to learn that in New York it can be a pretty murky question, one that turns largely on whether a given effort is designed to influence elected officials. Since the noncompete bill has already passed the Legislature, it's pretty clear that the only pupil who matters in this particular educational effort is Ms. Hochul, who will decide the measure's fate between now and January.

The Public Policy Institute has refused to disclose who is bankrolling its effort to scuttle the noncompete bill, an effort that will cost at least six times the annual revenue of what the organization reported in 2021. The nonprofit insists its campaign follows all applicable laws.

They're probably right — which is part of the problem. Whether in election season or the political doldrums, New Yorkers deserve to know who is funding these efforts. If the state Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government determines that current laws allow these groups to keep this money in the dark, perhaps it's time for the Legislature to revisit New York's disclosure laws — which, to be fair, have in recent years improved from ridiculously lax to merely insufficient.

The Daily Star on how food insecurity goes overlooked too often

The concept of having three square meals a day is something most of us likely don't have to think twice about. It's a given.

But for many across the country, it's far from a guarantee.

More than 20% of American adults were food insecure last year as the combination of high inflation and the end of pandemic benefits put a greater strain on household budgets.

Food insecurity means a person is often unable to find enough food for a nutritious diet, which leads to cutting back or even skip-

The battle against hunger is one that's being waged right here in Oneonta and is at risk of becoming an even bigger problem.

The Lord's Table and food pantry, operating out of the St. James' Episcopal Church's Feeding Ministry on Elm St., has cut back its

schedule from five days a week to three due to a lack of funds. The program serves around 150 hot meals per shift, which are on

staggered open days so locals have access five days a week.

To be eligible to receive a meal, a person must live in Oneonta and be able to show identification and proof of residency.

Working on a budget of around \$100,000, the Lord's Table, like many other food banks, relies on local donations and a mostly volunteer staff. An effort to make it an official nonprofit organization is in the works, but the process is a lengthy one.

Considering how prevalent the food insecurity issue is in Oneonta and beyond, it's a program that can't be allowed to die on the vine. Inflation was at a four-decade high in 2022, with grocery costs going up 20% in two years while rents increased more than 10%. Additionally, more than 40 million people were receiving food stamp benefits as of last December, about 15% higher than prior to the pan-

Food insecurity may get worse due to cuts to programs such as food stamps, as more than 30 states cut benefits in March due to the expiration of pandemic funding to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Most concerning of all is how many children are affected by not

having enough food.

More than 13 million children faced food insecurity in the U.S. in 2022. That's about one in five kids who are at risk for hunger.

Black and Latino children are especially vulnerable, as according to the USDA 29% of Black children and 26% of Latino children were food insecure last year.

Kids who don't get enough to eat face serious disadvantages, from being more likely to be hospitalized, to facing higher risk of health conditions like asthma, to developing social and behavioral problems later in life.

Fortunately, there are a number of programs and organizations working to combat hunger in America.

The National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program and the Summer Food Service Program all provide resources

to kids across the country at their schools.

In New York, Gov. Kathy Hochul recently announced \$10 million is available through the first round of the state's Regional School

Food Infrastructure Grant Program. The program will support projects in New York schools that improve meal preparation and distribution for K-12 students.

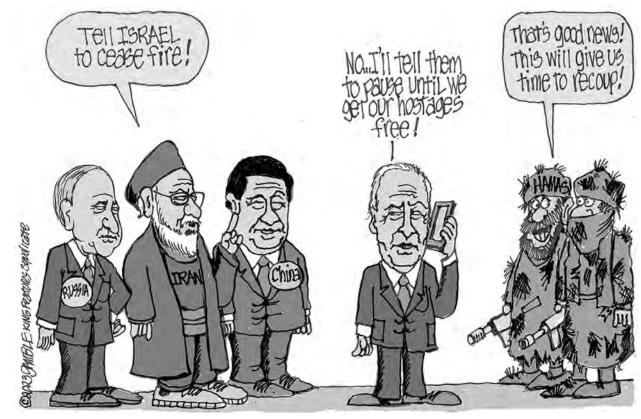
The recent state budget also included \$134 million to help schools

subsidize expiring federal pandemic assistance to provide more free breakfasts and lunches at schools.

The new state subsidy will provide free meals at more than 500 schools across the state in the 2023-24 academic year.

Whether it's learning more about these school food programs or making a donation to your local food bank, there's no shortage of

options for contributing to the fight against food insecurity. What's most important of all, though, is recognizing the severity of the problem and not allowing ourselves to take something as simple as a warm meal for granted.



If you're trying to enact an extremist right-wing policy, but the public keeps rejecting it, what do you do?

You could try blatant deception, giving the same old policy a new coat of paint, a euphemistic name and a multimilliondollar political shove. That's the dark path now being taken by the clique of plutocrats and theocrats who're determined to privatize America's public schools.

Take Texas Gov. Greg Abbott please! Joking aside, he's been pushing to make taxpayers fund private schools. But his own right-wing legislature has consistently rejected his power play. After all, even redstate Republicans don't want for-profit chains and religious zealots grabbing tax dollars to indoctrinate school children.

So this year, Abbott & Company rebranded their scheme as "school choice" and "parental empowerment." Who could be against that?

The People, it turns out. While some families might want exclusive private schools, their claim that they have no choice is a fraud. As one GOP legislator put it, his rural county has "private schools, a parochial school, a charter school, and a large home school community. That is choice," he

millions of newspaper readers

laugh for two decades, was my

The money behind school privatization

Jim Hightower



rightly notes.

Who are the privatizers? National billionaires like the Koch brothers — and in Texas, we have Tim Dunn and Farris Wilks, two messianic oil billionaires from West Texas who double as proselytizers of a toxic theology of Christian na-

They are the Money Gods of school privatization — indeed, the governor, more than half of Texas House members, and every Republican state senator is financially hooked on their oil money.

No matter what slogan the privatizers masquerade behind, their goal is simply to defund public schools and divert our education dollars from the common good to their corporate and theological academies. Ask yourself: What would Jesus do?

How things work: Congress' revolving door

Hear it? What's that sound? 'Whoop-whoop-whoop.' Ooooh, it's Washington's revolving door, allowing corporate interests to come directly inside Congress to pervert public policy. That door is now spinning fast, because there's a new boss operator in Congress. He's Rep. Mike Johnson, who was recently unanimously chosen by Republicans to be their speaker of the House. He's a corporate dream — an affable ultraconservative from Shreveport, Louisiana, who consistently backs the plutocratic agenda of Big Business over workers, the poor, consumers and most other Americans. Moreover, Johnson maintains it was God (!) who elevated him to his new position of authority, and that the Bible will guide his policy views. Well, selected parts of the Bible — don't expect much mercy, justice and peacemaking from this hardcore laissez-faire ideologue. For example, guess who he's chosen to be his director of policy? Big Pharma's top Washington lobbyist! Dan Ziegler has been the chief influence peddler for a dozen multibillion-dollar drug giants, including Eli Lilly, Merck and Pfizer. Ziegler has furiously opposed every legislative effort to stop the rampant price gouging by profiteering drug makers — even though 90% of Americans are clamoring for Congress to clamp down on their rip-offs. But we 90-percenters don't control the revolving door... Mike does.

Johnson piously cloaks himself in both the Christian gospel and libertarian myth of "free markets," yet he has consistently pushed government action to restrict competition and protect drug monopolies. Now, in his first substantive action as speaker, he is literally bringing Big Pharma inside to sit beside him in the seat of legislative

Drug pricing reform will soon come up for a vote in Congress. Before Mike's lobbyist buddy tells him what to do, let's demand that he reread the Sermon on the Mount.

Dave Barry has What do humorist Dave Barry and civil discourse have in common? Everything, it seems. opinions, really Barry, whose columns made

guest last week at the College of Charleston for a public conver-Kathleen sation about the role of humor in public discourse. **Parker** Who better to ask than a Pu-

litzer Prize-winning jokester who believes that poking fun at people - left, right, center or otherwise — is a constitutional right, and the American Way. From our country's first stirrings, humor has been standard fare. Case in point: Benjamin Franklin's satirical book "Rules by Which a Great Empire May Be Reduced to a Small One." Today, if a columnist wants to indulge in such mockery, some editor is apt to plaster the word "satire" at the top to ensure that readers "get it."

Barry has never needed a reader warning, in part because he approaches topics as any 13-year-old boy would and in a way with which all humans can identify — such as the sheer terror of one's first colonoscopy. Several years ago, something called the Colossal Colon arrived in Miami. It was large enough to walk through and was intended to educate people about their interiors and the frightful events that can occur there.

"If you are a professional humor writer, and there is a giant colon within a 200-mile radius, you are legally obligated to go see it," he said at the time. (His column not only escaped reader

ire but received an award from woman in the designated protest an august organization of gastroenterologists.)

One looming question for our talk onstage was: How and why have our politics become so coarse and hateful? Barry recalled growing up in a friendlier time, when his parents and their friends would gather for cocktails, argue about current events and then hug before going home. Among political figures, there's no question that Donald Trump has contributed more than anyone to the coarsening of public discourse, as even the former president's fans would acknowledge. But Barry laid a heavy hand on the media's shoulder. He said its exaggerated reaction to everything Trump says has served only to redirect attention from "doing our job of objectively reporting on issues and policies."

"We picked sides," he said. And he's right.

The lion's share of blame belongs to visual media, principally the producers who select content. You can't blame camera operators, who, when they see a zone carrying a white rat, start filming.

Barry, who has attended every U.S. political convention since 1984, told of being at the 1988 Democratic convention in Atlanta where the aforementioned woman was surrounded by cameras. Back in his hotel room that night, flipping through the news channels, Barry said he saw two stories featuring the rat "as a significant part of the convention coverage.'

The next day, Barry drafted two other columnists to help him stage a protest. They each put a box with eye cutouts over their heads and entered the protest zone. Within seconds, they were surrounded by cameras and reporters asking, Who are you? What are you protesting? What point are you trying to make? The boxheads were the lead stories on several news reports the next day.

Apparently, the producers didn't get it — the joke or the point. Though Barry isn't an opinion writer, he manages to convey what he thinks while

also making us laugh. Does the awfulness of news put a damper on humor? On the contrary, terrible times mean humor is nec-

"People love to laugh," Barry said, "but it's gotten harder and harder to find places where it's allowed." I asked his thoughts about the current college generation and the effects of their being coddled with safe spaces on campuses, trigger warnings and wokeness.

"I think we're doing them a great disservice," said a suddenly serious Dave Barry. "The way we've made kids feel helpless, we make kids feel weak. When we tell kids, you just can't handle a disagreement . . . what we're telling them is they never have to grow up. You never have to have your beliefs challenged. You don't have to think. You don't have to be exposed to anything terrible. It's condescending and a stunting thing to do to them. It's shameful, I think."

Similarly shameful, he said, is "this illusion that this is a terribly dangerous time to be alive, which is just nonsense." He noted the challenges of our parents' generation, the Great Depression and World War II, and our own generation's with the Vietnam War and protests. "That was pretty bad, too."

I added that I don't remember anyone coddling us when as children we were told we might become victims of a nuclear attack from Cuba.

"Yeah," he agreed, "but we had desks to crouch under."

Ba-dum-tss.

Letters

The Cortland Standard welcomes letters from readers for publication on this page. All letters submitted must be signed by the writer and include the writer's home address and daytime telephone number. Letters may be edited for length and content. Letters are limited to 300 words in length. Letters endorsing or opposing the election of candidates for public office are limited to 200 words. Thank-you notes will not be accepted.

Obituaries

Norma J. Morris

Norma J. Morris, 89, of Cortland, NY passed away November 3, 2023 at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA

She was born Norma Jean Seamans at Cortland Memorial Hospital on May 26, 1934, the daughter of the late Eugene Seamans and Blanche Seamans-Knowles of Truxton, NY.

She is preceded in death by her husband, William Morris who left this world in 2004, after a marriage of 42 years

She is survived by her 4 children and a daughter-in-law, Debbie Mudge of Henderson, NV, Billie Morris of Cortland, NY, Michael Morris of Cortland, NY, as well as Scott Morris and Annette Patriarco Morris also from Cortland, NY. In addition, she had 8 loving grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and is and will forever be greatly missed by all.

Norma was an animal and nature lover, surrounding herself with wild birds and her many plants which she tended to daily.

In the 1970's through the early 2000's, she was known by many in the area as the go-to person for wallpaper hanging, having decorated hundreds of homes and businesses during that period.

There was a gathering held by her family and friends on November 10th to celebrate her life and remember the impact she had on all who knew her.

To offer online condolences, please visit www.wright-beard.com.

Ray A. Williams

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our brother Ray A. Williams.

The son of Alice and Horace Williams, he resided in Cortland most of his life. Ray worked for many years at Bowkers Shoe Store on Main St. Cortland, and recently at SUNY Cortland.

He will always be remembered for his quick wit and sense of humor.

He is survived by his sisters Pearl Cozort and Renee Babel (Jake), brothers Wayne Williams (Toni) and Bruce Williams; and uncle to Amy and Bill, Nick and Kayla, MacKenzie, Michael and Sarah.

He will be missed. Services will be

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Donald Trump Jr. lauds dad's real estate exploits as ex-president's civil fraud trial begins defense

By MICHAEL R. SISAK and JENNIFER PELTZ

Associated Press
NEW YORK — Donald Trump Jr.
returned to court Monday as something of a character witness for his father's real estate empire, waxing exuberantly about the former president's "incredible vision" and portfolio of "great, iconic projects" at the New York civil fraud trial now threatening his company's future.

The namesake son made an encore appearance at the Manhattan trial as defense lawyers started calling their own witnesses. Trump Jr. first testified two weeks ago, called in by New York State Attorney General Letitia James' office, which is suing the Trump family business.

"I'd say it's good to be here, your honor, but I have a feeling that the attorney general would sue me for perjury if I said that," he joked Monday before embarking on a detailed and rosy history of the family's Trump Organization.

James, a Democrat, alleges Donald Trump, his company and top executives, including sons Eric and Donald Trump Jr., exaggerated his wealth by



AP Photo/Stefan Jeremiah

Donald Trump, Jr. speaks to the media outside the courtroom at New York Supreme Court, Monday, in New York.

billions of dollars on his annual financial statements. The documents were given to banks, insurers and others to secure loans and make deals. James is seeking more than \$300 million in what she says were ill-gotten gains, and she wants the defendants banned from doing business in New York.

The defendants deny any wrongdo-

ing, and the former president and current Republican front-runner insisted in fiery testimony last week that his company is "the opposite of fraud." Eric Trump and his sister Ivanka Trump, a former Trump Organization executive and White House adviser, also took the stand. Trump Jr.'s testimony Monday set the tone for a

defense case that's expected to last into mid-December. After a six-week state case that delved heavily into financial statements, spreadsheets and loan deals, the scion aimed to show a broader — and sparkling — picture of the Trump Organization to the judge who'll decide its fate.

Questioned by his own lawyer, he spent more than an hour narrating a slideshow titled "The Trump Story," complete with a timeline of the company's evolution and photographs of golf courses, hotels and other major projects. He spoke glowingly about his father's early years as a developer of Manhattan skyscrapers and the "vision he had to do things differently."

"He's an artist with real estate. He sees the things other people don't," Trump Jr. testified, playing up his father's accomplishments while skipping over his casino bankruptcies and other failures.

During his first round of testimony earlier this month, the son said that he never worked on the annual financial statements at the heart of James' lawsuit. He said he relied on the company's longtime finance chief and outside accountants to verify their accuracy.

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between military leaders of the two nations. U.S. military contacts with China have eroded, particularly since the pandemic, and are now almost nonexistent, even as the number of unsafe or unprofessional incidents between the two nations' ships and aircraft have spiked.

The U.S. has consistently viewed military relations with China as critical to avoiding any missteps and to maintaining a peaceful Indo-Pacific region. They became even more important as China stepped up its efforts to aggressively militarize manmade islands in the Pacific as part of a broader campaign to control the South China Sea, including international tran-

sit by other ships and aircraft.

China has also long complained about U.S. Navy and Air Force movements in the western Pacific, along with other U.S. moves to impose sanctions and other economic restrictions. Canceling military talks is viewed by China as a way to punish Washington.

But there are small signs of progress. China's defense ministry last week said the two militaries held a conference call on the search for the remains of American prisoners of war and missing personnel, discussing case investigations and cooperation on military archives.

Sullivan also said there were other areas where U.S. and Chinese interests overlap, particularly on the effort U.S.

to combat fentanyl trafficking.

The powerful opioid is the deadliest drug in the U.S. today. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that drug overdose deaths have increased more than sevenfold from 2015 to 2021.

Mexico and China are the primary sources for fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances trafficked directly into the U.S., according to the Drug Enforcement Administration, which is tasked with combating illicit drug trafficking. Nearly all the chemicals needed to make fentanyl come from China, and the drugs are then massproduced in Mexico and trafficked via cartels into the U.S.



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by Dr. Baljinder Singh and the Cortland Dental Team

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High School Girls Soccer



Matt Czeitner/sports reporter

Cincinnatus' Payton Landers, right, and Cassia Schuyler, left, celebrate after Landers scored Cincinnatus' final goal in a 3-0 win Sunday at Homer High School.

State champs!

Cincy girls complete unbeaten season, win Class D title

By PAUL CIFONELLI **Sports Editor**

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The fans, announcer and Cincinnatus players on the bench started counting down from ten with the scoreboard. "Ten, nine, eight,"

The ball was bouncing around, but it seemed like nobody was watching. "Seven, six, five,"

The players and coaches on

two, one." The final horn sounded, the

fans erupted and the players on the bench raced onto the field. The Cincinnatus girls soccer

team had done it — the first state championship in school "It's unreal, it's completely

unreal," senior Emma Finch said.

"We just made history," junior Ava Larrabee added. "I'm

so thankful for this team and our community for the chance to make it this far."

Cincinnatus beat Fillmore, the Section V champion and No. 1 team in the state in Class D, 3-0 in the state championship game Sunday at Homer High School. Cincinnatus finished the season with a 22-0-1 record and handed Fillmore (21-1) its first loss.

With the lead firmly in hand, the bench stood up and were the final countdown was an anxiously waiting. "Four, three, emotional one for all involved, even if the emotions weren't quite the same.

"I just bawled my eyes out," Finch said. "I think a lot of us just started crying because we realized we actually did it. All of our hard work paid off."

"I'm not a crier," junior Cassia Schuyler said with a smile.

Schuyler scored the game's first goal with 15:15 left in the first half after Fillmore had multiple corner kicks and

threatening free kicks. Schuyler dribbled past two defenders before slotting a shot in past the Fillmore goalkeeper.

Schuyler **3** was named Fillmore O Cincinnatus' Most

goals in two days.

Outstanding Player after scoring five

"This whole thing is like a dream," Schuyler said. "I've been a little kid watching my brother play, watching other being playing for states and to win states is even crazier. To be able to give to that and be a part

they trust me is awesome." Larrabee made it a 2-0 game with 3:27 before the half, finishing a shot after a perfect pass

of it, to help my team and know

from Jocelyn Turshman. "A 2-0 lead makes us feel a lot safer than a 1-0 lead, so I

think it motivated us to keep

going and keep working," Larrabee said. "It set the tone that this is ours, this is our year, we want this and we can do it."

Schuyler nearly made it 3-0 before halftime, but her shot went just wide.

Cincinnatus head coach Lisa Sustad knew her girls needed to put pressure on Fillmore's back line after the Eagles played nearly an entire season without

"I knew that they had a strong season and that they didn't have Cincy teams play. It's a dream many goals against," Sustad day) night and we saw that they kept the ball in their offensive half. We knew that we needed to put their defense under pressure and that they might buck-

> Cincinnatus and Fillmore played back-and-forth soccer in the second half, with nobody getting a real edge. Despite

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SUNY Cortland Football

The Jug is back

Red Dragons top rival Ithaca to win 64th Jug game

BY MATT CZEITNER **Sports Reporter**

 $mczeitner@\,cortland standard.com\\$ ITHACA — The Cortaca Jug returned to Cortland as the SUNY Cortland football team made several big plays down the stretch to seal its 38-28 win over Ithaca College in the 64th annual Cortaca Jug game Saturday

at Butterfield Stadium. The biggest plays of the game came with under five minutes remaining in regulation, with Cortland holding possession up 35-28. The Red Dragons took a timeout on a fourth-and-2 situation with the ball at their own 34-yard line. Out of the timeout, quarterback Zac Boyes ran to the left side for 8 yards to give his team a crucial first down.

Boyes got it done with his legs again two plays later, rushing 43 yards up the middle to put Cortland in field goal range. After three clock-burning rushes from Jaden AlfanoStJohn, Mike Baloga converted a 29-yard field goal with 2:11 remaining to make it 38-28.

On the ensuing kickoff, Cortland kicker Patrick Luby kicked it 65 yards to Ithaca returner Anthony D'Addetta, then ran up field and forced a fumble that was recovered by teammate Jack Winey. The Red Dragons took over at midfield and were immediately in victory formation to seal their 10-point victory.

Boyes and his teammates lost in the 63rd edition of the game a year ago at Yankee Stadium, 34-17. Just a year later, Cortland went into enemy territory and redeemed itself.

It was redemption for Boyes too. He went 13-for-29 for 117 yards through the air in last year's game and ran for 107 yards, but he had three crucial turnovers. This year, Boyes went 24-for-32 for 289 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 125 yards. The junior quarterback did throw two interceptions, with one coming on a Hail Mary to end the first half, but he made game-winning plays down the stretch to help seal the Red Dragons' win.

"Last year losing the Cortaca Jug was like a shot in the chest," Boyes said. "It was tough to bounce back from that. You put so much into the game and there's so many people that care about it and you don't want to disappoint anybody. We had to have faith in each other, and we knew that all week. That is something we talked about. We were like, 'Hey, listen, no matter which way this game goes we just need to make a promise to stay within each other and go out there and have some fun."

Cortland was the first to strike in the historic rivalry game. AlfanoStJohn scored on a 1-yard rushing touchdown with 6:01 left in the first quarter. Ithaca responded with 1:28 left. The Bombers used a trick play with running back Jalen Leonard-Osbourne finding Julien Deumaga on a pass to put them at the 1-yard line. Quarterback Colin Schumm ran the ball in the following play.

Ashton Capone scored on a

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Steve Yang/contributing photographer

SUNY Cortland quarterback Zac Boyes, center, runs with the ball against Ithaca during the 64th annual Cortaca Jug game Saturday at Butterfield Stadium. Boyes had two passing touchdowns and made several game-changing plays in the Red Dragons' 38-28 win.

High School Football

Moravia claims 1st-ever Section IV crown in 8-man final match

Moravia 41 **Trumansburg**

BY MATT CZEITNER **Sports Reporter** mczeitner@cortlandstandard.com

VESTAL — The Moravia football team's offense has been difficult to keep up with all season and the Blue Devils picked a good time for their highest output of the year. Moravia captured the program's first ever Section IV title with a 74-41 win over Trumansburg in the Section IV 8-man title game Saturday at Vestal High School.

Moravia made the switch to 8-man football back in 2020 and has competed at a high level since, but had not won a sectional title. Last season's team had many of this year's faces and put together a 9-2 campaign, but rival Groton proved victorious in the big game. This year, the Blue Devils have dominated every team they have run into and Saturday's win was the icing on the cake.

"It is exciting, and it is hard to put into words," Moravia head



Moravia quarterback Luke Landis drops back for a pass against Trumansburg during the Section IV 8-man final Saturday at Vestal High School. Landis had five total touchdowns in the Blue Devils' 74-41 win.

coach Fred Ott said. "My thing nance. Trumansburg did give is I'm so happy for the community. We have a great group of fans, and the kids are so proud of them. This was a huge accomplishment. As a coach of a great group of guys it was like, 'Alright, let's not mess this up ourselves."

The story was the same for Moravia on Saturday — domi-

the Blue Devils a test and hung with them for some time, but they could not keep up with the high-powered offense. Trumansburg struck quickly

out of the gates. Quarterback Nik Nelson took off for a 25yard rushing touchdown just one minute in. The Blue Raiders looked to avoid Moravia returner Kyler Proper on the ensuing kickoff, but a squib kick found Hunter Boynton, who took it to the house 70-yards to immediately respond. A successful 2-point conversion made it 8-6.

Luke Landis found the end zone six minutes later for Moravia with a quarterback sneak from the 1-yard line. Landis then broke to the outside on a scramble to convert the twopoint conversion.

Nelson responded with 2:44 remaining in the first quarter with a 33-yard rushing touchdown. Moravia had an answer, though, and it came through the player Trumansburg couldn't avoid forever in Proper. The senior took off for a 71-yard run 17 seconds after Nelson's score to give the Blue Devils a 22-14 lead heading into the second quarter.

It was in the second quarter when Moravia gained some ground and began to develop a comfortable lead. Landis found Riley Jones in the first minute for a 39-yard passing touchdown, then Landis connected

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SUNY football draws Endicott for 1st round

By FRAN ELIA Contributing Writer

The SUNY Cortland football team, ranked 11th nationally in Division III, will travel to 14th-ranked Endicott College in Beverly, Mass., for the opening round of the 2023 NCAA Division III playoffs Saturday. Game time is scheduled for noon.

Cortland (9-1) is one of 32 teams competing in the tournament field. The Red Dragons earned an automatic bid into the playoffs after winning the Empire 8 conference title with a 6-0 mark for the third straight season.

The winner of Saturday's game advances to the second round on Nov. 25, and will face either Susquehanna University (10-0) or Grove City College (10-0) at a site to be determined. The quarterfinals are scheduled for Dec. 2 and the semifinals on Dec. 9. The Division III national championship game, the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, is Dec. 15 in Salem, Va.

Cortland is led by head coach Curt Fitzpatrick, who is in his fourth year with the Red Dragons but coaching in his third season after the 2020 season was canceled. His overall record with the Red Dragons is 29-4, including an 11-1 mark in 2021 and a 9-2 record in 2022.

Cortland is making its 12th NCAA playoff appearance and third straight. Last season, Cortland lost in the opening round at Randolph-Macon, 35-28. In 2021, Cortland defeated Springfield in the opening round before losing to RPI in the second round, both at home. The only other time Cortland has made three straight NCAA tournament appearances was between 1988-

The Red Dragons have advanced to the national quarterfinals twice — as part of a 16-team playoff field in 1988 and as part of a 32-team field in 2008. The Red Dragons are 7-11 in NCAA play, including wins in five of their last six first-round games (2008, 2010, 2012, 2015 and 2021, all at home). Cortland is 7-3 at home in the NCAAs and 0-8 on the road.

Endicott won its third straight Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) title with a 5-0 record. The Gulls also boast a 37-10 home win over then-fifth ranked Hardin-Simmons of Texas on Sept. 22. Endicott's lone loss came at home versus Ithaca, 20-17, on Sept. 9.

Fran Elia is the Sports Information Director at SUNY CortNOTICE OF FORMATION OF A

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

akeHouse Cannabis, LLC has filed

notification with the City of Cortland of its intent to submit an application to the

NYS Office of Cannabis Management

for a license to operate an adult-use

retail dispensary at 156 Clinton Ave.,

Cannabis Management requires an

applicant to make such notification and

affords the city an opportunity to submit comments and opinions on the

The City of Cortland Common Council

will hold a public hearing to help inform

the city may submit. The public hearing vill be held on Tuesday, November 21

2023 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall, 25 Court St. Cortland NY 13045. Any member of the public wishing to be heard on the

CORTLAND COUNTY

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Courthouse, 46 Greenbush Street Cortland, NY 13054 on November 27

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1351 Hauck Hill Road, Cortland, NY

13045. All that certain plot, piece or

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#EF20-025. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale William J. Pomeroy, Esq., Referee Greenspoon Marder, 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY

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The nationally sixth-ranked SUNY Cortland mens soccer team advanced to the NCAA Division III tournament third round for the second season in a row due to winning a penalty-kick shootout 5-3 after the Red Dragons and Case Western Reserve played to a 1-1 tie through regulation and two 10-minute overtime

Cortland (16-2-3) next faces nationally third-ranked Middlebury next weekend in a sectional game at a time and location to be determined. The Spartans finished their season at 10-3-4.

Senior Mateo Marra scored his 11th goal of the season for Cortland. Sophomore goalie Jordan Ott turned aside four shots, but his most important stop was an unofficial save during the shootout.

First-year Adam Pluszczyk tallied his first goal of the season for Case Western Reserve. Sophomore goalie Bradley Winter registered one save and the team recorded one team save.

The physical game featured 33 fouls and five yellow cards, with all of the bookings issued to Cortland players. The shots were even at 12 apiece, and Cortland held a 10-5 in advantage in corner

After a scoreless first half, the Red Dragons grabbed a 1-0 lead in the 59th minute.

A Spartan handball in the box after a Cortland corner kick awarded Cortland a penalty kick, which Marra converted. Case Western Reserve turned up the offensive pressure and evened the score in the 70th minute when Pluszczyk scored on a loose ball in the box after a Spartan

In the closing minutes of regulation and the two 10-minute overtime periods, both defenses took over and limited any

Photo provided by Darl Zehr Photography

SUNY Cortland's Matt Schultz, center, battles with a defender for the ball earlier this season. Schultz converted a penalty kick in Cortland's 1-1, 5-3 PKs win over Case Western Reserve.

quality scoring chances sending the out- ern Reserve's second opportunity. come of the game to penalty kicks.

Each team converted its first chance as Marra and senior Matt Vatne were successful. Cortland graduate student Riley Williams converted his chance and Ott made his biggest save of the match with a diving stop at the left post on Case West-

Cortland junior Matt Shultz and Spartan senior Alex Lippiatt followed with successful conversions, as did Cortland junior Logan Comfort and Case Western Reserve senior Josh Cook setting the stage for the Red Dragons to earn the advancement with a made attempt on the

Junior Yasin Choukri successfully found the back of the net to send the Red Dragons into the next round of the NCAA

Dan Surdam is the Associate Sports Information Director at SUNY Cortland.

SUNY Cortland Volleyball

SUNY volleyball hits road for regionals

By FRAN ELIA

Contributing Writer The SUNY Cortland wo-

mens volleyball team will be making its third straight NCAA Division III tournament appearance and 27th overall as part of an eight-team regional hosted by Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. The Red Dragons (25-3) will open against Gettysburg College (23-5) in the first round on Thursday at a time to be announced.

The Cortland/Gettysburg winner will face either MIT (29-4) or Alfred (14-13) in the ons won their 22nd SUNYAC percentage and 107 blocks.

second round on Friday. Thursday's other first-round matchups feature Salisbury (20-7) versus Williams (16-9) and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (22-5) versus UMass Dartmouth

The regional final is scheduled for Saturday, and the regional champion will advance to the elite eight in Claremont, Calif. Nov. 29 through Dec. 2. Cortland has advanced to the national quarterfinals nine times, most recently in 2011. Under fifth-year head coach Erin Glickert, the Red Drag-

title this past weekend to earn an NCAA automatic bid. The top-seeded Red Dragons beat SUNY Brockport in four sets in the semifinal round and swept SUNY New Paltz in the finals to win their third straight conference crown.

Outside hitter Anna Pilkey leads the Red Dragons with 286 kills (2.8 per set) along with 40 aces and 326 digs. Outside hitter Allie Sturgess has 244 kills (2.6 per set) and 245 digs, while middle blocker Alexa Guedez has 208 kills and team-bests of a .367 attack

Middle blocker Lexy Bloss has 144 kills, 73 blocks and a .306 attack percentage and libero Mikenzie Martens averages 5.0 digs per set and has 34 aces. Setter Ryan Hinshaw leads the team with 4.7 assists per set.

Gettysburg earned an atlarge "Pool C" berth into the tournament. The Bullets lost to nationally 10th-ranked Johns Hopkins in the finals of the Centennial Conference tourna-

Fran Elia is the Sports Information Director at SUNY

Volleyball wins SUNYACs, completes sweep

By FRAN ELIA **Contributing Writer**

The top-seeded SUNY Cortland womens volleyball team claimed its third straight SU-NYAC championship with a 28-26, 25-8, 25-17 win over second-seeded SUNY New Paltz in the league's title match Saturday at Corey Gymnasium.

Cortland (25-3) has earned an automatic berth to the NCAA Division III tournament with its 22nd league title.

Tournament MVP Anna Pilkey led Cortland with 10 kills and a .364 attack percentage and was second on the team

with 14 digs. She was joined on the all-tournament team by teammates Lexy Bloss and Mikenzie Martens, along with New Paltz's Mackenzie Williams and Cate DiGiacomo, SUNY Brockport's Jordan Thompson and SUNY Geneseo's Julia Wallace. Bloss finished with eight kills, a .316 attack percentage and five blocks, two solo, and Martens paced the Red Dragons with 15 digs.

Allie Sturgess ended with nine kills, 10 digs and three blocks and Kira Pirrera put down seven kills. Alexa Guedez led Cortland with seven Cortland fought off two set

blocks and Giovanna Rossi had four blocks. Ryan Hinshaw and Samantha Rodriguez totaled 18 and 14 assists, respectively. Hinshaw served two aces.

Williams led New Paltz (21-8) with 10 kills and was second with eight digs. Letisha Perez totaled six kills and five blocks and DiGiacomo dished out 15 assists and shared the team lead, along with Melanie Podstupka, with nine digs.

New Paltz was on the verge of winning the opening set, taking a 24-22 lead on a block by Williams and Lexi Stragalas. points on Pilkey kills and took a 25-24 lead on a New Paltz error. The Hawks tied it on a Red Dragon error and earned another set point after a Red Dragon misplay, but Cortland re-tied the set on an error and scored the final two points on a block by Sturgess and Guedez and a kill by Sturgess.

Cortland didn't trail the remainder of the match.

Fran Elia is the Sports Information Director at SUNY Cor-

SUNY Cortland Womens Soccer

SUNY womens soccer out in 1st round

Contributing Writer CLEVELAND, OHIO —

The SUNY Cortland womens soccer team's season came to a close with a 3-0 setback against John Carroll Saturday afternoon in the first round of the NCAA Division III playoffs at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Red Dragons finished the year at 11-3-5, which included SUNYAC regular-season and tournament titles. The Blue Streaks improved to 14-1-5.

Cortland held an 18-17 edge in shots and a commanding 9-1 advantage in corner kicks in the game, but John Carroll earned the win on the strength of three unassisted goals, 10

goalkeeper saves and two team saves. Cortland junior goalie Kristen Spendal registered 10 saves of her own. Goalie Madeline Martin Kosier recorded the 10 saves for the Blue Streaks. Kathryn Shaffer, Madyson Rosado and Sara Gennuso each tallied goals for John Carroll. Shaffer scored what proved to be the game-winning

goal in the sixth minute and the Blue Streaks took a 1-0 lead into halftime. Rosado made it a 2-0 score just 23 seconds into the second half, and Gennuso added an insurance goal in the 86th minute for the 3-0 final.

Dan Surdam is the Associate Sports Information Director at SUNY Cortland.

SUNY Cortland Field Hockey

Cortland FH loses 2nd NCAA matchup

By DAN SURDAM Contributing Writer

GRANTHAM, Penn. — The nationally fifth-ranked Messiah field hockey team 1. built a 3-0 lead in earning a 3-1 victory versus 13thranked SUNY Cortland Saturday afternoon in the second round of the NCAA Division turned aside seven shots.

III playoffs. The Red Dragons finished their season at 18-2 and tied for ninth nationally. The Falcons improved to 18-

Junior Gianna Trunfio scored her 21st goal of the season for Cortland. Sophomore goalie Emma Morgan

Leah Bryner, Kelsey Heltzel and Allie Mast each tallied a goal for Messiah. Nicole Shank collected two assists. Goalkeeper Catie Brubaker made two saves.

Messiah outshot Cortland 24-4 in the game and held a

13-1 advantage on corners. After a scoreless first quar-

ter, Bryner gave the Falcons the lead at the 25:10 mark off Shank's first assist. Heltzel made it a 2-0 game when she converted a penalty stroke 4:39 into the third quarter.

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NFL

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Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	262	18
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New England	2	8	0	.200	141	23
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Houston	5	4	0	.556	217	19
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Montreal	15	7	6	2	16	44	53
New Jersey	13	7	5	1	15	48	49
Philadelphia	15	7	7	1	15	48	46
Buffalo	15	7	7	1	15	44	47
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Nashville	14	5	9	0	10	42	49
Calgary	14	4	8	2	10	37	52
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National Football League

Broncos beat Bills 24-22

 Wil Lutz got a do-over and kicked a 36-yard field goal as time expired, and the Denver Broncos won their third straight by rallying for a 24-22 victory over the sloppy, turnover-prone Buffalo Bills on Monday night.

Lutz got a second chance after he missed wide right with four seconds remaining from 41 yards, but the play was negated when Buffalo was flagged for having 12 players on the field.

Lutz also overcame his own struggles in a game he missed an extra point by hitting the left upright, and was unable to get another extra-point attempt off when holder Riley Dixon bobbled the snap.



Broncos' Baron Browning, left, and Alex Singleton tackle Bills quarterback Josh Allen, center, during the first half Monday, in Orchard Park.

After Buffalo quarterback 6 yards to give the Bills their Josh Allen scampered in from first and only lead, Russell Wil-

son oversaw a 10-play, 57-yard drive to set up Lutz's field goal.

The key play of the drive came on third down and 10 from Buffalo's 45 when Wilson — facing an all-out blitz — lobbed a pass deep over the middle intended for Jerry Jeudy, who was clearly interfered with by defensive back Taron John-

Johnson was flagged for pass interference, giving Denver the ball at Buffalo's 17.

The Broncos (4-5) have won three straight and four of six since a 70-20 loss at Miami.

The Bills dropped to 5-5 following an outing in which they turned the ball over four times, with Allen throwing two interceptions and losing a fumble.

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Baltimore's Henderson and Arizona's Corbin Carroll unanimous Rookie of the Year winners

PHOENIX (AP) — Balti-

more's Gun-Hen-MLB

Corbin Carroll were the types of exciting players Major League Baseball hoped for when it tweaked its rules to encourage athleticism.

The young stars were rewarded Monday by being voted unanimous winners of the sport's Rookie of the Year awards.

The Lions weren't just pow-

ered by their will and drive to

get a title, but by their commu-

nity. Cincinnatus residents and

supporters showed up in droves,

were loud all game and made

their presence felt. Stith was hap-

py to bring a championship back

"We're the first in school his-

tory and not only did it mean a lot

to us, but you could see it in the

fans and their eyes," Stith said.

"It meant a lot to our whole entire

Just a year after coming a win

shy of reaching the pinnacle,

Cincinnatus captured the state

title. Sustad was so happy with

her girls' effort all season and

how they battled through adver-

sity in the postseason to get to the

"I'm so proud of them," Sus-

Cincinnatus only has two

starters to replace for next year,

with starters Schuyler, Larrabee,

Landers, Jocelyn Turshman,

Mandi Waltz, Lucy Finch, Mad-

elyn Pittsley, Jelsie Stafford and

Glover all returning The Lions

know they aren't done chasing

state titles and want to continue

were back this year and they bet-

ter expect to see us next year,"

Stith confidently, and correctly,

predicted a state championship

on Aug. 16. The senior looked

into the crystal ball one last time

"My prediction is you will be

seeing them back here one year

"We were here last year, we

tad said. "They did great. I knew

they could do it and we're ready

to do it again next year."

mountain top.

this reign.

Schuyler said.

on her way out.

from now," Stith said.

town, the fact that we did this."

Henderson won the American League honor and Carroll the National League award after they both used power, speed and defense to help their teams reach the playoffs just two years after 110-loss seasons.

MLB made a series of rules changes during the offseason, including a pitch clock, bans on extreme infield defensive shifts and limits on the number of times a pitcher can disengage from the rubber.

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having some chances, Fillmore only registered two shots on goal all game. Cincinnatus goalkeeper Sidney Glover was right there for both shots.

Payton Landers put the icing on the cake with 4:03 left in the game. As Fillmore was getting desperate for offense, Landers got the ball in the attacking third on a counterattack, beat a defender and blasted a shot off the bottom of the crossbar, off the far post and in.

"I did that for my grandpa," Landers said. "I also did it for the team. I just really love these girls a lot and I'm going to miss playing with them."

Seniors Peyton Stith, Jamber Aiker and Finch got to go out with a win, the only seniors in the state in Class D that can do that. For Stith, the ending was the best it could possibly be.

"It is heartbreaking but such a blessing at the same time," Stith said. "I couldn't have done it with better girls. I knew we had it in the beginning and it was just a matter of if we could do it. Obviously we could and it was just amazing."

"I don't even know how I feel," Finch added. "I can't even talk. It's actually the best thing ever. I know that everything has been a lot for me lately, but this has really made me love this team and love this year."

Finch injured her knee during the Section III semifinal on Oct. 25 and missed the rest of the season. Watching her teammates finish off the state title makes up for all the pain.

"It kind of does," Finch said.

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1-yard rushing touchdown 10:19 before halftime to start a big second quarter for Cor-

Following a strong defensive series, the Red Dragons got the ball back and began moving the ball up field. Boyes went for the big play when his team reached midfield, but a deep pass intended for Cole Burgess was intercepted by Ithaca's Derek Slywka and returned 57 yards.

Cortland's defense then came up huge to keep its lead. Schumm went for a rush up the middle from the 8-yard line, but fumbled and the ball was recovered by the Red Dragons defensive back Luke Winslow.

Cortland opened the second half strong with a lengthy drive ending in a 6-yard passing touchdown from Boyes to Joe Iadevaio with 6:52 left. Baloga converted the extra point to make it 21-6.

Following the score, Cortland and Ithaca began trading

The Bombers responded with another trick play featuring Deumaga and Leonard-Osbourne. This time, it was Deumaga hitting the latter on a 22-yard passing touchdown to cut the Red Dragons' lead.

Boyes then found Burgess after an eight-play drive with a 6-yard passing touchdown right in the middle of the end zone to put Cortland back up two scores just before the end of the third quarter.

Ithaca scored just two minutes into the final quarter on a 1-yard rushing touchdown Leonard-Osbourne. Burgess, back on the field for the first time after his score, didn't look like he cooled off. Burgess took the kickoff 72 yards to put the ball at the 11vard line.

AlfanoStJohn ran in for a

1-yard touchdown four plays later and Baloga's kick made it 35-21.

The Bombers' final score came on a 15-yard passing touchdown from Schumm to Sam Kline with 6:07 left to get within a score, but the Red Dragons' big plays late sealed their win.

The ups and downs of the legendary Cortaca Jug game took a lot out of Cortland head coach Curt Fitzpatrick, but he saw his team put together an impressive road win against a strong Ithaca team.

"I'm exhausted as I'm sure most of our fans are," Fitzpatrick said. "This is how Cortaca is — it is a roller-coaster of emotions and that is why it makes it such a great rivalry. I thought our team stayed very steady (Saturday). Every time we needed to answer on offense, we answered. I'm proud of our mentality and consistency. Ithaca did a good job of not allowing us to have explosive, long plays and we did a good job of grinding it out and finishing drives."

The Cortaca Jug once again was a game to remember and Boyes enjoyed every second

The junior quarterback believes the venue should stay at the same two locations every season.

"It was unreal, to be honest with you," Boyes said. "This Cortaca Jug game needs to be played at Cortland or Ithaca every year because the atmosphere and community that comes in is unbelievable. For us walking back and forth to the locker room and seeing how everyone thought about us being the bad guys on campus was awesome. This game is very special, and it was a lot of fun to be a part of. It doesn't matter if one team is 0-9 and the other is 9-0, it is going to be a game."

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with Proper on a deep pass to give the Blue Devils a 34-14 lead. Trumansburg added a score

with 3:08 remaining in the second, but Landis and Proper connected on a 1-yard screen pass with just over a minute left to make it 42-21 entering the half. The second half was all about

Moravia continuing to add to its lead. Trumansburg found the end zone three times in the final two quarters, but the Blue Devils' offense could not be stopped, scoring five times to seal their Proper had two more rushing

touchdowns in the third quarter. One came in the red zone and the other from 25 yards out. Boynton also used a 33-yard rushing touchdown as time expired to give Moravia a 61-35 lead. Landis scored an 8-yard and 25-yard rushing touchdown in the final quarter to cap off the Blue Devils electric win.

Moravia's dominance season is not only shown with numbers, but on the field each game. The offense has been unstoppable, the defense has strong tackling and blockers do their job each play. The one team that has shown it any type of competition is Trumansburg, and the results still look like that of dominance. The Blue Devils a time of 20:41.4.

defeated the Blue Raiders previously on Sept. 30 by a score of 56-29 and 41 points on Saturday is the most surrendered this sea-

"Honestly, nobody has been able to stop our offense this year," Ott said. "But we had to put a few extra things in there that weren't seen before because you must do that against good teams. I give T-Burg credit, that was the most points we have allowed this year. We have only allowed 55 points total up to this point. They had a good game plan and their kids stepped up and played well."

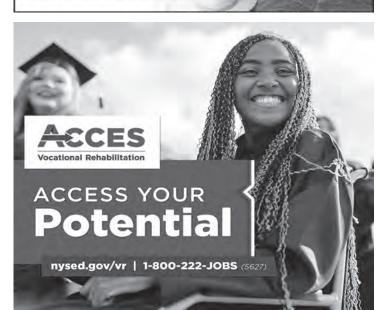
Moravia is thrilled to achieve the first sectional title in history, but the season isn't through. The Blue Devils play at 6 p.m. Friday against Section IX winner Sullivan West at Windsor High

CROSS COUNTRY HOMER

Ingrid Aagaard came in 18th at the girls Class C state championships Saturday at V-V-S High School. The sophomore finished in 20:13.1.

MORAVIA

Olivia Genson finished 20th at the girls Class D state championships Saturday at V-V-S High School. The junior came in with

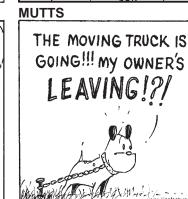


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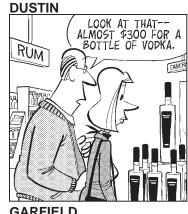


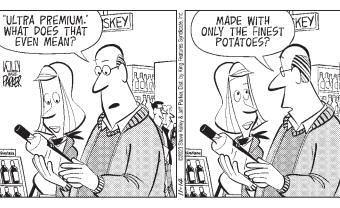


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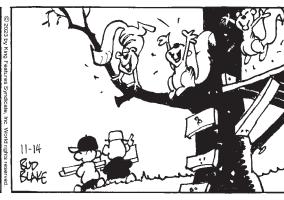




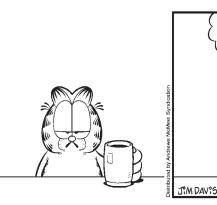


















Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

ARIES (March 21-April **19):** Accept the applause if it comes your way. You may be more likely than usual to receive credit where credit is due. You might receive congratulations from a friend or colleague when you achieve accomplishments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If everything ran smoothly all the time life could become boring. There may be some hiccups in your family routines, but you can handle the challenges. Taking a page from a partner's playbook might help you reach a goal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Imagination can be a useful tool for making your job easier. Compassion may allow you to understand the essence of other people. Take common causes or principles to heart and advocate for your social network.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There may be pros and cons to consider on every side. Study the playing field carefully before making a choice. A slight risk could be worth taking even if you base your decisions on educated guesses.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your wishes could be fulfilled if you focus on being fair, but you must put forth effort as well. Work hard to reach your goals and strive to treat everyone with the same consideration you show your best friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The pursuit of worldly ambitions does not need to prevent you from having a good time. Get coordinated with your loved ones and you could turn a business proposal or moneymaking project into an adventure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): An opportunity to create some long-term security or financial success in your career could be on its way. Do your best to remain confident about expressing your enthusiasm about your material achievements.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Concentrate on achieving material success by following a strategic plan that takes into consideration your own peace of mind. Being contented and comfortable within your own skin means upholding your ethics.

SAGITTARIUS 22-Dec. 21): Do your best to keep your word and you can keep someone's trust. Follow through on promises you have made. You could impress coworkers, a partner, or your boss if you are able to live up to your commitments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Even if a favor someone does for you is not something you wanted, remember that it is often the thought that counts. Remember to show them your appreciation. A trendy hobby could end up becoming expensive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): No matter how perfectly laid plans may be, a few little detours could be necessary. Do your best to not rush into a decision that can cause contention with your loved ones. Focus on creating your own financial security.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March **20):** There may be situations where you have the skills and experience to show up and face things head on. Take your time to do your homework and be ready with a solid plan and you could have the chance to create lasting contentment.

IF NOVEMBER 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Avoid investment ploys and romantic entanglements as the next two to three weeks unfold because a new financial scheme or love affair could bring an unfavorable outcome your way. Focus on gathering inspiring ideas and taking important notes, so they could be put into play when the time is right. During December it may be difficult to achieve your goals as the world might not cooperate.

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Cryptoquote

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CRYPTOQUOTE 11-14

- SARAH ADDISON ALLEN

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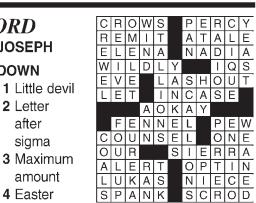
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Word of the Day

audacious (aw-DAY-shus)

Definition: (adj.) Audacious is an adjective used to describe people, or things that people make or do, that are confident and daring, or bold and surprising.

Courtesy Merriam-Webster Online

Example: She made the audacious decision to quit her job.

'The Marvels' melts at box office, marking a new low for the MCU

By JAKE COYLE AP Film Writer

NEW YORK — Since 2008's 'Iron Man," the Marvel machine has been one of the most unstoppable forces in box-office history. Now, though, that aura of invincibility is showing signs of wear and tear. The superhero factory hit a new low with the weekend launch of "The Marvels," which opened with just \$47 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The 33rd installment in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, a sequel to the 2019 Brie Larsonled "Captain Marvel," managed less than a third of the \$153.4 million its predecessor launched with before ultimately taking in \$1.13 billion worldwide.

Sequels, especially in Marvel Land, aren't supposed to fall off a cliff. Yet "The Marvels" debuted with more than \$100 million less than "Captain Marvel" opened with - something no sequel before has ever done. David A. Gross, who runs the movie consulting firm Franchise Research Entertainment, called it "an unprecedented Marvel box-office collapse."

The previous low for a Walt Disney Co.-owned Marvel movie was "Ant-Man," which bowed with \$57.2 million in 2015. Otherwise, you have to go outside the Disney MCU to find such a slow start for a Marvel movie - releases like Univer-



This image released by Disney shows Teyonah Parris as Captain Monica Rambeau in a scene from "The Marvels."

sal's "The Incredible Hulk" with \$55.4 million in 2008, Sony's "Morbius" with \$39 million in 2022 or 20th Century Fox's "Fantastic Four" reboot with \$25.6 million in 2015.

But "The Marvels" was a \$200 million-plus sequel to a billion-dollar blockbuster. It was also an exceptional Marvel release in numerous ways. The film, directed by Nia DaCosta, was the first MCU release directed by a Black woman. It was also the rare Marvel movie led by three women — Larson, Teyonah Parris and Iman Vel-

Reviews weren't strong (62% fresh on Rotten Tomatoes) and neither was audience reaction. "The Marvels" is only the third MCU release to receive a "B" CinemaScore from moviegoers, following "Eternals" and "Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantama-

"The Marvels," which added \$63.3 million in overseas ticket sales, may go down as a turning point in the MCU. Over the years, the franchise has collected \$33 billion globally — a point Disney noted in reporting its grosses Sunday.

But with movie screens and

Box office breakdown Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters,

according to Comscore. — "The Marvels," \$47

"Five Nights at Freddys," \$9 million.

"Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour." \$5.9 million.

— "Priscilla," \$4.8 million. "Killers of the Flower Moon," \$4.7 million. "The Holdovers," \$3.2

"Journey to Bethlehem," \$2.4 million.

"Tiger 3," \$2.3 million. "Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie," \$1.8 million.

"Radical," \$1.8 million.

streaming platforms increasingly crowded with superhero films and series, some analysts have detected a new fatigue setting in for audiences. Disney chief executive Bob Iger himself has spoken about possible oversaturation for Marvel.

"Over the last three and a half years, the growth of the genre has stopped," Gross wrote in a newsletter Sunday.

Either way, something is shifting for superheroes. The box-office crown this year appears assured to go to "Barbie," the year's biggest smash with more than \$1.4 billion worldwide for Warner Bros.

Contract Bridge

First things first

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. **NORTH ♠** A J 9 3 WEST **EAST** ♠ Q 8 5 4 ♥ Q 10 9 7 2 **♠** 10 6 **♥** J 3 ♦ A 10 8 4 SOUTH

The bidding: South West East North 1 NT 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 3 NT Pass Pass Opening lead — six of clubs.

In many deals, declarer must decide which of two suits to attack first. Many factors might influence his decision — among them which opponent he would prefer to have on lead at a later stage in the play.

Consider this case where West leads a club against South's threenotrump contract. Declarer takes East's ten with the queen and can count six top tricks — two spades, two hearts and two clubs. Two more tricks are certain to come from diamonds, and if the suit divides 3-3 (only a 36% chance), nine tricks are assured. The spade suit also offers the potential for one

or two additional tricks, and if just one extra trick can be developed in that suit, a 3-3 diamond division

will not be needed. Since it might be necessary to play both suits, South must decide which suit to tackle first, taking into account any potential threats to the contract.

Declarer should reason that if West has five clubs, the opponents might collect three clubs, a diamond and a spade before he scores nine. This can happen, though, only if West gains the lead to run the clubs after the suit is established.

Since the only way West could gain the lead is with the ace of diamonds, South should attack diamonds first in order to dislodge West's potential entry. The spades can wait until later; even if the finesse loses, East will not have a club to return (unless the opposing clubs were originally divided 4-3).

So at trick two, declarer leads the king of diamonds, losing to West's ace. West returns the club jack to South's ace, and declarer can now take the spade finesse in complete safety. Although the jack loses to East's queen, the fall of West's ten yields three tricks in the suit, and declarer ends up with three spades, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs for nine tricks.

Note that if South tries the spade finesse before dislodging the diamond ace, the contract fails.

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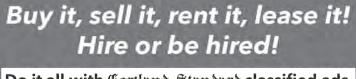
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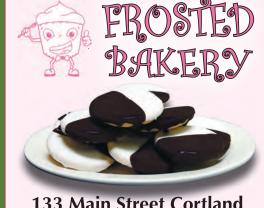
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