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A few local organizations are accepting eclipse glasses, which in turn will be donated.



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Cincy softball notched a 25-3 victory in the team's home opener against Windsor on Friday.



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Study: Immigrant workers boosting job growth in US

By PAUL WISEMAN, GISELA SALOMON and C. RUGABER
Associated Press

MIAMI — Having fled economic and political chaos in Venezuela, Luisana Silva now loads carpets for a South Carolina rug company. She earns enough to pay rent, buy groceries, gas up her car — and send money home to her parents.

Reaching the United States was a harrowing ordeal. Silva, 25, her husband and their then-7-year-old daughter braved the jungles of Panama's Darien Gap, traveled the length of Mexico, crossed the Rio Grande and then turned themselves in to the U.S. Border Patrol in Brownsville, Texas. Seeking asylum, they received a work permit last year and found jobs in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

"My plan is to help my family that much need the money and to grow economically here," Silva said.

Her story amounts to far more than one family's arduous quest for a better life. The

millions of jobs that Silva and other new immigrant arrivals have been filling in the United States appear to solve a riddle that has confounded economists for at least a year:

How has the economy managed to prosper, adding hundreds of thousands of jobs, month after month, at a time when the Federal Reserve has aggressively raised interest rates to fight inflation — normally a recipe for a recession?

Increasingly, the answer appears to be immigrants. The influx of foreign-born adults vastly raised the supply of available workers after a U.S. labor shortage had left many companies unable to fill jobs.

More workers filling more jobs and spending more money has helped drive economic growth and create still-more job openings.

The availability of immigrant workers eased the pressure on companies to sharply raise wages and to then pass

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Jack Lakowsky/Staff Reporter

Neighbors of an opioid treatment center at 6 Euclid Ave. are still feeling anxious about the clinic, a city alderperson said, but security measures are assuaging some of their concern.

Cortland methadone clinic awaits OK to open in May

By JACK LAKOWSKY
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A methadone clinic set to open in Cortland expects to start operating next month, pending approvals from state and federal agencies, clinic director Grace Kelley said Friday.

Kelley said the clinic doesn't need the city's approval to open. Several officials from Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services, the clinic's owner, have been meeting with city officials and residents to alleviate neighbors' concerns.

Kelley said the clinic has received letters of support from government and community agencies, and said the city has asked nothing unreasonable.

The clinic has installed interior and exterior security cameras and, at neighbors' request, has hired a full-time security guard, said Brad Walworth, the non-profit's communications manager.

The clinic also agreed to provide its own transportation to patients, said city Alderperson Wayne Schutt (R-1st Ward).

"At this point they're moving ahead with the things they need to," Schutt said Friday. "They've complied with everything we want as far as additional security and lighting."

"All that being underway makes us much more comfortable," Schutt said. "The community is still unhappy it's going on, but I think they're optimistic the

extra features are going to help."

Walworth said the clinic is also waiting to hear back about grants for a partial fence between the clinic and private property.

Should the clinic fail to get the grants, Kelley said the nonprofit will keep working with the city and community on alternatives. The clinic rents the property, but doesn't own it, so its ability to raise a fence is limited.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration approved the clinic after the agency's inspection March 29, Walworth said.

Once the DEA submits its approval to the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the DEA will issue a certificate that allows the opioid treatment program to

open, Kelley said in an email.

"We're hopeful that we will be able to start serving the Cortland community sometime in May," Kelley said.

Schutt said the community needs the service, though he dislikes the location in a largely residential neighborhood and near a daycare center. In February, he said when the clinic's lease is up, he'll push them to move somewhere else.

Schutt said the city should've been involved in selecting the clinic's location.

"We completely would've worked with them," he said.

Between 2018 and 2020 there was a 200% increase in overdose

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AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty

Jenni Tilton-Flood poses for a photograph in a dairy barn at Flood Brothers Farm, March 27, in Clinton, Maine. Foreign-born workers make up fully half the farm's staff of nearly 50, feeding the cows, tending crops and helping collect the milk.

Terminally ill ask states to legalize physician-assisted death

By JESSE BEDAYN
Associated Press/
Report for America

DENVER — On a brisk day at a restaurant outside Chicago, Deb Robertson sat with her teenage grandson to talk about her death.

She'll probably miss his high school graduation.

Death doesn't frighten her much. The 65-year-old didn't cry when she learned two months ago that the cancerous

tumors in her liver were spreading, portending a tormented death.

But later, she received a call. A bill moving through the Illinois Legislature to allow certain terminally ill patients to end their lives with a doctor's help had made progress.

Then she cried.

"Medical aid in dying is not me choosing to die," she says she told her 17-year-old grandson. "I am going to die. But it

is my way of having a little bit more control over what it looks like in the end."

That same conversation is happening beside hospital beds and around dinner tables across the country, as Americans who are nearing life's end negotiate the terms with themselves, their families and, now, state lawmakers.

At least 12 states currently have bills that would legalize physician-assisted death. Eight

states and Washington, D.C., already allow it, but only for their own residents. Vermont and Oregon permit any qualifying American to travel to their state for the practice. Patients must be at least 18 years old, within six months of death and be assessed to ensure they are capable of making an informed decision.

Two states have gone in the opposite direction. Kansas has a bill to further criminalize those who help someone with their

physician-assisted death. West Virginia is asking voters to enshrine its current ban into the state constitution.

That patchwork of laws has left Americans in most states without recourse. Some patients choose to apply for residency in a state where it's legal. Others take arduous trips in the late-stage of disease to die in unfamiliar places and beds, far from family, friends and pets.

It was late at night when Rod

Azama awoke to his wife crawling on the floor, screaming. Pain from her cancer had punched through the heavy morphine dose.

"Let me die," screamed his wife, Susan.

As Rod rushed to hold her, the cries faded to repeated mumbles. "Heaven," she said, again and again.

Susan, 68, pieced through her life's belongings — family

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Weather

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Rest of today: A chance of rain showers before 8 p.m., then a chance of snow showers after 4 a.m. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 33. Breezy, with a west wind 11 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Sunday: Rain showers likely. Thunder is also possible. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

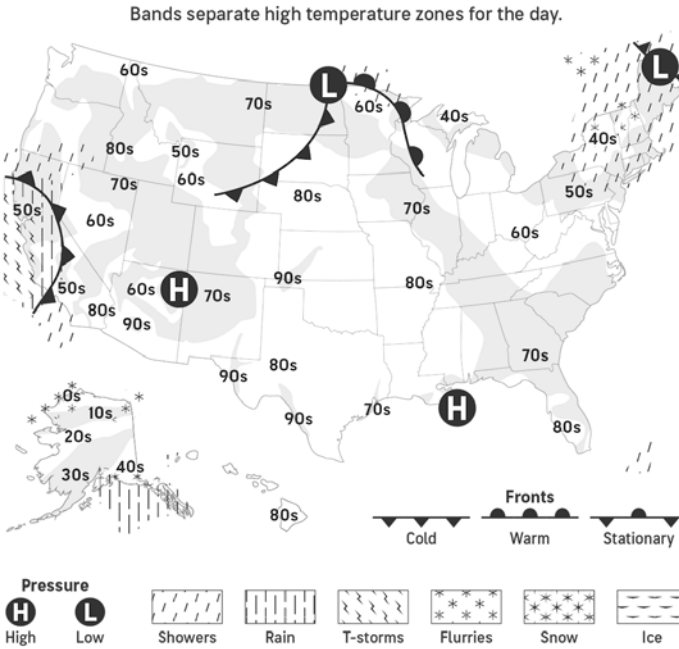
Skies Today

Saturday, April 13, 2024	
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Sunrise tomorrow	6:25 a.m.
Normal high temperature	53
Normal low temperature	33
Average temperature	43
Last quarter moon	April 15

Forecast for Saturday, April 13, 2024



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NATIONAL SUMMARY: Showers will linger across portions of the Northeast today as a storm remains over southeastern Canada. Snow can mix with rain at times in the higher elevations, with little to no accumulation expected. As one storm brings rain, mountain snow and thunderstorms to California, another Pacific storm will bring flash flooding to parts of Hawaii.

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Lottery Winners

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

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Records

Micron CEO and NY Sen. Schumer pitch CNY to Japan's chip suppliers

By MARK WEINER
syracuse.com (TNS)

WASHINGTON — Top executives from Japanese computer chip supply chain companies who visited the United States this week heard a high-level pitch on why they should open new plants in Central New York. U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer and the CEO of Micron Technology made the pitch in a 45-minute private meeting at the U.S. Capitol with a delegation of business executives from Japan.

The executives from more than a dozen companies accompanied Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on his trip to Washington.

Schumer and Micron President and CEO Sanjay Mehrotra told the visitors from Japan that it makes sense to open plants near Micron's planned \$100 billion chip manufacturing megacomplex outside of Syracuse in the town of Clay.

The four chip plants that Micron wants to build at White Pine Commerce Park in Clay will drive demand for more semiconductor manufacturing equipment, materials and talent throughout Upstate New York,



AP Photo/Steve Helber, File

A sign marks the entrance of the Micron Technology automotive chip manufacturing plant on Feb. 11, 2022, in Manassas, Virginia.

Schumer said.

"My message is clear: If you don't have a presence in Upstate New York, look here," Schumer said in a statement after the meeting.

Some of the Japanese companies at the meeting already serve Micron at its chip manufacturing plants scattered across the globe.

Mehrotra said it would make sense for those companies to open new plants near Micron as it builds its largest memory chip manufacturing complex in Clay and moves forward with a smaller expansion at its headquarters in Boise, Idaho.

"We look forward to continuing to work with our Japanese supplier partners to meet this

NY county loses its bid to prevent legal challenge on ban of transgender athletes

By PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A county outside New York City has lost its bid to block the state from taking legal action against its ban on womens and girls teams that include female transgender players, state Attorney General Letitia James said Friday.

U.S. District Court Judge Nusrat Choudhury dismissed Nassau County's lawsuit seeking to prevent the Democratic attorney general from taking legal action against the county for its ban, which James has said is "transphobic" and violates the state's anti-discrimination laws.

"This decision is a tremendous victory for justice and the rule of law, but our work here is not done," James' office said in an emailed statement Friday.

"It's past time for Nassau County to rescind this order and treat all our communities with the basic respect and dignity they deserve."

The office declined to say when or if it will sue to block the ban, saying it will review the decision, which was handed down in federal court in Central Islip.

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, who issued the ban, vowed to appeal. "We vehemently disagree with the decision," he said in an emailed statement.

Last month, James issued a "cease and desist" letter demanding the Long Island county rescind the ban, prompting

Blakeman to file a federal lawsuit asking a judge to affirm that the ban was legal and to prevent James from taking action against it.

The Republican argued that any action by the state to block the ban would be discriminatory and represent a violation of the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause.

James' office, however, rejected the notion, arguing in its motion to toss out the litigation that the county's lawsuit is "bare of any legal or factual support" to back up its claim. The equal protection clause, enshrined in the Fourteenth Amendment, guarantees that no state shall "deny to any person within its jurisdic-

tion the equal protection of the laws."

Earlier this month, Choudhury denied Nassau County's request for a temporary restraining order against James' office but didn't rule on the legality of the ban or James' request to simply toss out the lawsuit.

The county's ban also faces a legal challenge from a local womens roller derby league, which has asked a state court to invalidate it.

Blakeman's February order, which affects more than 100 public facilities in the county just east of the New York City borough of Queens, states that any female sports organization that accepts transgender women or girls will be denied permits to use county-owned parks and fields.



James



Derek Gee/The Buffalo News via AP, File

Former DEA agent Joseph Bongiovanni arrives at the Robert H. Jackson U.S. Court House for a hearing for an upcoming trial on drug and bribery charges, June 21, 2023.

Jury convicts former DEA agent of lying

No verdict on Buffalo bribery charges

By CAROLYN THOMPSON
and JIM MUSTIAN
Associated Press

BUFFALO — A federal jury on Friday convicted a former U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent of obstruction of justice and lying to federal agents. But jurors acquitted Joseph Bongiovanni of a charge that he improperly wiped his DEA cellphone and failed to reach a verdict on a dozen other charges, including allegations the longtime agent pocketed \$250,000 in bribes from the Buffalo Mafia.

The mixed verdict followed a week of often-heated deliberations and a seven-week trial that cast a harsh light on the DEA's supervision of agents amid a string of corruption scandals at the agency.

Bongiovanni is among at least 16 DEA agents brought up on federal charges since 2015, including several serving lengthy prison sentences. Two former DEA supervisors are awaiting sentencing in a separate bribery scandal in Miami involving intelligence leaks to defense attorneys.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Tripi said prosecutors will seek to retry Bongiovanni as soon as possible on the corruption charges that hung the jury, including allegations the agent shielded a sex-trafficking strip club outside Buffalo, New York, and derailed investigations into his childhood friends.

But defense attorney Robert Singer said he would move to dismiss those counts, saying the disagreement among jurors "calls into question whether this prosecution should continue."

The mixed verdict "showed everybody that the government's evidence was really not that convincing," Singer said.

Officials: CNY man fled police, found with guns, drugs

By RYLEE KIRK
syracuse.com (TNS)

UTICA — A Central New York man tried to run over officers, lead them on a pursuit and was found with guns and drugs, police said.

Aaron Dockery, 30, of Utica, threatened to shoot a person at 11:15 p.m. on the 600 of Lenox Ave. on March 28, said Lt. Michael Curley, a spokesperson for the Utica Police.

The person threatened called 911 and gave police a description of the car Dockery was in, Curley said.

Police were able to find Dockery in the car in a driveway nearby. Officers approached the car giving Dockery commands but he backed the car out of the driveway, causing officers to take cover to avoid being hit, he said.

Dockery backed the car into a police car that spun into an officer, knocking the officer to the ground, Curley said. Then

Dockery hit another police car, he said. Both have "extensive damage" and are not currently in use, Curley said.

Then he drove directly at officers, causing them to jump out of the car, Curley said. Officers began to pursue Dockery but had to stop because it was too dangerous, he said.

The car Dockery was driving was found abandoned on First Street near Elizabeth Street, he said. A large amount of what officers believe to be cocaine and ammunition were found in the car, according to police.

Surveillance footage in the area showed Dockery tossing a gun onto the roof of a house in the area, Curley said. The fire department helped police retrieve the gun from the roof.

Several days later Dockery was stopped in Freeport, New York by police. He was returned to the Utica Police Department on Wednesday, Curley said.

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Dryden approves local law governing solar PILOTs

By DOUG SCHNEIDER
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DRYDEN — The Dryden Town Board on Thursday adopted a local law governing solar-energy developments.

Board members also learned fire coordinator Chris O'Connor continues to pursue training opportunities so that the six fire departments serving Dryden are well-educated to fight a fire at a solar farm, or at a home heated

with solar panels.

Dryden's new "Solar Systems PILOT Law," mandates that any developer planning a "solar farm" must sign on to a payment-in-lieu-of taxes agreement.

A public hearing Thursday evening on the proposed law attracted no speakers. A deal would ensure that local governments can collect revenue from such developments.

The first project likely to

be affected by the law is a 12.5-megawatt solar farm, which includes a 2.5-megawatt battery-energy storage facility, and was proposed in March via an application by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and an as-yet-unnamed private company. It would use 52 acres of the former Ithaca North Landfill, which is locally known as the Caswell Road Landfill.

Fire chiefs in multiple de-

partments serving Dryden have raised concerns in the past that there has been little training available for challenges that fires at a solar farm may present.

O'Connor told board members that he is "putting together" a training program on fires involving solar arrays, but that information "is hard to come by."

The town is divided into six areas — Brooktondale and McLean firefighters each serve small areas in opposite corners

of the county, while Neptune, Varna, Etna and W.B. Strong serve larger areas of the county. The Neptune Hose Co., which serves roughly 45 percent of the area of the county, in March had to extinguish a fire involving solar panels.

Also Thursday, two departments serving parts of Dryden plan open houses this weekend, as part of a statewide recruiting effort by fire departments.

The Dryden Fire Depart-

ment/Neptune Hose Co., 26 North St., plans an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today. Chief Mark Bell said the department plans a fund-raising chicken barbecue to raise money to support firefighter Amanda Brayton, who plans a visit to Africa later this year as part of a firefighter-exchange program.

The Varna Fire Department, 14 Turkey Hill Road, plans an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. today.

Cortland County updates website

By MARGARET MELLOTT
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To look at the new Cortland County website means seeing a new visual scheme and some updated images. The real change is in the line above it: its domain name.

The new address: www.cortlandcountyny.gov, rather than cortland-co.org.

"We had a redesign that was coming to us in our contract and we'd been asking about it because the website was very outdated and very clunky," Legislature Clerk Savannah Hempstead said Thursday. "We wanted it to be more user friendly."

The county contracts with CivicPlus, a web development company based in Kansas, to provide website services.

"The state is saying that if you're a municipality, they want you to have a .gov domain," county Director of Information Technology Jack Hess said in March.

"Is it a seamless change over or is this something that we have to disperse out, that our domain's changed?" Leg-

islature Chair Kevin Fitch (R-Homer, Preble, Scott) asked in March.

"We're going to have to advertise it, but we can run it parallel," Hess said. "We're going to redirect from the old domain name to the new. Then, over a period of time, we'll phase out cortland-co.org. But, we won't chop it off because that's going to be chaos."

County emails will also change to reflect the new domain name — cortlandcountyny.gov — Hempstead said.

"I'm not sure how long we're going to keep that (redirecting from the old domain)," she said. "I think it's going to be dependent on how quickly we move the email addresses over. And also, we don't want to cut anything over until we're sure that everything has been updated."

"I haven't gotten any questions or concerns with the new website," Hempstead said. "It's gotten a lot of feedback, saying that it's much more user friendly, that it shows up on mobile very well, and that it's a lot easier to navigate."



Image provided by Cortland County

Cortland County's new website features the same content, but a new look, and more importantly, a new domain name: Cortlandcountyny.gov.

Around the towns

Library appoints interim directors

The Cortland Free Library has announced that Kay Zaharis and Priscilla Berggren-Thomas will become interim co-directors of the library as it seeks a permanent replacement. They begin April 22. Zaharis was the library's director from 2003 to 2013. Berggren-Thomas recently retired as the director of Phillips Free Library in Homer, a position she filled for 16 years.

"We are grateful for their deep knowledge of libraries, their support of our library staff and undeniable commitment to the community, that they would step out of retirement for a few months," the library board announced in a statement.

Their appointment follows the resignation of Jen Graney, who announced in early March she would leave at the end of that month.

"I am leaving for the sake of my mental health, to maintain my sobriety, and to prioritize my overall well-being," Graney said in a statement. Over the past months, people have complained

about homeless people using the library, because the city has no day space for unsheltered homeless people between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., except the lobby of the Cortland County Department of Social Services.

"I've done my best during my time here to address needs our community has related to poverty and homelessness," Graney said. "When I saw an increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness, I made it a priority to figure out who our service providers are, where people can go for help, what's available when, etc., so that we can better provide that information to others."

Taco Bell to break ground in C'ville

A new Taco Bell restaurant will break ground at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at 860 Route 13, Cortlandville, in front of the Price Chopper grocery, the Cortland Area Chamber of Commerce has announced.

The Cortland County Convention and

Visitors Bureau, county and town officials will join the chamber for the event.

"We have been members of this community for many years and are looking forward to growing in the community," said Matt Prouty, a partner in Hospitality Syracuse, Inc., which will own and operate the restaurant. "Dine-in, carry-out, delivery and drive-through will be available at this new location, we will be hiring 50 new employees and will promote several managers within our company to run the new restaurant."

For details on the company, go to www.hrgfood.com. To apply for a job, go to jobs.tacobell.com.

Homer to work on water mains

The village of Homer will work on water mains from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday on James Street between Bartlett and Route 281, the village announced Friday. The road will be closed and residents may experience water disruptions. For details, call the village office at 607-749-3322.



Photo by Margaret Mellott/Staff Reporter

The Phillips Free Library in Homer will accept lightly used eclipse glasses through at least May 1, and maybe longer. The library will donate the glasses to Eclipse Glasses USA to be reused for the next solar eclipse in October, which will be visible in South America.

Library, county and more collecting eclipse glasses

By MARGARET MELLOTT
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Unless you plan to head to South America in October for the coming annular eclipse, or maybe to Greenland on Aug. 12, 2026, for the next total eclipse, odds are you won't really need the pair you have before they expire in 2027.

Phillips Free Library in Homer will gladly accept them through at least May 1.

The glasses can be lightly used, but need to be in good condition: no scratches, punctures, tears, or other damage that might compromise the protective quality of the glasses.

"Nobody's going to use them again here because there won't be an eclipse for another 40 years, and they can be used for three years," said library Director Martjse Vanderschaaf-Riehlman. "Why put them in the landfill if someone else can use them?"

The library will send the glasses to Eclipse Glasses USA in Provo, Utah. The deadline to send glasses to the company is Aug. 1.

"On Facebook, I follow a couple different library groups and a whole bunch of them had been posting that they were going to

have people bring their eclipse glasses back to their library and the link for the organization was on there," said Sarah Bouwens, assistant to the library director. "So I said, 'Hey, what do you think about this?' and she (Vanderschaaf-Riehlman) said, 'Yep, that seems like a good idea.'"

So many glasses had been dropped off by Friday that a donation jar is full and the library is filling a gallon-sized bag.

The next solar eclipse is Oct. 2, and will be visible in South America, particularly Chile and Argentina. The phenomenon will bring a partial eclipse to parts of South America, Antarctica and North America, NASA reports.

"One of the primary beneficiaries of this initiative are school children in countries that might not have easy access to eclipse glasses. By redistributing these glasses, Eclipse Glasses USA hopes to provide educational institutions with the tools they need to offer their students a safe and enlightening eclipse viewing experience," Eclipse Glasses USA's website states.

Phillips Free Library isn't the only place one can leave one's eclipse glasses. Cortland County announced Friday it will also recycle the glasses.

A recycling bin has been placed at the Cortland County Office Building's main entrance at 60 Central Ave., Cortland. They, like the glasses dropped off in Homer, will be sent to Latin American schools, said Savannah Hempstead, clerk of the county Legislature.

CoffeeMania is getting in on the act, too, said Alexandra Moulton, the coffee company's social media manager.

"We're always on the look out for opportunities to give back to our local community and beyond," Moulton said. "When we saw a post floating around on Facebook about how to recycle the solar eclipse glasses, we thought about how we trickled out over 1,000 pairs the week leading up to the eclipse and it would be such a cool way to get them into more hands."

The glasses dropped off at CoffeeMania's drive-through kiosks in Cortland, Cortlandville and Homer will also go to Eclipse Glasses USA, she said. And if that's not convenient, they can be sent to:

Eclipse Glasses USA, LLC
PO Box 50571
Provo, UT 84605

Staff Reporter Lily Byrne contributed to this report.

Police/fire

Canastota man charged with sexual contact

A Canastota man has been charged with inappropriate sexual contact with a person at least four times in 2010 and 2011 in Cortland, Cortland County sheriff's officers said.

Nicholas R. Carew, 30, was charged with four counts each of first-degree criminal sexual act, a felony, and forcible touching, a misdemeanor.

Police said Carew subjected one person who knew him to inappropriate sexual contact several times.

State law defines first-degree criminal sexual act as engaging in non-intercourse sexual contact with a person who is either physically helpless, younger than 11 or younger than 13 when the suspect is over 18.

Carew would have been 17 in 2010.

Carew was arrested about 11 a.m. Thursday and sent to the Cortland

County Jail on \$5,000 bail or \$25,000 bond pending an appearance April 24 in Cortland City Court.

C'ville woman charged with drug possession

Accused: Heather S. Gee, 43, Penguin Drive, Cortlandville

Charges: Seventh-degree possession of a controlled substance, driving while ability impaired by drugs, misdemeanors; no headlights, no tail lights, stopping on pavement, insufficient turn signal, failure to notify DMV of address change, violations

Details: Gee was stopped about 12:20 a.m. Friday on Route 281 in Cortlandville for failing to use her headlights, Cortland County sheriff's officers said Friday. Police said they also found her impaired and with drugs.

Legal Actions: Gee was ticketed to appear April 29 in Cortlandville Town Court.

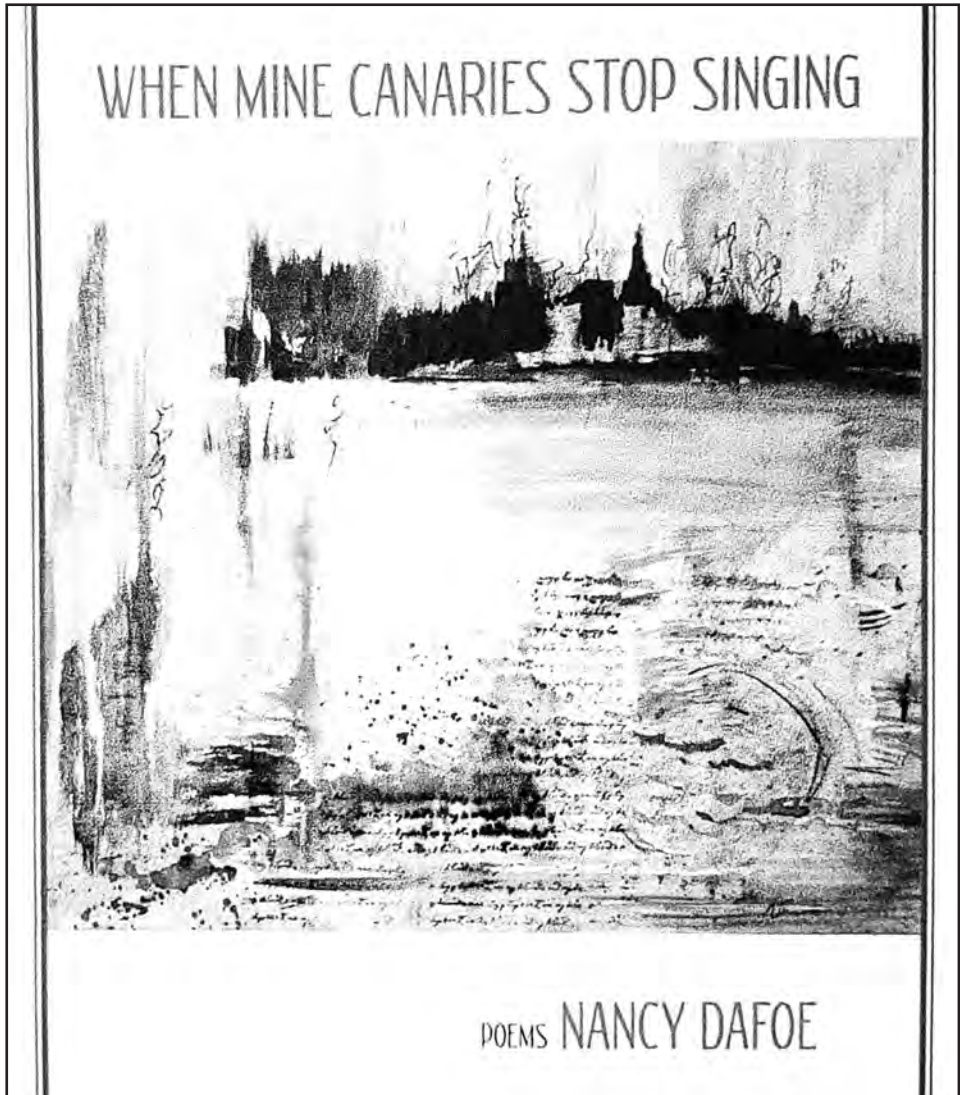


Image provided by Nancy Avery Dafoe

“When Mine Canaries Stop Singing” is a poetry collection describing the effects of climate change in a gentler fashion, author Nancy Avery Dafoe says.

Cortland poet delivers gentle messages on harsh changes

‘When Mine Canaries Stop Singing’ ready for pre-order

By LILY BYRNE
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While the call-to-action to stop climate change is urgent, poetry, as a vessel, can deliver the important message in a gentle way, said author Nancy Avery Dafoe.

Cortland native Dafoe has released her 14th book, “When Mine Canaries Stop Singing,” for pre-order. The poetry collection was inspired by climate change, and how most of the conversation around it has been in the political arena — through news, lectures, essays and protests, Dafoe said.

“People have not responded well to any of that, and I thought ‘let me try something different,’” she said. “Poetry has a gentler approach. It’s not about blaming, it’s not about anger, it’s about a starting point of what we love and care about. We care about the Earth, we love animals, we love the people we know. Bringing some of those ideas into poetry allows people to draw their own conclusions when there is a problem.”

Dafoe’s poetry won the William Faulkner — William Wisdom award in 2016, and her prose poetry won a national award from the Soul-Making Keats Literary competition, her author biography says.

The poems describe the issue of climate change using specific examples, such as a



Photo provided by Nancy Avery Dafoe

Nancy Avery Dafoe has published 14 books in the past 11 years. Her latest is a book of poetry, “When Mine Canaries Stop Singing.”

poem on the disappearance of mayflies.

“If mayflies are disappearing in rapid numbers for the first time in 300 million years, that tells us something is happening,” Dafoe said. “Then, you can have a conversation on what might be happening, and why, and if there is anything we can do about it. People may say ‘well, I don’t care

Briefly Winged

Flight of a single day is the lifespan of adult mayfly—with its translucent tall wings like segmented, painted glass and its cerci, those three long, slender, curving “tails” following in its wake across waters.

Paradox of the ephemeral, mayfly’s claims to immortality come into play as oldest winged insect with allusions to and symbols of brief lifespan found in nearly every religion: resurrection. Imprint of its ethereal, triangular appendages engraved in rock some 300 million years old.

Foretelling health of systems and life running through water, these winged creatures hold onto their ancestral traits, feed all manner of birds and numerous humans, as well.

Yet something has happened to the mayfly like the butterfly, too, something dramatic in their transitory elegance: their hatches only now silently trailing away.

— Nancy Avery Dafoe

about mayflies,’ but we do care about what it means for other species, and ultimately for human beings. It matters greatly to our own survival.”

Bobbie Dumas Panek, an Auburn-based poet and author who reviewed the book, said it is an important read.

“We have to listen to Nancy’s poems, and to any writer or artist or politician who is concerned about the planet, because we all need to be concerned about the planet,” Panek said.

Dafoe has been writing her whole life. Her other 13 books, which have all been published in the last 11 years, include fiction, poetry, memoir and nonfiction texts, such as educational books.

“Nancy has a nice way of using words poetically that pull you into her voice,” Panek said.

“When Mine Canaries Stop Singing,” can be preordered for \$20.99 at bit.ly/4cToG7a. The title will be released July 19 for \$22.99.

“Climate change is maybe the gravest threat facing our nation, and we just need to try and come up with solutions,” Dafoe said. “It’s another way of presenting information, so that we can not fight, but have good discussions about solutions, in which everyone can participate. This isn’t an issue that belongs to a political party, this is about our future and the future of our planet.”

A novel idea: These book clubs are silent

By JENNA ROSS
Star Tribune (TNS)

MINNEAPOLIS — At first, this silent book club was loud.

On a recent Saturday, two dozen people gathered in the back of Cream & Amber, a cafe and bookstore in Hopkins, Minnesota, chatting and laughing with the people sitting beside them. Then, 10 minutes in, the room fell quiet, and people opened their books.

Pristine hardcovers and dog-eared softcovers and a single e-reader, with different covers and authors and genres.

Unlike most book clubs, the Silent Book Club’s Minneapolis chapter doesn’t require folks to read a single title. The setup is simpler: Bring whatever book you happen to be reading. Quietly read that book for 45 minutes. Then share a bit about the book with others.

The clubs attract introverts, bookworms and rebels who resist the idea of spending precious reading time on a book someone else selected.

“I hated assigned reading in school,” said Kortney Webster, a member of this club since it started in 2019, shaking her head. “Whenever I would see book clubs, the books that they were reading, it was like, ‘I don’t want to read that.’”



Jenna Ross/Minneapolis Star Tribune/TNS

At the March meeting of the Silent Book Club’s Minneapolis chapter, two dozen people gather at Cream & Amber in Minnesota to quietly read books of their own choosing.

So on this Saturday afternoon, Webster picked up where she’d left off in “The Ink Black Heart,” part of a detective series written by J.K. Rowling and published under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith. Across the table from her was Matt Streit, who launched the Minneapolis chapter of what has become a global phenomenon.

As people began reading, the hiss of the espresso machine in the other room suddenly audible, some folks fidgeted. One sipped a beer. Another kept

glancing at the reader beside her.

But no one checked their phone.

A middle school language arts teacher, Streit had heard a National Public Radio story about Silent Book Club and was struck by the concept. For years, he’d tried — unsuccessfully — to nab an invitation to his female friends’ book clubs. This club, he said, “really is for everyone.”

At first, eight people showed up at the now-defunct Birch-

wood Cafe in Minneapolis. Now, once a month, dozens of newbies and regulars pack coffee shops and breweries across the Twin Cities. A big, quiet community room is a plus. But during a recent meet-up at Arbeiter Brewing Co., they read quietly while a dance party played out alongside them.

Streit has never had to advertise, never had to hit up his friends. “I’ve never had to worry about people showing up.”

Back in 2012, the first Silent Book Club “started as a lark,” founder Guinevere de la Mare said by phone. A toddler was stealing much of her time, then, so she and friend Laura Gluhanich met up at a San Francisco wine bar with a book and a goal: finish one chapter. Friends and hashtags helped spread the word.

“We wanted to fill every bar and cafe with people reading books,” she said. “Instead of looking around and seeing everyone staring at their phones, we wanted to replace that with people reading.”

In 2017, the club got write-ups in Poets & Writers magazine and the website LitHub, “the perfect media outlets for our target audience,” de la Mare said. Other publications followed.

Ask Amy By Amy Dickinson

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Conference attendee has professional beef

DEAR AMY: I attended a professional conference recently.

The attendees from my company were the president, the executive director, a co-worker, and myself.

The president and executive director invited my co-worker and myself out for dinner.

During these large conventions, it is rare to be able to sit down for more than 20 minutes and have a balanced meal.

This made the dinner event really nice for us, and I appreciated it.

Prior to ordering, the conversation turned to, “What will you have?”

When I stated that I wanted the chicken soup, I was scolded by my coworker, who exclaimed: “These people are vegetarian!” (gesturing to the president and executive director). This was not stated discreetly.

Was it wrong of me to order the meal I wanted and that would sustain me for the five hours of events taking place after dinner?

Do my dietary restrictions and concerns take a back seat when the boss is picking up the tab?

— Need Protein to Function

DEAR NEED PROTEIN: Your co-worker took the opportunity to demonstrate an advanced level of personal knowledge of your bosses, in order to curry flavor (excuse the pun) with these professional superiors.

Faunting this knowledge is professionally risky — and rude.

In bringing you to this convention, the people who run your company have given you and your co-worker an opportunity to positively and responsibly represent the organization.

Loudly scolding another person during a meal is antisocial.

Your co-worker’s rudeness made you uncomfortable.

This behavior has also highlighted a dietary choice that some people might consider personal, possibly also making them uncomfortable.

I hope your bosses responded to this by letting you know that they have no beef with you regarding your own choices.

Your colleague’s effort to suck up by shaming you is extremely unappetizing.

DEAR AMY: My closest friend from college is getting married in the fall.

He has asked me to be his best man.

The problem is that I don’t want to.

The main issue is that this wedding is already shaping up to be very time consuming and expensive.

I am graduating from law school, working and studying for the bar exam, and I cannot imagine being able to commit fully to this.

In addition to the wedding itself, he wants me to organize a three-day “stag” party, either in Las Vegas or Wyoming (for

fly fishing).

The wedding itself will be a three-day-long event, involving travel, the rehearsal dinner, the wedding, and a brunch afterward.

Just thinking about it exhausts me.

Is there a good way to say “no” to this without insulting my friend or harming the friendship?

— Not the Best Best Man

DEAR NOT THE BEST MAN: Bridezillas and Frangkengrooms, take note!

Overall, culturally, I wonder when marrying couples will realize that their attendants have reached the breaking point.

This issue used to be mainly confined to the bride and her attendants (or maybe they just talked about it more).

I have noticed an increase in concerns like yours expressed by men who are feeling the social, personal and economic squeeze of being an attendant.

Your best friend’s wedding is scheduled for several months from now.

Tell him right away that you can’t do this.

Preface this tough conversation by telling him how honored you are, but tell him, quite honestly, that you do not have the bandwidth to take on any organizing duties.

Are you available and interested in being a groomsman?

If so, let him know, but emphasize that you realize the decision is his to make, and that you will feel honored to attend the wedding as a guest.

You might offer to include his grandmother as your “plus-one” and to prepare and deliver a toast, if he would like.

DEAR AMY: “Engaged and Worried” didn’t ask his much-younger brother to be in his wedding.

Your response was spot on!

I too had a brother 12 years younger, and I headed off to college and the service when he was only six.

Although he meant a lot to me, the vast difference in our ages and outlook was always too much to completely erase.

It is still a major source of regret.

Nevertheless, he was an important part of my wedding, a decision which has grown in significance now that he is gone.

He died of AIDS in his 30s, and left a hole in my life.

Jim, I still miss you and will love you always.

— Loving Brother

DEAR LOVING BROTHER: Here’s to Jim. RIP, dear brother.

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

College corner

Nicholas Martelli of Cortland was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, the all-discipline collegiate honor society, at Syracuse University.

Hannah Aldrich of Cortland was named to the dean’s list for the fall semester at Paul Smith’s College.

Haley Sullivan of Groton was recently inducted into the New York chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Elmira College in recognition of high scholarly attainment.

Kaya Shelton of Locke was one of 206 SUNY Oneonta students awarded the Susan Sutton Smith award for academic excellence at an event April 9.

Our Opinion

Learning the food system, and your role in it

You have a place in the food system. No no, not whether you're an apex predator or a primary producer — that's the food chain. We're discussing the food system.

Richard Ball, the state's commissioner of agriculture and markets, explained the concept in 2019 as Groton High School reinstated its FFA program: It's about creating a system that goes beyond helping farmers, by developing the markets their food goes to, and supporting the distribution network that gets the food there. Primarily, that's farm to processor to retailer to your dining room table. But it can also be farm to school, farm to restaurant, farm to food pantry or soup kitchen.

You absolutely have a place in that system, perhaps several. And your decisions will change that system and how it affects the greater Cortland area.

Tompkins Cortland Community College students are learning that system very well in a number of programs that integrate one end of that process with the other. Food that students grow on the college's farm goes to a variety of destinations, including the college's soon-to-be-reopened restaurant, Coltivare. The farming students, food systems students and culinary students all learn to appreciate how they interact. In fact, they share many classes.

Beyond knowing how to work in the profession they choose, those students will understand the whole process that gives them a place in the community and the larger economy. They'll know that farming is far more than planting a seed, milking a cow or even managing a farm (which requires serious knowledge of both environmental conservation and business principles.) They'll know that the culinary arts are more than balancing sweet, sour, salt, bitter and umami. It's about sourcing the food well. And they'll know how to get food from Point A to Point B efficiently.

The coronavirus pandemic showed us how critical understanding that process is. Meat-packing plants in the Midwest had to shut down to prevent COVID spread and the result was a shortage on the store shelves. Milk producers in the greater Cortland area were ordered to dump their milk because the milk processors couldn't turn commercial lines producing five-gallon tubs and half-pint boxes over to retail half-gallons and gallons fast enough. (The farmers persuaded Cornell University to open its bottling plant, and they gave the milk away, instead.)

Other agencies are showing us what can be done, too. But your decisions are what determine the health of your family, your neighbors and your community.

Note these two facts:

The United States generates nearly 72 billion pounds of food waste each year. Nearly 40% of food in the U.S. gets thrown away, according to Feeding America.

Nearly 13% of Cortland County's residents, about 6,000 people, and 18.8% of its children are food insecure, reports Hunger Solutions New York.

We could feed every hungry person in Cortland County — and America — on just the food we throw away right now. All we have to do is figure out how to get it from Point A to Point B without the producer, the distributor or the consumer going broke.

We'll concede that's a complex undertaking, but your decisions make it easier. Decide which food producer gets your money: the industrial food giant that generates much of that waste, or the smaller producer who you might call neighbor; the mega-mart or chain restaurant that fills a dumpster every week, or the smaller retailer or cafe that might donate food that might otherwise be wasted to a food pantry. Even your choice that such considerations aren't worth your time is a choice that affects the food system.

These TC3 students are learning to master that process, and we imagine their expertise will far surpass their elders in short order.

In fact, we depend on it. Because if it's one thing we've learned, the food system needs people who understand it, and understand how to make it better.

Your Opinion

Cemetery donation for just one vault

To the Editor:

The Cortland Rural Cemetery appreciates the coverage of the very interesting C.W. Sanders mausoleum renovation project now in process ("Cemetery gets \$500K bequest to restore mausoleum" — April 10). However, I wish to make it crystal clear that the moneys described as being "left" to the CRC must exclusively be used for the care of that single, private family mausoleum: By law, the CRC cannot access or spend the principal; we cannot access or spend the interest earned on the account; we can only direct spending of funds that directly relate to that highly singular purpose... Such as the current construction or the extensive engineering study that preceded it. After that, those dollars will effectively sit there — growing, in perpetuity, until a future administration sees fit to once again check on and if need be once again improve the mausoleum's condition. (Perhaps, as our vice president, Brian Bosch, indicated, that will be 100 years from now!) I just don't want to leave our community with the impression the CRC is suddenly flush with cash: That is most certainly not the case.

John Hoeschele
Treasurer, CRC Board of Trustees

Good Old Days

April 13, 1974

CRY ("Cortland Recycling and You") night, a county-wide program which will stress the many benefits of recycling, will be held on Tuesday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the McEvoy Educational Center.

The program will consist of a number of exhibits on recycling by interested individuals and groups in the community. The guest speaker for the evening will be Forest Golden of Auburn who will speak on the topic, "Deposit Beverage Containers."

The first workshop, under the direction of Jackie Mott, former Cortland County Extension worker, will focus upon making crafts from recyclable throw-aways. The second workshop will focus on the use of compost, paper, and other materials in gardening.

April 13, 1999

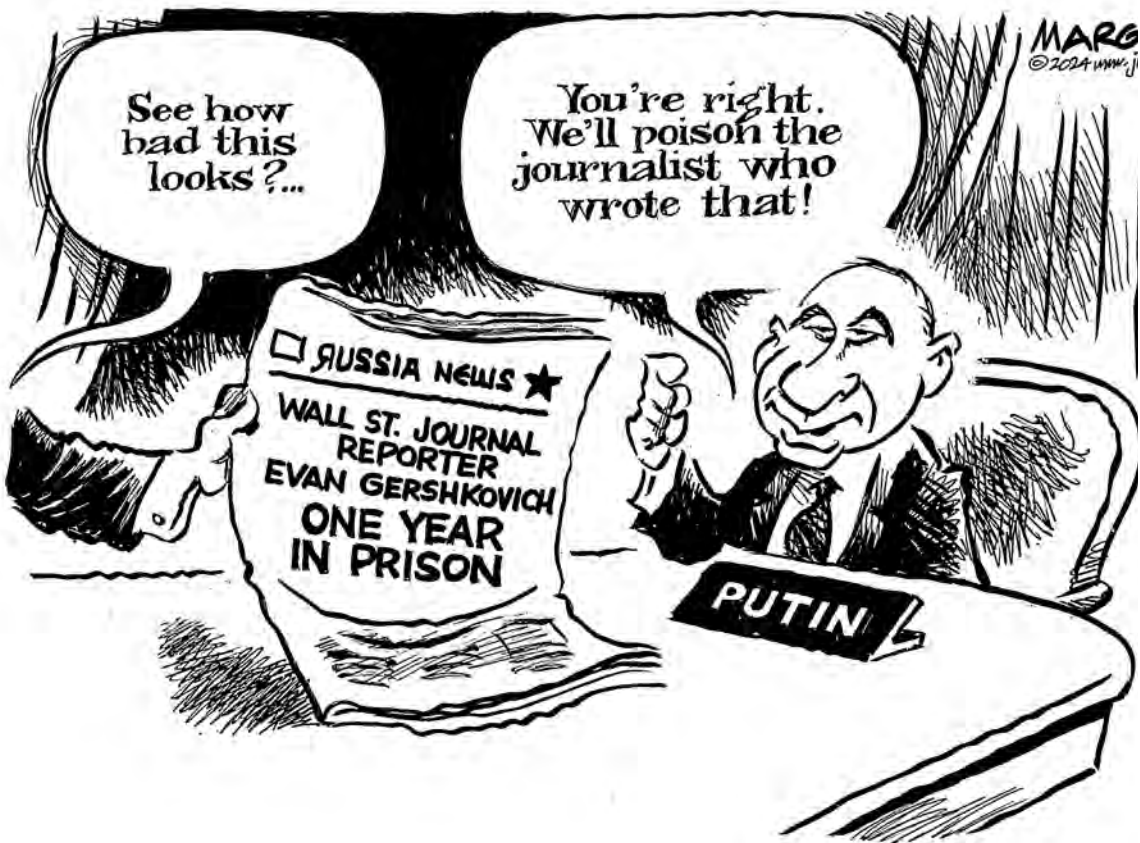
Thirty-two years ago, the first Cortland library-benefit used book sale was held at 1 Main St., formerly a drugstore, later a bank and now a restaurant.

Doors for this year's sale open 6 p.m. Thursday at 3 Main St., adjacent to that first site, with nearly 10 thousand books and special interest magazines awaiting buyers.

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.



New York has always been a safe haven when it comes to maternal and reproductive health-care, particularly in the Wake of the Dobbs decision that overturned Roe v. Wade. But in rural communities like the ones I represent in the Southern Tier, there is still work to be done. We still see noticeable rates of low birth weight and premature births in counties like Tompkins, Broome and Cortland, along with elevated levels of neonatal withdrawals and infant mortality. We also see how first-time moms living in rural areas are more likely to face knowledge gaps and barriers to accessing the maternal health resources that can help lower incidences of poor health outcomes, particularly among women of color.

As chair of the Senate's Women's Issues Committee, I am deeply committed to extending key resources to these demographics and ensuring that no one is stranded from care. That's why I introduced legislation that would create a one-stop pregnancy app for those who are expecting. This will enable users to streamline available state resources, consolidate information and ease the research burden throughout the course of their pregnancy. By harnessing the power of technology, we can

Expecting mothers will get answers

State Senator Lea Webb



more easily overcome existing rural resource disparities and provide the necessary support they need for healthy mothers and babies.

Across all areas of life, education is the best prevention. But for those who lack social support or are expecting for the first time, the information hurdle around can be daunting. It's not always clear what the best health practices are during pregnancy, which lifestyle choices can put you and your baby at greater risk, or when to go see a doctor. My legislation would help close these gaps, and empower women with resources and information to decrease preventable, adverse outcomes.

Through the creation of a consolidated pregnancy app, we would be able to provide New

York-specific, expert-backed information to all birthing people and better support them during their prenatal, pregnancy and postpartum services. It would give individuals a centralized place for information from the Department of Health and other state agency programs in order to receive vetted best practices, find closest providers, and access supportive and inclusive care. We know that even these simple interventions can have meaningful, long-lasting impacts. In other rural states where similar programs were developed — like Michigan and Wyoming — those who used them showed improvements in nutrition, physical activity, prenatal care, and intake of dietary supplements. These improvements, in turn, have resulted in

lower rates of smoking while pregnant, and a reduction in preventable infections and asthma. Not only are these positive outcomes for the mother, but they are crucial to the long term health of the baby.

I was proud to pass this bill through the Senate earlier in our legislative session as part of our Maternal Health Package, and fought to include it in our Senate One House Budget Proposal. Now, as we continue with negotiations, I am advocating for it to be carried in the final budget so that all expecting mothers can have full access to this tool. With this app, we will not only be able to utilize the advancements that have been made for expecting individuals, but we will be able to connect them more effectively to those who need them most in our rural communities and other health-care deserts. This is a smart use of the technology at our disposal, and a no-brainer for the well-being of New York's Southern Tier families.

State Sen. Lea Webb (D-Binghamton) represents the 52nd State Senate District, which includes all of Cortland and Tompkins counties and a portion of Broome County. She was elected to the seat in 2022.

Why are US finances so weak?

Megan McArdle



an extra 1.5 percent of GDP that we'll need to find, somewhere.

And, of course, there's an even more heroic assumption underlying all these numbers: that we won't experience another crisis that we'll want to spend a bunch of borrowed money on. As the 2008-2009 financial crisis and the pandemic revealed, this is hardly a safe bet.

These numbers are not yet unmanageable; America has faced worse. In 1945, the deficit was 21 percent of GDP, and the national debt held by the public topped 100 percent. By 1957, the budget was in surplus, and the debt-to-GDP ratio had been cut in half. And we don't need to get all the way to surplus; if we could get our budget deficit down to, say, 1 percent of GDP, inflation and economic growth would gradually erode the debt to something manageable.

But this will be harder for us than it was for our forebears in the mid-20th century. They were a young and growing country, while we are an aging one, with a lot of expensive obligations to our seniors. They enjoyed expanding opportunities for trade and investment in a world that was recovering from war; we face increasing protectionist pressures — both at home and abroad.

Most important, they were serious and we are not.

In the years following the fi-

nancial crisis, economists and pundits debated whether the government was spending too much borrowed money, or too little. The proponents of more stimulus argued that the austerity caucus had mired the economy well below its capacity, inflicting needless suffering on the under — and unemployed. We should run deficits, they argued, while money is cheap, and then pay them down when the economy improves.

They had a point; unemployment is one of the worst things that can happen to people in modern society, and the damage often endures long after they've found new jobs. Preventing unemployment, or at least shortening it, makes people way better off and, theoretically, it can permanently increase the economy's productive capacity.

The austerity-mongers' best counterargument was that we weren't spending the money in theory, or in 1945, when an ethos of fiscal responsibility prevailed. We were spending it in the 21st century, when that ethos had collapsed, so there was a considerable chance that when the good times finally rolled around, no politician would willingly undertake the sacrifices necessary to get the budget back in shape. Instead, the debt would accumulate until some crisis forced policymakers to do something — and then people would suffer

even more than they did from the labor market slack.

We are not having such a crisis now. But we are nevertheless doing everything we would do if we wanted to have a crisis: running up debt, not on productive investments in the future but on ordinary government operating expenses.

When we do trim spending or raise taxes, it is generally to fund something new — such as Obamacare or the current administration's green energy agenda — rather than to ensure that what we're already doing is fiscally sustainable. This means that when we need to restore some semblance of balance, we'll already have used up the most politically palatable options.

If we can't balance our books now, when everything is going well, how will we manage it later, when our growing debt might push up interest rates, crowding out private investment and worsening the budget math? What will we do if, God forbid, another crisis needs to be finessed with borrowed money but no one will lend to us at reasonable rates? Almost no one in government is even asking these questions.

Our national debt is equal to the total of everything we Americans produce in a year, and President Biden isn't talking about fiscal sanity; he's talking about massive child-care subsidies.

The interest on our national debt is equal to 2.4 percent of GDP, and Donald Trump's advisers are floating the possibility of more tax cuts, which presumably would be enacted, as the last ones were, without cutting enough spending to pay for them.

If this is the best Americans can do in the best of times, then we are asking for disaster when things, inevitably, get worse.

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deaths in the county, from seven to 21, Kelley said.

The rise in deaths cost Cort-

land County \$70,000 in autopsies in 2020.

“Since we started meeting with the community on a

monthly basis back in September 2023, one of the recurring discussions that generated from these meetings was the realiza-

tion that surrounding neighborhoods have been experiencing violations of their privacy, safety and security, as well as illegal

activity and loitering in that area for a significant period of time,” Kelley said.

“We completely understand

the fear of the unknown that comes with a new program opening in a rural area,” Kelley said.

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heirlooms, photos, an antique spinning wheel — touching the memories a final time. Then she decided where their next lives would be.

She said goodbye to her constant sidekick, Sunny, a fluffy Maltipoo.

Then the couple traveled to Oregon.

The issue is contentious. Opponents have moral objections with the very concept of someone ending their life. Even with safeguards in place, they argue, the decision could be made for the wrong reasons, including depression or pressure from family burdened by their caretaking.

“It’s normalizing suicide, and it’s incentivizing individuals to end their lives,” said Danielle Pimentel of Americans United for Life. Pimentel raised concerns that pain isn’t the top reason people choose an early departure, adding that policy should focus on bettering end-of-life care.

Two national organizations lobbying for the bills argue it’s about autonomy and compassion, some power over one’s preordained exit.

“It comes down to the right of an individual to control their own end of life decisions free from government intervention or religious interference,” said Geoff Sugerman, national campaign strategist Death with Dignity.

Even though it’s illegal in most states, a 2018 Gallup poll showed more than two-thirds two-thirds of Americans support the practice.

Only a small fraction of Americans across the country, about 8,700, have used physician-assisted death since Oregon became the first state to legalize it in 1997, according to the advocacy group Compassion & Choices.

The organization successfully sued Oregon and Vermont over their residency requirements in the last two years and are using the courts to expand access. California has a bill before lawmakers that would allow out-of-staters to access the procedure. Three states, including Colorado, have proposals to expand in-state access, such as allowing advanced practice registered nurses, not just doctors, to prescribe the medication.

As Robertson discussed the topic with her grandson, he got



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Shannon Rodriguez, right, shows off a tattoo made of her mother Deb Robertson's handwriting “Love You More” and a sunflower at Robertson's home in Lombard, Illinois, on March 23.

teary eyed. If it became legal in Illinois tonight, would his grandmother be gone tomorrow? How does it differ from suicides that left empty seats at his school?

Robertson reassured him it would be the very last option

as she embarks on new chemotherapy treatment. Then she explained the safeguards.

Typically, two doctors must confirm that a patient has six months to live.

The patient must verbally request it twice with a waiting

period that varies by state, and submit a written request with witnesses.

At three meetings, a physician assesses the patient to ensure they are able to make an informed decision.

The patient can be referred

to a psychologist for an assessment if there are concerns.

Patients must take the medication themselves. They lose consciousness within a few minutes, and die usually within a few hours.

Eventually the teenager met her eyes. “Granny, I support whatever you choose to do,” he said.

When Gary Drake, a jovial businessman from Florida, received a diagnosis that lung, bone and kidney cancer would end his life within six months, he didn’t deliberate long.

The 78-year-old flew to Oregon in February, after beginning a Facebook post with “RIP.”

“I love you all, say a prayer for me, and I’ll see you on the other side,” the post read.

His son, Mitch, flew to Oregon to meet with his father. They said their goodbyes, then Drake drank the medicine.

As they played his song request, “Toes” by Zac Brown Band, Drake put the cup down and sang.

“Not a worry in the world, a cold beer in my hand
Life is good today
Life is good today.”
Then he fell asleep.

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on their higher labor costs via higher prices that feed inflation. Though U.S. inflation remains elevated, it has plummeted from its levels of two years ago.

“There’s been something of a mystery — how are we continuing to get such extraordinary strong job growth with inflation still continuing to come down?” said Heidi Shierholz, president of the Economic Policy Institute. “The immigration numbers being higher than what we had thought — that really does pretty much solve that puzzle.”

While helping fuel economic growth, immigrants also lie at the heart of an incendiary election-year debate over the control of the nation’s Southern border. In his bid to return to the White House, Donald Trump has vowed to finish building a border wall and to launch the “largest domestic deportation operation in American history.” Whether he or President Joe Biden wins the election could determine whether the influx of immigrants, and their key role in propelling the econo-



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Workers tend to cows in the milking parlor at the Flood Brothers Farm, April 1, in Clinton, Maine.

my, will endure.

The immigration boom was a surprise. In 2019, the Congressional Budget Office had estimated that net immigration — arrivals minus departures — would equal about 1 million in 2023. The actual number, the CBO said in a January update, was 3.3 million.

Thousands of employers des-

perately needed the new arrivals. The number of native-born Americans in their prime working years — ages 25 to 54 — was dropping because so many of them had aged out of that category and were nearing or entering retirement. Their numbers have shrunk by 770,000 since February 2020, just before COVID-19 slammed

the economy.

Filling the gap has been a wave of immigrants. Over the past four years, the number of prime-age workers who either have a job or are looking for one has surged by 2.8 million. And nearly all those newcomers — 2.7 million, or 96% of them — were born outside the United States.

At the Flood Brothers farm in Maine’s “dairy capital” of Clinton, foreign-born workers make up half the staff of nearly 50, feeding the cows, tending crops and helping collect the milk.

“We cannot do it without them,” said Jenni Tilton-Flood, a partner in the operation.

For every unemployed person in Maine, after all, there are two job openings, on average.

A study by Wendy Edelberg and Tara Watson of the Brookings Institution found that new immigrants raised the economy’s supply of workers and allowed the United States to generate jobs without overheating and accelerating inflation.

In the past, economists typically estimated that America’s employers could add no more than 60,000 to 100,000 jobs a

month without overheating the economy and igniting inflation.

But when Edelberg and Watson included the immigration surge in their calculations, they found that monthly job growth could be roughly twice as high this year — 160,000 to 200,000 — without exerting upward pressure on inflation.

Trump has repeatedly attacked Biden’s immigration policy over the surge in migrants at the Southern border. Only about 27% of the 3.3 million foreigners who entered the United States last year did so through as “lawful permanent residents” or on temporary visas, according to Edelberg and Watson’s analysis. The rest — 2.4 million — either came illegally, overstayed their visas, are awaiting immigration court proceedings or are on a parole program that lets them stay temporarily in the country.

“So there you have it,” Douglas Holtz-Eakin, president of the conservative American Action Forum, said. “The way to solve an inflation crisis is to endure an immigration crisis.”

Many economists suggest

that immigrants benefit the U.S. economy. They take low-paying but essential jobs that most U.S.-born Americans won’t, like caring for the sick and the elderly.

And they can also make the country more innovative because they are more likely to start businesses and obtain patents.

Critics counter that a surge in immigration can force down pay, particularly for low-income workers.

Last month, in the most recent economic report of the president, Biden’s advisers acknowledged that “immigration may place downward pressure on the wages of some low-paid workers” but added that most studies show that the impact on the wages of the U.S.-born is “small.”

Holtz-Eakin argued that an immigration cutoff of the kind Trump has vowed to impose, if elected, would result in “much, much slower labor force growth and a return to the sharp trade-off” between containing inflation and maintaining economic growth that the United States has so far managed to avoid.

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Biden administration will require thousands more gun dealers to run background checks on buyers

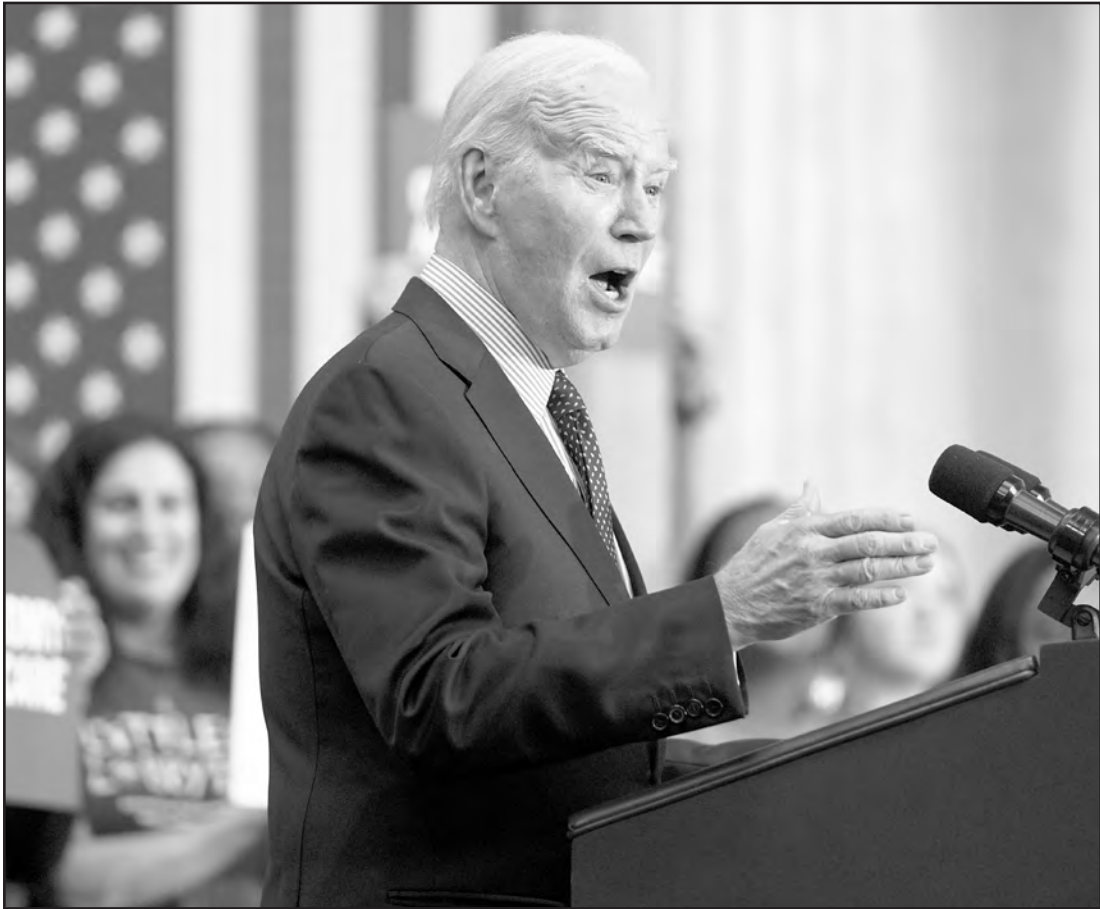
By A. DURKIN RICHER and COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Thousands more firearms dealers across the United States will have to run background checks on buyers at gun shows or other places outside brick-and-mortar stores, according to a Biden administration rule that will soon go into effect.

The rule aims to close a loophole that has allowed tens of thousands of guns to be sold every year by unlicensed dealers who do not perform background checks to ensure the potential buyer is not legally prohibited from having a firearm. Gun rights groups are expected to fight it in court.

It's the administration's latest effort to combat gun violence. But in a contentious election year, it's also an effort to show voters — especially younger ones for whom gun violence deeply resonates — that the White House is trying to stop the deaths.

"This is going to keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers and felons," President Joe Biden said in a statement. "And my administration is going to continue to do everything we possibly can to save lives. Congress needs to finish the job and pass universal background checks legislation now."

The rule, which was finalized this week, makes clear that anyone who sells firearms predominantly to earn a profit must be federally licensed and conduct



President Joe Biden delivers remarks on proposed spending on child care and other investments in the "care economy" during a rally at Union Station, Tuesday, in Washington.

background checks, regardless of whether they are selling on the internet, at a gun show or at a brick-and-mortar store, Attorney General Merrick Garland told reporters.

Biden has made curtailing gun violence a major part of his administration and reelection campaign, creating the White House Office of Gun Violence Preven-

tion overseen by Vice President Kamala Harris. Biden also has urged Congress to ban so-called assault weapons — something Democrats shied from even just a few years ago.

The rule is likely to be challenged in court by gun rights activists who believe the Democratic president is unfairly targeting gun owners. The National

Rifle Association said in a statement that it is "already working to use all means available to stop this unlawful rule."

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, an industry trade group, also has warned of a court challenge if the rule was finalized as written. Lawrence Keane, the foundation's senior vice president and general

counsel, said Thursday that the organization was reviewing the regulation after contending previously that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was overstepping its legal authority.

Biden administration officials said they are confident the rule, which drew more than 380,000 public comments, would withstand lawsuits. The administration first proposed the rule in August, after the passage of the most sweeping gun violence bill in decades, a bipartisan compromise in response to the massacre of 19 students and two teachers at a Uvalde, Texas elementary school.

That law expanded the definition of those who are "engaged in the business" of selling firearms, and are required to become licensed by the ATF and therefore run background checks. The rule, which implements the change in the law, will take effect 30 days after it is published in the Federal Register.

There are already roughly 80,000 federally licensed firearms dealers.

Administration officials believe the new rule will impact more than 20,000 dealers who have gotten away with selling firearms without a license and performing background checks at places like gun shows and over the internet by claiming they aren't "engaged in the business" of firearm sales.

"Everybody can see that people are not following the law in significant numbers,"

ATF Director Steve Dettelbach said in an interview. "And it's just wrong for public safety, it's wrong for fairness when all these licensed dealers are out there following the rules, for people to think that they don't have to all play by the same set of rules."

The rule makes clear there are instances when a license is not needed, such people who occasionally resell firearms to a family member or liquidate their personal collection.

Republican Sens. John Cornyn of Texas and Thom Tillis of North Carolina, who were instrumental in the passage of the gun law, have started an effort to block the rule from going into effect. But that is unlikely to succeed because the president would have the final say. It comes a week after the ATF released new data that shows more than 68,000 illegally trafficked firearms in the U.S. came through unlicensed dealers who aren't required to perform background checks over a five-year period.

The ATF report also showed that guns trafficked through unlicensed dealers were used in nearly 370 shootings between 2017 and 2021.

Gun control advocates who have long pushed to close the so-called gun show loophole praised the regulation as a big step toward their goal of universal background checks for gun buyers — a Democratic priority that has been blocked by Republicans in Congress.



ACLU attorney Chase Strangio, right, and actor Elliot Page leave the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals after a hearing Thursday, in St. Louis, Missouri.

Gender-affirming care ban for minors argued before US appeals court

By ANDREW DeMILLO and JIM SALTER
Associated Press
ST. LOUIS — Arguments before a federal appeals court that is considering whether to reinstate Arkansas' first-in-the-nation ban on gender-affirming care for minors focused Thursday on whether it and similar restrictions adopted by two dozen states discriminate on the basis of sex.

Ten judges with the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis heard arguments over a judge's ruling last year that struck down the ban as unconstitutional. The 2021 law would prohibit doctors from providing gender-affirming hormone treatment, puberty blockers or surgery to anyone under 18.

An attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, which challenged the law on behalf of four transgender youths and

their parents, said the restriction infringes on the longstanding rights of parents to make decisions about their children's medical care.

"Arkansas believed that that government knew better than the loving parents in this case what was best for their minor children," Chase Strangio, deputy director for transgender justice for the ACLU's LGBTQ and HIV Project, told the court. "That burdens that longstanding right of parents to direct the medical care of their children."

At least 24 states have adopted laws restricting or banning gender-affirming medical care for transgender minors, and most of those face lawsuits.

The restrictions on health care are part of a larger backlash against transgender rights, touching on everything from bathroom access to participation in sports.

By KELVIN CHAN
AP Business Writer

LONDON — Instagram says it's deploying new tools to protect young people and combat sexual extortion, including a feature that will automatically blur nudity in direct messages.

The social media platform said in a blog post Thursday that it's testing out the features as part of its campaign to fight sexual scams and other forms of "image abuse," and to make it tougher for criminals to contact teens.

Sexual extortion, or sextortion, involves persuading a person to send explicit photos online and then threatening to make the images public unless the victim pays money or engages in sexual favors. Recent high-profile cases include two Nigerian brothers who pleaded guilty to sexually extorting teen boys and young men in Michigan, including one who took his own life, and a Virginia sheriff's deputy who sexually extorted and kidnapped a 15-year-old girl.

Instagram and other social media companies have faced growing criticism for not doing enough to protect young people. Mark Zuckerberg, the CEO of Instagram's owner Meta Platforms, apologized to the parents of victims of such abuse during a Senate hearing earlier this year.

Meta, which is based in Menlo Park, California, also owns Facebook and WhatsApp but the nudity blur feature won't be added to messages sent on those platforms.

Instagram said scammers often use direct messages to ask for "intimate images." To counter this, it will soon start testing out a nudity-protection feature



The Instagram logo is seen on a cell phone in Boston, Massachusetts, Oct. 14, 2022.

for direct messages that blurs any images with nudity "and encourages people to think twice before sending nude images."

"The feature is designed not only to protect people from seeing unwanted nudity in their DMs, but also to protect them from scammers who may send nude images to trick people into sending their own images in return," Instagram said.

The feature will be turned on by default globally for teens under 18. Adult users will get a notification encouraging them to activate it.

Images with nudity will be blurred with a warning, giving users the option to view it. They'll also get an option to

block the sender and report the chat.

For people sending direct messages with nudity, they will get a message reminding them to be cautious when sending "sensitive photos." They'll also be informed that they can unsend the photos if they change their mind, but that there's a chance others may have already seen them. As with many of Meta's tools and policies around child safety, critics saw the move as a positive step, but one that does not go far enough.

"I think the tools announced can protect senders, and that is welcome. But what about recipients?" said Arturo Béjar, former engineering director

at the social media giant who is known for his expertise in curbing online harassment. He said 1 in 8 teens receives an unwanted advance on Instagram every seven days, citing internal research he compiled while at Meta that he presented in November testimony before Congress. "What tools do they get? What can they do if they get an unwanted nude?"

Béjar said "things won't meaningfully change" until there is a way for a teen to say they've received an unwanted advance, and there is transparency about it.

Instagram said it's working on technology to help identify accounts that could be potentially be engaging in sexual extortion scams, "based on a range of signals that could indicate sextortion behavior."

To stop criminals from connecting with young people, it's also taking measures including not showing the "message" button on a teen's profile to potential sextortion accounts, even if they already follow each other, and testing new ways to hide teens from these accounts.

In January, the FBI warned of a "huge increase" in sextortion cases targeting children — including financial sextortion, where someone threatens to release compromising images unless the victim pays. The targeted victims are primarily boys between the ages of 14 to 17, but the FBI said any child can become a victim. In the six-month period from October 2022 to March 2023, the FBI saw a more than 20% increase in reporting of financially motivated sextortion cases involving minor victims compared to the same period in the previous year.

Telehealth access for low-income families threatened as federal internet subsidies end

By SARAH JANE TRIBBLE
KFF Health News (TNS)
For Cindy Westman, \$30 buys a week's worth of gas to drive to medical appointments and run errands.

It's also how much she spent on her monthly internet bill before the federal Affordable Connectivity Program stepped in and covered her payments.

"When you have low income and you are living on disability

and your daughter's disabled, every dollar counts," said Westman, who lives in rural Illinois.

More than 23 million low-income households — urban, suburban, rural, and tribal — are enrolled in the federal discount program Congress created in 2021 to bridge the nation's digital connectivity gap. The program has provided \$30 monthly subsidies for internet bills or \$75 discounts in tribal and high-

cost areas. But the program is expected to run out of money in April or May, according to the Federal Communications Commission. In January, FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel asked Congress to allocate \$6 billion to keep the program running until the end of 2024. She said the subsidy gives Americans the "internet service they need to fully participate in modern life."

The importance of high-speed internet was seared into the American psyche by scenes of children sitting in parking lots and outside fast-food restaurants to attend school online during the COVID-19 pandemic. During that same period, health care providers and patients like Westman say, being connected also became a vital part of today's health care delivery system.

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Cannes sets lineup with Lanthimos, Coppola films

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

New films from Yorgos Lanthimos, Andrea Arnold and Francis Ford Coppola, as well as a portrait of 1980s Donald Trump, will compete for the Palme d'Or at the 77th Cannes Film Festival next month, organizers announced Thursday.

Thierry Frémaux, Cannes's artistic director who announced the selections in a news conference in Paris with festival president Iris Knobloch, said this year's lineup was plucked from 2,000 submissions. Though Frémaux noted he went into the process concerned about the effect of last year's strikes on American films, the lineup is typically full of top international filmmakers as well as a few hotly anticipated blockbusters.

Among the 19 films selected for competition is Lanthimos' "Kinds of Kindness," the Greek director's follow-up to the Oscar-winning "Poor Things." Its cast includes two stars of "Poor Things": Emma Stone and Willem Dafoe.

Paolo Sorrentino, the Italian filmmaker of "The Great Beauty," returns to Cannes with "Parthenope," a Naples-set



Francis Ford Coppola arrives at the Oscars on March 27, 2022, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

drama co-starring Gary Oldman. Arnold, the British director of "American Honey" and "Fish Tank," also returns to Cannes with "Bird," starring Barry Keoghan and Franz Rogowski.

Sure to draw attention will be Ali Abbasi's "The Apprentice,"

a film about the former president's early business career. In it, Sebastian Stan stars as Trump, Jeremy Strong plays Roy Cohn and Maria Bakalova co-stars as Ivana Trump. The Iranian director Abbasi was previously in competition at Cannes with

2022's "Holy Spider."

Numerous other big-name filmmakers are also returning to Cannes, which runs May 14-25. Among them: David Cronenberg ("The Shrouds," with Vincent Cassel and Diane Kruger); Paul Schrader ("Oh, Canada," with

Richard Gere and Uma Thurman) and the lauded Chinese director Jia Zhang-Ke ("Caught By the Tides"). Also in competition are Sean Baker ("Anora"), whose "Red Rocket" and "The Florida Project" also premiered at Cannes; and the French filmmaker Jacques Audiard ("Emilia Perez"), who won the Palme in 2015 for "Dheepan."

As previously reported, Francis Ford Coppola's "Megalopolis" will premiere in competition in Cannes. The 85-year-old director's self-financed, long-gestating epic will debut 50 years after his "The Conversation" won the Palme d'Or.

This year's Cannes follows a banner 2023 edition that featured the premieres of three films that went on to win best-picture nominations at the Academy Awards: Martin Scorsese's "Killers of the Flower Moon"; Jonathan Glazer's "The Zone of Interest"; and Justine Triet's Palme d'Or winner "Anatomy of a Fall."

"Anatomy of a Fall" was only the third film directed by a woman to win the Palme. This year, there are four female filmmakers in competition. Frémaux said he may add further selections in the coming weeks.

Cannes had already lined up a few notable world premieres playing out of competition including George Miller's "Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga" and Kevin Costner's "Horizon, An American Saga." George Lucas is set to receive an honorary Palme d'Or at the closing ceremony. The festival will kick off May 14 with the French comedy "The Second Act," starring Léa Seydoux and Vincent Lindon.

Greta Gerwig, coming off the success of "Barbie," is heading the jury that will decide the Palme d'Or.

Some entries will take on added poignance, Frémaux noted, due to current events. The first selection he announced Thursday was Yolande Zauberman's documentary "The Beauty of Gaza," about transgender Palestinians who emigrate to Tel Aviv. Ukrainian filmmaker Sergei Loznitsa will debut his documentary "The Invasion," on Russia's war on his native country.

One new addition this year: The festival is launching a competitive immersive section featuring works of virtual and augmented reality.

Jon Snow sequel to 'Game of Thrones' shelved indefinitely

By BROOKE LEFFERTS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Winter, apparently, is not coming back. Kit Harington has shut down talk of a Jon Snow sequel to HBO's massive hit "Game of Thrones."

"There are no plans for it at the moment. It's off the table for the foreseeable," Harington told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday, while promoting his new crime drama film "Blood for Dust."

"Game of Thrones" ended in 2019 after eight seasons, but the prospect of spinoffs were bandied about. Fans had to wait three years for the only one that's aired thus far, the HBO prequel "House of the Dragon," set two centuries before "Game

of Thrones."

A sequel centered around the popular Snow, who started "Game of Thrones" as an outcast and brother of the Night's Watch and fought his way to more power in Westeros and the truth of his ancestry, had reportedly been in development for a few years.

"We sort of threw around a few ideas. Nothing really stuck, and we're going to leave it there for the moment," Harington, 37, said.

An HBO spokesperson declined comment to the AP.

The Snow-centric sequel isn't the first spinoff put on ice. In 2019, HBO reportedly dropped a prequel set thousands of years beforehand. Starring Naomi Watts, it had already filmed a pilot episode.

As for Harington, he recently partnered again with HBO for an appearance on the third season of the network's drama "Industry," which premieres later this year. The actor said he was "really excited" about being on the show, based on London's cutthroat financial world.

"I just think it's one of the most unique, interesting, tonally, exciting pieces out there," Harington said.

The second season of "House of the Dragon" is set to premiere on June 16 — and fans eager for more Westeros can look forward to the prequel "Seven Kingdoms: The Hedge Knight." Warner Bros. announced last week that Peter Claffey and Dexter Sol Ansell will lead the series, set 100 years before "Game of Thrones."



Kit Harington poses for photographers upon arrival at the Olivier Awards in London, April 10, 2022.



A customer holds the door for a family arriving at Leavitt's Country Bakery, April 13, 2023, in Conway, New Hampshire.

Town creates public art ordinance after doughnut mural sparks debate

By KATHY McCORMACK
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — A New Hampshire town's new ordinance that was pitched as "a path forward" for public artwork hasn't resolved a bakery owner's First Amendment dispute over a large pastry painting, and his lawyer predicts it will only lead to more litigation as town officials become "speech police."

Conway residents passed the ordinance by a vote of 1,277 to 423 during town elections Tuesday, part of a lengthy ballot for budget and spending items and picking government positions, such as selectboard, treasurer, and police commissioner.

The vote came more than a year after the owner of Leavitt's Country Bakery sued the town over a painting by high school students that's displayed across his storefront, showing the sun shining over a mountain range made of sprinkle-covered chocolate and strawberry doughnuts, a blueberry muffin, a cinnamon roll and other pastries.

The zoning board decided that the painting was not so much art as advertising, and so could not remain as is because of its size. At about 90 square feet, it's four

times bigger than the town's sign code allows.

The new ordinance requires applicants to meet criteria for art on public and commercial property. It says that while the zoning and planning boards must approve the appropriateness of theme, location, and design before the selectboard considers each proposal, the process should make "no intrusion into the artistic expression or the content of work."

"There's no part of writing that where we try to limit any kind of speech," Planning Board Chairperson Benjamin Colbath said at a March 28 meeting. "We did try to carefully write that and certainly took inspiration from what a lot of other communities are doing as well as we confirm with counsel on that one."

A lawyer for the bakery had urged voters to reject the ordinance.

"Typically, people get to decide whether to speak or not; they don't have to ask the government 'pretty please' first," Robert Frommer wrote last week in the Conway Daily Sun.

"All commercial property owners would have to get permission before putting up any

sort of public art in town," Frommer wrote, and town officials can "deny murals because of what they depict, or who put them up."

Sean Young, the bakery owner, said he was voting no: "Local officials don't get to play art critic."

Young sued after town officials told him the painting could stay if it showed actual mountains — instead of pastries suggesting mountains — or if the building wasn't a bakery.

Young's lawsuit was paused last year as residents considered revising how the town defines signs, in a way that would have allowed the sign to stay up. But that measure was seen as too broad and complex, and it failed to pass.

The mural remains in place for now, as his case heads to trial this November.

Frommer told The Associated Press in an email that the town hasn't said whether the new ordinance will impact Leavitt's mural, "and if Sean wanted to paint a different mural with the high school students at any of his businesses, he would have to jump through the ordinance's unconstitutional hoops."

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SUNY Cortland alum named Oak Hill Academy president

By **PAUL CIFONELLI**
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Micah Kurtz, a 2003 SUNY Cortland alum, has been named president of Oak Hill Academy. Oak Hill is a co-ed college prep boarding school in Mouth of Wilson, Virginia, known for its high-level basketball program. Kurtz was the director of

sports performance and assistant director of athletics at Windermere Preparatory School in Windermere, Florida. He has also been Oak Hill's basketball strength and conditioning consultant for the last 14 years. Kurtz was named National Strength Coach of the Year in 2016 and is an advisor on youth

athletic development for USA Basketball, USA Football and the NFL. "I am deeply honored to be chosen to lead this esteemed school into its next chapter," Kurtz said in an article published by the school. "A testament to Dr. Michael Groves', Coach Steve Smith's and others past leadership, Oak Hill has a

world class staff in place and no school in the world has a better alumni group or brand than Oak Hill Academy. I am incredibly excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for Oak Hill and look forward to working with all stakeholders to make our vision a reality. I extend my thanks to the board of trustees for entrusting me with this tremen-

dous responsibility." After graduating from SUNY Cortland, Kurtz, a Buffalo native, got his master's degree from the University of South Carolina. Oak Hill has multiple athletics teams, but its boys basketball program has produced 29 NBA players. Former Syracuse University and NBA star Carmelo

Anthony finished high school at Oak Hill, as well as NBA Hall of Famers Calvin Duncan, Rod Strickland, Jerry Stackhouse, Josh Smith and Ron Mercer. More recent NBA stars from the school include Stephen Jackson, Steve Blake, Rajon Rondo, Ty Lawson, Brandon Jennings, Cody Martin and Keldon Johnson.

College Football

USC has stayed silent on OJ Simpson's death

Underscores school's complicated connection to its former football star

By **GREG BEACHAM**
AP Sports Writer
LOS ANGELES — A copy of O.J. Simpson's Heisman Trophy still sits in Heritage Hall on the campus of the University of Southern California, at least when it isn't being displayed elsewhere along with the rest of the school's large collection.

Simpson's jersey is still retired by USC in recognition of his two remarkable seasons as the Trojans' tailback, and his No. 32 is prominently displayed at every home football game on the banners that drape the peristyle steps of the venerable Coliseum.

But when Simpson's death from prostate cancer at 76 in Las Vegas was announced Thursday, his school made no public acknowledgement of it.

The silence — atypical for the Trojans, who have lauded their passing football greats with flowery public statements — is an obvious statement in itself about the complicated relationship with one of the most accomplished athletes in USC history. Lincoln Riley was born 15 years after Simpson won his Heisman, but the current USC coach was left to provide what might turn out to be the university's only prominent words on Simpson's death during his normal spring football media availability. "Certainly as a head coach here, you obviously know about his history and his legacy, the kind of player that he was here," Riley said. "We definitely, certainly recognize that, and obviously extend our sympathies to his family on their loss."

That disconnect largely has been the standard for institutions in Los Angeles and across the nation for the past three decades since Simpson was charged with killing his former wife and her friend in 1994.

The worlds of sports and entertainment largely disassociated from one of the most famous athletes-turned-actors of his generation, and most of his longtime friends and admirers had dropped Simpson by the time he was acquitted in 1995.

So it's difficult to remember that until the public course of Simpson's life changed forever in his late 40s, he was widely perceived as an embodiment of the American dream.

He grew up in the Potrero Hill housing projects of San Francisco, overcoming brushes with gangs, a few arrests and juvenile corrections before finding a way out through football. Simpson then played two seasons at City College of San Francisco, becoming a two-way junior college star.

Major programs offered scholarships to Simpson for the 1967 season, and he chose USC, the school he admired growing up. He arrived on campus with high expectations under coach John McKay, but he exceeded every reasonable prognostication by becoming one of the most dominant running backs in college football history.

Just how important was Simpson to the Trojans while they went 19-2-1 and made two Rose Bowl appearances during his two seasons? He carried the ball a jaw-dropping 674 times in just 22 games for 3,423 yards and 36 touchdowns.

Simpson remained popular in Los Angeles when he went on to his NFL career in Buffalo and San Francisco, and he returned to Hollywood to continue his acting career after his retirement from football. He was an avid golfer and a member of the famed Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades, where he played several times a week in 1994 — including the morning before Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were killed. Simpson was found liable for the deaths in a civil trial in 1997, and subsequent attempts to rehabilitate his image foundered. The former football star remained publicly estranged for the rest of his life — and an attempt to change that backfired as well.

Simpson visited USC's practice in Fort Lauderdale in late 2002 while the Trojans were preparing to face Iowa in the Orange Bowl. The 1968 Heisman winner, who hadn't been around the team since the murders, chatted with reigning Heisman winner Carson Palmer and others. Pete Carroll called Simpson "a legend" after welcoming him, but the coach and the school received widespread public condemnation after.



AP Photo/File
University of Southern California running back O.J. Simpson, center, runs against Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, Oct. 14, 1967.

High School Softball



Paul Cifonelli/sports editor
Cincinnatus' Rachael Standish, left, leads off second base after a pitch Friday at Cincinnatus Central School. Standish went 2-for-3 with two walks and four runs scored in the Lions' 25-3 win.

Cincy softball routs Madison in home opener

By **PAUL CIFONELLI**
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The Cincinnatus softball team wasted no time in its home opener, scoring 11 runs in the bottom of the first in a 25-3 win over Madison Friday at Cincinnatus Central School.

Every player to record a plate appearance for the Lions got a hit, with four — Kaylee Brenchley, Neveah Billings, Hannah Ellerson, Addison Stith — notching three hits. Rachael Standish also had two hits.

Brenchley finished a single short of the cycle, knocking in four runs and scoring three times. Billings also had a double and a home run, four RBIs and three runs. Ellerson also drew two walks and scored twice and Stith added a double, a walk, two RBIs and three runs. Standish drew two walks, drove in a run and scored four runs.

Lucy Finch hit the Lions' third home run of the day, a solo shot, was hit by a pitch and scored three times, Payton Gerrard singled, walked twice, drove in two runs and scored three times, Madison Stover doubled, was hit by a pitch, knocked in a run and scored twice, Mandi Waltz singled, walked, drove in two runs and scored once, Linette Custer singled, was hit by a pitch, drove in a run and scored a run and Sailor Stith smacked a double.

"Our bats came alive today and in our previous games we weren't doing too hot with our bats," Gerrard said. "Our fielding was good. I think with everyone putting in the work

**Cincinnatus
Madison**

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on the field helped so we could be out here (Friday)."

With such a big lead, Cincinnatus head coach Mikayla Gates got the chance to use three different pitchers and move girls around to different positions. Brenchley tossed the first two innings, allowing an unearned run on three hits with five strikeouts. Billings followed her up with three strikeouts in two frames, allowing two unearned runs on three hits and three walks. Gerrard got the final three outs, all by strikeout.

Stover thinks getting everyone in the game and mixing up the positions will end up helping the Lions in the long run, as they now have the option to use multiple different arms on the mound.

"It's going to help us a lot," Stover said. "It's a big confidence booster for everybody on our team getting the opportunity to play and the opportunity to get reps in."

Cincinnatus, now 2-1, will next play at 4:30 p.m. Monday at home against Brookfield.

**GIRLS LACROSSE
WESTHILL 21, CORTLAND 3**

Valerosa Gambitta scored all three of Cortland's goals and added a ground ball and draw control. Cortland was down 13-2 at halftime.

Liz Slavick made three saves for the Purple Tigers and scooped up a

ground ball. Gabby Brown picked up two ground balls, Aubree Larkin controlled two draws and Emma Marks controlled a draw.

**SOUTHERN HILLS 14,
WAYNE 8**

Maddie Simmons scored five goals, nabbed four ground balls, controlled three draws and forced a turnover as Southern Hills snapped a two-game losing skid.

Aliyah Mattox followed Simmons up with two goals and two assists, Maddy Lund, Gabby Flatt and Gracie Burns all scored twice and Kameryn Meaney notched a goal and an assist.

Kiera Reed stopped six shots for the Storm and picked up three ground balls. Flatt controlled nine draws, got three ground balls and caused a turnover, Meaney got five ground balls, Burns had four ground balls, four draw controls and a forced turnover, Lund added two ground balls and two forced turnovers, Mackenzie Loughlin pitched in two ground balls and a draw control, Mattox had a draw control and a forced turnover, Amie Shute controlled a draw and Charlotte Hourigan and Gabbie Brown each caused a turnover.

**BOYS TENNIS
HOMER 3, MARCELLUS 2**

Brayden Clark won his first singles match Thursday 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6), Cooper Layaw won his third

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Swimming

4 seniors end Cortland Stingers careers at state meet

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Henry Belton, Lauren Mott, Caleigh Stone and Kyle Wright all finished their swimming

careers at the New York State YMCA Swimming Championships on March 15 through 17. All four swimmers finished in the top eight in their races at the event. Shelley Yang topped

the field in the 13-to-14-year-old girls 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter backstroke, marking the second year in a row she was a state champion in the events. Yang also came in second in

the 100-meter freestyle and the 100-meter butterfly and placed third in the 200-meter individual medley. Jordyn Underwood also finished second in the 9-to-10-year-old girls 50-meter freestyle.

Underwood took home a top eight finish in another event as well.

Charlie Partigianoni, Evie Schneider and Lily Yang notched top eight finishes as well.

Cortland Stingers swimmers combined for 67 personal best times during the championships.

The Stingers' final event of the season will be the banquet held on May 3 at Homer High School.

Major League Baseball

Mets stop Royals' 7-game win streak with 6-1 victory

NEW YORK (AP) — Pete Alonso homered and Luis Severino earned his first win for New York, who snapped Kansas City's seven-game winning streak in a 6-1 win.

Brett Baty hit a two-run double and the Mets scored all five of their runs off starter Michael Wacha with two outs. New York reached double digits in hits for the fourth consecutive game and has won six of eight following an 0-5 start.

Coming off a 7-0 homestand that marked the longest winning streak in the majors this season, the surprising Royals (9-5) were looking for their first eight-game winning streak since a nine-game run in July 2017.

BREWERS 11, ORIOLES 1

Freddy Peralta struck out 11 in six outstanding innings, and the Milwaukee Brewers hit three home runs in an 11-1 rout of the Baltimore Orioles that included a bench-clearing incident in the sixth inning Friday night.

RAYS 2, GIANTS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Jacob Waguespack and five relievers combined on a six-hitter and Tampa Bay beat San Francisco.

PIRATES 5, PHILLIES 2

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bailey Falter allowed one run over five innings to beat his former team, leading Pittsburgh over Philadelphia as Phillies star Bryce Harper broke out of an 0-for-18 slide with two hits.

David Bednar pitched a perfect ninth for his second save in five chances, and Henry Davis doubled, singled and drove in two runs. Bryan Reynolds and Connor Joe also had RBIs for the Pirates, who took advantage of some sloppy play by Philadelphia.

ANGELS 7, RED SOX 0

BOSTON (AP) — Reid Detmers allowed three hits over 6 1/3 innings with seven strikeouts and Taylor Ward matched a



AP Photo/Noah K. Murray

Mets pitcher Luis Severino throws against the Royals during the first inning, Friday, in New York.

season high with three RBIs to lead Los Angeles over Boston.

BRAVES 8, MARLINS 1

MIAMI (AP) — Max Fried pitched six solid innings and Marcell Ozuna homered to lead Atlanta to a win over Miami in their series opener.

ROCKIES 12, BLUE JAYS 4

TORONTO (AP) — Ryan Feltner pitched five innings for his first win of the season and Colorado had 20 hits in a rout of Toronto.

REDS 11, WHITE SOX 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Elly De La Cruz hit a three-run drive for his fourth homer in his last four games, helping Andrew Abbott and Cincinnati beat Chicago.

Tyler Stephenson also homered for Cincinnati, which had

dropped three of four. Christian Encarnacion-Strand and Santiago Espinal each had two hits and three RBIs, and Jonathan India walked four times from the leadoff spot.

Abbott (1-1) pitched seven innings of one-run ball in Cincinnati's longest start so far this season. The left-hander struck out three and walked none.

TIGERS 8, TWINS 2

DETROIT (AP) — Mark Canha hit a solo homer in the first inning, Tarik Skubal pitched five scoreless innings and Detroit went on to beat Minnesota. Canha, Spencer Torkelson and Matt Vierling each had two hits and two RBIs, helping Detroit pull away with six runs from the fourth to the sixth inning.

Skubal (2-0) gave up just

two hits and two walks while striking out five. Alex Faedo, Andrew Chafin and Will Vest followed in relief.

MARINERS 4, CUBS 2

SEATTLE (AP) — Bryce Miller allowed one unearned run in 6 1/3 innings, Julio Rodriguez had a key two-out, two-run single and the Seattle Mariners beat the Chicago Cubs 4-2. Miller allowed just three hits and quieted Chicago's bats that entered the night averaging more than six runs per game.

RANGERS 12, ASTROS 8

HOUSTON (AP) — Jonah Heim homered and drove in four runs, and the Texas Rangers beat Houston 12-8 to drop the Astros seven games under .500 for the first time in eight years.

NHL

Rangers fans cheer on rookie Rempe for his fists, size

By STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Hockey Writer

On his very first shift in the NHL, Matt Rempe dropped the gloves and fought veteran Matt Martin. Since then, he has taken photos with adoring fans at a Cheesecake Factory and has had his name printed on custom T-shirts and chanted at Madison Square Garden, whether he is in the game or not.

Rempemania is in full bloom for the New York Rangers and their 6-foot-8, 241-pound rookie, who has become something of a hero. This is almost solely due to his five fights in his first two months on the job, including the central role in an unusual 5-on-5 line brawl and a four-game suspension for a hit to the head. He is just 21.

Rempe's popularity underscores the NHL's complicated relationship with fighting. Tough guys and fighting both have faded in the league amid concerns about safety and an increased emphasis on skillful play, but it is clear fans — a lot of them — love the brawls just as much now as they did during the blood-and-broken teeth days of decades past.

Rempe, then, is something like a warm memory, at least for now. He will quickly need to figure out how to balance pugilism and physicality with playing well enough to stay on the ice for the Stanley Cup-contending Rangers this season — and beyond.

"What happened the first two, three, four weeks of his career up there is not long-term sustainability," said Dixon Ward, who coached Rempe as a teenager in Okanagan, British Columbia, and a veteran of 599 NHL games. "You've got to establish yourself and then you've got to pick your spots, but you have also have to show that you can play. And the only way you can show you can actually play is to stay in the game."

Rempe has skated 84 minutes on the ice, spent 69 in the penalty box or the locker room, and recorded one goal and one assist since the Rangers called him up

in February. Still, his jersey was featured in the front window of the NHL Store in New York, and "We want Rempe! We want Rempe!" is a familiar refrain from Rangers fans if their team is losing or being pushed around.

In and out of the lineup down the stretch, Rempe — who didn't fight much in the junior Western Hockey League known for toughness — wants to prove he can stick around for more than just fisticuffs.

"I want to show the coaching staff that I can be a really effective player in the playoffs," he said as the regular season winds down. "I don't want to be a guy who just fights. I want to be known as tough but I want to be known as a guy who's a very effective bottom-six forward who can skate, be a really good checker, can be physical, be good defensively."

The current NHL game has no place for one-dimensional fighters like the days of yesteryear, a product of the salary cap and rule changes that have minimized the instances of bareknuckle boxing on skates. Rempe is a welcome throwback for those who contend fighting allows players to police the game themselves and keep intentional injuries to a minimum.

"With this story about Rempe, it's kind of bringing it back a little bit," said Philadelphia's Nicolas Deslauriers, who fought Rempe in February and leads the league with 11 fights this season. "It's good for us. We try to keep this involved in the league. We all know it's going away. But I think it's strongly needed. I think it just settles people at the same time."

Commissioner Gary Bettman said he ran into Rempe at Madison Square Garden after punches from Deslauriers gave the 2020 sixth-round pick a couple of shiners. Bettman said Rempe seems like a nice young man.

"For whatever reason, either his size or reputation or the fact that people just want to challenge him, I think this is his introduction to the league," Bettman said.



AP Photo/Mary Altaffer

Devils defenseman Kurtis MacDermid, right, fights Rangers center Matt Rempe, left, April 3, at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Judge orders ex-interpreter for Ohtani to get gambling addiction treatment

By STEFANIE DAZIO

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A federal judge on Friday ordered the former longtime interpreter for Los Angeles Dodgers star Shohei Ohtani to undergo gambling addiction treatment in a sports betting case stemming from allegations he stole \$16 million from the Japanese baseball player's bank account to pay off debts.

Ippe Mizuhara exploited his personal and professional relationship with Ohtani to plunder millions from the two-

way player's account for years, prosecutors said, at times impersonating Ohtani to bankers.

"I'm very grateful for the Department of Justice's investigation," Ohtani told the Los Angeles Times on Friday. "For me personally, this marks a break from this, and I'd like to focus on baseball."

Ohtani spoke from the field at Dodger Stadium ahead of the team's game against the San

Diego Padres.

United States Magistrate Judge Maria A. Audero also ordered Mizuhara to be released on an unsecured \$25,000 bond, colloquially known as a signature bond. That means that Mizuhara does not have to put up any cash or collateral to be released. If he violates the conditions of his bond, then he will be on the hook for \$25,000.

Mizuhara only spoke on



Mizuhara



AP Photo/Mary Altaffer

Knicks guard Jalen Brunson, right, is defended by Nets forward Trenderon Watford, left, and forward Jalen Wilson, center, Friday, at Madison Square Garden in New York.

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Jalen Brunson had 30 points and 11 assists after a slow start, OG Anunoby scored all of his 15 points in the third quarter and the New York Knicks beat the Brooklyn Nets 111-107 on Friday night, clinching home-court advantage in the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Josh Hart added 16 points and Mitchell Robinson also had 15 for the Knicks, who guaranteed themselves a top-four finish in the East and remained in the hunt for the No. 2 seed. They entered play a game behind Milwaukee for second in the East. The Bucks were playing at Oklahoma City later Friday without Giannis Antetokounmpo and Damian Lillard.

The Knicks won their fourth straight overall and completed a season sweep of the Nets that tied the all-time series between the local

rivals at 107 wins apiece. Brooklyn had won nine straight, never losing with Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving in uniform, but New York has won all six meetings since both were traded in the middle of last season.

Anunoby helped turn around a game the Nets led by 17 in the first half. Besides shooting 6 for 7 in the period, he helped hold Cam Thomas scoreless after the Brooklyn guard scored 22 in the first half.

The Knicks improved to 19-3 when Anunoby plays. They host Chicago on Sunday in their final game of the regular season.

Thomas finished with 41 points. Trenton Watford added 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Nets, who had won six of nine.

The Knicks were sluggish to start a night after winning at NBA-leading Boston. They fell behind 11-0 and missed 12 of their first 14 shots, and the Nets raced to a 30-14 lead.

New York then rang up 70 points

over the next two quarters.

Brunson finally got on the board with 4:16 left in the half, and quickly had nine before the 3-minute mark. The Knicks trimmed it to 63-54 at the half, then came out with a 9-0 run that tied it for the first time on Anunoby's steal and dunk.

New York outscored Brooklyn 30-13 in the third and went up by 11 in the fourth before the Nets got it close again. Words were exchanged between Anunoby and Thomas in the final seconds after Thomas knocked Brunson while committing a foul. Both players were given technical fouls.

The Nets played without starters and key rotation players such as Dennis Schroder, Dorian Finney-Smith, Cam Johnson and Dennis Smith Jr. Watford got his first start of the season and Jacob Gilyard made just his third appearance with the Nets after signing a two-way contract last month.

National Basketball Association

Knicks top Nets 111-107, get home-court advantage in 1st round

Professional Golf Association

The Masters turns into a menace. Scheffler, DeChambeau and Homa hold on to share the lead

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer
 AUGUSTA, Ga. — Max Homa played the most beautifully boring round of golf amid raging wind and endless calamity Friday in the Masters, giving him a share of the lead with Scottie Scheffler and Bryson DeChambeau going into a weekend for the survivors. Homa made 15 pars — they all felt so much better than that — for a 1-under 71.

Scheffler finally made his first bogey of the Masters and then a few more, but he was rock solid down the stretch for a 72, his highest score of the year. DeChambeau played the 13th hole from the 14th fairway — at one point hoisting a wooden directional sign over his shoulder as he plotted his move — and finished with a 73.

For some 12 hours, the wind roared through the pines, scattered magnolia leaves across pristine Augusta National, and blew sand out of the white bunkers and into the faces of the



AP Photo/Matt Slocum
Scottie Scheffler hits his tee shot on the seventh hole during the second round at the Masters golf tournament at Augusta National Golf Club Friday, in Augusta, Georgia.

players as they tried to handle a beast of a course.

“Mostly what I was trying to do out there was make a bunch of pars and stay in the golf tournament,” Scheffler said, a testa-

ment to just how difficult it was.

The 60 players who made the cut at 6-over 150 are expected to get a slight reprieve, though still plenty of wind. And that weekend will in-

clude Tiger Woods.

Woods set a Masters record by making the cut for the 24th consecutive time. He had to play 23 holes — five in the morning to finish the weather-

delayed first round, and then a second round in which he kept the ball in play and posted an even-par 72.

He was only seven shots behind and still very much in the tournament.

“I’m here. I have a chance to win the golf tournament,” Woods said. “I got my two rounds in.”

That’s really what it was all about — finishing, surviving.

“That was about as happy as you could be to be off of a golf course,” Homa said. “That was so hard. We got the sand shower to end our day. So it was kind of the golf course saying, ‘Get the hell out of here.’”

The average score was 75.09. Only eight players broke par, the same number of players who shot 80 or higher. Ludvig Aberg had the low round at 69.

“I’ve never experienced anything like this before,” DeChambeau said. “But what a great test.”

Homa heard some of the loud-est cheers, even if they weren’t

for him. He spent two days with Woods, and caught the full experience of largest galleries, all of them rising to their feet when Woods approached tee boxes, or the 15th green that he managed to reach in two.

“The memories will just be a lot of the Tiger stuff,” Homa said. “I hope to build my own come this weekend, but I fortunately think I’ve done a good enough job of playing it one shot at a time that I can’t really remember a ton of the round at the moment. I played really well, and I tried to play as boring as possible.

“I think just the view of this beautiful golf course with the sea of fans, it will be seared in my brain for a while.”

The leaders were at 6-under 138, two shots clear of Masters newcomer Nicolai Hojgaard of Denmark, who shot a 73. Two-time major champion Collin Morikawa, one of only two fortunate souls to break par each of the first two rounds, had a 70 and was three behind.

College Basketball

Ky. hires BYU’s Mark Pope to replace John Calipari



AP Photo/Charlie Riedel, File
BYU head coach Mark Pope talks to his players during a game against UCF March 13, in Kansas City, Missouri.

By GARY B. GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Initially off the radar among Kentucky’s coaching targets, Mark Pope is now entrusted with maintaining the program’s gold standard.

Makes sense, since he helped do so as a player.

Kentucky hired the BYU coach to guide its mens basketball program, bringing home a captain of the Wildcats’ 1996 national championship team to succeed John Calipari.

The school announced the 51-year-old Pope’s hiring in a release Friday morning but did not mention any contract details. He will be introduced at a Sunday afternoon news conference at Rupp Arena.

Pope replaces Calipari, a Hall

of Famer who took Kentucky to its eighth NCAA title in 2012 among four Final Four appearances in 15 years. Kentucky hasn’t returned there since going 38-1 in 2015. Calipari stepped down on Tuesday and was introduced as Arkansas coach the next day.

Pope was 110-52 in five seasons with the Cougars and went 23-11 in their first season in the Big 12 Conference. BYU is also coming off a second NCAA Tournament appearance in four years under Pope.

He was 77-56 before that in four seasons at Utah Valley and guided the Wolverines to consecutive runner-up finishes in the Western Athletic Conference his final two years. They reached the CBI quarterfinals both times.

Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart cited Pope’s impressive 187-108 career record as a head coach and keen knowledge of the program’s meaning to the state. The AD also praised Pope’s “dynamic” up-tempo offense and tough defense and called him an innovator.

“He is a strong recruiter with international ties and a person of integrity,” Barnhart said. “He fully embraces our high expectations and standards and I know that as our fans get reacquainted with Mark, they will be eager to join him on what promises to be an exciting ride.”

Pope said he understands the expectations of taking over college basketball’s winningest program and the high expectations that come with it.

“It’s the definition of blue-

blood program where hanging a banner is the expectation ever year,” Pope said. “Equally as important, UK changed my life forever as a human being. The love and passion I have for this program, this University and the people of the Commonwealth goes to the depth of my soul.”

Pope’s hiring is highly surprising considering the higher-profile coaches mentioned as Kentucky’s top candidates. But Baylor’s Scott Drew and UConn’s Dan Hurley, both of whom have led schools to NCAA titles, turned down offers on Thursday. Chicago Bulls coach Billy Donovan, a Kentucky assistant on that championship team before guiding Florida to consecutive NCAA titles, restated his commitment to the NBA club.

Clark, Reese headline highly anticipated WNBA draft

By DOUG FEINBERG
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Caitlin Clark, Angel Reese, Cameron Brink and others make this one of the most anticipated WNBA drafts in recent years. There are several impact players up for grabs, but their talent is nearly eclipsed by their popularity among basketball fans.

“Caitlin is kind of in a world of her own, but I don’t know that we have seen this kind of excitement across the board,” ESPN analyst Rebecca Lobo said. “You know, Angel Reese has a massive following of people, whether it’s following them on social media or following them throughout the course of their college career.

“We have women coming into the draft this year, who people are very much aware of and eager to see how their game is going to

translate at this level.”

Clark has helped bring millions of new fans to the game with her signature logo shots and dazzling passing ability. The Iowa star was a big reason why a record 18.9 million viewers tuned in to the NCAA championship game where South Carolina beat the Hawkeyes.

The NCAA Division I all-time scoring leader will go first to the Indiana Fever on Monday night when the draft takes place at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in front of 1,000 fans.

“This is the first time we’re going to have fans at the draft, so I think that’s going to be special,” ESPN analyst Andraya Carter said. “For people watching at home to see and hear a crowd and fans and people there, I think it’ll be really exciting.”

While Clark is a lock to go first, Brink, Tennessee’s Rickea Jackson

and South Carolina’s Kamilla Cardoso have all been in the discussion to be taken at No. 2 by Los Angeles. The Sparks also own the No. 4 pick with Chicago choosing third.

“They are foundational. They’re an incredible opportunity for our organization,” Sparks GM Raegan Pebley said. “We definitely want to see two players that not only have the skill set to make an impact early, but also a long runway ahead of them, opportunities to develop, opportunities to, not only be excellent in what they do, but how they impact the other pieces around them as we continue to build this team.”

Dallas is fifth and Washington sixth. Minnesota, Chicago, Dallas, Connecticut, New York and Atlanta close out the first round. In all, there are three rounds and 36 picks in total.



AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall
Iowa guard Caitlin Clark, center, sits with coach Lisa Bluder, left, and guard Kate Martin, right, as she finds out her number will be retired, Wednesday, in Iowa City, Iowa.

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singles match 6-0, 6-2 and the duo of Nicolas Barbieri and Lucas Barbieri won second doubles by a score of 2-6, 6-4, 7-5. Drew Cotterill lost 0-6, 0-6 in second singles and Max Totman and Caleb Hanson lost their first singles match 0-6, 2-6.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

LaFayette at Tully, 2 p.m. today
 Union Springs at Marathon, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 McGraw at Madison, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 Tioga at Groton, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 Lansing at Dryden, 5 p.m. Monday
 Onondaga at Tully, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 DeRuyter at Stockbridge Valley, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 Moravia at Southern Cayuga, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 Westhill at Cortland, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday
 at Gutches Lumber Sports Complex
 Homer at Chittenango, 5 p.m. Tuesday

SOFTBALL

Skaneateles at Homer, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 at Gutches Lumber Sports Complex
 Union Springs at Marathon, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 McGraw at Madison, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 Tioga at Groton, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 Brookfield at Cincinnatus, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 Lansing at Dryden, 5 p.m. Monday
 Onondaga/LaFayette at Tully, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 Moravia at Southern Cayuga, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 Homer at Chittenango, 5 p.m. Tuesday
 at Chittenango American Legion Field
 Tully at Onondaga/LaFayette, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday
 Southern Cayuga at Moravia, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

BOYS LACROSSE

Johnson City at Tully/F-P, 11 a.m. today
 Watkins Glen at Dryden, 6 p.m. Monday
 Cortland at LaFayette/Onondaga, 6 p.m. Tuesday
 at Onondaga Jr./Sr. High School
 Skaneateles at Homer, 7 p.m. Tuesday
 Oswego at Tully/F-P, 6 p.m. Tuesday

GIRLS LACROSSE

Homer at Cortland, 6:30 p.m. Monday
 Southern Hills at Cortland, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday
 Homer at Skaneateles, 7 p.m. Tuesday

TRACK & FIELD

Groton, Moravia at Marathon, 5 p.m. Monday
 Cincinnatus at Onondaga, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 Dryden at Trumansburg, 4:30 p.m. Monday

BOYS GOLF

Marathon at Groton, 3:30 p.m. Monday
 at Stonehedges Golf Course
 Waverly at Dryden, 3:30 p.m. Monday
 at Elm Tree Golf Course
 Whitney Point at Moravia, 3:30 p.m. Monday
 at Fillmore Glen Golf Course
 Marathon at Southern Cayuga, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday
 at Wells College Golf Course
 Whitney Point at Dryden, 3:15 p.m. Tuesday
 at Elm Tree Golf Course
 Lansing at Moravia, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday
 at Fillmore Glen Golf Course

GIRLS GOLF

Lansing at Marathon, 3:30 p.m. Monday
 at Maple Hill Golf Course
 Odesa-Montour at Moravia, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday
 at Fillmore Glen Golf Course

BOYS TENNIS

Cortland at Chittenango, 5 p.m. Monday
 Homer at CBA, 4:30 p.m. Monday
 Lansing at Moravia, 4:30 p.m. Monday

GIRLS TENNIS

Lansing at Moravia, 4:30 p.m. Monday

National Football League

Chiefs’ Rice surrenders on assault charge following high-speed crash

GLENN HEIGHTS, Texas (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Rashee Rice surrendered to police Thursday on charges including aggravated assault after he and another driver of a speeding sports car allegedly caused a crash involving a half-dozen vehicles on a Dallas highway last month.

A spokeswoman for Rice’s attorney confirmed to The Associated Press that Rice turned himself in at the Glenn Heights Police Department. Rice is being represented by Texas state Sen. Royce West.

Rice was booked into the Re-

gional Jail in DeSoto, and West said he was released on bond Thursday night.

In an emailed statement, West emphasized what he called Rice’s “continued cooperation with law enforcement.”

“Mr. Rice acknowledges his actions and feels deeply for those injured as a result of this accident,” the lawyer said.

Rice said last week on Instagram that he was taking “full responsibility” for his part in the wreck.

On Wednesday, Dallas police said arrest warrants had been issued for Rice, 23, for one count

of aggravated assault, one count of collision involving serious bodily injury and six counts of collision involving injury.

West said previously that Rice was driving a Lamborghini sport utility vehicle when the crash happened March 30.

Theodore Knox, 21, was driving the other speeding sports car, a Corvette, police said, and arrest warrants were issued for Knox on the same range of counts as for Rice. Dallas police said Thursday night that Knox was not currently in custody.

Southern Methodist University said earlier in the day that,

after learning of the arrest warrant, Knox had been suspended from its football team. Knox’s attorney, Deandra Grant, said her client was cooperating with law enforcement.

Police have alleged that Rice and Knox were speeding in the far left lane when they lost control, and the Lamborghini traveled onto the shoulder and hit the center median wall, causing a chain collision. Rice and Knox allegedly left following the crash without determining whether anyone needed medical attention or providing their information, according to police.

Adding a child as authorized user may not help their credit

By LAUREN SCHWAHN
NerdWallet

As parents, we want the best for our children: health, happiness — and hardy credit. Having a strong credit profile can determine whether your kid gets approved for a loan or how much they'll pay for car insurance when they're grown. But establishing credit for someone with no credit history is challenging.

A common workaround is for parents to add their children as authorized users on their credit card accounts. Credit checks aren't required, and the user can quickly piggyback on the primary cardholder's credit history. But this arrangement isn't always the right move. Here's what to know about the potential limitations of adding your kid as an authorized user and alternative ways they can build credit.

THEY MIGHT BE TOO YOUNG TO REAP THE BENEFITS

If you're hoping to boost your child's credit before they even learn to tell time, you could face roadblocks. For one, your kid may not qualify for authorized user status. While some card issuers don't have age restrictions, others require a minimum age of 13 or older.

Even if you can add your child, the issuer may not report their account details to the credit bureaus. Some issuers allow kids as young as 13 to become authorized users but only report credit information for those age 18 and older. It's wise to ask your credit card company how authorized user arrangements work.

MISUSE CAN LEAD TO DAMAGED CREDIT

Being an authorized user doesn't guarantee improved credit. "Same as the primary account holder, it can affect your credit positively or negatively, de-



AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh, File

Several Visa and Master credit cards are shown in Buffalo Grove, Illinois, Feb. 8.

pending on how the card is used," says Bruce McClary, senior vice president of membership and communications at the National Foundation for Credit Counseling.

If you have a record of on-time payments and don't use too much available credit, that can generate or help your kid's credit score. But your credit and your child's can suffer if either person uses the account unfavorably.

Ultimately, it's up to the parent to keep the account in good standing.

"When you add someone as an autho-

rized user, that's what they are. They're authorized to use the card but they are not legally bound to pay the bill. You are legally bound to pay the bill," says Julie Beckham, an accredited financial counselor and financial educator in the Boston area.

You don't need to give your kid the credit card. As long as the primary cardholder keeps their account open and active, the authorized user's credit will share the effects. If you give your child the card, set some ground rules. Talk about when it's OK to use the card, how

much they're allowed to spend and who will make the payments. Some credit card companies let you place spending limits for authorized users.

Removing your kid as an authorized user can undo damage to their credit if the arrangement goes wrong.

AUTHORIZED USER STATUS MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH

Some lenders don't take authorized user accounts into consideration when reviewing credit applications or give them much weight. "If you're a lender

and you're looking at someone and you see the designation that they're an authorized user rather than the primary account holder, it's just telling you that this person did not have to go through a credit approval process to have access to that account," McClary says.

Having an account in their own name puts your kid in a stronger position because it shows they're equipped to manage payments. You can guide them toward opportunities in adulthood.

"There are credit-builder loans that are available. There are starter credit cards for young adult consumers, where the threshold for approval is a little bit lower. You can also look at options for secured credit cards that require no credit check, but they require a good faith deposit in order to open the account," McClary says.

Co-signing your kid's car or student loan can also help build their credit as they make on-time payments, but as with authorized user relationships, make sure you understand the risks.

EXPLORE OTHER WAYS TO GET YOUR CHILD CREDIT-READY

The best way to set your child up for success is to talk to them about money, Beckham says.

You could look over your credit reports together or explain how many hours you need to work to pay for things like dinners or fun outings.

Encouraging good routines, like doing chores and turning in homework on time, is also important. "They're transferable habits that can help them in their life financially as they build credit," Beckham says.

Give your child opportunities to practice managing money before they graduate to credit. Beckham suggests letting kids test the waters with a checking or savings account.

Experts advise women to be proactive about financial plans

By LINDA MELTZER
Wealth of Geeks

According to a recent McKinsey report, by 2030, women in the United States are projected to control as much as \$30 trillion in household financial assets, up from \$10.9 trillion currently. Women live, on average, five years longer than men and are set to become the most significant beneficiaries of the wealth transfer over the next few years.

Women must tackle their long-term financial goals and financial planning early, irrespective of their relationship status. As women become heads of their households and accumulate significant wealth from boomers, they must pump up their financial know-how and confidence.

Most older married women have yet to participate in long-term financial planning for retirement and investments. That responsibility was traditionally assumed by bread-winning spouses.

This generation of women took responsibility for short-term financial goals, managing the household budget, tracking spending, and paying bills. They often lack clarification about retirement readiness. If their relationship changes, for whatever reason, they need to know how to examine and plan for longer-term goals.

Financial experts advise all

women to participate more in making their own long-term financial goals and financial planning early in their lives, regardless of relationship status.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

A recent Equitable study found that 46% of women felt knowledgeable about financial matters, bolstered by their confidence regarding day-to-day finances (59%) and budgeting (50%). However, they are less confident than men concerning long-term planning, specifically retirement planning (29%) and investing (20%).

Women seek greater financial engagement regarding significant life changes, such as becoming parents, changing incomes, divorce, widowhood, and retirement.

MARRIED WOMEN AND THEIR PARTNERS

The study asserted that coupled women — those who are married or partnered — feel more confident in reaching their financial goals than those who are single or uncoupled. Women in relationships often rely on partners' retirement planning, more so if they have not worked in recent years. However, their financial decision-making becomes more purposeful, requiring more immediate attention to their sole needs if they become uncoupled as single, divorced,



Wealth of Geeks

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or widowed.

"With uncoupled women, including divorcees and widows, I see more anxiety because they are relying on themselves for retirement and any other goals; they also tend to feel less confident about their financial picture than their male counterparts. They tend to be more interested in safety nets, such as overweight cash allocations, long-term care insurance, and annuities to mitigate risk," says Jennifer Kirby, a fiduciary Chartered SRI Counselor (CIMA) and a Certified Investment Management Analyst (CSRIC) from Talisman Wealth Advisors.

SINGLE WOMEN BY CHOICE

Women who are single by choice have a much higher impetus to become financially involved.

"Single women tend to tackle their financial issues over time. They rely on themselves from the start, talking to friends and colleagues about work, compensation, and benefits. As they approach retirement, they become increasingly concerned about being retirement-ready. This is when they seek professional advice from a qualified financial planner," says Marianne M. Nolte, CFP of Imagine Financial Services.

YOUNGER WOMEN AND PLANNING

Married women might possibly sacrifice too much authority when planning retirement with spouses.

"With older couples, I still see men taking the lead on all major decisions around planning, even if they confer with their spouses. I find it rare with anyone over 60 where the woman is leading the discussion," says Kirby.

She adds, "With younger couples, it does feel more egalitarian, with each partner more involved. Women increase their interest in planning when I see them out earning their spouses

more than in prior generations, which correlates to increased involvement. This cohort has a much bigger appetite for planning, less so for investments in individual securities."

Kirby points out, "... single women — particularly non-Boomer women — are more eager to plan than married women."

WHAT IF'S?

Nolte adds, "It makes sense that single women often establish a financial planning relationship with a qualified financial advisor when relying on themselves, and married women should do the same. However, this realization tends to happen later in life with married women."

"As they approach retirement age or once their husband passes away, they realize they don't know much about the family finances. It is frightening to women when they lose their spouse and realize they don't know their financial matters and have what-ifs to tackle: is their money to last their lifetime, how does the spouse's death impact taxes, social security, and finding estate documents?"

"For those women who are younger and married, as they mature, they become more curious about the 'what if,' such as 'what if my husband dies or we run out of money?'"

As food costs rise, Americans look to their yards to save money



Wealth of Geeks

As food prices are predicted to increase this year, more Americans are turning to their gardens — growing their own food — to save money.

By ADRIANA COPACEANU
Wealth of Geeks

Food prices across the board are predicted to increase by 1.3%, according to the latest consumer pricing analysis from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Restaurant dining will see the largest increase — an average of 4.7% and may go as high as 6.2%. As food costs rise in 2024, even more pennies are squeezed from our monthly budgets. More and more Americans are turning to their own backyards to offset the cost of eating. Planting a garden can save you hundreds of dollars, and for some families, that adds up to thousands of dollars in savings annually.

NEW GARDENER SUCCESS

A recent study from Axiom showed that 69.7% of people polled said they would plant

more and expand their gardens.

70.8% of novice gardeners felt their garden activities in 2023 were successful. As a result, they plan to increase their efforts for 2024. How much money can growing your own food save families?

GROWING SAVINGS

According to Garden Pals, growing at least some food can save approximately \$600 annually.

The average garden starts with just \$70, giving the average person \$530 in net savings. Not bad for a humble patch of dirt. While many people might feel intimidated by produce propagation, there are plenty of guides for growing vegetables, fruits, and more.

Katy Willis, a writer for Wealth of Geeks, says, "I save around 70% on my fresh produce from my food garden, but that includes chicken and quail eggs, and some foraging. I also

barter some excess and preserved produce for fresh game meat. I started on a smaller scale around 18 years ago, and it's slowly grown. I like knowing the food I'm feeding my family is natural and healthy, and being so self-reliant saves me money and gives me food security."

Anna Chesley of Salt In My Coffee shares, "Growing up, my mother grew an impressive percentage of the vegetables that fed our family in a 40 feet by 40 feet backyard garden. So when I started my homestead and had kids of my own, it was only natural for me to garden, too. Most years, I save more than \$1,500 on our yearly grocery bill by growing most of our fresh summer vegetables and filling my shelves for winter with jars of home-canned tomato sauce, green beans, beets, and more. It's hard work, but we eat well, and it's very rewarding."

SMALL BEGINNINGS

Gardening doesn't have to take up a whole backyard to help support your food supply; new gardeners can start their modest harvest in a pot or small plot of dirt.

The report found that the average American vegetable garden is 600 square feet. However, most people start with a much smaller plot.

According to Garden Pals, the average garden is just 96 square feet. The average 600-square-foot garden will produce about \$600 of produce per year. Despite these savings, only 35% of U.S. households grow vegetables, fruits, and other food.

Builder reports that about 70% of Americans live in houses, while approximately 17% live in condos or apartments. Even those living in apartments can grow something as simple as tomatoes in a pot on a balcony. Tomatoes top the list of vegetables to grow.

A journalist. An army sergeant. An 80-year-old patient. Haitian human rights group details toll of gang violence

By DÁNICA COTO
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A photographer slain in a drive-by shooting. An 80-year-old patient executed in a hospital surgery room. A couple decapitated as they closed their small store for the day.

A new report released by a Haitian human rights group details the horrific violence unleashed this year by gangs who kill, rape and maim with impunity amid a political vacuum.

“This year it’s much worse, and it’s all about the gangs. They have much more power, and they occupy more space,” Pierre Espérance, executive director of the National Human Rights Defense Network, said Thursday.

The group seeks to hold those responsible accountable, and it relies on people on the ground to collect victims’ names, ages and occupations to ensure they don’t remain anonymous amid a surge in slayings. The killings are difficult to track and are not reported by an underfunded and under resourced police department overwhelmed by gangs.

Overall, more than 1,550 people have been killed across Haiti and more than 820 injured from January to March 22, according to the U.N.

The report released Wednesday by the rights group found that among those killed were seven people aboard a sailboat traveling west of Port-au-Prince that was providing public transportation; nine bus passengers traveling on the main road that connects Port-au-Prince to the

central Artibonite region; and a sergeant at the headquarters of Haiti’s Armed Forces who was struck in the head by a stray bullet.

Other victims include a 7-year-old boy; a woman who was director of a girls’ school; a 28-year-old basketball player; the chief accountant for the Secretariat of State Literacy; and a 26-year-old sports reporter struck by a stray bullet while at home.

The report also detailed widespread armed attacks on multiple neighborhoods in which at least 67 people were killed as gangs set fire to homes, forcing survivors to flee. Some 17,000 people have been left homeless as a result, with many cramming into overcrowded, makeshift shelters.

Some of those fleeing sought refuge on the premises of the Social Welfare and Research Institute in early March, but police pushed back the crowd in a scuffle that ended with the death of a 14-year-old boy, the report found.

Gang rapes also are common during attacks on neighborhoods, with at least 64 reported rape survivors from January to March. The number, however, is believed to be much higher given the stigma around sexual assaults.

Among those injured was a woman whose jaw was crushed by a stray bullet, the report found.

As gang violence continues unabated, medical workers have struggled to help the wounded



AP Photo/Odelyn Joseph

People take cover from gunfire during clashes between police and gangs in the Champs de Mars area next to the National Palace in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Monday.

and ill. Haiti’s biggest public hospital remains closed, along with at least a dozen other smaller hospitals and clinics. Meanwhile, basic supplies like fuel, oxygen and medications, including pain killers, are scarce given that Haiti’s main seaport remains largely shut down and its main international airport closed for more than a month.

“Consequently, patients must pay for everything,” the report stated.

In one hospital, pregnant women must provide a document proving they bought fuel in order to receive care, according to the report.

“The situation described in this document, aggravated by the violation of the right to the

free circulation of goods and services, risks leading to an unprecedented humanitarian crisis if no measures are adopted immediately,” the report said.

Many of the killings took place after gangs launched large-scale attacks on Feb. 29, burning police stations, opening fire on the main airport and storming Haiti’s two biggest prisons,



AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin

Japan’s Prime Minister Fumio Kishida addresses a joint meeting of Congress in the House chamber, Thursday, at the Capitol in Washington, as Vice President Kamala Harris and Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, R-La., look on.

Japan’s PM Kishida addresses Congress over US role abroad

By STEPHEN GROVES
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida addressed U.S. lawmakers at the Capitol on Thursday, urging them to consider the importance of global commitments at a time of tension in the Asia-Pacific and deep skepticism in Congress about U.S. involvement abroad.

Kishida is in Washington this week visiting President Joe Biden as the White House completes hosting each leader of the Quad — an informal partnership between the U.S., Japan, Australia and India that is seen as important to countering China’s growing military strength in the region.

Kishida highlighted the value of the U.S. commitment to global security and offered reassurances that Japan is a strong partner.

On Capitol Hill, his audience included many Republicans who have pushed for the U.S. to take a less active role in global affairs as they follow the “America First” ethos of Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee. The Republican-controlled House has sat for months on a \$95 billion package that would send wartime funding to Ukraine and Israel, as well as aid to allies in the Indo-Pacific like Taiwan and humanitarian help to civilians in Gaza and Ukraine.

“As we meet here today, I detect an undercurrent of self-

doubt among some Americans about what your role in the world should be,” Kishida told Congress.

He sought to remind lawmakers of the leading role the U.S. has played globally since World War II. After dropping two nuclear weapons on Japan to end the war, the U.S. helped rebuild Japan, and the nations transformed from bitter enemies to close allies.

“When necessary, it made noble sacrifices to fulfill its commitment to a better world,” Kishida said of the U.S.

Japan has taken a strong role in supporting Ukraine’s defense against Moscow as well as helping humanitarian aid get to Gaza.

It is also seen as a key U.S. partner in a fraught region where China is asserting its strength and North Korea is developing a nuclear program.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said in a floor speech Thursday, “The best way the House can heed Prime Minister Kishida’s words is to pass the national security supplemental as soon as possible, to approve defense funding not just for Ukraine but also for the Indo-Pacific.”

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell also said earlier this week that he hoped Kishida’s visit would underscore “that we’re in a worldwide situation here against the enemies of democracy — led by China, Russia and Iran.”

Real estate tycoon sentenced to death in Vietnam’s largest ever fraud case

By ANIRUDDHA GHOSAL
Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — A Vietnamese real estate tycoon was sentenced to death Thursday in the country’s biggest ever financial fraud case, a shocking development in an intensifying anti-corruption drive in the southeast Asian nation.

Truong My Lan, a high-profile businesswoman who chaired a sprawling company that developed luxury apartments, hotels, offices and shopping malls, was arrested in 2022. The 67-year-old was formally charged with fraud amounting to \$12.5 billion — nearly 3% of the country’s 2022 GDP. Death sentences are not uncommon in Vietnam, but it is rare in financial crime cases and for someone this well known. Here is a look at the key details of the case:

WHO IS LAN?

Lan was born in 1956 and started out helping sell cosmetics with her mother, a Chinese businesswoman, in Ho Chi Minh city’s oldest market, ac-

cording to state media outlet Tien Phong.

She and her family established the Van Thinh Phat company in 1992, when Vietnam shed its state-run economy in favor of a more market-oriented one that was open to foreigners. Over the years VTP grew to become one of Vietnam’s richest real estate firms.

Today the company is linked to some of Ho Chi Minh’s most valuable downtown properties including the glittering 39-story Times Square Saigon, the five-star Windsor Plaza Hotel, the 37-story Capital Place office building and the five-star Sherwood Residence hotel where Lan lived until her arrest. Lan met her husband, Hong Kong investor Eric Chu Nap-kee, in 1992. They have two daughters.

WHAT IS SHE ACCUSED OF?

Lan was involved in the 2011 merger of the beleaguered Saigon Joint Commercial Bank, or

SCB, with two other lenders in a plan coordinated by Vietnam’s central bank.

She is accused of using the bank as her cash cow, illegally controlling it between 2012 to 2022, and using thousands of “ghost companies” in Vietnam and abroad to give loans to herself and her allies, according to government documents. The loans resulted in losses of \$27 billion, state media VN Express reported Thursday.

She was accused of paying bribes to government officials — including a former central official who has been sentenced to life in prison for taking \$5.2 million in bribes — and violating banking regulations, government documents said.

The court sentenced her to death, saying her actions “not only violate the property management rights of individuals but also pushed SCB into a state of special control, eroding people’s trust in the leadership



Lan

More aid is supposed to be entering the Gaza Strip — so why isn’t it helping?

By JULIA FRANKEL
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Under heavy U.S. pressure, Israel has promised to ramp up aid to Gaza dramatically, saying last week it would open another cargo crossing and surge more trucks than ever before into the besieged enclave.

But days later, there are few signs of those promises materializing and international officials say starvation is widespread in hard-hit northern Gaza. Samantha Power, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, said this week she accepted “credible” reports that famine is now occurring in the area and urged Israel to take further steps to expedite humanitarian aid shipments.

Power’s remarks echoed those of U.S. President Joe Biden, who said on Wednesday that Israeli efforts to increase aid were “not enough.”

While Israel says it has dramatically increased the number of aid trucks entering the



AP Photo/Ohad Zwigenberg, File

Trucks carrying humanitarian aid for the Gaza Strip pass through the inspection area at the Kerem Shalom Crossing in southern Israel, March 14.

territory, U.N. workers report only a slight uptick — possibly because they count trucks differently. Here’s what we know about the aid entering Gaza, and why discrepancies in reporting persist:

HOW MUCH AID IS ENTERING GAZA?

Israel says that since Sunday it has transported an average of 400 trucks a day into Gaza and that aid is now piling up on the Palestinian side of the Kerem

releasing more than 4,000 inmates. They also plundered several consulates and set fire to the home of Haiti’s National Police chief, the report found.

The attacks were meant to prevent the return of Prime Minister Ariel Henry to Haiti. He was in Kenya at the time to push for a U.N.-backed deployment of a police force from the East African country and he now remains locked out of Haiti.

Henry has pledged to resign once a transitional council responsible for appointing a new prime minister and Cabinet is created.

But the National Human Rights Defense Network said it was concerned about the council since some of the members come from sectors that “do not inspire confidence, due to their past or present behavior.”

“It is the duty of the population to remain vigilant and monitor all the decisions and actions of the council in order to prevent the state’s coffers from being plundered and acts of corruption from being perpetrated,” the report stated.

The report also detailed at least 48 kidnappings for ransom. Among the victims: a judge, a priest, a mayor, a well-known doctor, a street vendor, six nuns and nearly a dozen bus passengers.

Espérance, with the human rights group, blamed what he called complicity between gangs and police and the country’s elite for the current situation, noting that Haiti’s national police are overwhelmed.

WHY IS

THIS HAPPENING NOW?

Lan’s arrest in October 2022 is among the most high-profile in an ongoing anti-corruption drive in Vietnam that has ramped up since 2022.

Weeks after her trial started in early March, former President Vo Van Thuong resigned after being implicated in the so-called “Blazing Furnace” campaign that has been the hallmark of Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, the country’s most powerful politician.

While Lan’s arrest and the scale of the scam shocked the nation, the case also raised questions about whether other banks or businesses had similarly erred, dampening Vietnam’s economic outlook and making foreign investors jittery.

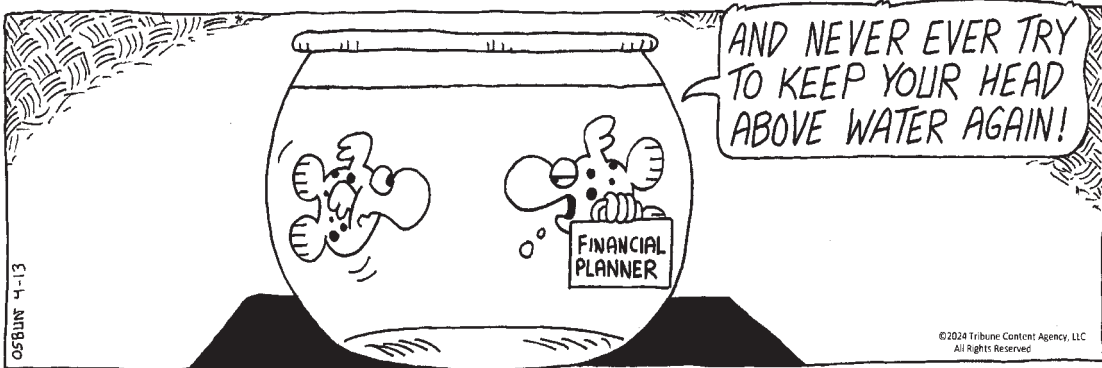
This is happening as Vietnam tries to argue its case for being the ideal home for businesses trying to move away from neighboring China.

WHAT HAS ISRAEL PROMISED?

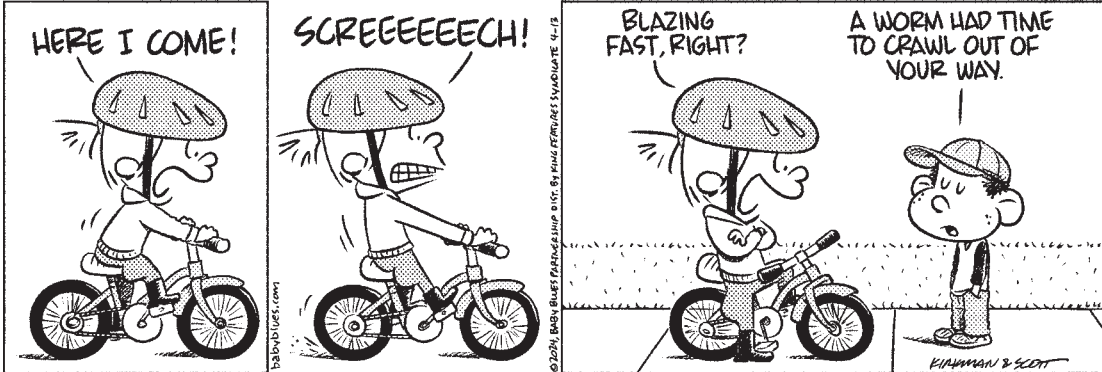
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pledged to immediately re-open Israel’s Erez crossing into northern Gaza. Netanyahu also said he would allow Israel’s port in Ashdod to process aid shipments and increase Jordanian aid packages through another land crossing.

But Israeli officials this week dropped the plan to open Erez. Instead, they say a new crossing will be built.

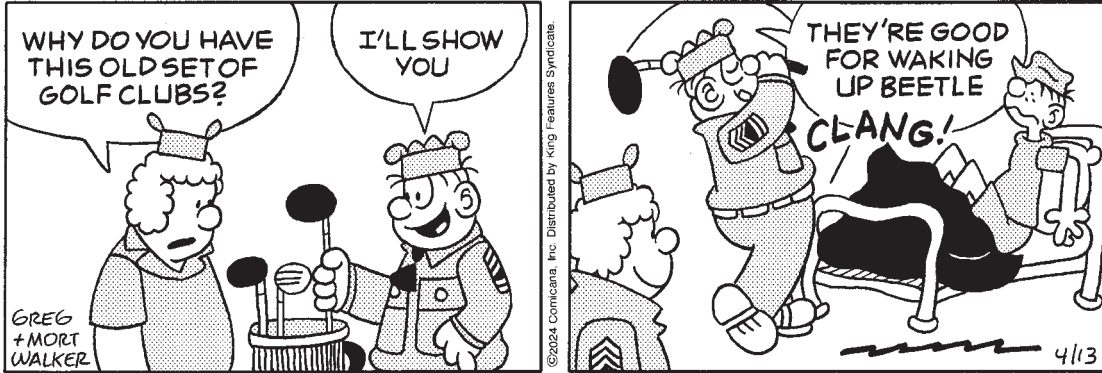
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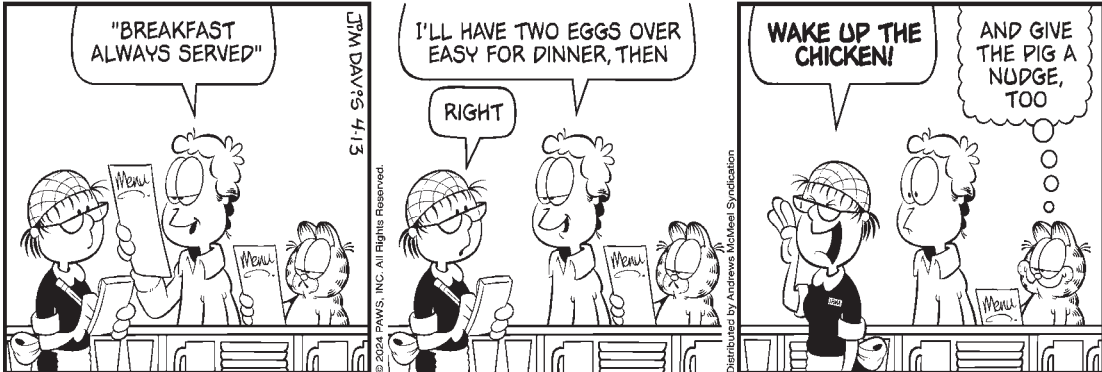
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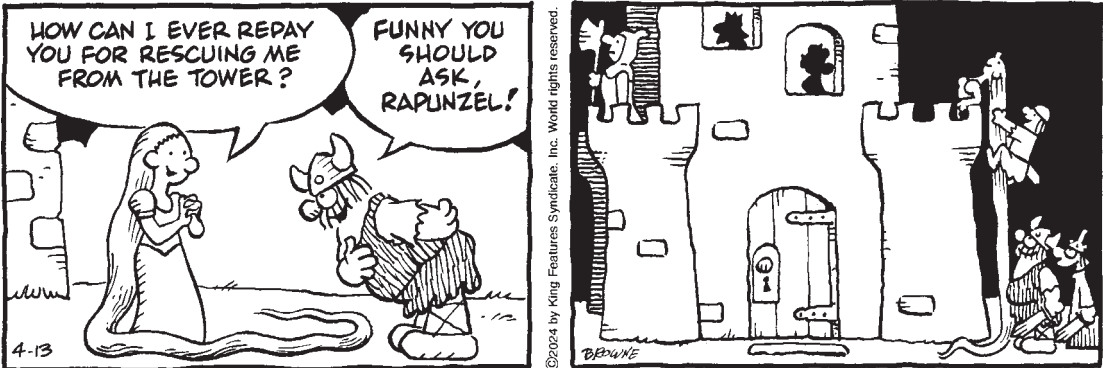
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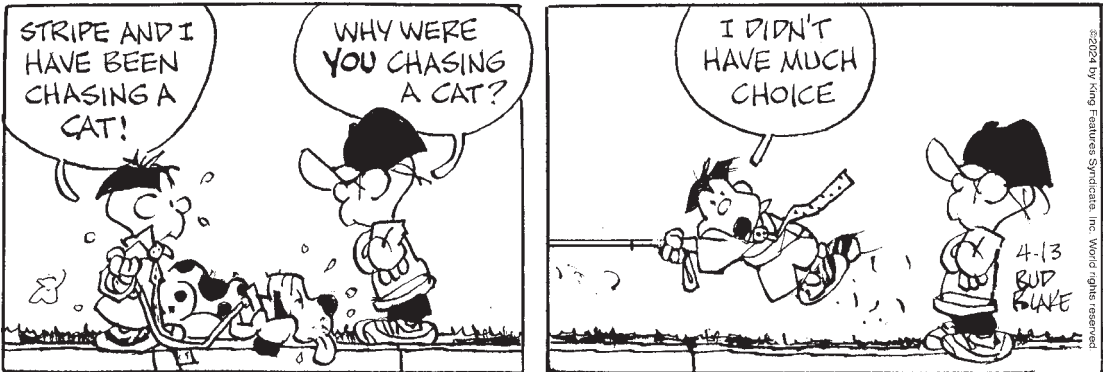
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Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena
Sunday, April 14, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If single, searching for love may change the way you see the world. Take time away from the search to discover new pals or reconnect with existing friends. Changing your focus should make a change in your energy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Manifesting your best life involves more than simply wishing and visualization. Work with the Universe by taking concrete action in the world to move your desires forward toward actualization.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Challenging times may cause people to get creative with credit when finances are tight. However, an increased debt load comes with higher payments. Shift your focus to reducing debt for future financial stability.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's helpful to have an abundance of information. Your knowledge could prepare you for unexpected circumstances and allow you to help others. Become well-versed to confidently handle whatever situation may arise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't leave your budget up to chance; take inventory of any unknowns related to your finances. Shift your attention to your current situation and work with the facts you have to create a grounded plan.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Release your desire to fit in while getting clear on your interests. Embrace the journey of self-discovery and allow your authentic self to magnetize people and opportunities to you. What is meant for you, will find you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A lack of leadership could lead to imbalance; everyone could be focused on their own projects without any thoughts about the big picture. You might have the ability to steer everyone towards cohesion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's natural for your priorities and interests to change as you evolve. Change means growth and new possibilities. Decide on your focus and start working to make your new dream happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make good lifestyle choices daily to improve your health. Maintain your focus; remember life is a marathon, not a sprint. Don't lose sight of your goals during moments of boredom or frustration.

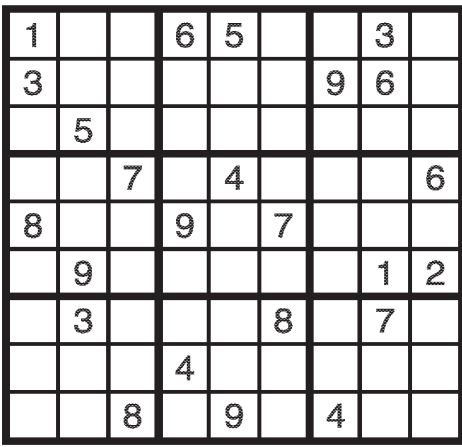
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Certain things in life might lead to confusing and unexpected interactions. People could react in similar or different ways. You can't assume someone will be a perfect fit because they could thrive in a different environment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Unusual schedules and distractions may have distanced you from your tribe. Prioritize nurturing these relationships, become the friend your friends deserve. Simply showing up can be a great way to show you care.

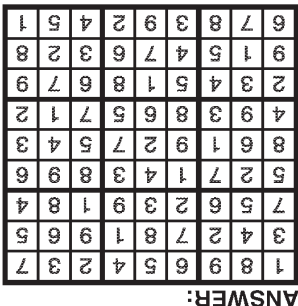
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Not everyone is willing to take responsibility, but some may be eager to share their thoughts. Have the courage to stand up for what you believe in, even when others may not be able to do the same.

IF APRIL 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Enthusiasm and heightened energy may work its magic whenever you are in a competitive situation or in a leadership position during the upcoming week. Enjoy enhanced prestige in May, when your sincerity and trustworthiness could make you the center of attention. Late May has the possibility of being a great time to explore a new opportunity or melt the heart of someone new. Your creativity may get a boost in June, but too many social activities could be distracting.

Sudoku



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



Cryptoquote

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

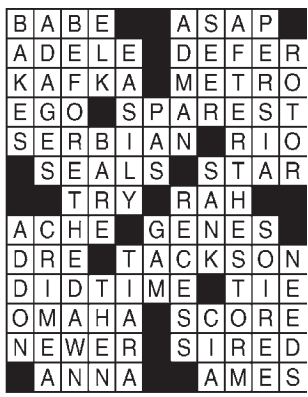
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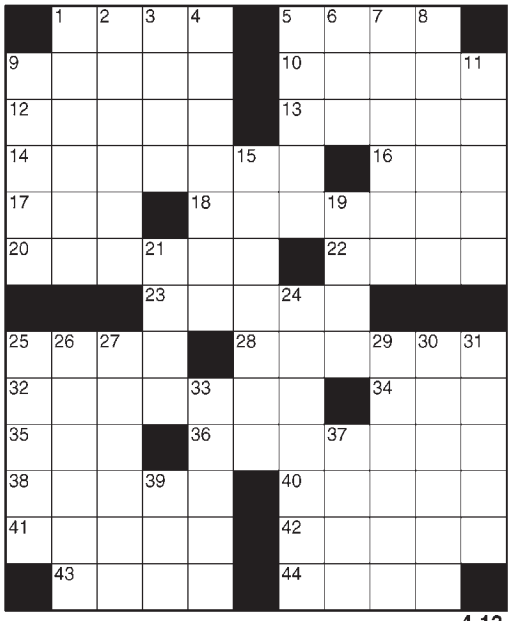
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Yesterday's answer



Word of the Day

aegis (EE-jus)

Definition: (noun) Aegis is a formal word that refers to the power to protect, control, or support something or someone. It is often used in the phrase under the aegis of.
Example: The issue will be decided under the aegis of an international organization.

— Courtesy Merriam-Webster Online

Severe weather batters US Southeast and Ohio Valley

ATLANTA (AP) — Powerful storms rumbled over parts of the U.S. Southeast on Thursday, prompting a few tornado warnings, causing flash flooding, and delaying the start of one of the world’s biggest sporting events, in Georgia.

The storm system, which has already been blamed for at least one death in Mississippi, demolished buildings and flooded streets in the New Orleans area Wednesday. It continued to spawn flash flood and tornado warnings in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina on Thursday.

More than 100,000 customers lacked power Thursday afternoon nationwide. That included more than 60,000 in Louisiana, which was hit hard by storms Wednesday, according to PowerOutage.us.

Parts of Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia were near the bull’s-eye for a new area of concern Thursday. Those areas, saw damaging winds and large hail.

The entire state of Ohio was under a flood watch Thursday afternoon. The ground there was already saturated with more heavy rainfall on the way, said James Gibson, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Ohio.

Public school students in at least a dozen counties in West

Virginia were sent home early Thursday due to the arriving storms. Southern West Virginia was hit by 10 tornadoes April 2. It was a record for one day in the state, which gets two tornadoes in an average year.

In Augusta, Georgia, the start of the Masters golf tournament was delayed, tournament officials announced. Forecasters predicted wind gusts as high as 45 mph.

“Those wind speeds could easily knock down branches here and there,” said Brad Carlberg, a National Weather Service forecaster. “Just be aware of the weather and gusts, especially if you are near trees, because a branch could fall down at any time.”

Torrential rains early Thursday made roads impassable in Valdosta, Georgia, an emergency manager reported. In Tallahassee, Florida, storms toppled trees and caused significant street flooding, the weather service said.

Emergency responders Thursday afternoon were assessing damage near St. Augustine, Florida, where the National Weather Service confirmed a tornado touched down earlier that day. Photos shared by St. Johns County Fire Rescue showed fences ripped apart, but no deaths or serious injuries



Chris Granger/The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate via AP
Michael Bray, right, of Slidell, Louisiana, looks at the pine tree that fell onto his car parked in front of his home on Thursday, the day after a tornado swept through the area.

ries were reported. Fire Rescue Chief Sean McGee said one person went to a local hospital with storm-related injuries, but they were not transported by rescue workers.

Meteorologist Ben Nelson said National Weather Service

teams were surveying the area to determine the cyclone’s intensity.

Storm damage has been reported from Texas to the Florida Panhandle.

A tornado struck Slidell, about 30 miles northeast of

New Orleans, on Wednesday. It ripped roofs off buildings and partially collapsed others in and around the city of about 28,000. Authorities said first responders had to rescue people trapped in one apartment building.

Slidell Mayor Greg Cromer

estimated at a news conference Wednesday night that about 75 homes and businesses were damaged. St. Tammany Parish President Mike Cooper estimated that hundreds more homes were damaged outside the city.

Police video showed tree limbs littering the streets and flooded yards that resembled swamps. Outside a McDonald’s restaurant, a car was on its side, power poles leaned, and large pieces of the trademark golden arches were strewn about.

“I’ve never talked to God so much before in my life,” Robin Marquez said after huddling with co-workers in a two-story building where the roof was ripped away and walls caved in.

There were no reports of deaths in Slidell.

The weather service posted on social media Wednesday that initial surveys indicate the area was hit by an EF-1 tornado, with winds from 86 mph to 110 mph.

Close to 8 inches of rain fell in parts of New Orleans. It came as the system of pipes and pumps that drains the city dealt with problems with its power generating system.

“During intense rain, the mission sometimes shifts from keeping the streets dry to draining them as quickly as possible,” the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board said in a statement.

At least a dozen killed and an estimated 15,000 displaced by flooding in Kenya

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Heavy rains pounding different parts of Kenya have led to the deaths of at least 13 people and displaced some 15,000 people, the United Nations said, as forecasters warn that more rains can be expected until June.

The U.N Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, citing the Kenya Red Cross Society, said Thursday that nearly 20,000 people were affected, including an estimated 15,000 people displaced by heavy rains and flash floods across the country since the start of the wet season in mid-March.

The East African country has seen thousands of people killed by flooding in previous rainy seasons, mostly in the lake regions and downstream of major rivers.

The Kenya Red Cross Society told The Associated Press that five major roads were cut off by floods, including Garissa Road in northern Kenya where a bus carrying 51 passengers was swept away on Tuesday. All passengers were rescued.

Kenya’s disaster management agency issued a flood warning to residents of Lamu, Tana River and Garissa counties that are downstream of Tana River after flooding breached dams upstream. Residents have been urged to move to higher grounds.

So far, nine out of 47 counties in the country have reported flooding incidents.

Mudslides have been reported in the cen-



AP Photo
Passengers of a bus that was swept away by floodwaters are rescued by boat, near Garissa, northern Kenya, Tuesday.

tral regions. On Tuesday four people were killed in Narok County, in the western part of the country.

The Kenya Red Cross Society’s secretary general, Ahmed Idris, told Citizen TV that “lifesaving assistance” including shelter and clean drinking water was being

offered to those displaced and are living in camps to avert outbreaks of waterborne diseases.

The rainy season is expected to reach its peak towards the end of April and subside in June, according to the meteorology department.

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♥ A K 5 2
♦ K
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♠ K 5
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Opening lead — four of clubs.

This hand was played by Italian star Giorgio Belladonna, who found himself in seven clubs following a series of highly optimistic bids.

Seven clubs is a dreadful contract, and you might wonder how it could ever be made. But exhibiting his flair for pulling hot chestnuts out

of the fire — after having set the fire in the first place — Belladonna did not let his partner down.

He won the opening trump lead with the five, played a diamond to the king and a low trump to the eight. Next, he cashed the ace of diamonds, discarding a spade from dummy, and ruffed a diamond. The A-K of trump were then played, producing this position:

The ten of trump was cashed, West and dummy each discarding a spade, but poor East was up against it for a discard. In practice, he pitched the five of spades. Belladonna thereupon led the spade ten to dummy’s ace, caught East’s king and so brought in the grand slam. Had East discarded a heart instead, Belladonna would have cashed the A-K of hearts and ruffed a heart to produce the same result.

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1 dead after truck is intentionally crashed into a Texas safety office

By LEKAN OYEKANMI
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Associated Press

BRENNHAM, Texas — A Texas semitrailer driver rammed a stolen 18-wheeler through the front of a public safety building where his renewal for a commercial driver's license had been rejected, killing one person and injuring 13 others, authorities said Friday.

The intentional crash into the single-story brick building off a highway in Brenham, a rural town outside of Houston, littered debris in the parking lot and left a gaping hole in the entrance. The crash damaged the front of the red semitrailer, which was hauling materials on a flatbed.

After crashing into the building the first time, the driver backed up the truck with the intention of smashing it again before being detained, Brenham Mayor Atwood Kenjura said.

"It's unfortunate that we are here gathered for a really senseless tragedy," Kenjura said.

The driver — identified as Clenard Parker, 42 — was pulled out of the truck by authorities at the Texas Department of Public Safety office. Authorities say Parker did not resist when he was taken into custody and would face multiple felonies, but did not specify the charges.

On Thursday, Parker was told by employees at the office that he would not be eligible to renew his commercial driver's license, Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Justin Ruiz said. He did not elaborate as to why Parker's renewal was



A stolen 18-wheeler crashed into a Texas Department of Public Safety office on US-290 in Brenham, Texas, on Friday.

Meredith Seaver/College Station Eagle via AP

rejected. One employee in the building was trapped "for a period of time" after the crash but no one who worked at the driver's license office suffered serious injuries, Republican state Sen. Lois Kolkhorst said.

It was unclear Friday afternoon where the person who was killed was located at the time of the crash.

Following the crash, two people were flown to a hospital in Bryan and another to Houston. Three people were transported to local hospitals but later released, and eight others were treated on the scene.

Ruiz said they were still investigating whether Parker was armed at the time of the crash.

He said they also were investigating whether his actions might be considered an act of terrorism.

"We're trying to figure that out," Ruiz said. He said the FBI was assisting in the investigation.

A heavy presence of police surrounded the building and drivers were urged to steer clear of the area on Friday. Brenham, a city of about 19,000 residents, is about 80 miles west of Houston.

Kolkhorst and Kenjura said the quick response by law enforcement helped avert a greater tragedy.

"We're blessed more weren't injured in this act of violence,"

Kolkhorst said.

Kenjura said a worker told him if Parker had "veered to the left" and succeeded in striking the building again, "there would have been a collapse of the building resulting in more injuries and possibly death."

The Texas Department of Public Safety is a sprawling agency and one of the largest state law enforcement operations in the country. It includes troopers who are a central part of a massive border security operation on the U.S.-Mexico border as well as the Texas Rangers, the state's top criminal investigators. But the department also has offices across the state that issue driver's licenses.

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To be eligible, Bidders must provide proof of proper CFR 49 Part 243 training and qualifications. Training must include NORAC Electronic Device Rules. Bidder must provide a list of all employees certified for NYSW records. This will be required for all field employees working on NYSW tracks.

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INITIATING PERMISSIVE
REFERENDUM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Preble, County of Cortland, New York, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 8th day of April, 2024, duly adopted a resolution, an abstract of which is as follows: a resolution providing that subject to permissive referendum the Town of Preble is authorized to transfer a maximum of \$185,000.00 from the Highway Equipment Reserve Account to be applied to the purchase of a 2024 or newer ten (10) wheel truck chassis with a minimum 400 horse power diesel engine with automatic transmission.

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Preble, New York
Dated: April 10, 2024

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**TOWN OF HOMER
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Homer will be held Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Homer Town Hall Building, 31 North Main Street, Homer, New York 13077, to consider the following:

1. In the matter of the application of David Edwards for property located at 5524 US Route 11, Homer, NY 13077, Tax Map No. 57.00-01-14.000, for an area variance to construct a detached garage closer to the rear lot line than is permitted by section 705 of the Town of Homer Zoning.

The above application can be viewed at the office of the Town Clerk, 31 North Main Street, Homer, New York 13077. Call (607) 749-4581 or visit in person during regular business hours. Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person, by Attorney, or other representative. Communications in writing in relation thereto may be filed ahead of time with the Board or at the public hearing.

Daniel Gustafson, Chair
Town of Homer ZBA

**TOWN OF WILLET
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION
SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE
REFERENDUM**

NOTICE is hereby given, that at a meeting held on the 14th day of March, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of Willet duly adopted a resolution, an abstract of which follows, which resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to the Town Law of the State of New York.

ABSTRACT OF RESOLUTION

Resolution to authorize the purchase of a 2024 Caterpillar 938 3V Loader for the total purchase price of \$206,042.00. The Town will be financing a portion of the purchase price of the loader by bonding in the amount of \$150,000.00 with an interest rate of 4.75% per annum payable over seven (7) years. This resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

Any individual desiring to initiate a permissive referendum relative to this resolution should refer to the Town Law of the State of New York or other applicable law for the proper procedure and/or requirements.

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Willet, New York

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