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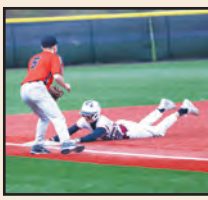
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CORTLAND, N.Y.

Dryden uses \$50K to support low-income housing project

By DOUG SCHNEIDER
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DRYDEN — The town of Dryden plans to use money from its Community Housing Development Fund to support a 53-unit apartment project proposed for a vacant site on Freese Road. After a brief discussion Thursday night, town officials agreed to pledge

\$50,000 from its community housing fund to assist the developers of 5-9 Freese Road in the hamlet of Varna. Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services is the developer. It plans a \$16 million project at the site. "This is money the town commits to (supporting) affordable housing," Deputy Supervisor Dan Lamb said of the amount.

The project would include 53 one- and two-bedroom apartments for low- and moderate income households — those earning 30% to 90% of the area's median income. The median household income for Tompkins County is \$69,995, U.S. Census data show. "This will really help" development of the site, said Leonardo Vargas-Mendez, a town board member and

chairman of the town's eight-member Affordable and Workplace Housing Committee. Affordable housing has been a common priority for Dryden and in communities around the U.S. The median gross rent in nearby Ithaca is almost \$1,400. Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services supports and advocates for people of low to moderate incomes in Tomp-

kins and five other counties, providing down payment assistance to home-buyers, and help for renters in the region. The Freese Road site was the location where a Pittsburgh developer, Maifly Development, had proposed in 2020 building 32 townhouses and 15 single-family homes. However, the economy

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Workforce efforts start ramping up ahead of Micron

Training centers are in the works

By BRAD RACINO
syracuse.com (TNS)

Syracuse's efforts to train its workforce are ramping up after the Biden administration's recent announcement of a \$6.1 billion award to Micron Technology.

Micron proposes to build four chip manufacturing plants in Onondaga County partly because of the region's "access to talent," according to Micron CEO Sanjay Mehrotra.

However, the company will need a lot of talent.

It estimates its four "fabs," at the 1,400-acre White Pine Commerce Park in Clay, will employ 9,000 people over the next 20 years. Another 40,000 jobs are expected to come as a result of the investment, in such fields as machinery manufacturing, construction and other professional services.

The topic of "workforce" has been discussed among government agencies, industry leaders and local service providers since talks to lure Micron to New York State began.

"Can you develop, recruit and retain workforce?" said County Executive Ryan McMahon at a recent public meeting, recalling a portion of Micron's checklist used to select its U.S. site.

"Within that very simple lens, it's very complex," McMahon said.

Today, two big initiatives are taking shape to address these complexities. Both are run or overseen in part by the region's economic development agency, CenterState CEO.

The first is the Future-Ready Workforce Innovation Consortium, which is made up of more than 40 members across seven Central New York counties. It includes familiar names like Syracuse University, Onondaga Community College and Le Moyne College, in addition to private industry groups like the Manufacturers Alliance of CNY and workforce boards from Mohawk Valley and Oswego County.

The consortium has been building a strategy to accommodate Micron's need for construction and manufacturing jobs, and building partnerships within the group to align education and training at all levels.

The second initiative is a yet-to-be-built flagship facility in Syracuse that's part of Gov. Kathy Hochul's \$200 million One Network for Regional Advanced Manufacturing Partnerships, or ON-RAMP.

ON-RAMP centers will "offer credentials and training related to advanced manufacturing and help expand opportunities for disadvantaged populations," according to the

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Work resumes on Main, begins on Broadway

From Staff Reports

Groton Avenue is torn up. So is Main Street. Broadway closed Monday for nearly two months. Tompkins Street — Tompkins Street remains open. Madison Street, too.

Travel through key streets in the city of Cortland became more difficult Monday when the project to rebuild Main Street resumed and a project to reconstruct Broadway at the entrance to SUNY Cortland began.

This will complicate commutes as a project to rebuild Groton Avenue had already resumed in recent weeks. A detour is routing traffic around the work on Groton Avenue between Main Street and Otter Creek Place via Madison Street. Traffic on Groton is allowed only to access houses and businesses within the work zone and no through traffic is permitted.

Crews from CCI Cos. Inc. removed a layer of asphalt Monday that had been laid down last fall on Main Street in advance of the winter.

Work was done on the west side of Main Street between Groton Avenue and West Court Street and was expected to continue today on the east side, but there was a last-minute change of plans.

Eric Mulvihill, community relations specialist for the Cortland Industrial Development Agency and Business Development Corp., said crews would



Kevin T. Conlon/City Editor

Reconstruction of Main Street in Cortland resumed Monday after a winter hiatus with removal of the temporary asphalt on the west side between Groton Avenue and West Court Street.

start work on the west side of Main Street between Clinton Avenue and Court Street, not the east.

Mulvihill said with recent

rain, there was concern about mud.

The road was temporarily reduced to a single lane of traffic and parking was prohibited in

the section work was in progress.

With work in progress on

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At Westminster dog show, there's a big display of dogs and devotion

By JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Less than three years ago, Mary Ann and David Giordano were taking turns lying on the living room floor with their Afghan hound Frankie, hand-feeding the desperately ill dog anything she would eat.

She had developed severe kidney problems after contracting Lyme disease, despite being on medications meant to repel the ticks that carry the bacteria that cause it. Veterinarians weren't sure she would survive.

Yet on Monday, Frankie was at the Westminster Kennel Club

dog show, healthy and ready to compete. She would face off against over a dozen other Afghan hounds — including the winner of last month's World Dog Show in Croatia — for a chance to advance to the next round of the United States' most prestigious canine event.

"It was really tough," Mary Ann Giordano said, her voice halting as she described Frankie's eight-monthlong ordeal. "But she made it."

For all the pooch pageantry of Westminster — the coiffed poodles, the top-knotted toy dogs, the formality of dogs trotting around a ring — it's also an

illustration of the bond people form with dogs, and what each will do for the other.

Like setting up an array of box fans and even a portable dehumidifier to get a puli's long, thick cords dry after a bath, a process that can take 24 hours, in Valarie Cheimis' experience. The cords form naturally, though owners aid the process by separating them.

Why go through all that?

"These are fun dogs. They're full of personality," Cheimis said as she petted Csoki, one of her pulik (the proper plural), ahead of ring time.

Sure, the Hungarian herd-

ing breed can be stubborn and barking, Cheimis said, but Csoki also looks after her geese and chickens at home in Kingfield, Maine, even lying down next to the goslings.

Mister, a bloodhound who won a merit award in his breed Monday, also puts his breed's ancient instincts to work. He's qualified to trail missing people, though his calls so far have been resolved before they got into the field, said co-owner, breeder and handler Renee Wagner, of Niagara Falls, New York.

The 148th Westminster show kicked off Saturday with an

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Micron Technology President and CEO Sanjay Mehrotra, right, shakes hands with Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh during a recent visit to the future site of Micron's computer chip facility in Clay.

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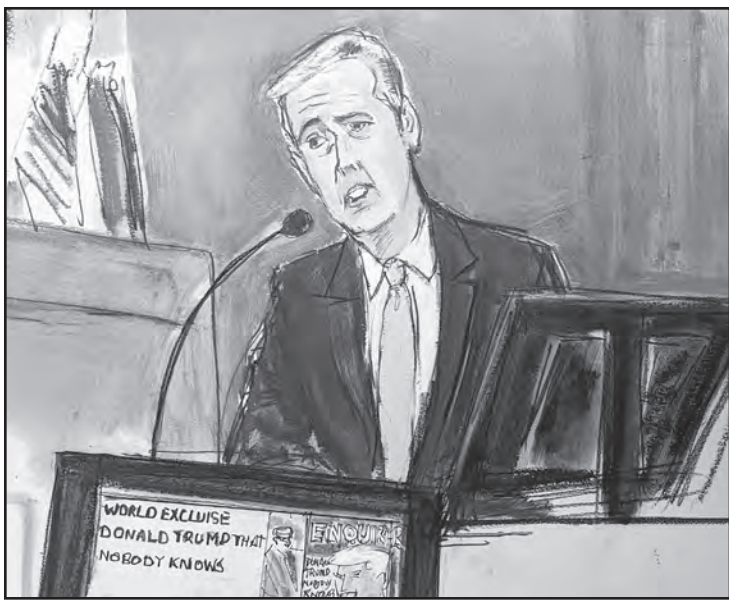
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Star witness Cohen directly implicates Trump in testimony at New York trial



Elizabeth Williams via AP
Michael Cohen testifies on the witness stand with a National Enquirer cover story about Donald Trump displayed on a screen in Manhattan criminal court, Monday, in New York.

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump's fixer-turned-foe, Michael Cohen, directly implicated the former president in a hush money scheme Monday, telling jurors that his celebrity client tasked him on several occasions to stifle stories about sex that he feared could torpedo his 2016 presidential campaign.

"Stop this from getting out," Cohen, the prosecution's star witness, quoted Trump as telling him in reference to porn actor Stormy Daniels' account of a sexual encounter with Trump a decade earlier.

A similar episode occurred when Cohen alerted Trump that a Playboy model was alleging that she and Trump had an extramarital affair. The order was clear: "Make sure it doesn't get released," Cohen said Trump told him. The woman, Karen McDougal, was paid \$150,000 in a hush money arrangement that was made after Trump was given a "complete and total update on everything that transpired."

"What I was doing was at the direction of and benefit of Mr. Trump," Cohen testified, later

adding: "Everything required Mr. Trump's sign-off."

Cohen, Trump's former lawyer and personal fixer, is by far the Manhattan district attorney's most important witness in the case, and his much-awaited appearance on the stand signaled that the first criminal trial of a

former American president is entering its final stretch. Prosecutors say they could wrap up their presentation of evidence by week's end.

The testimony of a witness with such intimate knowledge of Trump's activities could heighten the legal exposure of

the presumptive Republican presidential nominee if jurors deem him sufficiently credible. But prosecutors' reliance on a witness with such a checkered past — Cohen pleaded guilty to federal charges related to the payments — also carries sizable risks with a jury and could be a boon to Trump politically as he fundraises off his legal woes and paints the case as the product of a tainted criminal justice system.

The men, once so close that Cohen boasted that he would "take a bullet" for Trump, had no visible interaction inside the courtroom. The calm was a marked contrast from their last courtroom faceoff, when Trump last October walked out of the courtroom after his lawyer finished questioning Cohen during his civil fraud trial.

This time around, Trump sat at the defense table with his eyes closed for long stretches of testimony as Cohen recounted his decade-long career as a senior Trump Organization executive, doing work that by his own admission sometimes involved lying and bullying others on his boss's behalf.

Weather

Local

Rest of today: Cloudy, with a low around 56. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Skies Today

Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Sunset today 8:19 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:42 a.m.
Normal high temperature 66
Normal low temperature 43
Average temperature 55
First quarter moon May 15
Forecast for Tuesday, May 14, 2024

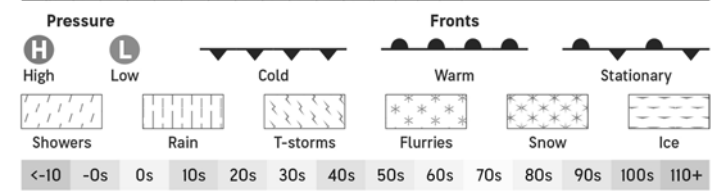
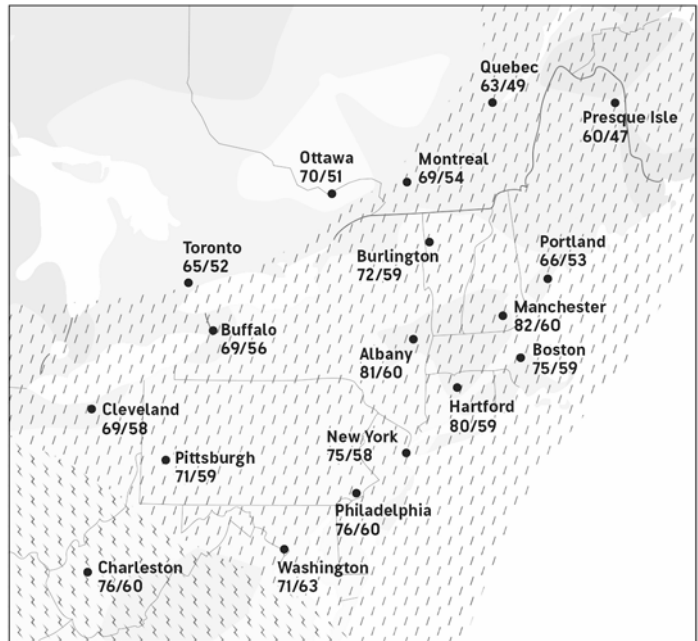
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Wednesday: Showers likely, with thunderstorms also possible after 11 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

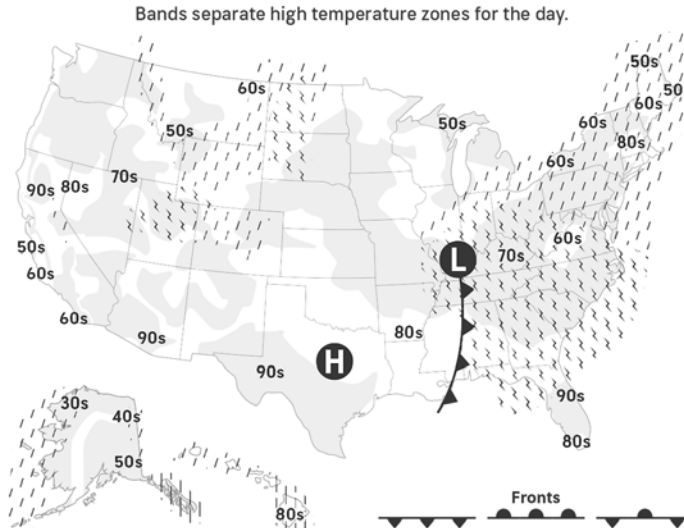
Wednesday night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Precipitation

May 11-13 0.22 inches
Month to date 1.49 inches



Forecast for Tuesday, May 14, 2024



NATIONAL SUMMARY: A storm will bring rain and thunderstorms to much of the Southeast as well as the Tennessee and Ohio valleys today. Some thunderstorms can become severe from the Florida Panhandle and southern Alabama to coastal South Carolina. Showers will occur in the Northeast, while showers and thunderstorms will spread across the Rockies.

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Controlled demolition at Baltimore bridge collapse site is postponed due to weather

By LEA SKENE
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The controlled demolition of the largest remaining steel span of the collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore has been postponed because of weather conditions, officials said Sunday afternoon.

Crews have been preparing for weeks to use explosives to break down the span, which is

an estimated 500 feet long and weighs up to 600 tons.

It landed on the ship's bow after the Dali lost power and crashed into one of the bridge's support columns shortly after leaving Baltimore. Since then, the ship has been stuck amidst the wreckage and Baltimore's busy port has been closed to most maritime traffic.

Officials said the demolition had been tentatively moved to

Monday evening. They said lightning in the area and rising tides Sunday prompted them to reschedule.

Six members of a roadwork crew plunged to their deaths in the March 26 collapse. The last of their bodies was recovered from the underwater wreckage last week. All the victims were Latino immigrants who came to the U.S. for job opportunities. They were filling potholes on an

overnight shift when the bridge was destroyed.

The controlled demolition will allow the Dali to be refloated and guided back into the Port of Baltimore. Once the ship is removed, maritime traffic can begin returning to normal, which will provide relief for thousands of longshoremen, truckers and small business owners who have seen their jobs impacted by the closure.

Obituaries

Thomas Francis Walpole

Thomas Francis Walpole was freed from ALS on May 9, 2024. He passed away peacefully surrounded by family. He faced his illness with dignity and courage for six years.

Thomas was born on May 18, 1964, with his twin brother, John. They were a surprise package to their parents. From the beginning, the twins were the life of the party. Tom grew up on the family farm, happily surrounded by nature, animals, family and friends. It was an idyllic childhood with loving parents and siblings. Tom attended school in Groton and Cortland. In Cortland, he was enrolled at Saint Mary's School, his mother's alma mater. He returned to Groton and graduated in 1983.

Like his grandfather and father before him, Tom enlisted in the US Army. He was trained as a Corrections Officer and served in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Mannheim, Germany, and Fort Riley in Manhattan, Kansas. While living in Kansas, Tom met many cherished friends and became a loyal fan of the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals. While he was stationed in Germany, he witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall and sent pieces back to his family.

After Tom was discharged from the Army, he returned home and immersed himself in small town life. He joined the C.W. Conger Hose Co. #2 of the Groton Fire Department and was an EMT for the Groton Ambulance. He served on the Parish Council for Saint Anthony's Catholic Church. He was an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Auburn, the Groton Rod and Gun Club, the Groton American Legion, and enjoyed his Thursday night bowling league. He was an avid supporter of the Boston Red Sox and Notre Dame teams. He cherished his role as "Uncy Tom" to his nieces and nephews. He was their biggest cheerleader and confidante.

In 2019, Tom retired after a distinguished career as a Corrections Sergeant for the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office.

Tom married Cindee Rotunda in 2021. Additionally, he is survived by her daughter, Arienne, his twin brother, John (Barbara), sisters Bridget, MaryBeth (Constance), Nora (Allen) and Molly, mother-in-law, Nancy, and an extensive family of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws and cherished friends. He is predeceased by his parents, John T. and Sally Casey Walpole.

Tom's family thanks the numerous aides, nurses, doctors, and caregivers who were instrumental in his care for the last six years. Tom's wishes of remaining at home were realized through their efforts.

Calling hours will be held at Saint Anthony's Catholic Church on Friday, May 17, from 4-7 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at Saint Anthony's Church, 312 Locke Road (Route 38N), Groton, NY on Saturday, May 18, at 11 a.m. The burial, with military honors, will take place at Saint Anthony's Cemetery immediately following Mass. A reception will be held afterwards at the Groton American Legion (307 Main Street, Groton).

Memorial donations, in lieu of flowers, are graciously directed to St. Anthony's Church or to the Groton Fire Department Ambulance Fund (PO Box 96, Groton, NY 13073). Arrangements are entrusted to the Shurtleff Funeral Home in Groton, and online condolences may be shared at www.shurtleffservices.com.

Death Notices

DIMICK — Rollin R. Dimick, 59, of Ithaca, died May 9, 2024. Funeral services are 11 a.m. Thursday, May 16. Visitation 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, all at Perkins Funeral Home. Burial in McLean Cemetery.

Norma L. (Howard) Birmingham

Norma L. (Howard) Birmingham, 100 years of age, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully at the home of her son and daughter-in-law in Fairport, NY, on May 10, 2024.

Norma was born in Camden, NY, on September 16, 1923, the daughter of the late Erwin and Mary Ethelyn Searles Howard. Norma led a fulfilling life dedicated to service and care for others. She was a faithful member of the McGrawville Baptist Church. Prior to her retirement, she spent 13 years driving school bus for Homer Central School and also worked in the cafeteria at McGraw Central School for several years, touching the lives of many with her warmth and kindness. In her younger years, Norma discovered her passion for gardening while working at a greenhouse. This love for plants bloomed into a lifelong joy that brought beauty and tranquility into the lives of those around her.

Norma is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Judy Birmingham of Fairport. She will also be dearly missed by her granddaughter Lindsay (Dave) Gaston of Moravia and her great-grandchildren Declan, Waylon, Waverly, and Finnegan Gaston.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Harold Birmingham, in 1998; a son, Alan Birmingham; and brothers, Rudolph and Kenneth Howard.

The visitation to honor Norma's life will be held on May 15, 2024, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the McGrawville Baptist Church. Funeral services will take place at the church on May 16th at 11 a.m., with her pastor, Reverend Fran Cochran officiating. Burial will be in McGraw Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Expressions of sympathy in memory of Norma may be directed to the McGrawville Baptist Church, 7 E. Main Street, McGraw, NY 13101.

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Lottery Winners

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

Numbers: MIDDAY: 7-0-6, Evening: 3-9-8; **WinFour:** MIDDAY: 8-4-4-0, Evening: 3-6-6-9; **Pick 10:** 3-13-21-23-29-35-36-40-49-51-54-55-56-59-60-63-70-71-75-79; **Take Five:** MIDDAY: 2-4-11-18-35, Evening: 4-17-29-30-38; **Cash4Life:** 2-14-41-44-47, Cash Ball: 3; **Lotto:** 10-12-14-24-31-39, Bonus: 30; **Powerball:** 3-6-39-49-67, Powerball: 21, Power Play: 2

Here are the winning numbers selected Sunday:

Numbers: MIDDAY: 4-3-3, Evening: 1-3-5; **WinFour:** MIDDAY: 7-9-0-8, Evening: 2-4-3-9; **Pick 10:** 7-9-13-18-26-27-29-33-41-42-48-51-52-53-56-61-65-66-68-80; **Take Five:** MIDDAY: 1-2-4-36-38, Evening: 1-9-17-19-27; **Cash4Life:** 2-7-38-39-57, Cash Ball: 4

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

Numbers: MIDDAY: 3-3-5, Evening: 4-5-7; **WinFour:** MIDDAY: 9-3-1-5, Evening: 1-0-3-3; **Pick 10:** 5-6-9-14-21-25-30-32-34-38-43-44-47-48-51-55-58-63-66-79; **Take Five:** MIDDAY: 8-9-16-38-39, Evening: 11-17-23-30-39; **Cash4Life:** 1-8-19-22-40, Cash Ball: 1, **Powerball:** 5-14-29-38-66, Powerball: 1, Power Play: 2

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Community

Industrial Development Agency plans hearing on Route 215 solar field

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The Cortland County Industrial Development Agency considering a proposal for a \$12.7 million solar farm on Route 215 in Cortlandville plans shortly to schedule a public hearing to hear from residents regarding the proposal.

The Cortland County Industrial Development Agency expects in late May or early June to schedule a public hearing on a proposal by a New York City-based business called Cortlandville PV LLC, said Brendan O'Bryan, executive director of the IDA and the Cortland County Business Development Corp.

The IDA voted, 5-0, to schedule a public hearing.

Cortlandville PV wants to open a five-megawatt solar farm at 3023 State Route 215 along agricultural land west of the highway.

Cortlandville PV would mount about 10,000 solar panels at the site, which would require the site to be re-zoned to "light industrial," the IDA said.

The company said it would place solar panels on 32 acres of the 76-acre site.

The hearing is required to collect public input before the IDA will decide on Cortlandville PV's request for a payment-in-

lieu of taxes agreement that would reduce property taxes by roughly \$475,000, IDA officials said.

It would not affect the taxes collected for the local fire department, which would continue to receive \$24,766, officials have said.

Earlier estimates from company officials had the site requiring 13,312 such solar panels.

IDA officials did not say why they had cited a higher number.

Several greater Cortland area communities have been welcoming solar projects. Dryden recently green-lighted a 12.5-megawatt solar farm at the site of the former Caswell Road landfill, which closed in 1985 after 15 years of use.

In Cortlandville, county lawmakers recommended in April granting a 29-year lease to an American and Canadian company that has previously developed 33 solar facilities in central New York.

Earlier this year, Cortland County produced nearly 67 megawatts of electricity from 298 solar projects, nearly 10 times its power-generating capacity of just five years ago.

Neighboring Tompkins County generated 95 megawatts from 1,665 solar fields, nearly three times what it could produce in 2019.



Todd R. McAdam/Managing Editor

The Cortland County Industrial Development Agency and Business Development Corp. will plan a public hearing on a proposed five-megawatt solar facility at this site off Route 215 in Cortlandville.

3 SUNY faculty, staff win Chancellor's Award

Three SUNY Cortland faculty, professional staff and classified service members will receive the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence, the college has announced.

The Chancellor's Awards provide systemwide recognition for consistently superior professional achievement and encourage the pursuit of excellence at all 64 SUNY campuses. Each campus president submits nominations, which are reviewed by the SUNY Committee on Awards.

The 2024 honorees are:

MOATAZ EMAM, professor, Physics Department — Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.

Dan Harms, associate librarian, Memorial Library — Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Barbara Drake, administrative assistant I, Biological Sciences Department — Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service.

MOATAZ EMAM

Emam, who received SUNY Cortland's 21st Chancellor's Award in this category, is an internationally respected

scholar in the supergravity realm of superstring theory, which seeks a theoretical explanation unifying all observed phenomena in the universe under one set of principles.

In exploring a "theory of everything" for more than two decades, Emam's scholarship has led to 18 peer-reviewed articles, many in journals such as the American Journal of Physics, Classical and Quantum Gravity and Physical Review D. He is credited by colleagues for finding solutions to challenging problems and "going viral in the field" for prompting discussion among string theorists and physicists.

He has written two books, including a 2021 textbook published by Oxford University Press titled "Covariant Physics: from Classical Mechanics to General Relativity and Beyond."

Emam earned a B.S. in civil engineering, a B.S. in physics and an M.S. in physics at Cairo University in Egypt. He holds a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

DAN HARMS

Harms, SUNY Cortland's seventh librarian to earn this honor, demonstrates his skills in Memorial Library, includ-

ing unique scholarship, and serves as a union advocate.

Harms, an associate librarian, joined the SUNY Cortland faculty in 2005. As an instructional services librarian, he is a key resource on information literacy, online database work and primary source research.

He is a liaison to academic departments including economics, English, psychology and sociology/anthropology. A vampire game he created with a colleague to teach students about evaluating sources spurred a conference presentation and was adopted by three other SUNY libraries.

Harms has written or co-written more than 70 publications including books, journal articles and book reviews. He has delivered 20 conference presentations from library-related research to fascinating academic interests such as magic studies and the occult.

Harms has made contributions to United University Professions, at both the campus and statewide levels, as well as SUNY Cortland Faculty Senate and at least 20 campus committees.

Harms earned a B.A. in anthropology and English from Vanderbilt University. He holds an M.A. in anthropology

from the University at Buffalo and is enrolled in the Master of Library and Information Science program at the University of Pittsburgh.

BARBARA DRAKE

An administrative assistant in the Biological Sciences Department since 2019, Drake has earned a reputation as the department's "backbone," and is the university's 16th honoree for classified service.

Whether it is a question related to academic advising or classroom technology or a campus process, her colleagues report that Drake always is a resource for students, faculty and staff alike.

She has mentored other administrative assistants in the sciences and has helped students both find their classes and suggest curriculum improvements.

"Barbara Drake is a shining example of the commitment and exceptional customer service on our campus," said SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum.

Drake joined SUNY Cortland in 2016, following a nearly four-decade career at the Cortland Regional Medical Center.

How to categorize reporters who don't like to be categorized

I don't watch many movies about journalism. If they're accurate, it's like spending two more hours at work. If they're not accurate, I spend two hours picking apart all the inaccuracies.

Part of why I dislike movies about journalism is that they tend to paint journalists as one of a couple of different characters, and none of them are very accurate. Journalists come in all sorts. Actually, if one is going to categorize journalists, most of the journalists I know fall into two of five categories, all of which are pretty essential to delivering quality news:

THE RELATIONSHIP BUILDERS

I knew a reporter who was on vacation in Cincinnati the night the city council had a big blow-up. About the only thing they could agree on was the reporter had to hear about it. So they all trooped into the mayor's office, called the reporter in Cincinnati and they all took five minutes to tell their side.

That's relationship-building. The people who can do that make great beat reporters because they can almost

always get the critical sources to tell them something.

If there's a downside to this trait, it's that the reporter might tend to protect the source to preserve the relationship, even at the cost of telling you the news. That's when an editor calls in the next type of reporter.

THE DIGGERS

I had a colleague who'd been trained in interrogation techniques by the FBI. A mutual source once told me that after talking with him, she was almost willing to show him all her confidential files and sign a confession.

Another could make a database sing, finding stories in numbers that nobody thought to match up. He spent a long time at USA Today as their data journalist specialist. Others were masters of Freedom of Information Law, and knew how to write requests to get exactly what was needed, a few surprises, too.

These reporters are diggers; they're all about getting the information in any of a hundred different ways. It's an essential part of the story — a news or-

**EDITOR'S NOTES**

How a daily newspaper works every day.

By TODD R. McADAM

ganization can't publish information it doesn't have.

THE SPOT NEWS FOLKS

If it's happening RIGHT NOW, these are the people to have on hand. They're cool in a crisis, know the essential questions to ask and are very observant. They notice things others miss and can judge its importance in real time.

Where some reporters might take hours to report and write a story, these people can do it in minutes, just perfect for a fire, or significant crime or natural disaster — also very good for sports

stories, particularly in complex, fast-moving sports.

But if they don't understand what they have, they can be tripped up, which makes the next category so important.

THE ANALYSTS

I've long said about 75% of a reporter's work is getting information and 5% or 10% is telling the story. The rest is trying to figure out what the facts mean, and to be able to re-assess that understanding with every new detail.

Facts can be lined up to tell different and sometimes contradictory stories. The analysts know how to do that, then how to test each combination until they find the most accurate read for the reader.

THE STORYTELLERS

A number of former colleagues have gone on to publish short stories, memoirs, biographies or poetry. One is working on a novel.

They're deeply involved in making a compelling read, one that carries you along from the first fact to the last.

Police/fire

Homer man charged with promoting contraband

Accused: Casey C. Burke, 42, of Warren Street, Homer

Charges: First-degree promoting prison contraband, a felony; second-degree criminal impersonation, petit larceny, misdemeanors

Details: Cortland County sheriff's officers were dispatched about 7:57 p.m. May 5 to Lowe's on Route 13 in Cortlandville for a larceny complaint. Police said Burke stole merchandise and left the scene.

Police later found him near a neighboring business, but they said he provided a false name and date of birth.

A warrant was issued and he was arrested about 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, during which police found an active warrant charging him with promoting prison contraband.

Legal Actions: Burke was sent to the Cortland County Jail without bail pending an appearance in Cortland County Court.

Towns

Hospital to unveil mural created by students

Guthrie Cortland Medical Center will unveil a new mural in its cafe courtyard today as part of Guthrie Health Care Week, the hospital has announced.

The mural by artist Molly Reagan and her 6th grade class from St. Mary's School, will be a centerpiece for visitors and caregivers eating at the hospital.

The class will help unveil the mural at 1 p.m. with a Guthrie caregiver who worked on the project, hospital leaders and staff and Cortland Mayor Scott Steve.

Guthrie Health Care week runs through Friday.

Homer library to host naloxone training June 13

Phillips Free Library will host a naloxone training session from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 13 at the library at 37 S. Main St., Homer.

The training is open to anyone age 16 and older, but registration is required.

To sign up, email office@philipsfreelibrary.org. To hold the training, 20 people must be registered.

Each of the 10 overdose-related deaths in Cortland County in 2023 involved opioids; nine of them were fentanyl, state Health Department data show.

Cortland County saw 11 people die of opioid overdose in 2022.

Nearby in Tompkins County, there were 28 drug-related deaths in 2023, the same as in 2022.

— Margaret Mellott

Cortland Prevention Resources

Prevention is the best medicine. It starts early

By BAILEY PECK
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Contributing Writers

National Prevention Week, promoted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, is recognized from May 12 to 18. This public education platform showcases the work of communities and organizations across the country that are preventing substance use and promoting positive mental health.

One local organization is dedicated to the important work of prevention year-round. Cortland Prevention Resources is committed to helping members of the community develop the skills they need to lead happy and healthy lives. At the forefront of their offerings, the agency provides Too Good, an evidence-based substance use and violence prevention program to schools countywide.

With curricula for grades K-12, children and teens learn core social-emotional skills including setting realistic goals, making healthy choices, building positive friendships, effective communication, managing emotions and resisting peer

pressure. These foundational skills are incorporated into lessons focused on substances and their effect on the body.

In the youngest grades, the lessons develop an understanding of what is healthy to put in the body and what is not. This prepares students for discussions about tobacco, alcohol and other drug use in elementary and middle school years. The final group of lessons teach students to manage bullying situations and choose peaceful ways to resolve conflict and handle stress.

Interactive games and activities throughout the program create an experiential learning environment allowing students to learn and apply the skills in a safe classroom setting. Students use these interpersonal skills every day to guide appropriate behavior in social situations and to form meaningful connections.

The profound impact of meaningful connections led Cortland Prevention Resources to initiate the Compass program years ago. Although the

program has seen several renditions, one component has remained constant: mentorship. The agency partners with the adapted physical education Department at SUNY Cortland to pair college student mentors with youth ages 12-18.

The program uses the Positivity Project as the framework, with each week focused on a theme such as kindness, bravery, teamwork and humor. Mentors model positive social interactions, exhibit positive character traits and encourage drug-free healthy lifestyles. Over the course of a semester, mentors and mentees meet weekly to engage in activities designed to foster positive connections.

The goal of the program is two-fold: offer a positive alternative to substance use among youth while building healthy interpersonal skills. Mentoring has been shown to increase graduation rates, improve attitudes about school and decrease the likelihood of initiating substance use. Not only do youth benefit from Compass, but the

SUNY Cortland students also gain experience as they prepare for careers in teaching, criminal justice and therapeutic recreation. They are tasked with planning and facilitating group activities designed to help youth succeed in life.

Could your children or students benefit from a caring relationship with a positive role model? Do you want to find a way to boost their confidence and health? The next Compass session will begin early September and will run 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at SUNY Cortland.

Cortland Prevention Resource's school-based program Too Good and the community-based Compass program are offered at no cost to participants. To learn more, email jsylstra@familycs.org or call 607-756-8970, extension 260.

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Ask Amy
By Amy Dickinson

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Sibling haunted by mystery mourner

DEAR AMY: My father died 20 years ago after a long battle with alcoholism.

At the time, he was separated from my mother and estranged from my younger brother.

I chose to maintain a relationship with him through the last months of his life when he was suffering from liver failure, and I forgave him for the pain he had caused our family.

My brother did not maintain contact, and I completely understand why he made that decision.

At my father's memorial service, a "mystery man" attended.

He didn't come through the receiving line, speak to anyone in the family, bring a card, or sign the guest book.

Several of my relatives remarked later that they wondered who he was, but no one had talked to him.

He was well dressed and young — maybe early 20s (slightly younger than my brother and I), so not of the age that you would expect someone to show up at a funeral if they were not connected to the deceased.

At the time, family members made awkward jokes that I might have a brother I didn't know about.

It was an open secret that my father had affairs in the later years of his marriage, so there was the possibility that he had another child from an earlier relationship.

I have wondered about him ever since.

Part of me has always wanted to know, and as DNA tests have become more popular I've considered using testing to see if I have another sibling out there.

However, I've never done it, mostly because I worry about the impact that a discovery would have on my mother and my brother.

I also worry that I will put myself through a lot of stress for nothing.

Should I let sleeping dogs lie?

Or will I feel more peace if I look, even if I might not find anything?

If I do learn something, am I obligated to tell my mother and my brother, even if it might be hurtful to them? I would appreciate any advice you can offer to help me resolve my ambivalence and move forward (one way or the other) after all of these years.

— M
DEAR M: Take this effort in steps, and make important decisions as you go.

Your father's habits were known to many, so you might assume that both your mother and brother could anticipate that there are other siblings out there.

Given the history you describe, this disclosure might hurt — but not surprise — your mother and brother. And even though you are prepared for this revelation, the reality might be hard for you too.

This lingering question has already caused you years of stress. My sense is that you need to know the truth.

DEAR AMY: I absolutely adore your response to "Paramedic," who wondered if he should go to Australia for a six-month job opportunity, or stay with his controlling girlfriend: "Take the job, ditch the girl."

I wish I could give my younger self a few versions of that clear and direct advice.

— Brad
DEAR BRAD: Thank you! This was yet another time when knowing "The Godfather" by heart has provided a handy inspiration for an answer ("Leave the gun. Take the cannoli.")

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Notebook

Duplicate bridge results

Linda Christy and Jim McConnell won Friday's duplicate bridge game with 16.5 points.

Barb Gage and Chuck Kasten were second with 14.5 points. Gail Briggs and Lorraine Khouri were third with 12.5 points.

The average for the game was 12 points. The group next plays at 10 a.m. Friday at the Cortland YWCA.

Family caregiver support group meets

A safe space for family caregivers to share their experiences, challenges and successes meets from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month.

The meeting is available in person at Access to Independence, 26 N. Main St., Cortland, and via Zoom. It's sponsored by the Cortland County Area Agency on Aging's Caregiver Resource Center. For details, call the center at 607-753-5060.

Overeaters Anonymous meeting

Those who are over or under eaters are welcome at Overeaters Anonymous. A weekly group takes place 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 2 Rivers Church, 78 Homer Ave., Cortland. For more information, call 607-299-4553.

Cortland Chess Club meets Thursdays

The Cortland Chess Club meets 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays at the Cortland Free Library, 32 Church St. All levels are welcome.

Need food?

Go to McGraw

The McGraw Community Pantry distributes food 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays at the McGraw United Methodist Church, 20 E. Main St., McGraw.

Alanon in Cortland

Alanon meetings are available in person,

online and via telephone for people affected by someone else's drinking.

Several weekly meetings take place in Cortland and Homer:

Alanon and Alateen meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at the YWCA, 14 Clayton Ave., Cortland.

A 7 p.m. meeting takes place Sundays at Christ Community Church, 1093 Route 13, Cortland.

Alanon meets 7 p.m. Mondays at Homer Congregational Church, 28 S. Main St., Homer.

Call Mary at 607-844-4707 for details. People encourage one another in a confidential setting. There are no dues or fees for membership and no appointment is required.

AA meetings are available

Is drinking a problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous can help. Call 607-261-5848 or visit www.aacortland-homer.org for details.

Could better inhalers help patients and the environment?

By MARTHA BEBINGER,
WBUR, KFF Health News
(TNS)

Miguel Divo, a lung specialist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, sits in an exam room across from Joel Rubinstein, who has asthma. Rubinstein, a retired psychiatrist, is about to get a checkup and hear a surprising pitch — for the planet, as well as his health.

Divo explains that boot-shaped inhalers, which represent nearly 90% of the U.S. market for asthma medication, save lives but also contribute to climate change. Each puff from an inhaler releases a hydrofluorocarbon gas that is 1,430 to 3,000 times as powerful as the most commonly known greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide.

"That absolutely never occurred to me," said Rubinstein. "Especially, I mean, these are little, teeny things."

So Divo has begun offering a more eco-friendly option to some patients with asthma and other lung diseases: a plastic, gray cylinder about the size and shape of a hockey puck that contains powdered medicine. Patients suck the powder into their lungs — no puff of gas required and no greenhouse gas emissions.

"You have the same medications, two different delivery systems," Divo said.

Patients in the United States are prescribed roughly 144 million of what doctors call me-

tered-dose inhalers each year, according to the most recently available data published in 2020. The cumulative amount of gas released is the equivalent of driving half a million gas-powered cars for a year. So, the benefits of moving to dry powder inhalers from gas inhalers could add up.

Hydrofluorocarbon gas contributes to climate change, which is creating more wildfire smoke, other types of air pollution, and longer allergy seasons. These conditions can make breathing more difficult — especially for people with asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD — and increase the use of inhalers.

Divo is one of a small but growing number of U.S. physicians determined to reverse what they see as an unhealthy cycle.

"There is only one planet and one human race," Divo said. "We are creating our own problems and we need to do something."

So Divo is working with patients like Rubinstein who may be willing to switch to dry powder inhalers. Rubinstein said no to the idea at first because the powder inhaler would have been more expensive. Then his insurer increased the copay on the metered-dose inhaler so Rubinstein decided to try the dry powder.

"For me, price is a big thing," said Rubinstein, who has tracked health care and pharma-



Miguel Divo, a lung specialist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, holds a metered-dose inhaler. Current versions release a greenhouse gas that's up to 3,000 times as potent as carbon dioxide.

ceutical spending in his professional roles for years. Inhaling the medicine using more of his own lung power was an adjustment. "The powder is a very strange thing, to blow powder into your mouth and lungs."

But for Rubinstein, the new inhaler works and his asthma is under control. A recent study

found that some patients in the United Kingdom who use dry powder inhalers have better asthma control while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. In Sweden, where the vast majority of patients use dry powder inhalers, rates of severe asthma are lower than in the United States.

Rubinstein is one of a small number of U.S. patients who have made the transition. Divo said that, for a variety of reasons, only about a quarter of his patients even consider switching. Dry powder inhalers are often more expensive than gas propellant inhalers. For some, dry powder isn't a good op-

tion because not all asthma or COPD sufferers can get their medications in this form. And dry powder inhalers aren't recommended for young children or elderly patients with diminished lung strength.

Also, some patients using dry powder inhalers worry that without the noise from the spray, they may not be receiving the proper dose. Other patients don't like the taste powder inhalers can leave in their mouths.

Divo said his priority is making sure patients have an inhaler they are comfortable using and that they can afford. But, when appropriate, he'll keep offering the dry powder option.

Advocacy groups for asthma and COPD patients support more conversations about the connection between inhalers and climate change.

"The climate crisis makes these individuals have a higher risk of exacerbation and worsening disease," said Albert Rizzo, chief medical officer of the American Lung Association. "We don't want medications to contribute to that."

Rizzo said there is work being done to make metered-dose inhalers more climate-friendly. The United States and many other countries are phasing down the use of hydrofluorocarbons, which are also used in refrigerators and air conditioners. It's part of the global attempt to avoid the worst possible impacts of climate change.

Jesse Costa/WBUR/KFF Health News/TNS

Other Opinions

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

Jamestown Post-Journal on child manslaughter penalties

Society cannot prevent the maltreatment of children no matter how hard it tries. Not even a veritable army of Child Protective Services workers would be enough to be able to prevent the abuse inflicted on some children by the adults in their lives.

Knowing that we cannot prevent adults from shirking their responsibility to care for the children in their care, we agree with Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara, D-Schenectady, that those who cause the death of a child should face a tougher penalty.

Only weeks after a Jamestown man allegedly caused the death of a 16-month-old child in his care, Santabarbara introduced A.10066. The bill will increase manslaughter crimes that result in the death of a child from a Class B or Class C felony to a class A-1 felony, ensuring such cases receive the maximum sentence under state sentencing guidelines.

"This bill ensures that those responsible for neglect or abuse leading to the death of a child must face the toughest penalties and full accountability under the law," Santabarbara wrote in his legislative justification.

Children can be challenging. Parenting or caring for young children is stressful and difficult at times. But there should be no acceptable display of frustration or stress that results in the death of a child. Adults who break the bond of trust with a child placed under their care should face a higher level of criminal charge.

Too often new parents or caregivers find themselves in over their heads with little idea or training on how to handle a child properly. Part of prenatal care or post-birth care has to be to help parents protect their children.

Oneonta Daily Star on the housing crisis

Living in America is more expensive than it's ever been, especially the "living" part. Housing prices are skyrocketing everywhere, urban and rural, and New York in particular has become a hotspot of the current housing crisis.

Lawmakers are taking steps to address the issue; recently, a deal was reached consisting of a series of measures created to deal with the state's housing crisis. These include tax credits, tenant protections and zoning changes.

It's a part of Gov. Kathy Hochul's Housing Compact, a proposal intended to double the rate of housing construction in the state and create hundreds of thousands of new homes in the next decade.

Hochul saw the announcement as a victory in the housing crisis fight. But while the plan will create many new homes, the numbers will likely be in the tens of thousands, figures far short of the ambitious goals of the Housing Compact.

It led to general apathy and unhappiness among tenants and landlords, with the general consensus that it was a mere drop in the bucket of what's necessary to achieve true success.

Housing is an urgent need throughout the state, but there is no one single solution that will alleviate it. While most of the focus is on New York City, something that works for that specific area might not work for smaller population centers and vice versa.

Different types of communities — urban, rural, suburban — have different housing needs. But the undeniable truth is that they all need help and they all need to be more affordable.

In 2022, almost 40% of New York households were paying 30% or more of their income for housing according to the Office of the State Comptroller. That represents the third highest rate of housing burden in the country. A whopping 20% of households were paying more than 50% of their income for housing.

New York has consistently ranked as one of the states with the highest cost burdens for owners and renters.

In the last decade, the state added more than 460,000 housing units. That may seem like a lot at first glance, but as an increase of less than 6% it is far below other states, ranking 32nd out of 50.

And while these numbers are obviously skewed by the astronomical cost of living in New York City and its surrounding areas, things aren't that much better in the rest of the state.

In the Southern Tier and Mohawk Valley, 16% of owners and more than 40% of renters live in cost-burdened households, meaning they spend more than a third of their income on rent and utilities.

One of the downsides of the recently announced plan is that the housing growth in question will largely be limited to New York City, leaving out other parts of the state being similarly affected by the affordability crisis. Employing incentives to spur new housing is a half-measure considering its poor track record in other states.

So what are the solutions? As noted earlier, there isn't an all-encompassing cure for the state's housing woes, but there are steps that can be taken. Getting relevant stakeholders to help increase supply is a first step, while proposals for a more comprehensive and expansive agenda of reform can help move things forward.

This is easier said than done, but by empowering specific localities to implement their own solutions, it may help New Yorkers combat the growing sense of housing insecurity.

Whatever legislation is in the works needs to be able to protect low-income tenants who literally live under the shadow of eviction. It needs to encourage the production of more affordable units. And it needs to realistically offer up the promise of home ownership to those it has long denied.

Your Opinion

Homer town board ignores residents

To the Editor:

On the evening of May 8, I was witness to what happens when democracy is purposefully subverted, not in Washington, D.C but right in the town of Homer at the Homer Town Hall. The Town Board voted to proceed with permitting digital billboards after over 300 residents of the town signed a petition against this action.

Over sixty people were present at the meeting on a Wednesday to intelligently state their numerous logical reasons why they were opposed to the action permitting billboards in the town of Homer. Among the speakers, the current town of Homer Planning Board chair came out against the billboards, our two county legislators, representing the town of Homer, spoke in opposition to the billboard proposal, citing the hundreds of their constituents who were opposed to the billboards. Village of Homer business owners, landowners, and concerned citizens all voiced strong opposition to the billboards. All speakers were given only two minutes to state their concerns with one exception: the man representing the billboard company who spoke far longer.

Two of the only three who spoke in favor of the billboard vote to proceed were the landowner who is selling the land to the billboard company and a billboard company representative.

This was not about a group of citizens opposed to economic development but a community in favor of it, recognizing that the billboards proposed to go up will have the opposite effect in terms of lower property values, light pollution, how outsiders as well as residents view our community, among numerous other concerns.

There was a clear demonstration that the board members of the Homer Town Board have no interest in listening to their constituents and appeared to have no intention of serving in a democracy.

Nancy Dafoe
 Homer



Cameras in the courtroom

Susan Estrich



I read all the updates from the reporters in the court room. But it just isn't the same as watching it yourself.

I want to actually see it. I want to see how Donald Trump reacts when he hears his former aides testify. I want to hear for myself the testimony of the witnesses against him, and the cross-examination. I want to judge for myself what the judge has to say about Trump's violation of the gag order.

You can watch pundits talk about the trial 24/7 on cable news, from whatever perspective you choose. But most of them only know what I know, from reading the updates from the limited number of reporters lucky enough to secure access to seats in the courtroom. They aren't seeing and hearing what is really going on.

There is no reason why we should still be stuck in the past getting our news secondhand rather than seeing it for ourselves.

The old fear was that cameras would somehow turn courtrooms into circus tents and undermine the seriousness of what was going on or that lawyers would pay too much attention to the cameras. That makes no sense. What we see instead

of the serious goings-on in the courtroom is the circus outside, when Trump sounds off to the press. What sense does that make?

The judicial system has been politicized, unfortunately. The answer to restoring confidence is sunshine — to actually let people see and hear what is going on inside, and judge for themselves.

This is a historic event. A former president and one of two men who will be our next president is standing trial. Whether and how the public responds to the trial and its verdict will shape history. Trump has done everything he can to put off any judgment of him, but he found one judge who would have none of it, and insisted that

the trial go forward. He is doing everything he can to ensure an orderly process, and by my (secondhand) lights, he is doing a fine job of it. But what do I really know? I've not heard any of it directly.

The one legitimate concern is the jury's anonymity. It would certainly be interesting and illuminating to be able to see how the jury reacts: When I'm involved in trials, I watch the jury the same way I used to watch the reactions of voters in focus groups. But in the interests of protecting their anonymity, the cameras can be positioned so as to shield the jury from public view. That is a compromise worth making. But it hardly justifies blocking our view of the rest of the proceeding.

Because ultimately, in a trial like this one, there are two juries. The other one, and the one that may count the most in the long run, is the public, the voters, the people who will judge not only if Trump is indeed guilty of the enumerated felonies but if he has the character to be the next president of the United States.

The legal pundits can debate all day about whether Alvin Bragg has legitimately turned misdemeanor violations of falsified business records — which there seems no question that Trump did — into felonies by alleging that they were done to interfere with the election. Did he do it to win — or avoid losing — women voters, and thus violate election laws, or simply to avoid telling his wife?

Whether or not he was engaged in an unlawful conspiracy or just an ugly cover-up is not only a legal question. For voters, this trial is a measure of character. The judgment voters must make is whether this man has the character to be our next president. To make that judgment based on secondhand reviews is not nearly as fair and effective as it would be if we could literally see what's going on.

Children in charge on campuses

Froma Harrop



A favorite quote from the recent campus conflicts comes from Adam Young, a freshman at the New School in New York. After student trespassers were arrested and hauled to police headquarters, he complained, "This is not OK ... We're 18 years old."

Adam, there are 17-year-old Marines.

The pro-Palestinian protestors have every right to rail against Israel's actions in Gaza and in the costumes of their choice. But when facing the consequences of breaking campus rules, many plead innocence by virtue of their youth.

And why do so many faculty members support their expropriation of communal campus space? Because they're children, too. As a former senior editor at Princeton University Press once told me, professors who had never held a job outside of academia tended toward the immature.

When students and outsiders smashed their way into Columbia University's Hamilton Hall, and the school called in police, the university senate, which includes faculty, demanded an investigation.

When an 18-year-old breaks windows on a Walgreens, he gets arrested without controversy. But we are talking about a different demographic, are

we not?

Not everyone was unhappy at the video of 65-year-old Annelise Orleck getting tackled and zip-tied at Dartmouth College. The silver-haired history professor is seen charging at police and thrusting cameras in their face. It was the performance of her life. Perhaps the cops didn't care to be extras.

New York Mayor Eric Adams refers to the unruly demonstrators at Columbia as "children." So did New York Police Department Chief of Patrol John Chell.

"I guarantee you," Chell said, "those kids would be relieved because they don't want their dorm material on the corner and have mom come pick them up the next day."

Scenes of riot-ready police descending on Columbia's campus may have offered cinematic tension, but not a single

soul, including crowds milling outside the gates, ended up in the hospital. Emergency Medical Services probably got more calls that night from the local bars.

Many in the "reasonable" media praised Brown University for negotiating a deal that didn't involve police. The students pulled up their tents in return for a promise to force managers of Brown's endowment to hold a vote on divesting Israel-connected assets.

President Christina Paxson may have regarded accepting some low-level extortion as a price worth paying to get the whole thing over with. But some alumni donors saw it as a spineless gesture to pacify rule-breaking children.

Thing is, students or anyone else can demand that Brown divest from Israel any day of the week. The Brown Corpora-

tion can follow their orders or not, but in this case, only one side of the conflict was offered facetime with its members.

Columbia president Minouche Shafik sent out a letter regretting her inability to reach the terms of a shakedown before calling police. "The University offered to consider new proposals on divestment and shareholder activism, to review access to our dual degree programs," she wrote apologetically.

Columbia profs protected by tenure lacked the guts to show their faces even under the guise of protecting the children. On the subject of hidden identities, NYPD's Chell was asked whether police could distinguish students from the outside agitators. He responded with humor: "Dress on black scarf. I'm not sure that's a chemistry student."

Over at MIT, more than a dozen professors sent school president Sally Kornbluth a package of letters urging her to continue "negotiations" rather than call police. Not one of them signed their name.

A "lecturer" urged Kornbluth "to stand up with courage," and never request the use of force against the students. Whatever the author's academic specialty, his or her letter was a master class on the meaning of irony.

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.

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state, with centers spread between Albany and Buffalo.

Here's what we know about Syracuse's two biggest workforce development initiatives.

ON-RAMP

Details about ON-RAMP have been hard to come by since the governor announced it as part of her budget proposal in January.

However, here's what we know, according to a spokesperson for the state Division of Budget:

The headquarters will be in Syracuse at a "flagship" facility.

There will be three other locations, selected through a competitive bidding process, situated somewhere along the Thruway corridor between Buf-

falo and Albany.

The total budget for ON-RAMP is \$200 million and the state has allocated in this year's budget \$110 million for ON-RAMP capital expenses (building these facilities) and another \$19 million for operational expenses.

The remaining \$71 million will be spread out over the next four years for operational costs.

Hochul told the Syracuse.com | The Post-Standard editorial board earlier this year that Syracuse will receive "the bulk of the money" allocated for ON-RAMP.

CenterState is helping to facilitate the planning of the Syracuse facility, according to Dominic Robinson, CenterState's senior vice president of inclusive growth.

While there's still a "layer of unknown," Robinson said, "we

have been given the green light by the state to begin the planning process, and that's literally starting now."

CenterState has hired a planning consultant and has identified partners including employers, training providers, trade unions, community-based organizations (to help recruit talent and provide wraparound services), and community leaders and ambassadors.

"Those planning conversations will start in earnest this month," Robinson said.

CenterState has met virtually with leadership at Buffalo's Northland Workforce Training Center, a \$60 million facility that opened as part of the Buffalo Billion initiative in 2018. A delegation from CenterState plans a trip this month for a tour and to talk with staff.

As a nonprofit, Northland's

mission is to prop up the Western New York economy by developing a skilled workforce for the advanced manufacturing and energy sectors, and Hochul has cited it as a model for ON-RAMP facilities.

"It's right in the heart of the highest poverty area, and people don't have to take a car or two bus rides out to the suburbs to get job training," Hochul told our editorial board in February. "It's intentionally in a place where people need the most help and access to jobs, and the training is extraordinary."

Since its opening and through the fall of 2023, the center has enrolled more than 1,000 students, seen a 62% graduation rate (almost three times the national average for community colleges), and placed 83% of its graduates in employment, according to Northland.

A FUTURE-READY CONSORTIUM

While ON-RAMP is all about a physical location to serve as a hub of workforce training and education, the Future-Ready Workforce Innovation Consortium is a bit more esoteric.

The group actually formed years ago as an amalgam of partners to think about how to align community-based organizations, training providers, employers and unions to funnel qualified candidates into training and job placement.

This was back when Micron was still codenamed "Project Yankee" and nothing was definite.

The consortium was "baked" into a federal grant application that Syracuse ultimately did not win, Robinson said. But it set the table for the Micron effort.

The group has been expanded

since then. Co-led by Syracuse University, in late 2023 it finalized — with Micron's help — a roadmap for workforce development strategies.

Robinson said Micron is working with Onondaga Community College — a member of the consortium — to tailor the college's courses around the skills needed for a career in the semiconductor industry. The first cohort started in the fall of 2023. Micron has also pledged \$5 million toward a cleanroom simulation lab at the school, hired OCC students for internships at its locations in Idaho and Virginia and sponsored a "Girls Going Tech" day last year for 8th graders to learn about STEM-related careers. Separately, another consortium member — the Manufacturers Alliance of CNY — is developing a registered apprenticeship program with Micron.

WORK

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Main Street and Groton Avenue, the city was directing customers of Groton Avenue businesses in the work zone to park in the municipal lot on Groton Avenue on Monday and today.

Parking permit rules were suspended in the lot for the two days.

The lots were accessible from West Court Street via Haskell Place, although part of Orchard Street was closed.

Work is continuing on infrastructure for traffic control and street lighting at North Main Street and Groton and Clinton avenues. This will restrict parking and result in alternating lane closures.

Construction of a storm water line on Court Street is also continuing and affecting traffic.

The Broadway project is expected to continue through July 5. The project is meant to improve walking and vehicle safety, including:

A raised intersection with new traffic and pedestrian signaling.

Added turning lanes on Neubig Road and Pashley Drive.

A second bus stop and extended sidewalk across from Whitaker Hall.

Increased signage to mark the entrance to campus.

Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer.

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slowed with the arrival of COVID-19, and Maifly Development

ultimately decided not to build on the site.

The Town Board is slated to meet 6 p.m. Thursday.



Your Dental Health

by Dr. Baljinder Singh
and the Cortland Dental Team

TIPS FOR MAKING A ROUTINE DENTAL EXAM EASIER

We all try to remember to brush and floss just before a dental appointment, in addition to bringing any current dental gear like a retainer or mouthguard. There are other ways you can prepare to make the exam more comfortable. Alcoholic beverages and painkillers should be avoided before the exam. These can diminish things like discomfort or pain that may need further investigation. Avoid items like makeup, jewelry, and hair implements that may be lost, damaged, or hinder your dental team. On the other hand, comfortable clothing and layers can help put you at ease. Your dentist may allow personal items like a blanket, stuffy, or fidget toy that can help lower anxiety about your appointment.

To keep your teeth and to keep them strong, be sure to keep your dental appointments for regular checkups.

Remember that nothing is more economical than regular, professional visits to the dentist to help guard against any problems that may threaten your smile. If you have questions about caring for your teeth and gums and achieving optimum dental health, please feel free to call us at **CORTLAND DENTAL, 607.753.9361**. Our full-service, state-of-the-art office is located at **4313 North Homer Ave.**, where we have office hours by appointment.

P.S. . Preparing for a dental exam includes restocking any prescriptions or over-the-counter painkillers you may need afterward.



SHOW

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agility competition — won by a mixed-breed dog for the first time since Westminster added the event in 2014. Nimble, the winner, was handled by Cynthia Hornor, who took the trophy with a border collie last year.

Monday marked the start of the traditional judging that leads to the best in show prize, to be awarded tonight. Semifinals began Monday night, pitting the winners of each breed against others in their "group," such as hounds or herding dogs.

The 2,500-plus first-round entrants range from tiny Yorkshire terriers to towering great Danes. They include a newly added breed, the Lancashire heeler, represented Monday by a single contestant named Mando.

If he knew a lot was riding on his little shoulders, he didn't show it as he appeared in the first-round ring and someone in the audience yelled, "Yay! History!"

"He just has a rock-star attitude," handler Jessica Plourde said afterward.

The show also was a first for Alfredo Delgado and Maria Davila, who had traveled from Juncos, Puerto Rico, with their French bulldog, Duncan.

Their path started when Delgado's brother found a lost Frenchie. It was soon reunited with its owner, but Delgado was intrigued by the breed.

Fast-forward some years, and he was in the Westminster ring as Duncan's breeder, owner and handler, with Davila cheering him on.

"We made a dream come true to be here," Davila said afterward. "To share with experienced people in the ring — that was awesome."

Westminster routinely at-



Handler Willy Santiago competes with Afghan hound Zaida during breed group judging at the 148th Westminster Kennel Club Dog show, Monday, at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York.

AP Photo/Julia Nikhinson

tracts a roster of dog showing's heavy hitters. This year's field includes Stache, a Sealyham terrier who won the National Dog Show televised last Thanksgiving, and Comet, a shih tzu who won the huge American Kennel Club National Championship that was televised on Dec. 31.

Comet is "just everything you would want in a shih tzu," co-owner, breeder and handler Luke Ehrlich said after Comet won his breed Monday morning. With a flowing coat like a

vanilla-and-caramel ice cream sundae that's melting onto the table, the dog looked up at his handler with the sweet expression that's prized in the breed.

"He's a very sweet, loving dog" who knows when it's time to perform and when it's time to relax, said Ehrlich, of Monclova, Ohio.

Later, Frankie, the recovered Afghan hound, and her littermate Belle stood side-by-side in their breed's ring. So did the Giordanos, an Annandale, New

Jersey, couple who have been side-by-side since high school. David handled Frankie, while his wife led Belle.

Both dogs took jaunty spins around the ring, but neither won. Nor did the recent World Dog Show winner, named Zaida. The ribbon went to another highly ranked Afghan, named Louis.

"This breed's supposed to be 'the king of dogs,' and he knows he is," handler and co-owner Alicia Jones said.

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Alternative investing in 2024: Predictions and trends to watch

By ANANYAA BHOWMIK
Wealth of Geeks

Alternative investment assets under management added up to \$13.7 trillion in 2021. Investment fund analysts Prequin projects them to nearly double that in the next few years — \$23.3 trillion by 2027. The ultrarich earmark at least 50% of their assets for alternative investment. They're not the only ones.

More and more average people consider various alternative investments, be it hedge funds, private equity, or even collectible fandom merchandise.

WHAT IS ALTERNATIVE INVESTING?

Traditional forms of investment — bonds, stocks, and cash — differ from alternative investments. These investments are usually not liquid and cannot easily convert into cash. Tangible alternative investments include real estate and precious metals. Other assets include hedge funds, distressed securities, and private equity.

The United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) does not regulate this type of investment. Earlier, only institutional and ultrarich investors could access alternative investments. However, this is no longer the case. Individual and retail investors incorporate these assets into their portfolios to maximize profits and reduce risk.

One thing that sets alternative investments apart is their low correlation with traditional assets, meaning elements influencing conventional asset prices don't have quite the same effect on alternative investments. Also, the process of determining their value is more complicated. Specific knowledge is necessary to determine the value of assets like fine art, where the demand patterns may be unpredictable, shifting according to the latest market trends.

THE STATE AND KINDS OF ALTERNATIVE INVESTING

Alternative investments cannot easily convert into cash due to their relatively low demand and a lack of centralized markets. Compared to traditional instruments, the buying prices are high, and some assets require investors to invest a minimum amount.

PRIVATE EQUITY

Private equity has a long history of generating decent returns and outperforming public markets during economic booms and depressions. However, profound interest rate changes during the pandemic pose serious investor challenges. Due to rising interest rates, private equity managers must deal with a higher leverage cost.

Investors should exercise caution while accessing long-term investments like fintech, security, health care, and AI and their embedded leverage. They should minimize leverage use and focus efforts on trustworthy, steadily growing companies to avoid relying on financing, which is often sensitive to interest rate fluctuations.

PRIVATE CREDIT

Several banks now follow tighter lending standards and

reduce balance sheet exposure after the 2023 regional financial crisis. Consequently, new firms face difficulties when securing loans. Financial institutions have cut down on lending. Debt issuance in the public market is not very high, although it's showing signs of improvement.

The current market provides more opportunities for private credit managers to offer capital. Thanks to increased base rates, investors are enjoying higher profits. Private credit may be a more secure option than other fixed-income sources.

REAL ESTATE

Recent headlines regarding office foreclosures and vacancies perpetuate the belief that office properties are not faring well despite real estate fundamentals remaining relatively stable across multiple sectors. There are a few indications of oversupply despite property values going down.

This year, near-term debt maturities may cause market distress. However, there are reasonably priced opportunities to invest in properties like data centers, life science offices, and single-family homes.

HEDGE FUNDS

Hedge Funds are a great option if you want active returns on investment. However, they are only suitable for institutional investors and the extremely wealthy, who are not subject to strict regulatory oversight by The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Hedge fund managers often use risky investments to maximize returns and require investors to make high minimum investments.

CURRENT TRENDS DEMOCRATIZATION

Democratization has had a profound impact on the alternative investment market. Investors now have more access to opportunities than ever. Several individuals are using crowdfunding, for example, to start with alternative investing. Meanwhile, both investors and organizations are opting for private lending opportunities.

INVESTORS LOOKING FOR UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

Last year, housing prices soared, leading to speculations about a market crash in 2024. In 2008, following the housing market crash, several investors took the opportunity to buy houses for cheap. In the event of an economic depression, this trend will repeat itself. Individual investors with cash will see it as an opportunity to diversify their portfolios and rush to take advantage of the situation.

INVESTORS BACKING ADAPTABLE COMPANIES

In a shifting technological landscape, companies that are adaptable will fare better than those unwilling to change business conduct methods. Amazon now dominates its sector because it adapted to the e-commerce boom early on. In comparison, Walmart is still playing catch-up.

This divide between adaptable and non-adaptable companies will open up several doors of opportunity for shrewd investors.



Wealth of Geeks

Tangible alternative investments include real estate and precious metals.

Fed indicates rates to remain higher for longer. What you should know

By CORA LEWIS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mortgage rates, credit card rates, auto loan rates, and business loans with variable rates will all likely maintain their highs, with consequences for consumer spending, after the Federal Reserve indicated Wednesday that it doesn't plan to cut interest rates until it has "greater confidence" that price increases at the consumer level are slowing to its 2% target.

The central bank kept its key rate at a two-decade high of roughly 5.3%, where it has been since last August.

Here's what to know:

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR BORROWERS?

Credit card rates are at or near all-time peaks, and mortgage rates have more than doubled in recent years.

According to LendingTree, the average credit card interest rate in America today is 24.66%, unchanged from last month, though that rate has risen for 24 of the last 26 months.

"That isn't likely to fall anytime soon, despite the Fed taking its foot off the gas," said LendingTree Credit Analyst Matt Schultz. "That's likely the unfortunate reality for the next several months."

In the battle against credit card debt, 0% balance transfer cards "are still your best weapon," according to Schultz, but "they're getting harder to get and their fees are rising."

With delinquencies and debt totals also increasing for consumers, some banks are becoming more hesitant about taking on transferred balances, he said, meaning consumers will need good credit to get approval.

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR SAVERS?

Yields on savings accounts and certificates of deposit (CDs) have been hovering at high levels, thanks to the Fed's increased interest rates, according to Ken Tumin, banking expert and founder of DepositAccounts.com.

That said, "several banks have been lowering deposit rates (with the) expectation that the Fed will start cutting rates at some point this year."

Certificate of deposit rates have been the first to fall, and a few online banks have also started lowering online savings account rates. Ally Bank dropped its rate to 4.25% from 4.35% and Discover to 4.25% from 4.30%.

Even so, most online banks held their online savings account rates steady in 2024, and several online banks still offer yields of 5.25%. The highest online yield is currently 5.55%, with the average online 1-year CD yield 4.94% as of April 1st, according to DepositAccounts.com.

Tumin notes that "brick-and-mortar bank deposit rates continue to be slow in their movement higher," saying that while their average rates have gone up sharply in the last year, "they are still very low compared to online rates."

The average savings account yield for all banks and credit unions, of which the vast majority are brick-and-mortar, is 0.52% as of April 24th.



AP Photo/David Zalubowski, file

A sign highlighting the financing interest rate is displayed near the price sticker on an unsold 2023 vehicle at a Mercedes-Benz dealer on Nov. 30, 2023, in Loveland, Colorado.

WHAT ABOUT MORTGAGES?

The Fed doesn't directly set mortgage rates, but it does influence them. The bond market, inflation, and other factors all contribute to the high mortgage rates currently facing consumers.

The average rate on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage recently rose to above 7% for the first time since November. LendingTree Senior Economist Jacob Channel notes that mortgage rates can shift even as the Fed holds its benchmark rate steady, and that consumers should consider many economic data points before deciding to take on a mortgage.

"Even in the face of relatively steep mortgage rates and high prices, now could still be a good time to buy a home," he said. "Timing the market is virtually impossible... In that same vein, there are a lot of people who won't be able to buy until the market becomes cheaper."

High shelter and rent costs have contributed to steep inflation in recent months.

A Bankrate study found that renting is cheaper than buying a typical home in all 50 of the largest U.S. metro areas. As of February, the typical monthly mortgage payment on a median-priced home in the U.S. was \$2,703, while the typical national monthly rent was \$1,979. That's a nearly 37% gap between the costs of renting and buying a home.

"While it would be nice if the Fed could fix everything on its own, it probably can't, at least not without causing a great deal of weeping and gnashing of teeth," said Channel.

I NEED TO BUY A CAR. WHAT'S THE OUTLOOK FOR AUTO LOANS?

While vehicle prices have steadied through late 2023 and early 2024, Bankrate

Chief Financial Analyst Greg McBride predicts that high interest rates on auto loans will linger for those with weak credit profiles. Borrowers with stronger credit may see more competitive rates, but the Fed's decision will continue to make auto loans expensive, even if vehicle prices decline. The average car loan hasn't been this pricey since 2008.

McBride predicts five-year new car loan rates will reach an average of 7.0% and four-year used car loans, 7.5% by the end of 2024.

In the past year, borrowers have faced especially expensive monthly payments due to high interest rates, and auto loan delinquency reached its highest rate in nearly thirty years.

The average monthly car loan payment was \$738 for new vehicles and \$532 for used ones in the fourth quarter of 2023, according to credit reporting agency Experian. New vehicles cost an average of \$47,218 in March 2024, according to Kelley Blue Book, a price that, combined with high interest rates, pushes many buyers out of the market for new cars.

IS THE FED MAKING PROGRESS ON SLOWING INFLATION?

Not as quickly as it would like.

Several recent reports on prices and economic growth have undercut the Fed's belief that inflation was steadily easing.

"Inflation has shown a lack of further progress toward our 2% objective," said Chair Jerome Powell.

While inflation has cooled from a peak of 7.1% to 2.7%, average prices remain well above pre-pandemic levels, and the costs of services continue to grow — including for rents, health care, restaurant meals, and auto insurance.

'Blended families' bracing for challenges of wealth transfer to the next generation

By LIAM GIBSON
Wealth of Geeks

The so-called Great Wealth Transfer is underway as baby boomers enter their twilight years. Yet inheritance, like many aspects of modern life, gets complicated. What happens, for instance, when your surviving spouse is not the parent to your children?

Recent times have seen an unprecedented reconfiguration of the classic nuclear family unit, with "blended families" increasing in number. The US Census Bureau reports that more than 20% of opposite-sex American couples now live with a partner who has a child from a prior relationship.

These new arrangements have, in some countries, led to a sharp rise in probate court litigation as multiple claimants battle for contested estates in the courts.

Meanwhile, equitable division cannot be assumed when it comes to wills. A 2023 academic paper using data from the Health and Retirement Study shows more than one-third of parents with wills plan to divide their estates unequally among their children.

The stakes are rarely higher than when money and death coincide, and for parents and children of blended families, navigating the complexities of inheritance can feel like crossing an emotional minefield.



Wealth of Geeks

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MUTUAL FEELINGS?

Families are complex, and so are their finances.

There are no silver bullets for blended family financial planning, yet for many remarried couples, mutual will agreements (MWAs) may provide the best framework.

These wills are mutually binding between spouses; after one spouse dies, the surviving party is bound by the will's terms, which detail asset distribution to the next generation. Mutual wills guard against the risk of a surviving spouse disinherit their stepchildren or

electing to pass on the assets to their biological children from an earlier partnership.

"I haven't specifically recommended mutual will agreements for clients, but that is always an option as we work with their attorney to find the best solution," says Brian K. Peterson, founder of Endurance Financial Group. "In the case of MWAs specifically, its greatest advantage is that it cannot be changed once one of the partners dies."

As Peterson points out, iron-clad commitments can restrict a surviving spouse's options,

particularly if they outlive their partner through working and retirement years.

This requires aligning expectations about what life will look like after one or both partners pass away.

"Clients should take this possibility into account and decide not only what they want for their kids, but also for their spouse," adds Peterson.

Clear communication about finances is considered a cornerstone of a healthy long-term relationship. Yet a staggering number keep quiet about dollars and cents.

Solar storm puts on brilliant light show across the globe

No serious electrical issues reported

By TOM KRISHER, JOSH FUNK and MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

A powerful solar storm put on an amazing skyward light show across the globe over the weekend but has caused what appeared to be only minor disruptions to the electric power grid, communications and satellite positioning systems.

The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said extreme geomagnetic storm conditions continued Saturday, and there were preliminary reports of power grid irregularities, degradation of high-frequency communications and global positioning systems.

But the Federal Emergency Management Agency said that, so far, no FEMA region had reported any significant impact from the storms. The U.S. Department of Energy said Saturday it is not aware of any impact from the storms on electric customers.

NOAA predicted that strong flares would continue through at least Sunday, and a spokeswoman said via email that the agency's Space Weather Prediction Center had prepared well for the storm.

On Saturday morning, SpaceX's Starlink satellite internet service said on its website that service had been degraded and its team was investigating.



Northern lights appear over the Dreisamtal valley in the Black Forest near Freiburg, Germany, Friday evening.

CEO Elon Musk wrote on the social platform X overnight that its satellites were "under a lot of pressure, but holding up so far."

Brilliant purple, green, yellow and pink hues of the Northern Lights were reported worldwide, with sightings in Germany, Switzerland, China, England, Spain and elsewhere.

In the U.S., Friday's solar storm pushed the lights much farther south than normal. The Miami office of the National Weather Service confirmed

sightings in the areas of Fort Lauderdale and Fort Myers, Florida. Meteorologist Nick Carr said another forecaster who lives near Fort Lauderdale photographed the lights and was familiar with them because he previously lived in Alaska.

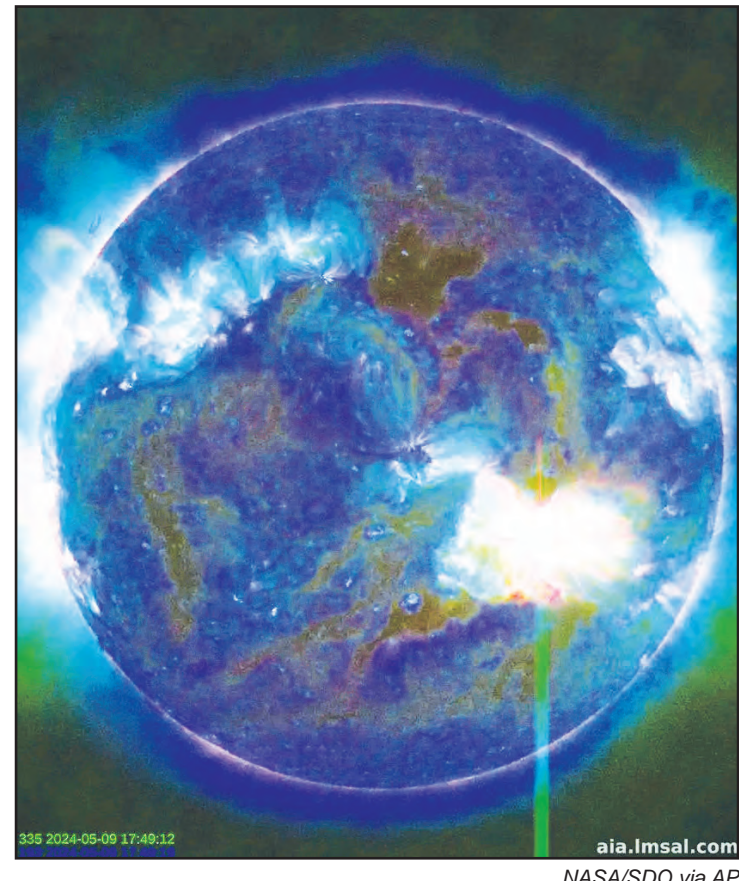
People in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and other Midwestern states were able to capture photos of bright colors along the horizon.

With the solar storm persisting through the weekend, Saturday night offered another chance for many to see the spectacle.

NOAA issued a rare severe geomagnetic storm warning when a solar outburst reached Earth on Friday afternoon, hours sooner than anticipated.

The agency alerted operators of power plants and orbiting spacecraft, as well as FEMA, to take precautions.

"For most people here on planet Earth, they won't have to do anything," said Rob Steenburgh, a scientist with NOAA's



This image provided by NASA shows a solar flare, as seen in the bright flash in the lower right, captured by NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory on Thursday.

Space Weather Prediction Center.

"That's really the gift from space weather: the aurora," Steenburgh said. He and his colleagues said the best views may come from phone cameras, which are better at capturing light than the naked eye.

Snap a picture of the sky, and "there might be actually a nice little treat there for you," said Mike Betwy, operations chief for the prediction center.

The most intense solar storm

in recorded history, in 1859, prompted auroras in central America and possibly even Hawaii.

This storm posed a risk for high-voltage transmission lines for power grids, not the electrical lines ordinarily found in people's homes, NOAA space weather forecaster Shawn Dahl told reporters. Satellites also could have been affected, which in turn could disrupt navigation and communication services here on Earth.

Study: Artificial intelligence is getting better at tricking us

By RHIANNON WILLIAMS
MIT Technology Review

A wave of AI systems have "deceived" humans in ways they haven't been explicitly trained to do, by offering up untrue explanations for their behavior or concealing the truth from human users and misleading them to achieve a strategic end.

This issue highlights how difficult artificial intelligence is to control and the unpredictable ways in which these systems work, according to a review paper published in the journal Pattern today that summarizes previous research.

Talk of deceiving humans might suggest that these models have intent. They don't. But AI models will mindlessly find workarounds to obstacles to achieve the goals that have been given to them. Sometimes these workarounds will go against users' expecta-

tions and feel deceitful.

One area where AI systems have learned to become deceptive is within the context of games that they've been trained to win — specifically if those games involve having to act strategically.

In November 2022, Meta announced it had created Cicero, an AI capable of beating humans at an online version of Diplomacy, a popular military strategy game in which players negotiate alliances to vie for control of Europe.

Meta's researchers said they'd trained Cicero on a "truthful" subset of its data set to be largely honest and helpful, and that it would "never intentionally backstab" its allies in order to succeed. But the new paper's authors claim the opposite was true: Cicero broke its deals, told outright falsehoods, and engaged in premeditated deception. Although the company did

try to train Cicero to behave honestly, its failure to achieve that shows how AI systems can still unexpectedly learn to deceive, the authors say.

Meta neither confirmed nor denied the researchers' claims that Cicero displayed deceitful behavior, but a spokesperson said that it was purely a research project and the model was built solely to play Diplomacy. "We released artifacts from this project under a noncommercial license in line with our long-standing commitment to open science," they say. "Meta regularly shares the results of our research to validate them and enable others to build responsibly off of our advances. We have no plans to use this research or its learnings in our products."

But it's not the only game where an AI has "deceived" human players to win.

AlphaStar, an AI developed by

DeepMind to play the video game StarCraft II, became so adept at making moves aimed at deceiving opponents (known as feinting) that it defeated 99.8% of human players. Elsewhere, another Meta system called Pluribus learned to bluff during poker games so successfully that the researchers decided against releasing its code for fear it could wreck the online poker community.

Beyond games, the researchers list other examples of deceptive AI behavior. GPT-4, OpenAI's latest large language model, came up with lies during a test in which it was prompted to persuade a human to solve a CAPTCHA for it. The system also dabbled in insider trading during a simulated exercise in which it was told to assume the identity of a pressurized stock trader, despite never being specifically instructed to do so.

The fact that an AI model has the potential to behave in a deceptive manner without any direction to do so may seem concerning. But it mostly arises from the "black box" problem that characterizes state-of-the-art machine-learning models: it is impossible to say exactly how or why they produce the results they do — or whether they'll always exhibit that behavior going forward, says Peter S. Park, a postdoctoral fellow studying AI existential safety at MIT, who worked on the project.

"Just because your AI has certain behaviors or tendencies in a test environment does not mean that the same lessons will hold if it's released into the wild," he says. "There's no easy way to solve this — if you want to learn what the AI will do once it's deployed into the wild, then you just have to deploy it into the wild."

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SUNY Baseball

Cortland SUNYAC tourney runner-up

By FRANELIA
Contributing Writer

Second-seeded SUNY New Paltz earned the SUNYAC title after registering two wins over top-seeded and host SUNY Cortland, 11-3 and 15-11, in the conference tournament championship round Sunday at Wallace Field. Cortland (30-12-1), ranked 20th nationally by D3baseball.com, will await a probable NCAA at-large berth.

Three Red Dragons were named to the SUNYAC all-tournament team: outfielder Mat Bruno, shortstop Nick Marola and pitcher Nick Jessen.

NEW PALTZ 11, CORTLAND 3

Ryan Knieriemen pitched five innings of three-hit ball for the victory that forced a winner-take-all championship game. He allowed one run, struck out one and walked two. Connor Olson followed with three shut-out innings, giving up five hits and a walk.

New Paltz finished with 13 hits. Tommy Kreider went 3-for-6 with a double, two RBI and two runs and Justin Harvey finished 2-for-4 with a double, walk and three RBI.

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SUNY Womens Lacrosse

Tufts beats SUNY lax in 2nd round

By DAN SURDAM
Contributing Writer

MEDFORD, Mass. — The nationally fourth-ranked Tufts womens lacrosse team outscored SUNY Cortland 10-1 in the second half in pulling away for a 21-7 victory in the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs Sunday afternoon at Bello Field. The Red Dragons had their 13-game winning streak snapped and finished 15-5, tying for 17th nationally. The Jumbos improved to 15-3 and advanced to the third round.

Amy Hoeffner led Cortland with four goals and an assist. Toni Cashman netted a pair of goals, Isabel Adams scored a goal, while Rachel Janis, Ashley Melillo and Rachel Rempe each contributed an assist.

Margaret Morgan started in goal for the Red Dragons, making a season-high 11 saves through three quarters. Trinity Parks did not stop a shot over the final 15 minutes. Hoeffner won three draw controls, Rempe secured two draws and Chelsey Weber collected four ground balls.

Dan Surdam is the 2024 Lacrosse Contact at SUNY Cortland.

High School Baseball

All-around performance sends McGraw to win over Marathon

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McGraw's Jaydon Bassett struck out 12 Marathon hitters and the Eagles gave their starting pitcher plenty of support as they defeated the Olympians 12-1 Monday at Marathon High School.

Bassett had everything clicking Monday. His 12 strikeouts came over six innings of work and he only allowed one earned run on four hits. The run surrendered came on an RBI single from Marathon's Barrett Trabucco in the bottom of the sixth. Statistically, it was the best performance of the season on the mound for Bassett. "Jaydon Bassett pitched an outstanding game which he needed for his confidence," McGraw head coach Corey Wilson said. "Defensively we made some nice routine plays and turned a double play."

McGraw's offense helped give Bassett the confidence he needed

McGraw 12
Marathon 1

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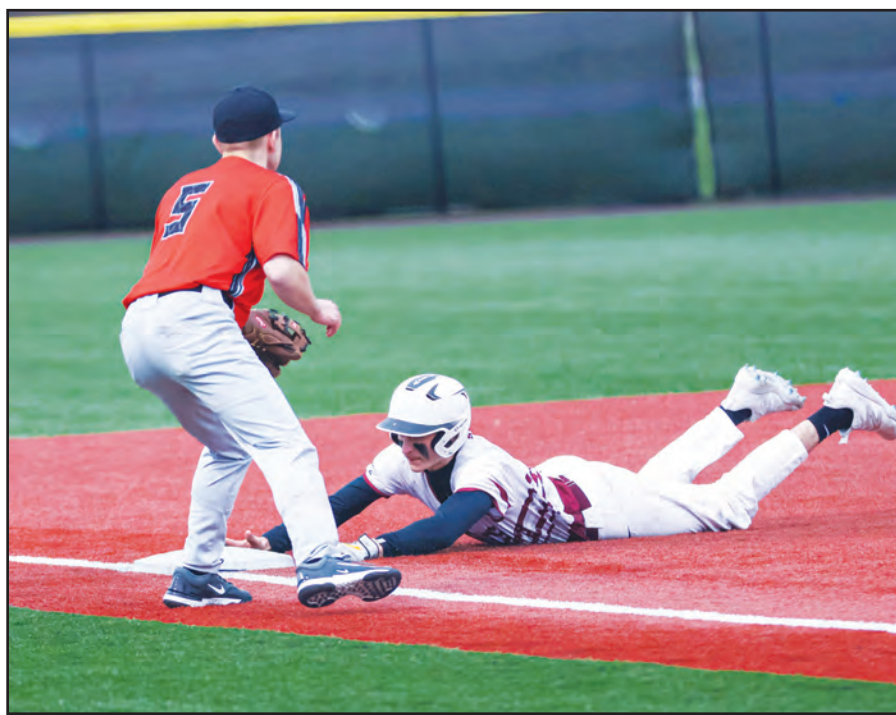
early and continued to add on throughout the game. The Eagles had 13 hits as a team, with 12 different players recording a hit.

McGraw scored two runs in the first inning, three in the third, one in the fourth, three in the sixth and four in the seventh. The Eagles consistently put the ball in play and if a hit didn't find a hole, Marathon's defense was there, but the Olympians struggled and made six errors as a team.

"We did not play a very good game defensively," Marathon head coach Bryan Hoyt said. "We made too many mistakes and gave them extra outs. Credit to McGraw because they capitalized on our mistakes."

Calob Sutton, Brennan Wilson,

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McGraw's Jaydon Bassett, right, makes a slide during a game against Marathon last season at Gutches Lumber Sports Complex. Bassett pitched six innings and struck out 12 in the Eagles' 12-1 win over the Olympians on Monday.

High School Softball

Homer softball falls to Phoenix

By PAUL CIFONELLI
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The Homer softball team struggled with the wet conditions Monday at Gutches Lumber Sports Complex, losing 37-17 to Phoenix. Homer walked 25 batters and hit nine and Phoenix walked 17 and hit three.

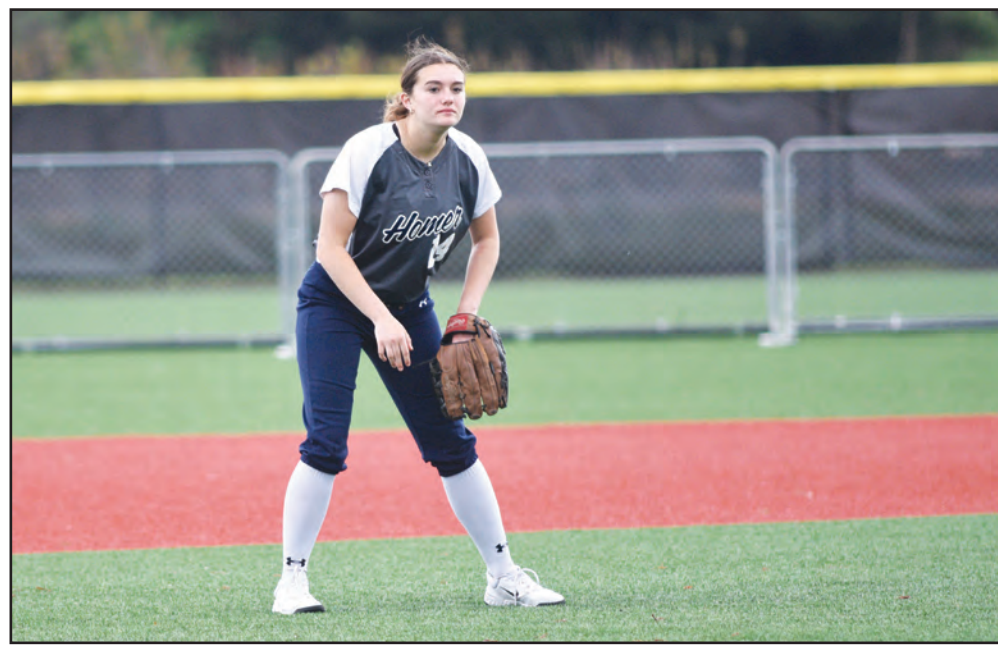
Phoenix got off to a hot start, going up 7-1 after the first inning. Homer responded and made it a 12-8 deficit through two, but the Firebirds put up 18 runs in the third inning to break the game open.

Ally Verfuss didn't record an out Monday, hitting a single, drawing four walks, driving in a run and scoring four times. Alexis Arnold went 2-for-2 with a triple,

Phoenix 37
Homer 17

two walks, an RBI and two runs, Alex Kellaway doubled, walked once, knocked in three runs and scored a run, Khloie Young singled, walked twice, drove in two runs and scored once, Kaylee Darling singled, was hit by a pitch and scored twice, Alisa Gonzalez walked twice, drove in two runs and scored twice, Samantha Sovocool walked twice, was hit by a pitch and scored twice, McKenzie Head walked three times and scored twice and Payton Coon walked, was hit by a pitch and scored a run.

Homer, now 1-13, plays again at 4:30 p.m. today at CBA.



Paul Cifonelli/sports editor

Homer's Alex Kellaway gets into a ready position at shortstop Monday at Gutches Lumber Sports Complex.

High School Roundup

Cortland baseball earns lopsided win

By MATT CZEITNER
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BINGHAMTON — The Cortland baseball team fell behind Binghamton 2-0 through three innings, but

the Purple Tigers rattled off 14 unanswered runs in the final four innings to cruise to a 14-2 win Saturday at Conlon Field.

Cortland's offense put several balls in play during the first three innings to

no avail. The Purple Tigers grounded out six times, had a fly out and two strikeouts through three. Cal Albright and Jaheim Robinson supplied the only offense, as both hit singles.

Cal Albright got the start on the

mound for Cortland and got out to a hot start, striking out the side in the bottom of the first. Binghamton was able to get its offense going in the second with two runs on two hits, an

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SUNY Cortland Softball

Red Dragon softball team places second at SUNYACs

By FRANELIA
Contributing Writer

NEW PALTZ — The SUNY Cortland softball team needed three wins on Sunday to claim the SUNYAC tournament title and nearly accomplished the feat, defeating Buffalo State 6-0 and SUNY New Paltz 7-0 before falling to New Paltz in the championship game, 5-0.

Cortland finished the tournament with a 4-2 record and is 29-9 overall, its highest win total since 2019. The Red Dragons are not likely to receive an NCAA at-large berth, despite its record, as they were ranked sixth in the most recent regional rankings.

New Paltz (35-6) earned the SUNYAC's NCAA automatic berth with the conference title.

Three Red Dragons — Tori

Reich, Shannon Scotto and Kimberly Westenberg — were named to the SUNYAC All-Tournament Team.

CORTLAND 6, BUFFALO STATE 0

Cortland opened Sunday's action with a 6-0 win over Buffalo State (17-20) as Westenberg threw a one-hit shutout. She struck out four and walked one. Westenberg retired the first 10 batters she faced before walking Mya Hurley with one out in the fourth. She took a no-hit bid into the sixth before Grace Albano singled with one out. Westenberg then retired the final five hitters.

Cortland scored three runs in the third on a Scotto RBI single, a wild pitch and a Brooke Scheibe RBI groundout. Gina Meyers singled in a run and an-

other run scored on an error to make it 5-0 in the fourth. Westenberg doubled and pinch runner Maggie Cummings scored on a Julz Koch double for the Red Dragons' final run in the fifth.

Reich finished 1-for-3 with two runs scored, Lainie Ornstein was 1-for-2 with a double and run scored and Scotto and Koch each were 1-for-3 with an RBI. Halle Wright and Westenberg each went 1-for-2 with a walk.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND: CORTLAND 7, NEW PALTZ 0

McKenna Barry registered a four-hit shutout as the Red Dragons defeated the top-seeded Hawks to force a winner-take-all championship game. Cortland finished with 12 hits. Meyers was 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs, Scotto went 2-for-3 with a walk and Westenberg finished

2-for-4 with an RBI.

Cortland scored once in the first off New Paltz ace Lindsay Roman when Meyers singled and Scotto singled, with an error on the Scotto hit allowing Meyers to score. In the third, Scotto walked and Westenberg singled, leading New Paltz to pull Roman in anticipation of using her in a possible final game. A passed ball, a Wright RBI groundout and another passed ball gave Cortland a 3-0 lead.

Meyers hit a two-run triple in the fourth to make it 5-0 and Koch singled in a run in the fifth to extend the lead to 6-0. Westenberg drove in the final run in the sixth on a fielder's choice force out.

Kelsey O'Brien went 2-for-3 to account for half of the Hawks' hits. Roman allowed three unearned runs in two and a third

innings. Sydney Waldon and Alyssa Zangrilli also pitched two and a third innings each.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: NEW PALTZ 5, CORTLAND 0

Roman, the tournament MVP, led the Hawks to their first-ever SUNYAC title with a four-hit shutout in the championship game.

She struck out one and walked two. Barry started for Cortland and allowed four hits and three runs, two earned, in two and a third innings. Westenberg gave up three hits and two unearned runs over the last three and two thirds innings.

O'Brien's two-out RBI double gave the hosts a 1-0 lead in the first. Jaycee Filancia walked with the bases loaded in the second to make it 2-0, and in the third O'Brien led off with a

double, was bunted to third by Isabella Shepherd and scored on a Rhionna Bianchini single to push the lead to 3-0. A two-out error allowed two runs to score in the fifth.

Cortland had runners in scoring position in the second, fifth and sixth innings but couldn't capitalize. The sixth inning threat started with a Meyers single and an error before Roman retired the next three batters on two flyouts sandwiched around a strikeout.

O'Brien went 2-for-3 with an RBI and Jillian Shelbourne was 2-for-4 for New Paltz. Ornstein went 2-for-3 and Barry was 1-for-2 with a walk for the Red Dragons.

Fran Elia is the Sports Information Director at SUNY Cortland.

Stott homers in 9th off Edwin Díaz, Phillies edge Mets 5-4

NEW YORK (AP) — Bryson Stott hit a leadoff homer in the ninth against All-Star closer Edwin Díaz and delivered the tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the 10th inning as MLB-leading Philadelphia beat the New York Mets, 5-4.

The Phillies trailed 4-2 before Díaz gave up Stott's homer and hit Alec Bohm with a pitch with the bases loaded and two outs.

Bryce Harper, the automatic runner to start the 10th, took third on a wild pitch by Sean Reid-Foley (1-1) and scored easily on Stott's long fly out to right. Orion Kerkering (1-0) threw a perfect ninth and José Alvarado earned his eighth save with a 1-2-3 ninth, stranding automatic runner DJ Stewart at second.

BLUE JAYS 3, ORIOLES 2

BALTIMORE (AP) — Daulton Varsho robbed a homer with his glove, hit one with his bat and then drove in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning with a groundball to lift the Toronto Blue Jays to a 3-2 win over the Baltimore Orioles on Monday night.

The Blue Jays overcame two home runs by Adley Rutschman, tying the game on Varsho's solo shot in the eighth and then prevailing in extra innings. Ernie Clement led off the 10th with a bunt single off Jacob Webb (0-2) that moved the automatic runner to third.

TIGERS 6, MARLINS 5

DETROIT (AP) — Spencer Torkelson hit a two-run home run to highlight a three-run outburst in the eighth inning as Detroit rallied for a win over Miami.

After Miami got a two-run homer from Otto Lopez in the top of the eighth to take a 5-3 lead, Wenceel Pérez doubled off Anthony Maldonado (0-1) with one out and scored on Andy Ibáñez's base hit.

BRAVES 2, CUBS 0

ATLANTA (AP) — Zack Short made the most of his first start with Atlanta by



Mets pitcher Sean Manaea throws against the Phillies, Monday, in New York.

AP Photo/Noah K. Murray

breaking a scoreless tie with a run-scoring double in the sixth and the Braves spoiled another strong start by Chicago rookie Shota Imanaga to beat the Cubs 2-0. Short lined a pitch from right-hander Hayden Wesneski (2-2).

RAYS 5, RED SOX 3

BOSTON (AP) — Amed Rosario hit a two-run triple during Tampa Bay's three-run first inning and the Rays beat Boston.

Rosario added an RBI double and

Yandy Diaz had three hits for the Rays, who are in a stretch of 13 straight games vs rival AL East clubs.

PIRATES 8, BREWERS 6

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Bryan Reynolds went 5 for 5 with a homer and two doubles, Mitch Keller threw six shut-out innings and the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Milwaukee Brewers 8-6. Jack Suwinski and Yasmani Grandal hit two-run homers for the Pirates. Milwaukee's Jake Bauers delivered his first career grand slam. The Brewers nearly came all the way back after trailing 7-2 in the eighth inning. Milwaukee's Rhys Hoskins left the game after getting injured while running to first base on a second-inning single.

GUARDIANS 7, RANGERS 0

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — José Ramírez had a pair of two-run singles and reached base five times as the Cleveland Guardians beat Texas 7-0 on Monday night and sent the Rangers to their first four-game losing streak of the season. Five Cleveland pitchers combined for the four-hit shutout of the defending World Series champions.

ASTROS 9, ATHLETICS 2

HOUSTON (AP) — Alex Bregman homered twice and had a season-high four RBIs to lead the Houston Astros to a 9-2 win over the Oakland Athletics on Monday night.

Bregman homered off Oakland starter Ross Stripling in the fourth inning, reminiscent of the homer he hit off Stripling in the 2018 All-Star Game. Bregman homered again in the seventh off Mitch Spence.

CARDINALS 10, ANGELS 5

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals scored eight runs in the seventh inning and rallied from a four-run deficit for a 10-5 victory over the Los Angeles Angels.

After a rookie renaissance the past couple years, top prospects have struggled in '24

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Baseball Writer

BALTIMORE — Jackson Holliday's debut with the Baltimore Orioles went south in a hurry when the 20-year-old infielder managed only two hits in 34 at-bats, striking out in exactly half his plate appearances.

If it's any consolation, there are a few other top prospects who can probably relate.

Colt Keith in Detroit? He's hitting .177. Wyatt Langford of the Texas Rangers? He batted .224 before landing on the injured list. Milwaukee's Jackson Chourio has been a little better, with four home runs to his credit, but the highly touted outfielder is hitting .214 with an

on-base percentage of just .262.

None of those three were sent back to the minor leagues like Holliday — not yet, at least — but their struggles are indicative of a trend through the first month and a half of the season. Just when it appeared baseball's young standouts had mastered the transition from Triple-A to the majors, a few of the game's prized prospects showed up and went through a humbling experience.

"I think this game is so hard already. Pitching is incredibly hard to hit, harder than ever before. The world we're living in right now, and the microscope these guys are under, makes it way more difficult," Orioles

manager Brandon Hyde said. "It's just how it is right now. With social media, pressure, and all these things, it's challenging."

What makes this season a surprise is that it comes on the heels of a couple great years for rookies.

Last year's class of rookie hitters produced the second-most wins above replacement on record according to FanGraphs, trailing only 2015. Corbin Carroll of Arizona, the National League's Rookie of the Year in 2023, also finished fifth in the MVP vote.

There were a number of theories on why rookie hitters seemed so ready so fast: They'd

had experience in the minors with new rules like the pitch clock. The development process is more advanced than ever. Teams invite more prospects to spring training, where they can face better pitching. And so on.

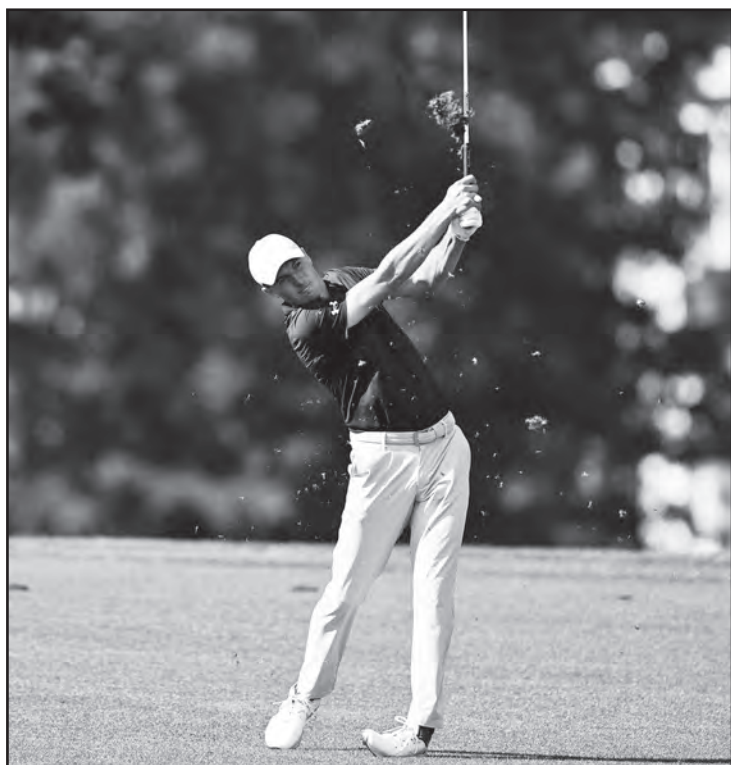
So when the Orioles brought up Holliday on April 10 — it was actually something of a surprise when they left him off the opening day roster — the expectation was that he could contend for Rookie of the Year honors right away. When he started slowly, fans at Camden Yards kept giving him big ovations when he came to the plate — a warm gesture but one that may have only added to the pressure.

Holliday was the No. 1 pick in the 2022 draft out of high school, and he was already in the majors less than two years later. Langford was actually drafted last year at No. 4, and he made the opening day roster for the Rangers this year after playing only 44 games in the minors — an example that underscored how aggressive teams had become with their top prospects following rule changes that created incentives to bring players up instead of delaying the start of their service time.

Keith had a great 2023 season in the minors, and Detroit signed him to a six-year contract worth over \$28 million before he'd ever played a big league game.

Professional Golf Association

Jordan Spieth gets another Grand Slam shot. But hardly anyone is talking about it



AP Photo/Erik Verduzzo

Jordan Spieth hits from the fairway on the 16th hole during the second round of the Wells Fargo Championship golf tournament at Quail Hollow on Friday, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The attention starts building weeks, if not months, ahead of the one major keeping Rory McIlroy from the career Grand Slam, the most elite club in golf. It's like that every year, and it doesn't make it any easier when he gets to the Masters.

Jordan Spieth should be able to appreciate the feeling. Except that he really doesn't.

Now that McIlroy missed again at the Masters — his 10th straight attempt at getting the final leg — Spieth is next up with an opportunity to become only the sixth player in history to capture all four professional majors.

It feels like an afterthought going into the PGA Championship.

Scottie Scheffler tries to extend his dominance with a second straight major. Brooks Koepka is the defending champion and coming off a LIV Golf win in Singapore. Jon Rahm turned

in a dud at the Masters and curious eyes will want to see at Valhalla if that was an aberration.

Oh yes, and Spieth goes for the career Grand Slam, a feat achieved only by Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Ben Hogan and Gene Sarazen.

"These things, like winning a career Grand Slam, they happen kind of when I think there's less focus and less of a spotlight on him," said Jim Nantz of CBS, who has covered every PGA Championship since 1991. "And I think Jordan goes into this week without a whole lot of discussion about that possibility coming up at Valhalla."

"So maybe it is favorable in that sense mentally."

Spieth isn't surprised the attention is not that high, certainly not at the level McIlroy has faced the last decade each time he heads to Augusta National.

One reason is his game, which has not been great. Spieth has gone just over two years since he last won a tournament

and has had only a few close calls since then. He comes into the PGA Championship having missed the cut in four of his last five tournaments that had a 36-hole cut.

"He's got more accolades," Spieth said about the Slam hype between him and McIlroy. "He's been a better player over his career. Maybe that creates a little noise. He's been a bit more vocal about it himself, so maybe that makes a little bit more difference."

The other reason is the Masters, the only major held on the same course every year.

Sarazen is the only player with the career Grand Slam who completed it at Augusta National. But that was in 1935, long before the Masters was considered a major and 25 years before Arnold Palmer first brought a professional slam into the golf conversation.

McIlroy threw away a chance in 2011 when he lost a four-shot lead in the final round at the Masters.

Horse Racing

Derby's Dan draws Preakness No. 5 post

By STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan drew the No. 5 post position in the Preakness on Saturday looking to sweep the first two legs of horse racing's Triple Crown, though he's not favored to do so.

Bob Baffert-trained Muth, just inside Mystik Dan in the No. 4 post, opened as the 8-5 morning line favorite Monday. Baffert, who was barred from the Derby because of Churchill Downs' ban on him that was extended, is also saddling No. 9 Imagination (6-1) as he goes for a record-extending ninth Preakness victory and second in a row after National Treasure won for him last year.

Mystik Dan is the 5-2 second choice in the nine-horse field for the 149th rendition of the 1 3/16-mile, \$2 million second jewel of the Triple Crown. He's one of three heading to Pimlico Race Course after running in the Derby, joined by Brad Cox's Catching Freedom (No. 3, 6-1), who finished fourth, and D. Wayne Lukas' Just Steel, who faded to 17th.

Ace Dept.

Kevin Cafararo hit a hole-in-one Saturday on Cortland Country Club's 142-yard 13th hole. Cafararo used a 6-iron from the blue tees. The shot was witnessed by Jeff Hirlmann, John Stiles, Pat O'Mara, Dan Partigiani and Fred Saracene.

Shooting

JAY PORTZLINE LEAGUE			
Week 6			
Trap			
Tompkins County			
Steve Uhravick	48	Dick Sponable	44
Jackson Matusz	48	Tony Johnson	42
Mark Patton	48	Earl Wilcox	39
Steve Lucas	47	Joe Tag	32
Bob McCorney	44	Becky Johnson	27
McGraw			
Charlie Parks	47	Rich Kearney	44
Rob Rutter	47	Jefferson Adams	44
Mason Allen	46	Jim Duncan	44
Mike Rice	45	Levi Parks	43
Chris Pollichemi	45	Greg Smith	43
Grolton			
John Gallagher	46	Steve Tolman	42
Corey Toolan	46	George Norman	41
Jeff Lucas	45	Tom Slisser	40
Maurice Colt	44	Mike Beckley	40
Andy Weyant	44	Brody Jackson	40
Dan Congdon	43		
Homer			
Bill Sulliff	45	Tom O'Hara	43
John Sabach	44	Bob Hutchings	42
KC Simms	44	Lee Hatfield	41
George Tario	44	Greg Fuller	40
Chris Bacon	44	Luke Kniskern	37
Skeet			
Tompkins County			
Ron Spada	49	Steve Lucas	41
Tony Johnson	47	Mike Reynolds	40
Shane Farr	45	Joe Tag	39
Pat Reynolds	44	Earl Wilcox	37
Jackson Matusz	43		
McGraw			
Jefferson Adams	48	Rich Kearney	43
Mike Rice	46	Corey Edwards	43
Chris Pollichemi	46	Jim Cogswell	42
Walter Haynes	45	Levi Parks	42
Jeff Joslin	45	Jeff Crandall	42
Steve Mudge	44	Charles Rice	42
Lance Clark	43		
Grolton			
Jeff Lucas	49	Dan Congdon	42
Andy Weyant	45	Phil Rumsey	35
Jesse Buchanan	43	Mike Beckley	32
George Norman	42	Rachel Buchanan	31
Homer			
Greg Fuller	48	Paul VanValkenburg	39
Bob Hutchings	48	Bill Sulliff	38
Matt Ritter	46	Mark Adams	38
George Tario	44	John Sabach	37
Dave Parmlter	43	Jason Root	37
Standings			
McGraw	2,786	Homer	2,694
Tompkins County	2,774	Grolton	2,675

MCGRAW SCHOOL CLAY TARGET LEAGUE			
Week 3			
Mason Allen	48	Easton Livermore	42
Zander Weeks	46	Jaydon Bassett	40
Foster Eaton	44	Owen Mulcahy	40
Blair Mulcahy	44	Haylee Bassett	39
Andrew Lawrence	43	Calob Sutton	38

MLB

AL East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	26	14	.650	—
New York	27	15	.643	—
Boston	21	20	.512	5½
Tampa Bay	21	21	.500	6
Toronto	19	22	.463	7½
AL Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	26	16	.619	—
Minnesota	24	16	.600	1
Kansas City	25	18	.581	1½
Detroit	21	20	.512	4½
Chicago	12	29	.293	13½
AL West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	23	19	.548	—
Texas	22	21	.512	1½
Oakland	19	24	.442	4½
Houston	16	25	.390	6½
Los Angeles	15	27	.357	8
NL East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	29	13	.690	—
Atlanta	25	13	.658	2
Washington	19	20	.487	8½
New York	19	21	.475	9
Miami	11	32	.256	18½
NL Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	24	17	.585	—
Chicago	24	18	.571	½
Pittsburgh	19	23	.452	5½
Cincinnati	17	23	.425	6½
St. Louis	17	24	.415	7
NL West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	22	15	.643	—
San Diego	22	22	.500	6
Arizona	19	22	.463	7½
San Francisco	19	23	.452	8
Colorado	13	28	.317	13½

BASEBALL

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Anthony Pericolosi was 2-for-6 with two runs scored and Michael Ascanio was 1-for-4 with two walks and three RBI.

Bruno, Adam Mieczkowski and Nolan Smith each finished 2-for-4 with an RBI for Cortland. Devin Georgetti allowed three runs in an inning and a third and took the loss.

Harvey doubled in two runs and Wallace Kirkpatrick added an RBI single in a three-run second for the Hawks. Kreider doubled in the fifth and scored on a Michael Boccarossa two-out RBI single to extend the lead to 4-0, and New Paltz added three in the sixth on a two-out, three-run double by Ascanio.

Cortland scored in the sixth on a Smith RBI double. New Paltz padded its lead with four in the ninth on a Harvey bases-loaded walk, a double play grounder and a Kreider two-run single. Cortland plated two in the ninth without a hit on four walks, the last by Jon Munoz to force in a run, along with a Mieczkowski RBI hit by pitch. Cortland left 14 runners on base and New Paltz stranded 11 runners.

NEW PALTZ 15, CORTLAND 11

The teams combined for 37 hits — 19 by New Paltz and 18 by Cortland — in a wild title game in which New Paltz built a 13-3 lead in the top of the seventh only to have Cortland fight back and eventually bring the potential tying run to the plate with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth before a strike-out ended the game.

Nick Harvey, in his first pitching appearance of the season, started and went four innings.

SCHOOLS

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Thomas Lea and Mason Allen each had a hit and two RBIs for McGraw. Foster Eaton, Owen Lea, Emory Sears and Riley VanLiew each had a hit and an RBI. Blair and Owen Mulcahy, Easton Livermore and Bassett all added a hit.

After suffering back-to-back tough losses, McGraw got a big win and a confidence booster with two games remaining.

“Offensively we hit the ball hard from top to bottom of the order,” Corey Wilson said. “Overall, it was a nice win that our team needed after having a tough last week.”

For Marathon, Trabucco, Daniel Merihew, Blake Birdsall and Colton Oram had a hit.

McGraw plays next at 4:30

ROUNDUP

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error and an RBI on a fielder's choice.

Cortland's offense came alive in the fourth through several singles and walks. Caden Albright, Robinson, Owen Johnson and Cal Albright all singled, with Robinson earning two RBIs on his and Owen Johnson getting an RBI. Mason Kurtz earned an RBI on a walk and gave his team its first run of the game and later scored on a passed ball. The Purple Tigers led 5-2 after four innings.

The lead increased to seven in the fifth. After Danny Jackson walked and Zach Muir singled, Cortland had runners on the corners. Tyler Fitchette then converted on a safety squeeze, scoring Jackson and reaching first base with a single. Fitchette later scored on an RBI groundout from Robinson. The ninth run came on Kurtz — who walked earlier in the inning — scoring on another passed ball.

Antonio Terrazas and Robinson both earned an RBI in the sixth on walks to make it 11-2.

In the seventh, Ethan Johnson hit an RBI double and later scored on a passed ball and Fitchette hit an RBI single to push the lead to 12.

It took a bit for Cortland's offense to come alive, but it began to crowd the bases working walks and hitting singles. The Purple Tigers forced 12 walks and finished with 12 hits.

“There's some youthfulness from us that comes out sometimes,” Cortland head coach Ben Albright said. “We talk about our approach at the plate, but that doesn't always translate to the beginning of the game and takes us a little bit.”

“Honestly we don't get on

He allowed seven hits and three runs. Jeff Lundstedt was awarded the win as the Hawks' most effective reliever after giving up two runs in two and a two thirds innings.

Kreider, the tournament MVP, finished 4-for-5 with a double, three RBI and two runs scored. He was a combined 7-for-11 with five RBI in the championship round. Fabian Apicella was 3-for-4 with a walk, RBI and three runs, Justin Ortiz finished 3-for-5 with a double, an RBI and four runs scored, Dillan Ristano finished 3-for-6 with an RBI, Pericolosi was 2-for-6 with a triple, five RBI and two runs and Ascanio went 2-for-4 with two walks.

Bruno went 4-for-6 with a double and three runs scored and Marola was 3-for-4 with a homer and three RBI. Marola hit three homers in the tournament. Dylan Mackenzie finished 3-for-5 with a homer and three RBI and Luke Schartner and Chris Bonacci each went 2-for-5, with Bonacci scoring twice.

Mieczkowski was 1-for-3 with walks and two RBI and Nick Chemotti homered and drove in two runs.

Cortland led 3-0 after three innings as Marola singled in two runs in the second and Mackenzie hit an RBI single in the third. New Paltz broke through for seven runs in the top of the fourth. Apicella walked with the bases loaded after three straight singles by Boccarossa, Ristano and Justin Harvey to start the inning. Ortiz singled in a run, and two batters later Kreider's RBI infield single tied the game.

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p.m. Wednesday at Otselic Valley/Cincinnati.

Marathon's season comes to an end with a record of 3-14.

BASEBALL

TULLY 3,

FABIUS-POMPEY 0

Zeke Mohat threw a complete game shutout, scattering three hits and striking out seven in another Tully win. The senior also went 2-for-3 with two runs scored at the plate.

Will Lund also went 2-for-2 with three RBIs, Andy Polak went 2-for-3 with a run and Ben Fleckenstein singled once.

SOFTBALL

McGRAW 5,

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY 1

Remmi Stull struck out 11

over seven innings, allowing a run on one hit and a walk as McGraw won for the seventh time in its last nine games. Stull walked twice and scored twice at the dish.

Camdyn Caperton was 2-for-3 with an RBI, Josslyn Eaton doubled and scored a run, Katelynn Millard walked and drove in a run, Haylee Bassett walked three times and Lexi McCall scored two runs.

TULLY 12,

FABIUS-POMPEY 9

Tully scored four runs in the bottom of the first and six more in the fourth to secure the win. Ella Polak led the Black Knights by going 2-for-3 with a double, a triple, a walk and two runs scored.

four frames, allowing an earned run on a hit, two walks and two hit batters with a strikeout.

Connor Bastedo went 2-for-4 with a run scored to lead Tully's offense.

Nate Melton doubled, walked, drove in a run and scored a run, Polak singled, walked, knocked in a run and scored once, Ben Fleckenstein singled, drove in a run and scored, Will Lund doubled and scored, Wyatt Lund singled and drove in a run. Zeke Mohat walked twice and scored a run and Dan Duffy was hit by a pitch.

SOFTBALL
CORTLAND 21,
PHOENIX 12

Sophie Mayer and Brenna Hogan each had monster days at the plate Saturday as Cortland won on its senior day. Mayer finished 5-for-5 with a triple, two home runs, six RBIs and three runs scored and Hogan followed her up by going 2-for-2 with a triple, three walks, two RBIs and four runs.

Ava Turner was 2-for-5 with a double, two RBIs and three runs, Gracie-Jo Homza went 2-for-5 with three RBIs and three runs, Abby Romans finished 2-for-5 with two runs, Lauren Mott singled, walked, knocked in a run and scored three times, Claire Turner walked twice and scored twice, Danika Peck knocked in a pair of runs and scored a run and Jady Willey drove in a run.

Hogan allowed 12 runs, one earned on 13 hits and two walks with 17 strikeouts in seven frames.

McGRAW 17, MORAVIA 5

Remmi Stull went 3-for-5 with a double, two walks, an RBI and three runs to lead Mc-

Graw to a non-league win. Josslyn Eaton was 3-for-5 with three RBIs, Haylee Bassett went 2-for-4 with a double, a walk, three RBIs and three runs scored, Leah Terwilliger finished 2-for-4 with a walk, two RBIs and three runs, Madison Sweeney went 2-for-4 with a hit by pitch, three RBIs and a run, Hannah Wilson singled, was hit by a pitch, recorded two RBIs and scored twice, Katelynn Millard singled, walked, knocked in two runs and scored once, Lexi McCall was hit by a pitch and scored three times, Camdyn Caperton singled, Bristol Eastman scored a run and Casiana Vasquez walked.

Stull threw 1.2 innings, striking out two and allowing a hit. Abby Lokie went the final 4.1 frames, giving up five runs, two earned, on seven hits and two walks with five strikeouts.

CINCINNATUS 5,
SETON CATHOLIC 0

Neveah Billings tossed a complete game shutout for Cincinnati Saturday, striking out eight batters and scattering five hits and two walks.

SANDY CREEK 11,
CINCINNATUS 0

Lucy Finch led Cincinnati's effort in its second game Saturday, going 2-for-2 with a triple.

Emma Finch, Gerrard, Stover, Billings and Ellerson all

National Hockey League

'Canes rally to beat Rangers 4-1 in Game 5 to avoid elimination

NEW YORK (AP) — Jordan Staal and Yevgeny Kuznetsov scored 3:06 apart in the third period, and the Carolina Hurricanes got four goals in the third for a 4-1 win over the New York Rangers in Game 5 of the second-round playoff series on Monday night, staving off elimination for the second straight game.

Jordan Martinook and Martin Necas also scored in the Hurricanes' big third period, and Frederik Andersen — starting for the fourth time in five games in this series and ninth time in 10 games in the postseason — had 20 saves.

Jacob Trouba scored a short-handed goal and Igor Shesterkin stopped 24 shots for New York, which has lost two straight after taking a 3-0 series lead. Game 6 is Thursday night in Raleigh, North Carolina.

STARS 5, AVALANCHE 1

DENVER (AP) — Wyatt Johnston scored twice on the eve of his 21st birthday as the Dallas Stars pushed Colorado to the brink of elimination with a 5-1 win in Game 4 that came hours after Avalanche standout Valeri Nichushkin was suspended for at least six months. Dallas can close it out at home in Game 5 on Wednesday.



AP Photo/Adam Hunger

Rangers center Jack Roslovic, right, skates with the puck past Carolina Hurricanes center Jordan Staal Monday, in New York.

National Basketball Association

Celtics down Cavs, take 3-1 lead

CLEVELAND (AP) — Even when it's supposed to be somewhat easy, the Boston Celtics have a weird way of making things hard.

On Monday night, they nearly stumbled against an over-

matched Cleveland team.

Jayson Tatum scored 33 points with LeBron James watching from a courtside seat and the Celtics beat the severely short-handed Cavaliers 109-102 in Game 4 to take a

commanding 3-1 lead in their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Jaylen Brown added 27 for the Celtics, who can close out Cleveland with a win in Game 5 on Wednesday night at home.

THUNDER 100, MAVERICKS 96

DALLAS (AP) — Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 34 points, and the Thunder evened their Western Conference semifinal series at 2-2.

and three assists, Mackenzie Loughlin added two goals and two assists and Maddie Simmons scored three times to lead Southern Hills to its third win in the last four games.

Aliyah Mattox and Gracie Burns each scored twice for the Storm and Kameryn Meany had a goal and an assist.

Kiera Reed made nine saves and got a ground ball for the Storm.

Simmons controlled seven draws and got three ground balls, Gabby Flatt added five draw controls, two ground balls and a forced turnover, Loughlin had a draw control and a ground ball, Burns forced two turnovers and scooped up a ground ball, Gabbie Brown forced a turnover and got a ground ball, Amie

Shute picked up two ground balls and Lund and Meany both got one ground ball.

TRACK & FIELD

MORAVIA

Abram Wasileski came in third in the boys IAC Pentathlon Championships and Jordan Smith finished fifth in the girls event.

BOYS GOLF

CINCINNATUS 233,

MADISON 286

John Schuyler paced Cincinnati's effort, going for a team-low 43.

Zack Streichert shot a 45, Mason Walker carded a 46, Jack Stafford added a 47, Collin Holtmart added a 52 and Koda Temple's 54 was scratched.

single for the Lions and Kaylee Brenchley drew a walk.

Gerrard threw two frames, giving up two unearned runs on a hit, five walks and a hit batter. Brenchley gave up eight runs, four earned, on nine hits and three walks in four innings.

BOYS LACROSSE

HOMER 9,

NEW HARTFORD 8

Daniel Stiles, Alex Votra and Wyatt Wilbur all scored twice as Homer earned an overtime victory Saturday over a now 12-2 New Hartford squad.

Brycen Poole, Mason Potter and Cooper Swartz added a goal each.

Ben Bradshaw made 19 saves for the Trojans and scooped up three ground balls. Stiles and Votra each got four ground balls, Swartz and Liam O'Connor nabbed three each, Poole, Wilbur, Jack Brady, Anthony Cicioni, Kyle Wright and Dom Burlingame all secured two ground balls and Kaden Durham, Chris Slade and Logan Stauber got a ground ball each.

TRACK & FIELD

HOMER

Tasker Dennis was the only Homer athlete to win an event Friday at the Fast Times Invitational at Corning-Painted Post High School. Dennis won the boys discus with a 133-foot, 9-inch toss and also placed fourth in the shot put.

Damian Brown also placed second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and third in the 3,200-meter race and the 4x800-meter relay team of Garrett Berthelot, Ethan Maslin, Aidan Small and Liam O'Brien placed sixth.

The mixed weightmen 4x100-meter relay team of Molly Mc-

Masters, Logan Griffin, Brynn Loomis and Dennis came in fourth.

Ingrid Aagaard led the Homer girls by finishing second in the 800-meter race.

Loomis placed second in the discus, McMasters came in third in the discus and fourth in the shot put, Sophie Kennett placed sixth in the 100-meter hurdles and Lauren Franco finished sixth in the 400-meter hurdles. The 4x800-meter relay team of Maggie Mahunik, Evie Schneider, Angela Yang and Alyssa Swayze came in fifth and the 4x400-meter relay team of Franco, Shelley Yang, Amelia Wagner and Aagaard finished sixth.

DRYDEN

Mckenna Crocker and Reagan Burnham each won an event for the Dryden girls at the Parkhurst Invitational Saturday. Crocker finished first in the 2,000-meter steeplechase (8:29.02) and Burnham topped the competition in the 1,500-meter race (4:55.79).

Maysie Davis was second in the girls triple jump, fourth in the high jump and fifth in the long jump, Jade Brockner came in third in the 200-meter dash and fourth in the 100-meter dash, Alivia Wojcik finished third in the novice 1,500-meter race, Dalia Bosworth came in fifth in the pole vault and Hannah Emmelhainz was sixth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Ethan Gibbs paced the Dryden boys by coming in third in the 400-meter hurdles and placing sixth in the 110-meter hurdles.

Linkin Hess also came in fifth in the 400-meter race and Eliot Couch was fifth in the 1,600-meter race.

NYC's displaced Ukrainians weigh leaving for home

By MIA GINDIS
Bloomberg News
(TNS)

Kseniia Nadvotska's dreams of traveling the world panned out unexpectedly.

Soon after Russia began shelling her hometown of Kyiv, the then 35-year-old fled with her young son to Romania, then onto Poland, Germany and Mexico. From there, she crossed into San Diego with about a hundred dollars in her pocket, before being flown to New York by a volunteer organization.

"America had always been a dream," Nadvotska said over Zoom. "It was always so unattainable, and suddenly we were just there. I couldn't process it."

The novelty faded quickly. She spent the next 18 months in a series of low-paying medical billing jobs and cramped Brooklyn apartments, with little time to learn English or pick up her son from school. Isolated and increasingly worried about her ability to make ends meet, she started on antidepressants and began virtual sessions with a Mariupol-based therapist.

Toward the end of last year, she decided to move back to Ukraine.

"I would tell anyone coming to New York to take off their rose-colored glasses," Nadvotska said. "You have to work so much just to pay your bills, your living expenses. To get a driver's license. For a single parent and a child, it's impossible."

More than two years after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, this is the reality for displaced Ukrainians like Nadvotska. Those under New York City's care now compete with more than 60,000 migrants from around the world for limited resources, while those going it alone face the threat of eviction and unpaid bills.

It underscores why about 80% of displaced persons dream of going back to Ukraine, according to a survey published in July by the United Nations — even as the war seems to have no end in sight. In March, Russia pummeled major cities including Kyiv with more than 3,000 guided aerial bombs, 600 drones and 400 missiles, according to Ukrainian President

Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

"I don't think most of them anticipated this conflict to be so protracted," Federica Franzè, a supervisor at the Refugee Support Project — a group that provides free psychological support to asylum-seekers — said of the Ukrainians who fled.

And now, many of them have faced a deadline. In April, Uniting for Ukraine, a parole program that granted more than 170,000 Ukrainians a two-year stay in the US, expired for the first wave of arrivals.

Those who wanted to stay longer must have either renewed their parole status or obtained Temporary Protected Status vis-a-vis a legal process that's become bogged down by the large influx of asylum-seekers. And with many pro bono lawyers at capacity, some displaced individuals must foot the cost of a private attorney on top of a several-hundred dollar filing fee.

Those applications, which used to be processed almost immediately for Ukrainians, now take about five months, according to Evan Taras Bokshan, an immigration attorney. Once obtained, TPS enables holders to work and gives them protection from deportation. It also grants them authorization to travel.

Neither program offers a path to permanent residency, and recent arrivals on the so-called U4U program have had to contend with fewer resources after the city curbed funding for resettlement aid. Parolees arriving since October haven't been entitled to the legal services, cash and rent assistance that earlier arrivals received.

Catholic Charities, a refugee resettlement agency, has a list of 200 people waiting for benefits if the city resumes funding them, according to Kelly Agnew-Barajas, the co-director of the Immigrant and Refugee Services division there.

EXORBITANT COSTS

In the city's overflowing shelter system, families with children must reapply for housing every 60 days. They risk being moved out-of-district, which complicates schooling. But the alternative is facing New York's



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Protesters gather in Times Square to mark the two-year anniversary since Russia's full-scale invasion into Ukraine on Feb. 24, in New York City. Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022, in the largest attack on a European country since World War II.

exorbitant costs: The median rent for a two-bedroom apartment is almost \$5,000 in April, according to RentHop, an apartment rental service.

"I couldn't stretch my pay, not just for an apartment but even for a room," said Marina Kostenko, a former teacher from Odesa who moved to New York in 2022.

The 52-year-old said she offered child-care services in exchange for housing, an arrangement that fell through on three different occasions, each time leaving her without a place to live. In October, she decided to return home after her 27-year-old son was injured on the battlefield.

The stress from the moves and multiple evictions streaked her

hair gray, she said.

While official data is hard to come by, the reverse migration is bearing out at refugee centers, where monthly check-ins are dwindling, and schools, where kids' names are disappearing from rosters, according to nonprofits interviewed by Bloomberg.

Andrew Stasiw, principal of St. George Academy, a private Ukrainian-Catholic high school in the East Village, said that almost 10% of its displaced Ukrainian students — many of whom receive financial aid — have returned home since enrolling after the start of the war. The most common reasons were family circumstances and housing costs, he said.

"Let's say you're a mom and

you have three kids and now you're renting one room in a two-bedroom apartment," said Stasiw. "That's crowded. And now I have a student who's living like that."

Others are worried about crime, he said. Last year, New York City recorded more major felony offenses than any year since 2006, according to NYPD data.

Daniella Ugryn, 31, moved from Kyiv to her boyfriend's family home in Queens about two months after the war started. Constantly looking for work and dependent on her partner's American relatives, she quickly fell homesick and despondent. After finding a job with the nonprofit Razom Inc., she was disheartened to see what was

initially a flood of donations for her country slow to a trickle.

Meanwhile, social media posts by friends in Kyiv painted what she thought to be a relatively stable picture of the situation back home.

"We didn't have plans to stay in the US, and for me, it was too stressful," said Ugryn. She spent days with her eyes glued to her phone, texting relatives and monitoring the news. "I wanted to go home a lot."

RUSSIAN BOMBS

Six months after arriving in New York, Ugryn did just that. A week later, Russia launched one of its most aggressive offensives on Ukraine to date, killing and injuring hundreds and damaging power and water supplies across the country. She soon learned of a new saying among Ukrainians: "It's not you today."

Ugryn made it two months before she went back to Queens. But she's already planning her next return home.

The bombing eventually wore on Nadvotska, too. She relocated to nearby Moldova, where she was provided six months of free rent and a monthly food stipend, she said.

"It was very scary," she said of arriving in a post-invasion Ukraine. "There were alarms going off, bombs flying. But at least I have family there. In America, there's no one."

It's not an easy decision. Yuliia Makarenkova and her two children bounced from host to host before landing in a shelter in Brooklyn. They waited in line for 15 hours for a spot.

The family faced eviction for failing to present their TPS documents, which were taking months to process.

Her daughters go to school an hour away in opposite directions from the shelter. After school, they kill time at department stores while Makarenkova finishes her shift selling black caviar in Grand Central.

She's been weighing a return, but isn't sure it's the right move.

"We want to do what's best for the kids," Makarenkova said. "While there's still war, their future is here. But it's hard to say for sure."



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Ukrainian soldiers carry shells to fire at Russian positions on the front line, near the city of Bakhmut, in Ukraine's Donetsk region, on March 25.



AP Photo/Francisco Seco

People attend a rally aiming to raise awareness on the fate of Ukrainian prisoners of war, in Kyiv, Ukraine, April 28.

Ukraine pushes to get military-age men abroad to return

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine's foreign minister doubled down recently on the government's move to bolster the pool of fighting forces by cutting off consular services to conscription-age men outside the country, saying it was a question of "justice."

Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said the policy would ensure men in Ukraine and those who have left were both treated fairly.

"It's about justice — justice in the relationship between Ukrainian men abroad and Ukrainian men inside of Ukraine," he said.

Ukraine secured a much-needed package of military aid

from the U.S. after months of wrangling in Congress. But as well as weapons, Ukraine needs troops. Tens of thousands of Ukrainian soldiers have been killed or wounded in more than two years of fighting. Russia has also suffered heavy losses, but has vastly more conscripts to throw into the fight.

In April, Ukraine lowered the conscription age from 27 to 25 in an effort to bolster the size of its military.

The latest government decision means men aged 18-60 can't renew their passports unless they return to Ukraine. Some opposition politicians and human rights activists have criticized the move, saying it could deprive Ukrainians of access to

services and benefits in other countries, and might backfire by prompting men to seek refugee status elsewhere.

Kuleba gave that argument short shrift, noting that Ukrainians fleeing the war were treated better in their host countries than refugees from many other parts of the world.

"They owe everything they have now in these countries to this fact, their Ukrainian citizenship," Kuleba said at a news conference alongside his Latvian counterpart, Baiba Braze. "And these men should not forget about this when they argue that the state of Ukraine owes them something. They should not forget that they owe much more to the state of Ukraine."

The announcement on passports has been welcomed by many people in Ukraine who agree with Kuleba's argument about fairness.

"Why should some have to fight while others evade and hide abroad?" said bank worker Yuliia Lystopad in Kyiv.

Though Ukraine repulsed an all-out Russian invasion in the weeks after President Vladimir Putin sent in troops in February 2022, Moscow's forces occupy about a fifth of Ukraine's territory and strike all over the country with drones, bombs and missiles.

On the frontline in eastern and southern Ukraine, Russia is slowly taking ground from outnumbered and out-

gunned troops.

A soldier who only gave his first name, Oleh, for security reasons, said getting more troops into the field was essential.

"Someone has to fight," he said. "The front line is getting closer, and there are fewer guys on the front."

"But for now, we stand and fight," he added. "All the guys understand that if they (Russians) go further, it will just be tough for everyone here."

Kuleba said he hoped countries that are home to displaced Ukrainians would share the Ukrainian government's logic and approach.

Poland, home to hundreds of thousands of displaced Ukrai-

nians, has indicated it's willing to help ensure military-age men go home. The defense ministry said in a statement that "Poland is ready to assist Ukraine due to the needs of the Ukrainian army," and that bilateral talks would be needed to agree on the arrangements.

Braze said Latvia supported the Ukrainian government's aims of ensuring it has the people it needs, but did not commit to specific action. She said Latvian authorities would "be in dialogue with our Ukrainian counterparts to ensure that everything will be done that is necessary."

"Ukraine is fighting for all of us," she said. "It's our security too."

It came from Wisconsin: A chat with writer James Tynion IV, the reigning king of comic book horror

By CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI
Chicago Tribune
(TNS)

One of my favorite contemporary writers is this guy from Milwaukee named James Tynion IV. It's a haughty name, except he writes horror comics. He writes other things, too, nothing that would suggest gravitas: Batman comics, Batman meets Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle comics. That is, unless you know the finest monthly comic books these days are far from indifferently written, or as hilariously overwritten as they once were, full of characters delivering tsunamis of exposition.

So, this "IV" in your name, I asked, it's there to compensate for writing horror comics?

It's there, he laughed, because his father (a longtime New York lawyer who specializes in the renewable energy industry) is James Tynion III. It's just a professional distinction.

Yet, as a gothic flourish, it lends mystery. Especially considering that when Tynion IV appeared recently at McCormick Place for the Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo, or C2E2, he came as arguably the best writer in the medium right now, though not representing Batman or the Justice League but his own decade-long creations, very of

the-moment comics about federal conspiracy ("The Department of Truth"), world apocalypse ("The Nice House on the Lake"), mass disappearance ("The Woods") and paranoia ("Something is Killing the Children"). He's appearing at several talks on horror comics, as well as on a panel just about himself.

We spoke by phone the other day; the following was edited for length and clarity.

Q: Did Wisconsin shape your writing voice? Speaking of paranoia and conspiracy, it is the home of the John Birch Society now.

A: It's in so many of my books. Where you spend your teen years is burned deeper than anywhere else, I think. Now that I'm in my mid to late 30s, my view is tipping toward my time in New York. But being from Milwaukee, there's a feeling of being on the outskirts of culture.

I was growing up as a young queer person during the Bush II years, and Wisconsin was a very purple state. Both sides were loud, so feeling caught in the midst of all that was formative. I was figuring out if I wanted to go to Pride Fest, for instance, even as I had classmates arguing whether or not there should be a Pride Fest. There was also



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James Tynion IV, left, and Scott Snyder, right, attend ComiXology Originals Presents: Scottoberfest at Dear Irving on Hudson on Oct. 8, 2021, in New York City.

a primal feeling from big dense woods. I had a ravine behind my dad's house. Seeing it now: OK, there are houses there, and it's not that huge. But as a child, it felt like staring into another

world, and things were happening in the darkness.

Q: Conspiracy, as a theme, became your thing.

A: Yes, since horror reflects society.

There's a fear now that we are living in all these broken systems no longer intending to save us. Yet we have to use those systems. You ask yourself: What do I have to become to survive this? What am I willing to let myself become? I realized I could come at that theme from so many different angles. Right now I am doing a book called "Spectregraph," and it's a ghost story, and yet ghost stories are always about a fear of death. Instead, I wanted this one to be about a fear of life, partly told through the decay of capitalism. There is so much tension now in the fear of tomorrow and persisting, and I wanted to dig into that feeling, while using this genre.

Q: Starting out, did you look to classic horror comics for inspiration?

A: Honestly, I didn't even know this was a lane to pursue. My way into comics was very much through Superheroland, but then I kept discovering the full potential of what comics could be. Neil Gaiman and "Sandman" made me want to pursue writing as a career, period. I also can't deny the giants of pop lit. Lately, I've been rereading Stephen King and Agatha Christie, and what comes across is how effortlessly good they can be.

Endorsed by Stephen King, 'The Return of Ellie Black' is an 'assured' new thriller

'The Return of Ellie Black'
By: Emiko Jean
Publisher: Simon & Schuster,
320 pages, \$28.99

By MAREN LONGBELLA
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(TNS)

Missing persons are almost inescapable in thrillers, and for good reason. Not knowing what has happened to someone, imagining what could have happened, is compelling reading. That's exactly what you'll find in Emiko Jean's "The Return of Ellie Black."

This is Jean's first foray into suspense. She made the leap (not as big as you might think for this versatile author) from YA novels — "Tokyo Ever After" and a sequel, "Tokyo Dreaming," about a teenager who discovers she's part of Japan's imperial family — by way of "Mika in Real Life," the tale of a woman found by the daughter she put up for adoption.

A throughline is immediately obvious, one that helps distin-

guish "Ellie Black" from other thrillers: Japanese heritage and adoption. Chelsey Calhoun, a police detective, is Japanese but grew up as one of two daughters — the other biological — in a white family.

Her past as an adoptee is just one of many traumas that shape her life: Chelsey has had to contend with her mother skipping out on her adoptive family; her parents' resulting divorce; her father, a onetime police chief, dying of cancer; and, most especially, the years-ago death of her teenage sister.

So when a miracle happens and Ellie Black is found in the woods two years after going missing, a case Chelsey has worked from the beginning and obsesses over for reasons having to do with her sister, there is cause for celebration.

But something is wrong. Ellie, despite showing signs of abuse, is unwilling to talk about what happened to her. Why?

"Ellie Black" is a decidedly assured debut in the genre. Hopefully, it's just the beginning for Emiko Jean.



Handout/Simon & Schuster/TNS
Pictured is the cover of "The Return of Ellie Black" by Emiko Jean.

Remembering writer Jay Robert Nash

By RICK KOGAN
Chicago Tribune
(TNS)

To write a few words in remembrance of Jay Robert Nash seems insufficient, for this was a man for whom a few words were never enough. During his life, which ended on April 22 of lung cancer after 86 active years, he once estimated that he had written something in the neighborhood of 50 million words.



Nash

Most of those came in non-fiction books, firmly focused on crimes and killers (movies too), but he also wrote poetry and plays. Here is but a sampling of his 80-or-so book titles: "Bloodletters and Badmen"; "Darkest Hours"; "Hustlers and Con Men"; "Among the Missing"; "The Dillinger Dossier"; a multi-volume "The Motion Picture Guide"; "Encyclopedia Of Western Lawmen & Outlaws"; "Zanies: The World's Greatest Eccentrics" and on and on.

Most of these books were created in the pre-internet age, when research was done the dusty old-fashioned way, plowing through archives and fading newspapers. Sometimes aided by a series of assistants such as Chicago researcher Jim Agnew, Nash was tireless. Late in life, he told me that his reference archives included nearly 500,000 books, three million text files and more than six million historical illustrations and photos.

bestsellers and some were not. He made a lot of money. He lost a lot of money and borrowed plenty from friends. He won awards. He was always ready to file a lawsuit, as he did against CBS. He was sued by others.

As prolific as he was in print, he was equally loquacious in person, his personality and imagination cutting a story-packed path across the places where writers and journalists once gathered.

Some of his stories were real, some were not but most all were unforgettable. As writer Clarence Petersen put it in a Tribune story in 1981, "(Nash's) most intriguing creation is himself. Pugna-cious, diminutive, and dapper in the attire of a 1920s gangster, his heroic fantasies have made him a Chicago legend — especially among the patrons of his favorite saloons."

In that same story, Roger Ebert said, "(Nash is) a legend builder. He lives in greatness, real or imagined, you never quite know... When he's out drinking, it's as if Ernest Hemingway and Thomas Wolfe were at war for the possession of his soul."

Jay Robert Nash III was born on Nov. 26, 1937 in Indianapolis, the son of Jay Robert Nash II and Jerrie Lynne (Kosur). His father was a newspaperman who went off to war and died in the Pacific in World War II. His mother, a cabaret singer in her youth, raised her son in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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Clooney to make Broadway debut in 'Good Night, and Good Luck'

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer
 NEW YORK — George Clooney will make his Broadway acting debut next year in a familiar project for the Hollywood star: "Good Night, and Good Luck."

Clooney will play legendary TV journalist Edward R. Murrow in a stage adaptation of the 2005 movie that earned him directing and writing Oscar nominations and was among the best picture contenders.

"I am honored, after all these years, to be coming back to the stage and especially, to Broadway, the art form and the venue that every actor aspires to," Clooney said in a statement.

The play "Good Night, and Good Luck" — with David Cromer directing — will premiere on Broadway in spring 2025 at a Shubert Theatre to be announced. It will be again co-written by Clooney and Grant Heslov. The 90-minute black-and-white film starred

David Strathairn as Murrow. Sen. Joseph McCarthy, known for accusing government employees of disloyalty. Clooney played "See It Now" co-creator Fred Friendly, who resisted intense pressure and ensured the reports got to air.

Murrow, who died in 1965, is considered one of the architects of U.S. broadcast news.

"Edward R. Murrow operated from a kind of

moral clarity that feels vanishingly rare in today's media landscape. There was an immediacy in those early live television broadcasts that today can only be effectively captured on stage, in front of a live audience," Cromer said in a statement.

The Clooneys are boosters of journalism. Clooney's father, Nick Clooney, worked as a TV news anchor and host in a variety of cities including Cincinnati, Salt Lake City and Los Angeles. He also wrote a newspaper column in Cincinnati and taught journalism students at American University.

At the time the movie came out, Clooney said his family took pride in how journalists held the government accountable during the paranoia of the 1950s communist threat.

Clooney said he wanted to make a movie to let people hear some "really well-written words about the fourth estate again."



Clooney

'Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes' scores \$56.5M opening at box office

By ANDREW DALTON
AP Entertainment Writer
 LOS ANGELES — "Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes" reigned over the weekend box office with a \$56.5 million North American opening, according to studio estimates Sunday, giving a needed surge to an uncertain season in theaters.

The film from 20th Century Studios and Disney that built on the rebooted "Apes" trilogy of the 2010s had the third highest opening of the year, after the \$81.5 million debut of "Dune: Part Two" in early March and the \$58.3 million domestic opening of "Kung Fu Panda 4" a week later.

The strong performance for "Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes" — it played even better internationally with a global total of \$129 million — comes a week after a tepid start for Ryan Gosling's "The Fall Guy" signaled that the summer of 2024 is likely to see a major drop-off after the "Barbenheimer" magic of 2023.

"Planet of the Apes" easily made more than the rest of the



20th Century Studios via AP

This image released by 20th Century Studios shows Noa, played by Owen Teague, in a scene from "Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes."

top 10 combined.

"The Fall Guy" fell to No. 2 with a \$13.7 million weekend and a two-week total of \$49.7 million for Universal Pictures.

Zendaya's "Challengers" was third with \$4.7 million and has earned \$38 million in three

"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes."

It's the 10th movie in the "Planet of the Apes" franchise that began in 1968 with the Charlton Heston original with a twist ending.

"This franchise has never been allowed to lose its momentum," said Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for Comscore. "There are very few franchises that have this kind of longevity."

And it really is the property itself. The new film shares no central actors or characters with its predecessors.

"There's just this love for the way it melds sci-fi with social commentary and straight-up popcorn entertainment," Dergarabedian said.

"Kingdom" came with strong reviews and positive buzz (80% fresh on Rotten Tomatoes and a "B" CinemaScore). It was especially praised for its visual effects and the way its CGI has caught up with its primates-on-horseback aesthetic even since the last film, 2017's "War for the Planet of the Apes."

Contract Bridge

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 Both sides vulnerable.

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 ♠ Q 6
 ♥ K Q 10 9 8 3
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ A J 3

WEST
 ♠ K 7 5 2
 ♥ 7 6 5
 ♦ 10 4
 ♣ 9 8 7 2

EAST
 ♠ 10 9 8 3
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ 8 6 5 3
 ♣ Q 10 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A J 4
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ A Q J 9 2
 ♣ K 6 5

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 NT Pass 4♦ Pass
 4♥ Pass 4 NT Pass
 5♥ Pass 6♥

Opening lead — nine of clubs.

Generally speaking, the majority of players are opposed to most artificial bidding conventions. They prefer to use more natural methods wherein if their partner bids spades he has hearts, if he bids hearts he has spades, and so on.

But as a player becomes more experienced, he may be tempted to add new conventions to his arsenal. And if he is by nature gadget-minded, he might soon find himself weighed down by a host of conven-

tions that prevent him from employing natural bids. When this point threatens to be reached, a player is best advised to choose his conventions carefully.

One of the artificial bids that has become popular in recent years is the Texas Transfer, which is used in response to a one- or two-notrump opening bid. If responder jumps directly to four diamonds, he is asking opener to bid four hearts, while if responder jumps to four hearts, he is asking opener to bid four spades. (In the latter case especially, there is a real danger that one player or the other may forget he is playing Texas, with disastrous consequences.)

Today's deal from a national team-of-four event demonstrates the advantage of Texas, which is to have the opening lead come into the stronger hand rather than through it. At the first table, the bidding followed traditional lines: 1NT-3♥-3NT-6♥, and East led the ten of spades. After this lead, there was no way for declarer to make the slam, and he went down one.

At the second table, the North-South pair was playing Texas and so reached six hearts with South as declarer. With West on lead against the slam, it was impossible to defeat the contract, and South chalked up an easy 1,430 points.

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As GM shifts focus to EVs, Chevrolet Malibu drives into sunset

DETROIT — The Chevrolet Malibu, the last midsize car made by a Detroit automaker, is heading for the junkyard. General Motors confirmed Thursday that it will stop making the car introduced in 1964 as the company focuses more on electric vehicles. The midsize sedan was once the top-selling segment in the U.S., a stalwart of

family garages nationwide. But its sales started to decline in the early 2000s as the SUV became more prominent and pickup truck sales grew. Now the U.S. auto market is dominated by SUVs and trucks. Full-size pickups from Ford, Chevrolet and Ram are the top selling vehicles in America, and the top-selling non pickup is Toyota's

RAV4 small SUV. Last year midsize cars made up only 8% of U.S. new vehicle sales, but it was 22% as recently as 2007, according to Motorintelligence.com. Still, Americans bought 1.3 million of the cars last year in a segment dominated by the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord. GM sold just over 130,000 Malibus

last year, 8.5% fewer than in 2022. Sales rose to nearly 230,000 after a redesign for the 2016 model year, but much of those were at low profits to rental car companies. But the midsize car segment made a bit of a comeback last year with sales up almost 5%. GM said it sold over 10 million Malibus, making nine generations since the

car's debut. GM's factory in Kansas City, Kansas, which now makes the Malibu and the Cadillac XT4 small SUV, will stop making the Malibu in November and the XT4 in January. The plant will get a \$390 million retooling to make a new version of the Chevrolet Bolt small electric car.



AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli, File

Farmworkers Cynthia Burgos, left, and Teresa Maldonado, right, hug after Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a bill aimed at making it easier for farmworkers to unionize in Sacramento, Calif., Sept. 28, 2022.

United Farm Workers face off against Calif. agricultural business

By AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

In a meeting room at a hotel in California's crop-rich Central Valley, a fight is taking place that could help shape the future of farm labor in fields that grow a chunk of the country's food.

The battle between a unit of the Wonderful Co. — one of the state's most well-known farm companies that grows pistachios, pomegranates and citrus — and United Farm Workers — the country's biggest farm worker union — comes after California passed a law in 2022 aimed at making it easier for agricultural laborers to organize.

Several hundred workers filed papers this year to unionize at Wonderful Nurseries in Wasco, Calif., a move the company claimed was fraudulent. The allegations are being heard in proceedings that could uphold the newly-formed union or revoke its certification. Meanwhile, farmer and labor advocates are watching closely to determine what impact the new law is having in a state where most farmworkers are not organized.

Four groups of California farmworkers have so far orga-

nized under the law, marking the UFW's first successful attempts at farmworker unionization since 2016, said Elizabeth Strater, the union's director of strategic campaigns

"We're going to see a continued rise in California of farmworker organizing, because there is a tremendous need," Strater said.

The clash at Wonderful Nurseries began when a group of workers filed in February to organize over concerns about assignments and scheduling, Strater said.

A 640-worker unit was certified by the state's Agricultural Labor Relations Board. But Wonderful filed a complaint saying its workers didn't want a union and thought cards they signed were to access \$600 payments under a federal pandemic relief program the UFW helps administer. The UFW denied it, and claimed Wonderful was calling meetings to try to get workers to withdraw their cards.

The issue is now before the board with an administrative law judge taking testimony from workers during a week-long hearing

Consumer sentiment drops to 6-month low on inflation, interest

Unemployment fears persist

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

WASHINGTON — U.S. consumer sentiment fell sharply in May to the lowest level in six months as Americans cited stubbornly high inflation and interest rates, as well as fears that unemployment could rise.

The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index, released Friday in a preliminary version, dropped to 67.4 this month from a final reading of 77.2 in April. May's reading is still about 14% higher than a year ago. Consumers' outlook has generally been gloomy since the pandemic and particularly after inflation first spiked in 2021.

Consumer spending is a crucial driver of growth. Sour sentiment about the economy is also weighing on President Joe Biden's reelection bid. Still, consumer confidence surveys have not always been reliable guides to actual spending, economists note.

"Perceptions don't always match reality and we think the fundamental backdrop remains strong enough to keep consumers spending," said Oren Klach-

kin, an economist at Nationwide Financial, in a research note. "Rising incomes offer a healthy offset and will prevent consumer outlays from retrenching on a sustained basis."

In the first three months of this year, consumer spending stayed strong even as growth slowed, likely fueled largely by upper-income earners with significant wealth gains in their homes and stock portfolios. The unemployment rate is at a historically low 3.9%, which has forced many companies to offer higher pay to find and keep workers.

Yet big retailers have begun to sense more caution from customers, particularly those with lower incomes, who are pulling back on spending.

Starbucks lowered expectations for its full-year sales and profit in late April after a terrible quarter that saw a slowdown in store visits worldwide.

Starbucks reported a sharper and faster decline in spending in the U.S. than it had anticipated.

McDonald's last month said that it will increase deals and value messaging to combat slowing sales.

The Chicago fast food giant said inflation-weary customers are eating out less often in many big markets.

LEGALS

CORTLAND COUNTY SUMMONS THE STATE OF NEW YORK FAMILY COURT: COUNTY OF CORTLAND

SUMMONS (Publication)

In the Matter of an Article 10 Neglect Proceeding

Cortland County Dept of Social Services (Petitioner)

Deavon Bowman (Respondent)

Enzlee Bowman (DOB: 10/21/2021)
Milani Grant (DOB: 05/30/2011)

SUMMONS (IN PERSON)

File #: 7836/11877
Docket #: NN-1194/1195-23

To: Deavon Bowman
3771 Deneve Road
Freetown, NY 13040

A petition under Article 10 of the Family Court Act has been filed with this Court requesting the following reliefs: Pre-Petition Application, Order to Show Cause, Order of Protection, and Neglect.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear IN PERSON before this Court on:

Date/Time: May 23, 2024 at 09:30 AM in Part DCA

Purpose: Inquest
Presiding: Hon. David C. Alexander
Location: Courthouse, 46 Greenbush St., Cortland, NY 13045
Floor: 2
Room: 205, Check with Deputies

to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with Article 10 of the Family Court Act.

If you fail to appear as directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. David C. Alexander of the Family Court, Cortland County, dated April 19, 2024, and filed with the petition and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of the Family Court, Cortland County.

TOWN OF SCOTT LOCAL LAW

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL (Pursuant to Section 506 and 1526 for the real property Tax Law) Notice is hereby given as of May 1, 2024, The Assessor for the Town of Scott, County of Cortland, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left at the Town Clerk's Office where IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN CLERK'S HOURS AND OFFICE POLICY, it may be seen and examined by any interested person until Grievance Day by appointment only. The tax roll will also be available for viewing online at www.cortland-co.org/195/Real-Property-Tax-Service per the requirement of RPTL section 1590(2) Grievance Day for the Town of Scott will be May 30, 2024, from 4:00-8:00 pm, at the Scott Town Hall 6689 State Route 41, to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments on the application of any persons believing themselves to be aggrieved. Complaints must be filed on form RP524. This form is available at www.tax.ny.gov or at the Town of Scott Clerk's Office during her office hours. William Bearup, Town of Scott Assessor

CORTLAND COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

LEE'S TRUCK & CAR REPAIR LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/5/24. Office in Cortland Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 351 County Route 12, Pitcher, NY 13136, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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EJ Realty, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 11/2/2023. Formed in PA on 12/19/2011. Office: Cortland County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 250 E. 54th Street NY 10022. PA SOS: 401 North Street Rm 302 Harrisburg Pa 17120. Purpose: any lawful

CORTLAND COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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CORTLAND COUNTY SUMMONS

Supplemental Summons And Notice Of Object Of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Cortland Action To Foreclose A Mortgage Index #: E123-578 Rocket Mortgage, Llc F/K/A Quicken Loans, Llc Plaintiff, Vs Janice J. 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Defendant(S). Mortgaged Premises: 26 Hubbard Street Cortland, Ny 13045 To The Above Named Defendant: You Are Hereby Summoned To Answer The Complaint In This Action, And To Serve A Copy Of Your Answer, Or, If The Complaint Is Not Served With This Supplemental Summons, To Serve A Notice Of Appearance, On The Plaintiff(S) Attorney(S) Within Twenty Days After The Service Of This Supplemental Summons, Exclusive Of The Day Of Service (Or Within 30 Days After The Service Is Complete If This Supplemental Summons Is Not Personally Delivered To You Within The State Of New York). In Case Of Your Failure To Appear Or Answer, Judgment Will Be Taken Against You By Default For The Relief Demanded In The Complaint. The Attorney For Plaintiff Has An Office For Business In The County Of Erie. Trial To Be Held In The County Of Cortland. The Basis Of The Venue Designated Above Is The Location Of The Mortgaged Premises. To Janice J. Jones Defendant In This Action. The Foregoing Supplemental Summons Is Served Upon You By Publication, Pursuant To An Order Of Hon. Hon. Mark G. Masler Of The Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, Dated The Thirtieth Day Of April, 2024 And Filed With The Complaint In The Office Of The Clerk Of The County Of Cortland, In The City Of Cortland. The Object Of This Action Is To Foreclose A Mortgage Upon The Premises Described Below, Executed By Janice J. Jones Dated The January 25, 2017, To Secure The Sum Of \$49,826.00 And Recorded At Instrument No. 2017-00645 In The Office Of The Cortland County Clerk, On The February 6, 2017. The Mortgage Was Subsequently Assigned By An Assignment Executed August 9, 2023 And Recorded On August 15, 2023. In The Office Of The Cortland County Clerk At Instrument Number 2023-04986. The property in question is described as follows: 26 Hubbard Street, Cortland, NY 13045 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. 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YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: May 3, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 80748

CORTLAND COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of D.P. Dough Calzones, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/14/2024. Office location: Cortland. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The LLC: PO Box 229, McGraw, NY 13101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

CORTLAND COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of DHDY of Homer, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/09/2024. Office location: Cortland. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to SSNY: PO Box 167, Homer, New York 13077. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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TOWN OF PREBLE LEGAL NOTICE

The tentative 2024 assessment roll for the Town of Preble has been filed May 1st, 2024. A copy of the roll is available for review with the Town Assessor or Town Clerk by appointment only at the Town Hall. Grievance will be held at the Town Hall on June 4th from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM. DATED this 8th day of May 2024
William Bearup
Assessor Town of Preble.

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TOWNS OF GROTON, DRYDEN, LANSING, SUMMERHILL, LOCKE AND HOMER
COUNTIES OF TOMPKINS, CAYUGA, AND CORTLAND NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Groton Central School District Number One of the Towns of Groton, Dryden, Lansing, Summerhill, Locke, and Homer, Counties of Tompkins, Cayuga, and Cortland New York, will be held in the District Office, 400 Peru Road, Groton, New York in said District on Monday, May 13, 2024, immediately following the 6:30 pm Board of Education meeting, for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review on May 3, 2024, in the District Office, Elementary School Office, Junior Senior High School Office, Groton Public Library, and the District's webpage www.grotoncs.org.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Groton Central School District Number One of the Towns of Groton, Dryden, Lansing, Summerhill, Locke, and Homer, Counties of Tompkins, Cayuga, and Cortland, New York, will be held at the Groton Central School in said District on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM, prevailing time, at the District Office at the Junior-Senior High School, 400 Peru Rd., Groton, NY, at which time the polls will be opened to vote: by voting by ballot or machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt Proposition #1 - the annual budget of the School District in the amount of \$25,073,035 for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect two members of the Board of Education. The two candidates with the highest number of votes will each serve a three year term commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring on June 30, 2027. The Board of Education seats at Groton Central School are "at large" seats.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2024-25, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning May 3, 2024, at the District Office, Elementary School Office, Junior-Senior High School Office, Groton Public Library, and the District's webpage www.grotoncs.org.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Groton Central School, not later than April 22, 2024, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) voters of the District and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 16, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 21, 2024, the day set for the election, and said list will be posted at the polling place at the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, Any qualified voter may apply for an early mail ballot between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. It is a felony to make a false statement in an application for an early mail ballot, to attempt to cast an illegal ballot, or to help anyone to cast an illegal ballot.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at phone number or email address. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2024. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law §2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Dated: April 5, 2024

Groton, NY 13073

By the Order of the Board of Education Groton Central School District

By: Lisa Warmbrodt, District Clerk