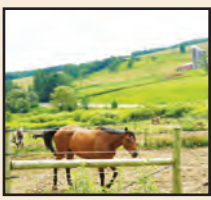
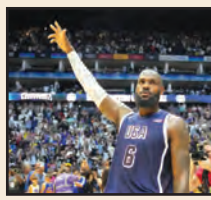


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Horses are back at Crown Hill Farm along with a new riding program after roughly 20 years.



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LeBron James will be the United States' male flagbearer when the Olympics open on Friday.



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SUNY Cortland to host 1st Responder Wellness Symposium

'It's OK to talk about these things'

By MARGARET MELLOTT
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First responders are always on — keeping an eye out for people who need help. When they clock out, it can be

hard to turn that off.

When a car crashes, the first responders must assess the needs of everyone on the scene, putting their own feelings aside. It comes with the work, but it can take a toll, too.

That's why SUNY Cortland will host the 2nd annual First Responder Wellness Symposium on Aug. 1 and 2 at Van Hoesen Hall, 103 Prospect Terrace, Cortland. About 160 first responders

came to the event last year — event organizers expect more than 200 this year.

"We live an average of 21.9 years less, just for working in this field," said Brent Schlafer, wellness officer at the Allegany County Sheriff's Office. "The reason is because we're hypervigilant. We're always on, which is, when you're at work, a good thing, right? You need to be on. You need to be paying attention. But how do you turn that off when

you go home — and that's what we talk about, because we don't. So, we teach you techniques and how to do that."

A 2016 study from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which focused on the Buffalo Police Department, showed that white male officers lived 21.9 years less than their non-officer white male counterparts.

Topics for this year's symposium include an overview of Schlafer's well-

ness program at the Allegany County Sheriff's Office, heart health, communication, injury and leadership, navigating trauma, sleep health and peer support.

"When you talk about officer wellness and about mental health, we've realized in the law enforcement community that we're seeing more issues

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Old exits, new numbers

Interstate 81 converts to mileage-based exit numbers

Numbers, old and new

Old #	Location	New Exit #
9	Marathon	38/39
10	McGraw/Cortland	50
11	Cortland	52
12	Homer	54*
13	Preble	62

*Homer's exit sign had yet to be changed Monday. It will become exit 54.
SOURCE: New York DOT

By DOUG SCHNEIDER
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Folks who have driven Interstate 81 through Cortland County in the past several weeks have likely noticed something different about the signs designating exits for Cortland, Homer, Marathon, McGraw and Preble.

So have motorists headed north on I-81.

The numbers designating the exits have been changed from the predictable-but-less-informative sequential system to a system where the numbers are based on the distance from the state line. The change mimics numbering systems used in other states, the New York State Department of Transportation said.

Exiting at Marathon in southern Cortland County formerly meant taking Exit 9. But in mid-June, the signs designating the exit said it is Exit 38 — just for northbound traffic — with the words "formerly exit 9" at the bottom of the sign. For southbound traffic, the exit is numbered 39.

Similar adjustments have been made along the roughly 35 miles of 81, to Preble, the northernmost exit in Cortland County.

"Exit 38" means that the exit is 38 miles from the New York/Pennsylvania border. The Cortland/McGraw exit, which carries U.S. 11 and State Route 41, is now named Exit 50. Hence, the section of I-81 between signs at McGraw and signs at Marathon is roughly 12 miles long.

The remaining exits have been renum-



Todd R. McAdam/Managing Editor

Interstate exits are being re-numbered to reflect their distance from the state line rather than simply sequentially. So what was Exit 11 is now Exit 52. Signs have been changed in Marathon, Polkville and Preble, but not yet Homer.

bered as well.

The lone exception: Exit 12 at Homer, just north of Cortland. As of Monday, it was still Exit 12 — except that the sign at the exit already was labeled Exit 12, "formerly Exit 12." The Homer exit will eventually be numbered 54.

State Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez said in a statement that the new numbering system gives motorists a better indication "of how many miles they need to travel to reach their destinations" — sequential numbers offered no indication of

how far the drive is from exit 9 to 10.

The new numbering system would also, Dominguez said, "facilitate improved traffic management and (enhance) safety and emergency response." For example, it's less likely drivers would cut off vehicles in the exit lane while suddenly trying to leave I-81 from the left lane, because they had a chance to see a sign identifying the exit two miles in advance, and another one mile in advance.

Central New York is the first upstate region

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With Biden out, his CNY delegates get behind Harris

By MARK WEINER
syracuse.com (TNS)

Most of President Joe Biden's delegates from Central New York declared their support for Vice President Kamala Harris on Sunday, hours after Biden dropped out of the 2024 presidential race.

Biden endorsed Harris and encouraged Democrats to quickly unite behind the vice president in the election against Donald Trump.

Five of the local delegates reached by syracuse.com | The Post-Standard said they plan to follow Biden's lead and vote for Harris to serve as the Democratic nominee.

"I remember Kamala Harris from the Senate, and she is a tiger," said Diane Dwire, of Camillus, adding that her experience as a prosecutor, California attorney general and U.S. senator will be an asset during the campaign.

"She will be a real challenge for Donald Trump," Dwire said. "She's resourceful, knowledgeable and intelligent. She's going to run circles around Trump in a debate."

Dwire is among six delegates from the 22nd Congressional District who are pledged to vote for Biden as the party's nominee on the first ballot at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago from Aug.

19 through Aug. 22.

The Democratic Party rules don't allow Biden to pass his delegates to a different candidate, so it's not clear what will happen. Harris may have to start from scratch to recruit delegates at an open convention.

Some of the vice president's supporters said Sunday they will begin lobbying the 4,700 delegates to the convention for their support.

Later Sunday night, New York Gov. Kathy Hochul and state Democratic Party Chair Jay Jacobs gave Harris a boost by endorsing her for president.

The Central New York delegates for Biden said they have not been contacted by any state or national Democratic Party officials. But it may not matter. The five delegates reached Sunday said they think Harris is a great pick to succeed Biden on the ballot.

"I think she's more than qualified to do the job," said Jimmy Monto, a Biden delegate and Syracuse Common Councilor. "We're talking about a former attorney general, U.S. Senator and vice president. It's a historic moment. Joe Biden once again put the country ahead of his own interests by stepping aside."

Monto said he's excited by

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AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite, File

President Joe Biden, left, and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., talk to reporters after a lunch with Senate Democrats on March 2, 2023.

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Trump's lawyers urge NY appeals court to overturn 'egregious' civil fraud verdict

By MICHAEL R. SISA and JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fresh off victories in other legal cases, Donald Trump on Monday pressed a New York appeals court to overturn the nearly \$500 million New York civil fraud judgment that threatens to drain his personal cash reserves as he campaigns to retake the White House.

In paperwork filed with the state's mid-level appeals court, the former president's lawyers said Manhattan Judge Arthur Engoron's Feb. 16 finding that Trump lied to banks, insurers

and others about his wealth was "erroneous" and "egregious."

Trump's appeal arguments echoed many of his gripes about the case, delivered during the trial to TV cameras outside the courtroom during his trial.

His lawyers argued that New York Attorney General Letitia James' lawsuit should have been promptly dismissed, the statute of limitations barred some claims, and that no one was harmed by Trump's alleged fraud.

They also complained that Engoron's decision, if upheld, would bestow James, a Democrat, with "limitless power to target anyone she desires, including her self-described political opponents,"

Trump's lawyers wrote in a 116-page filing with the Appellate Division of the state's trial court.

Trump posted a \$175 million bond in April to halt collection of the judgment and prevent James' office from seizing his assets while he appeals. If he wins, he won't

have to pay the state anything and will get back the money he has put up now.

The Appellate Court has said it will hear oral arguments in late September. Trump's lawyers initiated the appeal days after Engoron's ruling and had until Monday to file written arguments.

James' office said Trump and his lawyers are raising unfounded arguments.

"We won this case based on the facts and the law, and we are confident we will prevail on appeal," James' office said in a



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Weather

Local

Rest of today: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Skies Today

Tuesday, July 23, 2024
 Sunset today 8:35 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 5:49 a.m.
 Normal high temperature 81
 Normal low temperature 58
 Average temperature 70
 Last quarter moon July 27

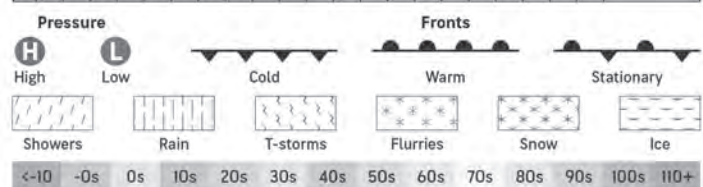
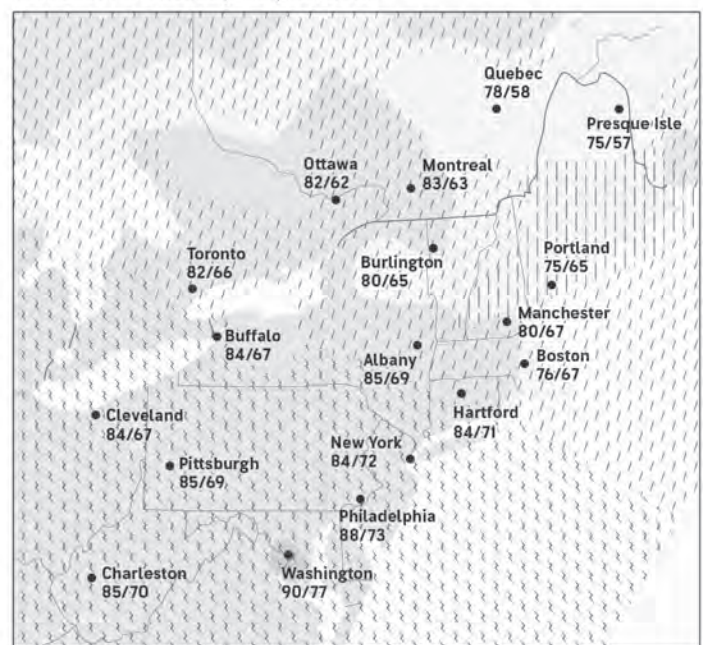
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Wednesday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. Calm wind becoming south around 6 mph in the afternoon.

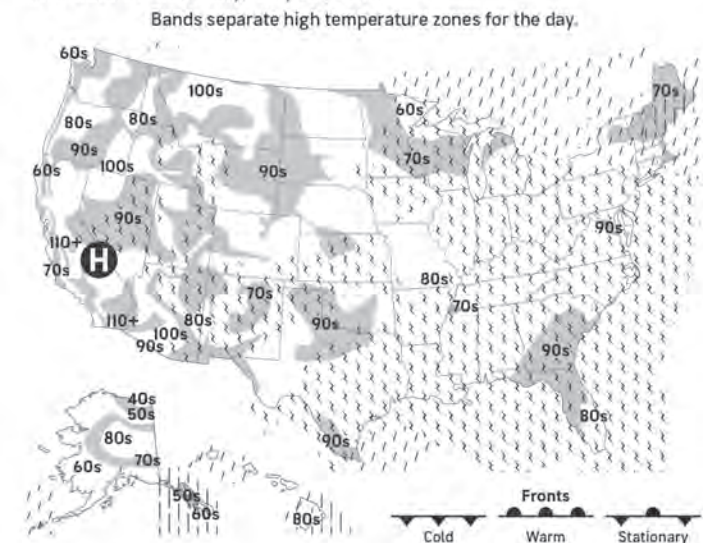
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July 20-22 None
 Month to date 1.11 inches

Forecast for Tuesday, July 23, 2024



Forecast for Tuesday, July 23, 2024



NATIONAL SUMMARY: Active conditions will continue across the eastern half of the nation tomorrow, with showers and some embedded thunderstorms expected from central and eastern Texas through the Eastern Seaboard, extending westward into parts of Minnesota and Iowa. Monsoon thunderstorms will dot the Four Corners, the central Plains and the interior West.

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Lottery Winners

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

Numbers: Midday: 6-2-6, Evening: 0-4-4; **WinFour:** Midday: 0-2-0-3, Evening: 1-0-0-0; **Pick 10:** 1-10-13-24-28-31-35-37-40-45-48-60-61-62-66-67-70-72-75-76; **Take Five:** Midday: 13-23-33-34-35, Evening: 3-20-22-31-35; **Cash4Life:** 1-5-23-41-49, Cash Ball: 1; **Lotto:** 13-14-16-19-22-25, Bonus: 30; **Powerball:** 18-25-31-40-57, Powerball: 4, Power Play: 3

Here are the winning numbers selected Sunday:
Numbers: Midday: 8-0-1, Evening: 7-4-9; **WinFour:** Midday: 4-9-6-9, Evening: 8-6-9-5; **Pick 10:** 2-18-22-31-36-37-38-39-40-47-48-49-50-51-59-64-65-66-76-78; **Take Five:** Midday: 2-9-12-14-27, Evening: 9-18-25-27-29; **Cash4Life:** 15-24-28-33-36, Cash Ball: 4

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

Numbers: Midday: 6-8-8, Evening: 7-6-9; **WinFour:** Midday: 7-6-8-8, Evening: 9-0-2-2; **Pick 10:** 5-11-12-13-16-19-20-22-30-34-37-39-44-47-49-54-55-69-71-80; **Take Five:** Midday: 13-14-22-30-33, Evening: 1-7-10-25-30; **Cash4Life:** 11-16-21-34-45, Cash Ball: 1, **Powerball:** 31-36-56-58-69, Powerball: 20, Power Play: 2

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Obituaries

Linda G. Bonavia

Linda G. Bonavia, aged 84, was with her loving husband, Howard, in the home she cherished in Groton, NY, when she passed away on July 18, 2024. She lived a life of service to her faith, her community, her students, and, most of all, to her family, friends, and pets.



Linda was born on November 2, 1939, in Bridgeport, Connecticut to John and Anita Kenworthy. When Linda was 8 years old, her father spent a weekend helping a co-worker paint his house and let Linda tagalong. While there, the co-worker introduced Linda to his young son, Howard. The two began a game of hide-and-seek that would finish years later.

In 1961, Linda graduated from Albertus Magnus College where she refined her passion for teaching. She obtained a master's degree in zoology from the University of Massachusetts and soon began her career as a high school biology teacher. One night, she came home from a date and found Howard, just returned from the U.S. Navy, playing cards with both of their parents. They began dating and were married in 1968.

Howard and Linda had three children, Jennifer (Donald Jay), Grant (Marjorie), and Andrew. In April of 1974, they loaded their children into their station wagon and set off for Groton. They spent the next 50 years raising a family in the close-knit community and spending time with their dear neighbors and friends.

For over 30 years, Linda was one of a handful of iconic teachers to walk the halls of Groton High School, where she felt fortunate to play a part in the lives of her children and their friends. She served as President of the Groton Faculty Association working tirelessly for her fellow teachers and their students. As a class advisor, she chaperoned school dances and construction of many homecoming floats.

Linda served for many years as a Trustee of the Groton Public Library Association and was the first female member of the Pioneer Hose Company with the Groton Fire Department volunteering as an Emergency Medical Technician. She was repaid for her service in the months before her death when the Groton Fire Department treated her with the same swift, gentle, and caring responses she had provided.

As a woman of unconditional kindness, she naturally connected with animals and her pets. She and Howard filled their many dogs and cats with love and lots of walks around town. Believing that a life short-lived should be just as well-lived as her own, she often fed them one too many treats.

When life challenged her physically, she never let it dent her spirit. She fiercely fought for every remaining moment with her family and her four granddaughters, Natalie, Alexandra, Genevieve, and Nicholette, who she adored with everlasting love. Consistent with her faith and her maternal instinct during life, she is undoubtedly watching over her family and friends and waiting for their arrival home.

Calling hours will be on Friday, July 26, 2024, at the Zirbel Funeral Home in Groton, NY from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Funeral service will be on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at St. Anthony's Church in Groton, NY at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Anthony's Church or the Groton Fire Department Ambulance Fund (P.O. Box 96, Groton, NY 13073).

Charlotte Hesse

Charlotte Hesse passed away on July 20th, 2024, at the age of 96. She was born in Frankfurt, Germany on August 20, 1927. As a Jewish child in Germany during the rise of the Nazi Party her life was extremely difficult, seeing her grandparents taken away to a concentration camp and witnessing the same for her father. Charlotte was sent to a "work camp" where she was forced to process ammunition. She survived the war as did her father, and along with her parents, Eric and Tillie Steinheim, she immigrated to the United States, living in New York City.

She met her husband, Ralph Hesse Sr., also an immigrant from Germany, at a New Year's Eve Party in Manhattan in 1947 and was married in November 1948, enjoying 56 years together until his death in 2005. They had two children, Roy Hesse (deceased) and Ralph Hesse Jr.; living in Cortland, New York and Ottawa, Canada. Also surviving are four grandchildren; Renae Hesse (London, England) Robyn Hesse/Kuhlman (Nashville) Rozalyn Hesse (New York City) and Randy Hesse (Denver). Charlotte had one great-grandchild, Ellery Charlotte Hesse, who she met for the first time just last month in celebration of her first birthday.

Charlotte was an infant care nurse and worked at St. Vincent Hospital in New York. She and her husband moved to Cortland, New York in the mid-1980's and was active at the local YMCA. She loved swimming and accomplished the feat of swimming the equivalent distance of the entire Finger Lakes over several years of swimming laps.

She adored her grandchildren and enjoyed a close relationship with all of them. She and her husband were members of Christ Community Church. They were also active in politics, but Charlotte withdrew from interest in politics in 2015 after being frightened by hate speech from her formerly beloved Republican Party that reminded her of what she heard in Germany as a child.

Charlotte insisted that there be no formal services on her behalf, a request the family will honor.

She cared deeply about the YMCA and she loved animals, thus contributions to the YMCA or the local SPCA would be welcomed. To offer online condolences please visit www.wright-beard.com.

Barbara Elizabeth Smigel (née Haverly)

Barbara Elizabeth Smigel, born April 28, 1946, in Homer, NY, passed away peacefully on July 15, 2024, after a long illness at the age of 78.

Barbara was the beloved daughter of Dr. Lloyd "Doc" F. Haverly and Elizabeth "Betty" (née Chambers) Haverly. As a young girl, Barbara worked alongside her grandmother at the family-owned Delaware Telephone Co. in upstate New York. Barbara's life was marked by her passion for the arts, interior design, and volunteering, which she pursued with vigor wherever she lived.

As a young mother, Barbara co-founded a preschool in Auburn, New York at her large farmhouse on Center Street Road. She was an accomplished watercolor artist. Her artistic talent and love for animals were constants throughout her life. She generously shared her creativity and enthusiasm for the art with her four grandchildren and many friends in Auburn, NY, Savannah, GA, and Gloucester, VA. Barbara cherished every moment spent with her grandchildren, always doting on them during visits in an endless pursuit of amping up the fun-factor.

Barbara was a dedicated volunteer at the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society, where she helped organize fundraising events to support the organization's mission (and the adoption of her beloved rescue dogs Sophie and Tucker).

Barbara is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Jeffrey A. Smigel. She will be deeply missed by her two sons, Jason Smigel and his wife Allison of Alexandria, VA, and Austin Smigel and his wife Amy of Savannah, GA. Barbara had a special place in her heart for each of her four grandchildren: Aden and Gigi of Alexandria, VA and Mason and Tess of Savannah, GA. Barbara is predeceased by her brother Fred and is survived by her sister Nancy Hinds of Friendsville, TN.

In accordance with Barbara's wishes, there will be no formal services or calling hours. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider making a donation to the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society at <https://www.gmhumaneociety.org/donate.html>.

Linda Lee (Harriger) Muirhead

Linda Lee (Harriger) Muirhead age 70 of Preble, NY passed away peacefully at her home on July 17, 2024, after a long courageous battle with Breast Cancer. Linda was born December 5th, 1953, in Cortland, NY to Savalan George Harriger and Sheila Janet Morse. Linda grew up in the village of Liverpool NY and enjoyed spending time with her lifelong friend Carol Heid.



Linda's career days included The Fleming Group, Buckbee Mears, Seven Valley Real Estate, Cinquanti Real Estate, and Yaman Real Estate, and she even owned her own Flower shop in LaFayette NY. Linda had many hobbies, antiquing, gardening, collecting, hunting, and visiting the wineries in the area. She loved to attend Music festivals to hear her father and brother play the fiddle & guitar. Her most favorite hobby of all was dancing. She cherished her yearly vacations with family in Old Forge, NY. She was the lifeline of her family, she always brought everyone together and made sure no one was left out whether it was for just a backyard picnic, family gathering, or holidays.

Linda was preceded in death by her Father Savalan George Harriger.

Linda leaves behind her Husband Milo E. (Mick) Muirhead Jr., one Son Edward L. (Patty) Graves Jr., 2 Grand Children Rebecca L. (Carmen) Mauro, Zackary E. Graves, Great Grand Daughter Peyton Louise Mauro. Her mother Sheila J. Morse Baker, Brothers Savalan (Lorraine) Harriger Jr., Steven (Tina) Harriger, William (Mary Ellen) O'Rand. Nieces and nephew Rachel (Bo Hayes) Harriger, Jaimie (Matt Perry) Harriger, Austin Harriger, Taylor (Cody Benz) Netti. Great Nieces and Nephews Rylee Ward, Layne Perry, Luke Perry, Norah Hayes, Ashtyn Hayes, and Lawson Perry.

At Linda's request there will be no services. Wright-Beard Funeral Home, Inc. is assisting the family with arrangements. To offer condolences online visit, www.wright-beard.com.

Death Notices

RIESE — A Celebration of Life for Karol Lynn Riese, 57, formerly of Groton, who died June 3, 2024, will be held Thursday, Aug. 1 at Stone Hedges Golf Course in Groton. A dish to pass, if you can.

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by Dr. Baljinder Singh and the Cortland Dental Team

HOW DRY MOUTH AFFECTS ORAL HEALTH

Saliva is essential for cleaning the mouth, proper chewing and swallowing, and protecting teeth. Dry mouth (also called xerostomia) is an oral condition that causes the mouth to produce insufficient levels of saliva and leads to a long list of complications ranging from a sore throat to mouth sores and bad breath. In addition to discomfort, it can affect oral health, whole body health, and the foods we can eat. Tooth decay, cavities, gum disease, and oral infections are all more common in people with dry mouth. Dry mouth can be caused by certain medications and chemotherapy treatments, snoring or mouth breathing, nerve damage from an injury, hormonal changes as we age, and health conditions like diabetes and autoimmune diseases.

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Police/fire

Police warn of scam

Cortland and state police have issued a statement warning of scammers claiming to be from local police departments.

The caller typically mentions something about the person needing to pay for a warrant or that they found drugs in packages shipped to their address and need to pay immediately so that they don't go to jail.

These phone numbers are spoofed and not really coming from the local police department, state police said. These scammers rely on fear and a sense of urgency.

"Please be aware, as a law enforcement agency, the Cortland City Police Department will never request, ask for, or demand any sort of payment for these purposes," the department announced via social media.

They definitely will not ask you to pay with Crypto or Google Play cards or gift cards, state police said.

State police suggest you never wire money, send cash, use gift cards or send cryptocurrency to someone who you don't know. Do not give people on the other line any financial or personal information if they call you, text you or email you. Caller IDs can be faked so don't rely on that — but if you ever have a question stop by a local police agency or call their non-emergency line.

State police: Watch for walkers

State police issued a statement suggesting people watch for pedestrians, and that pedestrians mind the rules of the road, too.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported 7,522 pedestrians across the nation were killed in 2022; another 67,000 were injured.

Courts

McGraw man sentenced for sexual abuse

A McGraw man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for sexually abusing a child over several years in Solon and Cortlandville.

Robert A. Schulte, 45, pleaded guilty in May in Cortland County Court to first-degree course of sexual conduct against a child, a felony, and was sentenced last week by County Judge David Alexander.

First-degree course of sexual conduct against a child alleges a person has committed acts of sexual conduct with a child under 13 twice or more in a three-month period.

Schulte was arrested in May 2023 and charged in two cases:

Abusing a child in Solon, for which he was charged with two counts of first-degree sexual conduct against a child, and predatory sexual assault against a child, felonies; and endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor.

Around the towns

Mayor meets Focus Cortland on Aug. 15

Cortland Mayor Scott Steve will answer questions from noon to 1 p.m. Aug. 15 as part of Focus Cortland at the United Presbyterian Church.

Bring your lunch to the 25 Church St. event. Coffee, tea, water and dessert will be provided.

If you're a pedestrian, follow the rules of the road and obey traffic signals, police suggest. If there's a sidewalk, use it, police said. If no sidewalk is available walk facing traffic as far over the shoulder of the road as possible. Cross at intersections and look for cars in all directions. If it's late, wear bright or reflective clothes and carry a flashlight. Be alert to traffic around you and keep your head up, and off your phone.

If you're driving, look out for pedestrians at all times, especially in areas without sidewalks. If it's nighttime or bad weather, be extra cautious.

Woman charged with DWI in Dryden

Accused: Sierra R. Dwyer, 28, of Ithaca

Charges: Driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor

Details: State troopers stopped Dwyer's vehicle about 2:33 a.m. Wednesday on Ferguson Road in Dryden after observing a traffic violation. Police said Dwyer failed a field sobriety test and a later test showed a blood-alcohol content of 0.16%.

Legal Actions: Dwyer was ticketed to appear Aug. 14 in Dryden Town Court.

Man charged with DWI in Lansing

Accused: Philip E. Walker, 58, of Ithaca

Charges: Driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor

Details: State troopers stopped Walker's vehicle about 12:12 a.m. Thursday on East Shore Drive in Lansing after witnessing a traffic violation. Police said Walker failed a field sobriety test and a later test showed a blood-alcohol content of 0.12%.

Legal Actions: Walker was ticketed to appear Sept. 3 in Lansing Town Court.

Abusing a child in Cortlandville, where Schulte was charged with second- and third-degree rape, and second- and third-degree criminal sex act, felonies; and endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor.

Cortland County sheriff's officers said they received a tip May 9, 2023, about the abuse, which took place between 2015 and 2022 and involved a child Schulte knew.

"These cases are often the most challenging any DA's office faces due to late disclosures, lack of forensic evidence, or the reticence of victims to testify," said Cortland County Chief Assistant District Attorney Jessica Weyant, the lead special victims prosecutor, in a news release. "This prosecution was successful because the victim reported the crime and the victim was courageous in coming forward to testify."

Schulte also was sentenced to 10 years of post-release supervision. He could have faced a 25-year sentence.

Crown Hill Farm revived to house horses and riding facility

By KAYLA GUILLEN
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A Cortlandville riding school that hadn't been used that way in nearly 25 years is back in operation following five years of restoration and with a riding school that was a teenager's dream.

"It all started with a phone call, 'Do you want to buy a farm?'" said Veronica Krendel, family owner of Crown Hill Farm on Kinney Gulf Road.

In 2019, the Krendel family rebuilt the 60-acre farm, which now includes indoor and outdoor riding areas, 24 new stalls and several miles of trails.

Krendel said her daughter, Caroline Krendel, was game for anything to get renovations done — she even learned to drive a tractor and helped lay the floor.

"Everything is completely new other than the shell of the barn," said staff member Bryan McDonald, Caroline Krendel's fiancé. "It is like a farm revival and it continues to grow and improve every day."

The facility has not seen horses since the 1990s or perhaps the 2000s, McDonald said.

Maggie Shipe operates a riding school, Cielo Equestrian LLC, at Crown Hill Farm.

She's a year out of high school, but has been riding horses since she was 5.

She said she wanted to create an environment where riders of all ages can enjoy their horses regardless of skill level.

"I have one 4-year-old cowboy



Kayla Guillen/Staff Intern

The horses of Crown Hill Farm on Kinney Gulf Road in Cortlandville spend time Wednesday outside after being inside due to storms.

who comes just for pony rides but it makes me happy to show kids what I do who dream of riding horses," she added. "I have a boarder who likes to jump so that is what they do, but I also have a boarder who likes to drive

so he drives."

Cielo Equestrian offers lessons, training, clinics, horse showings and boarding.

Shipe said she plans to expand to offer therapy.

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In a storm, a reporter plans to stay safe — but you just never know for sure

Sometimes, a journalist cannot prepare for what the news may throw at one. And at any given time, an editor won't know what resources are available should something unexpected happen.

Take, for example, the evening of July 15. It was just after 6:30 p.m.; I had my hat on, my lunch bag over one shoulder and my camera bag over the other. I had just turned off my computer monitor when my cell phone buzzed: a tornado warning in Virgil. Those only happen when a witness or radar has seen one touch down, and I had been through such a storm only once before.

I would love to say that in a fit of bravery and dedication, I immediately headed into it to find the news. Nope. I'm crazy, but I'm not stupid. Tornadoes are unpredictable, and my first experience was during a storm that dropped seven of them on the Binghamton area. One doesn't go out in weather like that. My office might not be the best place, either, because my desk is adjacent to a window.

I reviewed all the potential hazards: downed power lines, blocked roads, fragile trees. Maybe flood waters, although the storm didn't seem to bring much rain. I tried to think of the other

potential hazards. Storms like that aren't always one and done. More wind might be on the way.

The tornado warning was to last until 7 p.m., and I'll concede I got in my car at 6:56 p.m. But by that time, the cell was sitting over Solon, and I was headed to Virgil. I got a call from City Editor Kevin Conlon; he was headed to Solon and he wanted to let me know about a barn that collapsed onto Daisy Hollow Road.

"Wait a second," he said. "Don't we have reporters?"

He was right; he and I are editors and our job is to plan and coordinate. But most of the reporters were out of town pursuing what is apparently called "a life." In an emergency, one must prioritize tasks. Lily Byrne, who covers largely entertainment and lifestyles, was the closest available.

"Get Lily up," I said. "Get her into the office to monitor the scanner, check the power outage sites and tell us where to go." That, ac-

tually, is normally my job.

Covering weather is a different beast than, say, a fire or stand-off. Kevin and I have done plenty of both. Fires and police incidents are in one place, so it's a matter of get to the scene, find a safe spot with a view and connect with the incident commander.

Weather stories aren't like that. Emergency responders were all over the county. Roads may be closed by flood or tree fall. The news could be spread across miles — that's why Kevin and I each went in different directions.

It's also why there's risk involved and if anyone were to ask my opinion (I'm not really entitled to one) I'd say to stay home. A tree down in the road will force detours. Downed power lines are dangerous. Creeks and culverts might have overflowed. All of those can be anticipated. A few cannot, such as a weakened tree limb suddenly falling or another gust. Really, the best place in con-

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BY TODD R. MCADAM

EDITOR'S NOTES

How a daily newspaper works every day.

Work starts on Cornell grape research lab

By ELIZABETH MYERS
Contributing Writer

Cornell AgriTech will soon be home to the National Grape Improvement Center, one of the largest cold-climate grape research facilities in the world.

USDA's Agricultural Research Service, legislators and Cornell leaders broke ground recently on the new \$70 million federal research facility at the AgriTech campus in Geneva.

Grapes bring \$162 billion a year to the U.S. economy, but growers face challenges from climate change, including invasive pests, diseases and extreme environmental conditions. The introduction of new grape cultivars that thrive in diverse climates will provide growers with alternatives to the classic European grape varieties. Producers will also learn streamlined processes, leading to increased efficiency

and productivity.

"Today everyone in the Finger Lakes can raise a glass and cheer as we break ground on America's new National Grape Improvement Center," said Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), who lobbied for the facility. "Geneva and the Finger Lakes will now be the beating heart of research and innovation for the future of America's wine and grape industry thanks to this facility and the groundbreaking partnership between Cornell and USDA."

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"This massive 70,000-square-foot lab will help cement the Finger Lakes legacy within the global wine industry and marks the start of a new chapter for something greater," he added.

The new facility will enable both independent research and collaboration among scientists at Cornell and the USDA.

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"Once open, researchers there will also advance climate-smart sustainability practices that support New York farmers and rural communities on the front lines of natural disasters and extreme weather," said Agriculture Deputy Secretary Xochitl Torres Small.

The new center will help scientists collaborate across disciplines and between organizations. For example, Jason Londo, associate professor of horticulture, will focus on climate change adaptability using USDA-ARS imaging

capabilities, and Maddie Oravec, assistant professor of horticulture, will use USDA-ARS's genetic resources to develop improved grape varieties.

Sustainability is pivotal to the mission of the new center, which is expected to improve cultivation, quality and yield for grape producers nationwide. By addressing climate-related challenges — including water availability, pest infestations and pathogen threats — researchers will help ensure that grape production remains viable even in changing conditions.

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Cortland Prevention Resources

What is prevention?

By BAILEY MARKS
Contributing Writer

Even some of my co-workers don't know who we are.

In an office at the back corner of Family and Children's Counseling Services, we in the Cortland Prevention Resources office try to make less work for our colleagues on the mental health/substance use side by preventing people from experiencing those challenges in the first place.

The Cortland County Community Health Action plan lists mental and substance use disorder prevention as its No. 1 priority since the county experiences higher-than-average rates.

From birth to adulthood, we have free community programs that support people in learning how to identify and manage emotions, set healthy goals, create positive relationships and avoid substance use and mental health crises.

Universal social-emotional skills education: "Did you bring Tuggles today?" ask the kindergartners, ready to hear what their favorite bear puppet has to say about the social-emotional skills needed to make healthy choices. From kindergarten to 12th grade, "Too Good for Drugs" program facilitators go into schools weekly for 10 sessions, helping children develop core skills such as:

- Setting reachable goals.
- Making responsible decisions.
- Building positive friendships.
- Identifying and managing emotions.
- Communicating effectively.
- Resisting peer pressure.

Knowing about harmful substances and their effects on the body.

Students get to see the therapy dogs that accompany the Gizmo program, offered with the support of the Mental Health Association and Josie's Journey.

After reading a book about mental health and how to take care of it, children make their own mental-health care plan and have the chance to pet and relax with a therapy dog.

Family relationships: Recent research shows that just one secure relationship with an adult can have a lifetime of positive effects for a child. Parenting Wisely is an online, self-paced video program where caregivers explore ways of dealing with common

parenting challenges.

Youth mental health and substance use: SUNY Cortland students mentor teens during Compass, helping them connect both with peers and older role models while participating in activities like rock climbing. Girls' Circle and Boys' Council bring together middle school students in a safe space to talk about topics relevant to them and create positive peer relationships.

If a youth is already using substances, Teen Intervene is a one-on-one program that helps them identify how using affects their lives, develop skills that promote healthy behavior and take responsibility for change. Hidden Mischief offers caregivers a chance to learn how to spot signs of substance use in a life-size simulation of a teen's bedroom.

Community education and engagement: If free lunch is what you want, Food for Thought, offered in conjunction with the Mental Health Association, is a monthly series offered to all Cortland area residents to enhance their understanding of wellness topics and local services and programs. Virtual attendance is also an option. The Drug Takeback, held twice a year, is a drive-through allowing people to safely dispose of unwanted medications, preventing misuse.

While everyone may not know what we do, we see the effects of our programs in the smiling greetings from students who recognize us in the community and the glowing reviews of how our programs have helped youth and families connect and make healthy choices. Although rates have been historically high in Cortland, there has been decline in substance use and suicide mortality in the community in recent years, and we hope our programs will be able to continue that trend — preventing it from happening in the first place.

If you'd like to know more about these free programs, call 607-756-8970 or visit www.cortlandprevention.org.

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Wealth of Geeks

Recently, gyms, fitness instructors, health coaches, and medical professionals have been stepping up to the plate to promote healthy aging via regular fitness, both in person and online.

Survey: Older adults embracing importance of physical fitness

By JAYDEE VYKOUKAL
Wealth of Geeks

Data from the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) reveals fitness programs for older adults are the third fastest growing fitness trend this year. It's a smart move for businesses in the fitness space, considering the rapid shift in demographics. People over 60 are projected to make up nearly a quarter of the population by the year 2040. A mix of aging baby boomers, advancements in medical technology, and an overall increase in life expectancy are the main drivers. And with this aging population comes a greater emphasis on health and wellness to enhance the quality of life and make those golden years as enjoyable as possible.

FITNESS PROGRAMS

Gyms, fitness instructors, health coaches, and medical professionals are stepping up to the plate to promote healthy aging via regular fitness, both in person and online. These programs often focus on low-impact exercises, such as swimming, resistance training, yoga, and walking, to help reduce the risk of injury while providing benefits like improved cardiovascular health and muscle strength.

Wearable technology is among the fitness industry's top trends, specifically for weight loss and mental health. Smartwatches, fitness trackers, and other devices can monitor activity levels, motivate users to exercise, and track heart rates and overall health progression. This information can inform healthcare and personalize fitness goals.

Weight loss exercise programs can help with common conditions in seniors, such as joint pain from osteoarthritis, heart disease, and diabetes.

Furthermore, exercise positively impacts mental health and can reduce the risk of cognitive decline in older adults.

IMPORTANCE OF EXERCISE

Aging elevates the risk of chronic illnesses, cognitive impairments, and falls due to changes in muscle strength, bone health, brain function, and other bodily functions. Regular aerobic and muscle-strengthening exercises can prevent or manage disease impact, preserve independence, and enhance quality of life. Additionally, exercise can improve balance, flexibility, and strength, reducing the risk of falls and injuries.

In addition to physical health benefits, exercise can positively affect mental health by reducing stress, anxiety, and depression. Plus, exercise in a social setting, such as a group fitness class or walking group, can combat loneliness and promote socialization for older adults, further enhancing mental health and boosting happiness.

Ultimately, there's no such thing as being too old to exercise. With proper knowledge and guidance, people of all ages can incorporate regular physical activity into daily life.

CHALLENGES IN FITNESS

Despite the benefits of regular exercise, some older adults may face challenges in participating in fitness activities. Physical limitations due to age or existing health conditions may make certain types of exercises difficult or even dangerous. There may also be financial barriers for some older adults living on a fixed income. Finding appropriate fitness programs catering to their needs and abilities can also be a

challenge in certain locations, such as rural areas.

Fitness professionals and businesses can incorporate modifications and adaptations that make exercises more accessible for older adults, like low-impact options or discounted rates for seniors. Additionally, the availability of online fitness programs can help bridge the gap for those living in rural or remote areas.

BECOMING MORE ACTIVE

Older Americans should consult a doctor or physical therapist before starting new regimens. Experts can help identify safe exercises and programs while accommodating existing health conditions. They may also recommend local community programs or resources that cater to older adults.

Many gyms and fitness centers offer discounts or affordable specialized classes for older adults. Some insurance plans may also cover fitness programs or monthly gym fees for older adults as part of their wellness benefits. Those unable to join in-person fitness options can utilize online resources and apps designed for older adults looking to stay active.

A GROWING TREND

Experts anticipate active lifestyles among older Americans will grow in popularity as tailored, inclusive, and accessible offerings expand. Encouraging other healthy habits — better nutrition, sleep habits, and stress management — can further these efforts and lead to a more productive and fulfilling life.

As one-fifth of the U.S. population enters their golden years, society must collectively prioritize the health and wellness of all age groups.

Mayo Clinic Minute

Keeping kids safe outside during summer play

By DEB BALZER

Mayo Clinic News Network (TNS)

Summer vacation for kids is well underway. Finding activities to keep the kids busy and destinations to visit can be on many parents' list.

There is one place Mayo Clinic's Dr. Steven Maher hopes they don't have to visit — and that's the emergency medicine department.

From wearing bike helmets to keeping kids hydrated, Dr. Maher says there are a few things you can do to help keep kids safe during summer play.

"Bicycle injuries are commonly seen among children. And one of our key preventive measures for that are bicycle hel-

metts," says Dr. Maher.

Wearing a well-fitted helmet every time is important.

Consider sun safety as well. Put on the sunscreen.

"Kids also don't like to put on sunblock, which is extremely important," he says.

And don't forget to keep the water flowing.

"They should drink lots of water, plenty of it. And once they get into the second or third bottle of water, they can start adding in something like an electrolyte drink just to kind of keep the electrolytes up as well because you lose salts and water," Dr. Maher says.

Study: Inconsistent sleep leads to higher risk of type 2 diabetes

By RICK SOBEY
Boston Herald (TNS)

Consistent sleep could be the key to preventing type 2 diabetes.

That's according to Boston researchers, who found that people with irregular sleep patterns had a higher risk of developing type

2 diabetes compared to those who got more consistent sleep.

The study led by Brigham and Women's Hospital researchers looked at sleep patterns over the course of seven nights, and then followed participants for more than seven years.

The Brigham scientists dis-

covered that irregular sleep during the night was associated with an increased risk of diabetes. Those with the greatest irregular patterns had a 34% higher diabetes risk than their counterparts, the researchers found.

"Our study identified a modifiable lifestyle factor that can

help lower the risk of developing type 2 diabetes," said Sina Kianersi, a research fellow in the Channing Division of Network Medicine at Brigham.

"Our findings underscore the importance of consistent sleep patterns as a strategy to reduce type 2 diabetes," Kian-

ersi added.

Type 2 diabetes affects close to half a billion people worldwide, and it's one of the top 10 leading causes of death and disability. The number of people with type 2 diabetes is expected to more than double to 1.3 billion by 2050.

The new study analyzed accelerometer data from more than 84,000 participants in the UK Biobank Study to investigate any possible association between sleep and type 2 diabetes. Participants were an average age of 62 years, and were initially free of diabetes.

Notebook

Duplicate bridge scores

Linda Christy and Jim McConnell won Friday's duplicate bridge game with 15 points.

Jean Minnella and Chuck Kasten were second with 14 points. Gail Briggs and Virginia Wickwire were third with 10 points.

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

Family caregiver support group

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 meets

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 in-

formation, call 607-299-4553.

Need food?

Go to McGraw

The McGraw Community Pantry distributes food 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays at the McGraw 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, Cortlandville.

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.aacort-](http://www.aacortland-homer.org)

[land-homer.org](http://www.aacortland-homer.org) for details.

Grief support available Monday

The Cortland County Office for Aging is offering a weekly ongoing Good Grief Circle for one hour at 2 p.m. Mondays at the Age Well Center, 165 Main St., Cortland.

The meeting is a gathering of older adults learning to live with loss who share experiences, suggestions and resources. Sessions are led by Jan Fletcher, Good Grief Series Workshop creator and trained volunteer program facilitator.

For questions, call the Age Well Center at 607-218-6284.

Urban transit workers cope with violence, fear on the job

By CATHY BUSSEWITZ
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — In a dimly lit room strung with fairy lights and ivy, transit workers file in and lie on inflated cots. Soothing piano notes play as a teacher rubs their ankles and toes, helping each with heated blankets and eye masks.

“Breathe in,” she says. “Think of a balloon, filling up with fresh energy. Your spine dropping into softness.”

The teacher, Lalita Dunbar, sprays a mist scented with lavender and lemon as she slips around the room.

“At the sound of the chime,” she says, “take a deep breath in.”

The relaxation class, held at a union hall for New York City transit employees, has emerged as one of the ways in which transportation workers around the country are trying to manage their fear and anxiety over a rise in violent crime on subways and buses. Concern has grown after a series of especially brutal attacks in recent months against bus drivers, subway operators and station agents.

Reports of crime against transit workers have been rising since the pandemic erupted in 2020, when millions of Americans suddenly avoided subways and buses for fear of contracting COVID-19. Their exodus left transit workers more isolated and vulnerable to attacks.

Yet even with many travelers having returned to subways and buses, the rate of violent assaults on transit systems has remained elevated. The level of crime is all the more striking because it coincides with a steady decline over the past three years in overall violent crime in the United States.

Nationally, the rate of reported major assaults against transit workers reached a 15-year high in 2023, up 47% from 2020, according to an Associated Press analysis of Federal Transit Administration data. And between 2011 and 2023, the rate of assaults more than quadrupled.



Laticia Wright operates a bus for the Central Ohio Transit Authority on July 3, in Columbus, Ohio.

By contrast, reports of overall violent crime in the United States have dropped every year since 2020, FBI data shows.

“We’re in the line of fire every day,” said Blanca Acosta De Avalos, a bus driver in Omaha, Nebraska, who was severely beaten three years ago by a man who had chased some women onto the bus. “We don’t have no protection.”

FINDING WAYS TO REDUCE STRESS

With transit workers trying to manage their stress over the threat of violence, some unions and transit agencies are seeking ways to both reduce violence and ease anxieties.

In New York, a transit union this year began offering not only free relaxation sessions but also yoga and meditation classes. The classes were begun after a subway operator who had been looking out the window of a train at a Brooklyn station had his throat slashed in February. The victim was treated at a

hospital, where he received 34 stitches and was released.

“Being a bus operator, you’re pretty much worried about everything at every moment of every day...so you don’t really get a chance to relax,” said Grace Walker, a New York City bus driver. “You’re driving a pretty big machine, and you have a lot of customers’ lives at risk.”

Walker, who attended the relaxation class, said it helped her decompress.

Transit agencies in Omaha and elsewhere are teaching de-escalation techniques to help drivers defuse potential confrontations. If a passenger makes offensive remarks, for example, the driver is coached to remain respectful and quiet. Among other steps, some unions are pushing for partitions to isolate drivers and protect them from assaults.

“My barriers are always up,” said Laticia Wright, who was driving a bus in Columbus, Ohio, last August when bullets flew through the windshield, just missing her head. “I look at peo-

ple’s hands and their movements when they get on my bus.”

Wright had opened the door for some men waiting at a stop. As one of them stepped on, an SUV swerved in front of the bus, stopped, and someone inside opened fire.

Passengers dropped to the floor, shouting to Wright, “Drive!”

“I was so hurt and so upset and screaming, and I’m trying to dodge the bullets,” Wright recalled. “I can feel the ping and the glass and what was falling on my neck, that burned my neck and my shirt.”

Wright swerved to seek some sort of shelter, shaking her arm as she drove.

“Are you OK?” a passenger yelled above the din.

“No!” she wailed.

None of the bullets struck Wright. But broken glass did. She was so traumatized that she stayed home for three weeks and spoke daily with a counselor through an employee assistance program.

“I had to really just put it behind me,” she said. “Sometimes, when I go to the area, it kind of does something to me. I kind of just go and, you know, hurry through that area.”

Nearly a year after the shooting, Wright’s doctor thinks she may have post-traumatic stress disorder. Wright recently awoke in a sweat after she heard a popping sound.

“It just took me back to that moment,” she said. “I find myself looking at every white SUV that passes by my car or my bus now. Are they going to start shooting?”

To help relax, Wright receives chair massages offered through work. But her main coping mechanism is prayer. In tense situations, she tells herself: “OK, God. Take the wheel. Calm this situation down. Calm me down.”

THE PANDEMIC

Transit workers and officials largely blame lingering effects of the pandemic for the increased violence. After COVID-19 struck, many transit agencies let riders hop on for free. Some people who were struggling to stay housed rode buses and subways for shelter. More riders overdosed on drugs. People who had previously used mass transit to commute to work stayed home.

Even now, transit ridership nationally is only at 75% of pre-COVID levels, according to the American Public Transportation Association. As of last year, New York City’s subway ridership was at 68% of pre-pandemic levels, bus ridership at 63%, the Metropolitan Transit Authority reported.

Wright, the Columbus bus driver, says violence surged in recent years after some area mental health facilities closed and homes grew more expensive, leaving many people unable to stay housed.

STRESSFUL VOCATION

Even in the best of circum-

stances, transit workers endure disproportionately high levels of anxiety and depression as well as stress-related illnesses, including heart disease and musculoskeletal disorders, according to a review of dozens of studies published in the Journal of Transport & Health. During the pandemic, worries grew about contracting the virus or suffering intimidation or assaults from passengers, according to a report by the International Transport Workers’ Federation.

“Sometimes it’s not just the severity of the traumatic experience — it’s the frequency, said Alexis Merdjanoff, co-investigator in a transit worker study conducted by New York University. “The verbal abuse is much more frequent, and we’re noticing that it has a really big impact on anxiety and depression and overall mental wellbeing.”

IMPROVING WORKER SAFETY

Stockholm, Copenhagen and other European cities have progressed further than American cities, Landsbergis said, in improving conditions for transit workers. Some changes that helped ease stress were increasing staffing and giving workers more flexibility in work hours and vacation scheduling.

Acosta De Avalos, the driver who was beaten in Omaha, had opened the bus doors to try to shelter several women fleeing a man. But the man followed them on board. When Acosta De Avalos tried to summon help, she was attacked.

“He beat me on my face, in the back, on my legs,” she said. “I was thinking, what about if he got a gun, or a knife? My life could have ended right there.”

Opinion

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Cortland Standard

Make America think again

A recent news story, in a different newspaper, caught my eye. The story was titled “Social Media Led Tractor Supply to Exit DEI.” Following the bewilderment that overtook my sense of logic that I had in response to such news, I read the article, and realized that the title does not do the remarkable story justice. It is actually a story of the follies of people who do not think for themselves but instead hand the job over to someone who thinks for them, thereby annulling all responsibility of their own. The transfer of thinking in this particular case is that which calls on an individual Facebook entrepreneur to make pertinent decisions for other people who listen to him earnestly and follow him even more so. One person only, though, contrary to the title’s naming of the whole of social media as the decision maker. The person, who has been identified as “social media” in the title, is fancifully named Robby Starbuck, whose apparent sole purpose and even current pleasure is to destroy all Tractor Supply outlets. When did tractors become controversial? Mr. Starbuck lets us know.

The putative reason for such destructive tendencies, according to the man who has the otherwise pleasant nickname, Robby, is clearly stated by him: the outlets work from a warehouse that displays Pride flags, and, if that isn’t enough to take away their tractors, the CEO promoted the COVID-19 vaccine when the virus was running rampant throughout the country. The audacity! Starbuck goes on to tell us that a “tipster” told him and his “small team” of “research-

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reversal, maybe even more clearly, as one that shows just how easily people can be persuaded to go against their own beliefs, ideologies and principles to ensure the placating of someone else. We see that every day, especially in the realm of current politics. You are probably anxious to hear the end of this American fable. Starbuck’s research discovered that the Tractor Supply company gave a donation to the LGBTQ program at a youth center in Tennessee and they recognized the anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, as well as promoting voting among their employees. Completely beside himself because of these activities, and clutching his pearls with rage, Starbuck wrote to his followers, “Is this how you want your \$\$ used?” In the end Starbuck congratulated himself for his efforts, calling them “A massive victory in the fight to end woke-ness in the workplace.”

The final statement of the article goes to Tractor Supply: “We have heard from customers that we have disappointed them.” Or, somebody else had.

Because of the lack of thinking for oneself, this alien campaign by one man could have destroyed the store chain itself. I shop at Tractor Supply and mingle among the people to whom Starbuck’s invective against the outlet is directed.

But now there is nothing more to see here, so Starbuck tells us he will move on to target other companies. Maybe Chili’s, whose name is a falsehood because they don’t really serve chili. Or White Castle, which isn’t really a castle.

ers” about the travesties of Tractor Supply. I imagine the “tipster” must have as little to do on a daily basis as Starbuck himself does. I can’t even recognize the need or enjoyment in being a “tipster” to such inane allegations. Why not be a “tipster” to something important rather than something so meaningless as the protest of tractors is? Give people a tip about the best frozen yogurt shop in town. Or tip someone on where to get their hair cut.

Following the vacuous controversy, according to the article, Tractor Supply quickly made its decision: “Diversity, equity, and inclusion at the rural chain were over, including related job roles, and some of its environmental initiatives.” The franchise hurriedly decided against everything they were doing as a leader in rural farming supplies and a retail friend to the farmer.

The article came to the conclusion that Tractor Supply’s reversal because of Starbuck shows that “the tide has turned against efforts to promote diversity and inclusion in U.S. corporations.” But we can also see their

There is much we don’t know yet about the gunman and the shooting, which is being investigated as an attempted assassination. But this much is clear: Any attempt to resolve an election through violence is abhorrent.

Violence is antithetical to democracy. Ballots, not bullets, should always be the means by which Americans work through their differences.

It is now incumbent on political leaders of both parties, and

on Americans individually and collectively, to resist a slide into further violence and the type of extremist language that fuels it. The attack should not be taken as a provocation or a justification.

Americans also must be clear-eyed about the challenge that is confronting this nation. Saturday’s events cannot be written off as an aberration. Violence is infecting and inflecting American political life.

Acts of violence have long

shadowed American democracy, but they have loomed larger and darker of late. Cultural and political polarization, the ubiquity of guns and the radicalizing power of the internet have all been contributing factors, as this board laid out in its editorial series “The Danger Within” in 2022.

This high-stakes presidential election is further straining the nation’s commitment to the peaceful resolution of political differences.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 23, the 205th day of 2024. There are 161 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On July 23, 1967, the first of five days of deadly rioting erupted in Detroit as an early morning police raid on an unlicensed bar resulted in a confrontation with local residents, escalating into violence that spread into other parts of the city and resulting in 43 deaths.

Also on this date:

In 1903, the Ford Motor Company sold its first car, a Model A, for \$850.

In 1958, Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II named the first four women to peerage in the House of Lords.

In 1982, actor Vic Morrow and two child actors, 7-year-old Myca Dinh Le and 6-year-old Renee Shin-Yi Chen, were killed when a helicopter crashed on top of them during filming of a Vietnam War scene for “Twilight Zone: The Movie.” (Director John Landis and four associates were later acquitted of manslaughter charges.)

In 1983, an Air Canada Boeing 767 ran out of fuel while flying from Montreal to Edmonton; the pilots were able to glide the jetliner to a safe emergency landing in Gimli, Manitoba. (The near-disaster occurred because the fuel had been erroneously measured in pounds instead of kilograms at a time when Canada was converting to the metric system.)

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush announced his choice of Judge David Souter of New Hampshire to succeed the retiring Justice William J. Brennan on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1996, at the Atlanta Olympics, Kerri Strug made a heroic final vault despite torn ligaments in her left ankle as the U.S. women gymnasts clinched their first-ever Olympic team gold medal.

In 1997, the search for Andrew Cunanan, the suspected killer of designer Gianni Versace and others, ended as police found his body on a houseboat in Miami Beach, an apparent suicide.

In 1999, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off with the world’s most powerful X-ray telescope and Eileen Collins became the first woman to command a U.S. space flight.

In 2003, Massachusetts’ attorney general issued a report saying clergy members and others in the Boston Archdiocese had probably sexually abused more than 1,000 people over a period of six decades.

In 2006, Tiger Woods became the first player since Tom Watson in 1982-83 to win consecutive British Open titles.

In 2011, singer Amy Winehouse, 27, was found dead in her London home from accidental alcohol poisoning.

In 2012, Penn State’s football program was all but leveled by penalties for its handling of the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal as the NCAA imposed an unprecedented \$60 million fine.

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.

Other Opinions

The following, compiled by The Associated Press for members, provides an excerpt from an editorial that has appeared in the last week in a newspaper from around the United States.

The New York Times on the attack on Donald Trump

Americans received a sobering reminder recently of the threat that political violence poses to our democracy. It is a mercy that Donald Trump was not seriously injured by gunfire at an evening campaign rally in Butler, a Pennsylvania city north of Pittsburgh, and a tragedy that at least one person at the rally was killed. We hope that Mr. Trump recovers quickly and fully.

The topics

SUNY Cortland will host the 2nd annual First Responder Wellness Symposium from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 1, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 2 at Van Hoesen Hall, 103 Prospect Terrace, Cortland. Topics include:

- The Officer Wellness Program, presented in collaboration with the state Office of Mental Health.
- Heart health and wellness.
- From roll call to the dinner table: understanding the role of communication.
- Moral injury and leadership.
- Navigating trauma through mental and physical wellness.
- Sleep well, live well: impact of sleep hygiene and stress reduction.
- Peer support: benefits and how to get started.

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out in our community that mental health is a major part of," said SUNY Cortland Lt. Erik Merlin. "We have the same issues that everybody else has. I think a lot of times, people forget that we're human too, you know?"

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration estimates that 30% of first responders develop health concerns such as depression and post-traumatic stress disorder — compared to 20% in the general population.

"A lot of times we're subject to the good things, to the good events that happen, and also some of those tragic events that happen like fatal car crashes and so forth," said Merlin, who helped coordinate the wellness symposium. "That stuff can really — as a first responder and constantly going to those types of calls — do a number on you."

"We're trying to get it out to the first responder community — police, fire, EMS, personnel, security officers," Merlin added, "that hey, it's OK to talk about these things and these are some of the things that you can do."

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to make the conversion to mile-based exits along I-81. Plans call for exit-number changes to the mileage-focused system on all exit signs along 81 from the border with Pennsylvania to the border with Canada.

Right now, however, only signs on I-81 in Cortland, Oneida and Oswego counties are scheduled to be changed.

As of Monday morning, the exits on the roughly 35 miles within Broome County — Cortland county's southern neighbor — were still numbered sequentially, 1 through 8. DOT has made no announcement of when that section will be renumbered.

Dominguez cited traveler safety and convenience as top priorities for the state's transportation department. "New exit numbers will enable drivers to make safer and better-informed travel decisions" on Central New York's highways.

"Drivers will be able to easily determine where they are and how far they need to go to reach their destinations," Dominguez said. That would "enable more efficient travel planning and enhanced safety."

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statement. Monday's appeal filing is the latest development in a momentous legal and political stretch for Trump, who last week accepted the Republican party's presidential nomination just days after he was hurt in a shooting at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. An attendee was killed and two others were hurt.

On July 1, the Supreme Court sided with Trump in ruling that ex-presidents have immunity from criminal prosecution for official acts performed while in office, further delaying his Washington, D.C., election interference case and causing his sentencing in his New York hush money criminal case to be delayed until Sept. 18 while his lawyers fight to have that conviction thrown out.

Karen Read in Mass. court as judge schedules a Jan. retrial in Boston police officer's death

By MICHAEL CASEY
Associated Press

BOSTON — Karen Read made a brief court appearance on Monday to set dates going forward for the high-profile murder case against her involving her Boston police officer boyfriend that ended in a mistrial earlier this month.

Read is accused of ramming into John O'Keefe with her SUV and leaving him for dead in a snowstorm in January 2022. Her two-month trial ended when jurors declared they were hopelessly deadlocked and a judge declared a mistrial on the fifth day of deliberations.

The judge will hear oral arguments on a defense motion to dismiss two of the three charges against her on Aug. 9, and

a retrial was scheduled for Jan. 27. The court hearing lasted just a few minutes.

A boisterous crowd of several dozen, many dressed in pink and carrying signs claiming Read is innocent, greeted her with cheers as she arrived at court. A smaller group of about 20 people, dressed in blue, came out in support of O'Keefe.

In several motions, the defense contends four jurors have said the jury unanimously reached a not guilty verdict on two of the three charges against Read, including murder. The jurors reported being deadlocked only on the remaining charge of manslaughter while

operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and trying her again for murder would be unconstitutional double jeopardy, they said.

The defense also argues Judge Beverly Cannone abruptly announced the mistrial without questioning the jurors about where they stood on each of the three charges Read faced and without giving lawyers for either side a chance to comment.

Prosecutors described the defense request to drop charges of second-degree murder and leaving the scene of a deadly accident an "unsubstantiated but sensational post-trial claim" based on "hearsay, con-

jecture and legally inappropriate reliance as to the substance of jury deliberations."

As they push against a retrial, the defense also wants the judge to hold a "post-verdict inquiry" and question all 12 jurors if necessary to establish the record they say should have been created before the mistrial was declared, showing jurors "unanimously acquitted the defendant of two of the three charges against her."

After the mistrial, Cannone ordered the names of the jurors to not be released for 10 days. She extended that order indefinitely Thursday after one of the jurors filed a motion saying they feared for their own and their family's safety if the names are made public.



Read

Harris gets most of the delegates she requires for the nomination

By ZEKE MILLER,
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Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. — Vice President Kamala Harris was closing in Monday on securing the Democratic delegates she needs to become her party's nominee and set a new fundraising record in her first 24 hours as a presidential candidate, as top Democrats rallied to her in their bid to defeat Republican Donald Trump.

Aiming to put weeks of intraparty drama over President Joe Biden's prospects behind them, prominent Democratic elected officials, party leaders and political organizations quickly lined up behind Harris. Worries over Biden's fitness for office were replaced by fresh signs of unity after a seismic shift to the presidential contest that upended both major political parties' carefully honed plans for the 2024 race.

Speaking to campaign staff in Wilmington, Delaware, Harris acknowledged the "rollercoaster" of the last several weeks, but expressed confidence in her new campaign team.

"It is my intention to go out and earn this nomination and to win," she said. She promised to "unite our Democratic Party, to unite our nation, and to win this election."

She quickly leaned into the themes that will be prominent in her campaign against Trump over the coming 100 days, contrasting her time as a prosecutor with Trump's felony convictions — "I know Donald Trump's type," she said — and casting herself as a defender of economic opportunity and abortion access.

"Our fight for the future is also a fight for freedoms," she said. "The baton is in our hands."

The president called into the meeting from his home in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, where he is recovering from COVID-19, to lend his support to Harris. He planned to talk about his decision to step aside in an address to the nation later this week.

"The name has changed at the top of the ticket, but the mission hasn't changed at all,"



Erin Schaff/The New York Times via AP, Pool

Vice President Kamala Harris speaks at her campaign headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware, Monday.

Biden said in his first public remarks since announcing his decision to step aside, promising he was "not going anywhere" and plans to campaign on Harris' behalf.

Biden said of his decision to step aside, "It was the right thing to do."

As he handed off the mantle of leadership to Harris, Biden added: "I'm watching you kid. I love you."

Harris is headed to the battleground state of Wisconsin today as her campaign for the White House kicks into high gear. The event in Milwaukee will be her first full-fledged campaign event since announcing her candidacy.

Biden's departure freed his delegates to vote for whomever they choose at next month's convention. And Harris, whom Biden backed after ending his candidacy, was working to

quickly secure support from a majority.

Big-name Harris endorsements Monday, including from Govs. Wes Moore of Maryland, Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, J.B. Pritzker of Illinois and Andy Beshear of Kentucky, left a vanishing list of potential rivals.

House Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, who had been one of the notable holdouts, initially encouraging a primary to strengthen the eventual nominee, said she was lending her "enthusiastic support" to Harris' effort to lead the party.

More than 1,650 pledged delegates have told The Associated Press or announced that they plan to support Harris at the convention — more than three quarters of the 1,976 benchmark set by Democratic National Committee rules.

Winning the nomination is

only the first item on a staggering political to-do list for her after Biden's decision to exit the race, which she learned about on a Sunday morning call with the president. She must also pick a running mate and pivot a massive political operation to boost her candidacy instead of Biden's with just over 100 days until Election Day.

On Sunday afternoon, Biden's campaign formally changed its name to Harris for President, reflecting that she is inheriting his political operation of more than 1,000 staffers and a war chest that stood at nearly \$96 million at the end of June. She added \$81 million to that total in the first 24 hours after Biden's endorsement, her campaign said — a presidential fundraising record — with contributions from more than 888,000 donors.

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Harris' potential to motivate voters and boost Democratic turnout in the November election.

"I think she brings a different energy," he said. "And it's going to be interesting to have the focus on a woman who can speak passionately about reproductive freedom when women's rights are under attack."

Monto and the other delegates from Central New York stood behind Biden even as calls for him to step aside from the race had increased in recent weeks from some elected Democrats and their supporters.

But Monto said he doesn't blame the critics or Biden for leaving the party in an unprecedented position so late in a presidential election year.

"This is one of the biggest decisions of his life," Monto said of Biden. "He has been a soldier for this party for more than 50 years. And I think he deserved the time to make the right decision."

Peggy Chase, a former Onondaga County legislator and Biden delegate from Syracuse, said she is sad to see him step aside. She has stood firmly behind Biden, a 1968 graduate of Syracuse University's College of Law. But now Chase said she'll support Harris and hopes Democrats won't have a divisive convention.

"I think she's right for the job," Chase said of Harris. "She's incredible. She's a pistol. The Republicans better think twice about taking her on."

Chase said she's also given thought to a potential running mate for Harris and likes Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, a first-term Democrat who is viewed as a rising star in the party. She said Shapiro could help deliver a key swing state that Democrats need to win in November.

Mitch Ford, a Biden delegate who chairs the Oneida County Democratic Committee, said he is also waiting to hear from state or national Democratic Party officials about how he will be able to switch his nomination vote.

"I think Kamala Harris would make a wonderful president," Ford said. "She was always part of my dream team with President Biden."

One other local Biden delegate, Rita Paniagua, a Syracuse Common Councilor, could not be reached for comment Sunday.

Frank DeRiso, a Biden delegate from Oriskany in Oneida County, said he also thinks Harris and Shapiro or Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer would make a good ticket.

DeRiso, president of Local 1 of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, said he will meet with his local and international union before deciding how he will vote as a delegate.

DeRiso said he's convinced Harris is up for the challenge of taking on Trump.

"I'm a fan of hers," he said. "I think we need a woman president. She could beat Trump. She's a former prosecutor. And I think if there's a debate, she would eat him up."

DeRiso, like the other local Biden delegates, said he's not going to waste time blaming anyone for the party's predicament and the president's late exit from the race.

"Whether it was done the right way or the wrong way, I had no voice in that," DeRiso said.

Trump and his lawyers laid groundwork for their appeal months ago by objecting frequently to Engoron's handling of the trial. Trump called Engoron's decision "election interference" and "weaponization against a political opponent." He complained he was being punished for "having built a perfect company, great cash, great buildings, great everything."

During the trial, Trump's lawyers accused Engoron of "tangible and overwhelming" bias. They've also objected to the legal mechanics of James' lawsuit. Trump contends the law she sued him under is a consumer-protection statute that's normally used to rein in businesses that rip off customers.

Trump's lawyers went to the Appellate Division at least 10 times to challenge Engoron's

prior rulings, including during the trial in an unsuccessful bid to reverse a gag order and \$15,000 in fines for violations after Trump made a disparaging and false social media post about a key court staffer.

Trump's lawyers have long argued that some of the allegations are barred by the statute of limitations, contending that Engoron failed to comply with an Appellate Division ruling last year that he narrow the scope of the trial to weed out outdated allegations.

The Appellate Division could either uphold Engoron's verdict, reduce or modify the penalty or overturn the decision entirely. If Trump is unsuccessful at the Appellate Division, he can ask the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals, to consider taking his case.

Trump's appeal ensures that the legal fight over Trump's business practices will persist into the fall and beyond.

If upheld, Engoron's ruling will force Trump to give up a sizable chunk of his fortune. The judge ordered Trump to pay \$355 million in penalties, but with interest the total has grown to more than \$470 million — including \$16.8 million that has accrued since the verdict. The sum will increase by nearly \$112,000 per day until he pays, unless the verdict is overturned.

Trump maintains that he is worth several billion dollars and testified last year that he had about \$400 million in cash, in addition to properties and other investments. James, a Democrat, has said that if Trump is unable to pay, she will seek to seize some of his assets.

Olympics

US defeats Germany 92-88 as team's pre-Olympic tour ends

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

On Friday, LeBron James will carry the U.S. flag. But first, he carried the U.S. mens basketball team.

Again.

James scored the final 11 points for the Americans down the stretch, and the four-time

reigning Olympic gold medalists held off World Cup champion Germany 92-88 in London on Monday night in their final tune-up before the Paris Games start later this week.

James came through time and time again down the stretch, just as he did over the weekend when his layup with 8 seconds

left gave the U.S. a 101-100 win over upstart South Sudan.

James had 20 points for the U.S., while Joel Embiid scored 15, Stephen Curry had 13 and Anthony Edwards finished with 11.

"It was a good test for us. And I'm glad we were able to once again, you know, keep our com-

posure, persevere like we did the other day versus South Sudan," James said. "It was a good win for us."

Franz Wagner led Germany with 18 points. Andreas Obst — the hero of last year's German win over the U.S. in the World Cup semifinals — had 14, while Dennis Schroder had a 13-point,

10-assist night. Daniel Theis added 13 for Germany and Moritz Wagner scored 12.

The Americans finished their exhibition slate 5-0, but there was only one game that was a true cakewalk. That was against Serbia, the team that'll face the U.S. on Sunday in the first Olympic game this summer for

both teams.

Canada gave the U.S. issues at times, Australia came from way back to make things interesting at the end, South Sudan nearly pulled off an upset as a 43.5-point underdog and the Germans had the lead over the U.S. with 4 minutes left on Monday.



AP Photo/Kin Cheung

United States' forward LeBron James waves to the crowd after the end of an exhibition basketball game between the United States and South Sudan, at the O2 Arena in London, July 20.

LeBron James selected Team USA male flagbearer

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

LeBron James wasn't totally sure what the opening ceremony was all about when he was picked for his first Olympics in 2004.

This time, he'll be one of the stars of the show.

James has been picked by his fellow U.S. Olympians to serve as the male flagbearer for the Americans in Friday night's opening ceremony for the Paris Games. He becomes the third basketball player — and the first mens player — to carry the U.S. flag at the start of an Olympics, joining Dawn Staley for the Athens Games in 2004 and Sue Bird for the Tokyo Games that happened in 2021.

"It's an incredible honor to represent the United States on this global stage, especially in a moment that can bring the whole world together," James said. "For a kid from Akron, this responsibility means everything to not only myself, but to my family, all the kids in my hometown, my teammates, fellow Olympians and so many people across the country with big aspirations. Sports have the power to bring us all together, and I'm proud to be a part of this

important moment."

The 39-year-old James got word of the honor Monday in London, a few hours before the U.S. mens team was scheduled to play its final pre-Olympics exhibition game against World Cup champion Germany.

Fellow U.S. star and first-time Olympian Stephen Curry, on behalf of the U.S. mens team, nominated James for the flagbearer role.

"We understand how much of an honor it is to be in that position and I think Bron's entire career, on and off the court, speaks for itself as him being worthy of that honor," Curry said in the nomination video.

"He has represented what it means to be excellent both on and off the court in his commitment to service and to uplifting the community in all ways that he knows how has been a lifelong passion," Curry added. "And the work speaks for itself."

The female U.S. flagbearer is expected to be revealed today. The International Olympic Committee decided in 2020 that national delegations would have two flagbearers — one male, one female — at the opening ceremony at an Olympics, a move to promote gender parity. The U.S. is expected to

have nearly 600 athletes in the Paris Games, about 53% of them female.

"Being selected by your teammates to carry the flag is a tremendous honor — and a testament to LeBron's passion for Team USA and his dedication to his sport," U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee CEO Sarah Hirshland said.

James — a global icon, a four-time NBA champion and the league's all-time leading scorer set to go into his record-tying 22nd NBA season — is set to play in the Olympics for the fourth time, after he was part of U.S. teams that won bronze in 2004, gold at Beijing in 2008 and gold again in London in 2012.

He walked in the opening ceremony at each of his three previous Olympics.

This time, he'll float.

This will be an opening ceremony like none other in Olympic history: Thousands of athletes will be part of a flotilla sailing along the River Seine at sunset toward the Eiffel Tower. It's a 3.7-mile route, with about 320,000 guests set to watch from the river bank and about 1 billion more, Olympic officials estimate, watching on televisions around the world.

Griner dons USA Basketball jersey after prison stint

Was jailed in Russia over drug possession

By DOUG FEINBERG
AP Basketball Writer

PHOENIX — There were times Brittney Griner thought she would never wear a USA Basketball jersey again.

The two-time Olympic gold medalist was sitting in a Russian prison in 2022, sentenced to nine years in jail for drug possession and smuggling. Playing for her country again was a far-fetched idea at that point. Ten months later she was free after a high-profile prisoner exchange.

Now, 19 months later, she's suiting up for the U.S. in the Paris Games — her first trip to play overseas since returning from Russia.

Griner, wearing her No. 15 USA jersey before the team played at the All-Star Game on Saturday, said she gets chills now just putting it on.

"It means everything to me honestly," Griner told The Associated Press in an interview. "For me to now have the honor to wear it again and potentially win gold is icing on the cake for everything."

Griner had gone to Russia to play basketball and supplement her WNBA income. She had done it for years. No more. The 33-year-old said she will only play in America unless USA Basketball asks her to play. Griner has dedicated a lot of time playing with the U.S. team and feels 100% safe when she's with them.

"It's different, we are so protected by the staff around us," she said. "It's different, it's way different. The level of comfortability and security we have right now makes it a lot easier."

It's been a busy few weeks for Griner as her wife Cherelle gave birth to their son Bash on July 8.

Griner said it was tough saying goodbye to him for a few weeks.

"We got some really cool photos before I left," she said. "He doesn't know anything right now, but one day it will be cool for him to have that footage. There's so much footage."

She'll have her USA Basketball family to lean on while in Paris. Her teammates and coaches are thrilled to have her back playing for the U.S.

"That is something when you think about it. Think outside the Olympics, someone's personal experience and what she went through and still continues to go through," U.S. coach Cheryl Reeve said. "We were all thinking of BG when she was away and we didn't know if this moment would be possible. I'm thrilled for her personally and thrilled for our basketball team."

Griner got to spend a few minutes at practice on Friday with Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff. He and the Vice President met with Griner when she returned to the U.S. and attended her first WNBA game back in Los Angeles — his hometown.

He was moved that Griner wanted to represent the U.S. again.

"Really getting chills just thinking about it," he told the AP. "Where she was, and where she is now, to see her positivity and spirit it's really compelling. Great to see that."

Emhoff will lead the U.S. delegation to the closing ceremonies of the Olympic Games, which is the night of the womens gold medal game that Griner and her teammates expect to be playing in.

"Hopefully, everything goes the way we want it to go and that anthem's playing," Griner said of the U.S. hoping to win an eighth straight gold medal on Aug. 11 in the title game. "It's going to be way more emotional this time."

Athletes enjoying first days at giant Olympic village ahead of '24 Games

By JEROME PUGMIRE
AP Sports Writer

PARIS — Australian beach volleyball player Taliqua Clancy got an unexpected surprise walking around the athletes' village at the Paris Olympics on Monday.

Among the legions of other athletes from around the world, one figure stood out: French President Emmanuel Macron.

"We got to see him which was cool. I was hanging around hoping to get a selfie, but I had to come here" for a news conference, she told reporters, laughing. She probably wouldn't have got close enough, anyway, because Macron's security

team ushered her away.

"But hopefully we can see a few more famous faces," said Clancy, who is one of 66 indigenous athletes on the Australian Olympic team in Paris — six more than in Tokyo.

"I'm a proud aboriginal and it is special to have the artwork and design" in the village, the 32-year-old Clancy said.

Clancy and her teammate Mariafe Artacho del Solar were silver medalists at the Tokyo Games three years ago.

Artacho del Solar gave her first impressions of the village, where more than 14,000 athletes and officials are staying and which is the size of 70 soccer pitches.

cer pitches.

"It has been amazing so far, it feels very safe," she said. "We had a walk around today, had some good old photo of the rings."

The village itself sits in the suburb of Saint-Denis, known in the sports world as the home to the Stade de France where France's national soccer and rugby teams play. It is located in a formerly run-down area now transformed into a vibrant international hub for the July 26-Aug. 11 Paris Games, and for the Aug. 28-Sept. 8 Paralympics.

"It's great to see a whole ton of different countries here,"

United States rugby sevens center Lucas Lacamp said Monday.

The village has a large dining hall with different food stations catering for different tastes from around the world, a vast gym, training grounds for a number of sports, a polyclinic, prayer rooms and an anti-doping centre.

"I was definitely looking forward to the food court, I won't lie about that," said New Zealand rugby sevens player Risaleanna Pouri-Lane, who won the women's gold medal in Tokyo. "It's been pretty cool."

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AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin

Brittney Griner, left, walks on the court prior to an All-Star game against Team WNBA, July 20, in Phoenix.

Major League Baseball



Yankees' Juan Soto celebrates his solo home run in the dugout during the seventh inning against the Rays at Yankee Stadium, Monday, in New York.

Juan Soto hits 2 of Yankees' 5 homers in 9-1 rout of Rays

NEW YORK (AP) — Juan Soto hit two of the Yankees' five home runs and New York salvaged a four-game series split with a 9-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Monday. Soto had his fourth multi-homer game this season since coming over in a December trade and 21st of his career. He hit a solo homer into the third deck in right field in the seventh inning and added a three-run homer in the eighth and now has 25 on the season.

METS 6, MARLINS 4

MIAMI (AP) — Francisco Lindor homered twice, Jeff McNeil also went deep and the New York Mets beat Miami. McNeil had three RBIs for the Mets, who split the four-game series against the National League's worst team. New York is 5-5 versus Miami.

TIGERS 8, GUARDIANS 2

CLEVELAND (AP) — Tarik Skubal pitched seven innings while continuing to be mentioned in trade rumors and Justyn-Henry Malloy hit a two-run homer, leading Detroit to a win over Cleveland.

PIRATES 2, CARDINALS 1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Nick Gonzales hit a go-ahead RBI single in the eighth inning after Mitch Keller allowed one run in the first seven, and Pittsburgh defeated St. Louis.

REDS 4, BRAVES 0

ATLANTA (AP) — Hunter Greene allowed only two hits in seven scoreless innings, Will Benson homered and Cincinnati took advantage of their speed to beat Reynaldo López and Atlanta. Greene (7-4), making his

first start since taking the loss in the All-Star Game, had seven strikeouts.

TWINS 7, PHILLIES 2

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota starter Bailey Ober rebounded from Bryce Harper's two-run homer for Philadelphia in the first to settle in for seven innings, and the Twins beat the Phillies 7-2. Ober threw only 83 pitches and retired 17 of his last 18 batters.

RANGERS 4, WHITE SOX 3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas rookie Wyatt Langford hit a game-ending RBI single in the 10th inning, after scoring the tying run in the ninth, as the Rangers rallied to beat the Chicago White Sox 4-3. Leody Taveras opened the Texas 10th on Monday night with a sacrifice bunt that

moved pinch-runner Travis Jankowski to third.

CUBS 3, BREWERS 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Ian Happ lined a solo homer, six Chicago pitchers cobbled together a five-hitter and the Cubs beat the Milwaukee Brewers 3-1. Michael Busch and Dansby Swanson each had two hits as the Cubs twice escaped based-loaded jams to end NL Central-leading Milwaukee's three-game winning streak.

ROYALS 10, D'BACKS 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bobby Witt Jr. fell a single short of the cycle, Salvador Perez and Hunter Renfroe also homered, and the Kansas City Royals beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 10-4 on Monday night for their fourth straight victory.

Golf

Schauffele moves into elite category

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

TROON, Scotland — The only company Xander Schauffele kept at the start of the season was his name mentioned among the best players who had yet to win a major.

He had a key miss at Carnoustie that cost him a chance at the 2018 British Open. He was a runner-up the following year to Tiger Woods at the Masters. He was closing in on Hideki Matsuyama in the 2021 Masters until hitting into the water on the 16th hole.

In the first 27 majors he played, he had 12 finishes in the top 10.

Now he has the Wanamaker Trophy at home from his nail-biter of a victory in the PGA Championship. And he couldn't take his eyes off the gleaming claret jug Sunday evening after delivering what he considers the best round of his life.

Two months, two majors, no more questions about whether he

can win the big one.

"It's a dream come true to win two majors in one year," Schauffele said after his 6-under 65, took him from a two-shot deficit to a two-shot victory in the British Open at Royal Troon. "It took me forever just to win one, and to have two now is something else."

He made it look easy — Schauffele exudes so much California chill that he makes everything look that way — it took some astonishing golf on a links course made even more challenging by a daunting wind off the Irish Sea.

He played bogey-free in the final round with no less than golf's oldest trophy at stake. He was two shots behind going to the back nine and shot 31. He missed only two greens Sunday, none on the back nine. He had only six bogeys over 72 holes.

This was the stuff of major champions.



Xander Schauffele of the United States holds the Claret Jug trophy aloft after winning the British Open at Royal Troon golf club in Troon, Scotland, Sunday.

NCAA

ACC commissioner promises to keep fighting amid legal battles

By AARON BEARD
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner Jim Phillips said the league will fight "as long as it takes" in legal cases against Florida State and Clemson as those member schools challenge the league's ability to charge hundreds of millions of dollars to leave the conference.

Speaking Monday to start the league's football media days, Phillips called lawsuits filed by FSU and Clemson "extremely damaging, disruptive and harmful" to the league. Most notably, those schools are challenging the league's grant-of-rights media agreement that gives the ACC control of media rights for any school that attempts to leave for the duration of a TV deal with

ESPN running through 2036. The league has also sued those schools to enforce the agreement in a legal dispute with no end in sight.

"I can say that we will fight to protect the ACC and our members for as long as it takes," Phillips said. "We are confident in this league and that it will remain a premier conference in college athletics for the long-

term future." The lawsuits come amid tension as conference expansion and realignment reshape the national landscape as schools chase more and more revenue. In the case of the ACC, the league is bringing in record revenues and payouts yet lags behind the Big Ten and Southeastern Conference.

The grant-of-rights provision,

twice agreed to by the member schools in the years before the launch of the ACC Network channel in 2019, is designed to deter defections in future realignment since a school would not be able to bring its TV rights to enhance a new suitor's media deal.

That would mean hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue, separate from having to pay a

nine-figure exit fee. Schools that could leave with reduced or no financial impact could jeopardize the league's long-term future.

"The fact is that every member of this conference willingly signed the grant of rights unanimous, and quite frankly eagerly, agreed to our current television contract and the launch of the ACC Network," Phillips said.

National Basketball Association

Warner Bros. Discovery, TNT Sports informs NBA it will match Amazon's offer to air games

By JOE REEDY
AP Sports Writer

Turner Sports intends to continue its longtime relationship with the NBA.

Warner Bros. Discovery informed the league Monday that it will match the \$1.8 billion per year offer by Amazon Prime Video. Turner has had an NBA package since 1984 and games have been on TNT since the network launched in 1988.

"We have reviewed the offers and matched one of them. This will allow fans to keep enjoying our unparalleled coverage, including the best live game productions in the industry and our iconic studio shows and talent, while building on our proven 40-year commitment for many more years," Warner Bros. Discovery said in a statement. "Our matching paperwork was submitted to the league today. We look forward to the NBA executing our new contract."

The NBA's Board of Governors approved the league's 11-year media rights deals with Disney, NBC and Amazon Prime Video at its meeting in Las Vegas last Tuesday. WBD received all three contracts Wednesday, which started the five-day clock for whether it wanted to match.

The new deals — collectively worth \$76 billion — will begin with the 2025-26 season, and include a game being aired or streamed nationally every night during the second half of the season.

The Prime Video offer has games on Thursday night after it is done carrying NFL games. Its other nights are Friday and Saturday.

Amazon Prime Video did not comment on WBD's intention to match.

An NBA spokesperson said the league is reviewing the matching offer.

If the NBA accepts the matching offer, TNT would likely carry games on Thursday with the other nights being streamed on Max.

Warner Bros. Discovery CEO David Zaslav sounded an ominous note when he said during an RBC Investor Conference in November 2022 that Turner and WBD "don't have to have the NBA."

Warner Bros. Discovery and the league were unable to reach a deal during the exclusive negotiating period, which expired in April. Zaslav and TNT Sports Chairman/CEO Luis Silberwasser have said during the past couple months, though, that it intended to match one of the deals.

"We're proud of how we have delivered for basketball fans by providing best-in-class coverage throughout our four-decade partnership with the NBA. In an effort to continue our long-standing partnership, during both exclusive and non-exclusive negotiation periods, we acted in good faith to present strong bids that were fair to both parties," WBD said in a statement. "Regrettably, the league notified us of its intention to accept other offers for the games in our current rights package, leaving us to proceed under the matching rights provision, which is an integral part of our current agreement and the rights we have paid for under it."

People familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press that Amazon's offer included a provision to pay multiple years up front into an escrow account, which many thought would make it hard to match. However, WBD has told the league it has the financial resources to be able to do that.

The Amazon provision was first mentioned by "The Ringer's" Bill Simmons on "The Town" podcast.

The people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because they weren't at liberty to discuss such impending

matters. WBD is paying \$1.4 billion per season under the current nine-year deal, which expires after next season.

Even though WBD would be making a huge financial commitment, it is a necessary one. Without the NBA, it would have had a hard time charging its current subscriber fees to cable and satellite companies.

Retaining the NBA would also mean that the popular "Inside the NBA" show would continue. Charles Barkley had been critical of WBD's negotiating posture and was not optimistic about it matching. Barkley announced at the end of this season that he intended to retire after next season.

It is expected that the NBA would announce the finality of the media deals sometime this week.

ESPN and ABC, which will keep the league's top package, will have a conference finals every year as well as the NBA Finals. NBC and WBD would alternate which one carries one of the conference finals series.

The return of NBC, which carried NBA games from 1990 through 2002, would give the league two broadcast network partners for the first time.

Baseball

MLB

McGRAW BABE RUTH 17U
DRYDEN 7, MCGRAW 5

Dryden opened up a 5-0 lead after an inning thanks to a two-run single from Jacob Hutchings. Chris Greene, Izah Hutchings, Aodhan Sjuve, Nate Smiley and Xavier Duncan all added a hit for Dryden. Greene got the win on the mound, going 5.2 innings and allowing five runs on 10 hits and three walks while striking out seven. Sjuve got the save in 1.1 innings, striking out three.

Brennan Wilson recorded two hits for McGraw, with a triple, an RBI and two runs scored. Foster Eaton contributed two hits, including a double. Owen Mulcahy hit an RBI triple and Jahiem Robinson, Cabot Sutton, Thomas Lea, Owen Lea and Egston Livermore all registered a base hit. Avram Moses took the loss for McGraw, allowing six runs on five hits and three walks with three strikeouts in 1.1 innings.

AL East Division				GB
W	L	Pct		
Baltimore	60	39	.606	—
New York	60	42	.588	1½
Boston	55	45	.551	6½
Tampa Bay	50	50	.500	10½
Toronto	45	54	.455	15
AL Central Division				GB
W	L	Pct		
Cleveland	59	49	.596	—
Minnesota	55	44	.556	4
Kansas City	56	45	.554	4
Detroit	50	51	.495	10½
Chicago	27	75	.265	33½
AL West Division				GB
W	L	Pct		
Seattle	53	48	.525	—
Houston	52	48	.520	½
Texas	48	52	.480	4½
Los Angeles	42	57	.424	10
Oakland	40	62	.392	13½
NL East Division				GB
W	L	Pct		
Philadelphia	63	37	.630	—
Atlanta	54	45	.545	8½
New York	51	48	.515	11½
Washington	47	53	.470	16
Miami	35	57	.350	28
NL Central Division				GB
W	L	Pct		
Milwaukee	57	43	.570	—
St. Louis	52	48	.520	5
Pittsburgh	51	49	.510	6
Chicago	49	53	.480	9
Cincinnati	48	53	.475	9½
NL West Division				GB
W	L	Pct		
Los Angeles	52	50	.510	—
San Diego	52	50	.510	8
Arizona	51	50	.505	8½
San Francisco	48	52	.480	11
Colorado	36	64	.360	23

Bengals: QB Burrow cleared for contact

By MITCH STACY
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Joe Burrow and his surgically repaired wrist have been cleared for contact, and the Cincinnati Bengals star quarterback is ready to go for the opening of training camp on Wednesday.

Burrow was sidelined last season when he suffered a torn ligament in his right wrist in the 10th game, a loss to Baltimore on Nov. 16. He had surgery Nov. 27.

“We just need Joe to be out there,” new offensive coordinator Dan Pitcher said. “He’s going to be out there. He’s worked himself in a really good place physically and mentally.”

Coach Zac Taylor doesn’t know yet if any kind of accommodations will be made for Burrow in training camp and doesn’t know yet if the quarterback — or any of the regulars — will play in the preseason games.

But Taylor said he is feeling optimistic about Burrow.

“My impression of him, just seen him over the last several months, has been very positive, and he’s ready to go,” Taylor said.

Burrow knows the drill when it comes to rehab. In his rookie year in 2020, he injured his knee while being sacked in Week 11 against Washington. He finished rehab just in time for the start of the 2021 season.

Appendicitis caused him to miss all of training camp in 2022. On the second day of camp in 2023, Burrow strained a calf muscle. He didn’t miss



AP Photo/Zach Bolinger, File

Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow throws downfield during a game against the Bills, Nov. 5, 2023, in Cincinnati.

any games, but the injury limited his mobility in the early part of the season. Pitcher said having Burrow at 100% or close to it for training camp is critical to the ramp-

ing up of the Bengals offense, which will be operating with a new No. 1 running back, likely Zack Moss, a new right offensive tackle in Trent Brown, and a new No. 3 receiver following the departure of Tyler Boyd via free agency.

“So just having him and, you know, the effect that he has on everyone around him,” said Pitcher, the former quarterbacks coach who was promoted after Brian Callahan was hired as the head coach at Tennessee. “I think we feel it because we’re out there. We’re standing there. We know what it does, you know? But that’ll be a nice part of having him out there for all of camp.”

Another storyline of training camp is the possible timing of a new contract for wide receiver Ja’Marr Chase, which owner Mike Brown and Duke Tobin, director of player personnel, said is a priority.

The 24-year-old star, who is under contract through 2025, likely will command a long-term deal in the neighborhood of Justin Jefferson’s four-year, \$140 million deal with the Minnesota Vikings.

“Yeah, we’re aware of the numbers,” Tobin said. “We were aware of what other players have, and we were also aware of what we feel is right, what we can do with our team and what makes sense for us going forward. And so we talk about that, and we talked to Chase’s people about that. And we’ll see if something can get done. And we hope it can.”

We’ve had a couple of days to soak up the whole village and Olympic environment.”

Andrew Knewstubb, a silver medalist in mens rugby in Tokyo, explained the marked difference between pandemic-marred Tokyo three years ago and Paris.

“The most noticeable thing is people are not wearing masks,” Knewstubb said, adding that he likes how athletes can now say hello to each other or come up and swap pins “without the hesitation of COVID.”

Athletes lodge in five residential areas, each named after a well-known area of Paris: Abbesses, Bastille, Dauphine, Étoile, Fêtes. With environment protection in mind, the eco-friendly village has electric cars ferrying athletes around. Pouri-Lane enjoyed riding one of the many bikes provided for athletes to use.

Former track cycling star Anna Meares is a four-time Olympian and two-time gold medalist. Meares is now the Australian team’s Chef de Mission and said decisions were made regarding the team’s residency in the village.

“There was a lot of learning to take out of Tokyo, that played in the decisions we have made in our set up,” she said.

One of them was more important than it may sound.

“We have kept our barista,” she said. “One big question I asked when I took on this role was ‘Why was the barista so popular?’ And that was because it created this social hub for the athletes.”

Packers’ QB not at practice with contract unresolved

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Jordan Love was wearing street clothes as he ran out alongside coach Matt LaFleur before the Green Bay Packers’ first training camp workout Monday.

Love won’t be practicing as long as negotiations on a contract extension for the quarterback remain unresolved, general manager Brian Gutekunst said before practice.

Gutekunst said Love reported to camp last week, but wouldn’t be working out until a deal is reached. Love’s contract is set to expire at the end of the season.

“We certainly understand where he’s coming from,” Gutekunst said. “We’d like him to be out there. It’s important for him to be out there. Obviously you guys know how important practice is, and working with his teammates. But as of now, until we get that resolved, he will not be practicing.”

Gutekunst remained optimistic the Packers and Love could reach a deal soon. He noted that Love is participating in all other team activities.

“Yeah, I think so,” Gutekunst said. “Again, you never know. We’re working really hard to get that done. I think it’s really important for us. ... The thing that I have confidence in is we both want the same thing.”

LaFleur is taking things in stride.

“That’s part of our game and part of our business, but we’re confident that he’ll be out there sooner than later,” he said. “I know how he prepares, so I’m not overly concerned about that. He’s going to do everything he can to get the mental reps. Obviously, the physical reps are really what’s important.”

Love’s decision meant the Packers opened training camp with Sean Clifford and rookie seventh-round pick Michael Pratt as their only quarterbacks.

“The thing about Jordan is during OTAs (organized team activities), he was here 100 percent of the time,” Clifford said. “He’s been working the whole summer. Guys know that. Nobody’s questioning his work ethic. I got in here at 7. His bag was already in here. He’s in early, he’s staying late. He’s doing all the little things, so it’s no

worry from the players.”

The Packers signed Love to a one-year extension in May 2023 that included \$13.5 million in guaranteed money with another \$9 million in incentives. That deal gave the Packers time to evaluate Love as he entered his first season as a starter after four-time MVP Aaron Rodgers was traded to the New York Jets.

Love responded by leading the NFL’s youngest team to a 10-9 season that included an NFC divisional playoff appearance.

While the Packers and Love have tried working out an extension this offseason, other quarterbacks have signed lucrative deals. Detroit’s Jared Goff signed a four-year, \$212 million extension with \$170 million guaranteed and Jacksonville’s Trevor Lawrence agreed to a five-year, \$275 million extension with \$142 million guaranteed.

“We’re going to support him 100%, just like he does for us,” receiver Christian Watson said. “He deserves every penny that he’s going to get — and more. I’m happy for him and, hopefully, he gets what he wants and we can get this thing chopping.”

Love, 25, completed 64.2% of his passes for 4,159 yards with 32 touchdowns and 11 interceptions last season and improved dramatically as the season went on.

He threw 21 touchdown passes with only one interception during a nine-game stretch that culminated with a 48-32 upset of the Dallas Cowboys in a wild-card playoff game. Love did throw two second-half interceptions the following week in a 24-21 loss to the San Francisco 49ers. Gutekunst said he wasn’t thinking much this spring about the likelihood Love might sit out some practices, but added that “if you get to a certain point, there’s a certain level of risk that a player takes by going out there, so you’re always aware that could happen.” Gutekunst praised Love for being “very open and forthright” throughout these negotiations.

“This is just part of it, not unexpected,” Gutekunst said. “We’ll work to get it done, and hopefully he won’t miss too much time.”

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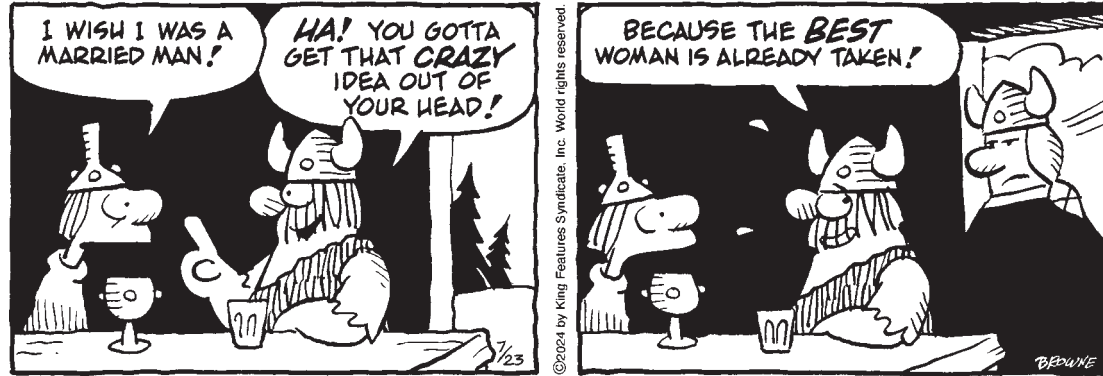
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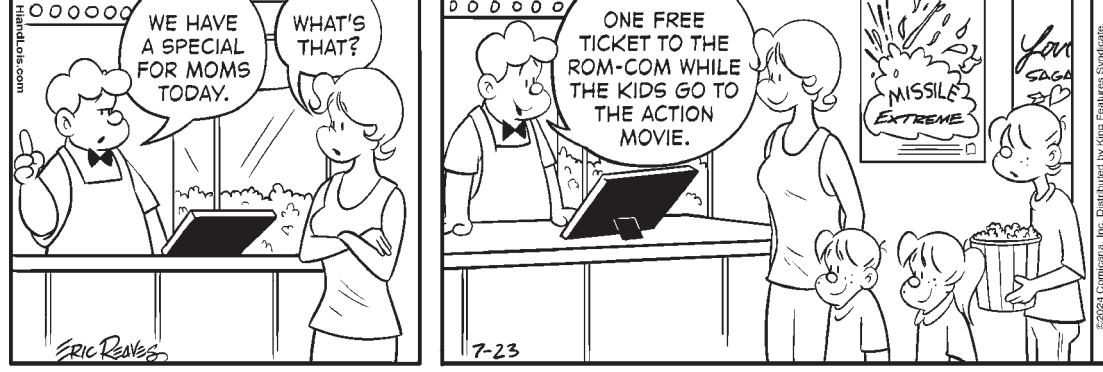
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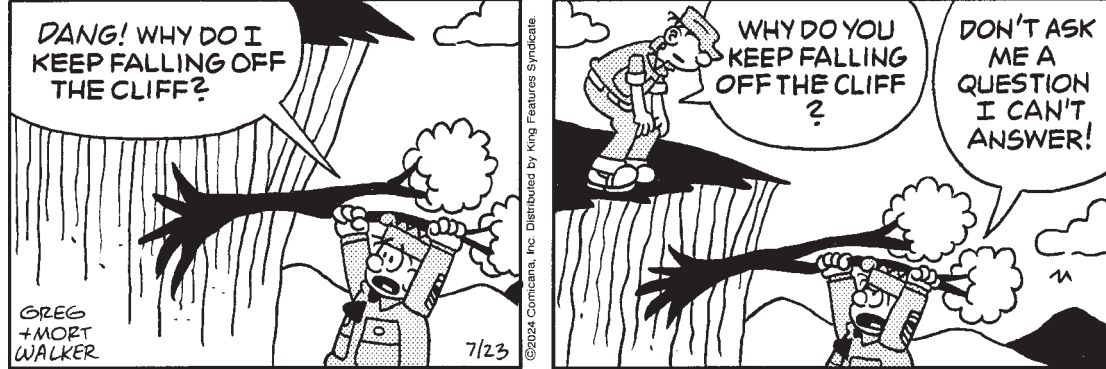
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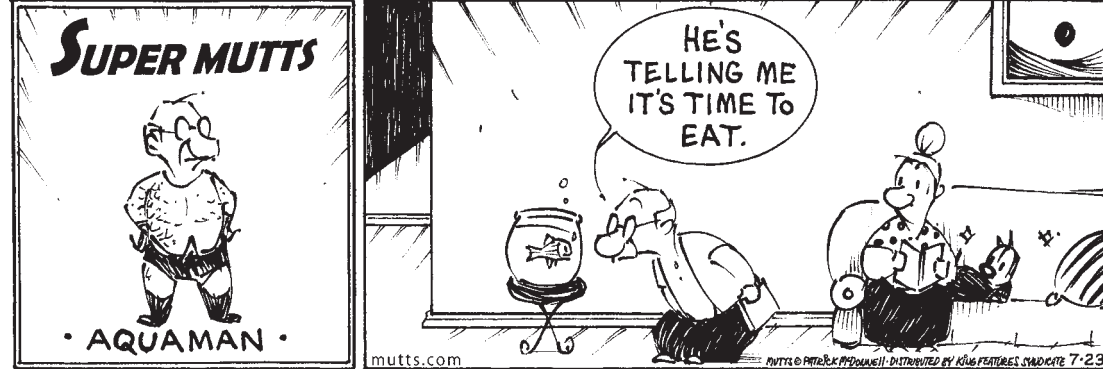
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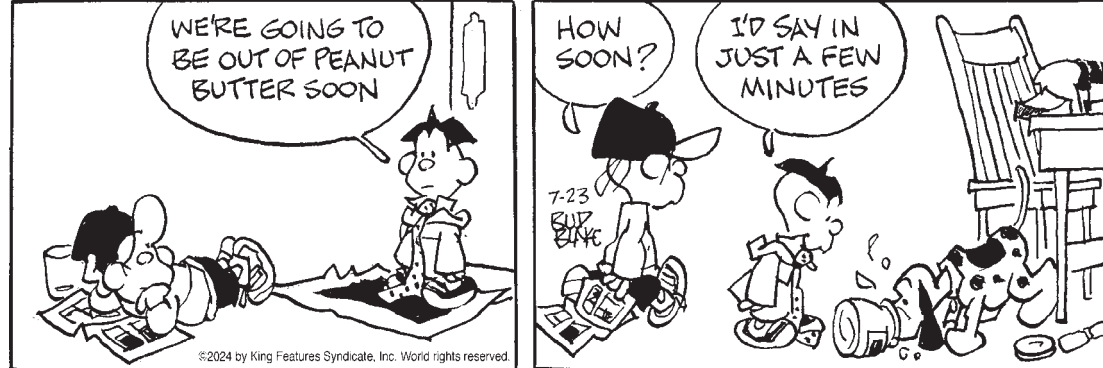
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Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may not be interested in whether you win or lose unless the reward excites you. This may be a good time to objectively review your finances for possible areas of improvement. Stay open to the chance of upcoming changes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Remember, sometimes unexpected news can speed things up. Lend a hand where needed and you might just find yourself flying through your to-do list. The environment may feel charged for forging forward and exploring new possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use your voice to tell the truth no matter how uncomfortable it may be. Others might have a vastly different view of the facts. It could be that someone is merely describing a scenario built on past experiences or their own perspective.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Good deeds and rewards seem to go hand in hand but might not always be what you expected. Kindness and generosity may have their own form of compensation. Be cautious in new collaborations and follow through on promises.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Give everyone an equal opportunity to be your friend. Someone who seems to be the least deserving of your friendship may need it the most. A loved one might be wiser than usual and offer the soundest and most beneficial advice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): When presented with requests or asked to grant a favor, resist the urge to make an immediate refusal without consideration. Cooperation and compromise may pave a smoother path and put any lingering resentment or bad feelings to rest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Some people might forgo promises that deviate from their goal. Demonstrate fair-mindedness and tolerance and you could become more popular and respected. You never know when someone will repay your kindness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may discover skills when you try something new. Your emerging talents could make your routine easier or more satisfying and may even receive notice. It isn't necessary to use harsh tactics to make a favorable impression.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may feel that you are being held back by a particular situation or that you're limited by a series of past experiences. A close companion might give you the encouragement and support you need to rise above it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Changeable conditions might interfere with your strategies and leave you feeling frustrated. It might be time for you to exert more effort toward your tasks and to demonstrate added willingness and dedication toward your craft.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pursue your passions but remain within the bounds of propriety. You may generate goodwill that seems more valuable than a few extra dollars. Forgiving minor transgressions could pay dividends in your closest relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be polite but approachable. You may not be everyone's best friend, but you could be a valuable member of a group or team that everyone trusts. Don't volunteer for time-consuming duties if it's not something you want to do.

IF JULY 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may be more competitive or energetic during the next two to three weeks, so consider making the effort to be more polite and to demonstrate good sportsmanship. You may benefit from avoiding arguments and taking your time, even if you think you must rush. Take the line of least resistance and operate under the laws of attraction in September, when social activities could fill your calendar. Consider reevaluating your finances and policies in late September and early October when your practical expertise may be razor sharp.

Sudoku

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6	5	7	4	2	1	8	3	9
1	8	6	7	9	4	5	3	2
8	6	2	3	7	9	5	1	4
7	4	1	5	2	4	6	7	3
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ANSWER:

Cryptoquote

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: WHEN YOU LOVE SOMETHING, IT'S NOT A JOB ANYMORE. — SPIKE LEE

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Lass
- 7 Brunch or dinner
- 11 Weather-changing current
- 12 Different
- 13 Check out furtively
- 15 Fragrance
- 16 Song for two
- 18 Fair
- 21 Crowd into
- 22 "Night-hawks" painter
- 24 Crumb carrier
- 25 Spring month
- 26 Chopping tool
- 27 British party
- 29 Racket
- 30 Dune makeup
- 31 Leaves
- 32 Goddess of the hunt
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Word of the Day

tomfoolery (tahm-FOO-luh-ree)

Definition: (noun) Tomfoolery is a word with an old-fashioned sound to it that refers to playful or silly behavior.

Example: The antics in the play itself apparently inspired tomfoolery behind the scenes as well, as cast members constantly played practical jokes on one another.

— Courtesy Merriam-Webster Online

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Supervisor
Town of Cortlandville
3577 Terrace Road
Cortland, NY 13045
tawilliams@cortlandville.org

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The bidding:
West North East South
1 NT Pass 2♦* 2♥
Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥
*natural, weak
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

In most current partnerships, a player who opens with one notrump announces that he has no fewer than 15 high-card points and no more than 17, plus notrump distribution and honor cards in at least three suits. This is a lot of information to convey to partner with one bid, but at the same time it has its disadvantages. The opponents also hear the

bid, and sometimes they can put this knowledge to very good use.

That's exactly what happened in this deal where South reached four hearts as shown. When dummy came down, declarer realized immediately that West had all of the missing high-card points. If West also had all three missing trumps, South could easily lose two trump tricks and two club tricks.

To deal with this possibility, declarer adopted a line of play that had a good chance of succeeding even if West had the K-Q-x of trump. He won the opening diamond lead with the ace, ruffed a diamond, led a low spade to the ace and ruffed dummy's last diamond. Then, after cashing the K-Q of spades, he exited with a low trump.

West won with the queen but had no recourse. He could not afford to return a trump, which would cost him his second trump trick, nor could he lead a spade, which would allow South to discard a club from dummy as he ruffed in his hand.

So West played the ace of clubs, establishing South's king, and declarer wound up making the contract. He lost only two trumps and a club, taking full advantage of the information provided by West's opening notrump bid.

Tomorrow: Razzle-dazzle defense.

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'Twisters' whips up \$80M at box office

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

Moviefgoers ran toward the tornadoes this weekend, propelling "Twisters" to a blockbuster opening. The standalone sequel to the 1996 hit made \$80.5 million in ticket sales from 4,151 theaters in North America, according to studio estimates Sunday.

That's about \$30 million more than analysts expected initially, and makes for the biggest opening of a live-action movie yet this summer.

"We had big aspirations for it to begin with, and it certainly exceeded those," said Jim Orr, who heads distribution for Universal. "We're seriously over-indexing between coasts which is fun to see as well."

Its overperformance recalled "Oppenheimer's" debut last year on the same weekend. There are some similarities: The studio, Universal, and the numbers. But there are also important differences: "Oppenheimer" was 3-hours long, R-rated ("Twisters" is PG-13) and historical, not to mention the collective enthusiasm around its release date companion, "Barbie."

"Twisters," meanwhile, is a franchise. It may not be a direct sequel to "Twister" but it is benefiting from the brand recognition. The original Jan de Bont-directed film starring Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton was a financial hit at the time and has only become more beloved over the years. This film, directed by Lee Isaac Chung, does not include any of the characters from the original and introduces a new crowd of storm chasers.

"This is just further evidence that when you create something that's compelling and interesting and has broad appeal, that all across the country people will show up," said Michael O'Leary, the president and CEO of the National Association of Theatre Owners. "I think the word of mouth on this movie is going to be exceptional."

The Universal, Warner Bros. and Amblin production cost



From left: Harry Hadden-Paton, Glen Powell, Daisy Edgar-Jones, Anthony Ramos and director Lee Isaac Chung pose for photographers upon arrival at the premiere of the film "Twisters" in London on July 8.

\$155 million to produce and millions more to promote. Part of the push included a country music heavy soundtrack, with a new Luke Combs single "Ain't No Love in Oklahoma" which has racked up more than 56 million audio streams. The soundtrack as a whole, featuring the likes of Bailey Zimmerman, Tucker Wetmore, Tanner Adell, Lainey Wilson, Tyler Childers, Thomas Rhett and Miranda Lambert, has over 75 million streams.

Critics were mixed but mostly positive about the 2-hour thriller. Audiences gave it an enthusiastic A- CinemaScore and 4.5 stars on PostTrak. Also of note: 24% of moviegoers polled by PostTrak said actor Glen Powell was a main draw.

"Our director crafted exactly what audiences want to see in theaters: A very immersive, exciting, mayhem everywhere story with a charming cast," Orr said.

Bob Bagby, the chair of the theatre owners association and the CEO of Kansas City-based B&B Theatres, which has about 580 screens, said their 4DX auditoriums have been nearly sold out all weekend. 4DX is an "immersive" presentation format for films that includes seat-shaking and wind effects.

"Twisters" has also whipped up some spirited online discourse and debate, some about the film not explicitly referencing climate change and some about the lack of a kiss between Powell and Daisy Edgar-Jones. A video showing the kiss that was left on the cutting room floor made the rounds on social media over the weekend.

Bagby appreciated that there was no "surprise political or social agenda."

"I'm in the movie business. We show everything. There's been many movies about global warming and that's important," he said. "But sometimes you

go to the movies and you don't want to be brought back to reality and lose your escape. You just want to have a good time."

Universal also had the No. 2 movie in the country with "Despicable Me 4," now in its third weekend. It added \$23.8 million from North America, where it is still playing in over 4,000 theaters, bringing its domestic total to \$259.5 million.

Third place went to another animated juggernaut: Disney and Pixar's "Inside Out 2," now in its sixth weekend, and boasting a global total of \$1.4 billion. It is quickly closing in on "Frozen 2" to earn the title of the biggest animated movie of all time.

Last year on this weekend "Barbenheimer" helped propel the box office to over \$311 million. This weekend was never going to match that, but progress is still being made after a difficult start for the crucial summer moviegoing season.

Hemingway fans celebrate the author's 125th birthday in his beloved Key West

By DAVID FISCHER
The Associated Press

KEY WEST, Fla. — Ernest Hemingway spent the 1930s in Key West, Florida, and more than six decades after his death, fans, scholars and relatives continue to congregate on the island city to celebrate the author's award-winning novels and adventure-filled life.

Hemingway Days started in 1981 with a short-story competition and a look-alike contest. This year's celebration concluded Sunday on the 125th anniversary of Hemingway's birth on July 21, 1899.

As a novelist, short-story writer and journalist, Hemingway's spot in the pantheon of American literature is undeniable and his legacy permeates the culture and character of Key West.

Hemingway's great-grandson, Stephen Hemingway Adams, was born nearly three decades after Hemingway died. Adams said working with his grandfather, Patrick Hemingway, who was Ernest Hemingway's second son, helped him gain a deeper understanding of his famous ancestor.

"I got to work with my granddad, and we put out a book called 'Dear Papa,' which was all of the letters between Ernest and my grandfather," Adams said.

The difference between the public perception and the documented reality of Hemingway can be fuzzy. He loved big-game fishing in the Caribbean and hunting in Africa. He loved bullfighting, baseball, box-



Curator Cori Convertito shows off Ernest Hemingway's World War I ambulance driver uniform and other belongings at Key West Museum of Art & History at the Custom House in Key West, Florida, on July 15.

ing and barhopping. But he also was a serious artist who won Pulitzer and Nobel prizes. He put so much of his life experiences into his writing that it can be tricky to separate the man from the myth.

Adams said he's fine with some people loving the adventurer more than the writer.

"I think it's a split, and I think that's what's fun," Adams said of the throngs of look-alikes who visit Key West every year.

The Key West that Hemingway first visited in 1928 was a rustic fishing village, not a bustling tourist destination. Hemingway and his second wife, Pauline, had only planned a brief stop to pick up a car during their move from Paris to Arkansas, where Pauline's family lived. But the car wasn't ready and they had to wait several weeks.

Hemingway quickly made friends with local business owners and fishermen. The couple

made frequent visits to the island and eventually bought a French Colonial home on a 1.5-acre lot in 1931.

After spending most of his 20s in Paris, Hemingway embraced the vastly different island lifestyle, according to Cori Convertito, a curator at Key West Museum of Art & History at the Custom House.

"He doesn't come here to act like a recluse and just write," Convertito said. "He's out at the bars all the time. He's out fishing with people. He's interacting in boxing matches."

Convertito pointed out that Hemingway was in his 30s for most of the time he lived in Key West, not the white-bearded "Papa Hemingway" most look-alike contestants emulate. "A Farewell to Arms" was finished shortly after he began visiting Key West and that book's reception, along with his coverage of the Spanish Civil War in the late 1930s, increased his fame.

Convertito said Hemingway began to pioneer new techniques after getting his own boat, the Pilar, in 1934.

Much of Hemingway's time in Key West was devoted to big-game fishing with friends. Convertito said Hemingway began to pioneer new techniques after getting his own boat, the Pilar, in 1934.

"He was desperate to land a fully intact marlin," Convertito said.

The slow process of reeling in a trophy fish left them vulnerable to sharks, similar to the giant marlin caught in Hemingway's 1952 novel, "The Old Man and the Sea."

Hemingway focused on catching fish and removing them from the water quickly. He was an early member of the International Game Fish Association and named a vice president in 1940.

He also became an advocate for the Florida Keys and the people who lived there. "To Have and Have Not," which was published in 1937, is set in a Key West ravaged by the Great Depression.

Hemingway was a vocal critic of how the fed-

eral government responded to the 1935 Labor Day hurricane. The official death toll was 423, but more than 250 of the fatalities were World War I veterans hired through a federal jobs program to build the Overseas Highway, which connects the Florida Keys to mainland Florida.

Hemingway drove an ambulance during World War I and felt a particular kinship with the veterans. Corey Malcom, a historian with the Florida Keys History Center, said Hemingway joined the recovery efforts and used his own boat to pull bodies out of the ocean.

Michael Morawski, CEO of the Hemingway Home & Museum, credits his great-aunt, Bernice Dixon, as one of the first people to help preserve Hemingway's legacy in Key West.

The local jewelry store owner bought the house for \$80,000 in 1961, shortly after Hemingway's death. The home became a museum in 1964 and eventually was designated a National Historic Landmark.

"The only reason that she did it was to create a living memorial to Ernest Hemingway," Morawski said.

Besides the historical and literary significance of the home, the museum also is famous for housing the Hemingway cats. About 60 polydactyl cats with a genetic mutation for extra toes continue to live at the estate. Some of these cats are descendants of the original white, six-toed cat that Hemingway was gifted from a ship's captain.

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Office location: Cortland County, SSNY
designated as agent of Limited Liability
Company (LLC) upon whom process
against it may be served. SSNY should
mail process to Redbeard's Finger
Lakes Charter, LLC: 2539 Holler Road,
Cortland, NY 13045. Purpose: Any
lawful purpose.

**CORTLAND COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**
Notice of Formation of ECOOK
PROPERTIES, LLC. Articles of
Organization filed with Secretary of
State of NY (SSNY) on 06/12/2024.
Office location: Cortland County, 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 TO BIDDERS**
Town of Harford Notice to Bidders
Legal Notice
The Town of Harford will accept sealed
bids for building of a walking trail at the
Harford Town Park, located at 726
State Rte. 221 in Harford NY, 13784.
Details for the walking trail are as
follows. Approximately 500 yards long,
6 or 8 feet wide, 8 inch base of crusher
run and fabric. Please send a detailed
quote which includes paved and
unpaved cost, materials being used and
the price of such materials, prevailing
wage labor costs and a time line.
Any inquiries concerning this
job should be addressed to Jennifer
Fox, Town Clerk (844-4091). Bids
should be sent to the Harford Town
Clerk, P.O. Box 120, Harford, NY 13784
and should be clearly marked on the
envelope "Walking Trail Bid". The
Harford Town Clerk must receive all
bids by August 1, 2024. The bids will be
opened and discussed at 8:00 p.m. at
the regular Town Board meeting on
August 1, 2024 held at the Harford
Town Hall. The Town Board reserves
the right to accept or reject any or all
bids. All interested persons are invited
to attend the meeting.
By Order of the Harford Town Board.
Jennifer Fox, Harford Town Clerk

**CORTLAND COUNTY
NOTICE OF SALE**
NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF CORTLAND CFCU
Community Credit Union, Plaintiff
AGAINST John-Luke Henriquez a/k/a
JAINE Amethyst Rose f/k/a John-Luke
Henriquez; Jennifer Henriquez,
Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly entered May
20, 2024, the undersigned Referee will
sell at public auction at the Cortland
County Courthouse, 46 Greenbush
Street, Cortland, NY 13045 on August
1, 2024 at 11:00AM, premises known as
9 East Main Street, McGraw, NY
13101. All that certain plot piece or
parcel of land, with the buildings and
improvements erected, situate, lying
and being in the Village of McGraw,
Town of Cortlandville, County of
Cortland, State of NY, Section 88.15
Block 02 Lot 36.00, Approximate
amount of judgment \$143,995.74 plus
interest and costs. Premises will be sold
subject to provisions of filed Judgment
Index# EF22-554. The auction will be
conducted pursuant to the COVID-19
Policies Concerning Public Auctions of
Foreclosed Property established by the
6th Judicial District. Natalie B Miner,
Esq., Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile
Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New
York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: May
28, 2024 81007

**CORTLAND COUNTY
PUBLIC NOTICE**
To be sold to satisfy a garageman's lien
on 8/31/24 at 9am
2015 Jeep Subn
Vin#1C4PJMCB5FW503691 Owner
Tara Olin
At 3812 Luker Rd Cortland NY 13045

**CORTLAND COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**
Notice of Formation of Muse Design
and Drafting, LLC. Articles of
Organization filed with Secretary of
State of NY (SSNY) on 06/20/2024.
Office location: Cortland County, SSNY
designated as agent of Limited Liability
Company (LLC) upon whom process
against it may be served. SSNY should
mail process to Eric Umbarger: 738
Lockwood Rd Marathon, NY 13803.
Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**CORTLAND COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**
Notice of Formation of Maslins Guardian
LLC. Articles of Organization filed with
Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on
06/09/2024. Office location: Cortland
County, SSNY designated as agent of
Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon
whom process against it may be
served. SSNY should mail process to
Julia Maslin: 14 Ferndale Lane, Homer,
NY 13077. Purpose: Any lawful
purpose.

**CORTLAND COUNTY
NOTICE OF SALE**
NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF CORTLAND U.S. Bank
National Association, not in its individual
capacity but solely as trustee for the
RMAC Trust, Series 2018 G-C-TT,
Plaintiff AGAINST The Estate of Carl E.
Preston, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale
duly entered May 21, 2024, I, the
undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Cortland County
Courthouse, 46 Greenbush Street,
Cortland, NY on August 1, 2024 at
11:30AM, premises known as 1931
Carter Slocum Road, Marathon, NY
13803. All that certain plot piece or
parcel of land, with the buildings and
improvements erected, situate, lying
and being in the Town of FreeTown,
County of Cortland and State of New
York, SECTION: 130.00, BLOCK: 02,
LOT: 09.000. Approximate amount of
judgment \$70,381.10 plus interest and
costs. Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index
#EF19-1489. The aforementioned
auction will be conducted in accordance
with the CORTLAND County COVID-19
Protocols located on the Office of Court
Administration (OCA) website
(<https://ww2.nycourts.gov/Admin/oca.sh>
tml) and as such all persons must
comply with social distancing, wearing
masks and screening practices in effect
at the time of this foreclosure sale. For
sale information, please visit
Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call
(800) 280-2832. Dante Arideo, Esq.,
Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss
Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson
Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-
092985-F00 81118

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**CORTLAND COUNTY
LEGAL NOTICE**
NOTICE OF SALE
Index No.: EF23-135
Assigned Judge:
Mark G. Masler, J.S.C.
STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT
NBT BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
-against-
ZOYA MAYO; DAVID MAYO;
AMERICU CREDIT UNION;
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
TAXATION AND
FINANCE; JP MORGAN CHASE
BANK, N.A.
Defendants.

In pursuance of and by virtue of an
ORDER CONFIRMING REFEREE
REPORT AND JUDGMENT OF
FORECLOSURE AND SALE signed by
the Honorable Mark G. Masler, Justice,
Supreme Court on June 24, 2024 (the
"Judgment") and entered in the office of
the Cortland County Clerk on June 27,
2024, the undersigned referee, duly
appointed in this action for such
purpose, will expose for sale and sell at
public auction, to the highest bidder, at
the Cortland County Courthouse, 46
Greenbush Street, Cortland, New York
13045 on August 8, 2024 at 12:30
p.m., the premises described in
Schedule "A" attached hereto. The
amount due to the plaintiff as fixed in
the Judgment is \$812,690.03 together
with, as applicable, accruing interest,
fees, costs, attorneys fees, expenses,
advances, and other amounts as
specified in the Judgment.
Dated: June 27, 2024
Groton, New York
Liam G.B. Murphy, Esq., Referee

BURGESS & ASSOCIATES P.C.
(Melissa H. Pugliese, Esq.)
Attorneys for the Plaintiff
6 Executive Park Drive, Suite C
Clifton Park, New York 12065
(518) 371-0052
The real property to be sold is located in
the Town of Cortlandville, County of
Cortland, State of New York, and is
commonly known as 4428 Raphael
Drive. The Tax Map Parcel Number for
the property to be sold is 76.06-6-
11.000 and 76.06-6-13.000. To request
a copy of the legal description for the
property to be sold, contact Burgess &
Associates P.C. (Melissa H. Pugliese,
Esq.) 6 Executive Park Drive, Suite C,
Clifton Park, New York 12065, (518)
371-0052.