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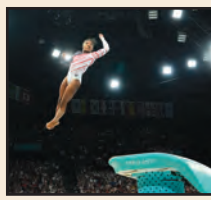
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Former St. Mary's principal tiny in size, but a giant in presence

'Always about the kids'

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Sister Harriet Hamilton might've topped 5-foot-2, or maybe not, but she commanded respect when she walked into a room. Her students would sit at attention during assemblies,

waiting for her to speak. Hamilton's discipline kept students out of trouble — and her dedication to them opened doors. "She was fair in what she did," said Mike Dexter, sacristan and custodian at St. Mary's. "That's why she got the respect back that she did." Hamilton, 91, died Saturday. A native of Cuba, just outside Olean, Hamilton was principal of St. Mary's School from 1986

until her retirement in 2008, when she became a pastoral associate for St. Mary's Parish. Services for Hamilton are pending, said Ellen Winger, archivist for the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. Shortly after being hired as St. Mary's School's principal in 1986, she wanted to start a school band — it had the



Hamilton

money for a band director, but did students have the interest? So Hamilton called in Charlie Bertini, a former Cortland resident who lives in Orlando, Florida. "Without hesitation, I said, 'Oh, of course,' because I was in the business of doing seminars and classes and so on, but it was only for high schools and colleges,"

Bertini, a professional jazz trumpet player, said Monday. "I didn't think about kindergarten through sixth grade. It was 1986, or '87. I went in and I realized the day before — what am I going to talk about, because these are babies, really. What Sister Harriet wanted from me was to create energy for these kids to decide they wanted to be in a band." "It was always about the kids, always about how do we make

this better for the kids to provide them a better music education," he added. Thirty-eight years later, the music program — kick-started by Hamilton's dedication to the students — is still going strong, Bertini said. "She was always a sweetheart," Bertini said. "I watched her work with those kids and that was also something that was See HAMILTON, page 6

Acting Secret Service chief grilled about security failures

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Secret Service's acting director told lawmakers Tuesday that he considered it indefensible that the roof used by the gunman in the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump was unsecured and said it was regrettable that local law enforcement had not alerted his agency before the shooting that an armed subject had been spotted on a nearby roof. Ronald Rowe Jr. also testified that he recently visited the shooting site and laid down on the roof of the building where shots were fired in order to evaluate the gunman's line of sight during the July 13 shooting in Butler, Pennsylvania. "What I saw made me ashamed. As a career law enforcement officer and a 25-year Secret Service veteran, I cannot defend why that roof was not better secured," he said. The testimony was the most detailed catalog to date by the Secret Service of law enforcement failings and miscommunications, with Rowe accepting blame for his own agency's mistakes while also pointedly criticizing local law enforcement for communication breakdowns that resulted in his agency not receiving information that a gunman, later identified as 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks, had been seen on the roof of a building less than 150 yards from the rally stage

where Trump was speaking. "Neither the Secret Service counter sniper teams nor members of the former president's security detail had any knowledge that there was a man on the roof of the building with a firearm," Rowe said. "It is my understanding those personnel were not aware the assailant had a firearm until they heard gunshots." He said that the shooting amounted to a "failure on multiple levels," including a failure of imagination and a "failure to challenge our assumptions." "We assumed that the state and locals had it," Rowe said. "We made an assumption that there was going to be uniformed presence out there, that there would be sufficient eyes to cover that, that there was going to be counter-sniper teams" in the building from whose roof Crooks fired shots. "And I can assure you," Rowe added, "that we're not going to make that mistake again." He said he had implemented multiple reforms since taking over as acting director last week, including mandating that every event security plan is vetted by multiple experienced supervisors before being implemented, expanding the use of aerial drones to improve visibility of roofs, dedicating

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City, Cortland County begin sales tax negotiations

City seeks a larger share of revenue

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The city of Cortland wants to get more out of its sales tax agreement with Cortland County, with one of its major aims the offsetting of tax revenue lost from nontaxable properties. The city is 60% nontaxable properties, Mayor Scott Steve said, mostly nonprofits, government and religious properties. The city and the county began their discussions last Monday, Steve said. The Cortland Common Council voted, 6-0, in May to cancel and then renegotiate its sales tax agreement with the county, a necessary step to begin talks. The city also pushes for a kind of money pool to pay for engineering studies of old, disused buildings to help with grant applications, Steve said. Chair of the County Finance and Administration Committee Cathy Bischoff (D-Cortland) said Friday she can't share much about an ongoing negotiation, as did Steve, only confirming they began. County Legislator and Minority Leader Beau Harbin (D-Cortland) said he has consistently voted against the agreement between the city and the county, saying the city gets shorted.



Sarah Cobb, left, of Homer, makes a purchase Tuesday from barista Erin Johnson at Bru 64. Cortland is looking for a new sales tax agreement with Cortland County, aiming to get a bigger share.

Jack Lakowsky/Staff Reporter

Harbin won't be part of negotiations. "It's essentially decided by the county and imposed upon the city," Harbin said Tuesday. "I'm very much against that." Harbin said this is the first

time in six years the county reached out meaningfully. "My main sticking point all these years, why I voted against it, is to draw attention to the fact this was an unfair deal made for citizens without their input,"

Harbin said. Steve said ideally the city and the county can come to an agreement, but he's willing to pre-empt sales taxes generated See TAX, page 6



U.S. Secret Service Acting Director Ronald Rowe, left, and FBI Deputy Director Paul Abbate are sworn in before they testify before a hearing Tuesday, in Washington.

AP Photo/Kevin Wolf

Democratic contest to be Harris' running mate will most likely be decided next week

By BILL BARROW
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Associated Press

AMBLER, Pa. — Democrat Josh Shapiro had a dual message for enthusiastic voters in suburban Philadelphia this week, telling them Kamala Harris belongs in the White House — and then reminding them of all he's done as governor of battleground Pennsylvania. Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, likewise, told voters in Georgia that Harris has the makings of "a great president" — and then highlighted the elections he's won as a Democrat in Republican territory. The two governors were demonstrating a time-honored tradi-

tion in presidential campaigns: Summertime auditions from vice presidential contenders who walk the line between open self-promotion and loyal advocacy for the potential boss. Vice President Harris, the likely Democratic nominee, appears intent on making a choice that she's comfortable with personally and that can expand her electoral appeal in a matter of days. Her campaign has been vetting about a dozen potential running mates, according to people familiar with the search process. Shapiro and Arizona Sen. Mark Kelly are seen as among the front-runners, according to the people. Three people familiar with

the vice president's plans said Tuesday that she and her yet-to-be-named running mate would begin traveling to battleground states next week — suggesting that a decision could be coming soon. The people said they didn't know who her pick would be or which states Harris would visit, although one said Savannah, Georgia, was on the itinerary. They spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss details that haven't been made public. In the meantime, Harris advisers, led by former Attorney General Eric Holder, have been combing through reams of paperwork submitted by potential running mates, while the candidate herself is holding personal

conversations with the finalists, according to a person familiar with the matter. Harris, according to another person familiar with the matter, is seeking someone with executive experience who can also serve as a governing partner. Notions of a so-called short list have not stopped those on the Democrats' broader national bench from finding the spotlight. "I'm not going to talk about the interactions I've had with the campaign," Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker declared recently on MSNBC. He added, though: "Let's just say I'm aware that See VP, page 6

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Weather

Local

Rest of today: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Calm wind. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 85. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Skies Today

Wednesday, July 31, 2024
 Sunset today 8:27 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 5:57 a.m.
 Normal high temperature 81
 Normal low temperature 58
 Average temperature 70
 New moon Aug. 4

Extended

Thursday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

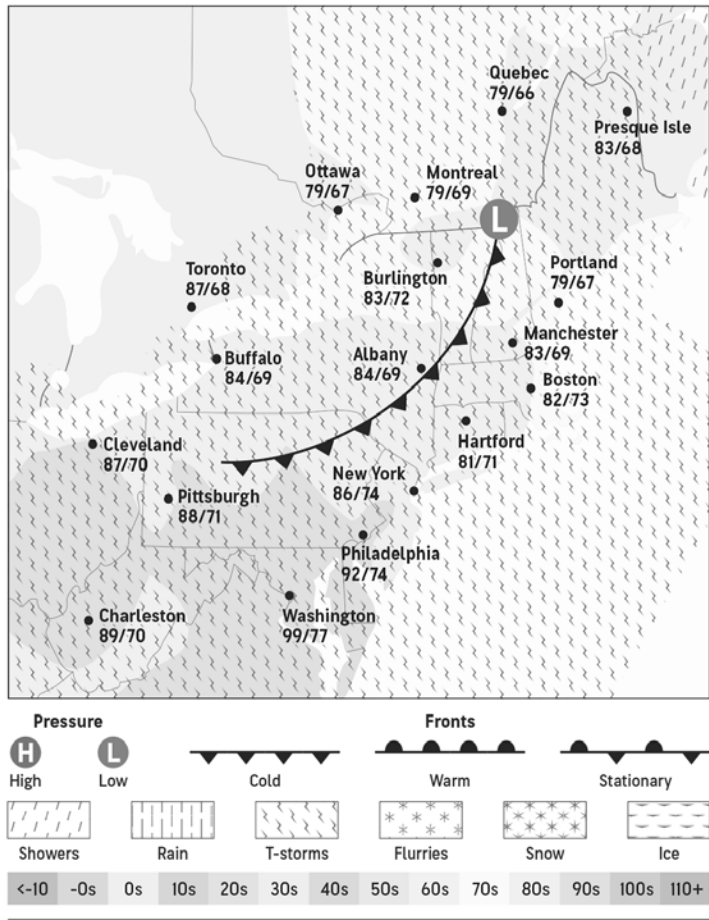
Friday: A chance of showers after 2 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 86. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Friday night: A chance of showers before 8 p.m., then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m., then a chance of showers after 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

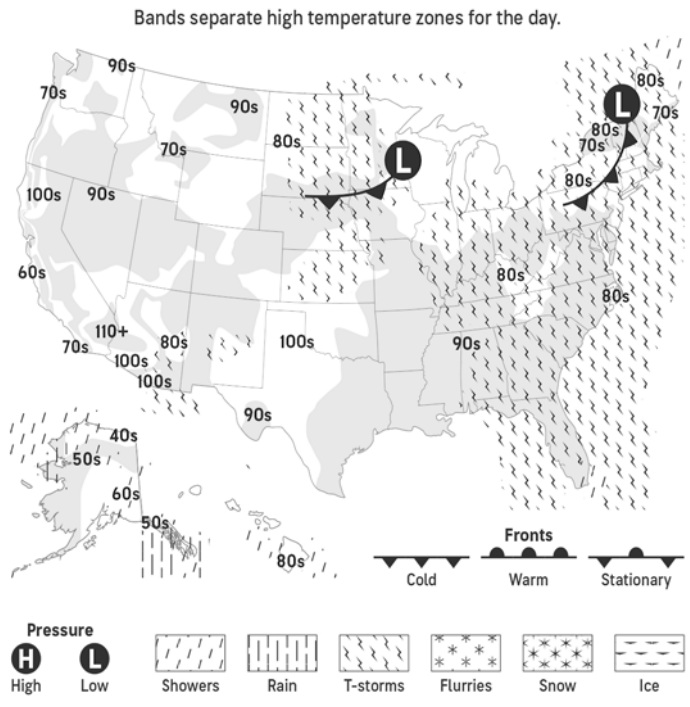
Precipitation

July 29-30 0.22 inches
 Month to date 2.89 inches

Forecast for Wednesday, July 31, 2024



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Lottery Winners

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

Numbers: Midday: 3-8-5, Evening: 6-4-9; **WinFour:** Midday: 3-4-8-7, Evening: 6-1-9-4; **Pick 10:** 1-4-9-19-22-23-24-26-32-33-35-41-44-45-47-58-63-64-70-78; **Take Five:** Midday: 8-15-31-36-39, Evening: 1-3-10-20-30; **Cash4Life:** 42-45-48-49-50, Cash Ball: 4; **Mega Millions:** 19-23-30-33-50, Mega Ball: 25, Megaplier: 2

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Republican challenge to NY's mail voting expansion reaches the state's highest court

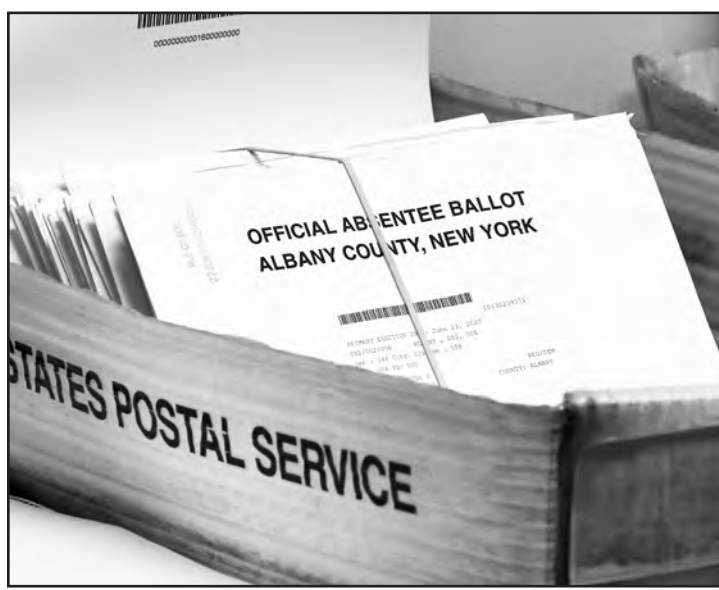
By ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE
 Associated Press

ALBANY — New York's highest court heard arguments Tuesday in a Republican challenge of a law that allows any registered voter to cast a mail-in ballot during the early voting period.

The case, which is led by Rep. Elise Stefanik and includes other lawmakers and the Republican National Committee, is part of a widespread GOP effort to tighten voting rules after the 2020 election.

Democrats approved the mail voting expansion law last year. The Republican challenge argues that it violates voting provisions in the state Constitution.

The hourlong arguments before the New York Court of Appeals in Albany hinged on technical readings of the Con-



In this June 30, 2020, file photo, a box of absentee ballots wait to be counted at the Albany County Board of Elections in Albany, New York.

stitution, specifically whether certain passages would allow

for the state Legislature to expand mail voting access.

At certain points in the hearing, judges quizzed attorneys on whether a constitutional provision that says eligible voters are entitled to vote "at every election" would mean a physical polling place or simply the election in general.

Michael Y. Hawrylchak, an attorney representing the Republicans, said that provision "presupposes a physical place" for in-person voting. Deputy Solicitor General Jeffrey W. Lang, who is representing the state, said the phrase "just refers to a process of selecting an office holder" and not any physical polling place.

Democrats first tried to expand mail voting through a constitutional amendment in 2021, but voters rejected the proposal after a campaign from conservatives who said it would lead to voter fraud.

Police: Man shot ghost gun at 2 teens in Salina

By TIMIA COBB
 syracuse.com (TNS)

SALINA — A 31-year-old man was arrested Sunday night after shooting at two teenage boys, deputies said.

Bior Ajak, 31, of Syracuse,

tried to shoot the 15-year-old and 16-year-old with a ghost gun on Noble Avenue in Salina, according to Thomas Newton, a spokesperson for the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies were called to Noble

Avenue around 7:45 p.m. Sunday for a reported shooting.

When deputies arrived, Ajak took off running on Taft Avenue, Newton said. Deputies chased him into a yard and tackled him, he said. Deputies found a ghost

gun on him, Newton said.

Ajak was charged with menacing, criminal possession of a weapon, criminal use of a firearm, reckless endangerment and criminal possession of a disguised gun.



A man enters as another leaves a store with an "Illicit Cannabis Seized" notice posted by inspectors in the window, June 23, 2023, in New York.

NYC cracks down on illegal weed shops, shutting some down

By CEDAR ATTANASIO
 and JENNIFER PELTZ
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thousands of marijuana shops boldly opened without a license in New York City after the state legalized recreational use of the drug, but after more than a year of lax enforcement, new state rules are finally allowing officials to padlock their doors.

New York City's sheriff's office says it has shuttered around 700 illegal stores since new state regulations passed in April. The unsanctioned shops had become ubiquitous across the Big Apple, when the city's power to step in had been limited and the legal market was mired in red tape.

Officials had estimated there were some 2,900 unlicensed vendors throughout New York City — compared to around 60 licensed dispensaries currently operating. But cannabis industry licensees say the sheriff is starting to bring order.

Enforcement used to be "kind of a joke, and now it's not," said Sasha Nutgent, retail director of Manhattan's Housing Works Cannabis Co., which rang up the state's first legal marijuana sale in December 2022.

Around 100 shops have successfully defended themselves against the fines since April, sometimes by citing faulty paperwork or the sheriff's lack of evidence, according to analyses of city administrative hearing data by The Associated Press and the City Council's investigative arm.

But some of those businesses still closed anyway.

When New York first legalized marijuana in 2021, the regulations initially didn't give local law enforcement agencies much power to punish unli-

censed sellers, assigning that to the nascent state Office of Cannabis Management. Officials stressed that they didn't want to "recriminalize" the drug as they tried to make up for decades of prosecutions.

Meanwhile, strict eligibility requirements on who could receive a license to open a dispensary, bureaucratic delays and lawsuits slowed the launch of legal stores. Gov. Kathy Hochul, a Democrat, declared the rollout a "disaster." New York still has only 150 dispensaries statewide. By comparison, California has around 1,200, though the state has also struggled to shut down illegal shops.

New York City and state officials have promised tough enforcement in the past. Last year, lawmakers expanded the state's powers for inspections, seizures and fines, which it then used to close some stores, while Manhattan's district attorney sent hundreds of sternly-worded letters to landlords. But most of the stores persisted, ignoring the threat of eviction or financial fines, and were able to continue operating as lengthy appeals played out.

While Housing Works has reported \$24 million in sales in its first year, Nutgent said some licensed stores have struggled because of the illicit competitors. They don't pay the additional taxes that helped legalization become palatable to legislators, and often flout state restrictions on advertising and promotions.

But since the new enforcement powers came in, business at licensed dispensary The Cannabis Place in Queens has increased by around 35% "because the customers in the area didn't have anywhere else to go," said manager Tamer Eltabib.

Obituaries

Lane Hoyt Quaille

Lane Hoyt Quaille of Scott left this world the same way he entered it, prematurely. Lane was tragically taken from us on July 19, 2024, at the age of 23. He won over many hearts from the NICU nurses to his own daughter instantly with his beautiful eyes, smile and personality. Lane left a lasting impression with every life he touched and had immense loyalty, popularity and charisma.



From elementary to his graduation in 2019, Lane wrestled and played football for Homer School District. He was a career mechanic with the ability to fix anything. Strong family traditions helped foster all outdoor activities, especially hunting, fishing and racing. He was so proud of his achievements and quick to tell stories, show his trophy, catch, plaque or rack. His brother Owen will always credit Lane for helping him get his first buck. Traditions also helped shape him into a respectable father, son, brother, nephew, cousin, grandson, partner and friend which made him the well-rounded young man we all loved. Lane embraced life, its challenges and offerings with peace and understanding, wise beyond his years.

Lane leaves behind his pride and joys, infant daughter Braelynn Anne and her adoring mom, Lane's partner, Hannah Roberts. Also surviving are his parents Jill Haines and Jeffrey Quaille, beloved brother Owen Quaille, his grandparents Butch and Carla Quaille of Scott, Carl and Bonnie Haines of Virgil, many aunts, uncles and cousins along with his step great-grandmother Elaine Warren. Lane was especially close to his cousins Dylan Bush, Braydon Homer and Karigan Quaille.

Predeceasing Lane was Grandmother Janet (Haines) Warner; great grandparents Don & Charlotte Osbeck; Jean & Jim Guillow; Dick & Janice Haines; Inez Quaille; Gysje & Abraham Havenaar and Russ Warren. He was also predeceased by Cousin Alexa Holley and many dear friends.

Family and close friends are invited to join a Celebration of Lane's life at the Homer Community Building at 53 South Main St., behind the Homer Fire Station from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 18, 2024. He leaves us with the reminder to always stay humble and kind.

Memorial condolences for the family may be left at www.DonaldLBarberFuneralHome.com.

Death Notices

PRUSINOWSKI — SMSGT Chester "Chet" Prusinowski died July 3, 2024. Celebration of Life Service is 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, at Moravia VFW Post 7127, Adams St., Moravia. Military Honors Service at 2:15 p.m.

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Community

1st look at county budget sees a 15.8% tax increase

Cortland County has five months to find new revenue or cut costs

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Cortland County residents would need to fund an additional \$6.2 million in 2025, county legislators were told Tuesday, to cover expenses in the 2025 budget year.

The additional amount would mean the county would have to collect an additional 15.8% from property taxpayers. While it's unlikely that legislators would want to increase taxes anywhere near that amount, it means the Legislature will face difficult choices

"There are no easy fixes for

some of the topics we will discuss today," Legislator Cathy Bischoff (D-Cortland) told the Finance and Administration Committee, which she chairs. The committee will review budget requests, recommend appropriations, and prepare the annual estimates for the tax levy.

Administrator Rob Corpora led an hour-long outline of challenges the Legislature will face in creating the spending plan for 2025. Its deadline is Dec. 20.

The limit on how much a county can increase the property tax levy is generally capped at 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. There are

some exceptions and mechanisms for governments to override the cap, but it typically requires a 60% majority vote from the legislature.

Corpora said the county expects payroll costs to increase \$2.4 million, and social services costs to rise \$1.8 million above its \$18.8 million this year. That's part of the \$6.2 million increase the county would need to spend above the \$36.8 million it budgeted for 2024. The county didn't provide a 2024 figure for payroll cost.

Cortland County expects to pay \$4.8 million into the state retirement system in 2025.

That's about \$1 million more than it expects to pay this year.

Like any budget, Cortland County's boils down to a few options. The county can increase revenue, or it can trim expenses. That comes as the county and the city of Cortland are re-negotiating how they share sales tax revenue

Revenue increases in small, rural counties are limited. Changing sales tax rates requires approval of the state legislature, leaving the property tax as the primary means to increase revenue.

That often sends some lawmakers toward taking a hard

look at spending and questioning if certain expenses are essential. Legislator Joe Nauseef, R-Cortlandville, asked about that option.

"Are we going to do independent evaluations of each department," he said, "to see where (spending levels) are at?"

Corpora said there are many services the county is not mandated to provide — for example, a road patrol in the sheriff's office — but funds it because it believes the expense is worth it.

Through the first six months of 2024, the county had spent \$528,653 of its assigned counsel budget. Assigned counsel pays

a private attorney to represent criminal defendants who cannot afford one when the Public Defender's Office has a conflict or is working to its capacity. The 2024 budget allows \$900,000 to be spent on the program; in 2025, \$1.1 million is budgeted for assigned counsel.

Because the county's pay rate for public defenders doesn't attract as many applicants as the county needs, Bischoff said, the county must depend on its assigned counsel program. That costs the county more.

"We simply don't have the lawyers now," she said. "We can't fill the positions."

Around the Towns

Guthrie, Rotary seek school supplies

Guthrie Cortland Medical Center and Medical Group, working with the Rotary Club of Cortland, have announced the Teacher's Pet School Supply Drive to help teachers with classroom basics.

"As much as we can appreciate the benefits of a good apple, we're asking the community to give our dedicated teachers the supplies they need for the coming school year," the hospital states in a release. "With tight budgets, we know teachers often look inward to provide their students with the best possible resources."

The hospital and Rotary will collect supplies from Thursday until Aug. 16. Bins will be in the hospital's lobby, Guthrie West Road Primary Care, Guthrie Homer Primary Care, Guthrie Cortland OB-GYN, Guthrie Cortland Orthopedics and Guthrie Cortland General Surgery.

Teacher needs include:

- Wipes.
- Soft tissues.
- Sandwich baggies.
- Gallon size baggies.
- Pencil grips for students.
- Sharpies and Flair pens.

Teachers can also use other supplies on a child's list: pens, pencils, paper, notebooks, folders and binders.

Rotary Club members will sort the items, to be delivered to the Cortland and Homer school districts.

National Night Out Tuesday in Homer

National Night Out is 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Homer Village Green, the village police department announced Tuesday via social media.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, the department said. The goal is to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

The department will offer a variety of events.

Tickets on sale for Cayuga Health gala

ITHACA — Tickets are on sale for the Cayuga Health Gala, a fundraising event Sept. 7 for the Cayuga Medical Center Foundation.

The black-tie optional event will be at the new Ithaca Downtown Conference Center to honor the hospital community, staff, donors and volunteers.

Proceeds will benefit Cayuga Health's Transforming Care fundraising campaign. The event includes dancing, a variety of raffles of vacation packages and a silent auction. Tickets are \$200, available at <http://tiny.cc/alwbz>.

Tompkins promotes Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

Tompkins County Whole Health is promoting a variety of services in connection with Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month in July.

Mental health services are available remotely or at 201 E. Green Street, Ithaca, with licensed clinical therapists providing individual and group counseling services for adults, children and youth, as well as family counseling. The public health department offers school-based services and has nurses and psychiatrists who provide medication-assisted therapy services as well as an on-site pharmacy.

Other programs include support for those involved in the justice system, including services to people in a mental, behavioral or emotional crisis. The Personalized Recovery Oriented Services provides group-based services for adults with severe and persistent mental illness looking to work on all aspects of their lives — social, work, education, housing, finding purpose — when mental health or substance use creates barriers.

The Community Health Worker program can help connect people to services, including mental health needs, by calling 607-274-6604.

"We recognize that systemic stigma, misrepresentation and lack of culturally responsive healthcare prevent minorities from seeking care," said department Commissioner Frank Kruppa. "Our clinicians and other staff complete ongoing professional development opportunities to support their knowledge and skills in trauma-informed care, cultural humility, bias awareness and other diversity, equity and inclusion trainings."

Fouts Farm in Groton is set to start Adopt a Cow Program for classrooms

Adopt a Cow

To sign up for the Adopt A Cow Program, go to bit.ly/3Wj8R20

By LILY BYRNE
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GROTON — Students can watch a local cow grow up in real time.

Fouts Farm, on Route 222 in Groton, is going to be the New York state farm for the Adopt a Cow Program, which is from the Dairy Excellence Foundation, a non-profit. This free program allows groups to see a calf grow up, learn about its life and see updates.

Julia Fouts, a fourth-generation farmer at Fouts Farm, said she will select two or three calves in the fall, assign them to schools, and send out updates and information.

"It sounds like a great way to communicate how we take care of our calves, and connect with people who maybe have no connection to agriculture," Fouts said. "It's a great opportunity for us to tell our story, and bring this program to Cortland County."

Classrooms, scout troops, 4-H, clubs, assisted-living programs and homeschoolers can sign up through the program. Updates, videos, farm tours and supplemental instructions are all provided online. It combines the life sciences essential to any farm, with the economics of any community or household that relies on what a farm produces.

Alison Sharpe, the agriculture teacher at Homer Junior High School, took part in the Adopt a Cow program in the past school year with a different farm. Her students enjoyed the updates, and the activity where they got to color in the seven breeds of dairy cows, she said.

"Dairy cows are a passion I have in my everyday life, so it's definitely something I try to pass down to



Lily Byrne/ Staff Reporter

A three-day-old calf lives at Fouts Farm, where people will soon be able to view the aging process of calves through the Adopt a Cow Program.

my students," Sharpe said. "I gave the program a try and it was super helpful. ... It's not so much that they are just hearing my stories, but they're hearing someone else's, too."

Her students were assigned a calf, Autumn, and learned every month or so how much she weighed, what she was eating and what she looked like.

"It's really cool to see, compared

to humans, how fast dairy cows grow," Sharpe said. "They tell you about the calf, the farm and the farmer that takes care of it."

Now that the program is local, Fouts and Sharpe hope the students will be able to visit their calf for a day. The program runs from October to May. The deadline to sign up is Sept. 16.

The program finishes with a livestream of the calf, where stu-

dents can ask the farmer questions.

"They're all going to have to be consumers," Sharpe said. "They probably eat dairy products."

"I think it helps kids connect a little more to where their food comes from, and it'll help them understand how we care a lot about our cows," Fouts said. "I think it can spark questions, so they can learn where their food is coming from at a young age."

Rev: Ithaca Startup Works puts new entrepreneurs through their paces

By LAURA REILEY
Contributing Writer

Inventing a product you can hold in your hands and bring to an awaiting market is sometimes likened to childbirth: If we knew how hard it was going to be, fewer of us would do it.

Over 10 weeks this summer, Rev's Prototyping Hardware Accelerator at Cornell University guided product teams from back-of-the-napkin ideas to fully-fledged startups producing climate technology to agricultural innovations, with projects that range from canoe racing tools to improved tea dispensers. Teams gained access to industry experts to figure out if their concept might be commercially desirable, technologically feasible and economically viable.

The program culminates in a free public demo day Thursday, where each team can show its progress and pitch its product to residents, potential investors and partners.

This year's 22 teams are the most diverse yet, said Ken Rother, director of Rev: Ithaca Startup Works, with about half students and half

professionals, and with a significant number of female founders and many participants with only a tangential connection to Cornell.

"I stumbled across Rev on LinkedIn," said AnalytiTech co-founder Christopher Cilip, who grew up in Corning, and has worked in deep-learning camera systems. For Bryan Wong, Pooja Patel and Sanjana Gurram, the team behind EquiPad, a sustainably designed disposable menstrual pad alternative, their connection was forged in a University of California, Berkeley course on taking plastics out of the supply chain.

But what unifies this year's teams is a deep desire to fix a problem, right a wrong or make elegant solutions accessible.

"For Christmas, I was spending time trying to find Cantonese-speaking toys for the children in my family," said Annie Hua, founder of Babel Blocks, an interactive stuffed animal that allows parents to customize language settings. "I'm not a parent, but I've talked to parents raising bilingual or multilingual kids, and they say it's hard to find

toys in their languages."

"The toy industry creates a lot of waste, and plastic toys are not held onto as long. A stuffed animal is something with the potential to last longer than a plastic toy, and what I've created is washable and may be customizable," said Hua, a graduate of the University of Nebraska who connected with Cornell and Rev via a women and entrepreneurship program while working at Bank of America.

With the aim of developing a toy that can speak 15 languages, which parents change, Hua said equity is another driver in her mission.

"A common complaint with lower-income families is they just don't have the time to read to their kids. They might have tried to teach their native language to their children but fell off due to time constraints," Hua said.

For the team behind EquiPad, an eight-month journey began with a question of how best to have an effect on people at every income level.

"We decided that we don't need to boil the ocean to make an im-

pact," Sanjana Gurram said of their idea: a roll-format dispenser for menstrual pads that can be made of cellulose from any plant waste. Their aim is to debut dispensers for the product in American schools, universities and workplaces. But creating pads that are more affordable, accessible and discreet has significant applications in developing countries where girls and women may miss school or work because of lack of access to menstrual aids.

Deanna Kocher, associate director of Rev's hardware programs and a visiting lecturer at the Sibley School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, says this year's cohort has been especially collaborative.

"Many teams are taking a very focused and streamlined approach to their development," she said. "They're making sure they focus on the most critical items first and making adjustments and pivots accordingly."

Laura Reiley writes for Cornell Chronicle.

A bite of nostalgia, in the form of ham and cheese sliders

By BETH DOOLEY
Star Tribune (TNS)

What's a no-fail recipe for summer gatherings? My dad's old-timey ham and cheese sliders never fail to deliver.

There's nothing fancy about these mini sandwiches, but the first bite is bound to kick-start all kinds of nostalgia. Melty, gooey and delicious, they continue to be the main attraction at our family reunions, bridal showers and graduations. They're ridiculously easy to make and embarrassingly indulgent; consider that U.S. Navy sailors coined the term slider during World War II as a nickname for greasy hamburgers because they "slid right down."

Essential to these handheld treats are the fluffy, tender, slightly sweet and right-sized golden Hawaiian buns. I like to slather them with a simple mustard-mayo mix. Be sure to use a good prepared mayonnaise (Hellmann's or Duke's) and rough whole grain Dijon mustard (any extra can be stored in the fridge). I prefer ham, but you can opt for thinly sliced turkey or corned beef.

Swiss cheese works nicely, but choose any mild variety — Gouda, Muenster, mild Cheddar, provolone or Gruyère. Be sure to brush the tops with the tangy, honey-kissed glaze before baking in a low oven to lush goopy perfection. A sprinkling of sesame or poppy seeds on top gives these a delightful crunch.

Ham and cheese sliders are easy to scale up for a crowd; they can be prepped ahead, glazed and baked off to serve, slightly crusty at the edges, and piping hot.

They're also my too-busy-to-cook meal I fall back on when I just want something homey paired with a tangy coleslaw or dark green salad tossed in sharp vinaigrette.

Ready in less than 10 minutes with no fuss, these retro combos are the ultimate party fare and the easiest dinner for two.

HAM AND CHEESE SLIDERS

Makes 12 sandwiches.

You can assemble these ahead, cover with plastic wrap and hold in the refrigerator until ready to glaze and bake off right before serving.

3 tbsp. Dijon mustard
3 tbsp. quality mayonnaise, such as Hellmann's or Duke's
1 (12-oz.) pkg. Hawaiian rolls

1/2 lb. thinly sliced deli ham, smoked turkey or corned beef

1/2 lb. thinly sliced Swiss, provolone, Muenster, Cheddar or Gruyère cheese

1/4 c. (1/2 stick) butter, melted

1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 tbsp. honey
2 tsp. sesame or poppy seeds

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees; line a baking sheet with parchment paper leaving about 2 inches hanging over the sides.

In a small dish, whisk together the mustard and mayonnaise. Set aside.

Slice the sheet of rolls in half horizontally (do not break them apart into individual rolls.) Place the bottom half of the rolls on the sheet pan, cut side up. Slather the cut side with half of the mayo-mustard mixture. Add half the ham, layering it evenly over the bread followed by all of the cheese, then top with the remaining ham.

Slather the cut side of the top of the rolls with the remaining mayo-mustard mixture. Place over the layer of ham.

In a small bowl, whisk together the melted butter, Worcestershire sauce and honey. Brush over the tops and sides of the rolls. Sprinkle with the sesame seeds.

Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 20 minutes. Remove the foil and continue baking, uncovered, until the rolls look nicely brown and toasted, about 5 more minutes.



Sebastian Czapnik/Dreamstime/TNS

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Milk Street via AP

In the Turkish meze dish Circassian chicken, instead of mayonnaise a creamy garlic and walnut sauce is used.

Skip mayo for an elevated take on chicken salad

By CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL
Christopher Kimball's Milk Street

Circassian chicken, or çerkez tavuğu in Turkish, is a popular meze dish and an elevated form of chicken salad that ditches the classic mayonnaise in favor of a rich and creamy, bread-thickened garlic and walnut sauce.

The chicken is poached in a simple broth seasoned with garlic, onion and parsley. The same broth then is used to moisten the stale bread that gives the dressing its body. The bread also is blended with the poached garlic and chopped walnuts, and some of the sauce is tossed with shredded chicken and lemon juice.

The chicken is plated over a layer of the remaining sauce and sprinkled with more chopped parsley and walnuts. To stale the bread for making the sauce, simply leave the slices out for a few hours; they should feel dryish on the surface but not brittle.

The dish, from our cookbook "Milk Street 365: The All-Purpose Cookbook for Every Day of the Year," is an example of Circassian palace cuisine. Driven out of their homeland in the 1800s, many Circassians

relocated to what was then the Ottoman Empire; some were installed at the palace, and they brought their distinctive cooking techniques with them.

For a finishing touch, sizzle Aleppo pepper in butter until fragrant and the fat takes on a reddish hue. Drizzle the mixture over the chicken and serve the salad with warm pita bread, sliced radishes and pickles on the side.

CIRCASSIAN CHICKEN

Start to finish: 45 minutes
Servings: 6

Ingredients

3 pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken breasts or thighs
1 medium yellow onion, root end intact, peeled and quartered lengthwise
5 medium garlic cloves, smashed and peeled
About 10 sprigs flat-leaf parsley, plus 1/4 cup roughly chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
Kosher salt and ground black pepper
3 slices stale white sandwich bread (see headnote), crusts removed (about 4 ounces)
1 cup walnuts, chopped
3 tablespoons lemon juice

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon salted butter, cut into 2 pieces

1 tablespoon Aleppo pepper or 2 teaspoons sweet paprika

Directions

In a large pot, combine the chicken, onion, garlic, parsley sprigs, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon black pepper and 7 cups water. Bring to a simmer over medium-high, then cover, reduce to low and cook, occasionally turning the chicken, until the thickest part of the largest breast (if using) reaches 160°F, 20 to 25 minutes, or the thickest part of the largest thigh (if using) reaches 175°F, 25 to 30 minutes. Using tongs, transfer the chicken to a large plate; set aside until cool enough to handle.

While the chicken cools, strain the broth through a fine-mesh sieve set over a medium bowl. Transfer the garlic cloves to a blender jar; discard the remaining solids. Using tongs or a slotted spoon, lower each slice of bread into the broth just until fully moistened; using your hands, gently squeeze to remove excess liquid and add the bread to the blender. Mea-

sure 3 tablespoons walnuts and set aside for garnish; add the remainder to the blender. Start the blender, then remove the center cap on the blender lid. With the blender running on high, stream in about 1/4 cup broth and puree until the mixture is smooth and has the consistency of pourable yogurt; leave the sauce in the blender and set aside.

Shred the chicken into bite-size pieces, discarding the skin and bones. Add the meat to a large bowl. Measure 1 cup of the sauce and add to the chicken along with the lemon juice; toss. If the mixture is too thick, stir in additional broth a few teaspoons at a time to thin. Taste and season with salt and black pepper.

Onto a serving platter, spoon the remaining sauce and spread in an even layer. Spoon the chicken mixture on top and sprinkle with the chopped parsley and reserved walnuts.

In an 8-inch skillet over medium, heat the oil and butter until the butter melts. Add the Aleppo pepper and cook, swirling the pan, until the mixture is fragrant and the fat takes on a reddish hue, about 1 minute. Drizzle the mixture over the chicken and serve.

Quick Fix

Caprese spaghetti pasta salad makes a light, summery dish

By LINDA GASSENHEIMER
Tribune News Service (TNS)

I was thinking about making a light summer salad and saw a caprese salad made with tomatoes and mozzarella cheese. I decided to combine tomatoes and cheese with spaghetti to make a vegetarian pasta salad.

The juicy tomatoes, creamy mozzarella and fragrant basil made a great accompaniment for the spaghetti in this quick and easy dinner. You can serve it when it's made or later at room temperature.

HELPFUL HINTS

Chopped walnuts or almonds can be used instead of pistachio nuts.

COUNTDOWN

Place water for spaghetti to boil.
Prepare all ingredients.
Boil pasta.
Cook the remaining ingredients.

SHOPPING LIST

To buy: 4 tomatoes, 1 bunch fresh basil, 1 bottle dried oregano, 1 package whole

wheat spaghetti (4 ounce needed), 1 container mozzarella cheese (6 ounces needed), 1 container shelled pistachio nuts and 1 bottle balsamic vinegar.

Staples: olive oil, onion, garlic, salt and black peppercorns.

CAPRESE SPAGHETTI PASTA SALAD

4 ounces whole wheat spaghetti
2 teaspoons dried oregano
1/2 cup sliced onion
4 crushed garlic cloves
3 teaspoons olive oil, divided use
4 cups fresh tomato cubes, about 1/2 to 1-inch pieces
6 ounces mozzarella cheese cut into 1/2 to 1-inch pieces
1 cup fresh basil torn into bite-size pieces

Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1/4 cup pistachio nuts
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add the spaghetti, stir and boil 8 minutes or according to your package instructions.

Drain. Meanwhile heat 1 teaspoon olive oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add the oregano, onion and garlic. Sauté 2 minutes. Add the tomatoes and cook until they give off their juice, about 5 minutes. Add the drained pasta to the skillet and toss well. Add the basil, cheese, pistachios and salt and pepper to taste. Remove from the heat. Mix the remaining 2 teaspoons olive oil and balsamic vinegar together. Add to the skillet and toss well with all the ingredients. Divide between two dinner plates.

Yield 2 servings.

Per serving: 667 calories (40 percent from fat), 29.9 g fat (10.8 g saturated, 11.1 g monounsaturated), 54 mg cholesterol, 36.2 g protein, 70.8 g carbohydrates, 12.5 g fiber, 555 mg sodium.

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Linda Gassenheimer/TNS

Tomatoes, mozzarella and basil come together to help make this caprese spaghetti pasta salad a light, savory dish.

VP Harris has the US focused on multiracial identity

By **TERRY TANG**
Associated Press

An election year that was already bitterly partisan has been completely upended by President Joe Biden's decision to drop out of the 2024 White House race and endorse Vice President Kamala Harris. But it's not just Harris's late entry that has electrified things. It's also the history to be made if the likely Democratic nominee becomes the first female president who is also multiracial.

The daughter of a Jamaican father and an Indian mother, both of whom immigrated to the U.S. during the Civil Rights Movement, Harris's historic presidential bid has again put a spotlight on American identity politics and the growing number of people who say they are multiracial.

Different countries divide people into categories depending on different national traditions. The U.S., with its slavery-molded history, divides people into Black or white, and nine million people identified as multiracial in 2010.

When Harris ran for vice president in 2020, 33.8 million people in the U.S. identified as being more than one race, according to the census.

Is Kamala Harris a Black woman?

Yes, she is. Her father Donald Jasper Harris, professor emeritus of economics at Stanford University, is a naturalized U.S. citizen born in Jamaica.

Harris has said her mother deliberately raised her and her sister as Black because she felt that was how the world would see them first. Harris chose to go to Howard University, a historically Black college and university in Washington, D.C. The vice president maintains close ties to her alma mater and to her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Being multiracial often means people try to categorize you and then treat you accordingly, said Dr. Kalya Castillo, a licensed psychologist in New York whose clinical interests include multiracial identity. She has met with patients who come for therapy for one issue and end up talking about being biracial or multiracial.

"What are the messages that you've received from your family along with the outside community and society?" said Castillo, who is Black and Japanese. "I have more people who are curious about exploring that now."

Every multiracial person's experience and how they choose to present themselves is different. There's also no predicting if someone decides to stereotype you. Castillo said many people



Vice President Kamala Harris, right, salutes upon arrival at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, Saturday.

assume she is a member of a "model minority" group because of her Japanese heritage.

Growing up, however, her Asian mother was afraid how Castillo would be treated if people saw her as Black.

"She knew a bit about the discrimination that African-Americans, Blacks, have faced in America," Castillo said.

Is Kamala Harris also an Indian American woman?

Yes, she is. Her late mother Shyamala Gopalan, a biomedical scientist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, was born in India.

In 2020, there was criticism that Harris' Indian heritage wasn't given much media attention. Some wonder if that's happening again.

"What I've already seen just in the last 24 hours is folks who are advocates for the South Asian community arguing or complaining that her Asian-ness is getting erased," said Stephen Caliendo, co-founder and co-director of The Project on Race in Political Communication at North Central College.

"She's often referred to as a Black woman candidate," he said.

From the playground to the workplace, being multiracial can be fraught with challenges. In politics, it can spark attacks rooted in race instead of policy disagreements.

The day after Harris replaced Biden at the top of the Democratic presidential ticket, Tennessee Republican Rep. Tim Burchett called her a "DEI hire" in a TV interview. Conservatives



Vice President Kamala Harris is greeted by Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens, left, and Fulton County Chairman Rob Pitts, right, as she arrives at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Tuesday, in Atlanta, where she will be attending a campaign rally.

have been using diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives to argue that unqualified people get hired solely based on their race and gender.

But, GOP leaders are now urging Republicans to lay off racist and sexist attacks for fear of alienating voters.

Andra Gillespie, a political science professor at Emory University who has written extensively about Black politicians and political mobilization and race, says both racist and sexist tropes were inevitable for Harris. GOP vice presidential nominee JD Vance said at a rally that Harris has been only "collecting a government paycheck for the last 20 years."

"Kamala Harris got some-

thing that was especially tailored to stereotypes about Black women," Gillespie said.

Even seemingly innocuous words from Harris sparked what seemed like racist arguments, Caliendo said. In her first statement after Biden's withdrawal, Harris announced "my intention is to earn and win this nomination." Very quickly, some Republican officials quipped that she hadn't earned anything.

"It plays into a stereotype of undeserving members of minority groups, particularly women, 'welfare queen' kind of thing," Caliendo said. "She feels entitled to something that she hasn't earned. She's using it as an inoculation against what she expects."

AP Photo/Stephanie Scarbrough, Pool

Conservatives have also butchered Harris' first name, igniting accusations of racism and disrespect. Kamala (KAH'-mah-lah) means lotus in Sanskrit. In his first rally since Harris became the likely Democratic nominee, Republican Donald Trump repeatedly mispronounced her name as part of a broad attack on someone he called his "new victim to defeat." And at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee earlier this month, several speakers mispronounced the vice president's name.

Supporters say these mispronunciations are meant to stress her multiracial background as something scary.

"I think we should all expect more, from all corners of American civic life. But certainly we should expect more from the halls of Congress," said Chintan Patel, director of the political empowerment organization Indian American Impact.

Do some people think the vice president isn't Black or South Asian enough?

When Harris announced her presidential candidacy the first time in 2019, it didn't take long for people in the Black community to question if she was "Black enough." Some cited the fact she is Jamaican, not African American. Others pointed to her marriage to Doug Emhoff, who is white. Candidate Harris decided to address these accusations head-on by going on all-Black-hosted radio shows like "The Breakfast Club."

"I'm Black, and I'm proud of being Black," Harris, then a U.S. senator, said in the 2019 radio

interview. "I was born Black. I will die Black, and I'm not going to make excuses for anybody because they don't understand."

Gillespie called such a criticism a tired trope, saying Harris has always rightfully been a part of the Black community and the Black experience. Gillespie also points to the two Zoom calls held this week by Black women and Black men, respectively, that raised nearly \$3 million.

"The idea that you could get tens of thousands of Black people on a call that was organized at the last minute to talk about how are we going to support this presidential candidate, I think speaks volumes to how Black grassroots activists are going to organize in support of her and how they're organizing and embracing her as a member of their community," Gillespie said.

Patel also hit back at any notion that Harris is not "Indian enough." He praised her for supporting Indian American Impact when it launched in 2018.

"She has keynoted at many community events that we've had across the years, across the country. She's hosted Diwali event celebrations, Eid celebrations at her home," Patel said. "She's really showed up and championed South Asian American communities."

Why do racial labels continue to matter in American politics?

The idea that someone gets to be the authority on someone else's racial identity is reminiscent of the "one-drop rule." A legal principle rooted in slavery, the so-called rule determined anyone with even a drop of Black lineage could not own land or be free. To come up with criteria to validate a multiracial person is pointless and hurtful, Castillo said.

"Your legitimacy is questioned. It's like this superficial, arbitrary stuff that's like super performative," Castillo said.

What Castillo has found helpful is the "Bill of Rights for Racially Mixed People," a list published by Maria Root, a renowned clinical psychologist who is also bi-racial, in 1993. The list contains a dozen declarations such as "I have the right not to justify my ethnic legitimacy." Castillo showed it to her daughter after the girl's friends argued "what percentage Asian she was versus Black."

"It's also been super-empowering for me," Castillo said. "It's something that I still am trying to practice and really be thoughtful about when I'm in situations in which I think people are trying to tell me who I am."

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Persistence paid off in Virgil

Virgil residents knew what they wanted — and they wouldn't give up.

Virgil Elementary School had long been the heart of their community. It was not only a place where generations were educated, it was a gathering place for the community and a source of pride. The 30,163-square-foot brick building at the main intersection of the rural community cast an imposing impression.

Virgil Central School formed in 1930-31, combining nine small districts in Virgil, Harford, Cortlandville, Dryden and Lap- eer.

A state commission's call in 1955 to combine small, low-enrollment districts led to sweeping mergers statewide, including a 263-184 vote in 1965 in

the Virgil district to merge with Cortland schools, creating the Cortland Enlarged City School District. Virgil kindergarten through sixth graders remained at the Virgil school and older students began attending high school in Cortland.

When the Cortland Enlarged City School District board of education began discussing consolidating buildings more than five years ago as it struggled with a budget crisis and declining enrollment, Virgil residents fought to keep Virgil Elementary School open.

Older residents recalled an agreement at the time of the 1965 merger that would keep the Virgil school open in perpetuity, but a search for a document codifying the plan was fruitless.

When the school board voted to close Virgil Elementary School and Parker Elementary School in Cortland at the end of the 2018-19 school year, Virgil residents did not give up hope. They pressed for the city school district and town board to salvage some vestige of the former school's role, such as bringing in a charter school or creating a community center.

They urged the Virgil Town Board to buy the building, but officials declined. The building was too large for the town government's needs and too expensive to maintain.

When a Cortland developer proposed in 2021 renovating the building for market rate housing, voters came out in large numbers to defeat the project

and hold onto their dreams.

After the plan was scuttled, options seemed few. The next year, however, Virgil resident Steve Terwilliger unveiled a plan to redevelop the building, creating apartments but also featuring a community center.

Terwilliger enlisted the help of the Homer Center for the Arts, which brought in center Executive Director Ty Marshal and his record of developing programming.

The town board created zoning to clear the way for redevelopment of the 4.9-acre site.

The community center began offering programs in the last couple of months, five years after the Virgil Elementary School closed its doors. The persistence of town residents paid off.

Letters

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Good Old Days

July 31, 1974

McGRAW — A backyard Carnival is being planned by Denise Ackley and her friends and will be held this Friday from 1-5 p.m. at her grandparents' backyard at 33 North St.

The proceeds will go for the fight for those with muscular dystrophy. There is no cure for this disease that afflicts children, and money raised by children's carnivals goes for research to help with treatments. Those working on the carnival with Denise are Martin Ackley, Carol McGuinness, Yvonne Brown, David McGuinness, Dawn Sickles, Bobby McGuinness, and Brenda Bement.

July 31, 1999

CUYLER — The dream of a new fire station might be coming true for local volunteers.

The fire department purchased the old Newcomb Ford building on the corner of state Route 13 and Tripoli Road from Cortland County in 1997 for \$7,000 with the hopes that the department could get some money to fix it up.

The department spent the next two years looking for government grants to support the project, with no luck. Finally, members asked the fire district to help them get money together for the \$170,000 estimated cost of the renovation.

Now, the district is planning to lease the facility from the department, which will allow the department to get a loan for the amount needed, explained Judy Custer, fire commissioner for Cuyler.

July 31, 2014

Over 100 children got a taste of what it's like to be a firefighter Wednesday, as they rode on city fire trucks, donned hazmat suits and escaped a "smoke" filled bedroom during Firefighter for a Day camp at Suggest Park.

Watching her oldest son ride in a bucket to the top of the city fire department's ladder truck, Elaine DeRado of Cortland gushed that the camp was "awesome."

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fascinating to me. ... Sister Harriet was a tiny human being in size, but she was a commanding presence.”

The National Catholic Education Association and the National Association of Elementary School Principals honored Hamilton for distinguished service in 1997. In her 52 years in education, Hamilton was an elementary school teacher, high school teacher and a principal.

“When I think it’s been 60 years, it’s quite a surprise,” Hamilton told the Catholic Sun in 2015, celebrating her 60th anniversary as a Franciscan Sister of Allegany. “I think I am proudest of the children I taught, and the people I worked with over the years.”

Dexter — a 1965 high school graduate of St. Mary’s — first met Hamilton when she came to the school as a principal.

“We were struggling a little bit at a time with enrollment,” Dexter said. “Sister Harriet was very instrumental in getting the Pre-K program going when she was here, which increased the number of kids and once you had kids in the Pre-K Program — if you were lucky enough — the kids would stay on and it helped the enrollment.”

Hamilton’s time wasn’t limited to just the school — she often volunteered throughout the community, like her work in Cincinnatus. She volunteered with the Cortland Chenango Rural Services, which operates a food pantry and second-hand clothes shop.

Beyond teaching and volunteer work, Hamilton enjoyed fishing. Her favorite day to fish: opening day of the season. She loved to eat the fish, too, she said when she became principal in 1986.

“You won’t find very many people that would say any bad things about Sister Harriet or what she did for the community, especially the 22 years when she was principal,” Dexter said. “And then she stayed in the community for another 14 years. ... She did a lot of things in the community, probably a lot of it behind the scenes.”

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more resources to improve communications at events where the Secret Service is operating. He said he’s also directed that federal and local counter snipers work together on roofs.

Trump, the 2024 Republican presidential nominee, was struck in the ear by a bullet or a bullet fragment in the assassination attempt, one rallygoer was killed and two others were injured before the gunman was killed by a Secret Service counter-sniper.

The blunt and at times emotional testimony Tuesday, featuring combative exchanges with lawmakers, ensured that an already simmering blame game between federal and local authorities will continue. It also suggested that Rowe, with ready and generally detailed answers, was determined to strike a dif-

ferent posture than that of his predecessor, Kimberly Cheatle, who resigned last week after facing intense criticism from lawmakers from both major political parties following responses at a congressional hearing that were seen as evasive and lacking in specifics.

Tuesday’s hearing before the Senate Judiciary and Homeland Security committees was the latest in a series of congressional sessions dedicated to the law enforcement lapses and missed communications that preceded the shooting.

Local law enforcement officers had first observed a suspicious-looking man at the rally site more than an hour before the event and circulated that information, including photographs of a man who turned out to be Crooks. But the officers ultimately lost track of Crooks,

who was able to scale the roof of a building at AGR International Inc., a supplier of automation equipment for the glass and plastic packaging industry, and fire an estimated eight shots with an AR-15-style rifle.

Shortly before the shooting, a local officer climbed up to the roof to investigate. Crooks turned and pointed his rifle at the officer, who retreated.

Even though text messages among local snipers revealed anxiety about the man, Rowe said the only thing the Secret Service knew at the time of the shooting was that law enforcement was contending with a suspicious-looking man.

“No information regarding a weapon on a roof was ever passed to our personnel,” Rowe said. At another point, he noted, “It is troubling to me that we did not get that information as

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the vetting process is quite an in depth one.” Then he listed his accomplishments, offering that he was the only Midwestern governor to raise his state minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, once held out as an ideal nominee if Biden bailed out, has said, more or less, that she’s not a contender. But she appeared Monday with Shapiro in Pennsylvania and mused on MSNBC last week that “two women on the ticket would be exciting.”

Harris would be the first woman, first Black woman and first person of South Asian descent to serve as president. Many Democrats have argued she should balance her ticket both demographically and politically.

DEMS’ VP LIST HAS NOTABLE DIFFERENCES

Shapiro, 51, is among the most popular U.S. governors, winning his 2022 election in a rout over a Trump-endorsed Republican. He’s an outspoken supporter of abortion rights who has won three statewide elections in Pennsylvania.

His speaking style draws comparisons to former President Barack Obama. But he has taken flak from the left for his support for



AP Photo/Matt Rourke

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, left, meets with attendees during a campaign event for Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Kamala Harris in Ambler, Pennsylvania, Monday.

Israel’s war on Hamas, a private school voucher program and natural gas infrastructure.

His allies argue that he would help Harris win Pennsylvania, complicating if not blocking Republican Donald Trump’s path to an Electoral College majority.

Like all contenders, Shapiro sidesteps questions about the vetting process and stresses Harris should not be pressured. But he’s mentioned more than once that he’s

known her for nearly two decades.

Beshear stands out in a heavily Republican state. During his weekend stop in Georgia, he talked of winning votes in “tough counties” but emphasized liberal bona fides: “I am a proud pro-union governor. I am a proud pro-choice governor. I am a proud public education governor. I am a proud pro-diversity governor.”

Closest in age to JD Vance among the Democrats’ possibilities,

Beshear openly mocks Trump’s understudy for presenting himself as a son of Appalachia. “I mean, there’s a county that JD Vance says he’s from in Kentucky — and I won it by 22 points last November,” he said.

Back home in Frankfort recently, Beshear played down the importance of being from a battleground, saying, “About every successful ticket going back to 2000 did not have someone in a swing state.”

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in Cortland. This way the city would collect it all inside the city — leaving the county and other municipalities to share what’s generated outside the city.

But gauging how much sales tax revenue is generated inside the city is difficult. And many of the most lucrative generators — car dealerships — do business outside the city.

According to the 10-year agreement, which began in 2019, the county gets \$1.5 million off the top of sales tax revenue. After that, it got 54% of the rest of the revenue; the city got 17.75% and towns and villages got 28.25%, for the first five years of the agreement.

After the first five years, the share changed. The county gets 55% of the distributed sales tax, plus the \$1.5 million off the top, while the city’s share fell to 17.38% and the towns and villages went to 27.62%.

Cortland County finished 2022 with \$39.2 million in sales tax revenue, show data from the state Comptroller’s Office. In 2023, the county budgeted for \$36.5 million in sales tax revenue.

Based on the 2022 figure, and the formula from the first five years of the agreement, the county received \$21.9 million, the city received \$6.7 million and the towns and villages received \$10.7 million.

Depending on negotiations, the city’s share could increase. If it does, city residents would pay less in property taxes at the cost of other county residents, who would pay more. However, the city’s share could also decrease. If it does, city residents would pay more in taxes while other county residents would pay less.

Sarah Cobb of Homer, sipping a lavender-colored iced beverage at Bru 64 in Cortland, said there should be a way to redistribute the tax burden without imposing further expense on taxpayers.

“Don’t we pay enough for taxes already?” Cobb said.

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Olympics

Basketball: Strazel helps lift France past Japan in OT

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
AP Sports Writer
VILLENEUVE-D'ASCQ,
France — In any language, expletives are sometimes present on the basketball court.

on Tuesday, French star Victor Wembanyama couldn't help letting one go.

"Let's (expletive) go!" he shouted as he turned to run back up the court.

"It's basketball players' things," Wembanyama said. "I think in Mongolia, Australia or North Pole, they say 'Let's go,'

too."

France got a tying four-point play by Matthew Strazel at the end of regulation, and Wembanyama scored eight of his 18 points in overtime. Strazel finished with 17 points to help France remain unbeaten in Group B play.

Wembanyama's eighth point

in OT gave France a 92-84 cushion. Japan fought back and got within 92-90, but the home team was able to close it out at the free-throw line.

"I don't think we've experienced such a team," Wembanyama said. "We have to give props, respect to this. They really know how to use their strength. We

can learn from them."

Rui Hachimura had 24 points for Japan before being ejected for his second unsportsmanlike foul early in the fourth quarter. Japan fell to 0-2 and is in danger of being eliminated with one group-stage game remaining.

Yuki Kawamura picked up the scoring load, topping Japan

with 29 points, connecting on six 3-pointers.

The game was tight throughout regulation.

Japan got within 72-70 on back-to-back 3-pointers by Hachimura. But on France's next possession his foul on Rudy

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AP Photo/Charlie Riedel

Simone Biles, of the United States, performs on the vault during the women's artistic gymnastics team finals round at Bercy Arena at the 2024 Summer Olympics, Tuesday, in Paris, France.

Team USA powers to gold in women's gymnastics

By WILL GRAVES
AP National Writer
PARIS — Simone Biles, Jordan Chiles and Sunisa Lee spent the night before perhaps the biggest gymnastics meet of their lives restless.

There was a tension in the air. They'd all been in the Olympic spotlight before, experiences that left them with medals but also the kind of scars — be they physical, psychological or both — that heal but never really go away.

And here they were in Paris, the leaders of a star-laden U.S. team everyone expected to finish atop the medal stand, and something wasn't right.

In a different time, in a different era, it might have festered. Might have followed them onto the floor at Bercy Arena and into the history books, too.

This is not a different time. This is not a different era. This is now.

So the oldest team the U.S. has ever sent to the Olympics, a group that has spent their respective careers breaking barriers about what a female gymnast can and can't do, what they can and can't be, did something they never used to do.

They talked, with Biles — three years removed from a Tokyo Games that dragged the conversation around mental health and sports kicking and screaming into the light — right in the middle of it.

"I think there was a little bit of struggle," she said. "So it was really needed."

By the time they walked onto the floor for the Olympic final, the tension was gone, largely replaced with joy.

And not soon after, gold.

The self-described "Redemption Tour," the moniker given to a team filled with women who wanted to return to the Games for deeply personal reasons, ended with Biles and the Americans where they have almost always been since she burst onto the scene 11 years ago: on top of the podium, the rest of the world looking up.

Eight years after winning gold in Rio with a group that called Aly Raisman grandma because she was all of 22, Biles — now 27 and married — was back again with Jade Carey (24), Chiles (23), Lee (21) and teenager Hezly Rivera at her side.

"We don't have to be put in the box anymore," Biles said.

No, they don't.

With Biles at her show-stopping best, the Americans' total of 171.296 was well clear of Italy and Brazil and the exclamation point of a yearlong run in which Biles has cemented her legacy as the greatest ever in her sport, and among the best in the history of the Olympics.

"She's the greatest of all greats," said Chiles, who now has gold to go with the team silver she, Lee and Biles earned in Tokyo, when Biles removed herself from the team final to protect herself.

Chiles, who seemed like a longshot to make it this spring after injuries piled up, was pretty good in her own right. She began the night by drilling her double-twisting Yurchenko vault, sending the Americans on a four-apparatus stop on their "Tour" that felt equal parts coronation and celebration.

By the time Biles, the left calf that bothered her during qualifying heavily taped, stepped onto the floor for the final event — a floor exercise set to music by Taylor Swift and Beyonce — it was over.

She joked she knew she simply needed to stay on her feet to win. She did more than

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US men's soccer team ends 24-year wait to reach quarterfinal at Games

By JAMES ROBSON
AP Soccer Writer
SAINT-ETIENNE, France — To chants of "U.S.A." America's men ended a 24-year wait to reach the quarterfinals of the Olympic soccer tournament by beating Guinea 3-0 on Tuesday.

Victory in Saint-Etienne saw the U.S. reach the knockout phase of the Games for the first time since Sydney 2000, and it will play Morocco in Paris on Friday.

"Right now I'm living this moment and we'll analyze what it means once we are done with it," U.S. coach Marko Mitrovic said.

Two goals from Kevin Pare-

des and a brilliant free kick from Djordje Mihailovic secured the victory that meant the U.S. advanced in second place behind Group A winner France, which beat New Zealand 3-0.

The Americans — playing in the Olympics for the first time since Beijing 2008 — responded impressively to their opening 3-0 loss to France by winning back-to-back games against New Zealand and Guinea.

Next up is a Morocco team that finished atop Group B and beat Argentina along the way.

"I watched actually the first game against Argentina," Mitrovic said. "I was in my room,

our game was 9 p.m., theirs was 3 p.m. I actually think they are a very, very good team."

A win against Morocco would see the U.S. emulate its performance in Sydney when it reached the semifinals.

"We came here to be who we are and I think we did it again today and we just have to recover and go to the next game," Mitrovic said.

Mihailovic, who hit the bar when the score was still goalless in the game against France, scored a curling free kick from the edge of the area to give the U.S. the lead in the 14th minute.

Paredes slotted in his first in

the 31st and powered in another in the 75th.

France vs. Argentina

It will be a repeat of the World Cup final when France meets Argentina in the quarterfinals in Bordeaux on Friday.

Argentina won that epic contest on penalties after a 3-3 draw in Qatar in 2022 and rivalries between the nations could be intensified by racist chants made by Argentina's players after they won the Copa America this month.

"I won't talk about it," France

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Kaylee McKeown defends Olympic backstroke title

Beats Smith
in women's
100 meters

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP National Writer
NANTERRE, France — Kaylee McKeown still rules the women's Olympic backstroke.

The Australian knocked off world-record holder Regan Smith of the United States in the 100 back on Tuesday night, defending the title she won at the Tokyo Games.

Smith, who broke McKeown's world mark with a time of 57.13 seconds at the U.S. trials last month, led at the turn but couldn't hold off the hard-charging Aussie, who defended the title she won in Tokyo three years ago.

"She is an absolutely incredible racer and she knows what to do when it matters," Smith said. "But I'm really proud of myself."

McKeown surged to the front about halfway through the return lap and reached for the wall in 57.33, winning by a relatively comfortable margin over Smith's finish of 57.66.

"The nerves were definitely there but I just reminded myself it's a pool in a different venue and I train every single day of my life," McKeown said.

The U.S. also grabbed the bronze as Katharine Berkoff touched third in 57.98.

Smith reached over the lane rope to congratulate McKeown, but this one had to sting. The 22-year-old Minnesota native appeared to be in top form after her performance and primed to win the first gold medal of her career.

Instead, it was McKeown capturing the third individual gold of her career and fourth gold overall. She swept the backstroke events in Tokyo and also claimed a relay gold.

"It's one race at a time," McKeown said. "I've checked off three boxes so far and there's a few more to go."

Irish win first swimming gold since 1996

Daniel Wiffen won Ireland's first gold medal in swimming since scandal-plagued Michelle Smith finished first in three events at the 1996 Atlanta

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AP Photo/Bernat Armanque

Kaylee McKeown, of Australia, celebrates after winning the women's 100-meter backstroke final at the 2024 Summer Olympics, Tuesday, in Nanterre, France.

A list of Paris Olympics medal winners

PARIS (AP) — The 2024 Olympics are underway. The United States led the medal standings after the third day of competition with host France second, but more winners will join the list every day until Aug. 11. Below is a list of medal winners from Tuesday.

Tuesday, July 30
FENCING
WOMEN'S EPEE TEAM
Gold: Italy
Silver: France
Bronze: Poland

GYMNASTICS
WOMEN'S TEAM
Gold: United States
Silver: Italy
Bronze: Brazil

JUDO
WOMEN'S 63KG
Gold: Andreja Leški, Slovenia
Silver: Prisca Awiit Alcaraz, Mexico
Bronze: Clarisse Agbegnenou, France and Laura Fazliu, Kosovo

MEN'S 81KG
Gold: Takanori Nagase, Japan
Silver: Tato Grigalashvili,

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Yanks top Phils 7-6 for 4th straight victory

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jazz Chisholm had five RBIs in his second straight two-homer game, Gleyber Torres hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the 12th inning and the New York Yankees outlasted the Philadelphia Phillies 7-6 for their first four-game winning streak since early June. Chisholm had an RBI grounder in the first, a solo homer in the sixth off Aaron Nola and a three-run homer in the seventh against Matt Strahm that put the Yankees ahead 5-4. Chisholm has homered twice in two of three games with the Yankees after having three multihomer performances in 405 games with Miami, which traded him last weekend.

METS 2, TWINS 0

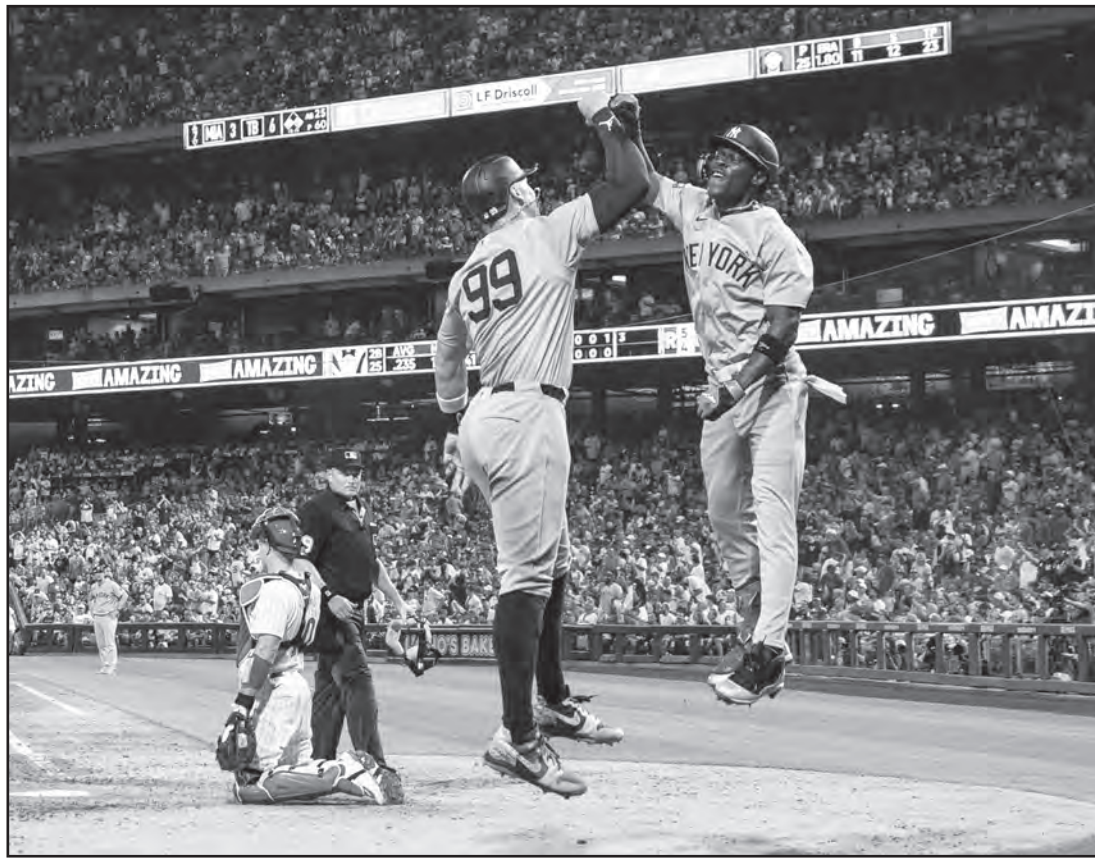
NEW YORK (AP) — Sean Manaea struck out a season-best 11 over seven dominant innings Tuesday night, pitching the New York Mets to a victory over Minnesota.

Mark Vientos homered and J.D. Martinez had an RBI single to help the Mets (57-50) win for the 15th time in 21 games. They matched their season high at seven games above .500.

Manaea (7-4) yielded two hits and one walk while allowing just one runner beyond first base. The 11 strikeouts were his most since fanning 12 for San Diego against Atlanta in May 2022. The left-hander has a 1.50 ERA in his last four starts at Citi Field.

GUARDIANS 5, TIGERS 0

DETROIT (AP) — José Ramírez moved past Albert Belle into sole possession of second place on the Cleveland career home run list with his 243rd, hitting his third in two



Yankees' Jazz Chisholm Jr., right, celebrates his three-run home run with Aaron Judge during the seventh inning, Tuesday, in Philadelphia.

games to help the Guardians beat the Detroit Tigers 5-0 on Tuesday.

Josh Naylor hit a first-inning homer off Alex Faedo (5-3) and Ramírez hit a two-run drive in the eighth against Jason Foley. The 31-year-old Ramírez has spent his entire 12-year big league career with Cleveland.

ORIOLES 6, BLUE JAYS 2

BALTIMORE (AP) — Corbin Burnes took a two-hitter into the seventh inning, Ramón Urías and Anthony Santander homered and Baltimore beat depleted Toronto.

Baltimore built a 4-0 lead in

the third inning and improved to 6-6 since the All-Star break to remain atop the AL East.

Burnes gave up two runs and four hits with seven strikeouts over 6 2/3 innings. Although the Orioles added starters Zach Eflin and Trevor Rogers before the trade deadline, Burnes (11-4, 2.47 ERA) remains the unquestioned ace of the staff.

REDS 6, CUBS 3

CINCINNATI (AP) — Santiago Espinal extended his hit streak to 10 games with a two-run homer in the second inning and Cincinnati held on to beat the Chicago Cubs.

TJ Friedl drove in two runs with a first-inning base hit, Tyler Stephenson also had an RBI as part of the three-run second inning, and Spencer Steer drove in another with a double in the eighth.

Tony Santillan got the start for the Reds because the scheduled starter, Frankie Montas, was traded to Milwaukee earlier in the day. Seven Reds pitchers combined to hold the Cubs to three runs and seven hits.

Nick Martinez (5-5) pitched four scoreless innings to get the win. Alexis Díaz pitched the ninth for his 21st save in 23 chances.

RAYS 9, MARLINS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., (AP) — Trade acquisition Christopher Morel homered in his Tampa Bay debut, helping the new-look Rays come from behind to beat Miami.

Ben Rortvedt and Yandy Diaz each contributed two-run singles off reliever Declan Cronin (2-3) during a five-run sixth inning that propelled the Rays to a 6-3 lead. Jose Caballero added an RBI double, then stole home to extend the lead in the seventh.

BRAVES 5, BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jarred Kelenic broke out of a month-long slump by hitting a homer and double in the Atlanta victory over Milwaukee.

Austin Riley went 4 for 5 as the Braves won despite leaving 11 men on base.

Kelenic doubled during Atlanta's four-run outburst in the third inning and hit a solo shot over the left-field wall in the fourth.

CARDINALS 8, RANGERS 1

ST. LOUIS, (AP) — Tommy Pham hit a pinch-hit grand slam in his first game back with the Cardinals and St. Louis beat the Texas Rangers 8-1 on Tuesday night.

Pham's blast off reliever Cody Bradford capped a five-run fifth. It was his first at-bat since being dealt to the Cardinals from the White Sox as part of a three-team trade on Monday. Pham began his career with the Cardinals, who drafted him in the sixth round in 2006.

Pham's second career grand slam, and his first since May 6, 2019, helped make a winner out of Lance Lynn, who gave up one run on three hits in five innings.

MARINERS 10, RED SOX 6

BOSTON (AP) — Jorge Polanco homered in the fourth inning and added an RBI double in the sixth, Dylan Moore drove in three with a bases-loaded double in the fifth, and the Mariners beat the Boston Red Sox 10-6.

The eight-run outburst midway through the game helped Seattle win for the fourth time in five games as the Mariners capitalized on three errors that had Boston fans booing.

PIRATES 6, ASTROS 2

HOUSTON (AP) — Michael Taylor homered for the second straight game, Bailey Falter returned to the rotation and threw one-run ball into the sixth inning as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Houston Astros 6-2. Taylor hit a 403-foot, two-run homer off Astros starter Hunter Brown (9-7) in the sixth inning.

Taylor hit a go-ahead homer in the ninth inning on Monday night in the Pirates' 5-3 victory.

ROYALS 4, WHITE SOX 3

CHICAGO (AP) — The staggering Chicago White Sox lost their 16th straight game, extending a franchise record, as Michael Massey homered and Michael Wacha pitched seven strong innings to lead the Kansas City Royals to a 4-3 victory.

Bobby Witt Jr. ran his hitting streak to 12 games and had the first RBI in an eighth-inning rally that gave the Royals the lead for good. Chicago's Andrew Vaughn homered for the second consecutive night and rookie Jonathan Cannon pitched seven terrific innings, allowing only Massey's solo shot.

He gave way to rookie Fraser Ellard, who walked two in his major league debut.

Dodgers add starter Jack Flaherty at busy trade deadline

By DAVID BRANDT
AP Baseball Writer

PHOENIX — The Los Angeles Dodgers acquired starting pitcher Jack Flaherty, San Diego added All-Star closer Tanner Scott, and Arizona, Baltimore and Pittsburgh made significant deals for the stretch run ahead of Tuesday's trade deadline.

Many top stars mentioned as trade targets stayed with their teams, including Toronto slugger Vladimir Guerrero Jr., San Francisco pitcher Blake Snell and Chicago White Sox left-hander Garrett Crochet. Still, there were 30 trades finalized Tuesday, according to Major League Baseball.

San Diego got Scott from Miami, Cleveland acquired right-hander Alex Cobb from San Francisco, and Minnesota obtained reliever Trevor Richards from payroll-cutting Toronto, which also sent outfielder Kevin Kiermaier to the Dodgers and utilityman Isiah Kiner-Falefa to Pittsburgh.

The Pirates, in the middle of the NL wild-card race, also add-

ed outfielder Bryan De La Cruz from Miami for two prospects. De La Cruz led the Marlins with 18 homers.

The Orioles acquired left-handed starter Trevor Rogers, sending prospect Connor Norby and outfielder Kyle Stowers to the Marlins. The 26-year-old Rogers has been a dependable option for Miami most of the season and has a 4.53 ERA over 21 starts. Baltimore also added outfielder Eloy Jiménez from the White Sox, reliever Gregory Soto from the Phillies, and outfielder Austin Slater and infielder Livan Soto from the Reds.

Arizona plugged a hole in its lineup by adding first baseman Josh Bell, who was hitting .239 with 14 homers for the Marlins. Miami will receive cash in return. Arizona was in need of a power hitter after first baseman Christian Walker left Monday's game with left oblique tightness and was put on the 10-day injured list.

Arizona also acquired right-handed reliever Dylan Floro from Washington for Triple-



Tigers starting pitcher Jack Flaherty delivers against the Guardians, July 24, in Cleveland.

A infielder Andrés Chaparro. Floro has a 2.06 ERA over 51 appearances this season.

The Dodgers added Flaherty from Detroit for minor league catcher Thayron Liranzo and infielder Trey Sweeney. Flaherty is 7-5 with a 2.95 ERA and 133

strikeouts over 106 1/3 innings in 18 starts.

Scott gives the Padres one of the best closers in baseball. He has a 1.18 ERA and 18 saves with 53 strikeouts over 44 appearances. The Padres also added left-hander Martín Pérez

from the Pirates for a prospect.

The Guardians hope the 36-year-old Cobb, an All-Star in 2023, can provide a lift over the next two months. He hasn't pitched in the major leagues this season because of left hip surgery last October. On the verge of returning to San Francisco, he developed a blister on his right index finger last week. The Giants received left-handed pitching prospect Jacob Bresnahan and a player to be named.

The New York Mets acquired starter Paul Blackburn from Oakland for minor league right-hander Kade Morris. Blackburn was an All-Star in 2022 but missed more than two months this season with a stress reaction in his right foot before coming off the 60-day injured list last Friday. The right-hander is 4-2 with a 4.41 ERA in nine starts and figures to slot into a rotation missing injured ace Kodai Senga and rookie Christian Scott.

The Mets also added reliever Huascar Brazobán from the Marlins and righty Tyler Zuber

in a deal with the Rays.

Pittsburgh got Kiner-Falefa for minor leaguer Charles McAdoo. Kiner-Falefa is hitting .292 with eight doubles, two triples, seven home runs and 33 RBIs in 82 games. The 29-year-old is related to Pirates Hall of Famer Ralph Kiner.

The Pirates also added left-hander Josh Walker from the Mets for minor league lefty Nicolas Carreno. Walker was at Triple-A but made 24 appearances for New York the past two seasons.

Kansas City received right-handed reliever Lucas Erceg from Oakland for right-hander Will Klein and a pair of minor leaguers. The 29-year-old Erceg is 2-3 with three saves and a 3.68 ERA in 38 appearances. Veteran infielder Paul DeJong was traded to Kansas City from the White Sox for right-hander Jarold Rosado and could walk across the ballpark to his new team, which was in Chicago.

Philadelphia added lefty Tanner Banks, sending a minor leaguer to the White Sox.

National Hockey League

Former NHL all-star Eric Staal inks 1-day deal with 'Canes to retire after 18 seasons

By AARON BEARD
AP Sports Writer

Former NHL all-star Eric Staal is retiring after 18 seasons.

The Carolina Hurricanes announced Tuesday that Staal had signed a one-day contract to retire as a member of the organization that originally drafted him No. 2 overall in 2003 and won a Stanley Cup with him three years later.

The Hurricanes said they will retire Staal's No. 12 jersey in the upcoming season.

"From the time I arrived in Raleigh at 18 years old and throughout my 12 years there, I felt the love and support of the fans and organization in a way that will always feel special to me," Staal said in a statement. "There was no doubt in my mind that when it became time to hang up my skates, I would want to retire as a Carolina Hurricane. To now also know that the team is retiring my No. 12 is truly humbling and I am extremely grateful and honored."

Staal, 39, had 455 goals and 608 assists over 1,365 games in a career that included stints with the New York Rangers, Minnesota, Buffalo, Montreal and Florida. Staal last played for the Panthers in the 2022-23 season, his last

game coming in the Stanley Cup Final.

Staal played in six NHL All-Star Games, earning MVP honors in 2008.

Staal made a quick mark on Carolina with 45 goals and 55 assists in his second NHL season for the only 100-point season in Carolina history in 2005-06. That team, captained by current Carolina coach Rod Brind'Amour, went on to win the Cup — with Staal assisting on Justin Williams' empty-net clincher in Game 7 against Edmonton.

Staal holds franchise records since the former Hartford Whalers relocated to North Carolina in 1997 for most goals (322), assists (453), points (775), games played (909), power-play goals (105), power-play points (252) and hat tricks (13). His brother, Jordan, is Carolina's current captain.

"Eric is a uniquely central figure in franchise history," Carolina general manager Eric Tulsky said. "Throughout his time in the Triangle, he made an immeasurable impact on his teammates, the organization and the community. We look forward to raising No. 12 to the rafters and celebrating the career of a man who has meant so much to hockey fans in North Carolina."



Hurricanes' Eric Staal, left, speaks with Victor Rask during the first period of a game against the Bruins in Raleigh, North Carolina, Feb. 26, 2016.

Ace Department

Peter Quinn hit a hole-in-one on Cortland Country Club's 149-yard 15th hole Sunday. Quinn used a 7-iron from the white tees and three people witnessed the shot.

Golf Log

WALDEN OAKS MONDAY MIXED LEAGUE

Low Gross Men: Seth Montgomery (34)

Low Net Men: Avery Fenton (26)

Low Gross Women: Samantha Bernardo (34)

Low Net Women: Samantha Bernardo (27)

Standings

Fuller/Riley 155.5 Flip/Phillips 109

Show & Dough 151 Bertram/Ferrito 106

Newton/Bernardo 150.5 Becker/Becker 104.5

Fenton 141.5 Kozlowski 102

Raymonds 127 Kabat 95

Phelps/Talbot 122.5 Heart Fire Vet 85

DeGraft/Hall 117.5 Hayden 79.5

Reilly/Record 117 Herbergs 60.5

Mida/Kum 110.5 Potter 57

KNICKERBOCKER CC MONDAY LEAGUE

Low Gross: D. Dockstater (33)

Low Net: D. Dockstater (32), M. Heath (32)

Standings

Northeast Transformers 21 Brew Crew 14

Holy Smoke 20 KCC 13.5

St. Charles 18.5 Corgood 12

Health Co. 16.5 Team Farris 11.5

Tortic Farms 15 Sharp's Funeral Home 9.5

WALDEN OAKS BILL SWISHER SENIOR LEAGUE

Low Gross: Russ Tillotson (35)

Low Net: Rick Gysel (27)

Best Ball: Russ Tillotson, Wayne Williams, Tom McLyman and John Dey (25)

Most 4s: Bob Vidulich (6), Tom McLyman (6)

Most 5s: Jerry Place (7)

Most 6s: Dan Cosby (5)

Eagle: Joe Archangeli (Hole 5)

Standings

Big Knockers 253.5 Just Kids 222.5

Sandbaggers 251.5 Bogeymen 218.5

Misfits 247.5 Clubheads 214.5

DUH! 241 Club's Angels 214

Wanna Be's 236.5 Hackers 211.5

Chippers 233 281 Bowl 210.5

Albatross 232.5 East Enders 9.5

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Gobert was reviewed and determined to be unsportsmanlike — his second technical of the game — and he was disqualified with 8:31 remaining.

Canada 93, Australia 83

RJ Barrett had 24 points and seven rebounds and Canada stayed unbeaten in group play.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander added 16 points as Canada improved to 2-0. It is in the quarterfinals and a trip to Paris for the knockout round is next week.

Canada coach Jordi Fernandez said he likes the position his team is in.

“We’ve got to keep growing because we’re a team that’s never played together,” Fernandez said. “I think in five or 10 years from now we want to be all the way to the top of the rankings. But we have to start at some point, and I like the direction that we’re taking it.”

Josh Giddey led Australia with 19 points. Dante Exum finished with 15.

Canada plays Spain in its final group-stage matchup. Australia faces Greece next.

The game was tight throughout the first half. But Barrett kept finding seams in Australia’s defense, helping his team take its first double-digit lead on a 3-pointer with 5:13 remaining. Canada then pushed it up to 83-72 with about 4 1/2 minutes to play.

Fernandez said his team’s physicality was lacking in a first half in which it surrendered 30 points in the paint. The pressure was ratcheted up in the second half, though, with Canada limiting Australia to only 16 points in the paint.

Spain 84, Greece 77

Santi Aldama had 19 points and 12 rebounds and Spain defeated Giannis Antetokounmpo and Greece to remain in contention to advance to the knockout round.

Sergio Llull finished with 13 points. Spain improved to 1-1 in Group A with one group-stage game left to play against Canada.

Antetokounmpo had 27 points and 11 rebounds.

Germany 86, Brazil 73

Dennis Schroder scored 20 points and Germany earned the win in the final game of the day.

Franz Wagner added 17 points and Isaac Bonga 15 as Germany joined France as Group B’s two unbeaten teams through two games. They will face each other Friday to see who wins the group.

The game had three ties and eight lead changes before Germany tightened defensively, holding Brazil to 41% shooting on the night.

Yago Santos led Brazil with 18 points. Vitor Benite finished with 17. Brazil falls to 0-2 along with Japan, which it will play next.

Brazil scored just 10 points in the first quarter, then outscored Germany 30-18 to tie the game at the half.

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Olympics. Wiffen surged past Italy’s Gregorio Paltrinieri in the final lap, looking as fresh as he did at the beginning of the grueling race.

Wiffen won in 7 minutes, 38.19 seconds, climbing on the lane ropes to hold one finger skyward. Defending Olympic champion Bobby Finke of the U.S. also came on strong in what was essentially a three-man race, also passing Paltrinieri to take the silver in 7:38.75.

The bronze went to the Italian, who posted a time of 7:39.38.

It was another dazzling performance by an Irish swimmer, on the heels of Mona McSharry grabbing a bronze in the 100 breaststroke the previous night.

GYMNASTICS

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that, providing an exclamation point on the U.S.’s third gold in its last four trips to the Games.

The Americans remain peerless (if not flawless, this is gymnastics after all) when at their best.

And over two hours in front of a crowd that included everyone from tennis great Serena Williams and actor Natalie Port-

National Football League

With rule change, how will NFL kickoffs look different in 2024?

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL will have a new look this year when it comes to kickoffs.

Owners voted this spring to overhaul the kickoff, hoping to revive a play that had little action last season after most kicks resulted in no returns while still prioritizing player safety.

Owners also approved other rule changes, including banning the use of the “swivel hip-drop” tackle that had led to several injuries and in an increase in the use of instant replay.

The new rules get their first chance to be used Thursday night in the exhibition opener between Houston and Chicago in the annual Hall of Fame game.

Here’s an explanation of the kick off rule that will be in place this season.

How will kickoffs look different?

Owners agreed to a one-year trial of a radical change on kickoffs with a new system that borrows heavily from what was used in the XFL spring league.

The changes were made in hopes of limiting the high-speed collisions that made kickoffs so dangerous while incentivizing more returns after a sharp rise in touchbacks in recent years.

Standard kicks will still begin from the 35 but everything else will look different.

The 10 kick coverage players will line up at the opposing 40, with five on each side of the field.



AP Photo/Mary Schwalm, File

Patriots punter Jake Bailey kicks off to start a game against the Titans, Nov. 28, 2021, in Foxborough, Massachusetts.

The return team will have at least nine blockers lined up in the “set up zone” between the 30- and 35-yard line with at least seven of those players touching the 35. Up to two returners will be allowed inside the 20.

Only the kicker and two returners will be allowed to move

until the ball hits the ground or is touched by a returner inside the 20.

Any kick that reaches the end zone in the air can be returned, or the receiving team can opt for a touchback and possession at the 30. Any kick that reaches the end zone in the air and goes out of bounds or

out of the end zone also will result in a touchback at the 30.

If a ball hits a returner or the ground before the end zone and goes into the end zone, a touchback will be at the 20 or the kick can be returned. Any kick received in the field of play must be returned.

If a kick goes out of bounds before the end zone, or hits the ground or is touched by the receiving team before reaching the landing zone, the return team gets the ball at the 40.

Why did the NFL make the change?

Kickoff returns were becoming obsolete after a series of rule changes to make them safer over the past several seasons.

Last season led to a new low with just 21.8% of all kicks being returned as both kicking and receiving teams too often opted to avoid the risk of a possible return.

The return rate had a significant drop from 37.5% in 2022 and is down from 80% in 2010 before a series of rule changes on alignment, blocking techniques and the touchback eroded those numbers. The NFL estimates that more than half of all kickoffs will be returned this season.

The changes were put in place because kickoffs were the most dangerous plays with the high-speed collisions contributing to concussions.

The hope is the new rule will increase the number of returns without making it more dangerous as the new return will be more similar to a regular running play than the old version.

Bills: Anderson to be released from hospital after heat illness

By JOHN WAWROW
AP Sports Writer

PITTSFORD — Buffalo Bills backup offensive lineman Alec Anderson is expected to be released from the hospital following a brief stay in which he was treated for heat-related illness symptoms, the team announced on Tuesday.

“The Bills medical team, (GM) Brandon Beane and (coach) Sean McDermott spoke with Alec on the phone a short time ago, and he was in good spirits,” the Bills said in a statement released a few hours after

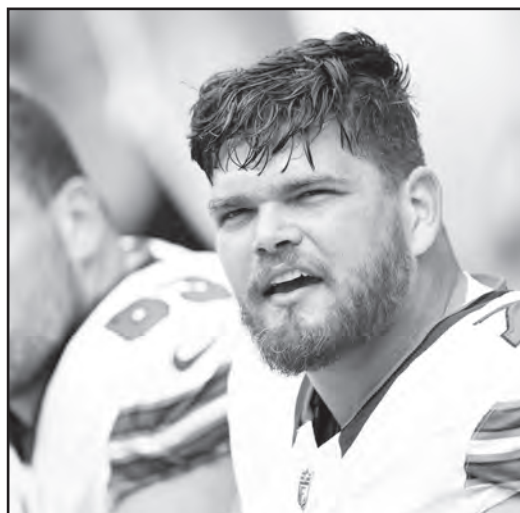
the player was loaded into an ambulance and transported to the hospital following practice. “He is expected to be released from the hospital later this afternoon.”

Anderson appeared having difficulty getting up after the team’s post-practice stretching period.

McDermott and several Bills players were gathered near the ambulance, with offensive lineman Kevin Jarvis seen flashing a thumbs-up sign to his teammate through the ambulance window.

Starting left tackle Dion Dawkins referred to Anderson as being a “tough dude,” before adding: “Regardless of what it is, Alec’s fighting and he’ll be all right.”

Anderson is in his third year with Buffalo after being signed as an undrafted rookie free agent out of UCLA. He spent his first season on the Bills’ practice squad before making the roster last year, though he’s yet to appear in a game. Anderson has already had a notable camp in having been involved in several on-field scuffles.



AP Photo/Kamil Krzaczynski, File

Bills offensive tackle Alec Anderson looks on from the sidelines during a preseason game against the Bears, Aug. 26, 2023.

Terrell Davis says United Airlines banned him after a flight incident

By JESSE BEDAYN
Associated Press/
Report for America

DENVER — Pro Football Hall of Famer Terrell Davis posted an email from United Airlines Tuesday that said he was banned from flying the airline until a review of an incident earlier this month was complete. But United officials said they already told Davis’ team that the ban was rescinded weeks ago.

The conflicting messages heightened tensions, with Da-

vis’ attorney, Parker Stinar, denying that Davis had received notice that the ban was withdrawn and calling for an “overhaul of United’s leadership.”

The back and forth was kicked off two weeks ago when Davis, who previously played for the Denver Broncos, said he was handcuffed and removed from a July 13 flight after he lightly tapped

a flight attendant on the arm, prompting the employee to say “don’t hit me” and hurry off.

Davis, who was later released with apologies, has called out United for making him feel “humiliated” and demanded an investigation.

“My family will never unsee me, nor will I ever forget, being taken off an air- in handcuffs,” Davis

wrote in Tuesday’s Instagram post.

The day after the incident, the email from United banning Davis was generated and sent, United said in a statement. The ban was then rescinded the following day, which United said was communicated with Davis’ team a day later.

Stinar said that Davis did not initially see the email banning him until recently and that they had only learned the ban was rescinded after Davis’ Tuesday Instagram post.



Davis

man, Biles left little doubt about anything.

Her status as the sport’s greatest of all time. Her ability to move past the “twisties” that derailed her in Japan. Her spot in the pantheon of the U.S. Olympic movement.

She now has a staggering 38 medals in major international competitions. Eight of those have come under the Olympic rings, moving her past Shannon

Miller for the most by an American gymnast.

Yet her return wasn’t so much about winning. That’s never really been the point anyway, just a byproduct of her unparalleled excellence. It was about a joy she had lost somewhere along the way.

It seems to have returned. She leaped into the crowd that roared at every flip, every leap and, yes, every twist. With her husband

— on break from NFL training camp — waving an American flag while sitting next to her parents, Biles did what she has done so well for so long save for a couple of difficult days in Japan during a pandemic: she dominated.

Biles met with her therapist in the morning to put her in the right mindset. There was brief — very brief — moment of trepidation as she raced down

the vault runway, the event that began to spin out of control in Tokyo.

Only this time, she essentially stuck her Cheng vault, the one that sends her spinning through the air in a fraction of a second.

Afterward, she exhaled. “I was like ‘Yes, please no flashbacks or anything,’” Biles said. “But I did feel a lot of relief. And as soon as I landed I was like ‘Oh yeah, we’re going

SOCCER

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coach Thierry Henry said Tuesday. “We just qualified. We’re going to play a game. My head is still into this game.”

France maintained its 100% record at the tournament with victory over New Zealand in Marseille through goals from Jean-Philippe Mateta, Desire Doue and Arnaud Kalimuendo.

Thiago Almada scored a brilliant solo in Argentina’s 2-0 win over Ukraine — securing back-to-back victories after the shock opening defeat to Morocco. Claudio Echeverri sealed the win, but it wasn’t enough to advance atop Group B.

Morocco took the top spot after beating Iraq 3-0 in Nice.

Morocco and Argentina were level on points and had identical goal difference and goals scored. It meant Morocco took first place by virtue of its 2-1 win over Argentina at the start of the tournament.

Palestinian protest

Play was briefly suspended during the second half in Nice after a man holding a Palestinian flag invaded the pitch. He was swiftly removed by police. Several dozen riot police were then deployed along the field to prevent further incidents.

Egypt stuns Spain

Ibrahim Adel scored a pair of goals and Egypt advanced atop its group by beating Spain 2-1.

Spain had already reached the knockout round and was vying for a first-place finish in Group C but was instead leapfrogged after defeat in Bordeaux.

In the other match of the group, the Dominican Republic played to a 1-1 tie with Uzbekistan, which had already been eliminated.

MEDALS

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Bronze: Lee Joon-hwan, South Korea and Somon Makhmadbekov, Tajikistan

RUGBY SEVENS WOMEN’S

Gold: New Zealand
Silver: Canada
Bronze: United States

SHOOTING MIXED TEAM 10M AIR PISTOL

Gold: Zorana Arunovic and Damir Mikec, Serbia
Silver: Sevvall Ilayda Tarhan and Yusef Dikec, Turkey
Bronze: Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh, India

MEN’S TRAP

Gold: Nathan Hales, Great Britain
Silver: Qi Ying, China
Bronze: Jean Pierre Brol, Guatemala

SWIMMING WOMEN’S 100M BACKSTROKE

Gold: Kaylee McKeown, Australia
Silver: Regan Smith, United States
Bronze: Katharine Berkoff, United States

MEN’S 800M FREESTYLE

Gold: Daniel Wiffen, Ireland
Silver: Bobby Finke, United States
Bronze: Gregorio Paltrinieri, Italy

MEN’S 4x200M FREESTYLE RELAY

Gold: Britain
Silver: United States
Bronze: Australia

TABLE TENNIS MIXED DOUBLES

Gold: Wang Chuqin and Sun Yingsha, China
Silver: Ri Jong-sik and Kim Kum-yong, North Korea
Bronze: Lim Jong-hoon and Shin Yu-bin, South Korea

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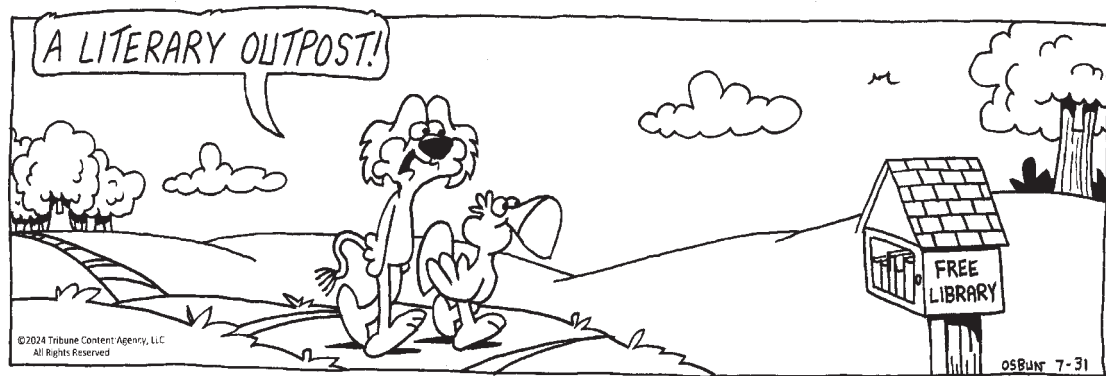
Yes they were. Just like always.

The only real drama centered on who would finish next to the Americans on the medal stand.

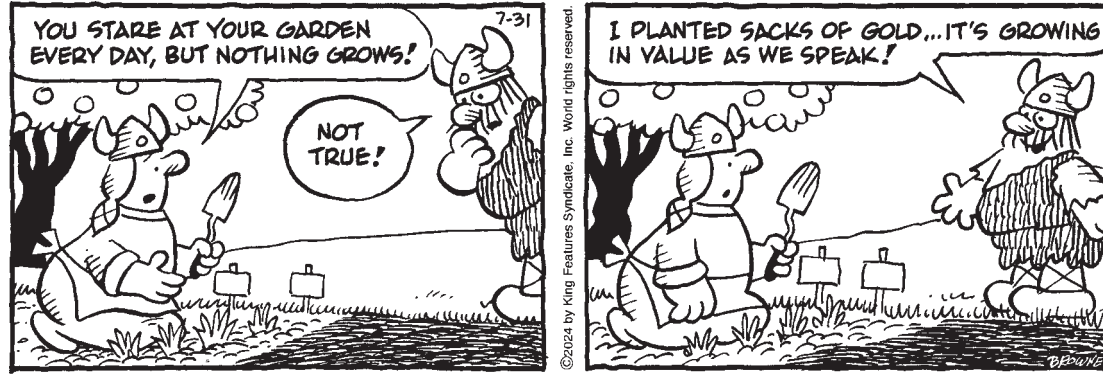
Italy, which was a surprising second to the U.S. during qualifying, returned to the podium for the first time since 1928 by holding off Brazil for silver.

Yet there was no question about the top spot.

ANIMAL CRACKERS



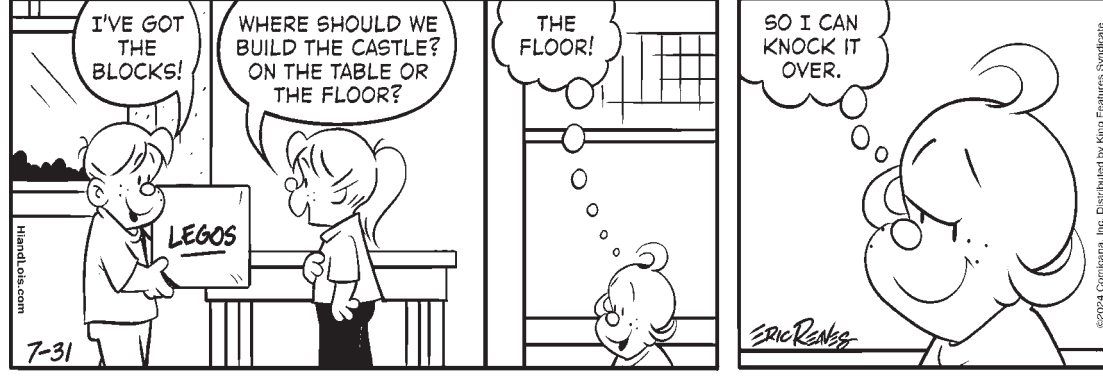
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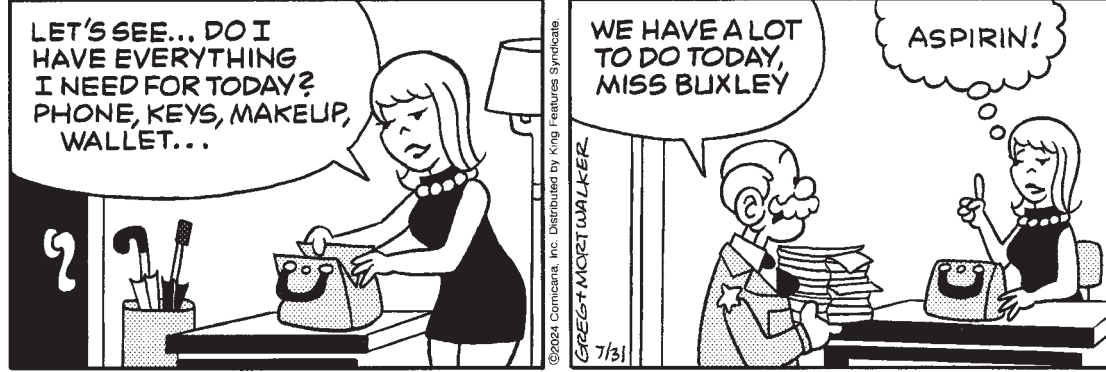
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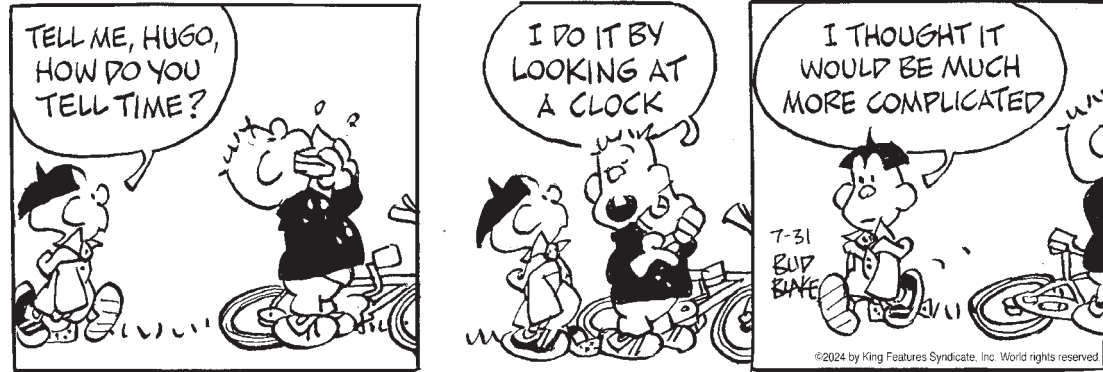
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Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena

Thursday, August 1, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Think about the needs and feelings of others in addition to pursuing your goals and intentions. You may feel pressured to achieve your desires while other people switch up theirs without a moment's notice. Stay focused on your own path.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Every moment may bring you closer to realizing your goals, so don't be distracted by something new and shiny or by someone inconsistent. Keep an eye out for good news on the horizon, like a new opportunity or possible collaboration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your position holds more strength than you realize. Don't let bullying or disputes get you down, let them unwind naturally and stay unbothered. Your wisdom could be recognized so lead by example, demonstrating the best path forward for everyone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Expect the unexpected, as a fortunate series of occurrences might unexpectedly boost your finances or connect you with a remarkable individual. Remember to show gratitude to those who assist you along your path to achievement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Loved ones might surprise you with unpredictability or change their mind. Take your time to get to know someone thoroughly before rushing into a new friendship or relationship. Appreciate what's here today because it may be gone tomorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Honesty will prove to be your strongest ally in dispelling baseless doubts. It might be completely normal for a loved one to hesitate over a choice. Consider offering them patience, even if their motivations may escape your understanding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It might be a good idea to explore what others think before sharing your own views. Sometimes, even the best arguments won't pan out the way you hope. Focus on your dreams and fantasies and write down creative ideas to use later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's possible to assert your independence and stand firm without encroaching on others' space. You may possess a natural flair for navigating autonomy with subtlety. Now could be an opportune moment to explore new social avenues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Minor tasks may appear trivial but could have the potential to garner significant appreciation. You may consider devoting your energy to prioritizing someone else's needs above your own. There's a chance you have a secret admirer.

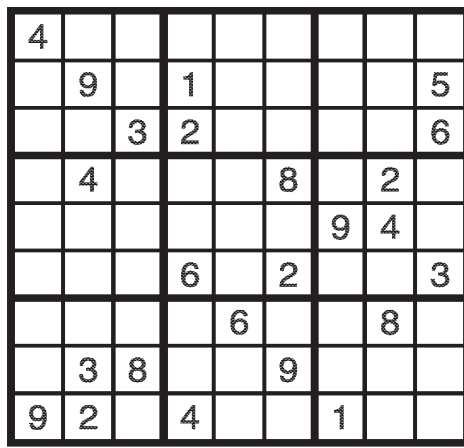
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): One tiny snowflake can become a snowball when it is pressed together with others. Cooperation might solve problems within a team environment. Avoid hopping headlong into a purchase or added expense that might deplete your savings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your dedication to tirelessly striving for stability is commendable, yet it may lead to exhaustion and a short fuse. It may feel natural to react with a protective stance if faced with any form of intimidation but prioritize maintaining peace.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Being swamped with excessive information can feel burdensome; receiving mixed messages might leave you feeling pulled in different directions. Consider relying on friends and companions to provide sound counsel and a supportive fallback.

IF AUGUST 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your experiences during the next three to four weeks could stir up your competitive spirit and enthusiasm that may lead to an important new direction. Listen to your heart in September when you might receive a providential leg up on the ladder of success and some problems could get solved. Someone may hand you a seemingly once in a lifetime opportunity; this could be a great time to seek sound advice from professionals or reassess your plans.

Sudoku

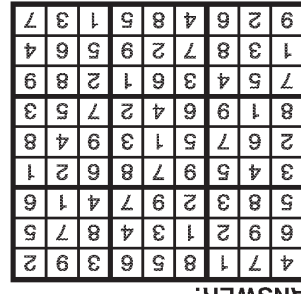


Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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



ANSWER:

Cryptoquote

A XYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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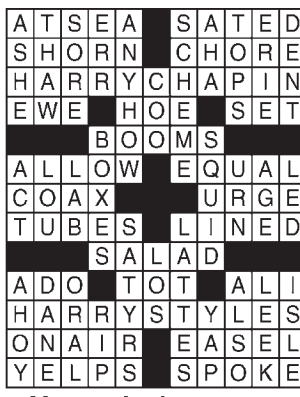
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF THEY DON'T GIVE YOU A SEAT AT THE TABLE, BRING A FOLDING CHAIR. — SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

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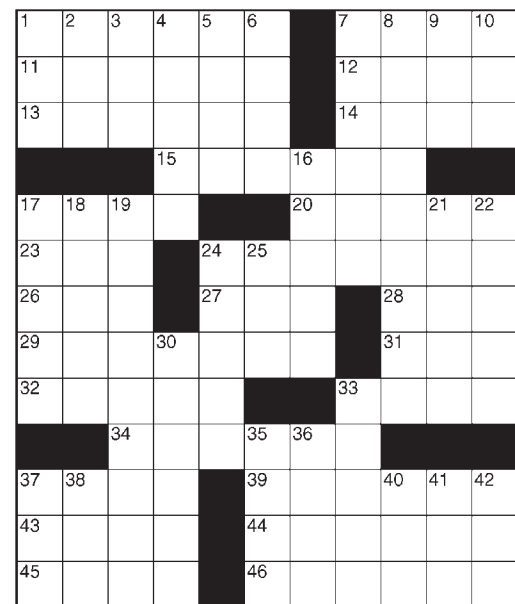
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Word of the Day

herald (HAIR-uld)

Definition: (verb) Herald is a verb meaning "to give notice of"; it is synonymous with announce, publicize, and foreshadow. Herald may also mean "to greet especially with enthusiasm".

Example: The appearance of robins heralded the advent of spring.

— Courtesy Merriam-Webster Online

US authors make up almost half of Booker Prize semifinalists

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — Six American writers including Rachel Kushner, Percival Everett and Tommy Orange are among 13 semifinalists announced Tuesday for the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction.

Pulitzer Prize-winning Cheyenne and Arapaho author Orange is the first Native American Booker semifinalist for the \$64,000 award with his centuries-spanning saga "Wandering Stars."

Everett is nominated for "James," which reimagines Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" from the point of view of its main Black character, the enslaved man Jim.

Everett was a finalist for the 2022 Booker for "The Trees."

Kushner, who was a Booker finalist in 2018 for her bestseller "The Mars Room," is a contender again with spy story "Creation Lake."

Pulitzer-winner Richard Powers, a finalist in both 2018 and 2021, is on the longlist with "Playground," a story of money, power and climate change set on a Polynesian island.

The other U.S. contenders are Rita Bullwinkel for "Headshot," and Canadian-American writer Claire Messud for "This Strange Eventful History."

Writers from the U.K., Canada, Ireland, Australia and the Netherlands round out the list, which includes "Held" by Canadian poet and novelist Anne Michaels, "My Friends" by British-Libyan author Hisham Matar and "The Safekeep" by Yael van

der Wouden, the first-ever Dutch Booker semifinalist.

Artist and writer Edmund de Waal, who is chairing the five-member judging panel, said the list included "books that navigate what it means to belong, to be displaced and to return," with settings ranging from a small Irish town to a convent in Australia and from deep oceans to outer space.

Founded in 1969, the Booker Prize has a reputation for transforming writers' careers and is open to novels from any country published in the U.K. and Ireland. Last year's winner was Irish writer Paul Lynch for post-democratic dystopia "Prophet Song."

A list of six finalists will be announced on Sept. 16, and this year's winner will be announced Nov. 12 at a ceremony in London.



U.S. writer Percival Everett holds his trophy after he was awarded with the Literary Award at the 38th American Film Festival Sept. 5, 2012, in Deauville, Normandy, France.

AP Photo/Michel Spingler, File

On Broadway, two stars of 'Aladdin' trace their roles back to middle school

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK — Some years ago, when Sonya Balsara and Adi Roy were in middle school, they were cast in kiddie versions of the musical "Aladdin." Little did they know it would be very good preparation — for the same roles on Broadway.

More than a decade after hitting their marks in the show as pre-teens, Balsara is playing plucky Princess Jasmine and Roy is the show's urchinturned-titular hero now on Broadway as the Disney hit musical celebrates its 10th anniversary.

"I think about that little girl who had a little speck of a dream to do all of this," says Balsara. "If she could see what we did now, I think that she would be just beyond elated."

Both actors are of Indian heritage and in their 20s. They both grew up in music-filled homes, attended New York University and put in long hours to prepare for this big moment. How big? Their faces are on billboards in Times Square.

"That's every immigrant parent's dream — their son or



Evan Zimmerman/Disney Theatricals via AP
Adi Roy as Aladdin, left, and Sonya Balsara as Princess Jasmine during a performance of the musical "Aladdin."

daughter or children are doing something like that," says Roy. "I can only hope to keep making them proud."

JASMINE'S ROAD

Balsara grew up in the Bay Area, with classical music playing even while she was in the womb.

Her mother is a professional classical singer who sang Baroque arias, Bach and Mozart while pregnant. Her dad is a professor of chemical engineering at the University of California who plays in a rock band and sings Pink Floyd, the Beatles and Steely Dan.

At her house, rock, classical

and Bollywood were all played. So, it was no surprise that she was directing, producing, casting — and starring, naturally — in her own production of "Oklahoma!" in the fourth grade.

"It was always very encouraged to explore, and I was very encouraged, luckily, to explore what my personal passions were and dive deeper into them," she says.

At age 11 at a local children's theater program, she was cast as a braces-wearing Jasmine in "Aladdin Jr." She provided part of her own costume, and the set's flying carpet for "A Whole New World" was someone holding a cloth on sticks. No matter.

"That is what theater is made of — it's the creativity."

A fateful moment came when she was a sophomore in high school and was being driven by her dad to A.P. Bio lab at 6:30 a.m. He suggested she had to make a choice — acting or a more conventional route.

"I was like, 'If I don't give acting in theater a shot, I'll regret it for the rest of my life.' That was sort of like a turning point for me," she says.

Contract Bridge

The third-hand-high rule

th dealer.
her side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 9 7
♥ 10 8 3
♦ 10 5
♣ A Q 9 7 4

WEST

A 10 8 4
J 7
A Q 3
J 8 6 2

EAST

♠ Q 6 5 3
♥ Q 9 6 2
♦ 9 7 4 2
♣ 5

SOUTH

♠ K 2
♥ A K 5 4
♦ K J 8 6
♣ K 10 3

bidding:

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ning lead — four of spades.

ie player who follows general s blindly must pay a penalty and then for his intransigence. re are not just millions, but billions of hands possible in bridge, so a general principle that would k successfully on most of them re to have its exceptions.

nsider the rule of third-hand . In most deals, the rule can be wed profitably, but in some s, it would be dead-wrong to on it.

Take this case where West leads spade against three notrump. declarer plays the nine of dummy. If East conforms to third-hand-high rule, declarer t East's queen with the king and develop a second spade trick simply returning the suit. Bu East plays the six at trick one — signals with the six to encourage subsequent continuation — So makes only one spade trick finishes down one.

East can reasonably assume South has A-x or K-x of spade his opening notrump bid. If S has A-x, he scores two spade tr whether or not East covers the with the queen. But if South K-x, a trick (and the contract lost by playing the queen.

So, by playing the six, East br even or gains a trick, while i plays the queen, he breaks eve loses a trick. The six is therefore right play because it might ga trick but cannot lose one.

Note also that South must his clubs carefully to win five tr in the suit. He should cash the and then lead the ten to the q in case West started with the J-x of clubs. If he incorrectly p the king followed by the thre the queen, he will block the and score only three club tricks.

Tomorrow: A case of self-preservation.

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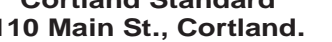
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Museums closed Native American exhibits 6 months ago. Tribes still waiting to get items

By PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tucked within the expansive Native American halls of the American Museum of Natural History is a diminutive wooden doll that holds a sacred place among the tribes whose territories once included Manhattan.

For more than six months now, the ceremonial Ohtas, or Doll Being, has been hidden from view after the museum and others nationally took dramatic steps to board up or paper over exhibits in response to new federal rules requiring institutions to return sacred or culturally significant items to tribes — or at least to obtain consent to display or study them.

Museum officials are reviewing more than 1,800 items as they work to comply with the requirements while also eyeing a broader overhaul of the more than half-century-old exhibits.

But some tribal leaders remain skeptical, saying museums have not acted swiftly enough. The new rules, after all, were prompted by years of complaints from tribes that hundreds of thousands of items that should have been returned under the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 still remain in museum custody.

“If things move slowly, then address that,” said Joe Baker, a Manhattan resident and member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, descendants of the Lenape peoples European traders encountered more than 400 years ago. “The collections, they’re part of our story, part of our family. We need them home. We need them close.”

Sean Decatur, the New York museum’s president, promised tribes will hear from officials



Joe Baker, a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and co-founder of the Lenape Center, stands next to a painting of an Ohtas during an interview in his home in New York, July 18.

soon. He said staff these past few months have been reexamining the displayed objects in order to begin contacting tribal communities.

Museum officials envision a total overhaul of the closed Eastern Woodlands and Great Plains halls — akin to the five-year, \$19 million renovation of its Northwest Coast Hall, completed in 2022 in close collaboration with tribes, Decatur added.

“The ultimate aim is to make sure we’re getting the stories right,” he said.

Discussions with tribal representatives over the Ohtas began in 2021 and will continue, mu-

seum officials said, even though the doll does actually not fall under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act because it is associated with a tribe outside the U.S., the Munsee-Delaware Nation in Ontario, Canada.

The museum also plans to open a small exhibit in the fall incorporating Native American voices and explaining the history of the closed halls, why changes are being made and what the future holds, he said.

Lance Gumbs, vice chairman of the Shinnecock Indian Nation, a federally recognized tribe in New York’s Hamptons, said he worries about the loss of

representation of local tribes in public institutions, with exhibit closures likely stretching into years.

The American Museum of Natural History, he noted, is one of New York’s major tourism draws and also a mainstay for generations of area students learning about the region’s tribes.

He suggests museums use replicas made by Native peoples so that sensitive cultural items aren’t physically on display.

“I don’t think tribes want to have our history written out of museums,” Gumbs said. “There’s got to be a better way than using artifacts that literally

were stolen out of gravesites.”

Gordon Yellowman, who heads the department of language and culture for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, said museums should look to create more digital and virtual exhibits.

He said the tribes, in Oklahoma, will be seeking from the New York museum a sketchbook by the Cheyenne warrior Little Finger Nail that contains his drawings and illustrations from battle.

The book, which is in storage and not on display, was plucked from his body after he and other tribe members were killed by U.S. soldiers in Nebraska in 1879.

“These drawings weren’t just made because they were beautiful,” Yellowman said. “They were made to show the actual history of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people.”

Institutions elsewhere are taking other approaches.

In Chicago, the Field Museum has established a Center for Repatriation after covering up several cases in its halls dedicated to ancient America and the peoples of the coastal Northwest and Arctic.

The museum has also since returned four items to tribes, with three others pending, through efforts that were underway before the new regulations, according to spokesperson Bridgette Russell.

At the Cleveland Museum in Ohio, a case displaying artifacts from the Tlingit people in Alaska has been reopened after their leadership gave consent, according to Todd Mesek, the museum’s spokesperson. But two other displays remain covered up, with one containing funerary objects from the ancient Southwest to be redone with a different topic and materials.



AP Photo/Hans Pennink, File

The New York state Capitol is pictured on Jan. 5, 2022, in Albany.

In NY, a ballot referendum meant to protect abortion might not use word ‘abortion’

By ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE
Associated Press

ALBANY — A proposed amendment to New York’s Constitution that’s intended to protect abortion rights might appear on the ballot this fall without any mention of the word “abortion.”

That’s partly because of sharp disagreements about what the so-called Equal Rights Amendment would actually do, if passed.

The state’s Board of Elections, which is charged with writing easy-to-understand explanations of proposed laws appearing on the ballot, decided Monday that rather than try and interpret the amendment, they would simply repeat its somewhat unclear language in material given to voters.

New York’s Constitution currently says that no person shall be subjected to discrimination based on race, color, creed or religion. The proposed amendment would add to that list: ethnicity, national origin, age, disability and “sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive health care and autonomy.”

How to interpret discrimination based on those things, however, changes depending on who you ask.

In New York, Democrats and Republicans are both using the proposal as a vessel for some of their most pressing political issues in the hopes of driving voters to the polls this November.

Democratic state lawmakers put the question on the ballot in response to the U.S. Supreme Court’s overturning of Roe v. Wade.

Republicans have sought to frame the amendment as an underhanded move from Democrats to provide constitutional protections for transgender athletes, among a laundry list of other concerns.

The proposed amendment is part of a handful of abortion-related questions that Democrats in multiple states have put on the ballot this year, with the party betting that voters will be energized to cast ballots to protect access to the procedure. Voters have shown support for access to abortions for any reason, and 7 in 10 Americans think abortion should be legal in all or most cases, according to a new poll.

But while some states have explicitly included provisions to bar abortion restrictions in their proposed amendments, Democrats in New York did not do so.

Instead, state Democrats chose to try to safeguard abortion access by expanding the list of classes in the state’s anti-discrimination protections.

On its face, barring discrimination against someone who has had an abortion would seem to have implications for things like employment and housing law.

But the amendment’s backers, and some legal experts, say it would also provide a way to challenge any future abortion restrictions in New York under the argument that a restriction would amount to discrimination against one kind of health care — abortion — over other kinds of health care.

“It’s not the prohibition itself that makes it discrimination, it’s the fact that the Legislature would be forbidding abortion but not other kinds of health care, which amounts to health care discrimination,” said Michael C. Dorf, a law professor at Cornell Law School.

NY judge hands the former NRA head 10-year ban

By JAKE OFFENHARTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A New York judge on Monday banned Wayne LaPierre, the former head of the National Rifle Association, from holding a paid position with the organization for a decade, but declined to appoint an independent monitor to oversee the gun rights group.

The split decision from Judge Joel Cohen came on the final day of arguments in the second stage of a civil trial brought by New York Attorney General Letitia James.

The first phase of the trial, decided in February by a Manhattan jury, found LaPierre and another deputy liable for mispending millions of dollars on lavish trips and other personal expenses.

Ruling from the bench, Cohen said the state’s request for a monitor was not the correct remedy, suggesting the oversight mechanism would be “time-consuming, disruptive and will impose significant costs on the NRA without corresponding benefits.”

Cohen also said he had concerns about “speech-chilling government intrusion on the affairs of the organization.”

He said the same First Amendment concerns did not apply to whether LaPierre could return to the organization anytime soon.

“This relief is about the privilege, not the right, to serve as an officer or director of a New York not-for-profit,” he said.

LaPierre, who sat in the front row as the judge read his ruling, did not respond to questions as he left the courtroom.

Earlier Monday, LaPierre told the judge that appointing a monitor to oversee the gun rights group’s finances would be “equivalent to putting a knife straight through the heart of the organization and twisting it.”

He described the appointment of a monitor as an existential threat to the group because it would send a message to prospective members and donors that the NRA was “being surveilled by this attorney general in New York.”

An attorney for the NRA, Sarah Rogers, echoed those concerns. She said the group had implemented new controls since the jury’s verdict, including bringing on fresh board members and a new compliance team.

But Assistant Attorney General Monica Connell dismissed those efforts as lackluster, arguing that the old guard leadership effectively still controls the organization.

In his ruling, the judge said the NRA’s reaction to the February verdict had been “decidedly mixed” and accused the group’s leaders of displaying “a stunning lack of accountability” about their own culpability in the yearslong mismanagement.

He invited attorneys for the NRA and the state to submit further proposals on reforming the organization.

DERUYTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF MEETING
The DeRuyter Central School Board of Education Meetings for the 2024-2025 School Year are as follows:
July 9, 2024 (Reorganizational Meeting/Regular Meeting)
August 14, 2024, September 11, 2024, October 9, 2024, November 6, 2024, December 11, 2024, January 8, 2025, February 12, 2025, March 12, 2025, April 21, 2025, May 13, 2025 (Budget Public Hearing/Regular Meeting), May 20, 2025 (Budget Vote/Board Election), June 11, 2025

CORTLAND COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Starr Apartments LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/05/2021. 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 Douglas Withey: 447 Hoy Rd. Cortland, NY 13045. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

TOWN OF GROTON
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Groton will hold a Public Hearing as part of its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 8:00pm at the Town Hall, 101 Conger Boulevard, Groton, New York regarding the adoption of Proposed Local Law #4 for the Year 2024, “A Local Law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Groton, County of Tompkins pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Groton to adopt a Town budget for (a) Town purposes and (b) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the Fiscal Year 2025, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by the General Municipal Law §3-c”

Copies of the proposed law are available for review at the Town Clerk’s Office or through the Town website at www.townofgrotonny.org. Any resident of the Town of Groton is entitled to be heard upon said proposed Local Law at such Public Hearing. Submitted written comments to the Town Clerk regarding this local law, must be received by 3:00 PM on August 13.

Robin Cargian, RMC
Groton Town Clerk

CORTLAND COUNTY
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF CORTLAND Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Earl M. Carnegie; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered September 12, 2023, and Amended May 15, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Cortland County Courthouse, 46 Greenbush Street, Cortland, New York 13045 on August 21, 2024 at 10:30AM, premises known as 2297 Blodgett Mills Road, Blodgett Mills, NY 13738. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandville, County of Cortland, State of NY, Section 97.04 Block 02 Lot 33.00. Approximate amount of judgment \$41,160.04 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# EF22-359. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the 6th Judicial District. Elisabeth A. Barker, Esq., Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: June 14, 2024 81217

TOWN OF DERUYTER
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been presented to the Town Board of the Town of DeRuyter, New York, on July 11, 2024, proposed Local Law No. A-2024, entitled, “A Local Law To Require Prior Written Notification of Defects to Maintain an Action in the Town of DeRuyter.” Said Local Law, if enacted, would provide that prior written notice of a highway, bridge, street, sidewalk, crosswalk, culvert, ditch or swale defect is required to maintain a civil action against the Town of DeRuyter and/or the Town of DeRuyter Highway Department. The full text of said Local Law is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office at the Town Offices located at the Genevieve D. Staley Civic Center located at 735 Utica Street, in the Town of DeRuyter for inspection by all interested persons.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on July 11, 2024, the Town Board determined that this proposed Local Law is an unlisted action, there are no other involved agencies and the Town Board will act as lead agency in this matter.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board has determined that the adoption of proposed Local Law No. A-2024 will have no significant impact on the environment, an environmental impact statement will not be required and has issued a negative declaration under SEQ.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Local Law at the said Town Offices on August 8, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested will be heard.

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