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Some Homer DRI funds will be used to give a bookstore a boost into opening at 11 Wall St.



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The US' Gabby Thomas sped toward an easy win in the 200 meters for gold in France on Tuesday.



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Cortland mayor: Deal close on selling the Parker School

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A deal is close with a developer looking to buy the former Parker Elementary School in Cortland, Mayor Scott Steve told Common Council members Tuesday.

“We hope that in the next 30 days, we’ll have something,” Steve said at a meeting. “I’m very optimistic about it, it’s a great story and I’m excited to tell that story at a later date.”

In November, the council backed away from a deal with an Ithaca-based nonprofit that would’ve converted Parker School to a mixed-use facility with low-income housing, a move suggested by the project’s advisory committee.

Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services couldn’t work with new square footage requirements the city set, Steve said at the time.

The city then issued a new call for proposals on what to do with the property.

“We had a nonprofit and a developer we were working on,” Steve said. “We’re down the not-for-profit, but we have two developers.”

The Ithaca-based housing nonprofit pitched its plan in March 2023. It followed a plan for the city to buy and renovate the 50,000-square-foot Parker School, closed in 2018, with the goal to lease the space to CAPCO and YWCA for use as a childcare facility, which was canceled in September 2022. Project organizers had arranged \$1.8 mil-

lion in state and federal funding for the project, but estimated costs rose past \$5.6 million — up from a 2020 estimate of \$2 million.

A letter from the Parker committee said the proposal by the Ithaca service would create density greater than the city zoning code intends and that the building’s redevelopment should be mixed-use with services and activities.

The committee suggested the first floor contain offices, businesses and community services. It also suggested

limiting the number of housing units to 25 — Ithaca Neighborhood Housing had proposed more than 40 units — and limiting the number of residents to 35, with each apartment at least 700 square feet.

Steve said this kind of process usually takes months to complete.

Aldersperson Troy Beckwith (D-7th Ward) said the city now has several projects to watch, mentioning a \$24

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What a Night Out



Todd R. McAdam/Managing Editor

Maya Tepfer, 3, explores animal pelts that state Environmental Conservation Officer Andrew Kostuk showed Tuesday at National Night Out on the Homer Village Green with Omeir Tepfer, 3, right, and Amanda Tepfer and Lisa Tepfer.

New nuclear power on agenda for energy summit in Syracuse

By TIM KNAUSS
syracuse.com (TNS)

SYRACUSE — State leaders will hold an energy summit in Syracuse next month that will include discussion of the possible role advanced nuclear plants could play in meeting New York’s goal of an emission-free electric grid. Gov. Kathy Hochul announced plans for the summit Monday.

Two of the five panel discussions at the daylong conference will be focused on “new nuclear” technology such as small advanced nuclear reactors, according to a draft agenda.

The meeting also will include discussions about accelerating the deployment of renewable power sources like wind and solar. And there will be a focus on developing new power sources that can be dispatched when renewable power falls short.

New York law mandates that by 2040 all electricity

be generated without producing carbon emissions that contribute to climate change. As of now, about half the state’s electricity comes from burning natural gas or other fuels that emit greenhouse gases.

The energy summit will explore a wide variety of technologies for achieving a clean system, said Doreen Harris, president and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, which is sponsoring the conference.

At this point, nuclear power is a more mature technology than many alternatives, she said.

“It is actually a more, I’d say, advanced area of commercial viability, as opposed to some of the other resources that we see on the technical horizon at this point,” Harris said in an interview Monday.

NYSERDA plans to develop a roadmap for the potential deployment of new nuclear power, similar to

the Offshore Wind Master Plan the authority crafted to guide development of that resource, Harris said. NYSERDA plans to gain expert feedback at the Syracuse summit to help prepare a policy for new nuclear power, she said.

“New nuclear is a resource that we see strong federal support for,” Harris said. “And frankly, we see deployment of these technologies — such that it is, I would say, ripe for consideration. Is this a resource that New York would consider? But it’s not to say we have the answer to that.”

The energy summit will take place Sept. 5 at the Syracuse Marriott Downtown. The speakers have not been announced, but they are expected to including “global experts,” Hochul said in a news release.

New York currently has four operating nuclear reactors — three in Oswego County and one in Wayne County. They pro-

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Judge banned from C’ville court

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A state administrative judge has banned Cortlandville Town Judge Robert DeMarco from all non-public areas of the town court, and reassigned his cases, a letter to town officials says.

The order from Judge James P. Murphy, the deputy chief administrative judge for courts outside New York City, also says DeMarco cannot try new cases. His work will shift to Judge Mary Beth Mathey, the town’s other part-time judge.

“These directives shall remain in effect until further Order of the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge,” says the order, dated Monday.

Cortlandville Supervisor Tom Williams said Tuesday he did not know why DeMarco received the order. Williams

said he was assured there was no public safety issue.

Williams referred comment to Josh Shapiro, special counsel to the office of the administrative judge, as did staff from both town court and the 6th Judicial District. Shapiro referred comment to Al Baker, the New York State Unified Court System’s public information officer, who did not return a request for comment.

Information on why DeMarco received the order was not publicly available. A call to his Homer law office was not immediately returned.

DeMarco, 54, said he had 15 years of prosecutorial experience in 2021, before defeating former Judge Lenore LeFevre in that year’s election. He was re-elected in 2023.

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Harris introduces Minn. Gov. Walz as her VP pick

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Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Kamala Harris introduced Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz to the nation at a raucous rally Tuesday in battleground Pennsylvania that was aimed at building momentum for the newly minted Democratic presidential ticket in the sprint toward Election Day.

“He’s the kind of person who makes people feel like they belong and then inspires them to dream big. ... That’s the kind of vice president America de-

serves,” Harris said while standing with Walz in Philadelphia.

Taking the microphone after Harris, Walz revved up the crowd for the rigorous campaign to come. “We’ve got 91 days. My God, that’s easy. We’ll sleep when we’re dead,” he said.

The remarks reflected the urgency of the moment, with Harris tapping Walz for the ticket during one of the most turbulent periods in modern American politics. Republicans have rallied around former President Donald Trump after he was targeted in an attempted assassination in July. Just days later, President Joe Biden

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AP Photo/Joe Lambert

Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris and her running mate Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz speak at a campaign rally in Philadelphia, Tuesday.

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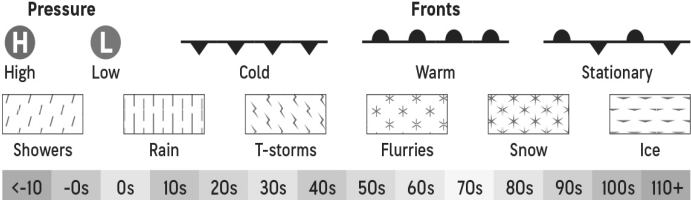
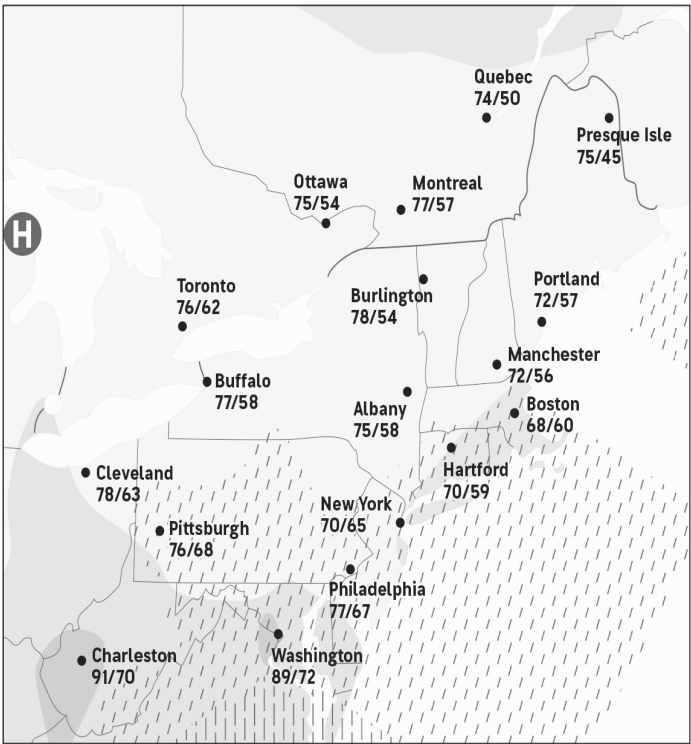
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Thursday: A slight chance of showers after 2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

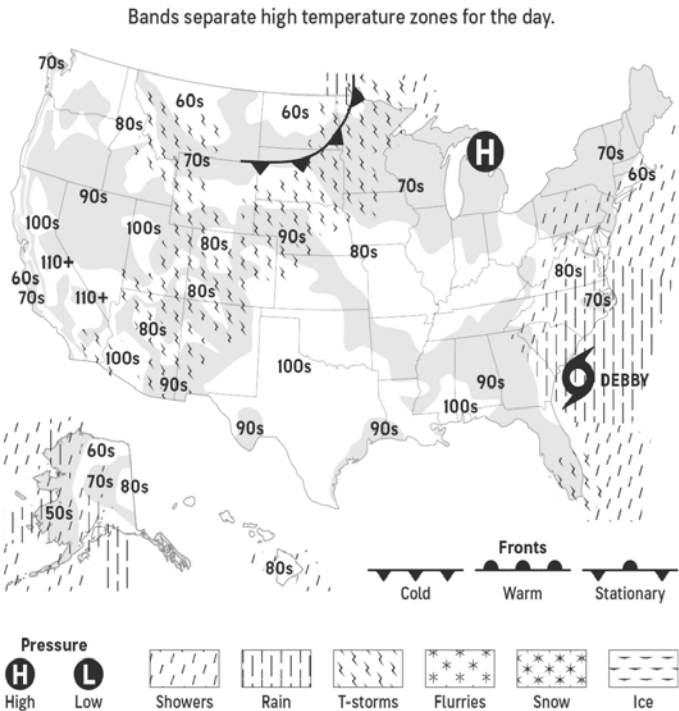
Skies Today

Wednesday, August 7, 2024	
Sunset today	8:18 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:04 a.m.
Normal high temperature	80
Normal low temperature	57
Average temperature	69
First quarter moon	Aug. 12

Forecast for Wednesday, August 7, 2024



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NATIONAL SUMMARY: Debby will continue to spread heavy rain and wind from Georgia to Virginia today as it crosses the Southeast. Prolonged heavy rain and storm surge can lead to life-threatening flooding, especially along the coast. Elsewhere, gusty afternoon thunderstorms will rumble across the Southwest. Thunderstorms will form in the northern Plains.

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Lottery Winners

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

Numbers: Midday: 7-7-8, Evening: 6-1-7; **WinFour:** Midday: 4-4-8-3, Evening: 3-5-3-0; **Pick 10:** 1-2-10-18-25-27-29-30-35-38-45-48-50-63-64-65-67-75-78-79; **Take Five:** Midday: 12-16-23-26-28, Evening: 18-26-31-33-37; **Cash4Life:** 1-5-36-38-57, Cash Ball: 3, **Mega Millions:** 23-29-36-61-70, Mega Ball: 22, Megaplier: 4

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Records

Suburban NY county issues ban on wearing masks to hide identity

MINEOLA (AP) — Lawmakers in a suburban New York county have approved a bill to ban masks in public places with exemptions for people who cover their faces for health reasons or religious or cultural purposes.

Supporters said the bill approved Monday by the Republican-controlled Nassau County Legislature on Long Island would prevent violent protesters from hiding their identity.

Legislator Howard Kopel said the measure was introduced in response to “antisemitic incidents, often perpetrated by those in masks” since the Oct. 7 start of the latest Israel-Hamas war.

All 12 Republicans in the legislature voted in favor of the measure, while the body’s seven Democrats abstained.

The county lawmakers acted after New York’s Democratic governor, Kathy Hochul, said in June that she was considering a ban on face masks in the New York City subway system. No specific plan has been announced to enact such a ban, which like the Nassau measure



AP Photo/Philip Marcelo, File

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, at podium, speaks during a news conference in Mineola, New York, March 6.

was floated in response to the rise in mask-wearing protesters.

The New York Civil Liberties Union criticized the Nassau mask ban as an infringement on free speech rights.

“Masks protect people who

express political opinions that are unpopular,” the group’s Nassau County regional director Susan Gotthehrer said in a statement. “Making anonymous protest illegal chills political action and is ripe for selective

enforcement, leading to doxxing, surveillance, and retaliation against protesters.”

The Nassau bill makes it a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine for anyone to wear a facial covering to hide their identity in public.

The measure exempts people who wear masks for health safety, “religious or cultural purposes, or for the peaceful celebration of a holiday or similar religious or cultural event for which masks or facial coverings are customarily worn.”

In testimony to legislators on Monday, Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder said officers would know the difference between someone wearing a mask for criminal reasons and someone wearing it for medical or religious purposes.

“We are not going to just arrest someone for wearing a mask. We are going to go up to the person and talk to them and find out,” Ryder said, according to Newsday.

New York journalist arrested on felony hate crime charges

By JAKE OFFENHARTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A New York City journalist was arrested on felony hate crime charges Tuesday after filming a pro-Palestinian protest earlier this summer in which activists hurled red paint at the homes of top leaders at the Brooklyn Museum.

Samuel Seligson, an independent videographer, was not involved in the vandalism, but is accused of traveling in a car with the activists and entering private property with them, according to a law enforcement official familiar with the case.

The official spoke with The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation.

Leena Widdi, an attorney for Seligson, said New York Police Department officers twice raided Seligson’s Brooklyn apartment in the past week before he turned himself in early Tuesday.

She described the arrest and use of a hate crime statute as an “appalling” overreach by police against a journalist with a city-issued press credential. Seligson, who is Jewish, is a fixture at New York City protests who has licensed and sold footage to mainstream outlets, including Reuters and ABC News.

“Samuel is being charged for alleged behavior that is protected by the First amendment and consistent with his job as a credentialed member of the press,” Widdi said in an email. “What is even more concerning, however, is that this member of the press is being charged with a hate crime.”

An NYPD spokesperson confirmed Seligson was charged Tuesday with two counts of criminal mischief with a hate crime advancement, a felony. The spokesperson declined to say what he was accused of doing at the protest.

“This is an extremely serious charge against a journalist,” said Robert Balin, an attorney who has defended photojournalists arrested by the NYPD. “If he did not a participant in these events, this could be a brazen violation of the right of the press to gather news.”

In order to prove a hate crime charge, Balin said, prosecutors would have to show that Seligson participated in the vandalism and was targeting the directors because of their religion, race or other personal characteristic. Balin represented The Associated Press in negotiations involving access to Donald Trump’s legal cases.

Seligson was previously arrested in May at a separate pro-Gaza demonstration. He told the U.S. Press Freedom Tracker that he was livestreaming the demonstration as police made arrests and identified himself as a journalist. A spokesperson for the Brooklyn district attorney said that case had been closed and sealed.

The June vandalism targeted four homes belonging to members of the Brooklyn Museum’s board, including its Jewish director, generating allegations of antisemitism and condemnations from across the political spectrum.

The activists wore face masks and dark clothing as they spray-painted slogans on the board members’ homes accusing them of funding genocide, according to court papers. They also hung banners featuring an inverted red triangle that authorities say is a symbol used by Hamas to identify Israeli military targets, prosecutors said.

The vandalism came days after hundreds of pro-Palestinian protesters occupied the Brooklyn Museum’s lobby and vandalized artwork. Organizers at that event said the museum was “deeply invested in and complicit” in Israel’s military actions in Gaza through its leadership, trustees, corporate sponsors and donors — an allegation museum officials deny.

Last week, police arrested another suspect, 28-year-old Taylor Pelton, who is accused of driving the car used by the vandals. Authorities are still seeking four people involved in the vandalism.

As fierce protests erupted in New York City against Israel’s war in Gaza, the NYPD has come under scrutiny for its treatment of both protesters and journalists.



AP Photo/Dima Gavrysh

Participants in an anti-Israel rally protest in front of the United Nations Headquarters, July 31, 2006, in New York.

RFK Jr. testifies in residency case

By MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press

ALBANY — Robert F. Kennedy Jr. endured a volley of questions Tuesday from a lawyer trying to undercut his claim that he lives in New York and keep him off the state’s presidential ballot.

Kennedy testified that his address is in the well-to-do New York City suburb of Katonah, and he has said he only moved to California temporarily to be with his wife, “Curb Your Enthusiasm” actor Cheryl Hines.

Under questioning by attorney Keith Corbett in a court in the state capital, Albany, the independent presidential candidate acknowledged he had moved his mementos, books and pets from New York to California.

“The dogs came, the hawks stayed,” he said, referring to his raptors.

In one heated exchange, Corbett produced a July 2 affirma-

tion from Kennedy saying his driver’s license was registered to the Katonah address. But Corbett said two government documents show the registration did not list that address until the next day.

“You are familiar with the term ‘perjury’?” Corbett asked.

“Of course I am,” Kennedy replied.

“I will certainly correct this. I was wrong by 24 hours,” Kennedy said.

“I have lived in New York for 50 years,” he added.

Corbett earlier handed Kennedy a federal statement of candidacy with a Los Angeles address, and showed Kennedy has a Jeep registered at his accountant’s New York City address.

Kennedy, in a blue suit, confidently answered many questions but seemed less sure when asked about a series of trusts related to his family and real estate transactions.



Kennedy

Obituaries

Francis C. Miles

Francis C. Miles, 82, a long-time resident of Spafford, NY, passed away on Monday, July 29, 2024, in Syracuse, NY. Born in Auburn, he was the son of the late Francis T. and Emma Kilmer Miles. Francis was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle who cherished his family and enjoyed socializing with everyone he met. He worked at Hanson as a heavy equipment operator for over 40 years.

Francis is survived by his sons: Jason (April) of Spafford, NY; David (Angie) of Bellville, TX; Dan (Sarah) of Barboursville, WV; William of Elbridge, NY; and daughter Christine Menzer of Oviedo, FL; as well as several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Francis was predeceased by his first wife of 32 years, Donna; his second wife of 5 years, Peggy; his daughter, Wendy; his sister, Nancy; and his brother, Edward.

There will be a graveside burial service at Spafford Cemetery on August 10th at 11 a.m. A celebration of life will follow at the Spafford Fire Department. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may make contributions in memory of Francis Miles to the Margaret E. Blizzard Senior Activity Center, 1301 E. Tom Green St., Brenham, TX 77933.

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

Death Notices

CARNELL — Ada M. Carnell, 90, of Cortland, died on Aug. 1, 2024. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024 in the Cortland Rural Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Donald L. Barber Funeral Home.

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Community

Chenango man charged with 1st-degree rape, say sheriff's officers

From Staff Reports

A Chenango County man has been charged with raping a person July 13 in Cincinnatus, Cortland County sheriff's officers said.

Craig A. Dubois, 18, of Otselic, was charged with first-degree rape, a felony. Police said he had inap-

propriate sexual contact with a person he knew. A complaint was made to police the same day.

First-degree rape is a crime in four circumstances, but police did not describe which circumstance brought the charge:

When the suspect has sex with another person

by forcible compulsion.

When the suspect has sex with another person who is physically helpless.

When the suspect engages in sexual intercourse with another person who is younger than 11.

When a suspect over 18 has sex with a child

younger than 13.

Sheriff's officers investigated and arrested Dubois Monday. He was arraigned via Cortland County central arraignment and sent to the Cortland County Jail without bail pending an appearance Aug. 21 in Cincinnatus Town Court.

County may hike the gas surcharge at its 'fuel farm'

By DOUG SCHNEIDER
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Time is approaching for Cortland County to replace its aging fuel tanks, which means the county will need to build a reserve account to fund the purchase of the new tanks.

For towns in Cortland County, that means the price the towns are charged for gasoline will increase, under a recommendation from the county legislature's Highway Committee. Members voted unanimously Tuesday to draft a resolution to charge municipalities that buy gas from the county a 25 cent-per-gallon surcharge, up from 9 cents a gallon.

It's likely to go to the full Legislature for a vote when the Board meets Aug. 22.

"The 25 cents is basically (a deposit on) future tank purchases to go into a reserve fund," said county Highway Superintendent Charles Sudbrink. "Within five to 10 years, we're going to have to

replace the tanks."

Sudbrink said the tanks have been in use for 30 to 40 years.

"If we set up the reserve now, at least we'll have a starting point," County Administrator Rob Corpora said.

"My suggestion is to raise it from 9 cents. I'm not sure what the right number is," said committee Chair Chris Newell (R-Cortlandville).

Despite the potential price increase, Cortland County officials see the situation as a "win-win" situation. Though towns would pay an extra quarter per gallon of gasoline, that's still 80 cents a gallon — \$1 less than they would have to pay to buy gas at a pump.

One reason the county is able to charge lower prices is that it purchases a full tanker truck of gasoline, officials said. It's not common for smaller municipalities to store 10,000 gallons of gas at its storage facility, commonly known as a fuel farm.

Property owner Kevin Williams plans to add a wrap-around porch to 11 Wall St., Homer. The building will become a combined bookstore, cafe, taproom and retail space.

Margaret Mellott/Staff Reporter

Homer DRI helps fund bookstore

By MARGARET MELLOTT
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Nothing beats curling up with a good book and a fresh cup of coffee on a rainy day, said Molly Lane, co-owner of MoJoe's Book and Brew — which will soon find a home in downtown Homer.

The building at 11 Wall St., will undergo renovations for the bookstore as one of the 11 projects selected by the state for the village of Homer's \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

"The outpouring of support in this short time ... has just been amazing," Lane said. "I've had people come up and say they've wanted this."

Built in 1870, the site is one of Homer's first train stations, said property owner Kevin Williams. Renovations will restore the Victorian-era building, creating a combined bookstore, cafe, taproom, art space and children's corner — called MoJoe's Book and Brew. The project is expected to cost \$990,000, with a state contribution of \$396,000 from the DRI.

Lane will operate the business alongside her husband, Joe Cortese. The two have been working toward opening this kind of business for nearly three years — they'd almost given up when



Margaret Mellott/Staff Reporter

The first floor of the building at 11 Wall St., Homer, will include a bookstore, cafe and taproom — called MoJoe's Book and Brew. The project is one of 11 selected by the state for the village's \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Homer won the \$10 million grant.

The two then connected with Williams, a Homer town board member and owner of the Village Food Market — who had been planning to put apartments in the building, but changed his mind when he heard Lane and Cortese's pitch.

"I called my sisters up and all three of them were like, 'Oh my God, this is the best thing ever,'" Williams said.

Williams plans to put in a wrap-around porch, with a roof extending out to cover it — a look similar to a historical train station platform. Cortese and Lane are planning the interior, which will include room for items from Cinch Art Space, a handmade gift and art store in Cortland.

"First, let's talk about the bookstore — predominantly new books, also some high-quality used books," Cortese said. "We're not looking to do rare books, that kind of thing is beyond our ability. We're going to put in a nice sized bar with draft beer, draft cider and draft wine. We'll have other beverages there, we want to bring in Trinity Valley Dairy products, food and ferments, kombucha — regional, local things like that."

The property also backs up to the Tioughnioga River, allowing an exterior sitting area for the business.

Lane said she plans to work with other Homer businesses, like doing programs with Phillips Free Library. Her only concern is the timeline — getting state paperwork done, filed and approved can take a while.

"Anything to get people reading and exploring has got to be a good thing," Lane said. "I'm so excited for people to come in and support this. It's a dream for me."

Around the towns

Peruville Road to close for 2 months

McLEAN — Peruville Road in Dryden and Groton will be closed for two months starting Tuesday as the state replaces culverts, the Tompkins County Highway Department announced Tuesday.

Detours will be in place between McLean and Route 38.

The culvert replacement is part of a \$3.6 million plan to replace six Tompkins County culverts: County Road 174/ Pine Tree Road over Six Mile Creek Tributary, County Road 110/Ellis Hollow Road over Six Mile Creek Tributary, County Road 107/Peruville Road over Owasco Inlet, County Road 119/ Coddington Road over Six Mile Creek

Tributary, County Road 186/Conlon Road over Salmon Creek Tributary and County Road 115/Valley Road over Six Mile Creek Tributary.

Sundae sale helps cancer fund

All proceeds from a particular ice cream sundae sold at The Frosty Caboose through Sept. 2 will be donated to the Cortland Memorial Foundation's Nicholas Renzi Cancer Care Fund, Guthrie Cortland Medical Center has announced.

The confection, the Guthrie Great Sundae, features Perry's Lemon Chillo ice cream with a blueberry topping.

Frosty Caboose owner Dick Brecht will also donate 10% of all sales at the

107 Homer Ave. ice cream stand on Tuesdays and Fridays this month to the cancer fund.

"Having lost both of my grandparents and my mom to cancer, the Nicholas Renzi Cancer Care Fund's purpose really means a lot to me," Brecht said in a release. "Fighting cancer shouldn't come down to money, but more often than we would like to believe, it does. After learning more about what the Cancer Care Fund does for patients in our community, I'm grateful to be in a position to work with the great people at Cortland Memorial Foundation and Guthrie to help whoever needs it."

"The Nicholas Renzi Cancer Care Fund is used for small equipment purchases, as well as educational and comfort items for our oncology patients, so

it's all for a great cause," said Sheila Ossit, the foundation's director.

County Youth Bureau to fund programs

The Cortland County Youth Bureau will help fund efforts to benefit young people made by municipalities, community- and faith-based organizations.

The deadline to apply is 4 p.m. Sept. 6 and the programs must take place between Oct. 1 and Sept. 30, 2025.

The Youth Development Program supports services that provide opportunities for youth development toward growing up to be competent, caring and healthy adults.

Youth Sports and Education Op-

portunity program is funded by the state Office of Children and Family Services and provides sports programs to underserved youth ages 6-17.

Youth Team Sport funding supports team sports programs.

All programs must track outcomes and provide data to the Youth Bureau. Applications are available at <https://tinyurl.com/2ytwssu4>, by calling 607-758-5509 or emailing rmain@cortland-countyny.gov.

Homer school board meets Tuesday

The Homer Central School Board of Education will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Homer Training and Education Center.

Police/fire

Freeville woman charged with impaired driving after crash

Accused: Colleen R. Fidelman, 43, of Freeville

Charges: Driving while impaired by drugs, a felony

Details: Fidelman was involved in a two-vehicle collision

about 1:34 p.m. July 23 at the Tops supermarket in Lansing, state police said. Troopers said they found Fidelman slumped over the center console of a running vehicle, and noticed signs of impairment while they interviewed her. The charge was a felony because Fidelman has a prior conviction for impaired driving in the past 10 years.

Legal Actions: Fidelman was

ticketed to appear Aug. 27 in Lansing Town Court.

Freeville man charged with impaired driving

Accused: Geoffrey S. Fidelman, 56, of Freeville

Charges: Driving while impaired by drugs, a felony

Details: State police said they

found Fidelman asleep behind the wheel of a running vehicle about 4:38 p.m. July 23 in the road near Sevanna Park and North Tripphammer in Lansing. Troopers said they noticed signs of impairment. The charge was a felony because Fidelman has a prior conviction for impaired driving in the past 10 years.

Legal Actions: Fidelman was ticketed to appear Aug. 22 in

Lansing Town Court.

Freeville woman charged with DWI

Accused: Erin E. Baker, 42, of Freeville

Charges: Driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor

Details: State police stopped Baker's vehicle about 8:50 p.m.

July 27 on County Road 33 in Middlefield in Otsego County after police said the car failed to maintain its line. Troopers said they smelled alcohol and noticed signs of impairment; Baker failed a field sobriety test and a later test showed a blood-alcohol content of 0.1%.

Legal Actions: Baker was ticketed to appear Aug. 21 in Middlefield Town Court.

Choosing dessert as the main course

By **TODD R. McADAM**
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A couple I know likes to indulge from time to time: Dessert for supper.

When they do that, the family heads out and typically gets ice cream sundaes. Rich, decadent, sweet — I get it.

But I just can't do it. Maybe it's all those years of my mother insisting on a meat, two vegetables and maybe a carb every night. Maybe it's that I feel guilty indulging myself if I haven't earned it. Maybe it's that I'm becoming a rather tubby Todder and just can't throw nutrition to the wind.

But one can have dessert for a main course, if one does it right. Make it the meal's protein. Skip the meat or the beans or whatever you use to build strong muscles, regulate your metabolism and all that other stuff nutritionists say it's good for.

Chocolate tofu pie. Don't wince. Don't scoff. If the texture isn't the same as the chocolate cream pie my mother always made for my uncle at Thanksgiving — and that's just chocolate pudding in a pie shell — it's still rich and sweet and chocolatey.

And totally full of low-fat, high-protein nutrition.

All the recipes you might find call for a soft, silken tofu because its greater moisture creates a creamier custard. But you can use a firmer tofu if you want; just think chocolate cheesecake instead of chocolate cream pie.

Once you've got the idea, you can dress it up many ways. Whipped cream is the traditional topping, but try a fruit sauce, like blueberries or sliced strawberries stewed with a touch of sugar and a splash of lemon until they're syrupy. Or fold the fruit right into the filling, with or without cooking it into a syrup.

You might be tempted to take

a big ol' wedge, but use caution. All that protein fills you up pretty quickly and you don't want to feel like you've swallowed a medicine ball. You might want some fluids, too, because protein takes a lot of water to digest.

Either way, serve with a salad and call it a decadent dessert without guilt.



CHOCOLATE TOFU PIE

One 9-inch graham cracker pie crust

- 24 ounces silken firm tofu
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 2 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips, or shaved chocolate

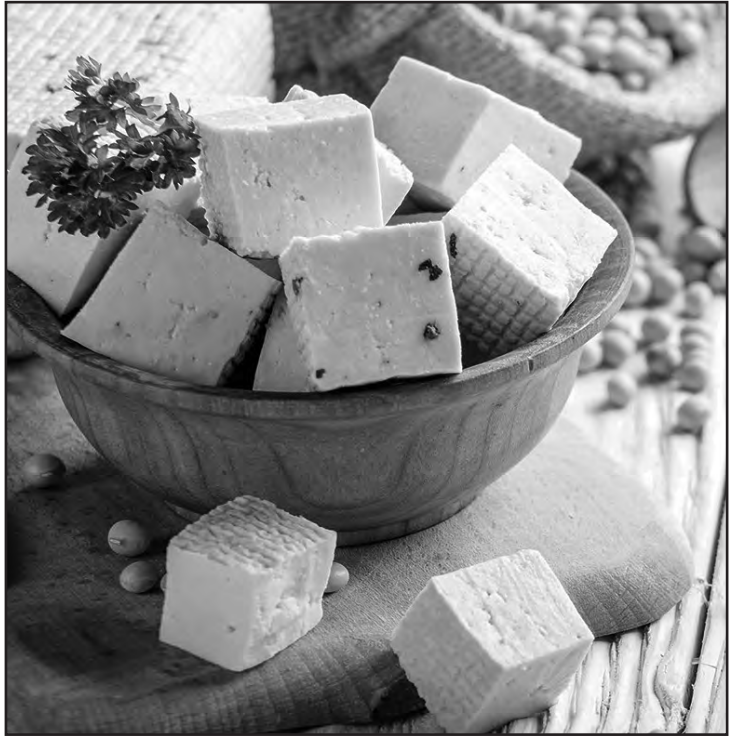
Graham cracker crust

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs, about 12 sheets of crushed crackers
 - 1/3 cup sugar
 - 6 Tbs. butter, melted
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix graham cracker crumbs, sugar and melted butter in a small bowl. Pour the mixture into a 9-inch pie pan and use the back of a spoon to press it firmly in the bottom and up the sides of the pan. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool.

Combine the tofu, honey and extracts in a blender and process until smooth. Place the chocolate in a microwave safe bowl and microwave for 30 seconds; then stir and repeat until the chocolate is melted, but avoid letting it overheat. Add the melted chocolate to the filling and blend until incorporated and smooth.

Pour into the pie crust, cover and refrigerate for at least two hours.

Play with it: Fold in two-thirds to three-quarters of a cup of fresh blueberries (Pick them yourself; the season's been really good), raspberries, sweet cherries or sliced strawberries before pouring the filling into the crust.



MetroCreative

Chocolate tofu pie? For dessert? While the texture isn't the same as a chocolate cream pie, it's still rich and sweet and chocolatey.



Gretchen McKay/Pittsburgh Post-Gazette/TNS

Asparagus stars in this summery pasta dish from the book "The Monday Pasta Club," to be released this fall.

Summery asparagus invites you to 'Monday Pasta Club'

By **GRETCHEN MCKAY**
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
(TNS)

Pasta is on many cooks' weekly rotation because it's often super easy to prepare after a busy day at work or school, is relatively inexpensive and, for those who like to experiment with new ingredients and flavor combinations, offers countless ways to change up your weeknight routine.

If you need a little inspiration, "The Monday Pasta Club" from British pastry chef Ed Barrow, which will be released later this fall, offers a new dish for every week of the year — and then some.

Born during the COVID-19 pandemic, the cookbook is a shining example of the good that can come out of something bad.

Nearly every day in November 2020, Barrow cooked fresh pasta using the pasta machine he received from his parents for his 12th birthday. The desire to show off the fruits of his labor led to the creation of a blog in which he posted a new recipe each week for a cult following that's grown to more than 70,000 fans.

Falling into a "never ending rabbit hole of reading, watching and making pasta," he notes on the page's introduction, was a "continuous journey of learning, reading, watching and

researching that is constantly enriching my knowledge of the world that is pasta."

The cookbook that grew out of his regular Monday posts includes 60 of his favorite dishes, some of which take no more than 15 minutes and a couple of everyday ingredients to whip together, and others that require more than an hour to prepare with a laundry list of items.

Each of the book's four chapters include five vegetarian, five fish and five meat recipes written to serve two generously, making it "the perfect cookbook for all sorts of occasions."

Asparagus is often the star of early to mid-spring dishes because it's among the first green veggies to brighten our plates when winter gives way to warmer weather. But it can shine in a summer meal, too, because the stalks cook quickly and work just as wonderfully as a side dish for grilled chicken or barbecued pork as they do tucked into a salad or piled on top of a white pizza.

Here, the crisp-tender vegetable adds a colorful contrast to a creamy pasta dish flavored with gently sautéed leeks, creme fraiche and white wine, the bite of Dijon mustard and the tang of fresh lemon juice. It's elegant, but not so much that you will feel weird eating it after soccer practice on Tuesday.

I couldn't find tagliolini, a

type of thin ribbon pasta, at my local grocery store, so I substituted in slightly wider tagliatelle.

ASPARAGUS, PECORINO AND LEMON TAGLIOLINI

- 3 tbsp. salted butter
- 1 leek, trimmed, finely sliced and well rinsed
- 2 small garlic cloves, finely sliced
- A few fresh thyme leaves
- 4 tbsp. dry white wine
- 4 ounces creme fraiche or sour cream
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- Freshly grated nutmeg
- 5 1/2 ounces tagliolini
- 1 bunch asparagus, tough ends trimmed
- 2 1/2 ounces finely grated pecorino Romano, plus extra to serve
- 1 lemon, halved, for squeezing
- Salt and pepper

Directions

Add butter to a large frying pan or skillet and place over a low heat. Once melted, add leek, garlic and thyme leaves and gently fry over a low heat for about 20 minutes, stirring regularly. The leek should be completely soft and translucent.

Put a large pan of well-salted water on to boil for the pasta.

Meanwhile, add wine to the softened leeks and turn up the heat to high. Boil the wine for a

minute or two to evaporate the alcohol.

Add creme fraiche or sour cream, mustard and a little grated nutmeg. Turn heat to low and stir until combined. Leave to gently simmer while cooking the pasta.

Add tagliolini to the pan of boiling water and cook until al dente, using the timing on the package instructions as your guide. Add asparagus to the water for the final 4 minutes until just tender.

Drain pasta and asparagus, reserving about 1/2 cup of the cooking water.

Add pasta to pan with the sauce, keeping the asparagus to one side while you finish the sauce. Sprinkle the pecorino Romano over the pasta in the pan and squeeze over a little lemon juice and a generous splash or two of the cooking water. (I used the entire lemon.)

Season well with salt and pepper and let the cheese melt into the top of the pasta for 30 seconds. Toss vigorously together over the heat for a minute or two until the sauce is emulsified and coats the pasta.

Add a little more of the pasta cooking water, if needed, to give the sauce a good, creamy consistency.

Divide between two bowls and top with the asparagus, followed by a little extra grated cheese.

Quick Fix

These beef burritos go from heat to eat in a few minutes

By **LINDA GASSENHEIMER**
Tribune News Service (TNS)

Sometimes on a busy evening it's great to have a quick hand-held meal that you can just pick up and eat. Here's a burrito that can be made in minutes or in the morning for the evening.

Salsa adds a kick. Use a mild or strong one. The heat is up to you.

The tortillas should be warmed before they are filled. Place tortillas on paper towels in a microwave oven for 15 seconds or wrap in foil and place in a toaster oven or oven for 5 minutes.

HELPFUL HINTS

Any type of beans such as cannellini or black beans can be used.

Any type of Mexican-style cheese can be used.

A quick way to defrost the frozen corn is to place the kernels in a colander and run hot water over them for a minute.

COUNTDOWN

Assemble and prepare ingredients.

Preheat broiler.
Make the burritos.

SHOPPING LIST

To buy: 1/2 pound 95 percent lean ground beef, 1 bottle tomato salsa, 1 can reduced-sodium red kidney beans, 1 bag frozen corn kernels, 1 bunch cilantro, 1 package 8-to-9-inch light flour tortillas, and 1 small container reduced-fat shredded Monterey jack cheese.

Staples: olive oil, onion

BEEF BURRITOS

- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 pound 95 percent lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup tomato salsa
- 1/2 cup reduced-sodium red kidney beans
- 1/2 cup defrosted corn kernels
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 4 light flour tortillas (8 to 9 inch)
- 1 cup reduced-fat shredded Monterey jack cheese

Line a small baking tray with foil and set aside.

Heat oil in a medium-size skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion and meat and cook for 3 to 4 minutes, breaking up the meat with the edge of a spoon and mixing it with the onions.

Stir in the tomato salsa and heat till bubbly. Add the kidney beans, corn kernels and cilantro. Mix well. Remove from heat. Warm the tortillas. Place them on a countertop. Divide the meat mixture into four portions and place in the center of each tortilla.

Fold the top and bottom edges over fillings.

Then fold in the sides. Place the four folded burritos on the foil lined baking sheet, seam side down. Spoon the cheese over the top of the tortillas. Place the baking sheet under the broiler about 6 inches from the heat for about 1 to 2 minutes for the cheese to melt. Watch to make sure the cheese doesn't burn. Serve two burritos per person. Serve a little extra salsa on the side if you like.



Linda Gassenheimer/TNS

These beef burritos come together quickly for a hand-held meal.

Judge: Google illegally maintains search monopoly

By **MATTHEW BARAKAT**
and **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A judge on Monday ruled that Google’s ubiquitous search engine has been illegally exploiting its dominance to squash competition and stifle innovation in a seismic decision that could shake up the internet and hobble one of the world’s best-known companies.

The highly anticipated decision issued by U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta comes nearly a year after the start of a trial pitting the U.S. Justice Department against Google in the country’s biggest antitrust showdown in a quarter century.

After reviewing reams of evidence that included testimony from top executives at Google, Microsoft and Apple during last year’s 10-week trial, Mehta issued his potentially market-shifting decision three months after the two sides presented their closing arguments in early May.

“After having carefully considered and weighed the witness testimony and evidence, the court reaches the following conclusion: Google is a monopolist, and it has acted as one to maintain its monopoly,” Mehta wrote in his 277-page ruling. He said Google’s dominance in the search market is evidence of its monopoly.

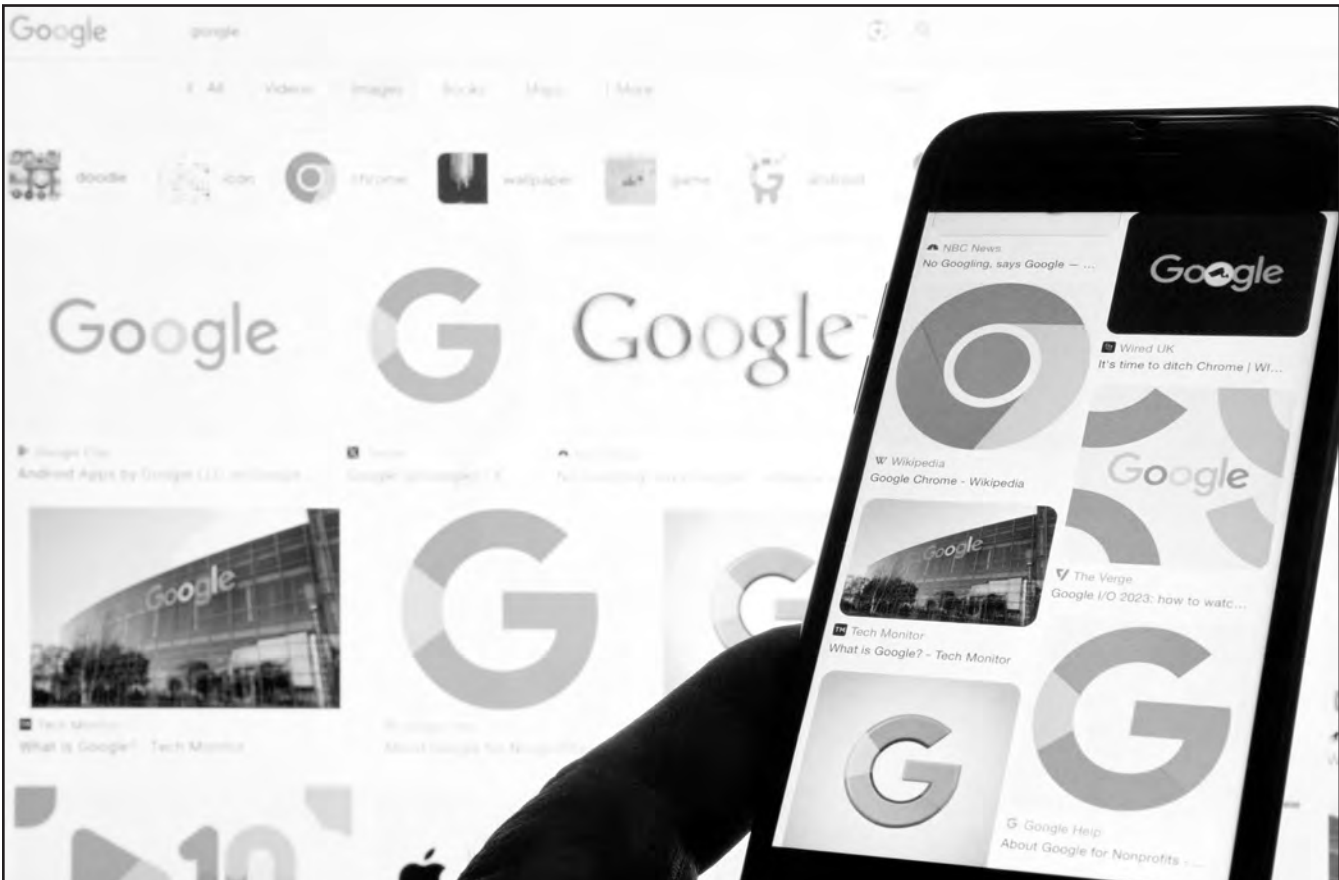
Google “enjoys an 89.2% share of the market for general search services, which increases to 94.9% on mobile devices,” the ruling said.

It represents a major setback for Google and its parent, Alphabet Inc., which had steadfastly argued that its popularity stemmed from consumers’ overwhelming desire to use a search engine so good at what it does that it has become synonymous with looking things up online. Google’s search engine currently processes an estimated 8.5 billion queries per day worldwide, nearly doubling its daily volume from 12 years ago, according to a recent study released by the investment firm BOND.

Kent Walker, Google’s president of global affairs, said the company intends to appeal Mehta’s findings: “This decision recognizes that Google offers the best search engine, but concludes that we shouldn’t be allowed to make it easily available.”

For now, the decision vindicates antitrust regulators at the Justice Department, which filed its lawsuit nearly four years ago while Donald Trump was still president, and has been escalating its efforts to rein in Big Tech’s power during President Joe Biden’s administration.

“This victory against Google is an



AP Photo/Richard Drew, File

Various Google logos are displayed on a Google search, Sept. 11, 2023, in New York.

historic win for the American people,” said Attorney General Merrick Garland. “No company — no matter how large or influential — is above the law. The Justice Department will continue to vigorously enforce our antitrust laws.”

The case depicted Google as a technological bully that methodically has thwarted competition to protect a search engine that has become the centerpiece of a digital advertising machine that generated nearly \$240 billion in revenue last year. Justice Department lawyers argued that Google’s monopoly enabled it to charge advertisers artificially high prices while also enjoying the luxury of not having to invest more time and money into improving the quality of its search engine — a lax approach that hurt consumers.

Mehta’s ruling focused on the billions of dollars Google spends every year to install its search engine as the default option on new cellphones and tech gadgets. In 2021 alone, Google spent more than \$26 billion to lock in those default agreements, Mehta said in his ruling.

Google ridiculed those allegations, noting that consumers have historically changed search engines when they become disillusioned with the results they were getting. For instance, Yahoo was the most popular search engine during

the 1990s before Google came along.

Mehta said the evidence at trial showed the importance of the default settings. He noted that Microsoft’s Bing search engine has 80% share of the search market on the Microsoft Edge browser. The judge said that shows other search engines can be successful if Google is not locked in as the predetermined default option.

Still, Mehta credited the quality of Google’s product as an important part of its dominance, as well, saying flatly that “Google is widely recognized as the best (general search engine) available in the United States.”

The Consumer Choice Center, a lobbying group that has fought other attempts to rein in businesses, decried Mehta’s decision as a step in the wrong direction. “The United States is drifting toward the anti-tech posture of the European Union, a part of the world that makes almost nothing and penalizes successful American companies for their popularity,” said Yael Ossowski, the center’s deputy director.

Mehta’s conclusion that Google has been running an illegal monopoly sets up another legal phase to determine what sorts of changes or penalties should be imposed to reverse the damage done and restore a more competitive landscape.

The potential outcome could result in

a wide-ranging order requiring Google to dismantle some of the pillars of its internet empire or prevent it from paying to ensure its search engine automatically answers queries on the iPhone and other devices. Or, the judge could conclude only modest changes are required to level the playing field.

“Google’s loss in its search antitrust trial could be a huge deal — depending on the remedy,” said Emarketer senior analyst Evelyn Mitchell-Wolf. “A forced divestiture of the search business would sever Alphabet from its largest source of revenue. But even losing its capacity to strike exclusive default agreements could be detrimental for Google. Its ubiquity is its biggest strength, especially as competition heats up among AI-powered search alternatives.”

Regardless she added, a drawn-out appeals process will delay any immediate effects for both consumers and advertisers.

Lee Hepner, senior legal counsel for the American Economic Liberties Project, believes the tenor of Mehta’s ruling makes it likely the judge will decide to prohibit Google from making default search deals and may even look at separating some of its different lines of business.

“This decision strikes at the core of how hundreds of millions of Americans

experience the internet,” Hepner said. “It illustrates how Google has become one of the most powerful companies in the world while undermining innovation and degrading the quality of its core product. The remedy must match the court’s striking verdict in this case.”

If there is a significant shakeup, it could turn out to be a coup for Microsoft, whose own power was undermined during the late 1990s when the Justice Department targeted the software maker in an antitrust lawsuit accusing it of abusing the dominance of its Windows operating system on personal computers to lock out competition.

That Microsoft case mirrored the one brought against Google in several ways and now the result could also echo similarly. Just as Microsoft’s bruising antitrust battle created distractions and obstacles that opened up more opportunities for Google after its 1998 inception, the decision against Google could be a boon for Microsoft, which already has a market value of more than \$3 trillion. At one time, Alphabet was worth more than Microsoft, but now trails its rival with a market value of about \$2 trillion.

If Mehta decides to limit or ban Google’s default search deals, it could squeeze Apple’s profits, too. Although parts of his decision were redacted to protect confidential business information, Mehta noted that Google paid Apple an estimated \$20 billion in 2022, doubling from 2020. The judge also noted Apple has periodically considered building its own search technology, but backed off that after a 2018 analysis estimated the company would lose more than \$12 billion in revenue during the first five years after a break-up with Google.

Google’s payments have helped Apple’s steadily growing services division, which generated \$85 billion in revenue during the company’s last fiscal year. Apple didn’t immediately respond to a request for comment.

The Justice Department’s antitrust division has recently taken on some of the biggest companies in the world. It sued Apple in March and in May announced a sweeping lawsuit against Ticketmaster and its owner, Live Nation Entertainment. Antitrust enforcers have also opened investigations into the roles Microsoft, Nvidia and OpenAI have played in the artificial intelligence boom. The Biden administration has won some big cases, including blocking mergers of some of the world’s biggest publishers as well as JetBlue Airways and Spirit Airlines. It’s also had some notable setbacks, including in the sugar and healthcare industries.

Opinion

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Our Opinion

It’s too early in the budget game to call the outcome

Before you consider the potential 15.8% increase in your Cortland County property tax bill and gasp so much that you swallow your tongue, take a deep breath. County legislators and department heads have five months to consider and trim and restructure to bring the increase to something a bit more reasonable. That’s how budgets are built.

County Administrator Rob Corpora said the county expects to pay \$2.4 million more in payroll, \$1 million more for pension contributions and \$1.8 million more for social services. That’s about \$5.2 million of the \$6.2 million increase.

But what we haven’t heard, and what we expect county administrators and legislators are already looking at, are ways to save money. We know the county is short a few people, which in departments with mandatory staffing levels — say, the jail — leads to overtime costs. Get the hires and the overtime costs might drop, although police agencies all across America have had difficulty recruiting

qualified candidates for several years, now. It’s a similar story with the public defender’s office, where being short a lawyer or two means going the more-expensive route of retaining outside attorneys to represent criminal defendants who cannot afford their own lawyers.

It’s likely similar savings can be had without cutting services.

In any budget, public budget-makers should cut with a scalpel, not a chain saw. Each program was created to effect a public good, and often spending \$1,000 here might avoid a \$10,000 cost there. In a \$156 million spending plan, there are many opportunities to trim but few smart options to hack.

After that, it’s very much true that not all cuts are created equal. Social services spending, for example, is heavily subsidized by the state and federal governments. Public health spending is often funded by grants. Cutting a dollar there might not yield a dollar in savings.

Also, some spending is more popular than others. If, like last year, the county seeks to privatize retirees’ insurance, you

can expect some opposition. Last year, the county estimated the change could have saved \$800,000 a year, but a retired public defender who filed suit over the measure estimated closer to \$316,000, an annual savings that would decline as retirees die. The measure was dropped last year, but will it return? Good question.

When Corpora mentions the sheriff’s office road patrol, there’s both an element of reality there, and perhaps a bit of fear-mongering. The road patrol is not a mandated service, as much as constituents may desire it. And it comes with a larger share of local cost, so cuts yield real savings. But we’ve heard in many counties over many years a threat to road patrols simply to scare constituents into accepting tax increases to save the police protection. We’re uncertain where county officials stand on this issue; perhaps they’re uncertain, too.

Highway Department funding is also a large share of local dollars, but while cuts may yield savings, the department needs a certain amount of staff-

ing simply to plow the roads in the winter — that’s a safety issue as much as a convenience.

What the county should avoid is deferred maintenance and routine capital investment. You see it from time to time: A highway department needs a truck or the sheriff’s office needs a patrol car or two, or maybe a roof needs maintenance. The cost can be delayed a year, maybe even two, but eventually the need becomes critical and now a county has to spend a lot of bucks all at once, rather than a consistent amount each year.

Considering all the possibilities for savings — and the many factors and benefits that must be balanced — about the only thing safe to say is a 15.8% projected increase is not likely to be 15.8% when legislators are done. Among other things, state law caps the property tax levy increase to 2%, or the rate of inflation, unless the legislature musters a 60% supermajority. And we expect legislators will work hard to make sure they don’t have to make that call, then explain it to voters.

Your Opinion

‘No’ to Williams

To the Editor:

Brandon Williams is an election denier. Where was Williams’ patriotism when the Capitol Police were getting hit and poked with American flags on Jan. 6? One of them died the next day of a heart attack, three committed suicide and many of them suffer from PTSD. Ten million dollars of damage and us taxpayers are paying for it.

He whitewashed it and it may happen again.

He wants to do away with a woman’s right to make decisions about her own body. Government has no business being in the doctor’s office with a woman. Whatever happened to HIPPA?

I suggest everyone read Project 2025 before you vote.

**Diane K. Henry
Cortland**

Good Old Days

August 7, 1974

The Cortland County Council of Churches has announced the hiring of the Rev. Walter Parry to fill the newly-created position of Institutional Minister, which will involve several duties.

His office will be at the Interfaith Center, corner of Prospect Terrace and Calvert Street. The Council of Churches office will also be located there as of Aug. 12.

August 7, 1999

A new Web site to be introduced later this month will give the public a clear view of what Cortland County has to offer.

Linda Hartsock, executive director of the Cortland County Business Development Corp., said that Cortland County will get its first Web site as of Aug. 25. Presently, the area’s two main Web sites are for the county’s chamber of commerce and the City of Cortland. The Web site which will be for the BDC and Industrial Development Agency will be introduced at a press conference Aug. 25 at the Tompkins Cortland Community College extension office on West Court Street in Cortland.

August 7, 2014

Little Caesars will provide free pizzas for approximately 150 people starting at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Cortland Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen as part of an outreach effort between the company’s Love Kitchen and the nonprofit organization.

The Love Kitchen has fed three million people in 48 states and four Canadian provinces since Little Caesars was founded in 1985. It has responded to disasters such as the hurricanes in the East and on the Gulf Coast, and the site of the World Trade Center attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Letters

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

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ended his reelection campaign, forcing Harris to scramble to unify Democrats and decide on a running mate over a breakneck two-week stretch.

In choosing the 60-year-old Walz, Harris is elevating a Midwestern governor, military veteran and union supporter who helped enact an ambitious Democratic agenda for his state, including sweeping protections for abortion rights and generous aid to families.

It was her biggest decision yet as the Democratic nominee and she went with a broadly palatable choice — someone who says politics should have more joy and who deflects dark and foreboding rhetoric from Republicans with a lighter touch, a strategy that the campaign has been increasingly turning to since Harris took over the top spot.

Harris hopes Walz will help her shore up her campaign's standing across the upper Midwest, a critical region in presidential politics that often serves as a buffer for Democrats seeking the White House. The party remains haunted by Trump's wins in Michigan and Wisconsin in 2016. Trump lost those states in 2020 but has zeroed in on them as he aims to return to the presidency this year and is expanding his focus to Minnesota.

Since Walz was announced, the team raised more than \$20 million from grassroots donations, the campaign said.

Walz is far from a household name. An ABC News/Ipsos survey conducted before he was selected but after vetting began showed that nearly 9 in 10 U.S. adults did not know enough to have an opinion about him.

Harris devoted much of her speech to telling the audience about Walz's life and work, which included stints as a social studies teacher and a football coach.

"To those who know him best, Tim is more than a governor," she said.

"We both believe in lifting people up, not knocking them down," she said. "We both know that the vast majority of us have so much more in common than what separates us. And we see in our fellow Americans neighbors, never enemies."

Harris, the first Black woman and person of South Asian descent to lead a major party ticket, initially considered nearly a dozen candidates before zeroing in on a handful of serious contenders.

Trump has focused much of his campaign on appealing to men, emphasizing a need for strength in national leadership and even featuring the wrestler Hulk Hogan on the final night of the Republican National Convention. Harris' finalists — all white men — marked an acknowledgement of the Democrat's need to at least try to win over some of that demographic.

She personally interviewed three finalists: Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, Arizona Sen. Mark Kelly and Walz. Harris wanted someone with executive experience who could be a governing partner, and Walz also offered appeal to the widest swath of the diverse coalition.

His selection drew praise from lawmakers as ideologically diverse as progressive leader Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., and independent Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, a moderate who left the Democratic Party earlier this year.



AP Photo/Matt Rourke

Democratic vice presidential nominee Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz greets supporters at a campaign rally in Philadelphia, Tuesday.

A team of lawyers and political operatives led by former Attorney General Eric Holder pored over documents and conducted interviews with potential selections. Harris mulled the decision over on Monday with top aides and finalized it Tuesday morning, according to three people familiar with Harris' decision who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe private deliberations.

Shapiro, an ambitious politician in his own right, struggled with the idea of being No. 2 at the White House and said he felt he had more to do in Pennsylvania, according to one of the people familiar with Harris' decision. There was also public pushback

to Shapiro for his stance on Israel from Arab American groups and younger voters angry over the administration's response to the Israel-Hamas war.

The other contenders threw their support behind the ticket Tuesday, and Shapiro was one of the speakers at Tuesday's Philadelphia rally. Biden described the Harris and Walz ticket as "a powerful voice for working people and America's great middle class."

Walz coined one of Democrats' buzziest campaign bits to date, calling Trump and his running mate Ohio Sen. JD Vance "just weird," a label that the Democratic Governors Association — of which Walz is chair-

man — amplified in a post on X and Democrats more broadly have echoed.

On Tuesday, Walz said: "Just an observation of mind, I just have to say it. These guys are creepy and, yes, just weird as hell."

Harris, second gentleman Doug Emhoff and Walz will spend the next five days touring critical battleground states, visiting Wisconsin and Michigan today and Arizona and Nevada later in the week.

Vance, for his part, planned stops in some of the same areas. He said Tuesday that he called Walz earlier in the day and left a voice message.

The Trump campaign on

Tuesday immediately tried to tag Walz as a far-left liberal.

"It's no surprise that San Francisco Liberal Kamala Harris wants West Coast wannabe Tim Walz as her running-mate — Walz has spent his governorship trying to reshape Minnesota in the image of the Golden State," said Karoline Leavitt, Trump's campaign press secretary.

Trump, who often weighs in on the news on his social media network, posted simply, "THANK YOU!" after the news of Walz's selection was public. He followed up with another post a few hours later, proclaiming "This is the most Radical Left duo in American history and suggested Biden 'feels that he made a historically tragic mistake' and would try to get back in the race again."

Walz, who grew up in the small town of West Point, Nebraska, was a teacher, coach and union member at Mankato West High School in Minnesota before entering politics.

He won the first of six terms in Congress in 2006 from a mostly rural southern Minnesota district and used the office to champion veterans issues. Walz served 24 years in the Army National Guard, rising to command sergeant major, one of the highest enlisted ranks in the military, although he didn't complete all the training before he retired so his rank for benefits purposes was set at master sergeant.

He ran for governor in 2018 on the theme of "One Minnesota" and won by more than 11 points.

David Ivory, a 46-year-old St. Paul resident, rode over to Walz's residence on his bike with his kids shortly after the announcement to deliver their congratulations.

ENERGY

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increases. The U.S. Department of Energy plans to triple the na-

tion's nuclear capacity by 2050.

One aspect of the future electric grid with particular importance to Central New York will

be how the state supplies power to large users such as Micron Technology, Harris said.

If Micron completes its plan

to build four massive chip fabs in Clay, the company expects to use more electricity than Vermont and New Hamp-

shire combined.

"This is one of the reasons that we wanted to hold this summit," Harris said. "The

governor remains strongly focused on ensuring that we continue our economic expansion."

DEAL

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million proposal by Syracuse-based nonprofit Christopher Community to redevelop a

Homer Avenue plaza, building a mix of housing for lower-income people and domestic violence victims.

"Our hopes are to have a for-

mal offer from them to bring back to the Parker School committee, have those discussions then bring them to the full board," Steve said.

C'VILLE

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DeMarco lost to LeFevre in 2017, and to Mathey in 2019.

From 2003 to 2014, he was an assistant district attorney in Onondaga County, according to DemocracyWise, a publication

of the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

"I have the experience of handling literally thousands of cases as a prosecutor, court-sworn attorney or as a defense attorney," DeMarco

said in 2017.

He said he has served several roles in areas such as: prosecution, civil litigant, real estate disputes, wills and trusts, criminal defense, court sworn referee and continuing legal education instructor.

NYSEG Service Territory – Commission Extends

NYSEG's Time Period in LAUF calculation to 10 years

Notice is hereby given that, after petitioning the New York State Public Service Commission ("Commission"), New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") has been authorized by the Commission to modify its' natural gas tariff, extending the period of time used in the calculation of the Loss Factor for NYSEG's Lost and Unaccounted for ("LAUF") gas to a ten-year average instead of the current five-year average. The Commission authorized the proposed tariff change to enable NYSEG to continue to reconcile LAUF gas costs and avoid potential inequities between Sales and Transportation Customers. The amendment became effective on August 1, 2024.

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Olympics

Golf shifts to women’s competition as players hope for crowds

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer
SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES, France — The short turnaround in Olympic golf put Stephanie Meadow and Leona Maguire of Ireland on the same stage as the men at Le Golf National. The size of the crowd was amazing, the noise so chilling that Meadows said it

gave her goosebumps. Except they were on the front nine practicing as the thrilling men’s competition was ending. “I joked with Leona when we played nine on Sunday there were all those people around 18, and we were like, ‘That’s probably the most people we’ve ever hit a golf shot for.’ But nobody was paying attention,”

Meadow said. “Maybe we’ll have that — it’s something we all want,” she said. “We’re here for a reason and we’re good.” Three days after Scottie Scheffler won Olympic gold to add to his astonishing year, Nelly Korda tries to become golf’s first back-to-back gold medalist when the No. 1 play-

er in women’s ranking leads a 60-player field today. Organizers say all 30,000 tickets have been sold. They said that about the men, too, and it was stunning that so many turned out, a gallery so large it was hard for everyone to see. The women’s competition starts a day earlier to finish on

Saturday, ahead of the closing ceremony. That gives them only two full days of practice. Some players, like Shannon Tan of Singapore, have been at Le Golf National all week using the practice areas when they could. They were allowed to play the front nine on Sunday during the men’s final round once the last group got through

the 12th hole. All that did was make the anticipation build. Perrine Delacour of France has been selected to hit the opening tee shot. She spent time with one of the French men who played, Matthieu Pavon, to get advice on how to handle so much support from the home crowd. His reply: “Breathe.”

Kevin Durant nets career US Olympic points scored record

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer
PARIS — Kevin Durant stands alone in U.S. Olympic basketball scoring history. Durant is now the career leader in points for the U.S. in Olympic competition, passing Lisa Leslie for the mark during the Americans’ quarterfinal game against Brazil on Tuesday. Durant’s basket with 3:06 left in the third quarter gave him six points in the game and 489 in his four Olympic appearances. Leslie finished her four Olympic appearances with 488 points and four gold medals.

Durant is bidding to become the first men’s player in Olympic history with four golds after being part of the U.S. teams that won titles at London 2012, Rio de Janeiro 2016 and the Tokyo Games that were held three years ago.

“Training staffs, the work that we put in, just keeping my body ready and just staying in the gym, to be honest,” Durant said when asked last week what he attributes to his longevity. Durant is the No. 8 scorer in NBA history with 28,924 points, No. 2 on the active list behind only U.S. Olympic teammate LeBron James’ 40,474. “Well let me start to (congratulate) @KDTrey5 as he gets ready to break one of my Olympic records! The Slim Reaper!!

One of my all time favorites!” Leslie wrote on X, the platform formerly known as Twitter, last week as the perennial All-Star closed in on her mark. And Durant is likely going to keep this record for some time. He’s one of only five U.S. players with at least 300 points in Olympic competition, joining Leslie, WNBA career scoring leader Diana Taurasi (416 entering the U.S. women’s quarterfinal game today), the retired Carmelo Anthony (336) and James, who is presumably playing in the Olympics for the final time and entered Tuesday with 316 points in his four appearances.

“He’s one of the most efficient players that ever played this game,” U.S. teammate — and Phoenix Suns teammate — Devin Booker said of Durant.

Durant is also the U.S. career men’s leader in rebounds in Olympic play, entering Tuesday with 126. He secured that record in the group-stage finale Saturday against Puerto Rico, his four rebounds in that game allowing him to pass both Anthony (125) and David Robinson (124) for the top spot there. Leslie remains — far and away — the career leader in U.S. Olympic play for rebounding with 241 in her 32 games.



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill
Kevin Durant, of the United States, is fouled by JT Thor, of South Sudan, at the 2024 Summer Olympics, July 31, in Villeneuve-d’Ascq, France.

A list of Paris Olympics medal winners
PARIS (AP) — The United States led the medal standings after the 11th day of competition with China second and host France third. Below is a list of all the medal winners from Tuesday.

Tuesday, Aug. 6
CYCLING TRACK
MEN’S TEAM SPRINT
Gold: Netherlands
Silver: Britain
Bronze: Australia
DIVING
WOMEN’S 10M PLATFORM
Gold: Quan Hongchan, China

Silver: Chen Yuxi, China
Bronze: Kim Mi Rae, North Korea

EQUESTRIAN
INDIVIDUAL JUMPING
Gold: Christian Kukuk, Germany
Silver: Steve Guerdat, Switzerland
Bronze: Maikel van der Vleuten, Netherlands

SKATEBOARDING
WOMEN’S PARK
Gold: Arisa Trew, Australia
Silver: Cocona Hiraki, Japan
Bronze: Sky Brown, Britain

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AP Photo/Martin Meissner
Gabrielle Thomas, right, of the United States, crosses the finish line ahead of silver medalist Julien Alfred, of Saint Lucia, to win the gold medal in the women’s 200 meters final at the 2024 Summer Olympics, Tuesday, in Saint-Denis, France.

Olympics Day 11: Thomas leads Americans to 2 golds

By **JENNA FRYER**
AP National Writer
PARIS — The United States had a big night in track and field at the Paris Olympics on Tuesday, winning two gold medals and five overall. Gabby Thomas blazed her way to an easy win in the 200 meters — and beat 100-meter winner Julien Alfred, who earned silver and now owns the only two medals in her country’s history. American sprinter Britany Brown was third.

Thomas finished in 21.83 seconds to add a gold to the bronze she took home in the event from Tokyo three years ago. The 27-year-old Harvard graduate, who has a Masters in public health, took the lead for good at the curve and was never challenged in the final stretch. She grabbed her head with both hands after winning. Cole Hocker, meanwhile, pulled the upset of the track meet with a stunning victory in the 1,500 meters. Hocker outraced favorites Jakob Ingebrigtsen and Josh Kerr to the finish line in an Olympic record 3 minutes 27.65 seconds. He pulled from fifth to first over the final 300 meters to beat his personal best by more than 3 seconds.

He beat Kerr by .14 seconds, while Ingebrigtsen, who set the pace through the first 1,200 meters, ended up in fourth behind American Yared Nuguse. Annette Nneka Echikunwoke won a silver in the women’s hammer throw. A look at other events from Day 11 of the Paris Olympics:

US women’s soccer to play for gold
The United States women’s soccer team advanced to the gold-medal game and will make its sixth appearance in the Olympic final following a 1-0 win over Germany. Sophia Smith broke a scoreless game in extra time by outmaneuvering defender Felicitas Rauch and German goalkeeper Ann-Katrin Berger. It was Smith’s third goal of the tournament. The Americans are undefeated in France under new coach Emma Hayes and are vying for their fifth Olympic gold medal. They U.S. Women’s National Team missed out on the finals at the last two Olympic tournaments. They were eliminated in the quarterfinals in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro and relegated to the bronze-medal match at the Tokyo Games three years ago.

US women’s volleyball advances
The reigning Olympic champion U.S. women’s volleyball team posted a straight-set victory against Poland to advance to the semifinals in Paris. The Americans next play powerhouse Brazil on Thursday. The Americans made a lineup change after the team’s five-set defeat to China on July 29 to open group stage play, moving veterans Jordan Larson and Kelsey Robinson Cook to reserve roles and bringing in Avery Skinner and Kathryn Plummer. The Americans bounced back to beat Serbia two days later.

Teen wins skateboarding gold
A 14-year-old won the women’s park skateboarding and knew she had a podium locked up as soon as she nailed her final run. Arisa Trew of Australia scored a 93.18 on her final but still had an excruciating wait to see which step on the podium she’d stand on. Only when a 92.63 popped up for Japan’s

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Basketball: France tops Canada, Serbia beats Australia in OT to reach semifinals

By **KYLE HIGHTOWER**
AP Sports Writer
PARIS — France had an ugly couple of days following its group-stage finale loss to Germany. It helped fuel the team’s prettiest performances of the Olympic tournament to far. Guerschon Yabusele scored 22 points after being inserted into the starting lineup, Victor Wembanyama had 12 rebounds and France beat Canada 82-73 on Tuesday to advance to its second straight men’s Olympic basketball semifinal. Wembanyama finished with seven points, five assists, three steals and a block.

Isaia Cordinier added 20 points for France, which is looking to add to its medal haul after winning silver in the Tokyo Games in 2021. It will meet Germany, a winner over Greece, on Thursday. “We had a lot of time to think, to fix things, and the whole team was just so dedicated to fixing everything,” Wembanyama said. “Now we’ve got a good base to build on for the final phase of the tournament.” French coach Vincent Collet pulled four-time NBA Defensive Player of the Year Rudy Gobert and Evan Fournier from the starting lineup. Gobert played just four minutes after

suffering an unspecified injury in practice. Fournier didn’t see the court until late in the first quarter. His benching came after Collet took issue with some critical comments by Fournier after the Germany loss. Fournier finished with 15 points, saying afterward there is no ongoing issue with his coach. “When you have guys that have the same goal, that are being competitive and trying to win, it’s pressure,” Fournier said. “It’s part of the game. ... You just to have to handle stuff like that. And that’s what we did there.” Wembanyama, Yabusele,

Cordinier, Nicolas Batum and Frank Ntilikina started Tuesday. The group gave the team an energy boost, with France taking a 23-10 lead at the end of the first quarter. Canada cut what had been a 19-point second-half lead for France to 71-66 with less than three minutes to go. But the rally stalled there. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander led Canada with 27 points, and RJ Barrett added 16. Canada has not reached the Olympic final four since 1984. “The start obviously put us in a hole,” Gilgeous-Alexander

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Cave homers, Díaz has 2 hits and 2 RBIs to lift the Rockies to a 6-3 win over the Mets

DENVER (AP) — Jake Cave hit a home run, Elias Díaz had two hits and two RBIs, and the Colorado Rockies beat the New York Mets 6-3. Cave hit a two-out, two-run homer off Luis Severino (7-5) to cap a three-run fourth inning and Díaz singled in an insurance run in the eighth. Harrison Bader had a two-run single and Brandon Nimmo had two hits and an RBI for the Mets, who have lost four of six. Justin Lawrence (4-4), the first of four Colorado relievers, pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings for the win. Victor Vodnik pitched the ninth for his sixth save in eight chances.

REDS 8, MARLINS 2

MIAMI (AP) — Elly De La Cruz again battered the Marlins while at bat and on the bases, going 4 for 5 with two doubles, as the Cincinnati Reds routed Miami 8-2 on Tuesday night. A night after hitting two homers and two doubles, De La Cruz singled in the first, doubled and scored in the third and hit a bases-loaded double in the fourth that scored two. He then scored after stealing his major league-leading 58th base of the season, snagging third without a throw while Marlins starter Max Meyer (2-2) was in his stretch. Going on the pitch after singling in the eighth, his speed distracted shortstop Xaver Edwards into a throwing error on Spencer Steer's grounder, taking third without breaking stride. He was stranded. The Reds also got a strong outing from starter Nick Lodolo (9-4), who gave up two runs on two hits in six innings. He struck out seven.

CARDINALS 4, RAYS 3

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Victor Scott II and Tommy Pham each hit two-run homers, Sammy Gray pitched seven innings and St. Louis beat Tampa Bay in the

opener of a three-game series.

Scott, who was recalled from Triple-A Memphis on Sunday, hit his first big league homer in the four-run second inning. Pham added a double in a 2-for-4 night.

Brandon Lowe hit a two-run homer in the first inning for the Rays, who were visiting St. Louis for the first time since Aug. 27, 2017.

The Cardinals had lost four of their previous five games and eight of 12.

BREWERS 10, BRAVES 0

ATLANTA (AP) — Willy Adames hit a pair of two-run homers and Milwaukee routed Atlanta, handing them their third straight loss.

Colin Rea (10-3) dominated the Braves for seven innings, striking out a season-high nine batters while allowing five hits and one walk. Rea has not given up a run in his last three road starts, spanning 19 innings. The Brewers improved to 14-5 in Rea's 19 starts this season.

Adames was 4 for 5 with four RBIs, giving him 75 on the season. William Contreras was 3 for 4 with four RBIs and two runs scored. Joey Ortiz, Rhys Hoskins, Jackson Chourio and Brice Turang had two hits apiece as the Brewers finished with 16.

Bryce Elder (2-5) gave up seven runs on eight hits in just 3 2/3 innings. He struck out six and walked two.

ASTROS 4, RANGERS 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Houston pitcher Framber Valdez lost a no-hitter with two outs in the ninth inning when Texas slugger Corey Seager hit a two-run homer in the Astros' victory over the Rangers.

Valdez was on the verge of his second no-hitter in just more than a year when Seager sent the first pitch he saw in the ninth, an



Fans look to catch a two-run home run off the bat of Rockies' Jake Cave as Mets left fielder Brandon Nimmo, front, looks on in the fourth inning, Tuesday, in Denver.

AP Photo/David Zalubowski

85 mph slider, into the stands in right field. It was Seager's fifth homer in five games.

The 30-year-old left-hander cruised through eight innings but finally began to stumble in the ninth against his Texas rival and the defending World Series champions.

Robbie Grossman drew a lead-off walk on Valdez's 99th pitch, but the 100th was the second Texas double play of the game on Ezequiel Duran's bouncer to Alex Bregman at third.

BLUE JAYS 5, ORIOLES 2

TORONTO (AP) — Alejandro Kirk hit a three-run home run, Chris Bassitt struck out a season-high nine in seven innings to snap a three-start losing streak and Toronto beat Baltimore.

Addison Barger hit a two-run double in Toronto's five-run sixth inning as the Blue Jays handed Baltimore its 14th loss in its last 24 games.

Orioles right-hander Grayson Rodriguez was scratched min-

utes before the first pitch because of pain in his upper back and shoulder.

CUBS 7, TWINS 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Shota Imanaga gave up two hits through seven innings, Isaac Paredes hit a three-run drive for his first homer with the Cubs, and Chicago beat Minnesota.

Imanaga retired the first 10 hitters he faced before issuing his only walk of the game, then gave up a two-run homer

to Royce Lewis, but the Cubs went on to end Minnesota's five-game winning streak. The 30-year-old left-hander struck out 10 — nine swinging — to tie his career high. Paredes, acquired from Tampa Bay in a July 28 trade, finished with two hits and four RBIs. Dansby Swanson had three hits, including a run-scoring triple in the sixth, to help the Cubs win for the fifth time in seven games.

NATIONALS 11, GIANTS 5

WASHINGTON (AP) — James Wood homered, tripled and scored four runs, and Washington erased a quick four-run deficit to beat San Francisco.

Wood also walked twice and stole two bases for the Nationals, who have won three of four after losing five straight.

CJ Abrams hit a three-run homer and Keibert Ruiz had three hits including a solo shot for Washington, which finished with 15 hits.

PADRES 6, PIRATES 0

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Donovan Solano had four hits and four RBIs, and the San Diego Padres used six pitchers to shut out the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-0 on Tuesday night in a game delayed nearly three hours due to rain. Solano had four singles, including a pair for two runs each. It was his first four-hit game since Sept. 26, 2023.

WHITE SOX 5, ATHLETICS 1

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Andrew Benintendi hit a two-run homer and the Chicago White Sox snapped their American League record-tying losing streak at 21 games on Tuesday night, beating the Oakland Athletics 5-1. Jonathan Cannon gave up one run over six innings to end his personal drought while helping the White Sox to their first victory since early July.

Billy Bean, 2nd openly gay ex-MLB player, dies at 60



AP Photo/Chris O'Meara, File

Bill Bean, MLB's vice president of Social Responsibility and Inclusion, throws out the ceremonial pitch before a game between the Rays and the Giants, June 17, 2016, in St. Petersburg, Florida.

NEW YORK (AP) — Billy Bean, who became the second former Major League Baseball player to come out as gay in 1999 before becoming the sport's senior vice president for diversity, equity and inclusion, has died. He was 60.

MLB released a statement confirming his death. Bean died at home on Tuesday after a yearlong fight with acute myeloid leukemia.

The California native played in six big league seasons from 1987 to 1995, making his debut with the Detroit Tigers in a four-hit performance that tied a record for a player in his first game. He also played for the Los Angeles Dodgers and San

Diego Padres. He was a two-time All-American outfielder at Loyola Marymount, leading the team to the NCAA Men's College World Series in 1986.

Bean wrote a book titled "Going the Other Way" and was also a keynote speaker at many events. He publicly came out as gay in 1999, the second former major leaguer to do so after Glenn Burke.

Bean joined the commissioner's office in 2014, when he was hired by former Commissioner Bud Selig to be MLB's first Ambassador for Inclusion. He spent more than 10 years working for MLB, eventually being promoted to senior vice president.

Bean worked with MLB clubs to "advance equality for all players, coaches, managers, umpires, employees, and stakeholders throughout baseball to ensure an equitable, inclusive, and supportive workplace for everyone."

"Our hearts are broken today as we mourn our dear friend and colleague, Billy Bean, one of the kindest and most respected individuals I have ever known," MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement. "Billy was a friend to countless people across our game, and he made a difference through his constant dedication to others."

National Basketball Association

Knicks make Brunson team captain, 1st since 2018-19

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Knicks have chosen Jalen Brunson as their captain, the team's first in six years.

Brunson quickly became one of the team's leaders after arriving in 2022 and on Tuesday

was selected as the 36th captain in franchise history. The Knicks hadn't had one since Lance Thomas in the 2018-19 season.

Knicks President Leon Rose

called Brunson a "natural born leader," adding in a statement that he was confident the All-Star guard would "continue to represent our organization, fans, city and his teammates with the

same heart, grit and class that he has displayed each and every day since he came to New York."

Brunson has led the Knicks to the second round of the Eastern

Conference playoffs in both his seasons after coming from Dallas. He averaged 28.7 points last season, earning his first All-Star nod and finishing fifth in voting for the NBA MVP award.

Brunson becomes the fourth second-round pick to be Knicks captain. That list is headlined by Willis Reed, the Hall of Fame center who was nicknamed "The Captain" for his leadership.

College Basketball

NCAA moving closer to financially rewarding women's teams that compete in March Madness

By DOUG FEINBERG
AP Basketball Writer

Women's basketball teams moved a step closer Tuesday to getting financially rewarded for success in the NCAA Tournament.

The Division I Board of Directors voted unanimously to introduce a proposal that will give performance units to teams that play in March Madness. Units represent revenue.

The proposal goes to the NCAA's Board of Governors later this week to approve the

allocation of funds, but approval is considered a formality. If approved by Division I membership in January, the plan would begin with the 2025 tournament.

"This is a momentous day, and the Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee is proud to have led the efforts that brought us to the introduction of this proposal," said Houston Davis, president at Central Arkansas and chair of the committee. "If approved in January, these funds will again

advance the NCAA's efforts to support gender equity and continue investment in the sport of women's basketball."

The NCAA sharing March Madness revenue with its membership has long been a feature of the men's tournament. The 2018 tournament, for example, brought in \$844.3 million in television and marketing rights, the vast majority from a contract with CBS and Turner Sports to televise the games. The latest extension of that deal is worth \$8.8 billion

over eight years, starting this year.

Most of the money flows through the NCAA to conferences and then back to its member schools, more than 300 of which field Division I basketball teams eligible to play in the tournament. The schools mostly re-invest in athletics, from scholarships for athletes in all sports — though not salaries — to coaching salaries, training facilities, stadiums, ballparks and arenas.

The lack of a units system for

the women's tournament has been a point of sharp criticism.

What helped push it through now is the NCAA's new media rights deal with ESPN that includes many women's championships. Women's basketball is valued at \$65 million per tournament — roughly 10 times more than in the contract that ends this year.

"That made it possible for us to do the most important piece of this," NCAA President Charlie Baker told AP at the Paris Olympics last week.

Baseball

McGRAW BABE RUTH 17U
McGRAW 20, MORAVIA 10
McGraw recorded 18 hits on the day and scored 10 runs in the seventh inning to move on to the league final. Owen Mulcahy led the McGraw offense, going 4-for-4 with three doubles. Avram Moses hit two triples and knocked in a pair of runs. Riley Van Liew had two hits with a triple and three RBIs. Blair Mulcahy recorded two hits with a double. Easton Livermore hit a three-run home run. Calob Sutton and Brennan Wilson each had an RBI triple and Thomas Lea roped a two-run double. Owen Mulcahy got the win in relief for McGraw.

Jake Griffin led Moravia with two hits and Anthony Walker, Eli Landis and Carson Corbett all had two hits, with Walker adding a double.

Golf Log

WALDEN OAKS BILL SWISHER SENIOR LEAGUE		
Low Gross: Steve Jones (36)		
Low Net: Rick Gysel (26)		
Best Ball: Steve Jones, Bruce Wood, Glenn Schillfili		
and Phil Reitano (26)		
Most 4s: Dick Schloff (6)		
Most 5s: Roi Tillotson (7)		
Most 6s: Dale Parker (5)		
Standings		
Sand Baggers 270	Just Kids	239.5
Big Knockers 269	Bogeymen	239
Misfits 262.5	Charlie's Angels	233.5
Wanna Be's 257.5	Hackers	230
DUH! 256	281 Bowl	227.5
Chippers 254.5	East Enders	227.5
Albatross 253	Clubheads	225.5

College Football

Pitbull Stadium is the new home of FIU football

The artist has bought the naming rights

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Sports Writer

Welcome to Pitbull Stadium, the home of your FIU Panthers.

Florida International announced what could end up as a 10-year agreement on Tuesday with international recording artist, Grammy winner and entrepreneur Armando Christian Pérez — the Miami native better known as Pitbull — to put his name on their on-campus stadium.

Pérez will pay \$1.2 million annually for the next five years, the university said, for the naming rights. He will have an option

in August 2029 to extend the deal for another five years and continue the rebranding.

“Yes, we’re going to create history in Pitbull Stadium,” Pérez said during a news conference in Miami. “This isn’t just an announcement. This is a movement. This is truly history in the making.”

FIU said it is the first agreement where an artist possesses the naming rights to a stadium. Pérez will also be involved with FIU’s efforts in the name, image and likeness space, athletic director Scott Carr said.

“This is a historic day for FIU athletics to uniquely partner with a world-renowned artist and amazing person who truly values relationships and his community,” Carr said. “Armando’s financial support is program-changing, but him

providing a microphone to amplify FIU will be even more beneficial to growing our brand.”

As part of the deal, Pérez gets use of the stadium for 10 days each year rent-free, with some tickets to those events to be set aside for FIU students. A vodka brand he owns will be a preferred brand at the stadium going forward, he will receive use of two suites and 20 VIP parking passes for FIU football home games, and he’s being asked to create an “FIU Anthem” to be played at the school’s athletic contests.

“It’s a true blessing, a true honor,” Pérez said. “Let’s make history.”

Pitbull — who also goes by “Mr. 305,” a nod to Miami’s area code — kicked off his music career in the South Florida rap scene around 2004, eventually becoming one of the world’s most recognized artists.



Sophia Bolivar/Miami Herald via AP
Cuban-American recording artist Pitbull appears at a press conference announcing an athletic partnership with Florida International University at Tamiami Hall in Miami, Florida, on Tuesday.

MEDALS

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TRACK AND FIELD
WOMEN’S 200M
 Gold: Gabrielle Thomas, United States
 Silver: Julien Alfred, Saint Lucia
 Bronze: Brittany Brown, United States
WOMEN’S 3,000m STEEPLECHASE
 Gold: Winfred Yavi, Bahrain
 Silver: Peruth Chemutai, Uganda
 Bronze: Faith Cherotich, Kenya

WOMEN’S
HAMMER THROW
 Gold: Camryn Rogers, Canada
 Silver: Ennette Nneka Echi-kunwoke, United States
 Bronze: Zhao Jie, China
MEN’S 1,500M
 Gold: Cole Hocker, United States
 Silver: Josh Kerr, Britain
 Bronze: Yared Nuguse, United States
MEN’S LONG JUMP
 Gold: Miltiadis Tentoglou, Greece
 Silver: Wayne Pinnock, Jamaica
 Bronze: Mattia Furlani, Italy

WRESTLING
MEN’S GRECO-ROMAN 130KG
 Gold: Mijain Lopez Nunez, Cuba
 Silver: Yasmani Acosta Fernandez, Chile
 Bronze: Amin Mirzazadeh, Iran
 Bronze: Lingzhe Meng, China
MEN’S GRECO-ROMAN 60KG
 Gold: Kenichiro Fumita, Japan
 Silver: Cao Liguo, China
 Bronze: Zholaman Sharsh-enbekov, Kyrgyzstan
 Bronze: Ri Se Ung, North Korea

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Cocona Hiraki to end the competition did Trew knew she was taking home gold.

At 14 years and 88 days old, Trew became the youngest Australian to win a medal. The previous youngest was Sandra Morgan, who was 14 years and

184 days old when she won gold in the women’s 4x100 freestyle relay in 1956.

Wrestler goes out on top
 Mijain Lopez concluded his career at the top, retiring after winning the 130-kilogram final for his fifth consecutive gold

BASKETBALL

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said. “I think we won the rest of the game after the start. But when you start like that, it’s hard play against any team.”

With Canada limiting Wembanyama’s touches, Yabusele and Cordinier carried the offensive load for France.

France took an 11-point lead into the fourth, when Wembanyama, Gobert and Batum combined for just three points.

Canada cut the deficit to 71-66 on a steal and dunk by Lu Dort.

It was 73-66 with a little more than a minute to play when Fournier connected on a desperation heave from just inside the half-court line with the shot clock winding down.

Serbia 95, Australia 90, OT
 Nikola Jokic had 21 points

and 14 rebounds, and Serbia surged back to beat Australia in overtime to reach the semifinals.

Bogdan Bogdanovic added 17 for points for Serbia, which rallied from a 24-point first-half deficit to set up a meeting with either the U.S. or Brazil.

Serbia is aiming for its first Olympic medal since the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro, where it took silver. That was the first Olympics for a then 21-year-old Jokic.

Bogdanovic acknowledged doubting whether they’d complete the comeback.

“Honestly, we didn’t keep cool,” Bogdanovic said. “But we knew we were down and we needed to find some momentum and rhythm. ... They had the whole momentum of the game. As I said, this is the biggest pres-

sure of the tournament. Quarter-finals. You know if you lose, you’re out.”

Patty Mills had 26 points — but just six after halftime — for Australia, which won the Olympic bronze medal in Tokyo three years ago. Josh Giddey added 25 points.

“I thought we threw everything at them,” Mills said. “We’re playing against world-class individuals. World-class teams. World-class coaches. And this is why you play international basketball. It’s a different sport than any other league around the world. It brings the best out of everyone.”

Jokic put Serbia on top 91-90 with just over a minute left in overtime. Australia’s Jack McVeigh then misfired on its next possession. Serbia got the

ball back to Jokic, who converted again.

Australia attempted to get the ball into Mills on the inbound, but it was knocked away and stolen by Serbia.

Serbia stormed back in the third quarter and retook the lead late, 61-60, on a jumper by Bogdanovic. The basket capped a 40-14 scoring run.

Serbia led 67-65 entering the fourth and was up 81-78 when Giddey hit a short jumper to cut the margin to a point with just over a minute to play in regulation.

Australia rebounded a Bogdanovic miss, but Mills misfired on the other end. Australia forced a Vasilije Micic error, but he was fouled on the rebound with 9.8 seconds left. He then connected on 1 of 2 free throws.

National Football League

Jets punter Morstead dedicates season to ALS awareness in honor of Gleason

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
AP Pro Football Writer
 FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Thomas Morstead’s punts will do more than just change field position for the New York Jets this season.

The veteran punter announced Tuesday he’s donating \$1,000 for each kick he drops inside the opponent’s 20-yard line as part of his Punt for ALS campaign in honor of former New Orleans Saints special teams star Steve Gleason.

Gleason, a former NFL safety, was diagnosed with ALS or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, in 2011. He was honored with the Arthur Ashe Award for Courage at The ESPYS last month.

Gleason’s nonprofit, Team Gleason, helps people with ALS live purposeful lives by providing programming and support services.

“Steve has given so much of himself to others throughout his life and it felt like the right time to give back to him by raising awareness for the incredible work he is doing through his nonprofit Team Gleason Foundation,” Morstead said in a statement announcing his campaign. “I’m honored and excited to dedicate my 16th season in the NFL to Steve and his foundation.”



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill
Steve Gleason, left, receives the Arthur Ashe Award for Courage, held by his son Rivers, right, at the ESPY awards on July 11, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

Morstead’s Punt for ALS campaign was created to help raise awareness of ALS, and the Jets punter said he will make a minimum pledge of \$10,000.

Last season, Morstead dropped a career-high 36 punts inside the 20-yard line.

Morstead is also asking teammates, opponents and fans to do-

nate to Team Gleason in support. While they were never teammates, Morstead — who spent 12 seasons playing for the Saints — and Gleason got to know each

other over the years. Morstead was also well aware of Gleason’s role in helping the city of New Orleans recover from Hurricane Katrina.

Gleason blocked a punt in the Saints’ game against the Atlanta Falcons on Sept. 25, 2006 — the first game in New Orleans in almost 21 months — that was recovered by Curtis Deloatch in the end zone for a touchdown. A statue depicting Gleason blocking the punt, the first score in the Saints’ return to New Orleans, was placed outside the Superdome in 2012.

After the game, Gleason wrote on social media: “Hey, Falcons. #NeverPunt.” It has become his motto — one with which Morstead recently had some fun when he made a surprise visit to Gleason.

“I’ve been waiting 10 years to do this,” Morstead told Gleason and crossed out the word “never” on Gleason’s #neverpunt T-shirt.

“Gratitude is sacred,” Gleason said in a statement. “In the midst of immense suffering, I started a daily gratitude journal. Gratitude has been a path to resilience, strength and joy. I’m incredibly grateful for Thomas’ friendship and support. I appreciate him and all those who come together to make a bigger impact on the ALS community.”

49ers coach Shanahan says ‘nothing has changed’ regarding a trade or a new contract for WR Aiyuk

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer
 SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Two weeks after the San Francisco 49ers reported to training camp there has been no change in the status of Brandon Aiyuk despite trade rumors swirling

around the star disgruntled wide receiver. Aiyuk is still taking part in meetings but not practicing as he waits for a long-term contract from San Francisco or a trade.

His representatives are talking

to other teams to see if any that Aiyuk wants to play for will pay him the salary he wants and give the Niners appropriate compensation in a trade.

“I’m not going any specifics with offers, contracts, trades,

anything like that. But what I can tell you guys is nothing has changed,” Shanahan said. “A lot was out yesterday and stuff, but from the situation that we’re in with Brandon, nothing’s changed.”

NBC Sports Bay Area reported Monday that the Niners have agreed to potential deals with Cleveland and New England that could happen if Aiyuk was willing to agree to a long-term deal with those teams.

Perfect 10 in diving
 Quan Hongchan of China won her second gold medal in diving competition at these Games and did it by scoring a perfect 10 on the first of her five dives.

The dive was a forward 3 1/2 somersaults and hardly made a ripple as she set off wild cheers

from Chinese fans as the seven judges all registered scores of 10. The 17-year-old, a three-time world champion, said she has scored 10 three times before — including twice while winning gold in Tokyo. The two Chinese women teamed up earlier to win the 10-meter synchronized.

Australia got the ball into Mills, who lost his dribble, gathered and hit a fallaway jumper to send the game to an extra frame.

Germany 76, Greece 63
 Franz Wagner scored 18 points and Germany overcame a sluggish start to beat Greece and advance to the semifinals for the first time.

Dennis Schroder added 13 points and eight assists for the reigning World Cup champions, who will face the winner of France and Canada on Thursday. Germany’s previous best finish at the Olympics was seventh place in 1992.

Germany is unbeaten at the Paris Games after going 3-0 in the group stage.

“I think everybody on the team knows that we’ve got a

special group, and I want to get the most out of this,” Wagner said.

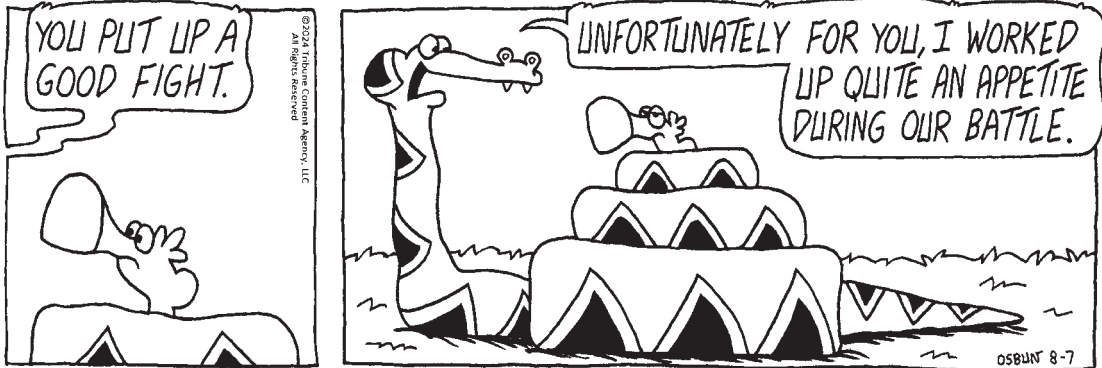
Giannis Antetokounmpo had 22 points for Greece, which was denied its first semifinals berth in Antetokounmpo’s first Olympics appearance.

Greece had 15 turnovers, leading to 20 points for Germany.

Wagner entered the quarter-finals averaging a team-high 22 points per game but struggled to get going.

Greece led by 12 at one point — the first time Germany had trailed by 10 or more points in the tournament. But Germany settled in and used a big third quarter to take a seven-point lead into the fourth. Germany started the final period on a 13-5 run to increase its lead to 72-57 with 1:50 remaining.

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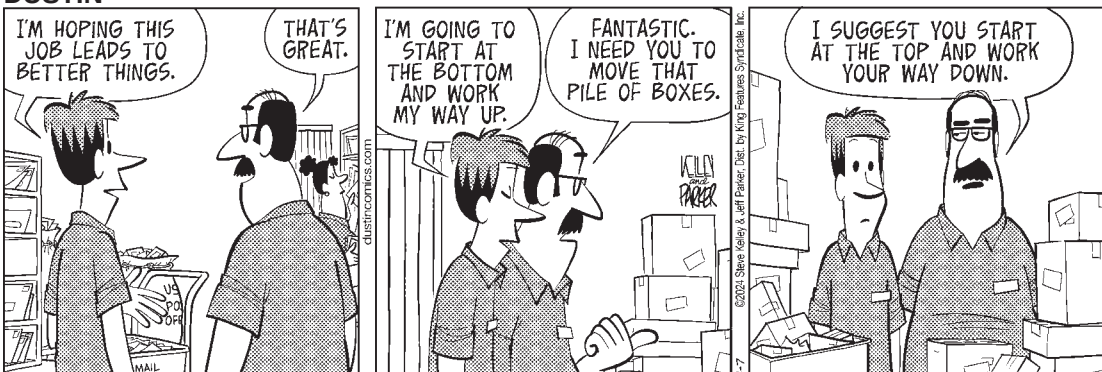
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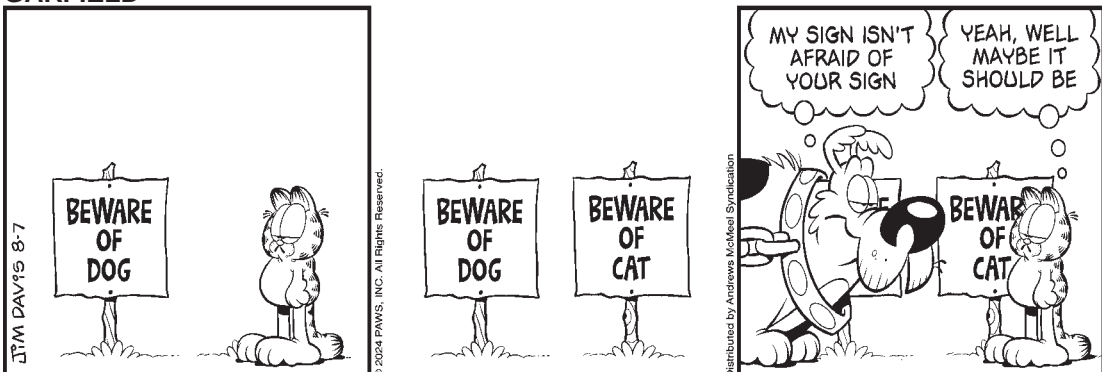
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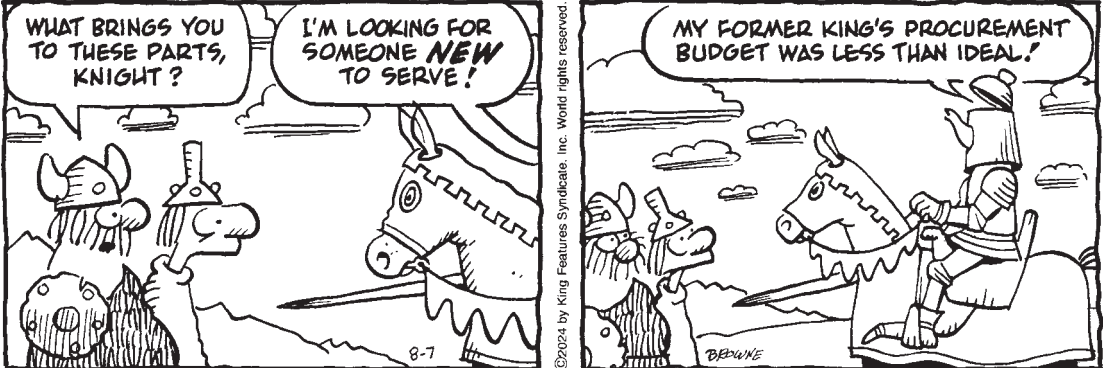
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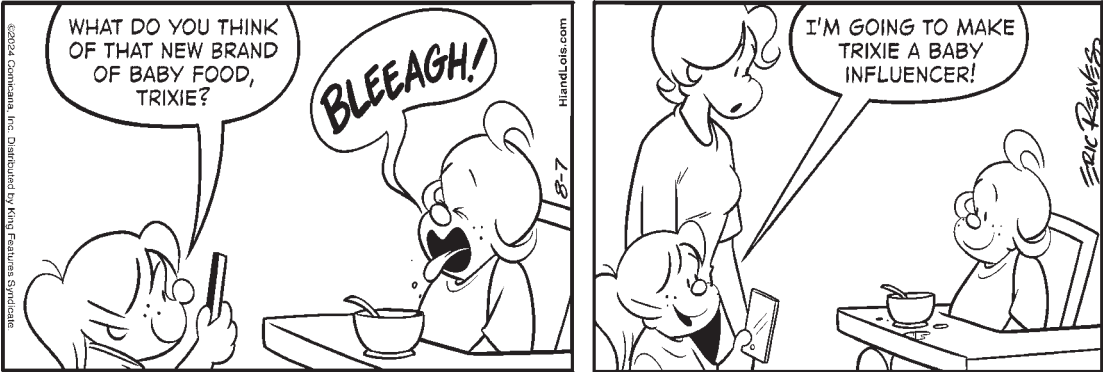
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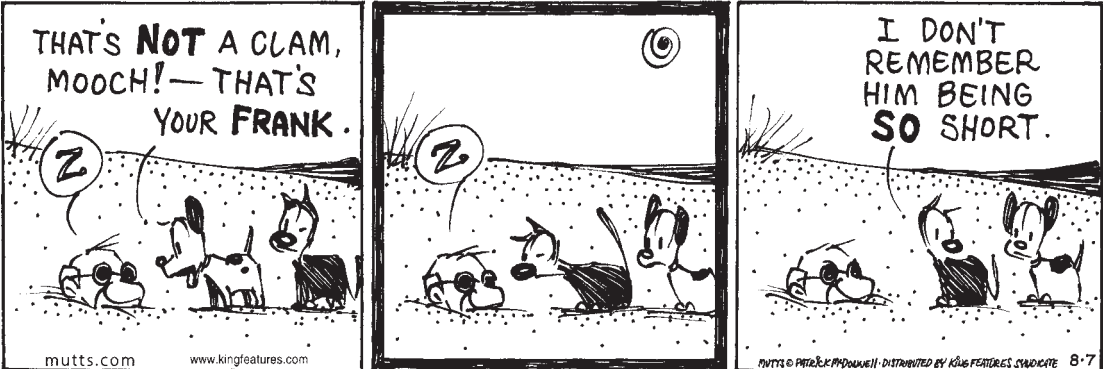
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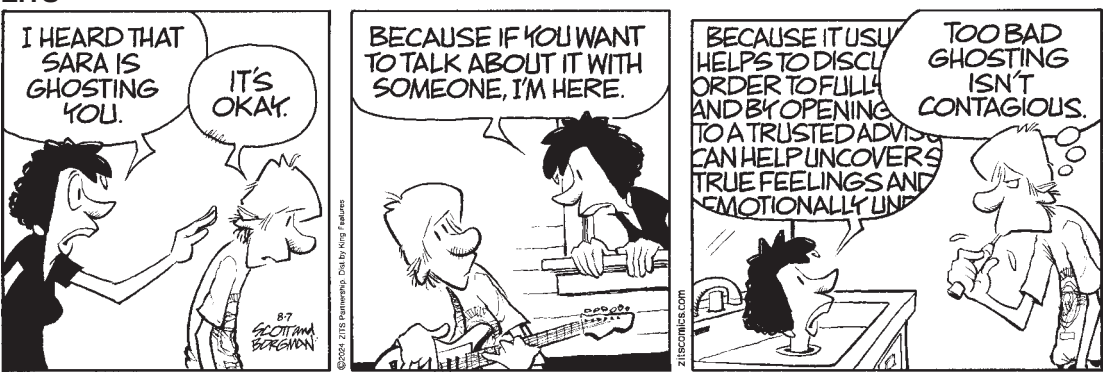
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Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena

Thursday, August 8, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): This may be a good time for social networking since you can give and receive positive feedback. Consider putting entertainment and creative projects on the back burner to focus on getting everything organized.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Actions speak louder than words. Stick up for your rights as well as the rights of others. You may win more accolades by being honest to the point of protecting the underdog and fiercely guarding your territory.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are too passionate about winning and being known as a fearless leader to risk it all by playing a casual game of flirtation. Focus on safe, lasting goals rather than becoming caught up in chasing after fleeting trends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Money is a serious subject. This may not be the time for taking risks with your resources. However, if you have your eye on something special, consider waiting a few days and the time may be right to purchase it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Remain close to those who are proven to be trustworthy and reliable. A loved one's minor project may be inspiring. You might receive valuable advice from someone who may have been a pain to deal with in the past.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Daydreams are lovely until you wake up. It may be easy to become mesmerized by shiny trinkets and buy something that isn't worthwhile. Do your due diligence before you invest your resources.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stand up for what you believe in. Your passion for excellence could turn a problem into an asset. Sometimes, the rules don't cover every situation. Show your others they can count on you when it counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It may be a good time to learn something new that could give you an edge over the trends that come and go. Your gifts and talents are truly impressive. Approach the more tender-hearted with a gentle touch.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Some things may never be perfect, including you, so be kind to yourself. Be tolerant of others who might make mistakes and take a moment to re-think before making critical statements.

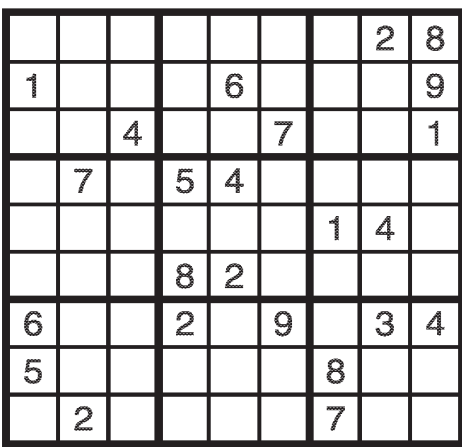
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may score points with others by advocating for cooperation. Consider using your skills and be wise about your spending while leaning into your desire to have the best you can afford right now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Although you might feel someone close is too demanding, a shift of power could put you in contact with more inspiring companions. You might overestimate your finances or be attracted to new chances.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Rules need not be restrictive but rather like safety nets. Be mindful of clauses or loopholes that may cause you to think you are right when that might not be true. Play fair, and life might smile upon you.

IF AUGUST 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You might be frustrated by setbacks or complications if you launch projects or make crucial changes during the upcoming two to three weeks. Your romantic nature may be enhanced but consider waiting until the first week in September to take your fantasies a step further with a vacation or weekend getaway. October might be a good month to attend local events and widen your social network and early November may bring a chance for recognition for your leadership skills.

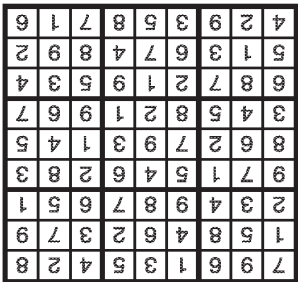
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Cryptoquote

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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CROSSWORD

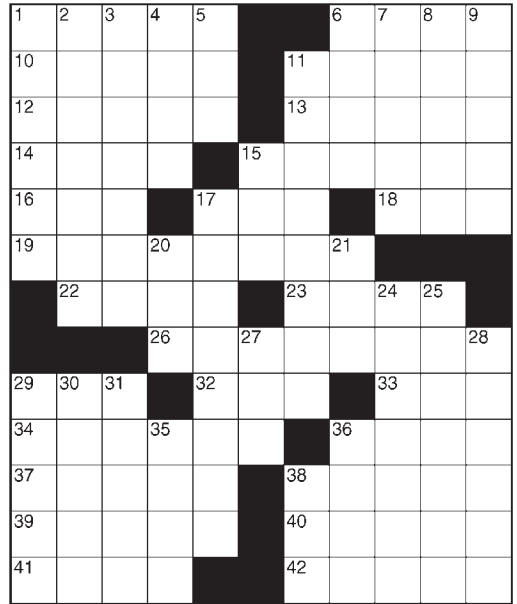
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Point count
 - 6 Play group
 - 10 Patisserie array
 - 11 Trattoria sauce
 - 12 Church answers
 - 13 Rocker John
 - 14 Bassoon part
 - 15 One way to shop
 - 16 Pound sound
 - 17 Penguin's cousin
 - 18 Roulette bet
 - 19 Cryptic
 - 22 Search out
 - 23 Othello's betrayer
 - 26 Failing to make up one's mind
 - 29 Yoga need
 - 32 Stretch the truth
 - 33 Neckline shape
 - 34 Source
 - 36 Trapper's item
 - 37 Wyoming's — Range
 - 38 Cuban coins

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EEK	COIN
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WAND	COD
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DOLLS	ELATE

Yesterday's answer

- DOWN**
- 1 Egyptian emblem
 - 2 Shot takers
 - 3 "Black Iris" painter
 - 4 Tear asunder
 - 5 Snaky shape
 - 6 Jail division
 - 7 Moving about
 - 8 Sculpting medium
 - 9 In shape
 - 11 Folding tool
 - 15 Anjou answer
 - 17 Base
 - 20 Small number of
 - 21 Lass
 - 24 Surrenders
 - 25 Bob Marley song
 - 27 Shark feature
 - 28 Prepare
 - 29 Recurrent theme
 - 30 Sports site
 - 31 Moon of Saturn
 - 35 Summoning signal
 - 36 Soccer legend
 - 38 Ante destination



Word of the Day

jurisprudence (joor-us-PROO-dunss)
Definition: (noun) Jurisprudence is a formal word that typically refers to the science or philosophy of law, or to a system or body of law.
Example: An undergraduate class on jurisprudence inspired her decision to go to law school.

— Courtesy Merriam-Webster Online

‘Cuckoo’ is a stylish nightmare with a sinister Dan Stevens

Review

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

Let’s get one thing out of the way first: I did not entirely understand everything that happens in “Cuckoo,” a new indie horror in theaters Friday.

This could be more of a me problem than with the storytelling, but there are a lot of strange things happening at this particular Alpine resort. It’s run by a bespectacled German hotelier named Herr König, played with an off-kilter menace by Dan Stevens.

Some of the occurrences are underexplained, others underexplored. Herr König seems particularly worried about things that happen after dark, but not so much about guests wandering into the reception and general store in a wobbly stupor and vomit. Are they drunk? Sick? Should someone help them?

All we get is: “It happens.” The hospital, too, is eerily empty. Sonic vibrations often ripple through the land, causing scenes to repeat until reaching a violent crescendo. And no one seems to listen to or care about anything 17-year-old Gretchen (Hunter Schafer) has to say, no matter how banged up she gets. The quick escalation of her injuries, and the widening disinterest of her father, approaches comedy.

Ambiguity can be wonderful for mystery and worldbuilding; it can also be frustrating. And more often than not, detailed explanations just make everything lamer. “Cuckoo” dips into all of the above. Even so, it is undeniably fascinating, original and even occasionally fun, in a very twisted and deranged way in which laughter is your involuntary response to something horrifying. In her captivating lead performance, Schafer really goes through it, both physically and emotionally.

It also features Stevens sporting tiny, rimless glasses with sinisterly scandi-cool monochrome outfits, and a screaming ghoul with Hitchcockian glamour in a hooded trench and white-framed oval sunnies. Rarely is it a bad idea for a horror film to lean into style, and “Cuckoo” fully commits.

“Cuckoo” is the brainchild of German director Tilman Singer, but credit also goes to Singer’s predecessors: The works of David Lynch and Dario Argento among them.

Gretchen is a reluctant resident in the idyllic, modern home with her detached father (Martin Csokas), step-mother (Jessica Henwick) and mute half-sister Alma (Mila Lieu). She leaves increasingly desperate messages on her mother’s answering machine in America.

It’s certainly an exaggerated but apt portrait of a new family where the



Neon via AP
This image released by Neon shows Dan Stevens in a scene from “Cuckoo.”

remnants of the old are treated like a nuisance.

When Alma starts having seizures during the vibrations, which no one but Gretchen seems to remember or

acknowledge, the parents’ attention turns fully to the young girl.

They can barely be bothered to care about Gretchen’s miraculous survival of a horrifying car wreck; Alma is in

the same hospital because of the episodes.

As with many horrors, the big reveals were, for this critic, a little underwhelming — a strained attempt at a unifying theory for this weird place that doesn’t add much ultimately. And yet the emotional connection to Gretchen and her complex relationship with Alma does pay off in unexpected ways.

Also, Stevens deserves special acknowledgement for his contributions to “Cuckoo.” This is a man who could have easily languished in blandly handsome leading man roles and instead is becoming one of our great character actors. He is regularly the best and most memorable part of whatever he’s in just by his sheer commitment to going there, whether it’s his Hawaiian shirt wearing titan veterinarian in “Godzilla x Kong,” his Russian pop star in “Eurovision” or any number of his deranged horror characters. He and Schafer, always a compelling presence, make “Cuckoo” very much worth it. They exist far too comfortably in this dreamy, nightmarish world dreamt up by Singer that is well worth a watch.

“Cuckoo,” a Neon release in theaters Friday, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for “language, brief teen drug use, bloody images, violence.” Running time: 102 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

New York Film Festival sets main slate with movies by Almodóvar, Sean Baker

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK — The New York Film Festival on Tuesday unveiled the main slate for its 62nd edition, with selections including Sean Baker’s Palme d’Or-winning “Anora,” Pedro Almodóvar’s “The Room Next Door” and Mati Diop’s “Da-homey.”

Thirty-three features will make up the central lineup of the annual festival presented by Film at Lincoln Center. The main slate is particularly international this year, with films hailing from 24 countries, and including 19 directors making their debut in the festival’s most prestigious section.



Neon via AP
This image released by Neon shows Mikey Madison in a scene from “Anora.”

The festival, as previously announced, will kick off Sept. 27 with RaMell Ross’ “Nickel Boys,” an adaptation of Colson Whitehead’s Pulitzer Prize-winning 2019 novel. Almodóvar, making his 15th appearance in New York’s main slate, will present “The Room Next Door,” starring Julianne Moore and Tilda Swinton, as

the festival centerpiece. Steve McQueen’s “Blitz,” about the bombing of London in World War II, will be the closing night film.

A number of prize-winners from May’s Cannes Film Festival

will be making their U.S. or North American premieres. Along with “Anora,” that includes “Grand Tour,” by Miguel Gomes, winner of Cannes’ best director; Payal Kapadia’s “All We Imagine as Light,” winner of the Grand Prix; Run-gano Nyoni’s “On Becoming a Guinea Fowl,” a standout from Un Certain Regard; and “The Seed of the Sacred Fig,” from the dissident Iranian filmmaker Mohammad Rasoulof who fled his home country to unveil his film.

“The festival’s ambition is to reflect the state of cinema in a given year, which often means also reflecting the state of the world,” said Dennis Lim, the festival’s artistic director, in a statement. “The most notable thing about the films in the main slate — and in the other sections that we will announce in the coming weeks — is the degree to which they emphasize cinema’s relationship to reality. They are reminders that, in the hands of its most vital practitioners, film has the capacity to reckon with, intervene in, and reimagine the world.”

The New York Film Festival, running Sept. 27 to Oct. 14, takes place at Lincoln Center and a handful of other venues around the city.

Contract Bridge

Even when you lose, you win

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

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♥ 10 8 5 3	♥ Q 9 6 4 2		
♦ K Q 5 3	♦ 8		
♣ 8 6 2	♣ 5 3		

WEST		SOUTH	
♠ A Q 5 3	♥ 7		
♥ A K J	♦ A 10 4 2		
♦ J 9 7 6	♣ A K J 9 7 4		
♣ Q 10			

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Dble	Pass	1 ♠
2 ♣	2 ♠	3 ♣	4 ♥
5 ♣	Dble		

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Sacrifice bidding certainly does not fatten your bank account, but it can help greatly to slow down depreciation of your assets. Consider this deal where South judged — from both the bidding by East-West and his partner’s initial pass — that the enemy could make a game in either four spades or four hearts, each worth 620 points at duplicate scoring and 820 at rubber-bridge scoring. So he bid five clubs at his third turn, and West doubled.

West led the king of hearts and continued with the ace. After ruffing, declarer cashed the A-K of trump, felling the queen. Then, aware that the diamonds might be divided unfavorably, South embarked on a line of play designed to hold the doubled contract to down one. He led diamond to the queen, ruffed the eight of hearts, then led a diamond to the king and ruffed dummy’s last heart.

These cautious preparations paid off well when South now exited with a spade. Although East-West could cash their two spade tricks, there was no way for West to score his diamond trick.

Thus, if East won the second spade, he would have to yield a ruff-and-discard, eliminating West’s natural diamond trick. And if West won the second spade, he would have to yield a ruff-and-discard or lead a diamond from his J-9 into South’s A-10. Either way, declarer would go down only one.

Considering that East-West would have scored 620 (or 820) points had they been allowed to play at either major-suit game, South’s sacrifice bid proved very effective. South might not have gotten any richer by going minus 100, but he certainly would have wound up much poorer had he decided not to bid again.

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This preschool in Alaska changed the lives of parents and kids — so why did it close?

By MORIAH BALINGIT
AP Education Writer
WASILLA, Alaska — She was a teenager, and the mother of a 2-year-old, when a knock came on the door of the trailer she called home. Two women were there to tell her about a federally funded preschool program called Head Start that was opening near her home in Chugiak. Would she be interested in enrolling her daughter?

Then pregnant with her second child, Kristine Bayne signed up. She hoped it would make a difference for her daughter. What she didn't know: It would shift the trajectory of her life, too.

Bayne, who finished high school through correspondence courses after she got pregnant at 16, would go on to take a job with her child's Head Start. Her confidence buoyed, she returned to school to earn a bachelor's degree and a counseling certificate from the state. She would rise through the ranks of CCS Early Learning, the nonprofit that ran the region's Head Start centers, and would retire as a family partnerships coordinator, lending the same kind of help to families that she and her husband received.

"I learned so much," says Bayne, now 65. "How to take care of my children, how to advocate for them, how to have a voice for myself. ... They take you where you're at, and they help you move forward to become a better person."

In this part of Alaska, countless parents tell stories like Bayne's. Head Start has helped them earn degrees that put them on track for better jobs. As drug addiction ravages the community, it has helped parents in recovery and educated children who have ended up in foster care. It has done this while readying youngsters for kindergarten, conditioning them for the school day's rhythms and teaching them how to be good friends and students.



AP Photo/Lindsey Wasson

The day of the school's closure is marked on a calendar as children, including Mariah Wallen, 5, march in a circle to music in the Stars classroom at the Meadow Lakes CCS Early Learning, a Head Start center, May 6, in Wasilla, Alaska.

Which is why it was so wrenching when CCS Early Learning closed the Chugiak Head Start, where Bayne had sent her children. In January, it announced it was shuttering another center — this time in Meadow Lakes, where Bayne's granddaughter Makayla, who is now in her care, was enrolled.

The impending closure is not for lack of need. This is the fastest-growing part of the 49th state, and the nonprofit's Head Start program has a waiting list. It can — and did — fill Meadow Lakes' three classrooms to capacity.

The problem is with the grownups.

Specifically, there are not enough of them who want to work at a Head Start. Not when they can make more money working at the nearby Target, which hiked its pay during the pandemic. And not when, with the same credentials, they can get a better-paying job at the local school district.

As a teacher shortage grinds on, what is unfolding in this corner of the state — a region that contains both massive tracts of untamed wild and a booming Anchorage bedroom community — offers a preview of what other programs could face.

Head Start teachers, 70% of whom hold a bachelor's degree, earn an average of \$39,000 a year. In 2022, nearly a quarter of them left their jobs, some retiring early and others lured away by higher-paying work in retail or at school districts.

Without those teachers, the preschools cannot serve as many students as they once did. It means fewer options for parents who want to return to work but cannot afford child care, and fewer early learning opportunities for children from the neediest families. In rural communities, Head Start might be the only child care center for working parents.

The number of children and

parents served by Head Start has tumbled precipitously since its peak in 2013. That year, it served 1.1 million children and pregnant people, according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, which analyzed federal data. Nine years later, its enrollment stood at around 786,000.

Some of the children who would have enrolled in Head Start instead migrated to state-funded preschool programs, which have expanded. There are also fewer babies being born. Still, the percentage of children in poverty heading to preschool has been unchanged for two decades, which concerns researchers like Steve Barnett, of the National Institute for Early Education Research at Rutgers University.

"The fewer resources (children) have at home, the more they benefit from high-quality environments" like Head Start, Barnett says.

Without it, he said, they show up in kindergarten fur-

ther behind their classmates from middle- and upper-income households.

In Wasilla, the regional Head Start group decided to raise employee pay to keep more staff from leaving. To do that, it had to close one center. Mark Lackey, executive director of CCS Early Learning, found he was competing for employees with the service sector, which raised pay during the pandemic to lure back reluctant workers. Last year, CCS Early Learning was paying teacher aides with two years on the job about \$16 an hour, while Target was offering more than \$17 to entry-level employees, Lackey said.

"It's just tragic," Lackey says. "There's so many more kids we could be serving."

Lackey was hopeful the state would provide some financial relief. Lawmakers hiked Head Start funding by \$5.2 million in this year's budget. But Alaska Gov. Mike Dunleavy, a Republican, vetoed half the funding increase at the end of June.

More schools are incorporating scheduled breaks for meditation

By SHARON JOHNSON
Associated Press

REX, Ga. — The third-grade students at Roberta T. Smith Elementary School had only a few days until summer vacation, and an hour until lunch, but there was no struggle to focus as they filed into the classroom. They were ready for one of their favorite parts of the day.

The children closed their eyes and traced their thumbs from their foreheads to their hearts as a pre-recorded voice led them through an exercise called the shark fin, part of the classroom's regular meditation routine.

"Listen to the chimes," said the teacher, Kim Franklin. "Remember to breathe."

Schools across the U.S. have been introducing yoga, meditation and mindfulness exercises to help students manage stress and emotions. As the depths of student struggles with mental health became clear in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last year endorsed schools' use of the practices.

Research has found school-based mindfulness programs can help, especially in low-income communities where students face high levels of stress or trauma.

The mindfulness program reached Smith Elementary through a contract with the school system, Clayton County Public Schools, where two-thirds of the students are Black.

GreenLight Fund Atlanta, a network that matches communities with local nonprofits, helps Georgia school systems pay for the mindfulness program provided by Inner Explorer, an audio platform.

Joli Cooper, GreenLight Fund Atlanta's executive director, said it was important to the group to support an organization that is accessible and relevant



AP Photo/Sharon Johnson

Malachi Smith meditates during a mindfulness session in his classroom at Roberta T. Smith Elementary School, May 14, in Rex, Georgia.

for communities of color in the Greater Atlanta area.

Children nationwide struggled with the effects of isolation and remote learning as they returned from the pandemic school closures. The CDC in 2023 reported more than a third of students were affected by feelings of persistent sadness and hopelessness. The agency recommended schools use mindfulness practices to help students manage emotions.

"We know that our teenagers and adolescents have really strained in their mental health," CDC Director Dr. Mandy Cohen told The Associated Press. "There are real skills that we can give our teens to make sure that they are coping with some big emotions."

Approaches to mindfulness represent a form of social-emotional learning, which has become a political flashpoint with many conservatives who say schools use it to promote progressive ideas about race, gender and sexuality.

But advocates say the pro-

gramming brings much-needed attention to students' well-being.

"When you look at the numbers, unfortunately, in Georgia, the number of children of color with suicidal thoughts and success is quite high," Cooper said. "When you look at the number of psychologists available for these children, there are not enough psychologists of color."

Black youth have the fastest-growing suicide rate among racial groups, according to CDC statistics. Between 2007 and 2020, the suicide rate among Black children and teens ages 10 to 17 increased by 144%.

"It's a stigma with being able to say you're not OK and needing help, and having the ability to ask for help," said Tolana Griggs, Smith Elementary's assistant principal. "With our diverse school community and wanting to be more aware of our students, how different cultures feel and how different cultures react to things, it's important to be all-inclusive with everything we do."

Louisiana AG asks court to dismiss Ten Commandments suit

By SARA CLINE
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Louisiana's attorney general announced Monday that she is asking a federal court to dismiss a lawsuit that seeks to overturn the state's new law requiring the Ten Commandments to be displayed in every public school classroom by Jan. 1.

The suit was filed in June by parents of Louisiana public school children with various religious backgrounds who contend the law violates First Amendment language forbidding government establishment of religion and guaranteeing religious liberty.

Proponents of the law argue that it is not solely religious but that the Ten Commandments have historical significance to the foundation of U.S. law.

As kids in Louisiana prepare to return to school this month, state officials presented large examples of posters featuring the Ten Commandments that Attorney General Liz Murrill argues "constitutionally comply with the law."

The Republican said she is not aware of any school districts that have begun to imple-

ment the mandate, as the posters "haven't been produced yet."

Murrill said the court brief being filed, which was not immediately available for review, argues that "the lawsuit is premature and the plaintiffs cannot prove that they have any actual injury."

"That's because they don't allege to have seen any displays yet and they certainly can't allege that they have seen any display of the Ten Commandments that violates their constitutional rights," she added.

Murrill pointed to more than a dozen posters on display during Monday's press conference to support her argument that the displays can be done constitutionally, saying that they also show the Ten Commandments' historical and cultural significance to the United States.

Some of the posters featured quotes from famous figures — late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Martin Luther King Jr., Moses, U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson and others — referencing the Ten Commandments.



Murrill

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Ky. set to vote on school choice

By BRUCE SCHREINER
Associated Press

Two Kentucky lawmakers met in a high-stakes debate over whether taxpayer money should be allowed to go to private schools, laying out the stakes for a charged issue that voters will decide in November.

Democratic state Rep. Cheryl Lynn Stevenson denounced the proposed constitutional amendment as "public enemy No. 1 for public schools" in urging Kentuckians to vote it down. Republican state Rep. Suzanne Miles responded that it would do no harm to public education but would give parents, regardless of income, the freedom to choose the education setting best suited for their children.

The debate at the Fancy Farm picnic on Saturday dissected an issue that will get considerable attention leading up to the November election, which lacks any contests for statewide office. It competed with the personal zingers and political putdowns that crowds have come to expect at the state's premier political event.

The GOP-dominated Legislature put the school choice measure on the ballot. If it is ratified by a simple majority of voters, lawmakers could decide whether to support private or charter school education with public funds.

Stevenson, a member of the House Democratic leadership, warned that the measure would shift education funding from rural regions to help urban and suburban families send their children to private school. In some rural counties, the public school systems are among the largest employers.

"This amendment is nothing more than a Hail Mary attempt to revive failed ... voucher policies that Kentuckians don't want, our students don't need and the courts have thankfully blocked," she said.

Miles responded that lawmakers have increased funding for K-12 schools, showing their commitment to public education. She said the future of education hinges on the outcome of the ballot measure, saying, "It can be the freedom for every child to strive, not just the rich kids, but every child."

Miles, who is part of the House GOP leadership team, was the lead sponsor of the legislation that put the school choice issue on the ballot.

School choice has been debated for years in Kentucky, as Republicans expanded their legislative majorities.

Past efforts that were meant to expand school choice options were foiled by legal challenges.

LEGALS

**CORTLAND COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of AVIVA ENTERPRISES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/30/2023. 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 AVIVA ENTERPRISES LLC, 4681 Cosmos Hill Road Cortland, NY 13045. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**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