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FDA survey: Teen vaping hits 10-year low in the US

By MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON — Fewer adolescents are vaping this year than at any point in the last decade, government officials reported Thursday, pointing to a shrinking number of high school students who are using Elf Bar and other

fruity, unauthorized e-cigarettes.

The latest survey numbers show the teen vaping rate fell to under 6% this year, down from 7.7% in 2023. More than 1.6 million students reported vaping in the previous month — about one-third the number in 2019, when underage vaping peaked with

the use of discrete, high-nicotine e-cigarettes like Juul.

This year's decline was mainly driven by a half-million fewer high school students who reported using e-cigarettes in the past month, officials said. Vaping was unchanged among middle schoolers, but remains less common in

that group, at 3.5% of students.

"This is a monumental public health win," FDA's tobacco director Brian King told reporters. "But we can't rest on our laurels. There's clearly more work to do to further reduce youth use."

King and other officials noted that the drop in vaping didn't

coincide with a rise in other tobacco industry products, such as nicotine pouches. Sales of small, flavored pouches like Zyn have surged among adults. The subject of viral videos on social media platforms, the pouches come in flavors like mint and cinnamon and slowly release nicotine.

Arrest of ex gov.'s aide highlights push to root out agents

Former aide charged with being agent of Chinese govt.

By PHILIP MARCELO,
ERIC TUCKER
and DIDI TANG
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A secret Chinese police station hiding in plain sight in New York City. Clandestine efforts by Communist Party operatives to spy on and bully Chinese expatriates. And now, charges that a former aide to two New York governors was secretly acting as an agent of the Chinese government.

The U.S. Department of Justice has initiated a wave of prosecutions in recent years aimed at rooting out covert agents advancing Beijing's interests on American soil.

In Brooklyn alone, federal prosecutors in the last four years have brought at least a dozen such criminal cases against more than 90 people — the latest being Tuesday's arrest of Linda Sun, who once served as deputy chief of staff to Gov. Kathy Hochul and was earlier an aide to former Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

The charges against Sun are the most startling example yet of a threat U.S. officials have warned about for years: China's determination to influence American policy and cultivate relationships with political figures seen as having access to the levers of power, even if only at a local level.

While the public might think of foreign agents as people who eavesdrop on military officials or steal state secrets, China has demonstrated an eagerness to exert influence in less splashy areas, like currying favor with American officials with control over things like local land use regulations or labor issues.

"There is definitely an effort

to develop relationships and friendships and connections in state and local governments," said Adam Hickey, a former senior Justice Department national security official who led the department's enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, which Sun is charged with violating.

Prosecutors say Sun — a mid-level aide in two Democratic administrations — developed a close relationship with officials in the Chinese consulate in New York and did their bidding in ways that were important, albeit unlikely to make the plot of a spy novel.

Among other things, she is accused of quietly spoiling efforts by representatives of Taiwan's government to meet with top New York state officials. The Chinese government considers Taiwan to be part of China. She also allegedly encouraged Cuomo and Hochul to make supportive remarks about China such as thanking Chinese companies for donating medical equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

An indictment says she solicited talking points from a Chinese official for a video Hochul recorded as lieutenant governor wishing people a happy Lunar New Year. Prosecutors said Sun took credit for keeping Hochul from mentioning human rights issues in that video. And the indictment said Sun provided unauthorized invitation letters from the governor's office that helped Chinese officials enter the U.S.

In return, prosecutors say Sun got tickets to performances by Chinese arts groups and multiple "Nanjing-style salted ducks" that were sent to her parents' home. More lucratively, the indictment said, Sun's husband got help for his business dealings in China, which brought in

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Image provided by Vicky Delaney

A career's worth of oil paintings by Richard Mitchell will be for sale next to the Exchange Restaurant in Homer until Sept. 28.

A lifetime of art

'A Work in Oils' opens as injury slows artist

By LILY BYRNE
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An essential part of any great artist's career is the time when the creation slowly stops and an artist is left looking at a lifetime of work.

For Richard Mitchell, he's stopping after 60 years of daily painting. He's used every type of paint except for transparent watercolor — the popular style for Cortland artists, he said.

"I've painted every day, come hell or high water," Mitchell said. "Even when I didn't feel like painting, I would still sit at the easel and clean brushes, do some of the maintenance of stuff, maybe stretch a few canvases or something."

Hundreds of his paintings will be for sale through Sept. 28 at a pop-up gallery next to the Exchange Restaurant in Homer. The gallery will be open Tuesdays

If you go

WHAT: "A Work in Oils"
WHEN: 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, 1 to 7 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 28
WHERE: 24 N. Main St., Homer

through Saturdays.

"It's just been an exploratory thing for me," he said. "I really like to see something new, a different style or the way they use colors. It just piques my interest, and then I'll go ahead and paint some paintings of that genre."

Mitchell worked out of his studio above the Cortland Picture Frame Co. After falling, he isn't able to paint very much, or get up and down the stairs to the studio.

"As a result of the fall, my left hand is numb, and my right hand, which I would paint with — I go to hold a brush and I could hold it for a minute or two and then I lose it," he said. "I just don't have the dexterity that I once had."

Vicky Delaney, owner of Cortland Picture Frame Co., has known Mitchell for more than 30 years. Once he started struggling to get down the stairs, she helped him move his collection to storage, but it felt like such a shame to keep it there.

"He's a very good painter," Delaney said. "He's very talented, and he's very diverse. It's an exceptional variety of work."

Mitchell spent 30 years as an art teacher at McGraw High School, she said. In 2013, Cortland Arts Connect awarded him with the Lifetime Achievement Award in visual arts.

He first painted in college, which he went to only so he could escape the steel mill, he said, and shortly started competing in judo.

"I was going to be ineligible, because I was partying and raising hell, and you need at least a

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Ga. HS shooting suspect denied making online threats



AP Photo/Brynn Anderson

Linda Carter, of Grayson, Georgia, mourns for slain students and teachers on Thursday, in Winder, Georgia.

By JEFF AMY
and JEFF MARTIN
Associated Press

WINDER, Ga. — The teen charged with opening fire at a Georgia high school denied threatening to carry out a school shooting when authorities interviewed him last year about a menacing post on the social media site Discord, according to a sheriff's report obtained Thursday.

Conflicting evidence on the post's origin left investigators unable to arrest anyone, the report said. Jackson County Sheriff Janis Mangum said she

reviewed the report from May 2023 and found nothing that would have justified bringing charges at the time.

"We did not drop the ball at all on this," Mangum told The Associated Press in an interview. "We did all we could do with what we had at the time."

The 14-year-old suspect has been charged as an adult with murder in the shootings Wednesday at Apalachee High School outside Atlanta that killed four people and wounded nine.

Arrest warrants obtained by the AP accuse the teen of using a semiautomatic assault-style

rifle in the attack, which killed two students and two teachers in the hallway outside his algebra classroom.

The teenager was interviewed by a sheriff's investigator from neighboring Jackson County who received a tip from the FBI that the boy, then 13, "had possibly threatened to shoot up a middle school tomorrow." The threat was made on Discord, a social media platform popular with video gamers, according to the Jackson County sheriff's report obtained by The Associated Press.

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As Columbia resumes classes, student activists vow to carry on with their protests against Israel

By JAKE OFFENHARTZ
Associated Press
NEW YORK — Columbia University resumed classes Tuesday with students sunbathing and eating ice cream on the lawn that was home to a pro-Palestinian encampment last spring. But there were also fresh demonstrations just off campus, and students and faculty say they're planning for more as the new school year unfolds.

In recent weeks, the university's new leadership has embarked on listening sessions aimed at cooling tensions, released a report on campus antisemitism and circulated new protest guidelines meant to limit disruption. But student organizers are undeterred, promising to ramp up their actions — including possible encampments — until the university agrees to cut ties with companies linked to Israel.

Someone splattered red paint Tuesday on a statue in front of the



AP Photo/Yuki Iwamura

Pro-Palestinian supporters march to Barnard College, Tuesday, in New York.

Low Memorial Library. Outside the gates of the university, a small group of protesters marched on a picket line and urged arriving students and faculty to join them

rather than go to class.

“As long as Columbia continues to invest and to benefit from Israeli apartheid, the students will continue to resist,” Mahmoud

Khalil, a graduate student who represented campus protesters in negotiations with the university, told The Associated Press last week ahead of the start of classes. “Not only protests and encampments, the limit is the sky.”

The new year begins less than a month after the resignation of Columbia's president, Minouche Shafik, whose decision to bring police on campus to clear a protest encampment in April set off a wave of college demonstrations nationwide.

After a second encampment was erected and a group of students occupied a university building, hundreds of police officers surged onto campus, making arrests and plunging the university into lockdown.

Since Shafik's resignation, the interim president, Katrina Armstrong, has met with students on both sides of the issue, promising to balance students' rights to free expression and a safe learn-

ing environment.

While the message has inspired cautious optimism among some faculty, others see the prospect of major disruptions as all but inevitable.

“We are hoping for the best, but we are all wagering how long before we go into total lockdown again,” said Rebecca Korbin, a history professor who served on Columbia's antisemitism task force. “There haven't been any monumental changes, so I don't know why the experience in the fall would look much different than what it did in the spring.”

In a report released last week, the task force of Columbia faculty accused the university of allowing “pervasive” antisemitism to fester on campus following the Oct. 7 Hamas attack.

The report recommended that the university revamp its disciplinary process and require additional sensitivity training for students and staff.

Weather

Local

Rest of today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. South wind 6 to 10 mph. A low around 55.

Saturday: Showers before 2 p.m., then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., then showers likely after 5 p.m. High near 64.

Skies Today

Friday, September 6, 2024	
Sunset today	7:31 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:36 a.m.
Normal high temperature	74
Normal low temperature	52
Average temperature	63
First quarter moon	Sept. 11

Extended

Saturday night: Showers and thunderstorms likely before 11 p.m., then a chance of showers between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

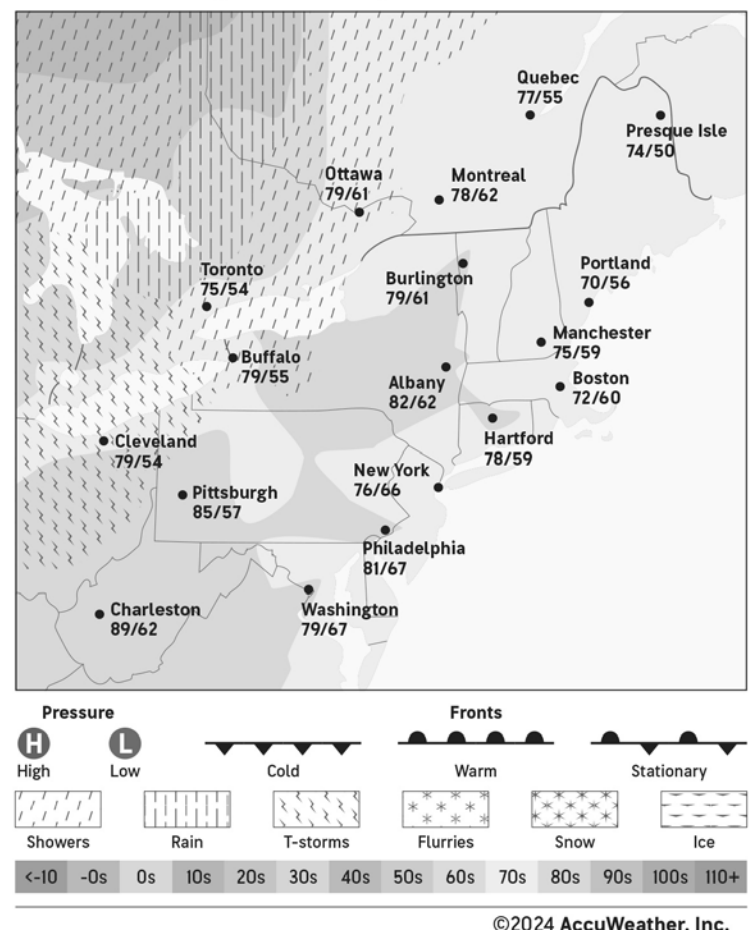
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

Monday night: Mostly clear.

Precipitation

Sept. 4-5	None
Month to date	0.01 inches

Forecast for Friday, September 6, 2024



Lottery Winners

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

Numbers: Midday: 7-9-8, Evening: 8-2-1; **WinFour:** Midday: 1-4-8-2, Evening: 7-5-7-1; **Pick 10:** 2-5-11-12-14-17-22-24-29-31-33-41-48-62-66-72-74-77-78-79; **Take Five:** Midday: 3-12-18-20-22, Evening: 1-10-12-15-24; **Cash4Life:** 13-22-27-35-46, Cash Ball: 2, **Lotto:** 1-7-31-32-42-52, Bonus: 22, **Powerball:** 7-10-21-33-59, Power Ball: 20, Power Play: 3

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Barron Trump enrolls at NYU

By JAKE OFFENHARTZ
Associated Press
NEW YORK — Former President Donald Trump's youngest son, Barron Trump, began his freshman year of college this week at New York University, his father said Wednesday.

Trump revealed the decision in a video interview with the Daily Mail, confirming months of rumors that his son would attend the university's Stern School of Business, which ranks among the nation's top business schools.

“He's a very high aptitude child, but he's no longer a child,” Trump said. “He's just passed into something beyond child-dom. He's doing great.”

Barron Trump, 18, graduated in May from Oxbridge Academy, an exclusive private school near his father's Mar-a-Lago home in Florida. As a freshman at NYU, he will attend classes a few miles away from his childhood home in Trump Tower, where his father retains a residence.

NY Rep. Williams rips energy policies

By ROBERT HARDING
The Citizen, Auburn (TNS)
U.S. Rep. Brandon Williams, who represents central New York in Congress and serves on the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, won't attend a New York state energy summit held in Syracuse this week.

Williams, R-Sennett, blasted Gov. Kathy Hochul's energy policies in a statement explaining why he won't attend the summit, which began Wednesday and continued to Thursday.

“This gathering is nothing more than political cover for the same ideologies who consistently make policy decisions that have raised the cost of living for central New York families,” Williams said.

Williams' office said he was “choosing to not attend” the summit. However, he was not on the list of panelists and speakers released by the state. Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon, a Republican, was on a panel discussing nuclear energy — a priority issue for Williams, who was a nuclear submarine officer in the U.S. Navy.

Hochul convened the Future Energy Economic Summit to “discuss the role of next generation clean energy technologies and strategies to accelerate renewable energy deployment.”

Obituaries

Joan A. McCall
Joan A. McCall, 79, of East Homer, passed away peacefully on September 3, 2024 after a heroic battle with heart disease and dementia. She spent her last days surrounded by her family who loved her dearly.

A lifelong area resident, she was born September 2, 1945, a daughter of the late Donald and Mavis Maxson Phelps and was a graduate of Truxton High School.

She married her high school sweetheart, M. Douglas McCall, on September 4, 1965 in the East Homer Methodist Church.

Joan dedicated her life to raising and caring for her family. She worked for many years as a seamstress at Vesta Corset in McGraw.

She was a member of the Albright Grange in East Homer and the East Homer United Methodist Church. Joan and Doug loved to travel, having been to Hawaii 5 times, Alaska, Aruba, through most of the United States, and several hunting trips to Wyoming and Colorado.

Surviving is her loving husband of 59 years, M. Douglas McCall; her children, Michael McCall (Tammi Rhodes) of Locke; Matthew (Alissa) McCall of Homer and Jennifer (Richard) Lung of McGraw; eight grandchildren, Ashley (Scott), Heather (Kory), Emily, Anna, Dustin (zerin), Devin (Tess), Richie and Cooper; two great grandchildren, Della and Ember; two cats, Peaches and Molly and her beloved dog, Gracie.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a great grandson, Avery.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at the Donald L. Barber Funeral Home, 5016 U.S. Route 11, Homer, with Rev. Hyun Joon Kim officiating. Interment will follow in East Homer Cemetery.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the funeral home on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. McCall's name may be directed to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to CNY SNAP, 17 Salisbury St., Cortland, NY 13045.

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

Merton Emerson Sarvay II
Merton Emerson Sarvay II, born in Cortland, NY on February 3, 1929, passed away in Hamden, CT at the age of 95 on September 4, 2024. Mert was predeceased by his beloved wife Donna, parents John and Martha, brother James, sister Laura Ann (Robert Meade). He is survived by his children Laura Ann (Darlene Ashford) and William (Jacqueline) and granddaughters Eriche and Jeannise. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Dorothy Sarvay and several cousins, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Mert was a graduate of Syracuse University and a member of the Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. He went on to have a successful career in banking and retired from NBD Bank in Illinois. Upon his retirement, Mert returned to Cortland where he cherished time spent with family.

His final years were spent in Hamden CT supported by his loving daughter and her spouse and the caring staff at Benchmark Senior Living.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Wright-Beard Funeral Home, 9 Lincoln Ave., Cortland, NY at 10 a.m. on September 26, 2024. In lieu of flowers, please support the Cortland County Historical Society, 25 Homer Ave., Cortland, NY 13045, or online at <https://cortlandhistory.org/donations/>. To offer online condolences please visit www.wright-beard.com.

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SUNY Cortland alumni and Cortland interns, mostly sport management majors, work in March for the Syracuse Crunch, central New York's professional ice hockey team in the American Hockey League.

SUNY Cortland sport mgmt. program leads in US poll

By BRIAN BOSCH
Contributing Writer

SUNY Cortland's sport management program is among the best in the country, 25th among 448 schools nationwide, according to a recent ranking by Niche.com. The success is reflected in this fall's incoming first-year class of sport management majors. At 122, it is the biggest in Cortland's history.

Those students were selected from a record 1,102 applicants, said Associate Professor Ryan Vooris, chair of Cortland's sport management department, noting the Niche.com ranking isn't the first time it was counted among the elite.

Niche compiles its rankings by reviewing a variety of information, including almost half a million reviews from college students, according to its website. In addition it looks at government sources like the U.S. Department of Education and the National Science Foundation.

"I think it reflects the commitment we have here in the sport management department to high-impact practices," Vooris said. "Our program is very focused on experiential learning and applied learning."

A lot of that hands-on education is through projects that give students a semester-long experience where they must create a budget for an actual event, execute that event and then analyze how it went. Those experiences are "high impact practices," Vooris said, because they give students a strong mix of classroom

learning and a chance to use what they've learned in a real-world environment.

Recent experiences included students working at the ski jumping world championships in Lake Placid and at the international ice Hockey Federation World Championships.

Sport management students also need to take the department's event management practicum course, requiring 40 hours of work with Cortland's athletics department.

"We're fortunate enough to have a top of the line, stellar Division III athletics department with nationally competitive teams and fantastic facilities," Vooris said. "So they really get that frontline exposure to the sport management industry."

Vooris said the program's reputation has taken decades to build. The undergraduate major is itself the oldest among SUNY schools.

"We have more than 5,000 alumni in the field of sport management and I'd like to think that means that the name Cortland means something," Vooris said. "It's not a new major that we've just started five or 10 years ago — we've been our own department here at Cortland now for more than 20 years."

That familiarity is an advantage when it comes to companies looking to hire, he said.

"They worked with someone from SUNY Cortland or interned with somebody from SUNY Cortland," he said. "We're putting a lot of students into the field and hopefully they are good represen-

tations of that program. Sometimes your alumni are your best spokespeople."

It also helps that Cortland has a master's program for sport management, available on campus or online. It gives students of all kinds a chance at the same education, delivered in a way that fits their pace and schedule.

"That flexibility, that customization, it really allows people that are working full time to be able to complete a master's degree in two to three years. Or maybe four or five semesters if they want to take more than one class," Vooris noted.

While Vooris is happy with the continued success of sport management at Cortland, he knows change happens fast and that they need to keep ahead of anything that will shape future job qualifications.

One newer class focused on e-sports, which has grown in popularity, is just one of the ways the department has modernized.

"We have a lot of students that are interested in social media and analytics, and we want to grow that part of the program," Vooris said. "Everybody can be a content creator in today's world and the media landscape has shifted so dramatically in just the last 10 years that I know."

Almost as important as learning the technical details of their future jobs, Vooris hopes students have a well-rounded time at Cortland.

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Solar talks with Groton productive

By DOUG SCHNEIDER
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GROTON — The company seeking approval to develop a solar farm in two rural Tompkins County towns says it has held talks with the town of Groton, and has submitted a modified plan to the state agency with oversight on renewable-energy developments.

New Jersey-based CS Energy's updated plan was re-submitted to the state office of Renewable Energy Siting in August, along with additional information to supplement the initial application, filed late last year, Mitch Quine, CS Energy's vice president for project development, said in an email.

He said in a later telephone conversation that CS Energy, and the town of Groton have had productive talks that left him "confident we will find an acceptable middle ground."

Quine said his company is expecting further feedback from the state in the coming months.

"I expect to have continued discussions with the town on this and other topics including a host community agreement" once the company receives feedback from the Office of Renewable Energy Siting. Host Community Agreements usually are made before the operator negotiates payment-in-lieu-of-taxes agreements with

the county.

The size of the proposed site has decreased by 26 of the approximately 800 acres — much of it in Groton — that CS Energy had originally proposed, Quine said, as the company adjusted the size of the project. He said the new proposal "complies to the greatest extent practicable," with the greater setback rules that the town of Groton adopted, while "prioritizing setbacks from residences."

Meanwhile, the company has submitted an updated application to the state office of Renewable Energy Siting. Quine said ORES, as it is known, has 60 days to determine if the application is complete. Assuming the agency finds in favor of the solar project, Quine said he expects construction could be complete by fall 2026.

The solar farm as originally proposed by CS Energy would produce 160 megawatts of energy from a site with a more than 700-acre footprint in Groton and the town of Lansing, just west of Groton. The project would produce energy to power as many as 35,000 homes and operate for roughly 40 years. It's the largest announced solar project in the greater Cortland area.

It's unclear, however, how a law the town board adopted on Feb. 5 would affect the project. In some cases, according to material CS

Energy provided, the company already complies with some of the town's new requirements. Those would increase the distance of required setbacks to 75 feet from the borders of nearby properties.

The 75-foot setback requirement was instituted so that fire-fighting equipment could enter the site if a fire occurs, and prevent flames from spreading to neighboring properties, according to minutes of the January Groton Town Board meeting where the new requirements were approved.

In other cases, CS Energy has said, "Increasing setbacks would result in significant production losses."

Groton's Town Board plans Tuesday to tackle site-plan reviews that could affect the solar farm.

The company is "revising the project to comply with the new local law to the greatest extent practicable given the current constraints," the town's website says.

In Dryden, meanwhile, CS Energy also has a proposal to launch a five-megawatt solar project at 30 Morris Road. If the Dryden Town Board continues to approve the proposal after a public hearing tentatively scheduled for Sept. 19, the solar farm on Morris Road could go online in mid-2025, company officials have said at a Dryden Town Board meeting.

C'ville gets \$200K for Gutches park

By DOUG SCHNEIDER
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Cortlandville Town Board members authorized spending \$15,100 Wednesday on Gutches Lumber Sports Complex & Town Park, but rescinded a \$200,000 commitment after learning the town had received an equal amount in grant money.

The town board had approved transferring \$200,000 from the general fund in July to a capital project fund for construction of a concession stand for the park on Route 13. But members learned Wednesday that Financial Administrator Megan Johnson said the funds were no longer needed to be transferred because the town has received a \$200,000 Empire State Development grant.

The board did agree to spend \$15,100 to buy toilet compartments for the concession building from Alexander Mitchell & Son of Marcellus.

In other business, the board, on 5-0 votes:

Authorized the town to include a \$150,000 expense to fund the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability and Technology Capital Grant Program, and \$150,000 in revenue via a reimbursable grant for which state Sen. Lea Webb (D-Binghamton) nominated the town. Town money would initially fund the expense, which is meant to improve security at

town hall; the town would then seek reimbursement from the Dormitory Authority of the state of New York.

Authorized Highway Superintendent Larry Drach to spend \$25,983 to buy snowplows for two town trucks and a salt-spreader for a third.

At the recommendation of Supervisor Greg Leach, agreed to open a money market account from Norwich-based NBT Bank at a rate of 4.85% by transferring an amount to be determined by the financial administrator and the town board. Leach told the board he has "a number in mind," but did not divulge what it is.

Agreed to declare the water/sewer department's 2016 Chevrolet Silverado surplus, and sell it to the Parks and Recreation Department for \$10,000.

Voted to delay to a later date paying \$22,000 to Albany-based Clough, Harbour & Associates consulting engineers for inspecting the South Hill Dump in 2025 and '26. The expense also includes \$18,000 for groundwater monitoring, and for a periodic review.

Agreed to acknowledge the "External Vulnerability Assessment" done in August by Zelvin Security, a cybersecurity consultancy of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Agreed to close town offices at noon today so town employees can attend an end-of-summer picnic.

2 crashes close I-81

Two crashes within 90 minutes of each other on Interstate 81 near Marathon closed parts of the highway for hours, state police report.

A three-vehicle crash about 11:15 p.m. Tuesday near mile marker 31.5 in the town of Lisle occurred when a tractor-trailer was traveling south on I-81 when it went off the road and into the median, state police said. The driver, Singh Simran, 28, of Calgary, Alberta, tried to bring the tractor-trailer back into the road but overturned, blocking both southbound lanes of travel. A southbound Mercedes Benz driven by Danial Kirmani, 19, could not avoid the rig and struck its cab, police said.

A second southbound tractor-trailer driven by Mykola Khudyk, 67, of LaSalle, Que-

bec, was unable to avoid the first tractor-trailers and collided with the trailer portion of the first tractor trailer. The truck drivers were not injured; Kirmani was taken to UHS Wilson Medical Center in Johnson City with minor injuries.

About an hour later, at 12:23 a.m. Wednesday, two tractor-trailers southbound near mile marker 40.3 in Marathon collided, state police said. Nicholas Espino, 31, of Bronx, failed to see a second-tractor trailer slowing ahead of him, police said. He rear-ended a tractor-trailer driven by Gregory S. Wilson, 34, of the town of Mexico. No injuries were reported.

Interstate 81 from Marathon to Lisle was closed until about 8:30 a.m. Tuesday because of the two crashes and dense fog, state police said.

Around the towns

Tompkins County health board seeks new member

ITHACA — The Tompkins County Board of Health seeks candidates for an at-large vacancy, particularly from individuals with diverse perspectives.

The volunteer board is the governing body for the local health department, overseeing its budget, approving policies and procedures and enacting regulations. The eight board members each serve six-year terms, although the current vacancy is for a term ending December 2027, with the option to reapply for a full term.

Applicants must be 18, a Tompkins County resident and a U.S. citizen. The board meets at noon the fourth Tuesday of each month at Whole Health's office building at 55 Brown Road, Ithaca.

Obtain an application at <https://tinyurl.com/y9a6s625> and return it to the Tompkins County Legislature, 121 E. Court St., Ithaca, N.Y., 14850.

For details, call Whole Health Commissioner Frank Kruppa at 607-274-6674.

Gov.: Get latest COVID vaccine

The latest COVID-19 vaccine is available in New York and Gov. Kathy Hochul encouraged all eligible New Yorkers this week to get it — particularly people over 65, at risk for severe

COVID-19 or who have never gotten the vaccine.

She suggested getting it as students return to school, increasing public contact, and before the respiratory illness season.

New Yorkers can get the vaccine at any pharmacy in New York without a prescription, Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said.

"Now is the time to get the new COVID-19 vaccine to help protect your family and your community," Hochul said in a release. "As in years' past, we're putting health first and making it easy for all eligible New Yorkers to get the new vaccine at any pharmacy statewide."

"Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is the most effective protection against being admitted to a hospital or suffering from Long COVID, so I'm once again encouraging all those eligible to prioritize their health and get vaccinated," McDonald said. "As we enter the fall season, when respiratory viruses circulate, New Yorkers should get the vaccine to protect themselves from COVID-19 so they can risk less and live well."

Under the Affordable Care Act, most private health insurance, Medicare and Medicaid plans cover COVID-19 vaccines without cost-sharing when received at an in-network provider or pharmacy. Those who are uninsured, or whose insurance does not cover the updated vaccine, will have access to the shots free of charge through community health centers or local health departments.

Digging for news always my favorite part of the job

When I help to train young reporters, it helps to give examples of how to do our jobs as journalists. One of the most important aspects of the work is digging for news. I sometimes tell stories that I hope will impart some guidance. Some I have related many times over the years.

When I worked as a reporter for nearly 10 years at The Daily Gazette in Schenectady, I had a fierce competition with a reporter for The Record based in Troy named Rick Vecchio.

We both covered many of the same municipalities and our offices were a few store fronts apart on North Main Street in the small city of Mechanicville in Saratoga County. We took pride in constantly trying to beat each other to the best stories.

Whenever I was working on an important story about Mechanicville government, I would walk around the block through the alleys so Rick would not see me passing

his office on the way to city hall. I would also be sure to keep covering the normal issues so a drop in production would not tip off Rick that I was working on something significant.

Every once in awhile, one of us

would stop in the other's office late in the evening. The conversation almost always began with, "Has your deadline passed?" If it had, you would tell the other about the stories you beat him on that day.

When the treasurer of a local volunteer fire department was charged with embezzling thousands of dollars, it was a big story that we both covered. Rick wrote a follow-up story about how the man had spent



WORKING It Out

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partment how he could investigate the treasurer. The officer suggested that Rick grab the treasurer's garbage when he left it at the curb at night. So Rick would pick up the garbage, bring it home and sift through the contents looking for clues. I thought that was great.

Another time, I got a tip that many city records had improperly been buried at an outdoor police pistol range after the collapse

the money on his computer business and a prostitute.

The next time I saw him, I told Rick it was an incredible story and asked him how he got the information to prove it. He said he had asked an official of the local police de-

partment of Public Works garage, where they were stored. When nobody else was there, a city employee who tipped me off and I dug holes all over the pistol range but we never found them. I always wondered what the police thought when then they found all those holes.

Despite — or because of — our competition, Rick and I were good friends. When he took a job at a daily newspaper in Marlboro, Massachusetts, I was one of two people who made the trip during a snow storm to move him in.

Rick and I were both great at digging for news. Sometimes we took it too literally.

"Working It Out" is a column by City Editor Kevin Conlon that runs every week. Disclaimer: This is not an advice column. I am not an expert at anything. I rarely do things the easy way and the last thing you should do is follow my example.

Notebook

Cornell reopens Ornithology Visitor Center Sept. 14

ITHACA — The Cornell Lab of Ornithology will celebrate the reopening of its newly redesigned visitor center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 14 and a special edition of the lab's annual Migration Celebration.

The event takes place rain or shine, and is entirely free.

"We asked the visitor center design team to deliver an overall message of 'Welcome, Wow, and What next?'" said Executive Director Ian Owens. "The first thing that hits you is a wall of media with awe-inspiring footage of birds from every continent, and a huge, spinning data globe showing a livestream of what birdwatchers around the world are seeing at that moment. It makes you feel part of something much bigger. A movement for nature."

The event includes guided trail walks, bird-banding demonstrations and live birds of prey from the Cornell Raptor Program. Visitors can learn about birds in stories from the People of the Longhouse with Haudenosaunee storyteller Perry Ground. Workshops will be devoted to native plants, choosing binoculars, and DIY projects to make windows safe for birds by preventing collisions.

The complete agenda is at <https://tinyurl.com/229ce5qx>.

The center is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Women of Faith meet Sept. 13

Women of Faith will meet at 10 a.m. Sept. 13 at the First Church of Christ Scientist, 9 Clinton Ave., Cortland.

The focus will be on "Safe Start to School," and the group will collect snacks and food items for CAPCO's Snack Packs for Kids program, including crackers, cereal, tuna, soup cups, fruit cups and granola.

The ecumenical group meets about eight times a year, the second Friday of the month, at alternating sites.

For details, call Cindy Hering at 607-753-5842 or Florence Palm at 607-753-7148.

Eastern Star Chapter 591 meets Sept. 16

The Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 591 of Cortland will meet at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Masonic Temple on Route 13 in Cortlandville.

Lady officers will wear short colored attire and gentlemen officers dark suits. Sharyn Snyder will have refreshments after the meeting.

As kids head to college, these parents look forward to their next chapter

By REBECCA JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune
(TNS)

CHICAGO — Ever since Chuck Blatt got divorced 14 years ago, he's established a routine with his daughters — visits and dinners on Wednesdays, Fridays and every other weekend. But this year, it started to significantly change when both women went away to college, his youngest for her freshman year at the Chicago College of Performing Arts.

Conversations over the phone are already becoming the new norm, including sharing the occasional update on opera auditions or dorm activities, and there's no promise of a visit until Thanksgiving. The "empty nesting" is hitting hard now that both are gone, Blatt said, but it's not all doom and gloom.

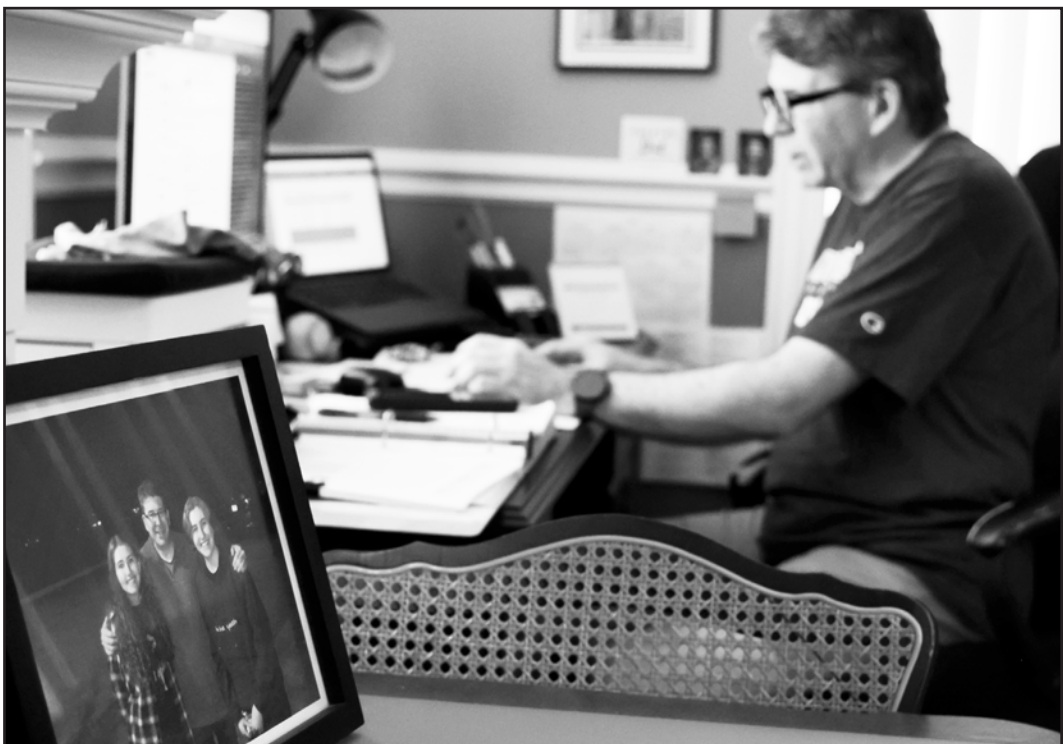
"I'm looking forward to their next chapter and my next chapter," he said. "They're off to college, they're becoming adults ... and I've hopefully trained them enough to be self-sufficient."

Blatt and many other parents in the Chicago area recently said a goodbye of sorts to their adult children, who moved out for school, the workforce or the military.

There's not one way people feel during this big transition, but, according to one psychologist, a mixture of relief and sadness is common. New opportunities are also usually on the horizon, she said.

"Just as profound as the transition to parenting is, I think the notion of transitioning out of full-time parenting is just as profound," said Amy Bohnert, a psychology professor at Loyola University Chicago. "The joy that you might feel seeing your newborn child is unrivaled to any experience you'll ever have in your life. Why wouldn't it make sense that them going off on their home would feel just as important?"

When Blatt's oldest daughter, Amanda, started at the University of Michigan two years ago, the 57-year-old Mayfair resident said it didn't affect him quite as much. After all,



Antonio Perez/Chicago Tribune/TNS

Empty nester Chuck Blatt works at his desk at home in Chicago on Aug. 30. Blatt has two daughters who are now off at college, Becca, 18, and Amanda, 20.

he still had a child living in the area whom he saw frequently throughout the week, and his schedule stayed the same.

But after his youngest, Becca, moved into the dorms last month, he's getting a taste of an empty nest, and there's some upsides, including more flexibility. Blatt said he doesn't have to worry about school pickups or drop-offs, or making it to rehearsal on time, and is planning to go to the theater more often. A property manager, Blatt said he's also started scheduling meetings on Wednesdays, time he usually set aside for his daughters.

Even though Becca is living in downtown Chicago for college, he said she wants the full college experience — which means not seeing her parents constantly, he said. They're instead swapping texts and Instagram messages.

"It's like, OK, great, I did my job as a parent. Now they're out of the house and off to college," Blatt said. "I feel a sense of pride when it comes to that."

"I feel a weight lifted off my shoulders in a way," he continued. "I'm just happy because

they're happy, which is great. High school is stressful, the college process is stressful, so I feel like OK I'm through that and just a little more relaxed."

A period of mourning

When children are growing up, the goal is for them to become more independent, Bohnert said. The process of parenting is in many ways about letting go, but that doesn't make it easy, she said. In fact, Bohnert said the magnitude of a transition relates directly to how much stress people experience, and children leaving the house is typically a large shift for families.

It's not uncommon for parents to experience something akin to mourning during this time, she said. There's a loss of certainty — not being able to physically comfort a child when they've had a hard day, for example — as well as a loss of identity. In the midst of parenting, it's hard to reconcile how quickly the time goes, she added. These feelings are colloquially referred to as "empty nest syndrome."

"I've heard people describe sort of physically, viscerally

feeling this loss," she said. "It isn't just a loss in your head, like they're gone and it's academic, but that it's also just visceral and your whole body feels it."

Heidi Stevens has written about some of these moments in her columns published in the Tribune. Although her son is still living at home, her daughter just started at Georgetown University. Stevens said she's best friends with her daughter, and it's hard to think about not seeing her for a couple of months.

"But it's kind of a fun hard, because it's exactly what should be happening," Stevens said. "She should be going on to the next chapter of her life. She should be going and exploring the world and meeting new people. It's not a sad thing. It's not an illness, it's not an accident, it's wonderful. So you feel a little silly about your sadness, but it's also a loss."

For Stevens, the anticipation of the change was harder than the move-in itself. Her daughter seemed happy to be in a cool place, so she didn't feel sad, although hugging her goodbye was difficult, Stevens said.

Lori Borgman: AI and I will be with you in 1 moment

Column

By LORI BORGMAN
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(TNS)

Whoever first coined the phrase, "It's nothing big, it's everything small," was ahead of the times.

I think about that every time I pause over AI, A1 and Al.

Depending on whether you read that sentence in serif type (letters with slabs on the end of strokes) or sans serif type (no slabs), you may or may not have read it correctly.

The first one is the abbreviation for artificial intelligence, the second one is a steak sauce and the last one is the first name of men with last names of Sharpton, Pacino and Unser Jr.

If you missed all of those, you're batting 0.

Or are you batting O?



Jakub Jirsak/Dreamstime/TNS

Every time columnist Lori Borgman asks Google a question, the answer that appears is routinely authored by AI. Apparently, someone named AI has all the answers.

Wait. Are we talking scores or blood type?

Which reminds me: "What did O say to 8?"

"That's a nice belt you have."

Every time I ask Google a question, the answer that appears is routinely authored by AI. Appar-

ently, some guy named AI now has all the answers.

If I forget a password and have to check my secret hiding place where I wrote them in my sloppy, illegible longhand, I make multiple attempts guessing if the straight lines are letter ls, number 1s or capital Is, and if the circles are letters or numbers. After multiple failed attempts, I am blocked from my account. I accept this as punishment for poor penmanship.

We had to get a new license plate for our car this month. I was hoping we might get a plate with a 0 and an O in it, to keep things interesting.

We did not.

Now I regret not springing for a vanity plate: 000000.

It's probably already taken. By someone named AI.

Arizona does not use the letters I, O, Q and U due to potential confusion. Michigan does not use the

letter O for the same reason. Florida does not make license plates with the letter O but uses the number 0.

Massachusetts is still in the game swinging, using both letters and numbers. They make the letter O oval and the number zero as a rectangle with rounded corners.

Or is it the other way around?

Living in a state where I and Al and everybody else have vehicles with license plates with capital Os and zeroes, I sometimes wonder about emergencies.

"Hello, 911? I'd like to report road rage. The license number was — oh, never mind. It was a black car."

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Even though illegal voting by noncitizens is rare, Republicans are making it an issue this election

By DAVID A. LIEB
Associated Press

Only U.S. citizens are eligible to vote in this fall's election for president and other top offices. While that is nothing new, the potential for noncitizens to register or vote has been receiving a lot of attention lately.

Citing an influx of immigrants in recent years at the U.S.-Mexico border, Republicans have raised concerns about the possibility that noncitizens will be voting and they have taken steps in numerous states to address that prospect, even though cases of noncitizens actually voting are rare.

GOP officials have undertaken reviews of voter rolls, issued executive orders and placed constitutional amendments on state ballots as part of an emphasis on thwarting noncitizen voting. Some Democrats contend the measures could create hurdles for legal voters, are unnecessary and lead people to believe the problem of noncitizens voting is bigger than it really is.

What does the law say?

A 1996 U.S. law makes it illegal for noncitizens to vote in elections for president or members of Congress. Violators can be fined and imprisoned for up to a year. They can also be deported.

When people register to vote, they confirm under penalty of perjury that they are U.S. citizens. Federal law requires states to regularly maintain their voter rolls and remove anyone who is ineligible, a process that could identify immigrants living in the country illegally.

No state constitutions explicitly allow noncitizens to vote, and many states have laws that prohibit noncitizens from voting for state offices such as governor or attorney general. But some municipalities in California, Maryland and Vermont, as well as the District of Columbia, do allow voting by noncitizens in some local elections such as for school board and city council.

What does the data say?

Voting by noncitizens is rare. Yet Republican officials have highlighted voter registration reviews that turned up potential noncitizens.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, said this past week that more than 6,500 potential non-



AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee, File

Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, R-La., speaks as Republican presidential candidate former President Donald Trump listens during a news conference, April 12, at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida.

citizens have been removed from Texas voter rolls since 2021, including 1,930 with "a voter history" who have been referred for investigation by the attorney general's office. Texas has almost 18 million registered voters.

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose, a Republican, said in August that he referred for potential prosecution 138 apparent noncitizens found to have voted in a recent election and 459 more who registered but did not vote. Those figures were higher than reviews from previous years but a small fraction of the more than 8 million registered voters in Ohio.

Alabama Secretary of State Wes Allen, a Republican, recently announced that 3,251 people previously identified as noncitizens by the federal government are being switched to inactive status on the state's voter registration rolls. They will be required to provide proof of citizenship and fill out a form to vote in November. Alabama has more than 3 million registered voters.

In Georgia, Republican Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger found that 1,634 potential noncitizens tried to register to vote between 1997 and 2022, though election officials flagged them and none were registered. Georgia registered millions of other

voters during that time.

Some election administration experts have said the voter roll reviews show that current tools to flag noncitizen voters are working.

What do the courts say?

Arizona provides a case study for the long-running attempts by Republicans to prohibit noncitizen voting.

Under a 2004 voter-approved initiative, Arizona required a driver's license, birth certificate, passport or other similar document to approve a federal voter registration application. But the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2013 that Arizona cannot require documentary proof of citizenship for people to vote in federal elections.

The state responded by creating two classes of voters. For state and local elections, voters must provide proof of citizenship when they register or have it on file with the state.

But because that cannot be required in presidential and congressional elections, tens of thousands of voters who have not provided proof of citizenship are registered only for federal elections.

An August order by a divided U.S. Supreme Court will allow voter registration forms submit-

ted without "documentary proof of citizenship" to be rejected by Arizona counties while litigation over the law continues. People will be able to register to vote in presidential and congressional elections using a different federal form that requires people to swear they are citizens under penalty of perjury, without requiring proof.

What's on the ballot?

Republican-led legislatures in eight states have proposed constitutional amendments on their November ballots declaring that only citizens can vote.

Proposals in Iowa, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Wisconsin would replace existing constitutional provisions stating that "every" citizen or "all" citizens can vote with new wording saying "only" citizens can vote. Supporters contend the current wording does not necessarily bar noncitizens from voting.

In Idaho and Kentucky, the proposed amendments would explicitly state: "No person who is not a citizen of the United States" can vote. Similar wording won approval from Louisiana voters two years ago.

Voters in North Dakota, Colorado, Alabama, Florida and Ohio passed amendments between

2018 and 2022 restricting voting to "only" citizens.

What else are states doing?

Although noncitizen voting already is prohibited in the state constitution, Republican Gov. Jeff Landry of Louisiana is continuing to draw attention to the issue. He recently signed an executive order requiring state agencies that provide voter registration forms to include a written disclaimer that noncitizens are prohibited from voting.

In Georgia, Raffensperger last week required every polling place to post a sign in English and Spanish warning noncitizens that it is illegal to vote.

Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton of Texas, citing "significant growth of the noncitizen population" in the state, set up a special email account Wednesday to report suspected violations of election laws.

In Wisconsin, Republicans have filed a pair of similar lawsuits in recent weeks that challenge the state's process for verifying whether a registered voter is a citizen. The lawsuits seek court orders requiring the elections commission to perform checks to ensure there are no registered voters who are noncitizens.

North Carolina Republicans have sued the state election board, alleging it is not enforcing a new law aimed at removing people from voter rolls who seek jury duty exclusions because they are not citizens.

Tennessee's top election official sent letters in June asking for proof of citizenship from more than 14,000 registered voters, though those who failed to respond will not be barred from voting. The list was based on data from the state Department of Safety and Homeland Security, which has information about whether residents were U.S. citizens when they first interacted with that department.

What has Congress done?

Republicans in Congress are pushing a bill, known as the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, that would require proof of citizenship to register to vote. During a news conference about the legislation this year, House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., did not provide specific examples of noncitizens voting but insisted it is a concern.

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Our Opinion

NY's new liquor law is only a first step

Distilleries and cideries in New York had been limited in the distribution of their products for years.

There is good news and bad news for those producers. The good news is a change in state law, recently announced by Gov. Kathy Hochul, that allows craft manufacturers of spirits, cider and mead to sell directly to customers across the state and elsewhere. The bad news is that another state agency — the Liquor Authority — has its own rules that blunt much of the financial benefit of those changes.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the state temporarily allowed spirit and cider makers to ship directly to customers, which helped them survive the economic slump.

Hochul last week announced a new law that makes such sales legal permanently. She praised the

legislation as helping craft manufacturers compete with larger operations and extend the reach of their sales. However, the high costs associated with direct sales — most significantly state fees and shipping costs — have eaten into the potential profit from the additional sales, a local manufacturer told us.

Vincent Pedini, owner of Dragonfyre Distillery in Marathon, said it costs \$29 to ship a bottle of liquor — \$12 for standard shipping, \$4.50 for a fuel surcharge, \$8.50 for the required age verification signature and another \$4 fee.

But fortunately it costs only another 50 cents to ship two bottles. Another maker said it costs about \$30 to ship a \$30 bottle of liquor directly to someone, making it noncompetitive with a bottle sold at a local liquor store.

The pandemic necessitated

temporary rules to help businesses, including those that sold liquor, to survive during restrictions on public gatherings. The state allowed more outdoor seating, and drinks containing alcohol were allowed to be ordered take-out. Several of those changes are being made permanent by additional legislation. Hochul said the new law allowing small producers to sell directly to customers opens significant opportunities for the state's growing craft beverage industry by providing "a vital market expansion tool."

That sounds like a great idea. The state, however, has to look at the broader picture and make sure that while it offers a lifeline to small distilleries and cideries through new direct sales, it is not simultaneously handing them an anchor in the form of state fees that erase much of the profit from those sales.

Your Opinion

If your house is on fire, act

To the Editor:

He sits on the couch watching TV while his house is burning.

He smells smoke but he thinks it's from a fire way across the town.

He heard the old repairman tell him that the dryer was a fire hazard, but members of his lodge told him the repairman was too old to know what he was doing.

He got the recall notice, but everyone knows the government cheated on those tests.

He saw the conviction verdict of the dryer manufacturer in the paper, but the conviction was

thrown out by a higher court.

He heard the neighbor yell "Fire!" but she often acts crazy.

He heard his wife yell at him, but she is always trying to talk to him while he is watching the big game.

He heard the children yell "Where will we live?" but he knows they are just playing games again.

He sits on the couch watching TV while his house is burning.

If you want to help put out the fire, do something now before it is too late.

Clay Benedict
Cortland

Good Old Days

September 6, 1974

Tompkins Cortland Community College's community forum is to be named in honor of the late Frank K. Taylor, former chairman of the Cortland County Board of Supervisors and Town of Cortlandville supervisor, who was a staunch and influential supporter of the college from its inception.

The TC3 Board of Trustees voted last night to dedicate the forum in memory of Taylor with formal ceremonies to be held in May.

September 6, 1999

Cortland State's final football tune-up was a success.

Both the starting offense and defense excelled during Saturday's Davis Field scrimmage test against a visiting Alfred crew.

"The films will tell us a lot more tomorrow (Sunday), but in general I'm coming away with a real good feeling," said Coach Dan McNeill, whose Red Dragons will be looking to avenge a 1998 season opening loss to New Jersey's Montclair State this Saturday at Dais Field.

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.

Jimmy McCain, a son of late Arizona senator John McCain, registers as a Democrat and backs Harris

By JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Jimmy McCain, a son of former Arizona senator and 2008 Republican presidential nominee John McCain, said this week he has registered as a Democrat and will vote for Vice President Kamala Harris, a valuable nod of support for the Democratic nominee in a battleground state.

Meanwhile, Trump’s running mate, Ohio Sen. JD Vance, was scheduled to appear outside Phoenix Wednesday at a rally with the conservative youth organizing group Turning Point USA, which has been instrumental in remaking the Arizona GOP as a faithful organ of former President Donald Trump’s “Make America great again” movement.

Jimmy McCain’s endorsement and Vance’s Turning Point USA appearance reflect the disparate segments of the GOP that Harris and Trump are trying to reach. Democrats are appealing to traditional conservatives disillusioned by Trump’s takeover of the GOP, while Republicans are looking to shore up their base and ensure that their young supporters turn out.

Democrats have made big inroads over the last six years



Jimmy McCain, son of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., pauses at his father’s casket during ceremonies honoring McCain at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda in Washington, Aug. 31, 2018.

in Arizona, once a Republican stronghold that routinely backed McCain and other Republicans for president, with an anti-Trump coalition that includes Republicans and conservative independents.

That reality is clear in each campaign’s approach to winning the state. Harris has staked out moderate positions in contrast to

the progressive stances she outlined in her 2020 Democratic primary campaign, including on the border, an important issue in this border state, while elevating Republican backers.

Trump, meanwhile, is counting on support from young voters turned off by politics and distrustful of institutions. He chose Phoenix for a rally joining forces

with Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who abandoned his own independent campaign to back Trump.

The Turning Point event where Vance spoke was aimed at promoting the group’s “chase the vote” initiative to identify supporters who might need an extra nudge and ensure they participate. The event, at a mega church on the outskirts of metro Phoenix, began

with a concert by a Christian rock band with a heavy, seat-shaking base and a colorful light show.

Jimmy McCain said he had been an independent since leaving the Republican Party after Trump became its standard bearer in 2016. He decided during a nine-month overseas deployment that just ended to switch his registration to Democratic and announce it publicly. His decision was first reported by CNN.

He said he was further “fired up” by the decision after seeing Trump’s campaign visit to Arlington National Cemetery, a visit that Harris called a “political stunt” that “disrespected sacred ground.”

Trump has had a fraught relationship with the McCain family since he denigrated the senator’s status as a war hero during his 2016 campaign.

Jimmy McCain said it was personally difficult for him to hear his father disrespected, but he said his father chose a public life and Americans are allowed to criticize their leaders.

“With Arlington, the people who are buried there gave their lives and the ultimate sacrifice,” McCain said. “They don’t get a political opinion.”

ART

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2.5 average to compete,” he said. “My coach said ‘Take an art class with me, we’ll get your grades up.’ I took this art class just to get him off my back, basically. He said, ‘Paint something you know,’ and I said ‘I don’t know anything,’ so he said, ‘Paint something you like,’ and I said ‘Well, I like roses.’”

His first painting, which was of roses, he gave to his mother.

After she died, he found it wrapped up safely in her dresser drawer.

It’s one of the few early works he has, after losing most of them

in a fire at his old studio.

“He looked at it, and smiled, and said, ‘It looks just like van Gogh,’” Mitchell said about his professor. “I said, ‘Who the hell is van Gogh?’”

Mitchell had to paint 10 paintings to pass that first art class. Instead, he painted 100.

“Something just clicked,” he said. “I became a machine. That’s all I wanted to do. I took basically every art class that the university offered, and they got me a job as a classroom assistant. I could make money while getting free art supplies.”

Later, he started working as a judge for the American Kennel

Club’s national dog events, he said. When he awarded dogs titles, their owners would often commission a pet portrait from him when they found out about his art.

His pet paintings are around the world, in both pet owners’ homes and museums.

The pop-up exhibition will be the only time his work is for sale, Delaney said, and the works are very affordable.

It’s a sad feeling to sell one’s paintings, Mitchell said.

“It’s just the way it is,” he said. “I have no place to put them, and if somebody can get one and enjoy it, I guess that’s enough.”

Calif. settles affordable housing project lawsuit

By SOPHIE AUSTIN
Associated Press/
Report for America

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A Sacramento suburb will have to build more affordable housing for residents at risk of homelessness under a settlement announced Wednesday with California Gov. Gavin Newsom’s administration, which comes more than a year after the state alleged in a lawsuit that Elk Grove illegally denied an affordable housing project.

The settlement means the city must identify a new site for affordable housing in an area with good access to economic, educational and health resources by July 1, 2025. The state will also have more oversight over the city’s approval of affordable housing over the next five years, including by receiving regular updates on the status of proposed projects. Attorney General Rob Bonta, a Democrat, said it should not have taken so long for Elk Grove to agree to build more affordable housing.

“Our housing laws are not suggestions,” Bonta said at a news conference Wednesday. “You have to follow them. And if cities try to skirt them — try to avoid building the housing we need, try to illegally deny housing proposals, discriminate against communities, as Elk Grove did — the DOJ will hold them accountable.”

California’s lawsuit alleged the city broke state laws by de-

nying a project to build 66 units in an area known as Old Town for residents who experienced homelessness. The denial violated laws aimed at streamlining housing projects and banning local governments from making discriminatory decisions, the state argued.

The legal battle escalated a growing conflict between the state and local government over how many housing projects cities should approve and how fast they should build them. Newsom in 2022 temporarily withheld funding from local governments who he said failed to adequately reduce homelessness. His administration has also sued the Southern California city of Huntington Beach, accusing it of ignoring state housing laws.

Elk Grove has to pay the state \$150,000 for attorney and other legal fees under the agreement. Local officials said they were happy with the settlement and that it underscored the city’s efforts to build affordable housing.

“Elk Grove is proud of the role it has played as a leader in the development of affordable housing in the region,” the city said in a statement. “The City is hopeful that in the future the State will work more collaboratively with cities to partner in the development of affordable housing rather than use precious resources in the pursuit of unnecessary litigation.”

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millions of dollars for the couple, who had a \$4 million mansion on Long Island and a condominium in Hawaii. Sun and her husband, Chris Hu, pleaded not guilty Tuesday. Sun’s lawyer, Jarrod Schaeffer, said she was “understandably upset that these charges have been brought,” but didn’t discuss the charges in detail.

Hochul on Wednesday called Sun’s alleged actions “an absolute betrayal of the trust of two administrations in state government.”

The alleged foreign influence efforts are part of what FBI and Justice Department officials have described as a broader attempt to manipulate public opinion in China’s favor.

“The Chinese government understands that politicians in smaller roles today may rise to become more influential over time,” FBI Director Christopher Wray said in a January 2022 speech. “So they look to cultivate talent early to ensure that politicians at all levels of government will be ready to take a call and advocate on behalf of Beijing’s agenda.”

Justice Department officials have charged dozens of Chinese nationals in the last five years, though many have remained out



Former New York Governor Kathy Hochul aide Linda Sun, center, and her husband, Christopher Hu, second from left, leave Brooklyn Federal Court after their arraignment, Tuesday, in New York.

of reach of American law enforcement. Among those who have faced charges are 40 officers with the Ministry of Public Security accused of harassing and threatening dissidents, as well as a cluster of operatives alleged to have stalked Chinese individuals living in the U.S. as part of an effort to coerce them into returning to China, where they are wanted for prosecution. A Chinese American scholar known as a pro-de-

mocracy activist was convicted in New York earlier this month of gathering information on dissidents and feeding it to his homeland’s government.

In 2022, a Chinese government operative was charged with plotting to undermine the candidacy of a little-known congressional candidate in New York by planning to locate derogatory information that could prevent him from being elected.

SUSPECT

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The FBI’s tip pointed to a Discord account associated with an email address linked to the Georgia teen, the report said. But the boy told a sheriff’s investigator “he would never say such a thing, even in a joking manner.”

The investigator wrote that no arrests were made because of “inconsistent information” on the Discord account, which had profile information in Russian and a digital evidence trail indicating it had been accessed in different Georgia cities as well as Buffalo, New York.

The attack was the latest among dozens of school shootings across the U.S. in recent years, including especially deadly ones in Newtown, Connecticut; Parkland, Florida; and Uvalde, Texas. The

classroom killings have set off fervent debates about gun control and frayed the nerves of parents whose children are growing up accustomed to active-shooter drills. But there has been little change to national gun laws.

Classes were canceled Thursday at the Georgia high school, though some people came to leave flowers around the flagpole and kneel in the grass with heads bowed.

When the suspect slipped out of class Wednesday, Lyela Sayarath figured her quiet classmate who recently transferred was skipping school again. But he returned later and wanted back into the room. Some students went to open the locked door but instead backed away.

“I’m guessing they saw something, but for some reason, they

didn’t open the door,” Sayarath said.

The teen then turned the gun on people in a hallway, authorities said.

He has been charged in the deaths of students Mason Schermerhorn and Christian Angulo, both 14, and teachers Richard Aspinwall, 39, and Christina Irimie, 53, according to Georgia Bureau of Investigation Director Chris Hosey.

When the teen was not allowed back into his classroom, Sayarath said she heard a barrage of 10 to 15 gunshots. The math students fell to the floor and crawled in search of a safe corner to hide.

Two school resource officers confronted the shooter within minutes after the gunshots were reported, Hosey said. The teen immediately surrendered.

Missing: Mini Mule

2 mini mules escaped their pasture on 8/29/24 on Babcock Hollow Rd, Harford, NY.

One was caught on 8/30/24 near the 4-corners in Virgil, NY.

One is still missing - male, light brown, size of a small deer, wearing a teal colored halter.



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College Football

Georgia Tech faces first test as ranked team vs Syracuse

By MARK FRANK
Associated Press

SYRACUSE — Given the many air miles No. 23 Georgia Tech has accumulated on its way to the Yellow Jackets being ranked for the first time since 2015, their early season travels haven't slowed their run game so far.

Having crossed the Atlantic to beat Florida State in Ireland before a brief stop at home to beat Georgia State, Georgia Tech heads north to Syracuse where it'll get a chance to test its legs again in an ACC matchup on Saturday. It could turn into a promising outing for a Yellow Jackets team that has rushed for 415 yards, good for ninth in the country, and facing an Orange defense that yielded 255 yards on the ground in winning its opener against Ohio.

Even more good news for Georgia Tech, who have an opportunity to go 3-0 for the first time since 2016: after playing Syracuse, the Yellow Jackets will have completed 79% of their travel schedule already, 9,764 of 12,302 miles.

For Georgia Tech then, it's all about getting their mileage on the ground against a Syracuse team that got off to a winning start under Fran Brown, but suddenly finds itself facing a tough challenge in the midst of a stretch of opening the season with four straight home games.

Making things even more challenging is that Syracuse will be without star linebacker Marlowe Wax, the heart and soul of the defense who is expected to miss the next six weeks with a right leg injury suffered against Ohio.

"You're going to need two or three guys to fill Marlowe's

shoes," Brown said. "We just have to be more physical, have to demand physicality."

He added: "We better stop the run because that's what coach Key does. He's an offensive line coach at heart so he's going to keep on running the ball until we stop it."

Key has no intention of going away from his team's strength. "We run the ball," he said after the Georgia State win. Jamal Haynes leads the ground attack with 159 yards, an average of nearly six yards a carry.

Perhaps as a way to take the pressure off his now-ranked team, Key downplayed the significance of the Syracuse matchup.

"If you want to play 15 games you better not be peaking in September," Key said. "No one really cares what you do in September."

Young at heart

Brown compared Georgia Tech quarterback Haynes King to a college Hall of Famer and Heisman Trophy runner-up from Texas.

"He reminds me of Vince Young, just watching him run around and play. He's a strong, powerful guy," Brown said. "A dual threat who can throw the deep ball."

King is 35-of-45 passing for 421 yards and 91 yards on the ground.

E for Efford

Linebacker Kyle Efford had 10 tackles against Florida State. He followed that up with 13 more Saturday, making him the nation's leader in that category.

"Really, the tackles just come from pure effort," Efford said Saturday. "Just flying around."

High School Boys Soccer



Paul Cifonelli/sports editor

McGraw's Logan Moffitt, left, looks to attack Mater Dei's Timothy Burns, center, while possessing the ball Wednesday at Elm Street Field. Moffitt scored the Eagles' lone goal in a 5-1 loss.

McGraw drops opener after tough second half

By PAUL CIFONELLI
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The McGraw boys soccer team failed to convert on a few good chances in the first half and Mater Dei Academy capitalized after halftime as the Eagles fell 5-1 in the first round of the McGraw Boys Soccer Tournament Wednesday at Elm Street Field. McGraw will play the loser of Cortland and Bishop Ludden at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The two teams played a back-and-forth first half without many great scoring chances. McGraw's Logan Moffitt drilled the right post for the best scoring chance of the half and the Eagles

also had a few crosses squirt through without a touch.

Things unraveled early in the

**Mater Dei 5
McGraw 1**

Ermold converted a penalty kick after McGraw was called for a handball in the box. Adam Edwards struck less than a minute later to make it 2-0 Saints.

McGraw head coach Jamey Crumb knew the game was well-played and competitive, but his guys were unable to recover after the penalty kick.

"It's exactly what I felt,"

Crumb said. "We made them have one good save and the rest weren't really on goal and we kind of let one in. We had a couple defensive lapses in the second half, but after the PK we lost energy for 10 minutes."

Thomas Murai made it 3-0 three minutes later with a beautiful shot from about 35 yards away. He sent it from the right side of the field across into the upper left corner. Ermold scored his second of the game on a free kick and Iker Guiscafere closed out the Mater Dei scoring with another penalty kick after being taken down in the box by Owen

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SUNY Cortland Men's Soccer

SUNY Cortland men's soccer edges out Utica on road

By MITCHELL BINDA
Contributing Writer

UTICA — The nationally-13th ranked Cortland men's soccer team scored a goal in each half, and held off a late rally from the opposition, in a 2-1 victory on the road over Utica on Wednesday evening. The Red Dragons improved to 3-0-0 on the season, while the Pioneers are now 0-1-1.

Yasin Choukri (Wilton, Conn.) and Matt Shultz (Oneonta) each scored a goal for the Red Dragons, the second consecutive game with a goal for Choukri and the third straight game scoring for Shultz. Cade Denlinger (Elizabethtown, Penn./Elizabethtown

Area) registered an assist. Jordan Ott (Fort Worth, Texas/Southwest Christian) turned aside four shots in goal for Cortland.

Jalen Lucero scored Utica's goal, with an assist by Evan Smith. Foti Xidias made two saves in goal for the Pioneers.

The Pioneers started quickly with two shots on goal in the opening five minutes, both of which Ott was able to turn aside. The Red Dragons quickly gained momentum, controlling play and holding Utica without a shot on target over the final 40 minutes of action in the half.

In the 25th minute, Mateo Mar-

ra (Ossining) saw his free kick from a dangerous position a few yards outside the penalty area sail just past the left post. One minute later, Choukri got the Red Dragons on the board, dribbling around a defender to the end line and firing a right-footed shot past the keeper at the near post.

Cortland looked to double the lead in the following minutes, but Shultz dragged a shot wide right from the left side of goal. The Red Dragons couldn't muster a shot on goal in the final minutes of the half despite a few solid chances, leading 1-0 into halftime.

Denlinger had a strong op-

portunity to extend the lead just after the hour mark, but his shot attempt went off to the left after a scrum in the penalty area.

Just four minutes later, he assisted Cortland's second goal with a long ball over the top of the defense from near midfield. Shultz ran in behind the back line to collect the pass on a bounce, and finished into the top right corner of the net before the onrushing goalkeeper could arrive.

With under 20 minutes remaining, Ott diverted a shot off the crossbar to maintain the Cortland advantage, and Denlinger made a clearance at the back post to deny

a Utica forward from receiving a cross. The Pioneers used a stroke of good luck to pull to within a goal with under seven minutes remaining, after a failed clearance fell to the feet of Lucero, who tucked it inside the post.

Utica pressed for an equalizer in the final minutes, but the Red Dragons were able to thwart the comeback attempt with a blocked shot and a save by Ott in the final three minutes to secure the victory.

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National Football League

Vikings-Giants opens prove-it season for once-lauded QBs



AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith

Giants quarterback Daniel Jones throws a pass in the first half of a preseason game against the Texans, Aug. 17, in Houston.

By DAVE CAMPBELL
AP Pro Football Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Sam Darnold and Daniel Jones were swiftly dumped into the deep end of NFL debuts, shouldering heavy pressure as young quarterbacks in the country's largest media markets.

As is often the case in this sink-or-swim league for players at the sport's most demanding position, the results have failed to match the high hopes raised by their heralded arrival. In what could well be their last chance to convince the league they can still be capable starters for years to come, Darnold and Jones will lead their teams into the same season opener Sunday when the Vikings visit the New York Giants.

Whatever the outcome, it likely won't bode well for the loser.

Darnold, in his first year with Minnesota after backing up Brock Purdy for the NFC champion San

Francisco 49ers last season, was the third overall pick by the New York Jets out of Southern California in 2018. He's the last rookie quarterback to win a Week 1 start, but the Jets went 4-12 and traded him three years later to the Carolina Panthers. In 56 career starts, Darnold has 55 interceptions and a 21-35 record.

Though he has found first-string status again with the Vikings, Darnold was clearly signed (for one year and \$10 million) to be a temporary bridge from the departed Kirk Cousins to the rookie J.J. McCarthy. He has only been assured of keeping the job because of McCarthy's season-ending knee injury last month.

"As a young player you can definitely get excited about what the future might hold or what things might look like, but at the end of the day you've got to be where your feet are," Darnold said. "This sport, this position,

it's hard enough as it is. If you start worrying about the wrong things, it'll come back to bite you."

Jones was the sixth overall pick by the Giants in 2019 out of Duke as the successor to a fading Eli Manning, whom he replaced two weeks into that rookie season. Though Jones also won that first start, with 336 yards passing and touchdowns on the road against Tampa Bay, he and the Giants struggled through his first three years. His breakthrough in 2022, which included an NFL-best interception rate and only eight turnovers in 16 games with a career-high 708 rushing yards and the first win by the Giants in the playoffs in 11 seasons, prompted a four-year, \$160 million contract that put him among the highest-paid quarterbacks in the league. What followed in 2023 was simply interceptions, sacks and injuries.

Major League Baseball

Scuffling Yanks focus on future rather than the rut they're in

By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer
ARLINGTON, Texas — Aaron Judge hasn't homered in nine straight games for the first time this season, and the New York Yankees are under .500 over the equivalent of half a season.

Never mind that Judge leads the major leagues with 51 home runs or the Yankees are just a half-game behind Baltimore for the AL East lead and the AL's best record.

"Nobody's going to feel sorry for us," manager Aaron Boone said. "I'm sure a lot of people out there are rooting against us. We've got to have that us-against-the-world, go take this thing, go take this position, go take this playoff opportunity. It's all there for us. We've got to do it."

In a 10-6 loss at the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night that gave the Yankees their third consecutive series loss, New York was within inches of cutting a ninth-inning deficit from eight runs to one.

Wyatt Langford made a leaping, game-ending catch at the top of wall



AP Photo/Jeffrey McWhorter
Yankees relief pitcher Tim Mayza, center, looks down and Anthony Rizzo, right, looks on as manager Aaron Boone pulls Mayza from the game Wednesday, in Arlington, Texas.

in left field on a 104 mph liner from Giancarlo Stanton with two runners on after Trent Grisham's two-out grand slam. This was a night after the Texas rookie's game-ending slam in a 7-4 Rangers victory.

Judge and Juan Soto had left the game in the eighth inning because of the 10-2 deficit, so Judge

was already assured of his ninth consecutive game without going deep — he had a pair of eight-game stretches earlier this season.

"Just don't think about it, try not to hear those kinds of things," said Judge, who was 6 of 34 with two doubles over the three series losses. "I think I heard it early in

the year, too, but there's nothing I can do about that. I'm not trying to hit homers."

The Yankees are currently without a specific closer after two-time All-Star Clay Holmes gave up Langford's drive with New York on the cusp of a series victory in the middle game against the Rangers — Holmes' big

league-high 11th blown save.

Boone says there are several options, including Holmes, for the next save opportunity in what he called a short-term situation. Those answers won't come until today at the earliest, at the Chicago Cubs.

Marcus Stroman was 3-0 over his prior four starts before giving up nine hits in 3 2/3 innings in the series finale against the Rangers, who were without the top two hitters in their order: Marcus Semien and reigning World Series MVP Corey Seager.

"I think we're all very process-oriented in this clubhouse so we know what we're capable of," Stroman said. "A few bad losses doesn't move the room in a bad way at all, so just a matter of doing what we're capable of and going out there and getting momentum and hopefully taking it to Chicago."

New York's 40-41 record goes back to June 1, when it started that day 40-19. Even back then, though, the Yankees were only two games ahead of the Orioles.

3rd baseman Chapman and Giants agree to a \$151M, 6-year contract

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gold Glove third baseman Matt Chapman agreed Wednesday to a \$151 million, six-year contract with the San Francisco Giants for 2025-30, giving up his chance to become a free agent after the season.

Chapman will get a \$1 million signing bonus, payable Jan. 15, and annual salaries of \$25 million. The deal assures he will earn \$169 million over seven seasons from 2024-30.

He joined the Giants as a free agent in March, agreeing to a contract guaranteeing \$54 million

over three seasons. That deal gave him the right to opt out after 2024 and 2025. It included a \$2 million signing bonus and a \$16 million salary for 2024.

Chapman is hitting .247 and leads the Giants with 22 homers, 69 RBIs, 90 runs and 33 doubles. The 31-year-old is a four-time Gold Glove winner and has a .241 career average with 177 homers and 495 RBIs for Oakland (2017-21), Toronto (2022-23) and the Giants.

He was an All-Star in 2019.



AP Photo/Godofredo A. Vásquez
Giants' Matt Chapman reacts after hitting a single during the third inning against the Marlins, Sept. 1, in San Francisco.

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Lea. Moffitt erased the shutout late by converting a penalty kick after a handball in the box.

Crumb was disappointed in the result, especially because his guys had so many chances to score throughout the game.

"Our expectations were pretty high," Crumb said. "We lost two hustle players in Jaydon (Bassett) and Ryan (Parks), but we have a lot of young players who have been playing a while. We've been playing all summer. Our preseason practices have been really positive and good up to this point, so it was a little shock to not at least score in the offensive end as much."

McGraw has had some scoring difficulties at times throughout the last few seasons. Crumb is hoping this group can learn to consistently put goals in the back of the net.

"Hopefully they just get mad," Crumb said. "They have to sacrifice their bodies on a couple of those just to poke them in. I think that's our youth. Throughout the season I have to find out where to put them and leave them. We can't rely on going straight down the middle."

Zach Kahle made 11 saves in goal for the Eagles.

McGraw played again at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Brookfield in a CCL game, then will play in the consolation game Saturday. Cortland and Bishop Ludden played at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Bennett Street Field to determine the Saturday matchups.

Crumb is happy there isn't

much time to think about Wednesday's outcome with a league game on tap.

"The good thing about having a game is that we don't have time to focus on the negative stuff," Crumb said. "Going up there, it's a field about half the size of this and you don't know what to expect. We need to focus on getting a win there then we can focus on moving forward."

GIRLS SOCCER BISHOP GRIMES 1, MCGRAW 0

Bishop Grimes scored a goal early in the first half to beat McGraw in the first round of the McGraw Girls Soccer Tournament. The Eagles will play the loser of Cortland and Tully in the consolation game at noon Saturday.

WATKINS GLEN 8, DRYDEN 1

Alyson Smith scored two minutes into the game and Dryden held that lead for about 20 minutes, but the Lions couldn't keep that after. Dryden trailed 3-1 at halftime. Danielle Warwick made 11 saves in goal for the Lions, who took five shots and one corner kick.

BOYS GOLF CORTLAND 215, HOMER 231

Finn Thomas' 40 led Cortland to victory, but Homer's Cooper Layaw shot a 39 at Cortland Country Club to lead all golfers.

Garrick Ott followed Thomas with a 41, Owen Michaels shot a 43, Koda Hubbard notched a 45,

Cooper Cohena added a 46 and CJ Urtz's 48 was cancelled out.

Ryder Armstrong finished behind Layaw with a 45, Dan Stiles shot a 46, Ben Wilbur contributed a 49, Brody Darnell carded a 52 and Caleb Hamilton's 55 was discarded.

SKANEATELES 212, MCGRAW 316

Ricky Osborne had McGraw's only sub-60 round at Skaneateles Country Club, shooting a 58. Lucas Friedman notched a 61, Riley Van Liew carded a 65, Barrett Zogg and Lucas Johnson each shot a 66 and Thomas Lea's 68 was cancelled out.

GIRLS TENNIS CAZENOVIA 5, HOMER 2

The doubles team of Emma Effinger and Lauren Franco began their defense of the Section III doubles title with a 6-2, 6-0 win in first doubles. Lizzie McCloy and Cathelijne Van der Pluijm won their fourth doubles match 1-6, 6-0, 7-6(11-9).

MacKenzie Skodzinsky lost her first singles match 4-6, 0-6, Ginny Park lost 5-7, 5-7 in second singles, Sunny Park fell 3-6, 3-6 in third singles, Isabelle Brown and Aubrey McGrath lost 1-6, 1-6 in second doubles and Lucy Goodwin and Emma Dart dropped their third doubles match 3-6, 2-6.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

Newfield at Groton, 7 p.m. today at Ross Field
Southern Hills at Jordan-Elbridge, 7 p.m. today
Homer vs. Windsor, noon Saturday at Chenango Valley High School
Dryden vs. V-V-S, 6:15 p.m. Saturday at SUNY Cortland
Cortland vs. Norwich, 6 p.m. Sunday at Colgate University

BOYS SOCCER

Jordan-Elbridge at Homer, 7 p.m. today
Cincinnati vs. Hamilton or Faith Heritage, time TBD today at Fabius-Pompey Jr./Sr. High School
Frankfort-Schuyler at Tully, 6:30 p.m. today
Cortland vs. Mater Dei or McGraw, 10 a.m. Saturday at Bennett St. Field
McGraw vs. Cortland or Bishop Ludden, 10 a.m. Saturday at Elm St. Field
Dryden at Greene, 11 a.m. Saturday
Otselc Valley or Cazenovia at DeRuyter, noon or 4 p.m. Saturday
Marathon at Afton/Harpursville, 4:30 p.m. Monday
McGraw at Stockbridge Valley, 4:30 p.m. Monday
Cincinnati at Otselc Valley, 4:30 p.m. Monday
Manlius Pebble Hill at Tully, 4:30 p.m. Monday
DeRuyter at Brookfield, 4:30 p.m. Monday

GIRLS SOCCER

Cortland at Homer, 5:15 p.m. today
Marathon vs. Manlius Pebble Hill or Fabius-Pompey, time TBD today at Fabius-Pompey Jr./Sr. High School
Groton at Moravia, 5:30 p.m. today
Cortland vs. McGraw or Bishop Grimes, noon Saturday at Bennett St. Field
McGraw vs. Cortland or Tully, noon Saturday at Elm St. Field
Tully vs. McGraw or Bishop Grimes, noon Saturday at Bennett St. Field
Onondaga/LaFayette or Sacketts Harbor at DeRuyter, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Saturday
Dryden at Greene, 1 p.m. Saturday
Homer at Lansing, 7 p.m. Monday
McGraw at Cincinnati, 4:30 p.m. Monday
Tully at Onondaga/LaFayette, 6 p.m. Monday

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Cortland at Hamilton, 6 p.m. today
Solvay at Homer, 6 p.m. Monday

FIELD HOCKEY

Marathon at Cortland, 5:30 p.m. today
Moravia at Weedsport, 5 p.m. today
Cortland at Auburn, 12:30 p.m. Saturday
Moravia at Weedsport, 5 p.m. Saturday
Port Byron/Union Springs at Homer, 7 p.m. Monday
Marathon at Vestal, 7:15 p.m. Monday
Moravia at Maine-Endwell, 7 p.m. Monday

CROSS COUNTRY

Cortland, Homer, Tully, DeRuyter at Mount Markham, 8 a.m. Saturday

BOYS GOLF

McGraw at Homer, 3:30 p.m. today at Cortland Country Club
Tully at Marcellus, 3:30 p.m. today at the Links at Sunset Ridge Golf Course
Cazenovia at Cortland, 3:30 p.m. Monday at Willowbrook Golf Club
Homer at CBA, 3:30 p.m. Monday at Drumlins Country Club
Skaneateles at Tully, 3:30 p.m. Monday at Vesper Hills Golf Course

GIRLS TENNIS

Homer at Phoenix, 4:30 p.m. today
Cortland at Skaneateles, 5 p.m. Monday
Manlius Pebble Hill at Homer, 4:30 p.m. Monday

NCAA

Judge asked to give OK to \$2.78B settlement

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

A judge in California on Thursday was scheduled to weigh preliminary approval of a \$2.78 billion settlement of three antitrust lawsuits against the NCAA and major conferences, the first step of a lengthy process that could lead to college athletes getting a cut of the billions in television revenue that flows to their schools.

Attorneys from both sides were set to appear in front of U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken in Oakland, California. Wilken is likely to make a ruling within the next several days.

The NCAA and five power conferences agreed in May to settle House v. NCAA and two similar case cases that challenged compensation rules for college athletes.

The deal calls for the NCAA to foot the bill for nearly \$3 billion in damages paid to former and current college athletes who were denied the right to earn money off their name, image and likeness, dating to 2016.

As part of the settlement, the conferences agreed to a revenue-sharing plan that would allow each school to direct about \$21 million to athletes, starting as soon as next season — if the settlement receives final approval.

Preliminary approval allows the plaintiffs to begin notifying thousands of former and current college athletes that they are eligible to claim damages or object to the terms. That can start in two weeks.

Objections have already been filed with the court, including one from the plaintiffs in another athlete compensation case in Colorado who declined to be part of the settlement. A group of former Division I female athletes is also challenging the settlement, claiming damages will be unfairly paid mostly to football and men's basketball players.

Two college athlete advocacy groups that support the organization of players and collective bargaining as part of a new compensation model have taken different approaches to the settlement.

The National College Players' Association last week called the settlement "unjust" and said it would work to prevent it from being approved. Athletes.org, which says it has nearly 4,000 college athletes as members, said it supports the settlement as an important first step, but would like some of the terms tweaked before it is implemented.

The NCAA and college sports leaders are already working on how to implement the revenue-sharing plan — including bringing in an outside third-party to manage enforcement of some terms.

Golf Log

WALDEN OAKS TUESDAY MEN'S LEAGUE			
Low Gross: Nate Moore (35)			
Standings			
O'Conner/Moore	114	Driscoll	98
Tim & Charlie Wright	115	Jeff & Dennis Rupert	98.5
Owego Street	110	Holl/Roering	96.5
A Round Pizza	108	Dave's Total Care	95.5
Buckets	105.5	Potter/Sweet	85
JMS Plumbing	102	Gregory/Freelove	85
Manning/Dumond	99	Feuerheerm	79

ELM TREE WEDNESDAY LEAGUE			
Low Gross: Mark Waterson (36)			
Low Net: Jim Stockwin (29)			
Final Standings			
Hoof Hearted	334	JR's Team	303
Mulligans Island	330	The Surveyors	283.5
Legends	326.5	O'Donnell Construction	282.5
Sheep's Clothing	319.5	Collegietown Wine/Spirits	282
The Fore Guys	310	The Rusty Nail	268.5
Bruce's Auto	305	Uptate Concrete Coat.	252

MLB

AL East Division			
Baltimore	81	W	Pct. GB
New York	80	60	.574 —
Boston	70	70	.500 10½
Tampa Bay	69	70	.496 11
Toronto	67	74	.475 14
AL Central Division			
Cleveland	80	60	.571 —
Minnesota	75	64	.540 4½
Kansas City	76	65	.539 4½
Detroit	70	70	.500 10
Chicago	62	109	.227 48½
AL West Division			
Houston	75	64	.540 —
Seattle	70	70	.500 5½
Texas	67	73	.479 8½
Oakland	61	79	.436 14½
Los Angeles	58	81	.417 17
NL East Division			
Philadelphia	83	56	.597 —
Atlanta	76	63	.547 7
New York	76	64	.543 7½
Washington	62	77	.446 21
Miami	52	87	.374 31
NL Central Division			
Milwaukee	81	59	.579 —
Chicago	72	68	.514 9
St. Louis	71	69	.507 10
Cincinnati	67	73	.479 14
Pittsburgh	65	74	.468 15½
NL West Division			
Los Angeles	84	56	.600 —
San Diego	80	61	.567 4½
Arizona	79	61	.564 5
San Francisco	68	72	.486 16
Colorado	51	89	.364 33

*Standings last updated before play on Sept. 5

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BABY BLUES

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Batted a toy mouse, e.g.
6 Remote locales?
11 Make amends
12 Eat away
13 Bookish bunch
14 Higher than
15 Pop
16 Purr producer
18 Brief drop
19 Pharaoh's symbol
20 Hosp. parts
21 Letter before omega
22 Peaceful
24 Small songbird
25 Michigan neighbor
27 Rainbow shapes
29 Unpleasant-tasting
32 Last letter
33 Tour carrier
34 Sense of self
35 CIA forerunner
36 "That's gross!"

- 37 Start for cone or Caps
38 Tricks
40 Derby town
42 Wed in haste
43 Resort site
44 Wander off
45 Trite

DOWN

- 1 Bamboo eaters
2 Relaxed
3 Text editor's kin
4 Finish
5 Fall
6 Theater units
7 Sphere

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Yesterday's answer

- 8 Kitchen gizmo
9 Counsel
10 Enter via cracks
17 Floor cover
23 Print units
24 Take the title
26 Most impulsive
27 Islands off Portugal
28 Outcome
30 Disregard
31 Sure to fail
33 "The Buddy Holly Story" star
39 Clean Water Act org.
41 Greek consonant

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Sudoku

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

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

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

ANSWER:

Cryptoquote

AXYDLBAAXR
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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CRYPTOQUOTE

BYFYW EZFY LG, NVW SCUS ZP

OLPS SCY GRUMY UBK SZTY

SCUS SCY SZKY HZRR SLWB.

— CUWWZYS DYMCYW PSVHY

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU HAVE NO HONEY IN YOUR POT, HAVE SOME IN YOUR MOUTH. — BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena

Saturday, September 7, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Focusing too hard on your own needs could make it easy to overlook the people around you. Learning to understand and work well with others might offer insights into the more satisfying paths you could take in the future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may be drifting away from your support system. Consider making the time to stay in contact with friends who know you well. Time together might energize all of you and give you the strength to keep going towards your goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Nothing may be obvious; don't wait for big signs and easy answers to your questions. You may feel called to take the lead and find out what may not be crystal clear. It may be up to you to discover the truth behind a com-

mon misconception.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Newly available opportunities may pair perfectly with your ideas. More sources of money could open up for you in the near future. Consider putting more intention in creating and living in a world you want to see and experience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Embrace the joy of self-control. It can feel truly empowering to resist the urge to splurge and instead, opt for saving. Think of it as preparing for a grand celebration of your future triumphs and wear your discipline like a shield.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Communicating with maturity, wisdom, and compassion can go a long way in relationships. Consider rereading before replying as messages could convey more than words. Stress may be relieved with reconciliation or heartfelt apologies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may take the "fake it until you make it" cliché to heart. Everyone could have the potential to learn by tapping into their imitation. Imitation of someone you admire could teach you the reflexes you need to be happy and successful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be willing to accept advice from unexpected sources. A mentor may be willing to help you correct your stumbles as you continue to learn. Letting go of what you think you know might be the hardest part but can be necessary for growth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be respected and admired for your skills and talents. Someone might come to you for general guidance on something within your area of expertise, others may just want your approval and encouragement.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do your own due diligence. It may take effort

to learn about a subject directly while letting go of public opinion. Consider exploring various ways to express your authentic self and allow people to discover who you really are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The way you choose to face your obligations may impact the resources you have to address them. Consider new ways to honor your money and spending habits while also taking care of your responsibilities. Make wise decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There may be clouds, but that doesn't mean it will rain. Consider releasing the tendency to be suspicious or overly pessimistic as it could prevent you from enjoying yourself fully. Embrace having fun in a realistic and reliable way.

IF SEPTEMBER 7 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Inaccuracy or missing details could cause problems during the next two to three weeks, so dot all your I's and cross all your T's.

Cortland First United Methodist Church

Cortland First United Methodist Church, at 734 Route 222, Cortlandville, will have worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday with Pastor Douglas “BB” Watson.

The sermon will be: “The Crumbs of Faith.” New Testament: James 2: 1-17. Gospel reading: Mark 7: 24-37. The food pantry is open from 3:30 to 5 p.m. every Wednesday. Fall Harvest Sale — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 14. Mums, pumpkins, corn stalks, straw bales and food will be available.

Virgil, Cortland Homer Ave. UMCs

Virgil United Methodist Church gathers at 9:30 a.m. Sunday while the Cortland Homer Avenue United Methodist Church gathers at 11 a.m. Sunday.

The scripture reading will be Psalm 125 and James 2:1-17. The gospel reading will be Mark 7:24-37. Pastor Steph’s message will be “Jesus Does All Things Well.”

The Virgil service will be live at www.facebook.com/VirgilUMC/videos and the Homer Avenue service will be live at www.facebook.com/HAUMC-Live-104156431481016.

Dryden Presbyterian Church

Dryden Presbyterian Church will worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Pastor Nancy Didway’s sermon is titled, “Fear Not: God Brings Justice.” For information on joining the worship livestreamed on Zoom, call the church office at 607-844-8321. Kitchen Cupboard is open 11 a.m. to noon Mondays, Fridays and the last Saturday of the month, and 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Kids Club will resume Sunday.

Dryden United Methodist Church

Dryden United Methodist Church, at 9 E. Main St., is changing worship service time back to its regular time of 11 a.m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

First Church of Christ, Scientist, will worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at 9 Clinton Ave., Cortland. “Man” is the Bible lesson subject for this week. Job reminds us: “The spirit of God hath made me...” A testimony meeting will be 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Grace and Holy Spirit Church

Grace and Holy Spirit Church, a blended

Christian community in the Episcopal and Lutheran traditions in the heart of Downtown Cortland at 13 Court St., will offer a traditional service in person and online at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Compline is held every Thursday via Zoom at 8:15 p.m.

A Bible study is offered at 11 a.m. every Thursday. This Sunday, during the 9:30 a.m. service, Pastor Manis will be performing a blessing of backpacks for students of all ages.

For more information, or for the Zoom link to all services, contact the church at 607-753-3073, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or email graceand-holyspirit@cnyemail.com.

Harmony United Methodist Church

Harmony United Methodist Church, at 726 Route 221, is resuming its fall Music Night on the second Sunday of the month.

Upcoming dates are: Sept. 8 and Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8, from 7 to 8 p.m. with refreshments. Helping Hands Food Pantry is next open from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Nov. 8.

Harmony UMC’s annual Ham Dinner is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Harford Town Hall.

Homer Congregational

Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Homer Congregational United Church of Christ.

The Rev. Vicki Burtson will preach. Anyone who cannot attend worship in person can find the service livestreamed on Facebook, YouTube or at www.homercc.com.

This Sunday is Rally Day. Join us at 9:30 a.m. for a special breakfast, prepared by our youth. Our Faith Formation teaching teams will be on hand to help each class explore its room with the help of a scavenger hunt.

Homer First United Methodist Church

Homer First United Methodist Church will have a service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday in person and on YouTube.

The Rev. Dr. Park’s message is: “Hope for the Doubter,” based on John 20:24-29 and Ephesians 6:12.

Join the livestreaming service using the link from the church website: www.homer-first.org on your smart device or PC.

Bible study at 10 a.m. Tuesdays, in the narthex. Sunday School at 10 a.m. during church service Sunday and Sept. 22.

The food pantry opens 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and 5 to 7 p.m. Thursdays.

Marathon First Presbyterian Church

The worship service this Sunday at the Marathon First Presbyterian Church will begin at 10 a.m.

Pastor Doug’s sermon is titled: “Demons Discarded and Deaf Hear,” based on the narration from Mark 7:24-37.

The annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Sept. 23.

McGraw United Methodist Church

McGraw United Methodist Church, 20 E. Main St., will have service at 10 a.m. Sunday.

The scripture is: Galatians 3:1-7. Pastor Kim’s sermon is titled: “Heart of New Beginnings.”

Bible study and Sunday school are at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. The food pantry is open from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays.

The service is livestreamed through Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/McGraw-United-Methodist-Church-2172002063023396/>.

O’Heron Newman Hall Chapel

O’Heron Newman Hall Catholic Chapel at 8 Calvert St. in Cortland will be celebrating Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday.

St. Margaret’s Catholic Church

St. Margaret’s Catholic Church in Homer will be celebrating Masses at 4 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday and noon on Monday and Tuesday.

Confessions are from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Saturday.

Faith Formation begins Sept. 15. Please sign up now.

St. Mary’s Church

St. Mary’s Church in Cortland offers Masses at 4 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

Weekday Mass is at 7 a.m. on Wednesday and Friday.

For those opting to stay home, the church livestreams the 8 a.m. Mass on Sundays from its Facebook page.

Spectrum Channel 2 airs the Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. These Masses are from the previous weekend.

The rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel at St. Mary’s Church.

Confessions are 3 to 3:45 p.m. Saturday

and by appointment — contact the Parish Center 607-756-9967.

The Knights of Columbus meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Parish Center.

A blood drive is planned for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 21 in the church hall. Call the Red Cross at 607-753-1182 or go to redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church at 45 Hamlin St. in Cortland, will worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, led by Pastor Eckstrom.

The Scripture is: Isaiah 35:4–6, James 2:1–10, Mark 7:24–30.

Applications are still being accepted for St. Paul Pre-School for this fall.

Summerhill Baptist Church

Summerhill Baptist Church, at 5252 Lake Como Road, will have services at 10 a.m. Sunday.

The Rev. Karl Hoyer’s message is: “Revelation of Jesus Christ, Letters to the Churches Part 2.”

The pastor’s message may be replayed at summerhillbaptists.org.

Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Cortland worships online at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

This Sunday the Cortland congregation will be in its church building led by the Rev. Darcey Laine, with a kid friendly multi-platform worship program and service, titled: “Ingathering.”

Each fall the congregation honors the start of a new church year with a gathering of water from wherever we have been during the summer months — a place that calls us home to our souls. Sometimes it is from a serene lake we visited, or a creek in our neighborhood, an ocean or river far away, the hose in our backyard or the tap in our kitchen. Water unites us with all the living beings of the world, wherever we may be. Bring some water to add to the collective bowl, in person or on Zoom.

United Presbyterian Church

The United Presbyterian Church, located at 25 Church St., Cortland, will have service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary.

Leading worship is the Rev. David H. Johnson. His sermon is titled: “Jesus — Love Shared,” based on James 2 and Mark 7. There will be a congregational luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Pope Francis’ Asia trip marks 60 years of papal visits

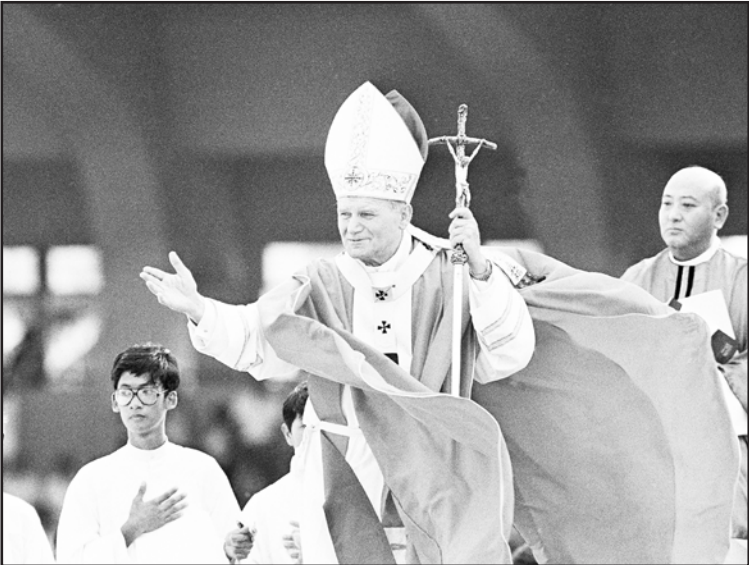
By DAVID RISING
Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — Pope Francis’ visit this week to Southeast Asia, the longest trip in his papacy, is the latest in decades of regular papal visits to the Asia-Pacific region.

Papal travel is a thing of the modern era, starting with Pope Paul VI, who became the first pontiff to leave Italy in more than 150 years when he made his famous pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1964, shortly after becoming pope.

His next visit was to India later that same year, marking the first time a pope had ever visited Asia. It was one of many firsts for Paul VI, who was also the first pope to fly in an airplane, the first to leave Europe and the first to visit countries on six continents, earning him the nickname “the Pilgrim Pope.”

Others by Paul VI, according to the Vatican, included a 1970 trip with stops in Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Ceylon — today Sri Lanka — and the Philippines, where a would-be assassin unsuccessfully attempted to stab



AP Photo/Neal Ulevich, File

Pope John Paul II blesses more than one million Filipinos at beatification rites in Manila for 16 Catholic martyrs including Filipino Lorenzo Ruiz, Feb. 18, 1981.

him at Manila airport.

His successor, Pope John Paul I, never got the chance to travel, dying just over a month after he ascended to the papacy.

But Pope John Paul II, who followed in 1978, picked up where Paul VI left off and by the time of his death in 2005, was the

most traveled pope in history; a title he holds to this day.

He made his first of two visits to the Philippines, one of Asia’s most Catholic countries, in 1981 in a trip that also took him to Pakistan, Guam, Japan and Anchorage, Alaska, according to the Vatican.



AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia, File

Pope Francis caresses a child as he arrives for Holy Mass at Tokyo Dome, Nov. 25, 2019, in Tokyo.

Over the years he would visit Asia many times, including trips to South Korea, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, East Timor, Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand.

In a notable moment from his 1986 trip to India, he was accompanied by Mother Teresa to

her home for the poor in Kolkata, meeting and blessing its residents.

Reports at the time said the pope was visibly moved by the visit, and Mother Teresa later called it “the happiest day of my life.”

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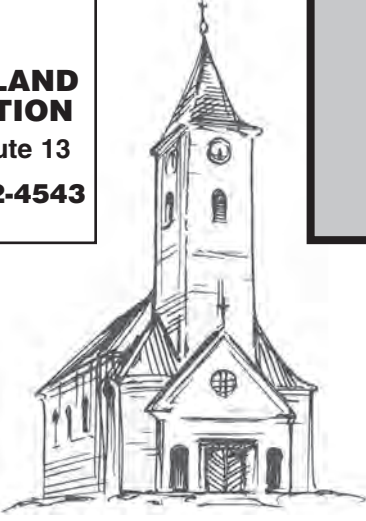
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Mongolia welcomes Pres. Putin

Ignores intl. arrest warrant

ULAANBAATAR, Mongolia (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin received a red-carpet welcome to Mongolia on Tuesday, as the country ignored calls to arrest him on an international warrant for alleged war crimes stemming from Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

The trip, which concluded Tuesday night, was Putin's first to a member nation of the International Criminal Court since it issued the warrant in March 2023. Ahead of his visit, Ukraine urged Mongolia to hand Putin over to the court in The Hague, and the European Union expressed concern that Mongolia might not execute the warrant.

The warrant put the government in a difficult position. After decades under communism with close ties to the Soviet Union, it transitioned to democracy in the 1990s and built relations with the United States, Japan and other new partners. But the landlocked country remains economically dependent on its two much larger and more powerful neighbors, Russia and China.

The ICC has accused Putin of being responsible for the abductions of children from Ukraine. Member countries are required to detain suspects if a warrant has been issued, but Mongolia needs to maintain its ties with Russia and the court lacks a mechanism to enforce its warrants.

The United States doesn't believe any country "should give Putin a platform to promote his war of aggression against Ukraine," U.S. State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said.

"We understand that position that Mongolia is in, you know, sandwiched between two much larger neighbors, but we do think it's important that they continue to support the rule of law around the world," he told reporters in Washington.

The Russian leader was welcomed in the main square in Ulaanbaatar, the capital, by an honor guard dressed in vivid red and blue uniforms styled on those of the personal guard of 13th century ruler Genghis Khan, the founder of the Mongol Empire.

A throng of people watched from behind barriers as Putin and Mongolian President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa walked up the red-carpeted steps of the Government Palace and bowed toward a statue of Genghis Khan.

A few protesters who tried to unfurl a Ukrainian flag were taken away by police. Five others who gathered a few blocks west of the square held up an anti-Putin banner and Ukrainian flag but disbanded after hearing about the arrests.

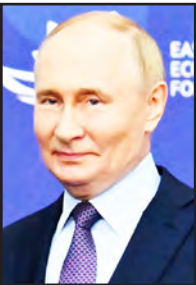
As Putin was welcomed in Mongolia, his forces struck a military training facility and nearby hospital in Poltava, Ukraine, killing at least 50 people, the country's president said. The strike appeared to be one of the deadliest by Russian forces since the war began on Feb. 24, 2022.

The two governments signed agreements on a power plant upgrade in Ulaanbaatar and on the supply of Russian aviation fuel to Mongolia. They also agreed to carry out an environmental study of a river where Mongolia wants to build a hydroelectric plant that Russia is concerned would pollute its Lake Baikal.

Putin also outlined plans to develop the rail system between the countries.

He invited the Mongolian president to a summit of the BRICS nations — which include Russia and China among others — in the Russian city of Kazan in late October. Khurelsukh accepted, according to Russian state media.

After leaving Ulaanbaatar, Putin arrived early Wednesday in Russia's major Pacific port of Vladivostok, where he is to take part in an economic forum.



Putin



Zoltan Mathe/MTI via AP

European Affairs Minister Janos Boka of Hungary speaks during the informal meeting of the EU General Affairs council in Budapest, Hungary, Tuesday.

EU wants answers from Hungary about Russian work visas

By LORNE COOK
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union's top migration official expressed concern on Wednesday about a Hungarian work visa program open to citizens from Russia and Belarus, just as sabotage attacks and spying allegations raise alarm across Europe.

Hungary extended its National Card program to citizens from Russia and Belarus as it took over the EU's rotating presidency in July. It happened as Prime Minister Viktor Orbán traveled to Moscow for talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin, a trip slammed by his EU counterparts.

The card also allows easier entry into Europe's ID-check free zone for work purposes to citizens from Bosnia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Ukraine. All six countries are candidates to join the EU. Russia and Belarus are not.

"It's a bit strange to actually welcome specifically citizens from Russia and Belarus in a situation where we know that these countries are hostile to the European Union," European Home Affairs Commissioner Ylva Johansson told EU lawmakers.

The Hungarian prime minister, widely seen as having the warmest relations with Putin among EU leaders, has routinely blocked, delayed or watered down EU efforts to assist Kyiv and impose sanctions on Moscow for its actions in Ukraine.

Belarus is Russia's main ally and has served as a rear base for Russian troops.

Johansson listed a series of incidents since Russia's full-fledged invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, including sabotage or hacking attacks in the Czech Republic, Estonia, Lithuania and Poland. She also noted possible threats to military bases

in Germany.

"This is a time for more vigilance, not less. This is not a time to be soft on security," she said, adding that safe travel within the passport-free zone linking 29 countries, most of them EU nations, could be undermined. "We must keep each other safe."

Early last month, Johansson sent a letter to Hungary seeking clarification about its National Card, notably whether the program imposes stricter security checks on Russian and Belarus nationals. She received a reply two weeks ago but on Tuesday wanted to know more.

Johansson asked: "Why does the Hungarian government consider such a scheme necessary or appropriate in the current political situation?"

The expected national economic gains seem limited (and) disproportionate to the potential security impact."

At a news conference in Brussels, Hungarian EU Affairs Minister Janos Boka played down the commission's concerns. He said that seven countries, including Germany, Latvia, Poland and Spain have issued more visas to Russians.

"In the past two months, 10 permits were issued for Russian citizens and four permits were issued for Belarus from citizens. This is not an increasing trend, and these numbers are statistically irrelevant," Boka told reporters. Johansson said the number of visas issued to Russians have dropped by almost 90%.

Boka insisted that for Hungary "there is no legal and security issue whatsoever when it comes to the National Card."

Hungarian officials complained that he had not been invited to the European Parliament to address Johansson's questions in person.

The parliament's press service said Hungary had not expressed a wish to attend.

Netanyahu demands open-ended control of Gaza-Egypt border

By JOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Wednesday that Israel must keep open-ended control of Gaza's border with Egypt, digging in on his stance on an issue that has threatened to derail cease-fire efforts.

Netanyahu's comments came as the United States is developing a new proposal for a cease-fire and hostage release, hoping to break a long deadlock and bring an end to the nearly 11-month-old war.

The question of Israeli control of the Philadelphia corridor — a narrow strip of land along Gaza's border with Egypt, seized by troops in May — has become a central obstacle in the talks. Hamas has demanded an eventual full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza in the multi-phase truce deal.

Egypt, a mediator in the talks along with the U.S. and Qatar, has also demanded a concrete timeline for Israeli troops to leave the Philadelphia corridor. And on Wednesday, the United Arab Emirates, which established formal ties with Israel in the 2020 Abraham Accords, also criticized the Israeli stance.

Speaking to foreign journalists, Netanyahu repeated his stance that Israel must maintain its hold on the border to prevent Hamas from rearming by smuggling weapons into Gaza. He said it was a vital part of the war goal of ensuring Hamas cannot repeat its Oct. 7 attack

on Israel.

"Gaza must be demilitarized, and this can only happen if the Philadelphia corridor remains under firm control," he said, claiming Israeli troops had discovered dozens of tunnels under the border.

He said Israel would only consider withdrawing from the corridor when presented with an alternative force to police it.

"Bring me anyone who will actually show us ... that they can actually prevent the recurrence" of smuggling, he said. "I don't see that happening right now. And until that happens, we're there."

Families of remaining hostages have stepped up their demands that he agree to a deal after Hamas killed six hostages last week as Israeli troops appeared to be moving to rescue them. In angry public statements, hostage families have accused Netanyahu of blocking a deal and potentially sacrificing their loved ones' lives for the sake of holding the border strip. Hundreds of thousands of Israelis have taken to the streets in recent days, calling for a deal and saying time is running out to bring home the hostages alive.

Netanyahu pushed back against the pressure, saying his stance was necessary to "ensure Hamas doesn't pose a threat to Israel."

"I can understand the torment of families," he said. "But the responsibility of leaders is not merely to share the sentiment, the emotion, but also to exercise judgment."

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Notice of Formation of Eleven Thirty Holdings LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/05/2024. Office location: Cortland County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to SSNY: PO Box 587, Cortland, New York 13045. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Sealed Bids will be received until 2:00 pm local time on September 18, 2024 in the Purchasing Office at Tompkins Cortland Community College in Dryden, New York at which time they will be publicly opened. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at Tompkins Cortland Community College in Dryden, New York, kpc@tompkinscortland.edu . The Board of Trustees hereby reserves the right to waive irregularities and accept or reject any bid or any part of any bid. Submit **Sealed Bids according to the General Instructions** to: Tompkins Cortland Community College Purchasing 170 North Street P.O. Box 139 Dryden, New York 13053

**CORTLAND COUNTY
FORECLOSURE NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF CORTLAND

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JOHN LEE PAULSON, Plaintiff, REFERENCE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE

- against -

GENELLE DARLING, TOWN OF CORTLANDVILLE, SECOND ROUND SUB, LLC, LVNV FUNDING LLC, Defendants.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale in the above captioned action, dated August 8, 2024, and entered in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Cortland on August 20, 2024, I, Elisabeth Barker, Esq., the undersigned Referee named in said judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on **October 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., the Cortland County Courthouse at 46 Greenbush Street, Cortland, New York 13045** premises described in said judgment and set forth below. All persons in attendance will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. The premises shall be sold subject any state of facts an accurate survey would show; and to covenants, restrictions, reservations, easements and agreements of record, if any, and any violations thereof; and to building restrictions and zoning ordinances of the town or municipality in which said mortgaged premises are situate, if any, and any violations thereof; and to conditional bills of sale, sec agreements and financing statements filed in connection with said mortgaged premises, if but only to the extent that any of the foregoing are not barred or foreclosed by this action; to existing tenancies, if any, except such tenants who are parties Defendant to this action; to assessments, water charges and sewer rents, if any, affecting the premises, to the extent permitted by law. The premises also shall be sold subject to the rights, if any, of the United States of America pursuant to Title 28, Section 2410 of the United States Code. The purchaser shall be required to pay all applicable local and State transfer taxes, deed stamp other taxes or recording fees due in connection with the transfer of the mortgaged premises. Current real estate property taxes shall be adjusted as of the date of closing.

Dated: August 26, 2024 Elisabeth A. Barker, Referee

Location of property: 7 Hicks Hill Rd. Village of McGraw, Town of Cortlandville Cortland County, State of New York Tax Map No. 88.14-01-06.000

Attorneys for Plaintiff: Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP. Samuel M. Blakley, Esq. P.O. Box 2039, Binghamton, NY 13902 Tel. 607-723-9511

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