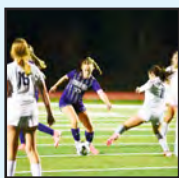


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‘Not set up to win’ — CAPCO to host poverty simulation

If you go

WHAT: Poverty Simulation
WHEN: 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 16
WHERE: Grace Christian Fellowship, 1250 Fisher Ave., Cortlandville
REGISTRATION: Call 607-753-6781 or email: brandys@capco.org

By LILY BYRNE
Staff Reporter

lbyrne@cortlandstandard.com

People don’t understand many things about poverty until they’ve lived through it. If they never experience it firsthand, a simulation can still cause the same realizations.

Imagine pawning your grand-

mother’s engagement ring — to pay the rent. Imagine you finally get the appointment you need with a social service caseworker, but you forget your bus pass. Imagine looking into a grocery basket and realizing you can’t afford to eat every day next week.

The Cortland County Community Action Program is hosting a

free poverty simulation Oct. 16. While the simulation is usually hosted for organizations and colleges, CAPCO is putting on one open to the public for the first time in honor of its 50th anniversary.

“It’s to attempt to give that experience of what it’s like to try and make all of your ends meet,

keep your home, not get evicted and pay all of your bills,” said Executive Director Greg Richards.

During the simulation, participants will live in the state of poverty for one month in four 15-minute weeks. Family units

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Iran fires over 100 missiles at Israel

Marks sharp escalation

By AAMER MADHANI,
MELANIE LIDMAN
and BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Iran launched at least 180 missiles into Israel on Tuesday, the latest in a series of escalating attacks in a yearslong conflict between Israel and Iran and its Arab allies that threatens to push the Middle East closer toward a regionwide war.

The orange glow of missiles streaked across Israel’s night sky as air raid sirens sounded and millions of residents scrambled into bomb shelters. Israel vowed retaliation for Iran’s missile barrage, which it said had caused only a few injuries.

Before Iran’s attack, Israel had landed a series of devastating blows in recent weeks against the leadership of Iran-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon. It then ratcheted up the pressure on the militant group — which has been firing rockets into Israel since the war in Gaza began — by launching what it said is a limited ground incursion in southern Lebanon.

Israel has said it will contin-

ue to strike Hezbollah until it is safe for citizens displaced from homes near the Lebanon border to return. Hezbollah has vowed to keep firing rockets into Israel until there is a cease-fire in Gaza with Hamas, which is also supported by Iran.

Israeli military spokesman Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari said the country’s air defenses intercepted many of the incoming missiles, though some landed in central and southern Israel.

“This strike will have consequences,” he said. He said the attack had caused only “very few” injuries, but did not elaborate.

Israel and Iran have fought a shadow war for years, but rarely have they come into direct conflict.

Israel considers Iran to be its greatest foe — citing Iran’s repeated calls for Israel’s destruction, its support for Arab militant groups and its nuclear program. Iran denies Israeli accusations that it is developing a nuclear weapon.

Moments before Iran launched its missiles, a shooting attack in Tel Aviv left six people dead, police said, adding that the two suspects who had opened fire on

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AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo

Israelis take cover as projectiles launched from Iran are being intercepted in the skies over Rosh HaAyin, Israel, Tuesday.



Todd R. McAdam/Managing Editor

Kelsey Peebles of Homer walks her dog down Main Street on Tuesday. One of the things she likes most about Homer, and hopes is preserved with its \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative, is its walkability and small-town vibe.

‘Hurry up and wait’ Homer’s DRI progressing, but process is not fast

From Staff Reports

Kelsey Peebles walked her dog Tuesday on Main Street. One stopped to smell a stranger; the other just enjoyed a warm fall day.

“We love the small-town feel,” Peebles said, and it’s something she’d like to see preserved, even as Homer progresses through the planning and implementation of 11 projects funded by a \$10 million state Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

“We love the accessibility,” said Peebles, who lives on Main Street. And she said the idea of a new bookstore is pretty cool, too.

The village received word from the state in February 2023 that it had won the \$10 million investment, then worked with consultants to whittle an initial wish list to the 11 projects, which the state approved in May.

The projects are progressing, although a simple glance at the village might suggest otherwise.

“Every project has a different

Homer’s DRI projects

Developing a boutique hotel at 11 N. Main St. — \$3.5 million. Total cost: \$11.1 million.

Developing a wellness spa, next to the boutique hotel — \$500,000. Total cost: \$3.3 million.

Improving the Homer festival grounds — \$1.42 million. Total cost \$1.42 million.

Constructing a riverwalk overlook near the festival grounds — \$652,000. Total cost: \$652,000.

Restoring the Village Food Market interior — \$139,000. Total cost: \$347,500.

Beginning redevelopment of

the Little White Church — \$1.17 million. Total cost: \$2.5 million.

Administering a small projects fund — \$500,000. Total cost: \$500,000.

Creating a downtown marketing program — \$300,000. Total cost: \$300,000.

Developing a commercial space at 11 Wall St. — \$396,000. Total cost: \$990,000.

Developing a commercial kitchen, community center and year-round farmers market at 41 James St. — \$823,000. Total cost: \$952,500.

Restoring the Water Street Bridge — \$300,000. Total cost: \$300,000.

installed, and the grounds themselves improved. Together, those projects total nearly \$2 million.

The nearly 200-year-old Little White Church would be restored, or at least restorations would begin with a \$1.17 million DRI

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CNY winter: How much (or little) snow is on tap?

By GLENN COIN
syracuse.com (TNS)

SYRACUSE — It looks like Upstate New York could see another warm, wet winter with a little more snow than last year but still well below normal, forecasters say.

The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration says the odds favor a warmer-than-normal winter with above-normal precipitation. That suggests we’ll see winters like the ones we’ve been stuck with for most of the past decade.

But maybe just a little whiter.

“We’ll have more snow than

we had last year,” said Paul Pastelok, a senior meteorologist with private weather forecasting service Accuweather.

It wouldn’t take much: Last season was one of the lowest snow totals on record, thanks to record warmth that brought rain instead of snow.

That’s been the trend. Eight of the past 10 winters have had less snow than normal. Seven have been warmer than normal.

Normal is defined as the long-term averages from 1991 to 2020.

NOAA, the parent agency of the National Weather Service, doesn’t stick its neck out to make

snowfall predictions. The winter forecast is more general, focusing on the overall trends for the months of December, January and February, the period meteorologists deem as winter for record-keeping purposes.

The forecast doesn’t include predictions on what might happen in March, which Upstate New Yorkers know can bring feet of snow in epic storms.

Still, December to February is the heart of winter, when most of the season’s snow falls. And here’s what NOAA says about winter:

It’s likely to be warmer than

usual from Southern California to Florida to Maine, with the highest chances of above-normal temperatures across the Gulf Coast states. In Upstate New York, Pastelok said, winter is likely to be 1 to 2 degrees above normal. That doesn’t sound like much, but it’s enough to turn a heavy snowfall into a drenching, cold rain.

It’s likely to be wetter than normal across the northern tier of the continental U.S., from Washington state to Maine. If temperatures and precipitation are both above normal, like they were last winter, that’s a recipe for less snow and more rain and sleet.

Much of the U.S. climate this season will be affected by a developing La Niña, the cooler counterpart to El Niño. A La Niña is the periodic cooling of the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean, which has ripple effects throughout North America.

La Niñas, which happen on average every three to five years, generally bring colder winters to the northern part of the continental U.S., noted Mark Wysocki, New York state’s climatologist. The difference this year is that a strong area of high pressure

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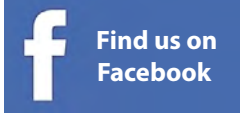
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Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth McNeil

On September 30th, 2024, Mary Elizabeth McNeil of Cortland, N.Y. passed away, surrounded by the family she cherished. Many who are diagnosed with cancer think of their struggle as a battle. It may be more accurate to say that, in Mary's case, it was a journey that she confronted with tenacity, just as she would ride her bike over the steepest hills around the countryside of Cortland County. Over the last four years, Mary McNeil has travelled this hard road with grace and courage, sustained by faith, finding along the way lasting moments of love, friendship, and beauty.



Mary Elizabeth McNeil was born on January 14, 1962, the fifth child of Daniel and Rose McNeil. In the raucous world of the McNeil household, Mary became the diplomat of the family, able to keep the peace on the playground or at the kitchen table. This ability to listen, to compromise, and to negotiate would serve her well in her adult life as an executive, when the stakes were a bit higher than who's next up to bat.

In what seemed like a great adventure at the time, Mary chose to attend York College of Pennsylvania, "far away" from her Cortland roots. She majored in marketing and competed on the swim team, graduating with honors in 1984. Mary eventually returned to Cortland where she joined the insurance firm of McNeil & Co., rising through the ranks to become President and Chief Operating Officer in 2019. Mary would spend her career

at her brother Dan's firm, solving problems, managing complexities, developing talent, and making sure that as the company flourished, so did the associates, the customers, and the community she served.

In 2008 Mary earned a Master of Business Administration from Le Moyne College, and in 2022 she was honored by Le Moyne with the Frank Fernandez Business Leader of the Year award. Yet in as much as Mary was a success in the world of business, she was also something of a rarity, far more interested in doing the work and inspiring excellence than getting applause or grabbing a headline. Those values of integrity, generosity, humility, and hard work were lessons modeled by her parents, Dan and Rose.

Those values were most evident in her commitment to the city and citizens of Cortland. Over the course of the past thirty-four years, Mary served on the boards of the United Way of Cortland, the National Volunteer Fire Council, and Racker Centers, which support people with developmental disabilities. She served first as Board President and then later as trustee of the Cortland County Family YMCA. And finally, Mary served on the Board of Regents at Le Moyne College. In the distinctive mission of each of these organizations, Mary found an opportunity to answer the needs of her community: to provide a place to gather and strengthen the body; to find help and guidance; to protect a vulnerable home or to find a home for the vulnerable. While Mary knew that life could sometimes be unfair, she believed in the power of community, family, and friendship to repair those hurts and address those inequities.

Just as she paid attention to the details of running a company, Mary paid

careful attention to the people she worked with, to her lifelong friends, even to the person she passed on the street. Mary knew the power behind the smallest expression of concern or the simplest gesture of connection. And so, kindness was a daily practice for Mary, both a pleasure and a discipline, like the laps she swam at the Cortland YMCA.

From her time as a student at York College to just months before she passed, Mary was a dedicated athlete, becoming a triathlete as an adult. It was a fitting sport for Mary who loved to compete — not because she wanted to defeat an opponent, but because she wanted to challenge herself, to become the best she could be. Mary would often meet her father at the pool of the YMCA for a swim, no matter the weather or the state of their health. While there were mornings, particularly after her diagnosis, that Mary might have preferred to stay home, she knew that it made him happy to see her there — that's the kind of daughter she was. They'd get in that cold water and swim their laps, demonstrating with each stroke that no matter what hardships came their way, life was a gift to be savored.

Mary drew her strength from many sources, most especially her faith. Mary was a devout Catholic, who found God in all things and all people. Mary took to heart the golden rule of the gospel, to "do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Perhaps the greatest expression of her faith was the generous, unconditional love she showed to her family, her friends, and those in need.

Mary was a devoted and loving daughter, sister and aunt. In her home, they gathered on holidays, birthdays, for celebrations large and small. Noth-

ing gave her more joy than her nieces and nephews. She welcomed them with her open heart and her easy laugh; she knew what to say when they were hurting, or troubled, and sometimes she knew when to say nothing at all. She would listen in quiet friendship and sympathy.

Mary knew that the purpose of life was not to be simply or privately happy — she wasn't chasing "likes" on social media or followers on Instagram; she agreed with writer Leo Rosten who wrote that "the purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be honorable, to be compassionate. It is above all, to matter." While her friends and family mourn her loss, they will cherish the legacy of love and courage she's left behind. Mary McNeil lived an honorable life, a compassionate life, a life that mattered.

Mary is predeceased by her mother Rose (Valentine) McNeil and father Daniel McNeil. She is survived by her siblings Daniel (Danielle) McNeil III, Peter (Sherry Cobb) McNeil, Paul (Soterios Johnson) McNeil, Anne (Jeff Chambers) McNeil, and David (Christine) McNeil. She is also survived by nieces and nephews Lauren (Derek) Davis, Robert McNeil, William McNeil, Kevin McNeil, Rachel McNeil, Brent McNeil, and Daniel Chambers, and by great-nephews Marshall Davis and Alexander Davis.

Memorial Donations may be made to Racker Center, St. Margarets Church of Homer, St. Mary's School of Cortland, and Cortland Loaves & Fishes.

Calling hours will be on Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. at St. Margaret's Catholic Church, 14 Copeland Ave. Homer, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the same location on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Internment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Cortland, NY.

Weather

Local

Rest of today: Showers likely, mainly before 11 a.m. Cloudy, with a high near 61. South wind around 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible. A low around 48. Calm wind.

Skies Today

Wednesday, October 2, 2024	
Sunset today	6:45 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:04 a.m.
Normal high temperature	65
Normal low temperature	44
Average temperature	55
First-quarter moon	Oct. 10

Extended

Thursday: Patchy fog before 7 a.m. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 70. Calm wind becoming southwest around 6 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 72.

Friday night: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Precipitation

Sept. 30 to Oct. 1	None
Month to date	1.90 inches

Wesley J. Abbey, Jr.

Wesley J. Abbey, Jr., 72, of Cortland, New York went to be with his Lord and Savior on September 28, 2024. Wes was born on September 23, 1952 in Cortland, the son of Wesley and Dona (Sands) Abbey.

Although Wes worked in various occupations, his favorite was that of a van driver with the Homer Central School District, he held a special place in his heart for "his kids." He led a servant life; serving others. His greatest joy was his family.

Wes is survived by his wife, Sheila, daughter, Terese (Scott) Main of Chili, New York and son, Chad (Kimberly) of Cortland, New York, as well as four granddaughters: Emily and Ashley Main of Chili, New York and Sa-



vannah and Madelyn Abbey of Cortland, New York. Four brothers: Dana (Angela) Abbey of Dryden, New York, Gary (Loretta) Abbey of Neptune Beach, Florida, Michael (Justine) Abbey of Clay and Brian (Lovina) Abbey of McGraw, New York. Stepmother, June Abbey of Cortland, New York. Along with several cousins, nieces, and a nephew.

He was predeceased by his father, Wesley Abbey, his mother, Dona Abbey, special mentor, Perry Foster, and sister, Colleen McKay.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 734 NY Rt. 222, Cortland, New York, Rev. Douglas "B.B." Watson officiating, with a reception afterward.

The family will be present to receive friends at the church at 10 a.m. Interment will take place at Glenwood Cemetery in Homer, New York. Online condolences at www.perkinsfh.com.

Victor M. Baez

Mr. Victor M. Baez, 83, of Cortland, passed away on Saturday Sept. 28, 2024 at Guthrie Cortland Medical Center. Born Aug 26, 1941 in Yauco, Puerto Rico, Victor was a son of Jose F. Báez Santiago and Petra Montalvo Rosado and a Cortland resident for many years.

Victor began his career with the State of New York working in the Twin Towers in New York City, he then transferred within the state to Cornell University before finally accepting a position as a Custodian in the residence halls of S.U.N.Y. College at Cortland, a position he held for many years before retiring. After his retirement he began to help his friends working part time for Steve and Vicky Besler at Shaw & Boehler Florist and with Bryan Riccardi at Riccardi Funeral Home.

Victor will also be remembered for his work as a Pastoral Associate at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, a position he truly loved, in the church that he was so devoted to throughout his time here.

Victor was truly a people person and he could strike up a conversation with anyone, his travels throughout the city had him striking up conversations with everyone from Bankers to Produce and Deli Clerks at his favorite grocery store, he was truly a loving and devoted friend to those who had the privilege of knowing him, he was loved by many.

Victor also enjoyed the theater especially



his trips to Cortland Repertory Theater with his friends.

Survivors include; a brother; Manuel Baez Montalvo (spouse Maria Camacho Casiano) of Lajas, Puerto Rico and many nieces and nephews; his sister Lucia's children; Cesar, Victor, Jose, Albie, Lourdes and Mary, his brother Jose's Children; Joey, Brenda and Wandy, brother Manuel's children; Sandy, Yoly and Cindy and brother Angel's children; Eddie, Pastor Joey and Mikey and sister in law; Sarah Baez.

Also surviving are his dear and devoted friends; Cindy Schlenker and Margaret Nicholas, his Godsons; David Schlenker, Eric Nicholas and Aaron Ellis.

In addition to his parents, Victor was preceded in death by his lifelong friend; Sal DeStefano and his sister; Lucia Cruz (spouse Valentin Rivera) and brothers; Jose F. (spouse; Carmen Camacho Casiano) and Angel.

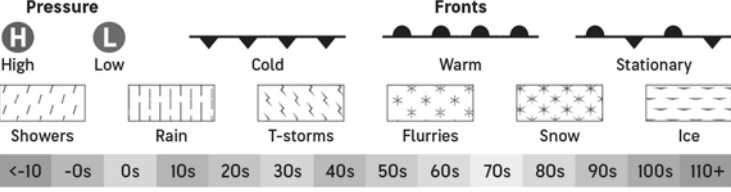
A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church.

The Christian Rite of committal and burial will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. in St. Anthony's Church, Pomeroy St., Cortland, N.Y.

It was Victor's wish that those who choose to honor his memory would please do so in the form of a contribution to St. Anthony's Church 59 N. Main St. (Parish Center) Cortland, N.Y. 13045. Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y. www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Forecast for Wednesday, October 2, 2024



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Lottery Winners

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

Numbers: Midday: 3-6-4, Evening: 2-1-1; **WinFour:** Midday: 8-4-7-5, Evening: 2-8-2-4; **Pick 10:** 7-9-11-24-26-28-33-34-38-40-41-44-47-51-52-53-54-63-66-75; **Take Five:** Midday: 5-24-25-37-38, Evening: 6-7-19-23-32; **Cash4Life:** 14-16-44-46-52, Cash Ball: 4, **Powerball:** 9-11-30-43-69, Powerball: 20, Power Play: 2

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Death Notices

SOPP — Phillip Abraham Sopp, 58, of Cortland, died Sept. 27, 2024. Please join family and friends Sunday, Oct. 6 at The Port Watson Mini Conference Center for a celebration of life with coffee and sweets. Family will be present from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Workers may have advantage in their strike against US ports

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — With 45,000 longshoremen at 36 U.S. ports from Maine to Texas on strike for the first time in decades, experts say the workers may wield the upper hand in their standoff with port operators over wages and the use of automation.

Organized labor enjoys rising public support and has achieved a string of recent victories in other industries, with the backing of the pro-union administration of President Joe Biden. Their negotiating stand is likely further strengthened from having the nation's supply chain of goods under pressure from the effects of Hurricane Helene, which has coincided with the peak shipping season for holiday goods.

The union is also pointing to record profits the shipping companies have made, in part because of shortages resulting from the pandemic, and to a more generous contract that West Coast dockworkers achieved last year. The longshoremen's workloads also have increased, and the effects of inflation have eroded their pay in recent years.

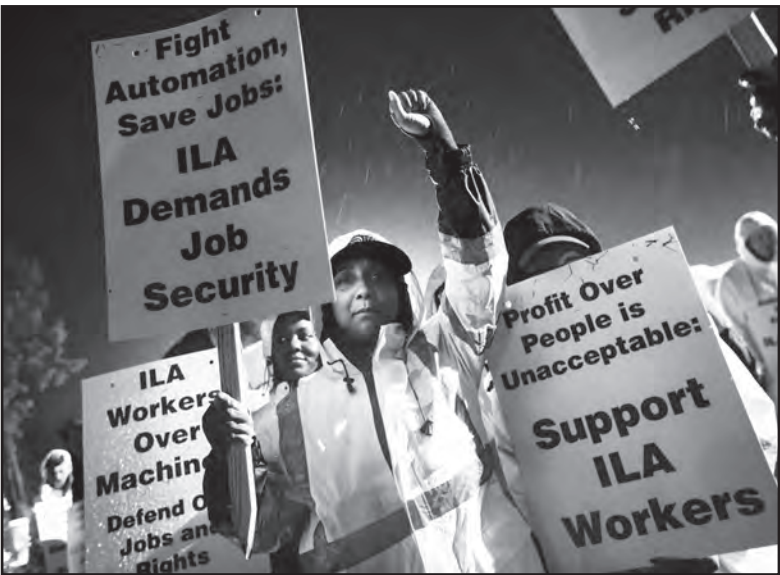
In addition, commerce into and out of the United States has been growing, playing to the union's advantage. Further enhancing its leverage is a still-tight job market, with workers in some industries demanding and in some cases receiving a larger share of companies' outsize profits.

"I think this work group has a lot of bargaining power," said Harry Katz, a professor of collective bargaining at Cornell University. "They're essential workers that can't be replaced, and also the ports are doing well."

The dockworkers' strike, their first since 1977, could snarl supply chains and cause shortages and higher prices if it stretches on for more than a few weeks. Beginning after midnight, the workers walked picket lines Tuesday and carried signs calling for more money and a ban on automation that could cost workers their jobs.

Experts say consumers won't likely notice shortages for at least a few weeks, if the strike lasts that long, though some perishable items such as bananas could disappear from grocery stores. In anticipation of a strike, most major retailers stocked up on goods, moving ahead shipments of holiday gift items.

The strike, coming weeks before a tight presidential election,



Billy Schuerman/The Virginian-Pilot via AP

Dockworker Meikysha Wright and others strike outside the Virginia International Gateway in Portsmouth, Virginia, on Tuesday.

could also become a factor in the race if shortages begin to affect many voters. Pressure could eventually grow for the Biden administration to intervene to try to force a temporary suspension of the strike.

Little progress was reported in the talks until just hours before the strike began at 12:01 a.m. The U.S. Maritime Alliance, the group negotiating for the ports, said both sides did budge from their initial positions. The alliance offered 50% raises over the six-year life of the contract. Comments from the union's leadership had briefly suggested a move to 61.5%, but the union has since signaled that it's sticking with its initial demand for a 77% pay increase over six years.

In early picketing, workers outside the Port of Philadelphia walked in a circle and chanted, "No work without a fair contract." The union posted message boards on the side of a truck reading: "Automation Hurts Families: ILA Stands For Job Protection."

Boise Butler, president of the union local, asserted that the workers want a fair contract that doesn't allow for the automation of their jobs. The shipping companies, he argued, made billions during the pandemic by charging high prices.

"Now," Butler said, "we want them to pay back. They're going to pay back."

And in New Orleans, Henry Glover Jr., a fourth generation dockworker who is president of the union local, said he can recall the days when longshoremen un-

loaded 150-pound sacks of sugar by hand. He acknowledges that machinery has made the job easier, but he worries that the ports need fewer people to handle the equipment.

"Automation could be good, but they're using it to kill jobs," Glover said. "We don't want them to implement anything that would take our jobs out."

Butler and Glover warned that the union members plan to strike for as long as they need to achieve a favorable deal.

"This is not something that you start and you stop," Butler said. "We're not weak," he added, pointing to the union's vital importance to the nation's economy.

William Brucher, an assistant professor of labor studies and employment relations at Rutgers University, explained that "this is a very opportune time" for striking workers.

The contract agreement made last year with West Coast dockworkers, who are represented by a different union, shows that "higher wages are definitely possible" for the longshoremen and has enhanced their bargaining power, Brucher said.

Under the Taft-Hartley Act, Biden could seek a court order for an 80-day cooling-off period that would end the strike at least temporarily, but he has told reporters that he wouldn't take that step. The administration could risk losing union support if it exercised such power, which experts say could be particularly detrimental for Democrats ahead of next month's election.

Fed report: Georgia 'indifferent' to abuses within state prisons

BY JEFF MARTIN, KEVIN MCGILL and ALANNA DURKIN Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia prison officials are "deliberately indifferent" to unchecked deadly violence, widespread drug use, extortion and sexual abuse at state lockups, the U.S. Justice Department said Tuesday, threatening to sue the state if it doesn't quickly take steps to curb rampant violations of prisoners' Eighth Amendment protections against cruel punishment.

Allegations of violence and chaos laid out in a stark 93-page report are the result of a state-wide civil rights investigation into Georgia prisons announced in September 2021. At the time, federal officials cited particular concern about stabbings, beatings and other violence in a system where an estimated 50,000 people are incarcerated.

"The leadership of the Georgia Department of Corrections has lost control of its facilities," Ryan Buchanan U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, said during a Tuesday news conference about the findings. He described a system in which inmate gangs have "co-opted" administrative functions, including bed assignments.

Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke did not discuss possible legal action during the news conference in Atlanta. She said the Justice Department looked forward to working with Georgia officials to address the myriad problems.

"We understand they are reviewing our findings report," said Clarke, who oversees the Justice Department's civil rights division. "And we are focused on, addressing the unconstitutional conditions inside these prisons. People do not surrender their civil or constitutional rights at the jailhouse door."

"Grossly inadequate staffing" is part of the reason violence and other abuse flourishes uncontrolled, and sometimes unreported or uninvestigated, the report said, saying the state appears "deliberately indifferent" to the risk faced by people incarcerated in its prisons.

"The state has created a chaotic and dangerous environment," said Clarke "The violence is pervasive and endemic."

Multiple allegations of sexual abuse are recounted in the report, including abuse of LGBTQ inmates. A transgender woman reported being sexually assaulted at knifepoint. Another inmate said he was "extorted for money" and sexually abused

after six people entered his cell.

"In March 2021, a man from Georgia State Prison who had to be hospitalized due to physical injuries and food deprivation reported his cellmate had been sexually assaulting and raping him over time," the report said.

Homicide behind bars is also a danger. The report said there were five homicides at four different prisons in just one month in 2023.

The number of homicides among prisoners has grown over the years — from seven in 2018 to 35 in 2023, the report said.

Included in the report are 13 pages of recommended short- and long-term measures the state should take. The report concludes with a warning that legal action was likely. The document said the Attorney General may file a lawsuit to correct the problems, and could also intervene in any related, existing private suits in 15 days.

"Certainly, severe staffing shortages are one critical part of the problem here," Clarke said. "We set forth in our report minimal remedial measures that include adding supervision and staffing, fixing the classification and housing system, and correcting deficiencies when it comes to reporting and investigations."

The Georgia Department of Corrections "is committed to the safety of all of the offenders in its custody and denies that it has engaged in a pattern or practice of violating their civil rights or failing to protect them from harm due to violence," Corrections spokeswoman Lori Benoit said in an email in 2021, when the investigation was announced. "This commitment includes the protection of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) prisoners from sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and sexual assault."

At the time the investigation was announced three years ago, assistant Attorney General Clarke said the investigation would focus on "harm to prisoners resulting from prisoner-on-prisoner violence."

The Justice Department's investigation was prompted by an extensive review of publicly available data and other information, Clarke said in 2021. Among factors considered, she said, were concerns raised by citizens, family members of people in prison and civil rights groups, as well as photos and videos that have leaked out of the state's prisons that have "highlighted widespread contraband weapons and open gang activity in the prisons."

Justice Department to launch civil rights review of 1921 Tulsa Massacre

By SEAN MURPHY Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Justice Department announced Monday it plans to launch a review of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, an attack by a white mob on a thriving Black district that is considered one of the worst single acts of violence against Black people in U.S. history.

The review was launched under a federal cold-case initiative that has led to prosecutions of some Civil Rights Era cases, although Assistant U.S. Attorney General Kristen Clarke said they have "no expectation" there is anyone living who could be prosecuted as a result of the inquiry. Still, the announcement of a first-ever federal probe into the massacre was embraced by descendants of survivors who have long criticized city and state leaders for not doing more to compensate those affected by the attack.

Clarke said the agency plans to issue a public report detailing its findings by the end of the year.

"We acknowledge descendants of the survivors, and the victims continue to bear the trauma of this act of racial terrorism," Clarke said during her remarks in Washington. Solo-



Alvin C. Krupnick Co./Library of Congress via AP, File In this 1921 image provided by the Library of Congress, smoke billows over Tulsa, Oklahoma.

mon-Simmons, an attorney for the last known survivors of the massacre, 110-year-old Viola Fletcher and 109-year-old Lessie Benningfield Randle, described Clarke's announcement as a "joyous occasion." "It is about time," said Solomon-Simmons, flanked by descendants of massacre survivors. "It only took 103 years, but this is a joyous occasion, a momentous day, an amazing opportunity for us to make sure that what happened here in Tulsa is understood for what it was — the largest crime scene in the history of this country."

As many as 300 Black people were killed; more than 1,200

homes, businesses, schools and churches were destroyed; and thousands were forced into internment camps overseen by the National Guard when a white mob, including some deputized by authorities, looted and burned the Greenwood District, also known as Black Wall Street.

The Oklahoma Supreme Court in June dismissed a lawsuit by survivors, dampening the hope of advocates for racial justice that the city would make financial amends for the attack.

The nine-member court upheld the decision made by a district court judge in Tulsa last year, ruling that the

plaintiff's grievances about the destruction of the Greenwood district, although legitimate, did not fall within the scope of the state's public nuisance statute.

After the state Supreme Court turned away the lawsuit, Solomon-Simmons asked the U.S. Department of Justice to open an investigation into the massacre under the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act.

Although investigations under the Act have led to successful prosecutions of Civil Rights Era cases, the DOJ acknowledged in a report to Congress last year that there are significant legal barriers to cases before 1968.

"Even with our best efforts, investigations into historic cases are exceptionally difficult, and rarely will justice be reached inside of a courtroom," the agency noted in the report.

Since the Act was approved in 2008, the DOJ has opened for review 137 cases, involving 160 known victims. The agency has fully investigated and resolved 125 of those cases through prosecution, referral or closure.

The report also notes the Act has led to two successful federal prosecutions and three successful state prosecutions.



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Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke, left, of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, speaks about a new Department of Justice report about the state of Georgia's prisons at a press conference at the Richard B. Russell Federal Building in Atlanta, Tuesday.

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will be assigned, with community resources, including a bank, the Department of Social Services, a school and a pawn shop around the perimeter of the room.

Participants must pay their bills, attain transportation, keep their homes and buy food for their family. Little details, such as needing a bus pass for every family member, or having the Department of Social Services closed for a holiday, are included to keep the simulation authentic.

In the United States, 11.4% of people live in poverty. In Cort-

land County, 14.4% of residents do, which includes 18.1% of the county’s children, CAPCO says.

CAPCO Family Development Director Brandy Strauf says the simulation helps people realize why people in poverty may turn to crime.

In one simulation, a person stole a neighbor’s index card that says “TV,” and sold it to the pawn shop.

“You see a lot of situations in the simulation come to light, even though it’s not real,” Strauf said. “It really puts you in the shoes of: ‘Well, I wouldn’t think that I would steal, but I did steal that TV.’ It creates empathy, because there’s a lot of judgment

and stereotypes around people living in poverty.”

It also helps erase the stereotype that people in poverty are there because they want to be, or that they’re lazy.

“When you do this simulation, you will see very quickly it is not easy, and being lazy is not an option,” she said. “People will say there wasn’t enough time in the week to get to social services. They realize the system is not set up to win.”

“People kind of start off a little silly with it, especially if you’re lucky enough to have not experienced poverty,” Richards said. “Fun can be a part of it, people usually learn a little better if

you’re having a little fun, but it’s really supposed to be serious, because this is not a mockery. This is an experience that sheds light on what’s going on in our community.”

While the situation is more so for people to understand poverty if they have no lived experience, people who have experienced poverty are welcome to come participate and share their experiences, Richards said.

Attendees may also learn why some people do not work, Strauf said. For example, a single mother may get benefits to help pay her rent and get food for her and her kids.

If she were to get a job, it

would likely be minimum wage, which would cause her to lose all benefits, and not be able to afford rent or food.

“It sheds light on the bigger system issues that we all have to work within, and folks experiencing poverty get the brunt of,” Richards said. “They’re asked to navigate a system that folks with college degrees and good jobs say ‘I can’t do this,’ and that can be very eye-opening for people.”

“If they have one takeaway, it was a success,” Strauf said. “If they got rid of one stereotype, or one judgment, it was a success. The more people that can be poverty-informed, it’s going to help the whole community.”



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A couple walks their dogs at Green Lakes State Park on a record warm day for Fayetteville, Feb. 9, as temperatures touched 60 degrees.

SNOW

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remains in place across the West, and that’s nudging the jet stream north.

That means Upstate New York will spend more time on the south, warm side of

the jet stream, he said.

Keep in mind, though, that the forecast for a warm, wetter winter extends only into February. It’s quite possible, Wysocki and Pastelok said, that snow and cold extends

well into March.

“Instead of having a nice spring, we could end up having below average temperatures for spring and maybe some snowstorms that time of the year,” Wysocki said.

HOMER

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injection into an initial \$2.5 million project. In fact, a meeting two weeks ago drew a bevy ideas for it, from hosting writing workshops and seminars to chamber music in a multi-use facility that Ty Marshal, executive director of the Center for the Arts of Homer, which owns the church, hopes will become a “third space,” a place besides work and home where people feel comfortable.

Each of the 11 projects has a different state agency with which to partner, and a different timeline, so don’t expect to wake up one morning to a brand-

new village. Note, for example, that Cortland won its DRI award in 2017, and is still working on its centerpiece project, refurbishing Main Street.

In Homer, the investment isn’t just in public facilities. The Village Food Market at 7 S. Main St. will receive \$139,000 from the state toward a \$347,500 renovation project. Renovations include a new layout, rear entrance, commissary kitchen, new appliances, and improvements in the floors and walls. Owner Kevin Williams said he hoped the administrative work can be completed this fall, so work can begin next year.

Deputy Mayor Patrick

Clune had little to add. He was on vacation Sept. 17 when the village had its last update on the project, he said in an email.

Molly Lane and Joe Cortese plan to open Mo-Joe’s Book and Brew at 11 Wall St. The state would contribute \$396,000 to the \$990,000 cost of renovation of the 154-year-old building, one of Homer’s first train stations.

“The outpouring of support in this short time ... has just been amazing,” Lane said last summer. “I’ve had people come up and say they’ve wanted this.”

It ties back to the theme for the DRI application — “Building on History.”

IRAN

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a boulevard in the Jaffa neighborhood had also been killed.

In the U.S., White House National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan called Iran’s missile attack a “significant escalation,” although he said it was ultimately “defeated and ineffective,” in part because of assistance from the U.S. military in shooting down some of the inbound missiles.

Iran launched another direct attack on Israel in April, but few of its projectiles reached their targets. Many were shot down by a U.S.-led coalition, while

others apparently failed to launch or crashed in flight.

Iran said it fired the missiles into Israel as retaliation for attacks that killed leaders of Hezbollah, Hamas and the Iranian military. It referenced Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and Revolutionary Guard Gen. Abbas Nilforushan, both killed in an Israeli airstrike last week in Beirut. It also mentioned Ismail Haniyeh, a top leader in Hamas who was assassinated in Tehran in a suspected Israeli attack in July.

Earlier on Tuesday, Israel said it had begun limited ground operations against

Hezbollah in southern Lebanon.

Israeli airstrikes and artillery fire pounded southern Lebanese villages, and Hezbollah responded with a barrage of rockets into Israel. There was no immediate word on casualties.

While Hezbollah denied Israeli troops had entered Lebanon, the Israeli army announced it had also carried out dozens of ground raids into southern Lebanon going back nearly a year.

If true, it would be another humiliating blow for Hezbollah, the most powerful armed group in the Middle East.

Police/fire

McGraw man charged with lewdness

Accused: Timothy M. Field, 38, Center St., McGraw

Charges: Endangering the welfare of a child, public lewdness, misdemeanors

Details: Field exposed himself to a child and another person about 4:55 p.m. Saturday at McGraw Park, 15 Clinton St., McGraw, police said.

Legal Actions: Field was arraigned via Cortland County central arraignment and released without bail pending an appearance today in Cortlandville Town Court.

Around the towns

Cortland County Mutual Aid seeks donations

Cortland County Mutual Aid has begun a GoFundMe campaign to raise money to cover website hosting.

“Our biggest expense is our website, which is our permanent connection to anyone with internet access,” leaders of the nonprofit said in a release, and hosting expenses have risen 50%.

The fundraiser is available at <https://gofund.me/3e0d9675>.

The all-volunteer Cortland County Mutual Aid provides assistance almost entirely through in-kind donations of items.

Any money raised beyond the minimum needed to maintain the

website will be used to support the 501(c)(3)’s programs, such as the food-sharing cabinets and twice-monthly Really Free Market giveaways.

More information is available at www.cortlandmutualaid.org/, on Facebook as “Cortland Mutual Aid Admins” and in its private group “Cortland County Mutual Aid.”

Pink cups raise money for Guthrie

Guthrie is teaming with Dandy this month for their “Pink Cups for a Cure” campaign, raising money for the Guthrie Breast Care Fund throughout Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

For every large coffee purchased in a signature Pink Cup at any of Dandy’s 63 locations — includ-

ing one in Freeville — a portion of the proceeds will benefit local breast cancer patients: 20 cents for each large coffee sold.

Customers can also make a direct \$1 or \$5 donation through the Dandy app by redeeming loyalty points.

The Guthrie Breast Care Fund provides financial assistance for medications, post-surgical supplies, diagnostic testing and other needs not covered by insurance.

Last year’s Pink Cup drive raised \$20,000.

“Since 2011, Dandy is proud to say that we have raised over \$150,000 for breast care patients in our communities and are excited to make a difference once again this October through our partnership with Guthrie,” Dandy Vice President Dyson Williams said.

McGraw school board meets Oct. 10

The McGraw Central School District Board of Education will meet at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 10 in the high school library.

Pomona Grange plans spaghetti supper

The Cortland County Pomona Grange will have a spaghetti supper fundraiser starting 5 p.m. Oct. 19 at the East Homer Grange Hall.

The menu includes all you can eat spaghetti and meatballs with tossed salad and Italian bread and brownie and ice cream for dessert. Take-outs are available. The meal costs \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids 5 to 10 and free for kids under 5.

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Trump favors huge new tariffs. How do they work?

By PAUL WISEMAN
AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON — Donald Trump has identified what he sees as an all-purpose fix for what ails America: Slap huge new tariffs on foreign goods entering the United States.

The former president and current Republican nominee asserts that tariffs — basically import taxes — will create more factory jobs, shrink the federal deficit, lower food prices and allow the government to subsidize childcare.

He even says tariffs can promote world peace.
“Tariffs are the greatest thing ever invented,” Trump said this month in Flint, Michigan.

As president, Trump imposed tariffs with a flourish — targeting imported solar panels, steel, aluminum and pretty much everything from China.

“Tariff Man,” he called himself. This time, he’s gone much further: He has proposed a 60% tariff on goods from China — and a tariff of up to 20% on everything else the United States imports.

This week, he raised the ante still higher. To punish the machinery manufacturer John Deere for its plans to move some production to Mexico, Trump vowed to tax anything Deere tried to export back into the United States — at 200%. And he threatened to hit Mexican-made goods with 100% tariffs, a move that would risk blowing up a trade deal that Trump’s own administration negotiated with Canada and Mexico.

Mainstream economists are generally skeptical of tariffs, considering them a mostly inefficient way for governments to raise money and promote prosperity. They are



AP Photo/Matt Rourke

Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump speaks at a campaign event, Sept. 29, in Erie, Pennsylvania.

especially alarmed by Trump’s latest proposed tariffs.

This week, a report from the Peterson Institute for International Economics concluded that Trump’s main tariff proposals — assuming that the targeted countries retaliated with their own tariffs — would slash more than a percentage point off the U.S. economy by 2026 and make inflation 2 percentage points higher next year than it otherwise would have been.

Vice President Kamala Harris has dismissed Trump’s tariff threats as unserious. Her campaign has cited a report that found that Trump’s 20% universal tariff would cost a typical family nearly \$4,000 a year. But the Biden-Harris administration itself has a taste for tariffs. It retained the taxes

Trump imposed on \$360 billion in Chinese goods. And it imposed a 100% tariff on Chinese electric vehicles. Indeed, the United States in recent years has gradually retreated from its post-World War II role of promoting global free trade and lower tariffs. That shift has been a response to the loss of U.S. manufacturing jobs, widely attributed to unfettered free trade and an increasingly aggressive China.

Tariffs are a tax on imports
They are typically charged as a percentage of the price a buyer pays a foreign seller. In the United States, tariffs are collected by Customs and Border Protection agents at 328 ports of entry across the country. The tariff rates range from passenger cars (2.5%) to golf

shoes (6%). Tariffs can be lower for countries with which the United States has trade agreements. For example, most goods can move among the United States, Mexico and Canada tariff-free because of Trump’s US-Mexico-Canada trade agreement.

There’s much misinformation about who actually pays tariffs
Trump insists that tariffs are paid for by foreign countries. In fact, it is importers — American companies — that pay tariffs, and the money goes to U.S. Treasury. Those companies, in turn, typically pass their higher costs on to their customers in the form of higher prices. That’s why economists say consumers usually end up footing the bill for tariffs.

Still, tariffs can hurt foreign countries by making their products pricier and harder to sell abroad. Yang Zhou, an economist at Shanghai’s Fudan University, concluded in a study that Trump’s tariffs on Chinese goods inflicted more than three times as much damage to the Chinese economy as they did to the U.S. economy

Tariffs are intended mainly to protect domestic industries
By raising the price of imports, tariffs can protect home-grown manufacturers. They may also serve to punish foreign countries for committing unfair trade practices, like subsidizing their exporters or dumping products at unfairly low prices. Before the federal income tax was established in 1913, tariffs were a major revenue driver for the government. From 1790 to 1860, tariffs accounted for 90% of federal revenue, according to Douglas Irwin, a Dartmouth College economist who has studied the history of trade policy.

Tariffs fell out of favor as global trade grew after World War II. The government needed vastly bigger revenue streams to finance its operations.

In the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, the government is expected to collect \$81.4 billion in tariffs and fees. That’s a trifle next to the \$2.5 trillion that’s expected to come from individual income taxes and the \$1.7 trillion from Social Security and Medicare taxes.

Still, Trump wants to enact a budget policy that resembles what was in place in the 19th century.

He has argued that tariffs on farm imports could lower food prices by aiding America’s farmers.

Opinion

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Our Opinion

Marathon can learn by chasing the ball

If the village of Marathon wants to win a NY Forward grant — either \$4.5 million or \$2.25 million — it helps to understand what the grant is meant to do. It’s just a ball to chase.

The NY Forward program gives communities the money to fund a package of improvements meant to take a community on the edge of excellence over the top, to excellence itself. The program, like the larger, \$10 million, Downtown Revitalization Initiative, has its origins in the era of former Gov. Andrew Cuomo. During his tenure, economic development awards weren’t simply a state handout to communities. They were meant to reward communities that had learned all the steps necessary to make their communities thrive.

It started with the original Regional Economic Development Council awards. Each region in the state (Cortland and Marathon are both in the Central New York region; Dryden and Groton are in the Southern Tier region.) was going to get \$80 million or \$100 million, or even \$140 million for a variety of projects. But in order for the big community to win the big pie, the smaller communities had to get a slice. Onondaga couldn’t win unless Cortland, Madison and Oswego did, too.

The process was often referred

to as “Upstate Hunger Games,” but it worked. We have friends in several regions in the state who told us the REDC awards system forced entities that had never cooperated — in fact, often competed with each other — to sit at the same table. They learned to work together.

A couple years later, the state rolled out the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Same process, different focus: a small city or a larger village, rather than a region. In order to win, communities had to bring many players to the table. Municipal officials, sure, but also major employers, private developers, school districts and colleges, non-profits, cultural groups — all the people who make a good community a great place to live. That, by the way, includes just about any resident with a vision for how the community should work and look.

We’re beginning to see the fruits of that cooperation now, as both Cortland and Homer have won the \$10 million grants, and pursue very different visions with the money.

The NY Forward program is just a smaller version of the DRI program, meant for smaller communities, such as the villages of Groton and Moravia, who have won grants, already.

In Marathon’s case, its next

application should involve as many people as possible to create a large, spectacular vision of how \$4.5 million can transform the community. What should that transformation be? That’s for all the constituent players to say, rather than us. But let us suggest that the applicants should include Square Deal Machining and Marathon Boat Group in the scoping sessions. Maybe they know how to use the village’s municipal power authority to better advantage. The Marathon Central School District should be involved — the high school is in the heart of downtown Marathon. The restaurant and small-business owners should be there, as should the real estate developers. Perhaps the Marathon Historical Society has a role, given the community’s interest in preserving and fostering its history.

The list can be long, very long. The point is to have them all learn to work together to create a vision for Marathon’s future.

The village will have an open house from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the village civic center, 16 Brink St. Go. Share your vision. Learn what your neighbor has in mind and work together to make them both happen.

Once Marathon learns to do that, the NY Forward grant is just the first ball they can catch.

Your Opinion

Crypto and AI threaten grid

To the Editor:

Cryptocurrency, a fad, benefits only a few financial gamblers, produces no useful products and adds financial instability to the banking sector. One recent study shows that three-quarters of world investors in cryptocurrency have lost money.

This financial “gambling fad” requires excessive amounts of the electricity supply. Generating a single Bitcoin “requires more than 2,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, or enough energy to power the average American household for 73 days,” according to the New York Times. Artificial intelligence recently emerged as a competitor to cryptocurrency, vying for America’s electricity resources.

This competition for electricity causes inflation of electricity prices as resources are stretched thin.

Congressman Molinaro joined Republicans’ cryptocurrency bill (cryptocurrency has illegally dodged US securities’ laws, essentially bribing politicians’ support) which pushes cryptocurrency into our economy’s mainstream. But we don’t have limitless electricity that we can waste! (Former Fed Chair Ben Bernanke points out this digital wastefulness of electricity in his book “21st Century Monetary Policy”.)

Is inflation devouring you? Wait until finding adequate electricity resources causes *this* inflation to hit your electric bills! A.I. and cryptocurrency have become the de facto “scavengers” of our electricity supply and are threatening even more inflation in the future.

By encouraging cryptocurrency, Molinaro is ensuring inflation of our electric bills.

Dorothy Pomponio Groton

Good Old Days

October 2, 1974

Scoutmaster Ken Barlow of DeRuyter Troop 14 received special recognition and honors last Saturday night at anniversary ceremonies held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Camp Eatonbrook Scout Reservation on Eatonbrook Reservoir. Nearly 300 scouts of the Tuscarora and Seneca districts of the Iroquois Council of Boy Scouts attended the Scout Camporee beginning on Friday night.

October 2, 1999

The Cortland County Courtroom was packed Friday morning, but it wasn’t because a murder or other high-profile case was being heard.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court heard cases in Cortland. Among the judges was Justice Paul J. Yesawich Jr., a Homer resident. Presiding Justice Anthony V. Cardona even turned the session over to Yesawich, who is retiring at the end of the year.

October 2, 2014

For the last 15 years, students in a Cortland Junior High eighth-grade English class have been designing orbital space stations each year.

Unfettered by any preconceptions of what an English class is supposed to be, teacher Stephanie Passeri-Densmore has honed her students’ research and technical reading and writing skills by spurring them to design settlements for the NASA Space Settlement Contest.

The contest challenges students and teams of students to design a theoretical, orbital space settlement, considering all aspects of what it would take to live in space from air to water to government, Passeri-Densmore said.

Every year since 1999, a group from her class has placed among the top three entries in the competition that now attracts worldwide participants.

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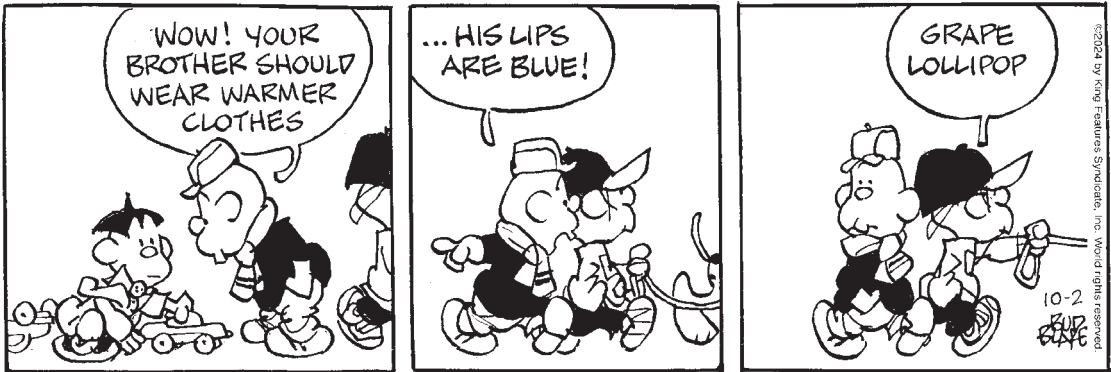
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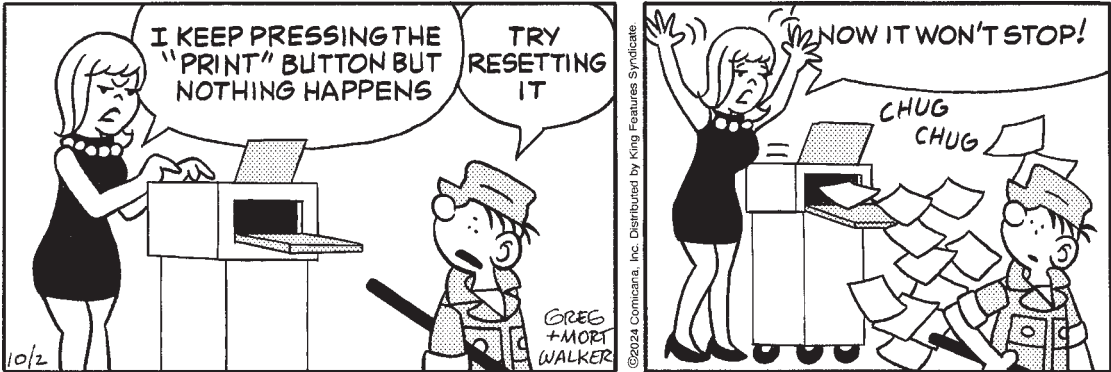
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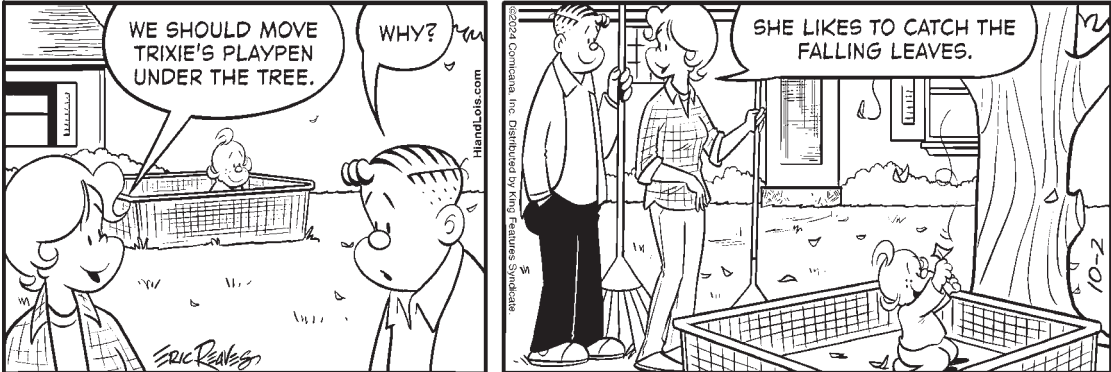
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Here's How It Works:

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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ANSWER:

Cryptoquote

A XYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

10-2 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: TENSION IS WHO YOU THINK YOU SHOULD BE. RELAXATION IS WHO YOU ARE. — CHINESE PROVERB

Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena

Thursday, October 3, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Demonstrate your trustworthiness. You may have an opportunity to be there for your friends in times of need, keep their deepest secrets, and offer thoughtful advice. Carefully consider a problem before taking any action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Oftentimes the simplest solution may be the best one. You might find that a quick fix will do just fine. Remain friendly when interacting with others and avoid discussing sensitive topics that could trigger the next great debate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Every story has two sides. Just because one side makes more noise doesn't mean they're right. Investigate thoroughly before choosing a stance. Perhaps it's time to take a closer look at your finances to avoid being blindsided.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You've earned your status through dedication and a

solid track record, not by giving in to minor challenges and distractions. Consider exploring ways to have fun as turning your role into a tiring competition could lead to failure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Celebrate your success but don't let it go to your head. Remain focused and grounded as you work towards your next possible victory. Avoid focusing more on getting attention on getting the best side of the deal, versus seeking a win-win.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Being flattered and consoled is not enough when you need the truth. You might need to reach beyond your regular circle of friends to find the answers you need to hear rather than answers that are designed to make you feel better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Release control. Being fixated on getting your own way to achieve your vision may turn away your supporters. Consider pausing before taking on new opportunities or projects until you have clarified the details and fine print.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can if you think you can. Seek out and emulate in-

spiring stories of sheer grit and determination. Your perseverance and commitment to your responsibilities on an important project could lead you to a successful outcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): People may say what you want to hear. It might be time to cross-check the progress being made to see if it matches what is being reported. Someone might not be motivated and focused on the goal or achieving actual results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Remain neutral; avoid taking sides in other people's disputes. Focusing on your own life and responsibilities could help you steer clear of potential trouble. Make sure to take some time to relax with a special someone or with close friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep a positive outlook and focus on the bright side. Your contacts might be more interested in business and serious conversations than social niceties. Stressful situations or worries about someone close could slow your progress.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Misunder-

standings may flourish when you're overly obsessed with one thing. You may miss opportunities or neglect loved ones. It might be wise to move forward carefully until you've thoroughly assessed the situation.

IF OCTOBER 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Ride high on a wave of inspiring ideas and romantic dreams during the next two to three weeks. You might think the sky is the limit and may feel eager to indulge in creative activities. Mingling with a variety of interesting people in November may widen your social network. It could be wise to keep new acquaintances at arm's length, so you do not become heavily involved in someone's emotional issues. In the first half of December, you may be overly competitive or lose traction in negotiations because you rush through the prep work. Late December or early January could perhaps be a good time to pursue more ambitious projects or formulate a smart strategy for a chance to make better profits. A vacation to an inspiring location with a romantic partner by your side might be just what you need in late January.

Baba ganoush: What you can do with just 1 eggplant

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My eggplant recipes don't scale well. And this year, that's a problem.

Eggplant parmesan requires a certain amount of eggplant. So does ratatouille. But this year, the spousal unit planted two eggplant seedlings,



pretty much on a lark.

The fruit don't all ripen at the same time. (Yes, eggplant is a fruit, a berry, actually.) So what do I do when I have exactly one ripe eggplant?

Baba ganoush.

Truth be told, I don't have a lot of history with the dish. I've had it a number of times at Pita Gourmet in Cortland, and I've enjoyed it. But I never made it before.

The dish is largely from the Levant, more or less the eastern Mediterranean, but variants can be found in eastern Arabia, Turkey, Armenia, even Romania.

They all have their peculiarities: different spices, different oils, maybe cheese, or perhaps finely diced vegetation instead of pureed. But they all seem to have three things in common: tahini, lemon.

And eggplant.

The best way to prepare eggplant is over an open fire. A nice,



The secret to baba ganoush is to grill the eggplant, which gives it a nice smoky flavor. But you can broil it, or grill it over a gas stove, too.

smoky charcoal grill works for me, but you can even use your natural gas cooktop in the winter. Keep it over the heat until the skin chars, perhaps four or five minutes per side for three or four turns, depending on the heat of your grill. (My grill with natural lump charcoal can hit 800 degrees, but you might want to go longer if you're using briquets.)

Once it's properly cooked, wrap it in several layers of plastic wrap or place in a tightly covered dish for 15 or 20 minutes to let steam loosen the skin.

You can do much the same on your cooktop, or put them under the broiler in your oven. The idea is to cook them in a dry-heat environment, to both concentrate flavor and to keep the consistency

a little thicker.

After that, it's a pinch of this and a touch of that, plus a bit of tahini — which is a sesame butter similar in consistency to peanut butter. Puree until it's of the desired consistency and serve with pita, pita chips or raw veggies.

A note: Most recipes call for a number of eggplant, without noting that they're not all of the same

size, or that the standard purple globe is much larger than Italian, Japanese or even Thai varieties. So rather than give you a number, this recipes gives you a volume to shoot for.

- BABA GANOUSH**
- 3/4 cup roasted eggplant (about 1 medium purple globe)
 - 1 large or 2 small cloves of garlic
 - 2 Tbs. tahini (eyeball it; have you ever tried to measure sticky nut butter?)
 - 1 Tbs. plain Greek yogurt
 - Juice of half a lemon
 - Zest of half a lemon
 - 1/2 tsp. smoked paprika
 - 1/4 tsp. salt
 - 1/4 tsp. cumin
 - 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
 - A pinch of cardamom

Prepare the eggplant, scooping the flesh out of the skin, or simply wiping the skin away. Place into a blender with remaining ingredients. Puree until of desired consistency. If you want it a bit thicker, add more tahini. If you want it a bit thinner, add just a touch of olive oil.

Play with it: A number of recipes call for sumac, which has a tangy, lemony taste. If you can't find sumac, you can add more lemon zest, instead. Some recipes call for nutmeg or coriander. Some add onion.

Parsley, sesame seed and pine nuts are common garnishes. And, of course, you can use more or less of any ingredient to your taste.

Why the internet's hooked on TikTok's king of sandwiches

By BETTY HALLOCK
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(TNS)

LOS ANGELES — Owen Han didn't know how much the internet loves sandwiches when he posted a TikTok video of grilled chicken, bacon, smashed avocado and chipotle mayo between two slices of sourdough bread one day in the summer of 2021. But he soon found out.

"It was my first video to break a million views," says Han in his Venice studio apartment, where a large kitchen takes up most of the small, tidy space, outfitted with a six-burner range with built-in griddle, more knives and pans than some restaurants and a deli-style meat slicer.

"The way in which it happened was kind of just by chance," he says. "I was planning on filming a cioppino, which is a fish stew. It takes a lot of time, has a lot of ingredients, and I was feeling a little bit lazy, so I was like, 'You know what? Let me just film making my lunch.'"

Three years later, Han has a following of 4.3 million on TikTok, 2.2 million on Instagram and nearly 800,000 dedicated YouTube fans. His first cookbook, "Stacked: The Art of Making the Perfect Sandwich," will be released by Harvest on Oct. 15, when he kicks off a coast-to-coast tour. And he has just returned from cooking at a pop-up in Ibiza and a cheesemaking tour in Oregon with Tillamook, one of the many brands wooing him for content.

Even by TikTok standards, which have created a new equation for fame, Han's rise was

meteoric. Based on the success of that chicken-bacon-avo sando, "I just figured, let me try another one, which happened to be the steak sandwich, which is on the [cookbook] cover, and that broke 10 million views. I was like, wow, this is crazy. People like sandwiches, and I also like sharing my passion for sandwiches."

He followed that up with a breakfast sandwich. "And then from there, people were already dubbing me 'the sandwich guy.' It kind of has a good ring to it," says Han, being modest.

He was already the Sandwich King.

'It's a comfort thing'

And that was just the start. His tomahawk steak sammie has reached almost 13 million TikTok views. Chicken tikka wrap: 16.6 million. Open-face ham and cheese: 24 million. Beef shawarma wrapped in laffa: 52.3 million (that's more than the entire population of South Korea).

Tall and dark-haired, Han barely speaks in a majority of his videos. They almost always start the same: He squishes the sandwich, cuts into it with a smooth slice or thwacking chop, takes a big crunchy bite and beams a big smile. And though quick edits and ASMR are nothing new to social media, the way he slaps deli meats and splatters sauces on bread obviously resonates with his audience.

Why do people love sandwiches so much? "I think what it comes down to is it's a comfort thing, it's such a comforting food," says Han.



Bill Ristenpart, director of UC Davis' new Coffee Center, pauses under the red lights of the facility's sensory booth, July 24, in Davis, California.

Do we really understand coffee? Calif. research center says 'No'

By JOHN METCALFE
The Mercury News
(TNS)

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Coffee — it gives us energy, facilitates conversation and accounts for more than \$200 billion in global revenue. But do we truly understand it?

Hardly, says Bill Ristenpart. "There are so many unanswered questions about coffee," he says. "Because of the lack of academic investment, there are a lot of fundamental things that are not well understood to this day."

Ristenpart should know. He and colleague Tonya Kuhl are directors of the Coffee Center at UC Davis, the only physical institute devoted to coffee research and education in America. Opened this spring, the center includes a pilot roastery, brewing and espresso lab, green bean storage and a sensory-and-cupping workshop — everything you need for advanced coffee experimentation under one roof.

How do you precisely roast beans? What to do with coffee's waste byproducts? The Coffee Center is designed to test such questions, as well as prepare new generations for rewarding jobs in the field of java.

"If you want to run a winery, there are a few universities in the state where you can go recruit people from, UC Davis being one of them," says Ristenpart. "But the coffee industry, which is even bigger than wine, traditionally has not had ready-to-recruit people who have knowledge of coffee to come work in R&D or product development."

Between running tests, teaching

chemical engineering and sipping black coffee, Ristenpart took time to chat about this groundbreaking research center.

Q: So the idea for the Coffee Center sort of originated from a course you teach?

A: My colleague and I developed an undergraduate class called The Design of Coffee. Students get to roast coffee and measure the pH and taste it. The course culminates in an engineering design contest where they have to make one liter of the best-tasting coffee, as judged by a blind panel, using the least amount of electrical energy.

The course went from 16 students in 2013 to 2,091 students this past academic year — it's now the most popular course at UC Davis. When just by random luck a whole building on campus became available, the timing was perfect, because the class had exploded in popularity. The administration said, "If you can raise the funding to renovate it, you can have the building for a coffee center."

Q: Is everyone at the center sort of slamming coffee all the time, getting wired?

A: We're all jittery and our hands are shaking, yeah. No — not really. But I do drink a lot of coffee. I like to joke they made me director of the Coffee Center because I drink the most on campus.

Q: You've called coffee arguably the most important beverage on the planet. Why is that?

A: It's certainly consumed a lot. (Ed: Coffee is ranked among the world's most-consumed beverages, next to water and tea.) If you just look at the size of the

economy, it matters a lot — there are a lot of jobs provided through coffee. And of course, companies are all powered by coffee — it really provides a lot of energy, so to speak, for the entire economy.

Q: What are some of the unsolved questions you're investigating?

A: The chemistry that occurs during roasting is hideously complicated. There are these series of complicated reactions in parallel that have a huge impact on the concentrations of more than a thousand different molecules identified as contributing to the flavor and aroma of coffee. But the precise details of how to change a specific roast profile — temperature versus time in the roaster — right now is rules of thumb and trial and error.

Q: And you're looking at sustainability, as well, when it comes to cascara (the fruit surrounding the coffee bean)?

A: It's kind of amazing, when you think about it: A coffee farm plants coffee trees that take about three years before producing any fruit. They water and fertilize and prune and maintain them and laboriously harvest them, and the very first thing they do is take all the coffee cherries, strip off the fruit — which is about half the mass — and throw it away. Responsible guys compost it, and the irresponsible guys just throw it into the nearest river and let it float away, which causes terrible problems. What we're doing, with collaboration with Santa Barbara, is extracting flavor molecules and sugar and caffeine from fresh cascara. We've made a killer cascara syrup.



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Owen Han, known as the "Sandwich King," makes a meatball sandwich in his kitchen in Venice, California, on Aug. 28.

Authors Rushdie, July and Everett finalists for Natl. Book Awards

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NEW YORK — Salman Rushdie's memoir about his near-fatal stabbing, "Knife," and Percival Everett's revisionist historical novel, "James," are among the finalists for the 75th annual National Book Awards. Others nominated include author-filmmaker Miranda July for her explicit novel on middle age, "All Fours," and the celebrated Canadian poet Anne Carson for "Wrong Norma."

On Tuesday, the National Book Foundation announced finalists in fiction, nonfiction, young people's literature, poetry and books in translation. Judges in each category pared long lists of 10 unveiled last month to five final selections. Winners will be announced during a Nov. 20 dinner ceremony in Manhattan, when honorary prizes will be presented to novelist Barbara Kingsolver and publisher-activist W. Paul Coates.

In fiction, nominees besides "James" and "All Fours" are Pemi Aguda's debut story collection, "Ghostroots," Kaveh Akbar's debut novel, "Martyr!," Hisham Mayar's "Friend," a novel by the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir "The Return."

Four of the five fiction books, including "James," were published by Penguin Random House. Everett's novel, which retells "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" from the perspective of the enslaved man Mark Twain had named Jim, is also a Booker Prize finalist and among the year's most acclaimed works. Among the books on the fiction long list that judges left out of the final choices was Rachel Kushner's "Creation Lake," another Booker finalist.



Rushdie



Everett

Joker is back, this time with Gaga — and songs

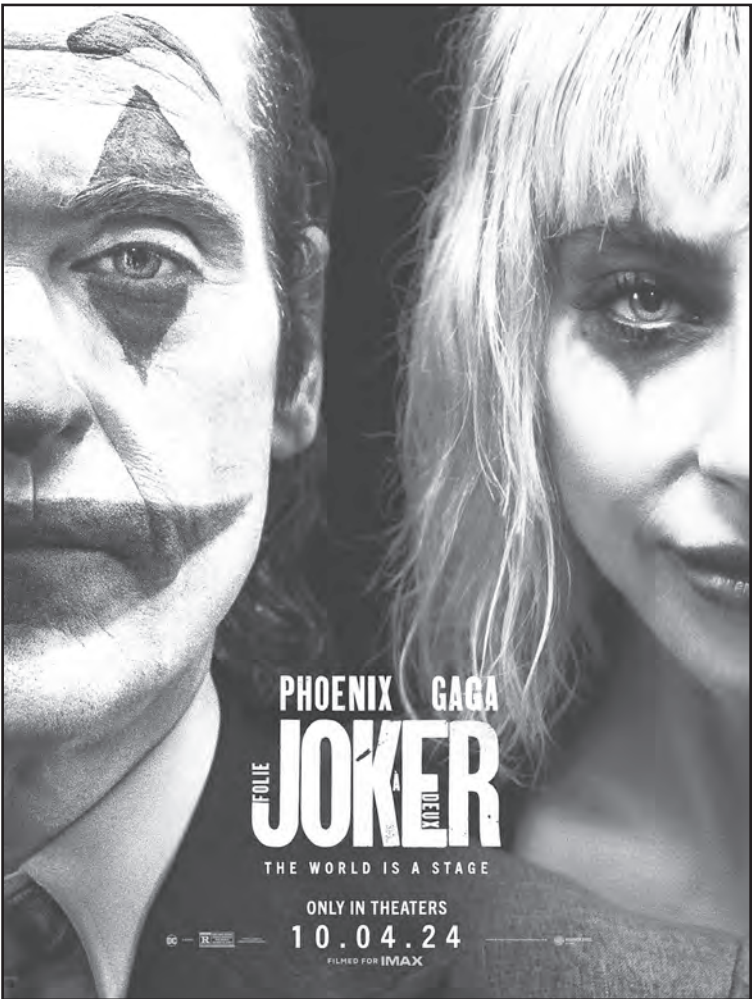
By **LINDSEY BAHR**
AP Film Writer

VENICE, Italy — "Joker" is a hard act to follow. Todd Phillips' dark, Scorsese-inspired character study about the Batman villain made over a billion dollars at the box office, won Joaquin Phoenix his first Oscar, dominated the cultural discourse for months and created a new movie landmark.

It wasn't for everyone, but it got under people's skin.

Knowing that it was a fool's errand to try to do it again, Phillips and Phoenix pivoted, or rather, pirouetted into what would become "Joker: Folie à Deux." The dark and fantastical musical journey goes deeper into the mind of Arthur Fleck as he awaits trial for murder and falls in love with a fellow Arkham inmate, Lee, played by Lady Gaga. There is singing, dancing and mayhem.

If Phillips and Phoenix have learned anything over the years, it's that the scarier something is, the better. So once again they rebelled against expectations and went for broke with something that's already sharply divided critics. As with the first, audiences will get to decide for themselves when it opens in theaters on Oct. 4.



Warner Bros. Pictures via AP

This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows promotional art for "Joker: Folie à Deux."

Contract Bridge

Why is he so good to me?

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 6 4 2
♥ 9 6 5 4 2
♦ 7
♣ Q 5 4 3

WEST
♠ 8
♥ A 8 7
♦ 9 8 6 4 3 2
♣ 10 9 7

EAST
♠ 9 7 5
♥ J 3
♦ A K J 10 5
♣ K J 2

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

The bidding:
East 1♦ South Dble West 3♦ North Pass
Pass 4♠

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

When declarer allows you to win a trick you're not entitled to win, you should react with deep suspicion and try to figure out why he is being so kind to you. East failed to do that in today's deal, and as a result, declarer made a contract that could have been defeated.

East won the opening diamond lead with the king and returned the

jack of hearts, covered by the queen and ace. West returned a heart, taken by declarer with the king.

South now played the ace of trump followed by the ten of hearts, ruffed by East. East exited with his remaining trump, but the contest was over. South won, led the spade three to dummy's six and discarded two clubs on the 9-6 of hearts to make four spades.

Declarer would have gone down one had East refused to ruff the ten of hearts, since South would eventually have lost two club tricks. Furthermore, it should have been evident to East that declarer's ten-of-hearts play was not a slip of the wrist but a calculated effort to develop an entry to dummy's 9-6 of hearts.

East should have reasoned that South could easily have drawn the missing trumps had he wanted to. East should therefore have concluded that if declarer was willing to lose a trump trick he didn't have to lose, it could not be in his side's best interests to ruff. This was one of those occasions when it would have paid to look a gift horse in the mouth.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET HIM TO DO A SEQUEL?

Any comic book movie that makes a billion dollars is going to have the sequel talk. But with "Joker" it was never a given that it would go anywhere: Joaquin Phoenix doesn't do sequels. Yet it turned out, Phoenix wasn't quite done with Arthur Fleck yet either.

During the first, the actor wondered what this character would look like in different situations. He and the on-set photographer mocked up classic movie posters, like "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Yentl" with the Joker in them and showed them to Phillips.

"Sometimes you're just done with something and other times you have an ongoing interest," Phoenix said. "There was just more to explore. ... I just felt like we weren't done."

So Phillips and his co-writer Scott Silver got to work on a new script, one that leaned into the music in Arthur Fleck's head. Then his dreary Arkham life turns to Technicolor when he meets and falls for Lee, a Joker superfan.

"Joaquin Phoenix is not going to do a line drive. He's not going to do something that's fan service," Phillips said. "He wanted

to be as scared as he was with the first movie. So, we tried to make something that is as audacious and out there and hopefully people get it."

LADY GAGA LOSES HER VOICE

One decision that's already sparking debate is casting someone with a voice like Lady Gaga's and not using that instrument to its full power. Phillips, who was a producer on "A Star is Born," wanted someone who "brought music with them." But Lee isn't a singer.

"Singing is so second nature to me, and making music and performing on stage is so inside of me. Especially this music," Gaga said. "I worked extensively on untraining myself for this movie and throwing away as much as I could all the time to make sure I was never locking into what I do. I had to really kind of erase it all."

Phoenix, who wasn't quite sure what it would be like working with someone who has such a larger-than-life superstar persona, found Gaga to be refreshingly unpretentious and available. And as an actor, he admired her commitment to the character.

In addition to writing a "waltz that falls apart" for the film, Gaga is releasing a companion album, "Harlequin" on Friday with song titles including "Oh, When the Saints," "World on a String," "If My Friends Could See Me Now" and "That's Life."

NO LONGER A COMPLETE WILD CARD

It's easier to be to the insurgent, not the incumbent, Phillips said. Although a Joker film is never going to fly completely under the radar, the spotlight is undoubtedly more intense this time around.

"You do feel like you have a larger target on your back," Phillips said.

"There's a different amount of pressure, but that just comes with making movies," he said. "You can't please everybody and you just kind of go for it."

Actor Brendan Gleeson has an even sunnier outlook.

"It has kind of arthouse movie integrity on a blockbuster scale. It's great news for cinema, is the way I look on it," Gleeson said. "If these event movies can continue to have depth and can be so conflicting like this one, is we needn't worry about the future of cinema."

Tomorrow: An optical illusion.
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High School Girls Soccer



Cortland's Mackenna Bulger, center, makes a move to get past a Jordan-Elbridge defender Monday night at Cortland Jr./Sr. High School.

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Cortland girls soccer snaps five-game skid

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The Cortland girls soccer team righted the ship Monday night, snapping a five-game losing streak with a 5-1 win over Jordan-Elbridge at Cortland Jr./Sr. High School.

Mackenna Bulger was the only Purple Tiger to score twice, opening the scoring 6:12 into the contest and converting on a penalty kick with 15:20 left in the game.

Natalie Burns, Serene Gray and Aubree Larkin also scored for Cortland, with Kartyr Hubbard, Bailey Dintino and Juliana Zarcone all recording an assist. Darah Peck saved three shots in the win.

Burns added Cortland's second goal just 10:13 into the contest, but the Purple Tigers appeared to let up a little after that. Jordan-Elbridge made it a 2-1 game on a Briella Gilfus goal 8:25 later and kept it at that score until halftime.

Cortland head coach Brandon Prosser had to fire his girls up a bit again to get them playing the right way and extending their lead.

"At halftime, it was a good motivator," Prosser said. "We also reset our formation a little bit and they honestly just worked a lot harder to start the second half. After the first 10 minutes when they scored a few goals they really started to just shoot from 40 yards and were not playing good soccer."

The Purple Tigers heard that message loud and clear and Larkin put away a goal 1:49 into

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the second half. Bulger's penalty kick came after Zoey Eaton was fouled in the box and Gray closed the show with 7:50 to go.

Prosser was happy his team got the chance to be offensive and work with a lead, especially since it has been outscored 40-4 in the last five games.

"It definitely was a nice change of pace being in the offensive end quite a bit," Prosser said. "I think there was a stretch in the first half where we didn't play very well, but they came out in the second half and played a lot closer to how we want to play. There's definitely still a lot of things to work on, but it was a good reset for everybody after our last couple games."

Prosser knows there will still be tough games ahead and hopes the confidence and momentum gained from Monday night can lead to some better results, even if the Purple Tigers still come out on the losing end. He was happy with some of the progress he saw in his girls Monday.

"Right now, I'm working with a lot of our players on how I want them to play in the next couple years," Prosser said. "We're definitely super young. I'd say Natalie Burns played the best game today, and she's in ninth grade. She just felt more confident, so I want to build their confidence to play how they play in practice."

Cortland plays again at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Nottingham

against Syracuse City.

GIRLS SOCCER
HOMER 3, AUBURN 2

Emily Petrella scored on an assist from Reese Kline five minutes into overtime to help Homer secure a come-from-behind win. Auburn jumped out to a 2-0 lead five minutes into the game.

Khloie Young made it 2-1 with a first-half goal on a corner kick, then Kline tied it on an assist from Mia Knight in the second half. Kennadie Taylor made 10 saves in the Trojans' win.

MARATHON 3,
ODESSA-MONTOUR 2

Scout Morse, Addie Oram and Paityn Contri all scored a first-half goal for Marathon as the Olympians held on for the win. Haleigh Smith made nine saves for Marathon, which took nine shots on goal and two corner kicks.

DeRUYTER 7,
OTSELIC VALLEY 1

Rhya Richardson won for two goals and an assist as DeRuyter won its third consecutive game to move to 7-1. The Rockets scored five goals in the second half after leading 2-1 at the break.

Erin Bragg added a goal and two assists, Chelsey Prince and Myah Woods each had a goal and an assist, Graycie Barber and Danica Burrows both scored once and Abigail Whalen dished out two assists. Abby Stanton saved five shots in the first half for DeRuyter and Molly Amidon stopped one shot in the

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MLB

Rose, banned hits leader, dead at 83

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Pete Rose, baseball's career hits leader and fallen idol who undermined his historic achievements and Hall of Fame dreams by gambling on the game he loved and once embodied, has died. He was 83.

Stephanie Wheatley, a spokesperson for Clark County in Nevada, confirmed on behalf of the medical examiner that Rose died Monday. Wheatley said his cause and manner of death had not yet been determined. Over the weekend, he had appeared at an autograph show in Nashville with former teammates Tony Perez, George Foster and Dave Concepcion. For fans who came of age in the 1960s and '70s, no player was more exciting than the Cincinnati Reds' No. 14, "Charlie Hustle," the brash superstar with the shaggy hair, puggish nose and muscular forearms. At the dawn of artificial surfaces, divisional play and free agency, Rose was old school, a conscious, dirt-stained throwback to baseball's early days. Millions could never forget him crouched and scowling at the plate, running full speed to first even after drawing a walk, or sprinting for the next base and diving headfirst into the bag.

Major League Baseball, which banished him in 1989, issued a brief statement expressing condolences and noting his "greatness, grit and determination on the field of play." Reds principal owner and managing partner Bob Castellini said in a statement that Rose was "one of the fiercest competitors the game has ever seen" and added: "We must never forget what he accomplished."

Longtime Reds teammate and Hall of Famer Johnny Bench posted his reaction to Rose's death in a social media post, saying: "My heart is sad. I loved you Peter Edward. You made all of us better. No matter the life we led.

No one can replace you."

A 17-time All-Star, the switch-hitting Rose played on three World Series winners. He was the National League MVP in 1973 and World Series MVP two years later. He holds the major league record for games played (3,562) and plate appearances (15,890). He was the leadoff man for one of baseball's most formidable lineups with the Reds' championship teams of 1975 and 1976, featuring Hall of Famers Perez, Bench and Joe Morgan.

But no milestone approached his 4,256 hits, breaking his hero Ty Cobb's 4,191 and signifying his excellence no matter the notoriety which followed. It was a total so extraordinary that you could average 200 hits for 20 years and still come up short. Rose's secret was consistency, and longevity. Over 24 seasons, all but six played entirely with the Reds, Rose had 200 hits or more 10 times, and more than 180 four other times. He batted .303 overall, even while switching from second base to outfield to third to first, and he led the league in hits seven times.

"Every summer, three things are going to happen," Rose liked to say, "the grass is going to get green, the weather is going to get hot, and Pete Rose is going to get 200 hits and bat .300."

Rose was Rookie of the Year in 1963, but he started off 0 for 12 with three walks and a hit by pitch before getting his first major league hit, an eighth-inning triple off Pittsburgh's Bob Friend. It came in Cincinnati on April 13, 1963, the day before Rose's 22nd birthday. He reached 1,000 in 1968, 2,000 just five years later and 3,000 just five years after that. He moved into second place, ahead of Hank Aaron, with hit No. 3,772, in 1982. No. 4,000 was off the Phillies' Jerry Koosman in 1984, exactly 21 years to the day after his first hit.



AP Photo/Matt Rourke, File

Former Phillies player Pete Rose tips his hat to fans during an alumni day, Aug. 7, 2022, in Philadelphia.

National Basketball Association

Appreciation: Dikembe Mutombo, a Basketball Hall of Fame player, made an impact far beyond the game



AP Photo/Michael S. Green, File

Hawks' Dikembe Mutombo, left, drives to the hoop, May 8, 1997, in Chicago.

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

The finger wag. The enormous smile. The unmistakable voice. Dikembe Mutombo played defense at a level and with a flair that few others in basketball history ever possessed, all among the many reasons why he's immortalized in the Hall of Fame.

On the court, he stopped people. Off the court, he helped people. In simplest terms, that is the legacy of Mutombo, the 7-foot-2 mountain of a center who died Monday, about two years after his family revealed that he was dealing with brain cancer. The tributes started when the news broke and never stopped. Current and former players. Team and league executives. Even world leaders; Barack Obama, who hosted Mu-

tombo at the White House more than once, weighed in as did Felix Tshisekedi, the president of Congo, Mutombo's homeland.

They all said the same thing in different ways. Mutombo touched lives, one way or another.

"Dikembe Mutombo was an incredible basketball player — one of the best shot blockers and defensive players of all time," Obama wrote on social media Monday. "But he also inspired a generation of young people across Africa, and his work as the NBA's first global ambassador changed the way athletes think about their impact off the court."

When Mutombo wanted something done, it got done. He built a hospital in the Congo and that facility — named for his mother — has now treated about 200,000

people. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the Special Olympics, on behalf of UNICEF, on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He traveled the world, he encouraged NBA leaders to visit Africa, he fought for change. He was the first, and still is the only, person to win the NBA's J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award twice.

"His legacy of things that he did off of the court are going to long outlive the things he did on the court," one of his former coaches, fellow Hall of Famer Dan Issel, said Monday.

Issel coached Mutombo in Denver, where they were part of the first 8-seed-beats-1-seed upset in NBA playoff history, the one where the Nuggets ousted Seattle in 1994 in a best-of-5 series.

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second half.

BOYS SOCCER GREENE 8, GROTON 2

Ethan Besler made 11 saves for Groton in a losing effort. Sean O'Brien and Brennan Jackson both scored once for the Red Hawks.

CINCINNATUS 4, MADISON 1

Zach Streichert scored once in each half to help Cincinnati remain unbeaten in the CCL and move to 8-2 on the season. The Lions are 17-0-1 against league opponents over the last two seasons.

Jack Stafford and John Schuyler both contributed a goal and an assist in the win and Wyatt Frink recorded an assist. Collin Holtmart made two saves in goal.

DRYDEN 2, UNION SPRINGS/ PORT BYRON 1

Dryden dominated with 28 shots and nine corner kicks, but a Luke Eshelman goal with 2:21 left in regulation proved to be the game winner. Union Springs/Port Byron scored on a corner kick with 32 seconds left to make a game of it.

Paul Busby assisted on Eshelman's goal and had one of his own seven minutes into play. Braden Allen made three saves in the Lions' win.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL JOHNSON CITY 3, CORTLAND 1

Sophie Mayer led the way with five kills, two aces, a block, 13 digs and two assists as Cortland lost 25-19, 15-25, 23-25, 20-25. The Purple Tigers are now 2-7.

Katie Harris added 12 assists, four digs, a kill, four aces and a block, Hannah Ostrander went for 12 digs and an assist and Nellie Lucas contributed eight kills, an ace and three blocks. Morgan Howard (five assists, two kills, two aces, two digs), Reagan Whitney (five digs, one ace), Sophia Testa (four kills, one block, two digs), Zoey DeVito (two kills, one ace, one dig), Lilly Tinker (two digs), Akshita Bogam (one kill, one dig) and Gia Perfetti (one ace) all aided the Purple Tiger effort as well.

FIELD HOCKEY VESTAL 2, MORAVIA 0

Lucy Coningsby made seven saves for Moravia as the offense could only produce two shots on goal and four

penalty corners.

BOYS GOLF CBA 188, CORTLAND 214

Cooper Cohenno led Cortland with a 40 at Willowbrook Golf Club, but it wasn't enough to lead the Purple Tigers past CBA. Joshua Pennock contributed a 42 and Finn Thomas, Lukas Norman, CJ Urtz and Garrick Ott all shot a 44, with one being scratched.

TULLY 216, McGRAW 258

Nate Melton paced all golfers at Vesper Hills Golf Course with a 39 to lead Tully to victory. John LaBarge shot a 41, Sullivan Waldron carded a 43, Lane Greczyn notched a 46, Colton Lundup added a 47 and Wyatt Walk's 49 was scratched.

Lucas Friedman paced McGraw with a 46. Barrett Zogg followed him up with a 50, Foster Eaton contributed a 51, Emory Sears carded a 53, Ricky Osborne had a 58 and Riley Van Liew's 62 was cancelled out.

GIRLS TENNIS WESTHILL 6, CORTLAND 0

Taylor Kinthiseng lost 0-6, 3-6 in first singles, Anelia Corbin fell 1-6, 3-6 in second singles, Emma Casey and Harper Starinsky lost 1-6, 2-6 in first doubles, Arya Patel and Caroline Phelan dropped their second doubles match 1-6, 0-6, Casslyn Elliott and Emilia Johnson lost 5-7, 2-6 in third doubles and Scarlett Palleja-McDannell and Sophia Kim fell 0-6, 0-6 in fourth doubles. Alivia Reif's third singles match was stopped due to darkness while she was ahead 6-3, 4-4.

HOMER 6, CHITTENANGO 1

MacKenzie Skodzinsky won 6-2, 6-3 in first singles, Aubrey McGrath won 6-1, 6-1 in second singles, Emma Effinger and Lauren Franco won 6-1, 6-0 in first doubles, Ginny and Sunny Park swept their second doubles opponents 6-0, 6-0, Lucy Goodwin and Cate Larison won 6-1, 6-3 in third doubles and Isabelle Brown and Lizzie McCloy won 6-1, 6-2 in fourth doubles.

Emma Dart lost 6-1, 0-6, 6(2)-7(10) in third singles.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

BOYS SOCCER
Southern Cayuga at Marathon, 4:30 p.m. today
Groton at Moravia, 7 p.m. today
at Scarry Athletic Complex
Dryden at Whitney Point, 7 p.m. today
Bishop Grimes at Tully, 4:30 p.m. today
DeRuyter at McGraw, 4:30 p.m. Thursday
Otselic Valley at Cincinnati, 4:30 p.m. Thursday

GIRLS SOCCER

Madison at DeRuyter, 4:30 p.m. today
Homer at Jordan-Elbridge, 6:30 p.m. Thursday
Marathon at Southern Cayuga, 4:30 p.m. Thursday
Cincinnati at Tully, 4:30 p.m. Thursday
Whitney Point at Dryden, 7 p.m. Thursday

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Cortland at Indian River, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

LEGALS

CORTLAND COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of 4 Bed Properties, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/30/2024. 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: 9 Holley Drive, Homer, New York 13077. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

CORTLAND COUNTY BID NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), in accordance with Section 103 of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law and Article 119-O of the General Municipal Law, will receive bids on:

Name of Bid: Cafeteria Meats, RFB-225-25
Bid Opening: October 30, 2024, 1:30 P.M. at 110 Elwood Davis Road, Liverpool, NY 13088

Term of Contract: January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025

Contact for more information and to obtain bid documents: Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Onondaga, Cortland, and Madison Counties, 315.433.2620, thewitt@ocmboces.org

CORTLAND COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

The Cortland County Department of Social Services will conduct a public hearing on the Child and Family Services County Plan for Cortland County on October 23, 2024 from 1:30pm-2:30pm in Room 202 of the County Office Building, 60 Central Avenue, Cortland, New York.

The Child and Family Services County Plan is a comprehensive plan developed to assess needs, provide services, and allocate resources for children, families, and adults in our community.

Child Protective Services will be heard at 1:30pm, Adult Services at 2:00pm and Family and Children's at 2:15pm.

Draft copies of the Child and Family Services County Plan will be available at the hearing. The plan covers the time of November 1, 2024- October 31, 2029.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments and testimony regarding the Plan. These comments will be incorporated in the Plan and included for consideration in future planning.

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CORTLAND COUNTY BID NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Adhan Piping Co., Inc. is seeking proposals from DBE firms for the East Hill Road Slope Stabilization FEMA Project in Preble, NY that bids October 10, 2024. Plans and specifications can be found at <https://adhanpiping.com/estimating-projects/>, the Syracuse Builders Exchange Web site, or by emailing and requesting a set of documents at jmanning@adhanpiping.com. All site related scopes of work are available to bid on including trucking, clearing, aggregate, paving and traffic control. Please submit bids to the email above or call 607.753.8623.

VILLAGE OF HOMER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Homer Board of Trustees will meet in person at the Town Hall in Homer located at 31 North Main Street on October 8, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. to consider using machinery reserves to purchase a Chevrolet 3500 HD Work Truck for Newton Water Works totaling \$55,180.00

Pursuant to NYS Legislature's approval of Bill S50001, amending the Open Meetings Law 1, the Village Board of Trustees meeting will be zoom and in-person attendance. Individuals may speak at the public hearing or in the absence of public comment, we encourage residents to request a zoom link by contacting Dan Egnor at the Village Offices at 607-749-3322 or by emailing degnor@homerny.org. Individuals may also watch the public hearing on the Village of Homer's YouTube channel. Please include in your email if you would like to participate directly in the remote conference portion. The above application is open to inspection at the Village Offices. Persons with disabilities who require assistance should contact the undersigned to request such assistance. We encourage you to email, call (607-749-3322), or mail, all of your communication needs before said Village of Homer Board of Trustees meeting.

Dan Egnor
Village Clerk

National Football League

Bills' shine tarnished after lopsided loss to Ravens

By JOHN WAWROW
AP Sports Writer

ORCHARD PARK — The challenges with fielding a young roster, depleted by injuries on defense and the lack of a proven receiving threat on offense, was bound to eventually catch up to the Buffalo Bills at some point this season.

The only surprise is it took until Week 4 for the deficiencies to be exposed on Sunday night.

What was billed as an early season quarterback showdown between Buffalo's Josh Allen and Baltimore's Lamar Jackson, ended in a 35-10 Ravens' rout powered by Derrick Henry.

The Bills were outmatched in all three phases of an outcome that put a major dent in the early — and, perhaps, premature — Super Bowl shine they generated following a 3-0 start.

While the sky is suddenly falling among fans, and the door re-opened for critics to affix all the blame on coach Sean McDermott, a healthy dose of perspective can be added into the equation.

How big of a setback or wake-up call the loss represents depends on various aspects including:

Their ability to adjust and bounce back as the Bills have in dropping two straight outings just five times since 2019.

The roster getting healthier,



AP Photo/Stephanie Scarbrough

Bills quarterback Josh Allen, left, and Ravens running back Derrick Henry react following a game, Sunday, in Baltimore.

with linebacker Terrel Bernard (pectoral) and cornerback Taron Johnson (forearm) approaching their returns.

And appreciating how the run-heavy and defensively sound Ravens might be among the few NFL teams capable of taking advantage of Buffalo's weaknesses, with the Bills expected to be tested again by Kansas City (Nov.

17), San Francisco (Dec. 1) and Detroit (Dec. 15).

Disastrous as the outcome was, there was little panic from the team following the loss.

"Not everything was bad in this game. I don't want to come away from this saying 'We're the worst,'" Allen said. "I'm glad this happened early in the season so we can correct things."

Giants have concerns about their 1-3 record and Nabers

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New York Giants' 1-3 record roughly a quarter of the way through the season isn't the only concern for coach Brian Daboll, and it might not even be the biggest.

The stress is probably higher when it comes to sensational rookie receiver Malik Nabers. The No. 6 overall pick in the draft left Thursday night's 20-15 loss

to the Dallas Cowboys in the final minutes after sustaining a concussion.

Daboll said Nabers was at the Giants headquarters on Friday and was in the concussion protocol. That means he cannot practice until he is cleared by New York's medical personnel and an independent neurological consultant. He was in team meetings as the Giants went over the Dallas

film. Nabers and the Giants will have more than a week to get ready to face the Seahawks (3-0) in Seattle on Oct. 6. Seattle plays at Detroit on Sunday.

"Yeah, we'll just take it day by day here and see where he's at," Daboll said Friday when asked what the offense would do if Nabers wasn't ready for the Seattle game. Nabers leads the Giants with 35 catches for 386 yards.



AP Photo/Seth Wenig

Jets quarterback Aaron Rodgers, right, is sacked by Broncos defensive end Zach Allen, Sunday, in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Rodgers' cadence hot topic for Jets after Broncos loss

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
AP Pro Football Writer

New York Jets fans had a bad case of déjà vu watching the offense struggle mightily.

And it wasn't even Zach Wilson's fault. He was on the other sideline. One game after Aaron Rodgers was in total control of an offense that moved up and down the field at will against New England, the star quarterback was banged up and frustrated against the Denver Broncos in an ugly 10-9 loss Sunday.

"That's a really good defense, but when your defense holds them to 10, you've got to win that game 100% of the time," Rodgers said after the loss. "That's on the offense. That's on me."

The Jets (2-2) had scored three offensive touchdowns in each of their first three games. Against Denver, they couldn't find the end zone. It was sim-

ilar to the issues offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett faced last season with Wilson — the Jets' onetime face of the franchise — at quarterback.

Rodgers was 24 of 42 for 225 yards and was sacked five times and hit 14 times. He limped off the field late in the game after a sack that brought back some bad memories of the four-time MVP tearing his left Achilles tendon four snaps into his Jets debut last year.

Rodgers said he was "banged up" and both legs were dealing with "stuff," but he insisted he was OK. On Monday, coach Robert Saleh said he didn't anticipate Rodgers appearing on the team's injury report.

But whether the 40-year-old quarterback will be able to withstand too many more of those types of games should concern the Jets — and make it a priority to get the offense humming again in a hurry.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
East									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Buffalo	3	1	0	.750	122	83			
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	76	62			
Miami	1	3	0	.250	45	103			
New England	1	3	0	.250	52	87			
South									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Houston	3	1	0	.750	79	94			
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	85	85			
Tennessee	1	3	0	.250	79	90			
Jacksonville	0	4	0	.000	60	109			
North									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	75	53			
Baltimore	2	2	0	.500	106	88			
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	102	104			
Cleveland	1	3	0	.250	66	87			
West									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Kansas City	4	0	0	1.000	92	72			
Denver	2	2	0	.500	62	55			
L.A. Chargers	2	2	0	.500	68	50			
Las Vegas	2	2	0	.500	78	97			

NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
East									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Washington	3	1	0	.750	121	102			
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	97	104			
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	86	96			
N.Y. Giants	1	3	0	.250	60	84			
South									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	97	78			
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	75	85			
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	127	70			
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	73	129			
North									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Minnesota	4	0	0	1.000	116	59			
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	104	82			
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	77	75			
Chicago	2	2	0	.500	104	89			
West									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	102	85			
San Francisco	2	2	0	.500	103	82			
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	96	106			
L.A. Rams	1	3	0	.250	75	115			

MLB

AL East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	94	68	.580	—
y-Baltimore	91	71	.562	3
Boston	81	81	.500	13
Tampa Bay	80	82	.494	14
Toronto	74	88	.457	20
AL Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	92	69	.571	—
y-Detroit	86	76	.531	6½
y-Kansas City	86	76	.531	6½
Minnesota	82	80	.506	10½
Chicago	41	121	.253	51½
AL West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	88	73	.547	—
Seattle	85	77	.525	3½
Texas	78	84	.481	10½
Oakland	69	93	.426	19½
Los Angeles	63	99	.389	25½
NL East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	95	67	.586	—
Atlanta	88	72	.550	6
New York	89	72	.550	6
Washington	71	91	.438	24
Miami	62	100	.383	33
NL Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	93	69	.574	—
Chicago	83	79	.512	10
St. Louis	83	79	.512	10
Cincinnati	77	85	.475	16
Pittsburgh	76	86	.469	17
NL West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	98	64	.605	—
y-San Diego	93	69	.574	5
Arizona	89	73	.549	9
San Francisco	80	82	.494	18
Colorado	61	101	.377	37
x-clinched division				
y-clinched wild card				
*standings last updated before play on Sept. 30				

How Hurricane Helene became the near-perfect storm to bring widespread destruction in the South

By TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

Hurricane Helene killed and destroyed far and wide — from Tampa to Atlanta to Asheville, North Carolina, its high winds, heavy rains and sheer size created a perfect mix for devastation.

The storm made landfall late Thursday along a largely undeveloped expanse of pine trees and salt marshes on Florida’s Big Bend coast, but it immediately displayed its far-reaching power several hundred miles away. As of Sunday morning, at least 64 people were confirmed killed.

Tampa Bay was inundated with a massive storm surge that sent water up to people’s attics. Atlanta got more than 11 inches of rain, more than any 48-hour period in recorded history. So many trees were toppled in South Carolina that at one point more than 40 percent of the state lost electricity. In North Carolina, dams were in jeopardy of failing and entire communities are cut off by floods. Floodwaters submerged a hospital in Tennessee so quickly that more than 50 patients had to be rescued from the roof via helicopter.

How did a single storm unleash destruction so far away?

Dan Brown, a specialist at the National Hurricane Center near Miami, said Helene had all the attributes that make a storm widely destructive. It was large, about 350 miles wide. It was strong,

with winds reaching 140 mph when it made landfall late Thursday, creating widespread storm surge. It carried heavy rains. And it was fast, speeding north at up to 24 mph offshore and 30 mph inland.

He compared the geographic scale of Helene’s destruction to 1972’s Hurricane Agnes, 1989’s Hurricane Hugo and 2004’s Hurricane Ivan.

“Systems that get very powerful, large and fast moving unfortunately do bring the potential for impact and damage well inland,” Brown said Saturday.

Here is a look at the many deadly tentacles of Helene.

FLORIDA

Helene’s devastation began Thursday, hours before it made landfall, as it swept through the Gulf of Mexico. Its then-120-mph winds created storm surge that pushed 6 to 15 feet of water into island and coastal neighborhoods all along Florida’s west coast.

Nine people who drowned were residents who stayed behind after their Tampa Bay area neighborhoods were ordered evacuated.

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri expressed his frustration — issuing evacuation orders isn’t a decision that’s made lightly, he said. Many who ignored officials then called for help as some sought refuge in their attics from the rising waters. Deputies tried to



Elsie Hicks looks at the destruction of the home she has lived in for 25 years, in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, in Horse-shoe Beach, Florida, Saturday.

help, using boats and high-profile vehicles, but they couldn’t reach many neighborhoods.

Late Thursday, Helene’s eye slammed into the northwest Florida coast in the Big Bend area, the spot where the Panhandle makes its westward jut from the peninsula — Hurricanes Idalia and Debby had previously hit the area within the last 13 months.

Susan Sauls Hartway had evacuated her seaside home — it was gone when she returned Friday.

“I knew it would be bad, but I had no idea it was going to be this bad,” Hartway said.

GEORGIA

After making landfall, Helene sped into Georgia. Among more than 20 dead were a 27-year-old mother and her 1-month old twins who died Friday when trees fell on their house in Thomson, just west of Augusta. An 89-year-old woman was killed when trees fell on her house nearby.

Rhonda Bell and her husband were spending a sleepless night in the downstairs bedroom of their century-old home just outside Valdosta, where Helene’s center passed shortly after midnight.

Atlanta was hit with 11 inches of rain, the heaviest 48-hour

downfall since the city began keeping records in 1878. Streets flooded, submerging cars. Firefighters rescued at least 20 people.

NORTH CAROLINA

Helene’s heavy rains in the state’s western mountains caused massive flooding and mudslides in the Asheville region, cutting off most communication and making the roads impassable.

Video posted online shows large portions of the city underwater.

More than 1,000 miles away in Texas, Jessica Drye Turner begged on Facebook on Friday for someone to rescue her family members stranded on their Asheville rooftop. But in a follow-up message Saturday, Turner said the roof had collapsed before help arrived and her parents, both in their 70s, and her 6-year-old nephew had drowned.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The storm was especially deadly in South Carolina. The biggest impact appears to be falling trees. The storm also produced tornadoes in the state.

In Saluda County, two firefighters were killed when a tree fell on their truck while they were answering a call. In Greenville County, four people were killed by falling trees. Four people were also killed in Aiken County by trees falling on homes.



A resident reacts as a wildfire approaches the village of Ano Loutro despite the attempts of hundreds of firefighters to stop it, some 81 miles west of Athens, Greece, in the region of Corinthia, late Sunday.

Wildfire in southern Greece kills 2 people

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Two people died overnight in a large wildfire burning through forestland in Greece near a seaside resort in the country’s south, authorities said Monday.

The fire service said about 350 firefighters, assisted by 18 water-dropping aircraft, were battling the blaze near Xylokastro in the Peloponnese region.

While the initial large front was put out, scattered flare-ups continued to burn, forcing evacuation orders for three villages on Monday. The blaze also led authorities to shut down a section of a major highway linking Athens to the western port city of Patras Monday night, with traffic diverted to an older, smaller road.

Earlier, half a dozen villages were ordered evacuated overnight as a precaution after the blaze broke out on Sunday. There was no threat to Xylokastro. The flames were fanned by very strong winds blowing through forests left tinder-dry by a warm spring and hot summer, attributed to climate change.

Civil protection officials warned that several parts of the country, including Rhodes and other south-

eastern Aegean Sea islands, would face a high risk of wildfires Tuesday.

Authorities said the two dead men were believed to be residents who were declared missing late Sunday. No one else was reported missing. There were no immediate reports of burned homes in the affected area, located some 93 miles southwest of Greece’s capital, Athens.

Firefighters assisted by five water-dropping aircraft were also battling a forest fire that broke out Monday farther south, near Xerokambi in the central Peloponnese.

Another wildfire near Andravida, in the western Peloponnese, was also brought under control on Monday, but firefighters remained on alert.

Greece, like other southern European countries, is plagued by destructive wildfires every summer that have been exacerbated by global warming. Over the past few months, authorities have had to cope with more than 4,500 wildfires in the countryside left parched by a protracted drought and early summer heatwaves, in what was considered the most dangerous fire season in two decades.



A wildfire approaches the village of Kallithea despite the attempts of hundreds of firefighters to stop it, some 93 miles southwest of Athens, Greece, late Sunday.

Near the Arctic, low fat, low ice spells serious trouble for bears

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

ON HUDSON BAY — Searching for polar bears where the Churchill River dumps into Canada’s massive Hudson Bay, biologist Geoff York scans a region that’s on a low fat, low ice diet because of climate change.

And it’s getting lower on polar bears.

There are now about 600 polar bears in the Western Hudson Bay, one of the most threatened of the 20 populations of the white beasts. That’s about half the number of 40 years ago, says York, senior director of research and policy at Polar Bears International. His latest study, with a team of scientists from various fields, shows that if the world doesn’t cut back more on emissions of heat-trapping gases “we could lose this population entirely by the end of the century,” he says.

More than polar bears are threatened in this changing gateway to the Arctic, where warmer waters melt sea ice earlier in the year and the open ocean lingers longer. For what grows, lives and especially eats in this region, it’s like a house’s foundation shifting. “The whole marine ecosystem is tied to the seasonality of that sea ice cover,” University of Manitoba sea ice scientist Julianne Stroeve said.

When the sea ice melts earlier it warms the overall water temperature and it changes algae that blooms, which changes the plankton that feed on the algae, which changes the fish, all the way up the food web to beluga whales, seals and polar bears, scientists say.

“What we’re seeing is a transformation of an Arctic ecosystem into more of a southern open ocean,” York says in August from the bobbing up-and-down edge of a 12-foot Zodiac boat. “We’re seeing a transformation from high-fat plankton that leads to things like beluga whales and polar bears to low-fat plankton that end up with the final part of the food chain being jellyfish.”

Here, fat is good.

“To live in the Arctic you need to be fat, or live on fat, or both,” said Kristin Laidre, a University of Washington marine mammal scientist who specializes in Arctic species.

The polar bear — the symbol of both climate change and an area warming four times faster than the rest of the world — is the king of fat. When mother polar bears nurse their young — as an Associated Press team witnessed on rocks outside of Churchill, Manitoba, the self-proclaimed polar bear capital of the world — what comes out in the milk is 30% fat, York says.

“If you think of the heaviest of



A polar bear walks along rocks, Aug. 6, near Churchill, Manitoba.

heavy whipping cream, it would be just like drinking that,” York says. “This why you can have cubs that are born the size of my fist in January emerge in March at 20 to 25 pounds.”

Fewer of these cubs are being born or survive the first year because their mothers aren’t fat enough or strong enough to even get pregnant, York says.

Polar bears feed like crazy in the ice-covered spring. They use the sea ice platforms as bases to hunt their favorite prey, high-fat seals, especially baby seals.

In the Hudson Bay, unlike other areas where polar bears live, sea ice naturally disappears in the summer. So the polar bears lose their food supply. This has always happened, but now it’s happening earlier in the year and the ice free area is lasting longer, say York and Stroeve.

So most polar bears go hungry. Recent studies have shown that even hunting on land — caribou, birds, human trash — takes so much energy that bears that do it don’t really gain any more calories than those that just sit and starve.

“Here on Hudson’s Bay, we know from the long term research that the bears today are spending up to a month longer on shore than their parents or grandparents did. That’s 30 days longer without access to food, and that’s on average,” York says.

Some years the bears get near the starvation threshold of 180 days. Polar bears can fast for less than that and do well, mostly because they are so good at gathering and storing fat for these lean periods, York says. During that lean time period, researchers monitoring bears found that 19 out of 20 of them lost 47 pounds in just three weeks, about 7% of their body weight.

Sea ice in the Arctic has shrunk by about 13% per decade — falling in large steps and plateaus — since 1979, according to the Na-

tional Snow and Ice Data Center. While Arctic sea ice hit its fourth lowest extent on record for late August, in Western Hudson Bay unusual winds have meant longer lasting ice than usual, but it’s a temporary and very localized respite.

A peer-reviewed study this year from Stroeve and York looked at sea ice levels, that 180-day hunger threshold and climate simulations based on different levels of carbon pollution. The researchers found that once Earth warms another 2.3 to 2.5 degrees Fahrenheit from now, the polar bears likely will cross that point of no return. Bears will be too hungry and this population likely dies out.

Studies, including those by the United Nations, that look at current efforts to curb carbon dioxide emissions project warming of about 2.7 to 3.1 degrees Fahrenheit from now by the end of the century.

“The populations will definitely not make it,” Stroeve said.

There’s about 4,500 polar bears in the three Hudson Bay populations and 55,000 beluga whales. Together, that’s more than 141 million pounds of fat large mammals. That seems huge, but those white beasts are losing a battle to an even larger weight: the amount of heat-trapping carbon dioxide the world spews into the air. It’s 154 million pounds every minute.

It’s not just polar bears.

University of Washington’s Laidre said some scientists think the smallest water zooplankton called copepods are the most important animals in the Arctic. They’re fat heavy and the staple of bowhead whales.

But copepods live on the smaller plant plankton that’s changing. The timing of when copepods can prosper is changing and new species are moving in, “and they are not as lipid rich,” Laidre said.

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