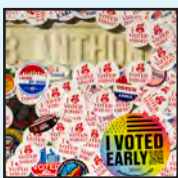
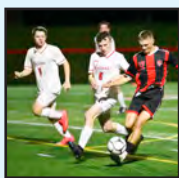


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Voters have approved an amendment to the New York State Constitution.



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Tully boys soccer won its first sectional championship since 2011 on Tuesday night.



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Cortland issues burn ban following fire in Tompkins

From Staff Reports

Kevin Fitch, the chair of the Cortland County Legislature, declared a state of emergency Wednesday and issued a burn ban until Dec. 1. The ban, similar to one issued earlier this week by Tompkins County, forbids:

Burning trash or other solid waste.
Burning leaves or leaf piles.

Burning downed limbs or branches.

Burning grass, brush or forest-covered land.

The greater Cortland area received about 1.35 inches of precipitation in October, the National Weather Service reports. That's down from a typical 3.76 inches. It has seen about 0.01 inches so far in November.

"Given the current weather patterns and exceptionally dry conditions, we must take immediate action to protect public safety and prevent any risk of uncontrolled fires or wildfires," Fitch (R-Homer, Preble, Scott) said in a release. "This burn ban is a necessary measure to ensure the safety of our community and to protect our natural resources, property,

and public infrastructure from potential fire hazards."

Tompkins County's declaration followed a brush fire Friday that brought a number of Tompkins County fire departments to Lansing, as well as departments from Cortlandville, Homer, Virgil, Locke and even Genoa. The fire, reported about 7:30 p.m., closed Route 13 near Stewart Park in

Ithaca, including an area of Cayuga Heights Road, Tompkins County officials said.

Homes were not damaged and no evacuations were ordered, but winds and dry conditions fanned what started as separate fires. One firefighter was taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries; two other emergency personnel were treated at the scene.

City introduces \$37.7M budget proposal for '25

Cortland 2025 budget proposal

	2025*	2024	Change
Total Spending	\$37,693,749	\$35,327,762	6.7%
General Fund	\$29,708,911	\$27,593,567	7.7%
Water Fund	\$2,775,638	\$2,323,374	19.5%
Sewer Fund	\$5,209,200	\$4,410,821	18.1%
Property Tax Levy	\$10,412,854	\$9,964,454	4.5%

*Proposed

By TODD R. McADAM
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A public hearing Nov. 19 will give Cortland residents an opportunity to comment on a \$37.7 million proposed spending plan for 2025 that increases spending 6.7% and the property tax levy 4.5%.

Cortland's Common Council voted Tuesday, 6-0, to accept the budget proposal and set the hearing for 6 p.m. at city hall, 25 Court St. Alderpersons Bill Carpenter (D-6th Ward) and Troy Beckwith (D-7th Ward) were absent.

The general fund increases 7.7% to \$29.7 million, and comes after Alderperson Tom Michales (R-8th Ward) suggested cutting the purchase of a pair of vehicles for the police department, one for the road patrol and one for detectives. "I'm thinking of cutting one each out of the budget, which would save us about \$100,000."

Or it might not, Mayor Scott Steve said. "We're driving them into the ground," Steve said. The repair costs could exceed the purchase costs.

One of the vehicles would be for the canine patrol, which would require about \$18,000 to install cages and other equipment. "Couldn't we repurpose it and put it in a new vehicle," asked Alderperson Seth Thompson (D-5th Ward).

The department does, said

acting chief David Guerrero, when it fits. Vehicles, even the same model, change dimensions every few years and what fit in an older vehicle might not fit in a new one.

And keeping to a regular routine of replacing aging vehicles both reduces maintenance costs and avoids the city having to buy many vehicles at once, Steve said. "Staying on task makes sense, rather than falling behind," he said.

Spending the water and sewer funds both increased much more — 18.1% in the sewer fund to \$5.2 million and 19.5% in the water fund to \$2.8 million. Healthcare costs and debt service are behind the rise, said Elizabeth Greenwood, the city's director of administration and finance.

"Healthcare went up 15%," she said. "The state retirement costs went up a lot, too."

The increases are per employee, and have a larger effect on the smaller funds, she said. The water and sewer funds come largely from fees, rather than the property tax.

The property tax rate, like the levy, would rise about 4.5%, Greenwood said.

The rate was \$18.54 per \$1,000 assessed property value. A 4.5% increase would bring that to about \$19.37 per \$1,000.



AP Photo/Evan Vucci

President-elect Donald Trump, Melania Trump and Barron Trump, arrive to speak at an election night watch party, Wednesday, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Trump wins 2nd term

Comeback rooted in appeals to frustrated voters

By ZEKE MILLER,
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WILL WEISSERT
and JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump was elected the 47th president of the United States on Wednesday, an extraordinary comeback for a former president who refused to accept defeat four years ago, sparked a violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, was convicted of felony charges and survived two assassination attempts.

With a win in Wisconsin, Trump cleared the 270 electoral votes needed to clinch the presidency. He won Michigan on Wednesday afternoon, sweeping the "blue wall" along with Pennsylvania — the one-time Democrat-leaning, swing states that all went for Trump in 2016 before flipping to President Joe Biden in 2020.

His Democratic rival, Vice

President Kamala Harris, called Trump on Wednesday afternoon to concede the race and congratulate him. A short time later, Biden also called Trump to congratulate him and to invite the president-elect to the White House, formally kicking off the transition ahead of Inauguration Day, the White House said. Biden also called Harris.

Foreign leaders called Trump too, including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and French President Emmanuel Macron.

The victory validates Trump's bare-knuckles approach to politics. He had attacked Harris in deeply personal — often misogynistic and racist — terms as he pushed an apocalyptic picture of a country overrun by violent migrants. The coarse rhetoric, paired with an image of hypermasculinity, resonated with angry voters — particularly men — in a deeply polarized nation.

"I want to thank the American people for the extraordinary honor of being elected your 47th president and your 45th president," Trump told throngs of cheering supporters in Florida even before his victory was confirmed.

In state after state, Trump outperformed what he did in the 2020 election while Harris failed to do as well as Joe Biden did in winning the presidency four years ago. Upon taking office again, Trump will work with a Senate that will now be in Republican hands, while control of the House hadn't been determined.

"We've been through so much together, and today you showed up in record numbers to deliver a victory," Trump said. "This was something special and we're going to pay you back," he said.

The U.S. stock market, Elon Musk's Tesla, banks and bitcoin all stormed higher Wednesday,

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DA Perfetti wins a 3rd term over McGrath

By DOUG SCHNEIDER
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Republican Patrick Perfetti was re-elected Cortland County District Attorney Tuesday, outpolling Democratic challenger Elizabeth McGrath by 2,243 votes to win a third four-year term.

Perfetti, of Cortland, also had the Conservative Party endorsement. McGrath, a Homer resident, was chief assistant district attorney under Perfetti before resigning in December 2020 after winning a \$100,000 settlement from the county over anti-woman statements Perfetti had made. She also had the

Working Families Party endorsement. Perfetti won 11,411-to-9,198. Results are complete but unofficial.



McGrath

Perfetti was first elected in 2016 in his first bid for office, outpolling then-DA Mark Suben by fewer than 200 votes.

The Perfetti-McGrath campaign became about experience: McGrath was critical of how Perfetti led the DA's office, saying he had allowed too many positions to remain unfilled, and, lately, had been slow to fill vacancies on his staff. Perfetti had defended his record, saying he continues to win felony convictions at a rate

higher than the state average.

"I am honored and humbled to have again earned your trust to serve in this position," Perfetti said in a statement issued late Tuesday. He cited the "resounding margin" by which he recorded his win.

Said McGrath, "I'm glad I ran, and I hope I shed some light on the problems in the DA's office." She said she will continue to serve on the Homer Village Board, and has not ruled out a run for the DA's office in 2028.

In another election at the county level, Cortland County Legislator Kris Valentine

Behnke narrowly lost her bid to continue the term to which she was appointed. Behnke, a Cortland Democrat, narrowly fell to Republican Jason R. Prentice.

Prentice wins a three-year term, representing District 5, 485-452. The seat is primarily the southeast corner of the city, plus a small amount of Cortlandville.

Behnke was appointed in July to fill the rest of the term of Susan Wilson, who had resigned for job reasons.

In races to represent wider areas:

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Judge Arthur Engoron, right, and principal law clerk Allison Greenfield sit on the bench during Donald Trump’s civil business fraud trial in New York, Oct. 17, 2023.

Law clerk disparaged by Trump is elected as Manhattan judge

By MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Allison Greenfield, the law clerk whom Donald Trump assailed with falsehoods during his civil fraud trial last year, has been elected as a New York City judge.

Greenfield, 38, was one of six candidates for six seats on Manhattan’s civil court, which handles small claims and other lesser-stakes lawsuits. A local Democratic committee unanimously endorsed her candidacy in February, avoiding a primary and clearing the way for her to run unopposed in Tuesday’s general election.

As a principal law clerk to Judge Arthur Engoron, Greenfield was a frequent target of Trump and his lawyers during the former president’s civil fraud trial.

Trump made a disparaging

social media post about Greenfield on the trial’s second day, leading Engoron to impose a limited gag order barring participants in the case from smearing court staff.

Engoron fined Trump \$15,000 for twice violating the order and subsequently expanded it to include Trump’s lawyers after they complained in court about Greenfield passing notes to Engoron.

They accused Engoron of letting Greenfield act as “a de facto co-judge,” and questioned whether her political leanings were influencing what they perceived as a “demonstrable” anti-Trump bias.

Trump lawyer Christopher Kise said he felt like he was “fighting two adversaries.” Engoron responded that he had “an absolutely unfettered right” to Greenfield’s advice.

Influencer banned from NYC Marathon

By PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A social media influencer from Texas was disqualified from last weekend’s New York City Marathon and banned from future competitions after he ran the race with a camera crew on e-bikes in tow.

New York Road Runners, which organizes the venerable race, said in a statement Tuesday that Matthew Choi violated the group’s code of conduct and competition rules, not to mention those of World Athletics, running’s international governing body.

“One of the incidents brought to NYRR’s attention was that Choi ran with the assistance of two unauthorized people riding the course on electric bicycles, obstructing runners,” the group said.

Choi, 29, finished the 26.2-mile course with a time of 2:57:15, or about 50 minutes behind Abdi Nageeye, the winner of the men’s race.

The former football player for Monmouth University in New Jersey posted several videos of him running the marathon on his social media accounts that immediately drew scorn.

“As a runner, seeing him was amazing. Gave me extra motivation to pass him and make sure I never had to see him and his dumb crew for the rest of the race,” wrote one user on Reddit.

Choi, of Austin, Texas, didn’t immediately respond to an email seeking comment Tuesday. He was apologetic on his Instagram account, where he posts videos about running and fitness to his more than 400,000 followers.

Choi acknowledged that the filming endangered other competitors, prevented some from possibly reaching personal best race times, and even blocked some from getting a drink at designated water stations. More than 55,000 runners completed the race, which wound through all five of New York City’s boroughs.

“I have no excuses, full-stop,” Choi said on camera in the Tuesday post. “I was selfish on Sunday to have my brother and my videographer follow me around on e-bikes, and it had serious consequences.”

“With the New York City Marathon being about everyone else and the community, I made it about myself,” he continued. “And for anyone I impacted, I’m sorry. To be clear, this was 100% on me.”

New York Road Runners said Choi has the right to appeal, but the influencer said he is resigned to his fate.

“I made my bed, so I’m gonna lay in it,” Choi said, acknowledging he’s been criticized before for using e-bike film crews to shoot content during major competitions. “It won’t happen again. My word is my bond.”

Police/fire

Police: man found with gun after crash

Accused: Michael D. Seamon, 44, of Tully

Charges: Second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, first-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, felonies; driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor

Details: Seamon was involved in a one-vehicle crash about 12:24 p.m. Oct. 15 on Interstate 81 northbound in Homer. State police said Seamon failed to negotiate a curve and struck a guiderail. Troopers also said they smelled alcohol on Seamon’s breath and noticed signs of impairment. As police arrested him, they said they found a loaded handgun in the vehicle and that Seamon’s license had been revoked.

Legal Actions: Seamon was taken to the Cortland County Jail for central arraignment and a later appearance in Homer Town Court.

City man charged with DWI

Accused: Bradley Burton, 68, of Cortland

Charges: Driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor

Details: State police stopped Burton’s vehicle about 4:18 p.m. Oct. 19 on Route 281 in Cortland after noticing it failed to maintain its lane. Police noticed signs of impairment and Burton failed a field sobriety test. A later test showed a blood-alcohol content of 0.08%.

Legal Actions: Burton was ticketed to appear Nov. 18 in Cortland City Court.

City man charged after crash

Accused: Jacob M. Oliver, 24, of Cortland

Charges: Aggravated driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor

Details: Oliver was involved in a one-vehicle crash about 3:37 a.m. Oct. 22 on Carr Hill Road in Cortlandville, state police said. Someone had helped Oliver remove the vehicle from a ditch, but troopers said they found Oliver impaired and a later test showed a blood-alcohol content of 0.21%.

Legal Actions: Oliver was ticketed to appear Nov. 18 in Cortlandville Town Court.

Teen charged with DWI with girl in vehicle

Accused: Jacob A. Kaulfers, 19, of Eaton

Charges: Aggravated driving while intoxicated, a felony

Details: Kaulfers was involved in a one-vehicle crash about 9:50 p.m. Oct. 25 on Lincklaen Road in Cuyler, state police said. Kaulfers, who was eastbound, swerved, then struck an embankment and a fence. Troopers noticed alcohol on Kaulfers breath and he failed a field sobriety test. A later test showed a blood-alcohol content of 0.25%. The charge was a felony because a 15-year-old girl was a passenger in the vehicle.

Legal Actions: Kaulfers was ticketed to appear Monday in Cuyler Town Court.

Nedrow man charged with DWI

Accused: Glen J. White, 40, of Nedrow

Charges: Driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor

Details: State police stopped White’s vehicle about 6:22 a.m. Oct. 27 on Interstate 81 southbound in Cortlandville, following complaints of an erratic vehicle on I-81 in Preble. Police said they noticed signs of impairment and White failed a field sobriety test.

Legal Actions: White was taken to Cortland County Jail for central arraignment and a later appearance in Cortlandville Town Court.

Man charged with DWI in Lansing

Accused: Stephen M. Wolfolds, 38, of Ithaca

Charges: Driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor

Details: State police stopped Wolfolds’ vehicle about 1:02 a.m. on Triphammer Road in Lansing after noticing it cross the center line twice. Police noticed signs of impairment and a later test showed a blood-alcohol content of 0.1%.

Legal Actions: Wolfolds was ticketed to appear Dec. 3 in Lansing Town Court.

NY trooper suspended amid investigation

By PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York State Police suspended a trooper without pay Monday after launching an investigation into his account of being shot and wounded while attempting to help a motorist on a Long Island highway last week.

Officers executed a search warrant at Trooper Thomas Mascia’s residence in West Hempstead earlier Monday as they probed the circumstances of the shooting he reported Oct. 30, which had prompted a manhunt for the purported gunman.

State police canceled an alert issued for a black Dodge Charger with a temporary New Jersey registration that the trooper said was involved in the shooting.

Department spokesperson Beau Duffy declined to comment further on the suspension.

“We can’t get into specifics while the investigation is ongoing,” he wrote in an email.

Nassau County District Attorney Anne Donnelly said her office is assisting state police in investigating “certain inconsistencies” in the reporting of the shooting. A spokesperson for her office declined to elaborate, saying the investigation is ongoing.

Police on Monday closed off the West Hempstead road where Mascia lives, and officers were seen entering his home.

Neighbors told Newsday that investigators began knocking on doors to ask residents questions and seek doorbell camera footage Sunday.

Mascia, who was released from the hospital Friday, didn’t respond to phone messages seeking comment Monday.

Jeffrey Lichtman, a lawyer representing the trooper, said he’s still gathering facts about the case.

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Death Notices

BELL — Ralph J. Bell Sr., 86, formerly of Cortland and currently of Dryden, died Nov. 4, 2024. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later time. The Wright-Beard Funeral Home of Cortland is serving the family.

POTTS — Stephanie J. Potts, 69, of Cortland, died Nov. 5, 2024. The Wright-Beard Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Weather

Local

Rest of today: A slight chance of showers before 8 a.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 54. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. A low around 35. Calm wind.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 57.

Skies Today

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Sunset today	4:51 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:47 a.m.
Normal high temperature	50
Normal low temperature	34
Average temperature	42
First quarter moon	Nov. 9

Extended

Friday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 49.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.

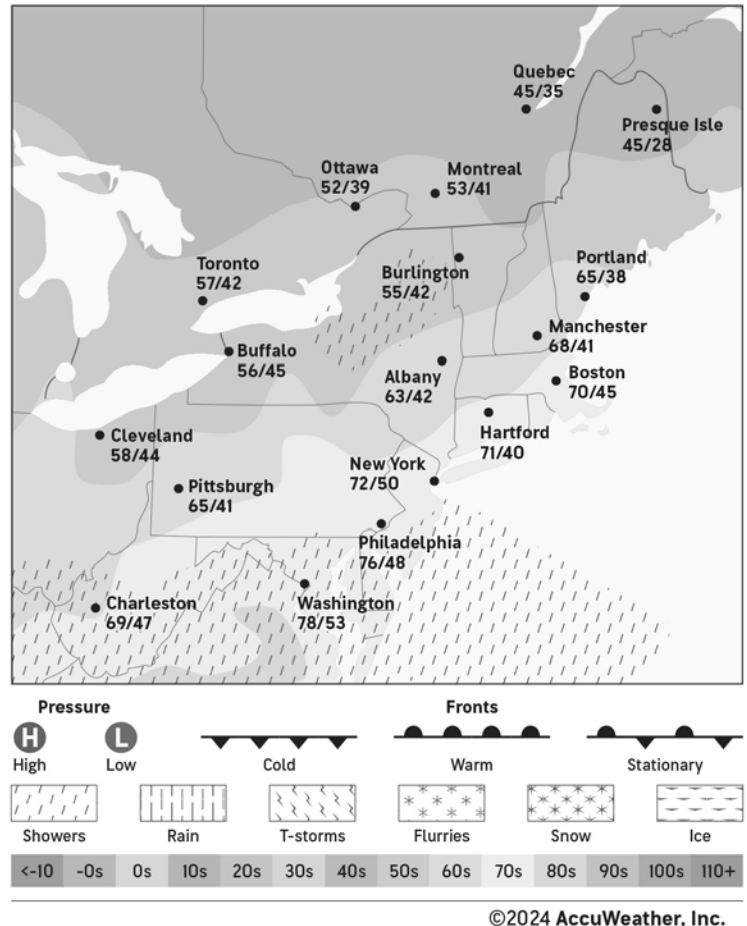
Sunday: Showers likely, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Sunday night: Showers. Low around 44. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Precipitation

Nov. 5-6	0.02 inches
Month to date	0.03 inches

Forecast for Thursday, November 7, 2024



Towns

Legion breakfast in Cortland

American Legion Post 489 on Tompkins Street in Cortland will have its monthly breakfast from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, the day before Veterans Day.

All veterans will eat, free.

Cortland school board plans meetings

The Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education will have these meetings in November at the Kaufman Center, 1 Valley View Drive:

Committee meetings — 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

School board meeting — 6 p.m. Nov. 26.

Homer school board meets Tuesday

The Homer Central School Board of Education will have a work session at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Homer Intermediate School library, followed by a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Lottery Winners

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

Numbers: Midday: 0-4-8, Evening: 3-1-5; **WinFour:** Midday: 4-3-8-3, Evening: 5-1-1-1; **Pick 10:** 3-7-9-13-23-27-29-30-31-34-36-46-49-54-56-65-66-69-78-80; **Take Five:** Midday: 30-34-37-38-39, Evening: 7-12-13-19-33; **Cash4Life:** 16-18-23-37-53, Cash Ball: 2, **Mega Millions:** 2-24-25-52-58, Mega Ball: 9, Megaplier: 2

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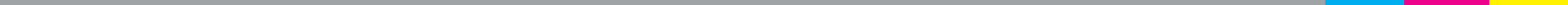
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Webb invokes King in noting election win

State Sen. Leah Webb invoked Martin Luther King Jr. Wednesday in acknowledging her re-election Tuesday, defeating Mike Sigler of Lansing.

“Let us be those creative dissenters who will call our beloved nation to a higher destiny, to a new plateau of compassion, to a more noble expression of humanness,” said Webb (D-Binghamton), citing King’s book, “Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?”

Webb defeated Sigler, 74,740-to-55,690 in complete but unofficial tallies, the state Board of Elections reports. In Cortland County, Sigler led, 10,980-9,396, but Webb outpolled him in Tompkins County, 30,891-to-11,820 and in Broome County, 34,453-to-32,890.

“Thank you to the tens of thousands of voters who cast their ballots for me in this election. It is an honor to have earned your support over the course

of this campaign,” Sigler said in a release. “Unfortunately, we came up short and did not win the election. But that’s OK. The sun will rise tomorrow and it’ll be a wonderful day with Sarah, Elena, Cora and Hazel.”

Webb noted Donald Trump’s election as president and Republicans winning control of the federal Senate in her statement:

“Thank you to everyone who was part of our People Powered Campaign. We could not have achieved this victory without your hard work and dedication,” she said. “Finally, I know that many of us are heartbroken this morning and deeply worried about the future of our nation and our democracy under a second Trump presidency. Today we grieve and take some time to rest, but tomorrow we will get back up and continue our work to make sure that everyone in our communities have what they need to survive and thrive.”

— Todd R. McAdam

Voters in New York approve change to state constitution

Supporters say it will protect trans and abortion rights

ALBANY (AP) — New York voters have approved an amendment to the state’s constitution barring discrimination based on things including “gender identity” and “pregnancy outcomes,” changes supporters say will further protect transgender and abortion rights.

Supporters and opponents disagreed sharply about the potential legal impact of the Equal Rights Amendment, also known as Proposition 1.

It was fiercely opposed by conservatives who said it would enshrine a legal right for transgender athletes to play on girls’ sports teams.

The amendment adds language to the state constitution saying someone cannot be denied civil rights because of their national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes or “reproductive healthcare and autonomy.”

Previously, the constitution forbid discrimination based on race, creed or religion.

Democratic leaders put the amendment on the ballot partly in hopes of boosting turnout among voters passionate about protecting abortion access, in an election year when U.S. House races in New York could help decide which party controls Congress.

But the approach Democrats took with the amendment’s language resulted in confusion — and one of the more unusual political fights of the year.

While other states with abortion-related questions on their ballots chose to address head-on when exactly ending a pregnancy should be legal, New York lawmakers took the indirect approach of writing their proposed amendment as an antidiscrimination measure.

The intent, they said, was to create a legal framework where any restrictions on abortion would amount to an unconstitutional form of discrimination in medical care.

The New York City Bar Association has agreed with that assessment,

as have some other legal experts.

“This vote is a rejection of a regressive national movement to roll-back our hard-won freedoms that has gained in other states. New Yorkers resoundingly said ‘hell no, not here’ to abortion bans and attacks on immigrants and trans people,” New York Civil Liberties Union Executive Director Donna Lieberman said in a statement after the amendment passed.

Still, the fact that the amendment itself does not use the word abortion caused headaches for its supporters. It also opened the door for opponents to claim its other antidiscrimination measures would lead to a raft of unintended consequences.

Opponents argued that the amendment’s protection of “gender expression” would create a constitutional right for transgender athletes to play on girls’ sports teams.

They argued that banning discrimination based on national origin could result in noncitizens being allowed to vote and that banning age discrimination might take away price discounts for senior citizens.

Municipal and county races

Here are unofficial results of municipal and county races on the Nov. 5 ballot

Key D-Democrat R-Republican WF-Working Families C-Conservative	CORTLAND COUNTY Family Court Judge (51 of 51 precincts) Beth O’Connor (R,C,Serving Cortland Families) — 15,027 District Attorney (51 of 51 precincts) Elizabeth McGrath (D,WF) — 9,198 Patrick A. Perfetti (R,C) — 11,441 Legislator- District 5- To Fill a Term (3 yr) Kris Valentine Behnke (D) — 442 Jason R. Prentice (R) — 485
	TOMPKINS COUNTY (63 of 63 precincts reporting) District Attorney Matthew Van Houten (D,WF) — 34,450 County Judge Maura Kennedy-Smith (D,WF) — 34,157
	CAYUGA COUNTY Family Court Judge Kristen L. Garland (D) — 13,667 Steven H. Buschman (R,C) — 20,652
	MUNICIPALITIES Cortland City Court Judge Lawrence J. Knickerbocker (D) — 4,425 Harford Councilperson – To Fill a Term (3 yr) Richard G. Tillotson (Party T) — 200

Cuyler Supt of Highways- To Fill a Term (1 yr) Eugene M. Schaffer Jr. (R) — 320 Cincinnatus Councilperson- To Fill a Term Nicholas Constantino (1 yr) (R) — 405 Robert D. Hemming (1 yr) (R) — 332 Freetown Councilperson- To Fill a Term Daniel Tillotson (1 yr) (R) — 243 William Contri (3 yr) (R) — 243 Taylor Town Justice No candidates Willet Town Clerk- To Fill a Term (1 yr) Anna M. Wilcox (R) — 361 Town Justice Andrew J. Bringuel II (R) — 340 Village of McGraw Trustee- To Fill a Term (1 yr) Christopher McLean (Highlands) — 133 Moravia Council, to fill a vacancy Patrick Joseph Ryan (R) — 906 Town Justice Jonathan Austin — 919 Sempronius Town Justice Michael D. Tracy (Tracy Party) — 213 Highway Superintendent, to fill a vacancy Jason Daniel Kemp (R) — 362	PROPOSITIONS City of Cortland, Proposition One, approved, 3,237-2,354 Village Of Homer, Proposition One, approved, 1,249-275
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AP Photo/Yuki Iwamura
Voters cast their ballots at the Bronx County Supreme Court in New York on Election Day, Tuesday.

Dems oust 2 House Republicans in NY

By ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE
Associated Press

ALBANY — Democrats in New York unseated two first-term Republican incumbents in the U.S. House on Tuesday, one in the Hudson Valley and the other in a district that includes Syracuse, rolling back some recent GOP gains in the state.

New Yorkers were expected to play an outsized role Tuesday in helping determine control of the U.S. House as Republicans clung to suburban seats they won two years ago by seizing on fears of crime, and Democrats tried to claw them back by warning that a right-wing Congress might ban abortion.

Democrat Josh Riley beat Rep. Marc Molinaro, a freshman incumbent in a district that stretches from the Massachusetts border to the Finger Lakes region.

Riley, a lawyer from Ithaca, campaigned on his support for abortion rights as well as calling for stronger border controls to counter Republican criticisms of federal immigration policy. Before he ran for office, Riley had once been a policy analyst at U.S. Department of Labor and previously served as general counsel to former U.S. Sen. Al Franken.

In central New York, Democratic state Sen. John Mannion defeated Republican Rep. Brandon Williams. Williams was considered one of the most vulnerable Republican incumbents this year because state Democratic leaders redrew his district to make it more favorable to their party.

Other closely watched congressional races that involved first-term Republicans unfolded on Long Island and in the Hudson River Valley.

The slew of competitive elections underscore the hidden political complexity of New York, which is associated with Democrats like House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries and U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez but has also given rise to Republican stars like U.S. Rep. Elise Stefanik, the chair of the House Republican Conference. Jeffries, Ocasio-Cortez and Stefanik all kept their seats Tuesday.

On Long Island, Republican U.S. Rep. Anthony D’Esposito was in a tough re-

match with Democrat Laura Gillen, a former town supervisor he defeated in 2022. The Associated Press had not declared a winner in the race as of early Wednesday morning, but Gillen claimed victory, saying in a statement that voters chose “common sense over chaos and corruption.”

Further out on Long Island, Republicans kept a House seat they’ve held for a decade, as U.S. Rep. Nick LaLota defeated Democrat John Avlon, a former host and political analyst for CNN.

Democrats maintained control of a critical seat in the Hudson Valley, with U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan fending off Republican challenger Alison Esposito. Even as he celebrated his victory, Ryan, an Army veteran, acknowledged in a speech to supporters that the early election returns had left many Democrats in the room on edge.

“I know everybody is anxious right now, I’m anxious right now,” he said, “but to a certain degree all you can control is what’s in your community.”

On both sides, the strategy has been to play to moderate suburban voters while casting opponents as extremists.

In 2022, Republicans in New York City’s suburbs thrived with campaigns that portrayed the nearby city as having become lawless during the pandemic. Crime rates have dropped significantly since then, but Republicans have kept pressing crime as an issue while also trying to capitalize on suburban unease about immigration policy and an influx of international migrants.

Democrats moved to mount a stronger defense to voters’ concerns about crime and immigration.

They also hammered Republicans on abortion — a tactic that didn’t produce anticipated wins for the party two years ago in a state where abortion rights are not generally seen as under threat.

Republican gains on Long Island were eroded last year when former U.S. Rep. George Santos was expelled from Congress after he was revealed to have fabricated his life story and defrauded campaign donors.

State and federal races

Here are unofficial results of state and federal races on the Nov. 5 ballot Key: D-Democrat — R-Republican — WF-Working Families — C-Conservative				
	FEDERAL (13,077 of 13,357 precincts)			
	N.Y.	Cortland	Tompkins	Cayuga
President/Vice President				
Kamala D. Harris/Tim Walz (D,WF)	4,328,017	9,842	32,181	15,278
Donald J. Trump/ JD Vance (R,C)	3,426,964	11,230	10,934	19,959
US Senator				
Kirsten E. Gillibrand (D,WF)	4,421,396	10,020	32,089	15,843
Michael D. Saproicone (R,C)	3,113,688	10,527	10,363	18,508
Diane Sare (LaRouche)	35,814	116	264	144
Representative in Congress - 19th District (655 of 656 precincts)				
Josh Riley (D,WF)	180,528	1,759	31,958	xxx
Marcus Molinaro (R,C)	176,850	3,330	11,043	xxx
Representative in Congress – 22nd District (685 of 685 precincts)				
John W. Mannion (D,WF)	183,473	7,826	xxx	10,912
Brandon M. Williams (R,C)	155,496	7,710	xxx	12,207
	STATE			
State Senator – 52nd District (218 of 219 precincts)				
Lea Webb (D, WF)	74,740	9,396	30,891	xxx
Michael J. Sigler (R, Local607)	55,690	10,980	11,820	xxx
State Senator — 48th District (286 of 286 precincts)				
Rachel May (D)	74,353	xxx	xxx	15,318
Caleb C. Slater (R)	53,891	xxx	xxx	18,187
Member of Assembly – 125th District (98 of 98 precincts)				
Anna Kelles (D,WF)	41,959	7,813	34,146	xxx
Member of Assembly – 131st District (116 of 116 precincts)				
Jeff Gallahan (R,C)	47,958	6,377	xxx	7,900
7th Judicial District (Cayuga County) vote for 2 (1,009 of 1,009 precincts)				
Erin Skinner (D,WF,Judicial Integrity)	267,766	xxx	xxx	13,800
John Bringewatt (D,WF)	247,061	xxx	xxx	12,639
Stacey Romeo (R,C)	300,757	xxx	xxx	19,797
Ed White (R,C)	265,727	xxx	xxx	18,445
	PROPOSITIONS			
Proposition One (13,077 of 13,357 precincts)				
Yes	4,478,058	10,530	31,540	16,937
No	2,763,919	9,667	9,888	17,516
Adds anti-discrimination provisions to State Constitution. Covers ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity and pregnancy. Also covers reproductive healthcare and autonomy.				

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as investors looked favorably on a smooth election and Trump returning to the White House. In his second term, Trump has vowed to pursue an agenda centered on dramatically reshaping the federal government and pursuing retribution against his perceived enemies.

The results cap a historically tumultuous and competitive election season that included two assassination attempts targeting Trump and a shift to a new Democratic nominee just a month before the party’s convention. Trump will inherit a range of challenges when he assumes office on Jan. 20, including heightened political polarization and global crises that are testing America’s influence abroad.

His win against Harris, the first woman of color to lead a major party ticket, marks the second time he has defeated a female rival in a general election. Harris, the current vice president, rose to the top of the ticket after Biden exited the race amid alarm about his advanced age. Despite an initial surge of energy around her campaign, she struggled during a compressed timeline to convince disillusioned voters that she represented a break from an unpopular administration.

The vice president, who has not appeared publicly since the race was called, was set to speak Wednesday afternoon at Howard University, where her supporters gathered Tuesday night for a watch party while the results were still in doubt.

Trump is the first former president to return to power since Grover Cleveland regained the White House in the 1892 election. He is the first person convicted of a felony to be elected president and, at 78, is the oldest person elected to the office. His vice president, 40-year-old Ohio Sen. JD Vance, will become the highest-ranking member of the millennial generation in the U.S. government.

There will be far fewer checks on Trump when he returns to the White House. He has plans to swiftly enact a sweeping agenda that would transform nearly every aspect of American government. His GOP critics in Congress have largely been defeated or retired. Federal courts are now filled with judges he appointed. The U.S. Supreme Court, which includes three Trump-appointed justices, issued a ruling this year affording presidents broad immunity from prosecution.

Trump’s language and behavior during the campaign sparked growing warnings from Democrats and some Republicans about shocks to democracy that his return to power would bring. He repeatedly praised strongman leaders, warned that he would deploy the military to target political opponents he labeled the “enemy from within,” threatened to take action against news organizations for unfavorable coverage and suggested suspending the Constitution.

Some who served in his White House, including Vice President Mike Pence and John Kelly, Trump’s longest-serving chief of staff, either declined to endorse him or issued dire public warnings about his return.

While Harris focused much of her initial message around themes of joy, Trump channeled a powerful sense of anger and resentment among voters.

He seized on frustrations over high prices and fears about crime and migrants who illegally entered the country on Biden’s watch. He also highlighted wars in the Middle East and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine to cast Democrats as presiding over — and encouraging — a world in chaos.

It was a formula Trump perfected in 2016, when he cast himself as the only person who could fix the country’s problems, often borrowing language from dictators.

“In 2016, I declared I am your voice. Today I add: I am your warrior. I am your justice. And for those who have been wronged and betrayed, I am your retribution,” he said in March 2023.

This campaign often veered into the absurd, with Trump amplifying bizarre and disproven rumors that migrants were stealing and eating pet cats and dogs in an Ohio town.

One defining moment came in July when a gunman opened fire at a Trump rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. A bullet grazed Trump’s ear and killed a supporter. His face streaked with blood, Trump stood and raised his fist in the air, shouting “Fight! Fight! Fight!”

Weeks later, a second assassination attempt was thwarted after a Secret Service agent spotted the barrel of a gun poking through the greenery while Trump was playing golf.

Don’t count on a recount to change the winner in close elections. It’s rare

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the American electorate so evenly divided, there will be elections in November close enough that officials will have to recount the votes. Just don’t expect those recounts to change the winner. They rarely do, even when the margins are tiny.

“The (original) count is pretty accurate because the machines work — they work very well,” said Tammy Patrick, a former election official in Arizona who is now with the National Association of Election Officials. “We have recounts and we have audits to make sure we got it right.”

There have been 36 recounts in statewide general elections since America’s most famous recount in 2000. That year, Republican George W. Bush maintained his lead over Democrat Al Gore in Florida — and won the presidency — after a recount was stopped by the Supreme Court.

Since then, only three of those statewide recounts resulted in a new winner, and all three were decided by hundreds of votes, not thousands.

That’s according to an Associated Press review of statewide recounts using data from the AP vote count, state election offices and research by FairVote, a nonpartisan organization that researches elections and advocates for changes in the way elections are conducted.

Most states allow recounts when the margin between the top candidates falls within a specific margin, such as 0.5 percentage points, even when that means the number of votes separating them is actually in the thousands or even tens of thousands. But there is no precedent for a recount changing the winner in a race with margins that big, at least not since Congress made sweeping changes to U.S.



AP Photo/Chris O'Meara, File
Democratic party observer Rachel May Zysk, right, looks on as volunteers check under and over votes during an elections manual recount for three undecided races Nov. 16, 2018, in Tampa, Florida.

election law in 2002.

The most recent statewide race overturned by a recount was in 2008 in Minnesota. Republican Sen. Norm Coleman led Democrat Al Franken by 215 votes in the initial count, out of more than 2.9 million ballots cast. After a hand recount, Franken won by 225 votes, a shift of 0.02 percentage points, or two one-hundredths of a percentage point.

Among the 36 statewide recounts since 2000, the average change in the winning margin, whether it grew or shrank, was 0.03 percentage points. The biggest shift was 0.11 percentage points in a relatively low turnout race for Vermont auditor in 2006.

In that race, incumbent Republican Randy Brock led Democrat Thomas Salmon by 137 votes after the initial count. A recount flipped the race and Salmon won by 102 votes.

Recounts aren’t limited to general elections. They happen

in primaries, too.

Earlier this year, the Washington state primary for commissioner of public lands went to a recount after the initial tally had Democrat Dave Upthegrove leading Republican Sue Kuehl Pederson by 51 votes, out of more than 1.9 million votes counted, as they vied for second place.

After the recount, Upthegrove’s lead shrank by just two votes. In Washington’s primary system, the top two candidates advance to the general election, regardless of their political party.

There are even more recounts in downballot races that are sometimes decided by a handful of votes. But even in these lower turnout elections, recounts rarely change the winners.

“Recounts are shifting a very small number of votes,” said Deb Otis, director of research and policy at FairVote. “We’re going to see recounts in 2024 that are not going to

change the outcome.”

States have a wide variety of laws on when and how recounts are conducted. Many states have automatic recounts if the margin between the top two candidates is within a certain margin. The most common margin is 0.5 percentage points, but there is a lot of variation. Some states allow candidates to request recounts but require that they pay for them — unless the winner changes.

Alaska, Montana, South Dakota and Texas mandate recounts only if there is an exact tie, though candidates in those states can request a recount. South Carolina has automatic recounts if the margin between the top two candidates is 1% or less of the total votes cast in the race.

The AP may declare a winner in a race that is eligible for a recount if the AP determines the lead is too large for a recount or legal challenge to change the outcome.

Troubled by illegal border crossings, voters in Arizona approve state-level enforcement

By GABRIEL SANDOVAL
Associated Press/
Report for America

PHOENIX — Arizona voters have approved letting local police arrest migrants suspected of illegally entering the state from Mexico, an authority that would encroach on the federal government’s power over immigration enforcement but would not take effect immediately, if ever.

With the approval of Proposition 314, Arizona becomes the latest state to test the limits of what local authorities can do to curb illegal immigration. Within the past year, GOP lawmakers in Texas, Iowa and Oklahoma have passed immigration laws. In each case, federal courts have halted the states’ efforts to enforce them.

The only presidential battleground state that borders Mexico, Arizona is no stranger to a bitter divide on the politics of immigration. Since the early 2000s, frustration over federal enforcement of Arizona’s border with Mexico has inspired a movement to draw local police departments, which had traditionally left border duties to the federal government, into immigration enforcement.

The state Legislature approved an immigrant smuggling ban in 2005 that let then-Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio conduct immigration crack-downs, a 2007 prohibition on employers knowingly hiring people in the country illegally, and a landmark 2010 immigration law that required police,



AP Photo/Jae C. Hong, Pool, File
Border patrol agent Pete Bidegain looks from a hilltop on the U.S. side of the US-Mexico border in Nogales, Arizona, June 25.

while enforcing other laws, to question the legal status of people suspected of being in the country without authorization.

Arizona voters have been asked to decide matters related to immigration before. They approved a 2004 law denying some government benefits to people in the country illegally and a 2006 law declaring English to be Arizona’s official language. They also rejected a 2008 proposal that would have made business-friendly revisions to the state law barring employers from hiring people who are in the country without authorization.

Arizona GOP lawmakers say the proposal was necessary to

help secure the border, as they blamed the Biden administration for an unprecedented surge of illegal immigration. Record levels of illegal crossings have plummeted in recent months, following moves by the White House to tighten asylum restrictions.

Opponents of Proposition 314 argue it would harm Arizona’s economy and reputation, as well as lead to the racial profiling of Latinos. They cite the profiling Latinos endured when Arpaio led the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office. In 2013, a federal judge ruled Latinos had been racially profiled in Arpaio’s traffic patrols that targeted immigrants, leading to a court-ordered over-

haul of the agency that’s expected to cost taxpayers \$314 million in legal and compliance costs by mid-summer 2025.

Kelli Hykes, who works in health policy and volunteers for Greg Whitten, the Democratic nominee in the race for Arizona’s 8th Congressional District, said she thought carefully about how to vote on the immigration measure but declined to share her choice.

“It’s so polarizing, and there are folks in my family that are going to be voting one way and I’m voting another,” Hykes said.

Proposition 314 makes it a state crime for people to illegally enter Arizona from Mexico outside official ports of entry, permitting local and state law enforcement officers to arrest them and state judges to order their deportations. Those who enforce the law would be shielded from civil lawsuits.

These provisions, however, wouldn’t be enforceable immediately. A violator couldn’t be prosecuted until a similar law in Texas or another state has been in effect for 60 consecutive days.

The Arizona GOP lawmakers who voted to put the measure on the ballot were referring to Texas Senate Bill 4. The bill, signed into law by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott in December, was supposed to allow local and state law enforcement to arrest people accused of entering Texas illegally from Mexico.

A federal appeals court put it on hold in March.

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State Sen. Lea Webb (D-Binghamton) comfortably won re-election over Challenger Mike Sigler of Lansing, a Republican, Tompkins County legislator. Preliminary results showed that Webb won by more than 14 percentage points in the heavily Democratic district, winning 74,740-to-55,690.

In a Congressional campaign heavy on attack ads and allegations that the other candidate was lying, attorney Josh Riley, a Democrat from Ithaca, was leading incumbent Marc Molinaro (R-Catskill) by nearly 4,000 votes, 180,528-to-176,850. The race is a repeat of the 2022 matchup that Molinaro won. The district includes much of southern Cortland County.

In a Syracuse-area Congressional race, Democrat John Mannion of Geddes, a state senator, flipped the seat held by Rep. Brandon Williams (R-Sennett), leading the race by 54%-46%, Wednesday afternoon. The district includes Cortland and much of northwestern Cortland County.

Anna Kelles (D-Freeville) was re-elected to the 125th Dis-

trict Assembly seat that includes southwest Cortland County, pulling nearly 74% of the vote over a write-in candidate.

Similarly, Jeff Gallahan (R-Manchester) was re-elected in the 131st District Assembly seat, which includes much of the rest of Cortland County. He was uncontested and took 71% of the vote.

Rudy Giuliani ordered to appear in court after missing deadline to turn over assets

By DAVE COLLINS
Associated Press

A judge has ordered Rudy Giuliani to appear in a New York courtroom today to explain why he missed a deadline to surrender his belongings as part of a \$148 million defamation judgment.

U.S. District Judge Lewis Liman issued the order late Monday after lawyers for Ruby Freeman and her daughter, Wandrea “Shaye” Moss — two former Georgia election workers who were awarded the massive judgement — reported to the court that they went to Giuliani’s Manhattan apartment last week to see what assets were there, but that it had been cleared out.

Liman had set an Oct. 29 deadline for Giuliani to surrender many of his possessions to representatives for Freeman and Moss, but none of the items has been turned over yet, lawyers for the former election workers said Monday.

Those possessions include his \$5 million Upper East Side apartment, a 1980 Mercedes once owned by movie star Lauren Bacall, and a variety of other belongings — from his television to a shirt signed by New York Yankees legend Joe DiMaggio to 26 luxury watches.

On Tuesday, media reports showed Giuliani in the passenger seat of what appeared to be a 1980 Mercedes, with another man driving, at a polling place in Palm Beach, Florida, where Donald Trump cast his ballot as he tried to reclaim the presidency. It could not be immediately confirmed if it was the same car he was supposed to turn over. A Giuliani spokesperson did not immediately return a text message requesting comment.



Former Mayor of New York Rudy Giuliani leaves the federal courthouse in Washington, Dec. 15, 2023.

The judge originally scheduled a status conference by phone for today, but changed it to an in-person hearing and specifically ordered Giuliani to appear in person in response to the report by Freeman and Moss’ attorneys.

Ted Goodman, a spokesperson for Giuliani, said earlier Tuesday that Giuliani has made his possessions available to Freeman and Moss. He did not directly answer questions about why no assets have been turned over so far.

“Opposing counsel, acting either negligently or deliberately in a deceptive manner, are simply attempting to further bully and intimidate Mayor Giuliani until he is rendered penniless and homeless,” Goodman said in a statement. “This is just another

way that they’ve weaponized our once-sacred justice system. It should concern each and every American.”

Goodman added that Giuliani has put “a few items” in storage over the past year and “anything else removed was related to his two livestream programs that stream each and every weeknight across his social media platforms.”

Lawyers for Giuliani did not return email messages seeking comment Monday night or Tuesday morning.

On Tuesday afternoon, Liman rejected a request made earlier in the day by Giuliani’s lawyer, Kenneth Caruso, to either postpone the in-person hearing to next week or hold it by phone

today as originally planned. Caruso said in a court filing that Giuliani had a “contractual commitment” to perform a live radio broadcast on Thursday and Friday evenings.

“In order to keep this commitment, he needs to be in his condo in Palm Beach, where he has his broadcasting equipment,” Caruso wrote, referring to Giuliani’s property in Florida. “We note that broadcasts, such as those described above, currently provide Mr. Giuliani’s only source of earned income.”

Liman turned down the request, saying in a ruling posted on the court case docket that “no good cause has been provided.”

Giuliani, the former New York

City mayor and longtime ally of Trump, was found liable for defamation for falsely accusing Freeman and Moss of ballot fraud during the 2020 election. Giuliani accused them of sneaking in ballots in suitcases, counting ballots multiple times and tampering with voting machines, as he pushed Trump’s unsubstantiated election fraud allegations.

Freeman and Moss said the lies led to death threats against them that made them fear for their lives. A jury awarded them \$148 million last year, and they have been seeking to take possession of many of Giuliani’s assets in the court case in New York.

Aaron Nathan, an attorney for the former election workers, said in court documents that Giuliani and his lawyers have refused to answer basic questions about the location of most of the valuables subject to the court order.

“That silence is especially outrageous given the revelation that Defendant apparently took affirmative steps to move his property out of the New York Apartment in recent weeks, while a restraining notice was in effect and while a turnover motion was pending with respect to that property,” Nathan wrote.

On Thursday, lawyers for the women were given access to Giuliani’s New York apartment in order to assess, along with a moving company representative, the transportation and storage needs for the property meant to be turned over.

Nathan, in his letter, said the residence was already “substantially empty” when the group arrived and that they were told most of the contents of the apartment had been moved out about four weeks prior.

Trump snaps at reporter when asked about abortion

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Donald Trump is refusing to say how he voted on Florida’s abortion measure — and getting testy about it.

The former president was asked twice after casting his ballot in Palm Beach, Florida, on Tuesday about a question that the state’s voters are considering. If

approved, it would prevent state lawmakers from passing any law that penalizes, prohibits, delays or restricts abortion until fetal viability — which doctors say is sometime after 21 weeks.

If it’s rejected, the state’s restrictive six-week abortion law would stand. The first time he was asked, Trump avoided answer-

ing. He said instead of the issue that he did “a great job bringing it back to the states.” That was a reference to the former president having appointed three conservative justices to the U.S. Supreme Court who helped overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade decision in 2022.

Pressed a second time, Trump

snapped at a reporter, saying they “should just stop talking about that.”

Trump had previously indicated that he would back the measure — but then changed his mind and said he would vote against it.

In August, Trump said he thought Florida’s ban was a mistake, saying on Fox News Chan-

nel, “I think six weeks, you need more time.” But then he said, “at the same time, the Democrats are radical” while repeating false claims he has frequently made about late-term abortions.

Voters in eight other states decided whether their state constitutions should guarantee a right to abortion.

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Our Opinion

Time is now to plan for long-term care

Once upon a time, not so very long ago, long-term health care consisted of nursing homes: Either you were in one, or you weren’t.

Over the past 40 or 50 years, the approach to care has changed. In part, that’s because of a greater understanding on how to deliver care — and how much to deliver — and because of the efforts of organizations like the Cortland County Coalition for Long-Term Care, which recently marked its 40th anniversary.

Nursing home beds were so scarce 40 years ago that people who needed them were kept in hospitals until a place opened up, thereby depriving people who needed short-term care, said Wil-

liam Lane, a founding member of the coalition who, 40 years ago, had arrived in Cortland to become director of the SUNY Cortland gerontology program. The problem wasn’t the number of nursing home beds, he said, it was a lack of other forms of care, and perhaps awareness of what people actually needed.

The idea, we have since come to learn, is to provide enough support to keep a person going and assure a good quality of life, but only that much support. Sure, some people need around-the-clock support that only a nursing home can provide. But others might need less medical intervention. Some might need only a bit of support with chores around the house, or

transportation, or perhaps a home accessible to people who aren’t quite as capable as they were 20 or 40 years ago. Others can get by with a weekly or twice-weekly stop at a senior center for maybe a nutritious meal and some contact with people — both for the social aspects that create a good quality of life and the personal networks of friends checking on friends.

The idea, as the coalition has come to learn and to advocate, is to understand what a person needs and deliver just that. It’s both cheaper and leads to a better quality of life.

Beyond the work the coalition does, the time to plan for long-term care is before you need it. If you can get by on the help of

Meals on Wheels, senior centers and your friends, great. But you might need a bit more.

The American Association for Long-term Care Insurance reports that long-term care insurance that can provide \$165,000 when you need it typically costs about \$1,200 a year for a 60-year-old man and nearly \$2,000 for a woman of similar years. But that varies greatly by insurance provider, health and age. And it will increase as you age, Forbes magazine reported recently.

The cost of long-term care likewise, can get pretty steep. A private room in a nursing home? Figure \$145,000 a year around the greater Cortland area, reports the American Council on Aging.

A bedroom in an assisted-living facility can cost \$43,000 a year, according to the long-term care insurance association, but up to \$64,000, according to Genworth Financial. The prices drop as the level of care drops. A health aide or home aide might typically cost \$20 an hour, or a day at a day hab program might run \$68 or \$70. Insurance pays for some of that, but not necessarily all.

So as you and your loved ones age, consider your options and how to best achieve them. The cool part is that the cheapest, least-intrusive option that meets all a person’s need might just be the best option for quality of life, too. So with thought, you can have your happily ever after.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 7, the 312th day of 2024. There are 54 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Nov. 7, 1916, Jeannette Rankin of Montana won election to the U.S. House of Representatives, becoming the first woman elected to either chamber of Congress.

Also on this date:

In 1917, Russia’s Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

In 1940, Washington state’s original Tacoma Narrows Bridge, nicknamed “Galloping Gertie,” collapsed into Puget Sound during a windstorm just four months after opening to traffic.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Republican Thomas E. Dewey.

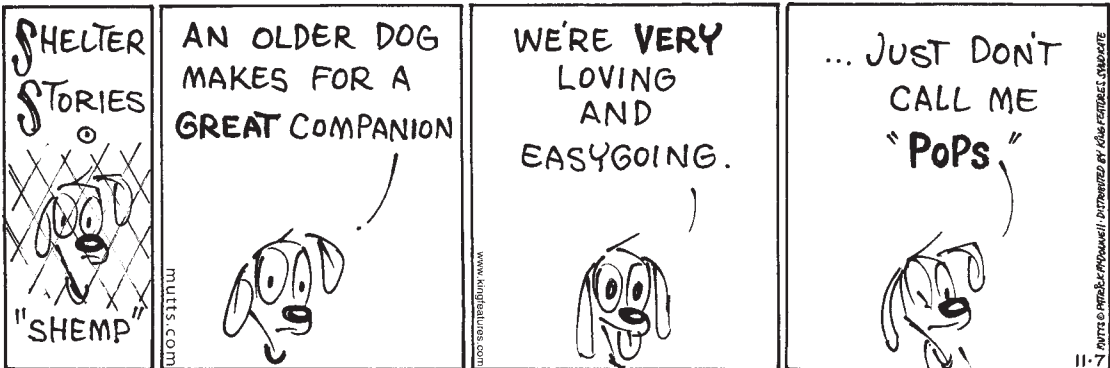
In 1972, President Richard Nixon was reelected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

In 1989, L. Douglas Wilder won the governor’s race in Virginia.

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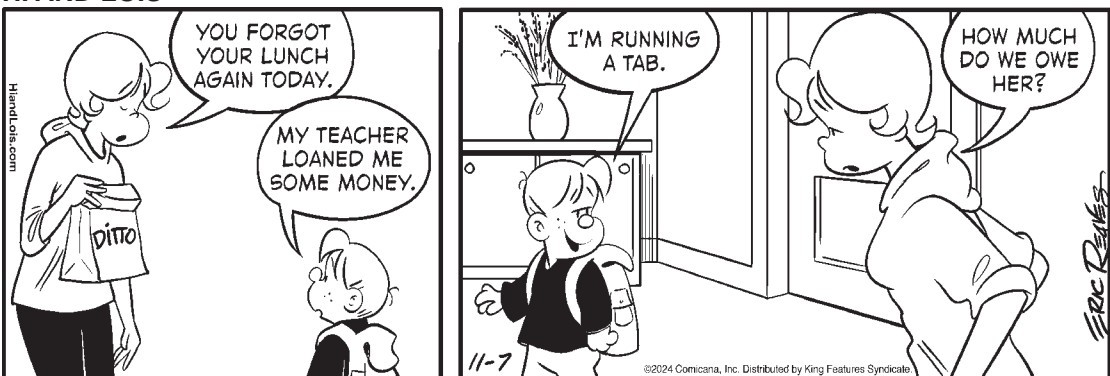
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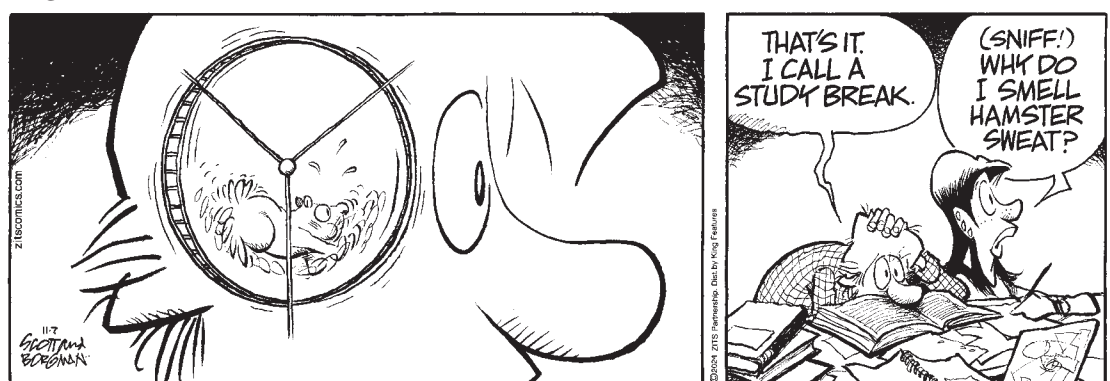
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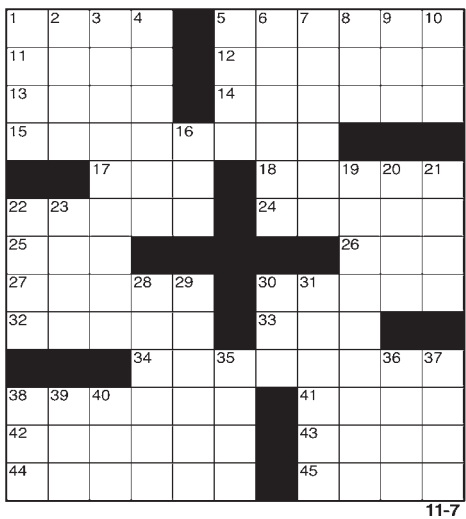
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ARABLE	FLEA
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Yesterday's answer

- 22 Cost of a hand
- 23 Brought forth
- 28 Late meal
- 29 Quick run
- 30 All the rage
- 31 New York lake
- 35 Puts away
- 36 Criticize harshly
- 37 Snaky fish
- 38 Purpose
- 39 Box office
- buys, informally
- 40 Bullring cry



Sudoku

SUDOKU

	2	4		6					
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Level: Intermediate

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!

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

ANSWER:

Cryptoquote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

11-7 CRYPTOQUOTE

Z M G D W N G D Z X M B I M J ' W
UDHYNTD XMBU MPJ ZWUDJOWL
BJWNY XMB QMGD EHQD WM
EHQD PNWL XMBU OUDHWDZW

PDHFJDZZ. — ZBZHJ OHYD
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: DIFFICULTIES ARE MEANT TO ROUSE, NOT DISCOURAGE. THE HUMAN SPIRIT IS TO GROW STRONG BY CONFLICT. — WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING

Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena

Friday, November 8, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Today might be the perfect time to showcase your ideas and display them for all to see. If you play your cards right, you could get a winning hand. Consider diffusing potential conflicts by highlighting the positive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Rome wasn't built in a day. You might not reap immediate benefits from your efforts, but you could gain traction all the same. Attending a group outing or adding some social contacts may be more profitable than staying at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Meddling in someone's future by playing matchmaker or trying to push them into a relationship would not be wise. Consider focusing on your own key relationships. It's possible that there is a misunderstanding to clear up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You might feel more popular than usual, so this might be a good chance to meet, greet and impress new contacts. If your social media account is blowing up have fun with it rather than trying to turn it into your next side project.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): While you might be on autopilot with important matters, you may truly come alive in social settings. Your charming ways could attract someone new who not only fulfills your fantasies but might prove to be loyal, committed, and honest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your popularity could hit an all-time high, especially if you attend group gatherings and participate in social activities. You may be in your element juggling social obligations, small disputes, or bringing friends together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't procrastinate; take steps to turn vivid dreams into reality. Your inspiring ideas could be wonderful, but they may only matter if you act on them.

Heartfelt conversations with loved ones may lead to unexpected surprises.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): As you let the good times roll you may meet someone who sparks your interest. You could easily mistake magnetic attraction for true love. Consider embracing your role as the leader and guide your group with confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you enjoy puzzles you may understand the frustration of walking away when one is not complete. A misunderstanding could briefly place you in an awkward position, but with a little time all may make sense and become clear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Being friendly and kind doesn't cost a penny. Consider widening your circle of social contacts in ways that don't come with a price tag. Your leisure time may be well spent with people who enjoy similar interests and hobbies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Only risk what you can afford to lose. You may want to

seek advice and counsel on potential investments and business strategies. You might get lucky and hit the mark doing solo, but you're taking an even bigger risk.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Steer clear of vampire relationships, when you provide so much sympathy and understanding that you end up feeling drained. It's wise to take the time to get to know new friends before giving them too much energy.

IF NOVEMBER 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may show off your leadership qualities as the next two to three weeks unfold. Opportunity could knock in late November or early December, so be sure to open the door and see what possibilities are waiting there. Whatever resonates with you could be easy to access, while whatever doesn't may seem less obtainable. You might obtain wise counsel from professionals and successfully start something of significance, like finding a new home or improving a key relationship.



Photo provided by Henry Law, It's a Wonderful Life Museum
From left: Monica Capra Hodges, Frank Capra's granddaughter, Karolyn Grimes, who played Zuzu Bailey, Carol Coombs, who played Janie Bailey, Jeanine Roose, the young Violet Bick, and Jimmy Hawkins, who played Tommy Bailey, attach bells to the bridge in Seneca Falls in honor of their loved ones. The It's a Wonderful Life Festival returns to Seneca Falls Dec. 13 to 15.

'Wonderful Life' festival comes to Seneca Falls

From Staff Reports
SENECA FALLS — The It's a Wonderful Life Festival will return to Seneca Falls Dec. 13 to 15 with more than 100 events.
Annual highlights include Friday night favorites Mrs. Martini's Pasta Dinner and It's a Wonderful Bonfire and Tree Lighting with Santa. On Saturday, enjoy the It's a Wonderful Parade featuring The Bedford Falls Mediocre Marching Band and Witchy Women of the Finger Lakes, as well as the It's a Wonderful Run 5K, which draws more than 5,000 runners to race through the streets of Seneca Falls. The festivities continue Sunday with Uncle Billy's Wonderful Scavenger Hunt and the

Wonderful Music Brass Ensemble.
"We're thrilled to introduce a new event this year called 'Lights, Camera, Action!'" said Haidee Oropallo, president of the It's a Wonderful Life Festival Committee. Festival goers will capture their activities related to memorable scenes from the movie and upload them to the festival website for the chance to win \$100. Karolyn Grimes, who played Zuzu Bailey; Jimmy Hawkins, who played Tommy Bailey; and Donald and Ronald Collins who played Young Pete Bailey, will be part of the festival. Additional guests and presenters will be Mary Owen, Donna Reed's

daughter; Monica Capra Hodges, Frank Capra's granddaughter; and John Kuri, son of Emile Kuri, set decorator for It's a Wonderful Life.
The weekend festivities kick-off Thursday evening with In the Mood — a 1940s Cabaret at the "Pottersville Palladium." Throughout the festival, visitors can enjoy screenings of the original black and white and the colorized editions of It's a Wonderful Life, enjoy a hot drink or light snack at Annie's Pitstop, and do a little holiday shopping at Sam Wainwright's Five & Dime crafts fair.
For details and tickets, go to www.therealbedfordfalls.com.

Hugh Grant plays monsters now, and the actor's happier than ever

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer
NEW YORK — After some difficulties connecting to a Zoom, Hugh Grant eventually opts to just phone instead.
"Sorry about that," he apologizes. "Tech hell."
Grant is no lover of technology. Smart phones, for example, he calls the "devil's tinderbox."
"I think they're killing us. I hate them," he says. "I go on long holidays from them, three or four days at a time. Marvelous."
Hell, and our proximity to it, is a not unrelated topic to Grant's new film, "Heretic." In it, two young Mormon missionaries (Chloe East, Sophie Thatcher) come knocking on a door they'll soon regret visiting. They're welcomed in by Mr. Reed (Grant), an initially charming man who tests their faith in theological debate, and then, in much worse things.
After decades in romantic comedies, Grant has spent the last few years playing narcissists, weirdos and murders, often to the greatest acclaim of his career. But in "Heretic," a horror thriller from A24, Grant's turn to the dark side reaches a new extreme. The actor who once charmingly stammered in "Four Weddings and a Funeral" and who danced to the Pointer Sisters in "Love Actually" is now doing heinous things to young people in a basement.
"It was a challenge," Grant says. "I think human beings need challenges. It makes your beer taste better in the evening if you've climbed a mountain."
"Heretic," which opens in theaters Friday, is directed by Scott Beck and Bryan Woods, co-writers of "A Quiet Place." In Grant's hands, Mr. Reed is a divinely good baddie — a scholarly creep whose wry monologues pull from a wide range of references, including, fittingly, Radiohead's "Creep."
In an interview, Grant spoke about his affinity for cinema and his criteria for picking roles.

AP: Do you have any theories on why horror has been so popular in recent years?
Grant: It's fascinating, isn't it?



Photo by Rebecca Cabage/Invision/AP
Hugh Grant poses for a portrait to promote the film "Heretic" on Oct. 27, in Los Angeles.

I don't know. Maybe these are the end of times, the end days, the apocalypse. We know it deep down but for some reason we won't confront it. I don't know, but it's wonderful that it sends people into the cinemas.
AP: Have you seen many horror films?
Grant: I can't. They're too frightening for me. I watched "The Exorcist" when I was too young and I've been in counseling ever since.
I watched one by mistake recently, which was "Midsommar." I thought it looked like a jolly, Swedish comedy. I put it on one evening for my Swedish wife who needed cheering up and she's still very, very traumatized.
AP: You've spoken before about your affinity for the big screen. Is the seeming decline of theatrical moviegoing a concern for you?
Grant: It is. Talk about the end of days. To me, one of the gloomiest signs or omens is the gradual closing of cinemas — and not just that, where I live in London, but the closing of bars. The bar where I met my wife, which was party night every

night of the week, is now largely closed. I think the fact that we're all staying in, staring at our devil's tinderboxes is deeply tragic, or watching things on streaming by ourselves with maybe one or two other family members. These things should be collective experiences.
AP: One element that you've said factors into your choice of roles is whether you believe the film will be entertaining. Do you find your gauge for that is still accurate?
Grant: My ability to gauge what's entertaining, I used to be very proud of it. In the old days, my old career, I used to say, "I'm not so proud of my acting but I'm proud of the fact that the films I've done, on the whole, have been entertaining and I've been good at choosing them." And then, suddenly overnight, I became very bad at choosing them. I don't know, I lost the zeitgeist, I suppose. That can happen. Now, I feel like I've found something again.
If the character amuses me and I think I'm going to enjoy being that person, then I tend to do the job. Sometimes, when actors are enjoying it, it works.

Notebook

Dinner with a side of homicide

You might actually have time for dinner during a dinner theater show Nov. 23 at the Center for the Arts of Homer. You just have to solve the murder.
The event, which starts at 6 p.m., features a locally sourced meal by chef Rebeca D. Caceres, live music with Hayley George, and an immersive play called "Cold Feet" by Intrigue Experiences. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
The show centers around the day of the Fall Harvest Celebration, and powerful families will have to bury the hatchet to get through the biggest festival of the season. But someone murders Uncle Clarence, and each family will seek the culprit.
Guests will be divided into teams and guided through the experience, with puzzles, evidence, suspects and maybe dessert.
Tickets are \$60, or \$420 for a table of eight, available at <https://tinyurl.com/cj2wce7a>.
'The Machine' rolls into Homer
The Machine will play an eve-

ning of acoustic Pink Floyd music Saturday at the Center for the Arts of Homer.
The New York-based quartet performs a diverse mix of The Floyd's extensive 16-album repertoire, including "The Piper at the Gates of Dawn" to "Dark Side of the Moon," and "The Wall" to "The Division Bell."
The band is also known for recreating entire albums as a part of their show, accepting requests from fans, and for taking an A - Z approach in which one song is played for every letter of the alphabet.
The band features founding member Tahrah Cohen on drums, Scott Chasolen on keys and vocals, Ryan Ball on guitar and vocals, and Chris DeAngelis on bass and lead vocals.
The Machine has sold out theaters, premier showcase rooms and casinos across North America, Europe and Asia, performed at Bonnaroo, Riverbend, and Gathering of the Vibes, and shared the stage with full symphony orchestras, including the Atlanta, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Jacksonville, Charlotte and San Diego Symphonies, as well as the Buffalo Philharmonic.
For tickets and details, go to <https://center4art.org/>.

Calendar

Here's a sampling of what's going on in the greater Cortland area.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

- Nov. 9:** Marathon Holiday Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Marathon Civic Center, Marathon.
- Nov. 11:** Veterans Day Watch Fire, 5 p.m., CNY Living History Center.
- Nov. 16:** Holiday Craft Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Christian Assembly of God, 175 Port Watson St., Cortland.
- Nov. 19:** Holiday Art with Eltimar Design, 6 to 8 p.m., Virgil Community Living Center, Virgil.
- Nov. 22-23:** Harmony United Methodist Church Christmas craft fair, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Dryden Fire Station.
- Nov. 23:** St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Mary's School, Cortland.
- Nov. 24:** PLR and Good Christmas Festival, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., McGraw Community Bldg.
- Nov. 28:** Thanksgiving Dinner, 11 a.m., Virgil Community Living Center, Virgil. Cost: \$14.95.
- Nov. 29-Dec. 1:** Holidays on the Farm, Daisy Hollow Farm, Daisy Hollow Road, Dryden.
- Nov. 29:** Black Friday Craft Extravaganza, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Virgil Community Living Center, Virgil.
- Dec. 5:** Cocktails with Santa, 7 to 9 p.m., Cortland Repertory Theatre, Cortland.
- Dec. 6-8:** Photos with Santa, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 7, 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 8, Cortland Repertory Theatre, Cortland.
- Dec. 7:** Holiday Workshop, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Southworth House, 14 North St., Dryden.
- Dec. 8:** Holly Tour of historic homes, 1 to 4 p.m., followed by reception at Southworth house, 14 North St., Dryden.
- Dec. 8:** Wreath-making Workshop, 1 to 3 p.m., Lime Hollow Nature Center, Cortlandville.
- Dec. 10:** Cherish the Ladies — Celtic Christmas, 8 p.m., Center for the Arts of Homer.
- Dec. 13:** Christmas With the Celts, 8 p.m. Center for the Arts of Homer.
- Dec. 14:** Holiday Brunch, with Todd Meredith and the Rave-Ons, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cortland Repertory Theatre, Cortland.

MUSIC

- Nov. 7:** LaMP, 8 p.m., Center for the Arts of Homer.
- Nov. 8:** Slambovian Circus of Dreams, 8 p.m. Center for the Arts of Homer.
- Nov. 9:** The Machine performs acoustic Pink Floyd, 8 p.m., Center for the Arts of Homer.
- Nov. 12:** Jesse Cook, 8 p.m., Center for the Arts of Homer.
- Nov. 15:** Loren and LJ Barrigar with Mike Powell, 6 p.m., Rose Hall, Cortland.
- Nov. 15:** Total Recall and M3, 7 p.m., Virgil Community Living Center.

- Nov. 18:** Bill Frisell Trio, 8 p.m. Center for the Arts of Homer.
- Nov. 20:** Mikaela Davis, 8 p.m. Center for the Arts of Homer.
- Nov. 22:** Coco Montoya and Ronnie Baker Brooks, 8 p.m., Center for the Arts of Homer.
- Nov. 22:** Now That's What I Call Musical Theater, 7 p.m., Dowd Fine Arts Center, SUNY Cortland.
- Nov. 24:** Choral Union Concert, 3 p.m., Rose Hall, Cortland.
- Nov. 30:** Salt City Waltz, 7 p.m., Center for the Arts of Homer.
- Dec. 3:** College-Community Orchestra Concert, 8 p.m. Rose Hall, Cortland.
- Dec. 5:** Wishbone Ash, 8 p.m., Center for the Arts of Homer.
- Dec. 6:** Cloey Tierno, album release party, 6 p.m. Rose Hall, Cortland.
- Dec. 10:** Cherish the Ladies — Celtic Christmas, 8 p.m., Center for the Arts of Homer.
- Dec. 13:** Christmas With the Celts, 8 p.m. Center for the Arts of Homer.
- Dec. 14-15:** The Rave-Ons, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14, 2 p.m. Dec. 15, Cortland Repertory Theatre Downtown.
- Dec. 20:** Live at Rose Hall, 7 p.m., Rose Hall, Cortland, acoustic blues and the album release of Raedwald Howland-Bolton.
- Dec. 28:** Driftwood, 8 p.m., Center for the Arts of Homer.

THEATER

- Nov. 7-10:** John Proctor is the Villain, 7:30 p.m., Dowd Fine Arts Center Lab Theater, SUNY Cortland.
- Nov. 14-17:** The Giver, presented by Homer Center Stages, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14, 15, 16 and 17; 2 p.m. Nov. 16 and 17. Homer Center for the Arts, Homer.
- Nov. 23:** Farm to Stage Dinner Theater, 6 p.m., Center for the Arts of Homer.

FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

- Dec. 6-8:** Photos with Santa, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 7, 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 8, Cortland Repertory Theatre, Cortland.

OTHER STUFF

- Nov. 7:** Historic Preservation and Saving Old Structure, 7 p.m., Dryden Village Hall, Dryden, sponsored by the Dryden Town Historical Society.
- Nov. 7:** Fall Paint and Sip, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Virgil Community Living Center, Church Street, Virgil.
- Nov. 9:** Marathon Holiday Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Marathon Civic Center, Marathon.
- Nov. 10:** Voices of Unity workshop, noon to 2 p.m., Center for the Arts of Homer.
- Nov. 11:** Veterans Day Watch Fire, 5 p.m., CNY Living History Center.
- Nov. 16:** Holiday Craft Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Christian Assembly of God, 175 Port Watson St., Cortland.

Stocks and bitcoin jump after Trump’s victory. So do worries about inflation as Dow surges 1,500

By STAN CHOE
AP Business Writer
NEW YORK — The U.S. stock market, Elon Musk’s Tesla, banks and bitcoin all stormed higher Wednesday as investors bet on what Donald Trump’s return to the White House will mean for the economy and world. Among the losers the market sees: solar-power companies and potentially anyone worried about higher inflation. The S&P 500 was jumping by 2% in midday trading and on track to top its all-time high set last month.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 1,500 points at the close of trading.

The U.S. stock market has historically tended to rise regardless of which party wins the White House, with Democrats scoring bigger average gains since 1945. But Republican control could mean big shifts in the winners and losers underneath the surface, and investors are adding to bets built earlier on what the higher tariffs, lower tax rates and lighter regulation that Trump favors will mean.

“The markets are scrambling to figure out what happens next, but for the time being, the market is pricing in a higher growth and higher inflation outlook,” Peter Esho of Esho Capital said.

Of course, how much change Trump will be able to effect will likely depend on whether his fellow Republicans win control of Congress, and that’s still to be determined. That could leave room for snaps back in some of Wednesday’s big knee-jerk movements.

Nevertheless, the market is cleaving between rather clear winners and losers following Trump’s dramatic win. Among them:

BANK STOCKS, up
Bank stocks led the market higher, in part on hopes that a stronger economy would mean more customers getting loans and



A television screen on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange displays results of the Presidential election, Wednesday.

paying them back with interest. They also rallied on hopes for lighter regulation from a Republican White House, which could spur more mergers and buyouts where investment banks could earn fees. JPMorgan Chase rose 9.2%, and financial stocks in the S&P 500 had the biggest gain by far among the index’s 11 sectors.

CRYPTO, up
Trump has pledged to make the country “the crypto capital of the planet” and create a “strategic reserve” of bitcoin. The price of bitcoin hit an all-time high above \$75,000, according to Coindesk, and was recently up 6.5% at roughly \$74,400. Companies in the crypto industry also jumped, including trading platform Coinbase’s 22.7% leap.

TESLA, up
Musk has become a close ally of Trump, exhorting the former president’s run. While Trump may

end up hurting the electric-vehicle industry broadly by limiting government subsidies, analysts say Tesla could gain somewhat of an advantage by already being such a big player in the industry. Tesla revved 13.2% higher, while rival Rivian Automotive fell 9.9%.

TRUMP MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY GROUP, up
The company behind Trump’s Truth Social platform rose 6.1% after earlier jumping nearly 35%. It regularly trades more on Trump’s popularity than on prospects for its profits. Its rise came even after it filed unaudited financial documents with regulators late Tuesday saying it lost \$19.2 million during the latest quarter and that its sales weakened from a year earlier.

PRIVATE-PRISON OPERATORS, up
A Trump-led Washington could push for tougher enforcement of the nation’s borders, which could

mean more business for companies that work with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE. GEO Group, which runs ICE processing centers, jumped 35.5%.

STOCKS OF SMALLER COMPANIES, up
Trump’s America-First policies could help companies that focus on customers within the United States, rather than big multinationals who could be hurt by increased tariffs and protectionism. The Russell 2000 index of smaller stocks, which are seen as more domestically focused than the big stocks in the S&P 500, jumped 4.5%. That was more than double the S&P 500’s gain.

TREASURY BOND PRICES, down
Investors see Trump’s policies potentially leading to stronger economic growth, which helps push prices down for Treasuries

and their yields up. Tax cuts under Trump could also further swell the U.S. government’s deficit, which would increase its borrowing needs and force yields even higher. The yield on the 10-year Treasury jumped to 4.45% from 4.29% late Tuesday, which is a major move for the bond market. It’s up substantially from August, when it was below 4%.

INFLATION WORRIES, up
Investors also see Trump’s policies likely adding to future inflation, particularly tariffs, which can add costs to U.S. households’ bills. “Trump keeps openly telling people that he will increase tariffs not just on China but with every trade partner,” said Andrzej Skiba, head of BlueBay U.S. Fixed Income at RBC Global Asset Management. “We’re talking 10% tariffs across all global partners. This is a big deal because this could add 1% to inflation. If you add 1% to next year’s inflation numbers, we should say bye to rate cuts.”

A drop-off in immigration could also push companies to raise wages for workers faster, which in turn could put more upward pressure on inflation.

EXPECTATIONS FOR INTEREST RATE CUTS, muddled
Much of Wall Street’s run to records this year was built on expectations for coming cuts to interest rates by the Federal Reserve, now that inflation seems to be heading back down to its 2% target. Easier interest rates help to boost the economy, but they can also give inflation more fuel. The Fed will announce its latest decision on interest rates today, where the expectation is still for a cut, according to data from CME Group. But traders are already paring back their forecasts for how many cuts the Fed will provide through the middle of next year.

Contract Bridge

Partnership rapport

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 6 4
♥ A 10 8 3
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ A 7
WEST
♠ J 10 9 8 5 2
♥ 6 4 2
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ —
EAST
♠ A 3
♥ Q 5
♦ A 10
♣ K J 10 6 4 3 2
SOUTH
♠ Q 7
♥ K J 9 7
♦ 6 5 4
♣ Q 9 8 5
The bidding:
East 1 ♣
South Pass
West 1 ♠
North Dble
3 ♣
3 ♥
Opening lead — jack of spades.
It is generally acknowledged that defense is the most difficult part of the game. For an example of fine defense, consider this deal where East-West performed to perfection and, as a result, took the first seven tricks against South’s three-heart contract.
West led the jack of spades, and East correctly concluded that the only good reason his partner could have for not leading a club initially was that he didn’t have one to lead.

So, after dummy played low, East won the spade with the ace and returned the deuce of clubs, confident that West would ruff.
West ruffed, as expected, and then had to decide whether to lead a spade at trick three (in the hope that East had been dealt the singleton ace) or whether to return a low diamond (hoping East had the ace).
This was not a difficult decision. The meaning of East’s return of the deuce of clubs — when it was clear from the bidding that East was not leading his fourth-best club — was easy to interpret. East was indicating, via a suit-preference signal, that he wanted West to lead a diamond — the lower-ranking of the two remaining side suits — after he ruffed the club. Had East desired a spade lead, he would have returned a high club instead.
So, after ruffing the club, West led a low diamond to East’s ace, and East led another club for West to ruff. West then cashed the K-Q of diamonds, East discarding the three of spades, and led a spade, which East ruffed. South scored the rest of the tricks, but the upshot was that he was down three — 300 points — as a result of the excellent defense he encountered.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Tesla shares soar as Trump win sets stage for Musk’s company

By DAMIAN J. TROISE
AP Business Writer
NEW YORK — Shares of Tesla soared Wednesday following an election that will send Donald Trump back to the White House, an outcome that had been strongly backed by CEO Elon Musk in the closing months of the race.

Tesla stands to make significant gains under a Trump administration with the threat of diminished subsidies for alternative energy and electric vehicles doing the most harm to smaller competitors.

Tesla dominates sales of electric vehicles in the U.S., with 48.9% in market share through the middle of 2024, according to the Energy Information Administration.

Tesla shares jumped 13% Wednesday while shares of rival electric vehicle makers tumbled.

Trump has proposed tariffs of 10% to 20% on foreign goods that would also impact electric vehicle maker’s outside the U.S.,



AP Photo/Alex Brandon, File

Elon Musk listens as Donald Trump speaks at the Butler Farm Show, Oct. 5, in Butler, Pennsylvania.

especially in China, and shares of EV makers there slid as well in U.S. markets.

“Tesla has the scale and scope that is unmatched,” said Wedbush analyst Dan Ives, in a note to investors. “This dynam-

ic could give Musk and Tesla a clear competitive advantage in a non-EV subsidy environment, coupled by likely higher China tariffs that would continue to push away cheaper Chinese EV players.”

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Freshly-trimmed Tully clips Fabius-Pompey for sectional title

Tully 5 Fabius-Pompey 0

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VERONA — Lots of players on the No. 2 Tully boys soccer team were donning buzz cuts Tuesday night for the Section III Class C title game. The change seemed to work, as the Black Knights dominated rival Fabius-Pompey for a 5-0 victory at V-V-S High School.

The win is the first sectional championship for Tully since 2011.

The Black Knights had a strong and steady wind at their backs in the first half and took full advantage. They scored all five goals in the first half, with Julian Shay scoring the first and Ryan Rauber finishing out the final four.

Shay got things rolling off a feed from Rauber just 9:14 into the game. Rauber had already hit the post just a minute earlier.

Rauber then scored four consecutive goals — with 22:41 left, 19:12 left, 9:52 left and 10 seconds left before halftime. The star senior's third tally was from 40 yards away on a free kick that the wind helped over Fabius-Pompey goalkeeper Trevor Barnum's head.

The Black Knights held the Falcons without a shot or a true



Mike Rose/sports reporter

Tully's Ryan Rauber, right, fires a shot on goal Tuesday night at V-V-S High School. Rauber went for four goals and an assist in the Black Knights' 5-0 win.

scoring chance in the first half. Rauber's second goal made it 3-0 Tully and he and Shay felt that was when they saw Fabius-Pompey break.

"Right after I gave Ryan that assist and he scored that great

finish, I saw them put their heads down and I was like, 'This is it boys,'" Shay said.

"After three goals I think we really just nailed it into the ground," Rauber said.

Tully head coach Bill Donald

knew his guys would be ready to come out and dominate early based on the last few practices.

"You could see it in the training sessions the last couple days that they were just ready to take it to this level," Donald said. "After

the end of the season when we disappointed ourselves by not winning the league title they had a meeting together to put themselves in a right mindset to play this way."

Rauber's final goal right before the half felt like the dagger. Fabius-Pompey had just attempted to clear a corner kick, but the wind killed it and kept the ball in Tully's offensive end. Shay slotted a through ball in to Rauber, who used his left foot to secure the already-large lead.

"I was more happy that we did it as a team," Rauber said. "We built what we have now and guys have worked hard. It was a team goal. I didn't score, it was our team."

For as impressive as Tully's first-half onslaught was, the defensive second half impressed the Black Knights' longtime head coach even more. Tully allowed just two shots on goal with the wind in its face, with one coming on a free kick from midfield.

Donald is a believer that a shut-out is a team stat and he felt senior backs Danny Byrne and Andy Polak did exactly what they needed to make the wind a non-factor in the second half.

"I had no idea we could do it," Donald said. "Danny is such a great leader back there and Andy's solid. We went to four backs

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College Football

Injured? SEC teams warned about slowing down high-tempo offenses

By PETE IACOBELLI
AP Sports Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina coach Shane Beamer had a final farewell for Mississippi last month as Rebel after Rebel went down on the ground with injuries, some serious, some minor, and created stoppages that slowed things down.

"First of all," Beamer said after the Gamecocks' 27-3 loss on Oct. 5. "I certainly hope all those guys are OK."

Sincere or sarcastic? Who's to say when Beamer quickly cut himself off and focused post-game comments on other topics. But there's no doubt he and others around the Southeastern Conference are tired of injury interruptions for players who may or may not be hurt.

SEC commissioner Greg Sankey took matters into his own hands with a memo to members last week to knock it off.

"As plainly as it can be stated: Stop any and all activity related to faking injuries to create timeouts," Sankey wrote in the memo, a copy of which was shared with The Associated Press.

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Amen, said LSU coach Brian Kelly, who called the warning shot from Sankey "timely."

Sankey, Kelly said, was standing out among "people in college football in making it clear that this kind of nonsense, which is a word that was used, needs to stop. It's silly."

Sankey's memo said creating injury timeouts on either side of the ball is "not acceptable and is disrespectful to the game of football."

There would be financial punishments for transgressors, Sankey reiterated. First offense costs a head coach a \$50,000 fine. Get caught a second time and the fine increases to \$100,000. A third offense brings the coach a one-game suspension.

Any staff member is subject to the same punishments if found to signal or direct a player to feign an injury. A player cited in such an incident could receive a public reprimand.

NOTHING NEW
ABOUT SEC'S STANCE

All this was laid out to teams

before the season, Beamer said. He recalled reading the rules to his coaches and players.

"Here's the policy in this league, and I ain't paying the fine," Beamer told them.

Ole Miss and coach Lane Kiffin have been front and center in the practice. Fans at Williams-Brice Stadium booed loudly back in October whenever a Mississippi player laid out on the field, believing they were play-acting.

Receiver Tre Harris, then leading the SEC in receptions and yardage, got hurt in the first half and did not return. Defensive lineman JJ Pegues, who had two touchdowns on offense for the Rebels, left in the fourth quarter with what appeared to be a shoulder injury. The boos were loud during both stoppages.

Both played the following week in a loss at LSU.

Mississippi acknowledged last month the attention it has received for suspected feigned injuries.

It said it has "provided relevant medical information" for the SEC to review and will answer

questions about recent games.

FAKING IT IN SPORTS

Faking injuries has been part of sports for some time. Think of soccer on the world stage where a player rolls around in supposed pain until running again a minute or two later.

Injury timeouts in college football give that players' team a chance to regroup while slowing a high-tempo offense. Or it can give an offense getting dominated by a defense a few moments for coaches to come up with a counter.

The real world results mean four-hour games, frustrated fans and very little officials can do to halt it.

Kiffin said this week he was glad for Sankey's crack-down.

"I know some people say, 'OK, that sounds weird,' coming from me. We're a tempo offense," Kiffin said. "I've been saying this for years, OK, that faking an injury hurts us more than anybody — us and Tennessee — probably more than anybody in America."

College football Week 11

Ga.-Miss. has
high stakes for
SEC, playoff races

By ERIC OLSON

AP College Football Writer

The first College Football Playoff rankings are out, and now the jockeying for position begins in earnest.

The Week 11 spotlight shines on the Southeastern Conference, where two teams just outside the top 12 can enhance their chances of appearing on the bracket.

Mississippi, No. 16 in The Associated Press poll and CFP rankings, hosts No. 2 Georgia (No. 3 CFP) in a matchup of quarterbacks trending in opposite directions.

No. 14 LSU (No. 15) and No. 11 Alabama (No. 11) play in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, resuming a rivalry that heated up over their three-plus decades together in the

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Ore. gets top billing in CFP's opening rankings

By EDDIE PELLIS
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A season full of surprises didn't produce many when the first set of rankings on the road to college football's new 12-team playoff came out Tuesday.

Undefeated Oregon got top billing. The selection committee liked Ohio State just a touch more than Georgia in its top 25 — the first of six weekly polls the committee will put out.

Other than that, the panel's top 12 looked exactly like the top dozen in the most recent AP poll, which has been shaken up almost weekly thanks to a bundle of upsets that left the mighty SEC, of all conferences, without a single undefeated team.

The near mirror image of AP and the College Football Playoff polls meant Alabama, despite its two losses, would be in the

bracket at No. 11 if it came out this week, as would Boise State, the leader of the Mountain West Conference, which came in at No. 12 and would earn an automatic spot as the fifth-best conference champion.

"The summary is, Boise State is an impressive team," said Michigan athletic director Warde Manuel, who serves as chair of the selection committee.

Maunel explained Ohio State was ranked No. 2 because its only loss came by one point to Oregon. Both the Buckeyes and third-ranked Bulldogs were rated ahead of undefeated Miami most likely thanks to strength of schedules that were much tougher than that of the 'Canes, who were ranked fourth.

"We're splitting hairs as far as looking at two great teams," Manuel said.

The rankings will come out each week through Dec. 8, when the final list will decide the bracket for the playoffs. Those start Dec. 20-21, with the 5-12 seeds in action at the better seed's home field, and close with the national title game in Atlanta on Jan. 20.

The rankings don't directly correlate to where the teams would fall in the bracket. The four best-ranked conference champions receive first-round byes, which according to this ranking would belong to Oregon (ranked 1), Georgia (3), Miami (4) and BYU (9).

The committee chose Alabama over a handful of one-loss teams, but the Tide's strength of schedule clearly helped them leap over teams like No. 13 SMU (ACC), No. 17 Iowa State (Big 12) and

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AP Photo/Jose Juarez

Oregon quarterback Dillon Gabriel scrambles out of the pocket against Michigan in the second half Saturday, in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Major League Baseball

Yanks GM Cashman says he’s talked with agent Boras about Soto, Alonso

By RONALD BLUM
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SAN ANTONIO —

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman has started talks with agent Scott Boras about keeping Juan Soto with New York, and they also discussed power-hitting first baseman Pete Alonso.

Cashman said he spoke Monday with Boras at the general managers meetings and revealed he had a conversation with Soto after the season, which ended with the Yankees losing the World Series to the Los Angeles Dodgers in five games.

“I had a chance to thank him for everything and told him we’d be in touch,” Cashman said Tuesday. “And then since that time I’ve talked to obviously Scott, as well, and so he’ll get a feel for the dance steps that Juan Soto wants and he’ll keep us in the loop.”

A free agent at age 26, Soto is expected to command a contract of \$500 million or more. New York acquired him from



Yankees’ Juan Soto hits a two-run home run against the Guardians during Game 4 of the AL Championship Series Oct. 18, in Cleveland.

AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki

San Diego in December, and Soto hit .288 with 41 homers, 109 RBIs and 129 walks, combining with Aaron Judge to form a powerful 1-2 punch at Nos. 2-3 in the batting

order. Soto’s three-run, 10th-inning homer in Game 5 of the American League Championship Series at Cleveland earned the Yankees their first pennant since 2009.

After the World Series defeat, Soto said: “I’m going to be available for all 30 teams” and “I don’t want to say anybody has any advantage.” Cashman said New

York is willing to meet with Soto as often as the player wants.

“We certainly have an interest in retaining him and we’ll put our best foot forward there,” Cashman said. “That will either lead to us retaining him and signing him back or we’ll be forced to go to a different direction if we can’t. And if we can’t, there’s a lot of different players in this marketplace that can positively impact this roster.

“Clearly that pressure point’s not on us today, but it does exist in the marketplace every winter, so those are the tough decisions you have to make,” he added.

Top free agents include Alonso and third baseman Alex Bregman, also represented by Boras.

In addition to the Yankees, the Mets under billionaire owner Steve Cohen and the Dodgers are among the teams that could afford Soto. Cashman wouldn’t say how much a rival the Mets are for Soto’s signature.

Escaping 121-loss hole will be hard. White Sox have other teams to use as a blueprint

By DAVID BRANDT
AP Baseball Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Rock bottom proved to be even rockier than the Chicago White Sox ever dreamed.

Now second-year general manager Chris Getz has the unenviable task of pulling the South Side out of the baseball abyss following a 121-loss season that was the worst in modern MLB history. Recent history shows that the massive rebuild won’t be easy, but it can be done. Fairly quickly, in fact.

“One of the things I learned is that we weren’t as far off as it felt at times,” said Texas Rangers GM Chris Young, whose team won the World Series in 2023 after losing 102 games two seasons prior.

“We had the 102-loss season, followed by a 94-loss season, but there were some things just beneath the surface that indicated it could turn quickly,” Young said.

“And it did.”

The Rangers, Baltimore Orioles and Arizona Diamondbacks are among the franchises that the White Sox can use as examples for how to improve in a hurry. The Orioles and D-backs both lost 110 games in 2021.

Fast forward to 2023 and the Orioles won 101 regular season games while the Diamondbacks and Rangers both made a surprise run to the World Series, which Texas won in five games. All three teams are still in good long-term shape.

Even more recently, the Royals made the playoffs this season after losing 106 games in 2023.

“You look at different blueprints for teams that have gone through similar situations, and how they’ve gone about it,” Getz said on Tuesday at Major League Baseball’s GM meetings. “These things can change quickly.”

Texas probably had the easiest solution to bouncing back from

triple-digit losses — spending lots of cash. The Rangers hit the free agent market hard after their dismal 2021, committing \$500 million to land All-Star infielders Marcus Semien and Corey Seager.

Arizona made its move up the standings with a combination of shrewd trades, out-of-the-box signings and quality draft picks. The D-backs have long occupied a sort of middle ground in baseball’s marketplace where they are able to pursue free agents, but can’t get reckless.

General manager Mike Hazen picked up ace Zac Gallen in a 2019 trade with the Miami Marlins. He signed right-hander Merrill Kelly after he had a few good seasons pitching in South Korea. And then the farm system developed several quality players, including 2023 NL Rookie of the Year Corbin Carroll, All-Star shortstop Geraldo Perdomo and starting pitchers Brandon

Pfaadt and Ryne Nelson.

It’s not that every move worked out — the D-backs blew \$85 million on a five-year contract for left-hander Madison Bumgarner — but there were more hits than misses.

The Orioles’ rebuild was more like the D-backs. General manager Mike Elias built around young players like 2023 AL Rookie of the Year Gunnar Henderson, catcher Adley Rutschman and slugger Anthony Santander, supplementing with a few free agents.

Now Baltimore looks like it’ll be a factor in the American League for the next decade. But Elias admits the rebuild was tough.

“Even if you know it’s moving the right direction long term, it’s really hard on the players and coaching staff in the dugout those first few years when the immediate returns aren’t there,” Elias said.

OMG hits Cooperstown as Mets’ home run sign will get Hall of Fame display



AP Photo/Adam Hunger, File

Mets second baseman Jose Iglesias celebrates on the field after the Mets beat the Phillies in Game 4 of the National League playoff series, Oct. 9, in New York.

By MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — The spirit of “OMG” is coming to Cooperstown.

Fresh off their exuberant run to the National League Championship Series last month, the New York Mets donated to the Baseball Hall of Fame one of those blue-and-orange OMG signs players often hoisted to accompany happy moments throughout the season.

The particular sign that was gifted, used by the pitching staff during dugout celebrations, arrived at the Museum and will soon go on display in the Your Team Today exhibit to mark “the excitement of the Mets’ 2024 season,” the Hall of Fame announced Tuesday.

It will remain part of the Museum’s permanent collection.

“OMG” is the hit song by Mets infielder Jose Iglesias performed under the stage name Candelita that became ubiquitous at Citi Field as a team anthem this year.

The signs, created by local artist and lifelong Mets fan Jerome McCroy, became familiar to baseball fans all over the country as the wild-card Mets advanced through the playoffs. They fell two wins short of a pennant when they were eliminated by the World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 6 of the NLCS.

When putting together its 2024 postseason collection, the Hall of Fame asked the Mets if they might bestow one of the signs to the Museum.

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old SEC West.

Mississippi’s Jaxson Dart enters his game on a roll, having set school records with 515 yards passing and 562 yards of total offense, to go with six touchdowns, against Arkansas. Dart and the two-loss Rebels will face a much more formidable defense in what amounts to a must-win game for their playoff hopes.

SEC co-leader Georgia will have to be sharper than it was last week to win in its first trip to Oxford since 2016. The Bulldogs

knocked off then-No. 1 Texas on the road Oct. 19, had an open date and then had to overcome Carson Beck’s three interceptions to beat Florida last week. Beck has thrown eight interceptions over the last three games and 11 over the last five.

The top three teams in the Big 12 have challenging games. No. 9 BYU (No. 9 CFP), alone in first place, visits Utah for a rivalry game. No. 17 Iowa State (No. 17 CFP) plays Kansas at Arrowhead Stadium, and No. 21 Colorado (No. 20 CFP) visits Texas Tech, which upset the Cyclones on the road last week.

No. 4 Miami (No. 4 CFP) will try to stay unbeaten in ACC play when it visits Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets have won three of the last five meetings. No. 13 SMU (No. 13 CFP), tied with Miami for first, is idle.

Unbeaten Big Ten co-leaders Oregon and Indiana are double-digit favorites in their games. The No. 1 Ducks (No. 1 CFP) host Maryland and the No. 8 Hoosiers (No. 8 CFP) are at home against Michigan.

BEST GAME

Alabama (6-2, 3-2 SEC) at LSU (6-2, 3-1), Saturday, 7:30

p.m. ET (ABC)

The Crimson Tide and Tigers combined for 22 of 32 SEC West titles, and this game often determined the winner. The divisions have gone away, but the game carries high stakes.

Jalen Milroe outdueled eventual Heisman Trophy winner Jayden Daniels last year to keep Alabama on track for one of the four playoff spots with a 42-28 win. Two years ago, LSU made it to the SEC championship game by virtue of its 32-31 overtime win at home.

BetMGM Sportsbook lists Alabama as a 3-point favorite.

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in the second half because it made sense with the wind. It was impossible to get the ball out. That was the hardest part.”

Tully lost to its biggest rival on the same field in the sectional final just a year ago. The Black Knights were able to expel those demons with a lopsided victory.

“We’ve been saying it’s been the revenge factor,” Rauber said. “We were coming for revenge and we were coming for it for last season. After that loss we knew we were going to come back and do something.”

Donald said from the beginning of the season this year was sectionals or bust, and his guys accomplished that goal. He’s happy they were able to do it despite a lull near the end of the regular season.

“It’s what we’ve been wanting for the last two years,” Donald said. “We didn’t get what we wanted last year. This group of seniors decided, ‘Hey, we want to get this.’ They did it, so I’m really proud of them.”

Tully advances to take on Section IV champion Southern Cayuga in the regional final at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Wright National Soccer Campus in Oneonta.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

No. 4 Groton at No. 1 Moravia, 6 p.m. Saturday

BOYS SOCCER

Section III champion Tully vs. Section IV champion Southern Cayuga, 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Wright National Soccer Complex

GIRLS SOCCER

Section III champion Cincinnati vs. Section IV champion Elmira Notre Dame, 11:15 a.m. Saturday at Wright National Soccer Complex

CROSS COUNTRY

Dryden, Moravia at Chenango Valley State Park, 11 a.m. today
Cortland, Cincinnati, Tully at Mount Markham, 1:30 p.m. Saturday

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Dryden at Watkins Glen, 11 a.m. Saturday

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No. 18 Pitt (ACC), who play in weaker conferences.

The rest of the teams in the fictional first-week bracket and their rankings: No. 5 Texas, No. 6 Penn State, No. 7 Tennessee, No. 8 Indiana and No. 10 Notre Dame. First team out was No. 13 SMU while Army, with an 8-0 record and leading the American Athletic Conference, barely squeaked into the rankings at No. 25.

Bowling

CORT-LANES MAJORS LEAGUE

High Scratch Games			
S. Moon	161	S. Caldwell	118
R. Clendenning	152	L. Underwood	113
A. Mrozowski	142	M. Storrer	103
R. Robbins	130	K. Jebbett	90
J. Heliseva	126	A. Bourdon	81
N. Bourdon	120		

CORT-LANES BUMPERS LEAGUE

High Scratch Games			
Camden Mrozowski	110	R. Baudoin	78
A. Babcock	98	E. Davidson	78
J. Cook	94	S. Young	74
S. Towers	91	I. Bennett	72
B. Davidson	86	A. Caldwell	68
D. Towers	85	R. Riley	64
M. Biviano	83	L. Bennett	50

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	13	9	3	1	19	48	41
Carolina	11	9	2	0	18	45	27
New Jersey	15	8	5	2	18	53	42
N.Y. Rangers	11	8	2	1	17	44	24
Washington	11	8	3	0	16	46	33
Toronto	14	7	5	2	16	43	39
Tampa Bay	13	7	6	0	14	48	43
Boston	14	6	7	1	13	34	46
Ottawa	12	6	6	0	12	43	38
Columbus	12	5	5	2	12	40	40
N.Y. Islanders	13	5	6	2	12	32	40
Pittsburgh	14	5	7	2	12	41	54
Detroit	11	5	5	1	11	29	35
Buffalo	13	5	7	1	11	41	43
Montreal	13	4	7	2	10	35	53
Philadelphia	13	4	8	1	9	35	50
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	13	12	1	0	24	62	30
Los Angeles	14	8	3	3	19	47	41
Minnesota	12	8	2	2	18	42	33
Vegas	12	8	3	1	17	54	37
Vancouver	11	6	2	3	15	35	34
Calgary	13	7	5	1	15	38	40
Dallas	11	7	4	0	14	35	27
St. Louis	13	7	6	0	14	35	40
Edmonton	13	6	6	1	13	31	41
Utah	13	5	5	3	13	37	45
Colorado	13	6	7	0	12	46	54
Chicago	13	5	7	1	11	37	41
Seattle	14	5	8	1	11	40	45
Anaheim	12	4	6	2	10	25	36
San Jose	14	4	8	2	10	34	51
Nashville	12	4	7	1	9	29	41

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	8	0	1.000	—
Boston	7	1	.875	1
Miami	3	3	.500	4
New York	3	3	.500	4
Brooklyn	4	4	.500	4
Chicago	3	4	.429	4½
Indiana	3	4	.429	4½
Orlando	3	5	.375	5
Atlanta	3	5	.375	5
Detroit	3	5	.375	5
Washington	2	4	.333	5
Charlotte	2	5	.286	5½
Toronto	2	6	.250	6
Philadelphia	1	5	.167	6
Milwaukee	1	6	.143	6½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	7	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	6	1	.857	1
Golden State	6	1	.857	1
Houston	4	3	.571	3
L.A. Lakers	4	3	.571	3
Dallas	4	3	.571	3
Minnesota	4	3	.571	3
Denver	4	3	.571	3
Sacramento	4	3	.571	3
Memphis	4	4	.500	3½
L.A. Clippers	3	4	.429	4
San Antonio	3	4	.429	4
Portland	3	5	.375	4½
New Orleans	3	5	.375	4½
Utah	1	6	.143	6

‘Not an act of God.’ How North Carolina’s the Rev. Richard Joyner became a farmer, then climate activist

By YONAT SHIMRON
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CONETOE, N.C. — Congregants at Conetoe Chapel Missionary Baptist Church thought their pastor was crazy when he suggested his rural community take up farming as a way to improve their health and become more self-sufficient.

The small, predominantly Black community, about 80 miles east of Raleigh, is surrounded by vast, fertile farmland but has no grocery store for miles around. According to figures from the Census Bureau, 67% of the residents of Conetoe (pronounced Kuh-NEE-tuh) live below the poverty line.

It turned out, the Rev. Richard Joyner was prophetic. The venture, which in 2007 was spun off into its own nonprofit, the Conetoe Family Life Center, now produces 1,500 boxes of vegetables a week on land it either bought or leases. It partners with multiple outfits including public schools, hospitals, the North Carolina Food Bank and local churches to plant, grow, harvest and package the produce, some of which is sold, but most of which is donated.

Funerals, which Joyner used to conduct too many of, are less common, and the health and well-being of his congregants who partake of the vegetables, grown without any synthetic chemicals, has improved, he said.

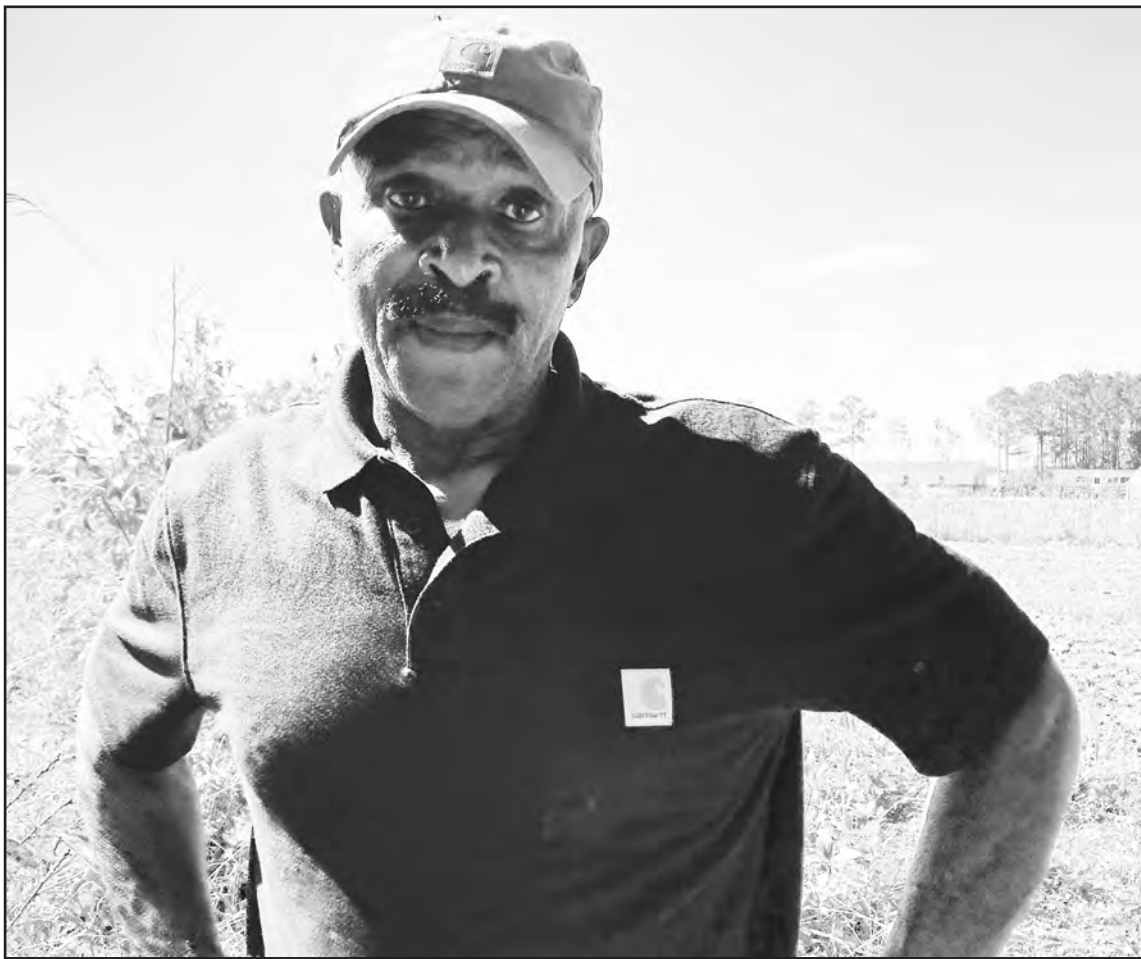
But now Joyner has another problem. In September, Hurricane Helene flooded some of his fields, wiping out the late August plantings of salad greens, radishes and beets. The soil was already wet from weeks of rain when the hurricane blew in, dumping 17 inches of rain over a two week period. Back in 2016, Hurricane Matthew also flooded the nonprofit’s fields.

Members of Joyner’s congregation, about 100 people, have suggested maybe God is trying to tell him something.

“We’re in the Bible Belt,” Joyner said. “When my farm floods, people go, ‘Well, God don’t want you to do that. That’s why he keeps flooding it and you need to stop being hard-headed.’”

Joyner’s new rejoinder: “God is not flooding the land. Our behavior is destroying the environment. That’s what flooded the land.”

Over the last few years, the 71-year-old pastor has become not



Rev. Richard Joyner stands in a Conetoe Family Life Center field flooded by Hurricane Helene in Conetoe, North Carolina, Oct. 14.

only a farmer but a climate change activist. Recently, he lent his name to a new group, Extreme Weather Survivors, which provides trauma-informed support for people harmed by natural disasters. Some of the group’s members, including Joyner, participated in a Climate Week forum in New York City in October intended to convey the message that extreme weather should not be labeled an “act of God” but an “act of Man.”

Speakers such as Delta Merner, a scientist at the Union of Concerned Scientists, testified that in North Carolina studies have shown that climate change has significantly increased heavy rainfall. In other spots, such as Arizona, she said, science can now show a connection between climate change and record-breaking heat waves, which have become more frequent and intense.

Merner, who studies “attribution science,” a field that aims to determine how much human-caused climate change has directly influenced extreme weather events, said researchers are now able to

trace climate change back to major fossil fuel producers and cement manufacturers.

Explaining this to church members has not always been easy, but Joyner now sees it as his calling.

Joyner himself was a late convert to both farming and environmentalism. He grew up on the outskirts of Greenville, North Carolina, one of 13 children to parents who worked as sharecroppers. His father, who always kept a garden and some livestock, loved to farm and was especially good at it. But the landowners always cheated him of his earnings, and that soured Joyner on farming.

When he finished high school, Joyner joined the U.S. Army and later the National Guard. He studied chaplaincy at Shaw University and started working as a chaplain at WakeMed in Raleigh and at Nash General Hospital in Rocky Mount. He initially worked with patients who had HIV, the AIDS virus, and later with mothers in labor and delivery. Finally he worked as a hospice chaplain, and that’s where he said his own sense

of spirituality was cultivated.

In 2004, he became the pastor of Conetoe Chapel Missionary Baptist Church at the prodding of his mentor, who in his dying days transferred the leadership of the small church to Joyner. Many of the church’s members were suffering from preventable diseases, including diabetes and high blood pressure.

At the time, Joyner was still working in hospice care, and he watched their slow demise and later presided over their funerals.

Convincing members to change their diets and begin exercising was not easy. He said he came to it reluctantly after learning there was no chance a major grocery chain would locate in such a small town, population 671, a classic example of a food desert.

In 2005, Joyner found three property owners willing to let him use their land for a community garden. The first garden was on two acres located a quarter mile from the church.

Church members resisted the idea. Those with painful personal

memories of the legacy of Black exploitation working the land were especially suspicious of farming.

But he was able to win over the children and eventually the adults, too. The gardens grew to encompass a wide range of crops, in addition to 30 beehives. (The honey is sold locally.)

Joyner won several awards for his burgeoning community farm, including a 2014 Purpose Prize, which recognizes social innovators older than 60. The farm partnered with several universities to study whether food-as-medicine interventions work on people with chronic diseases. It also started a health kiosk on the farm where people can contact health providers online. CNN did a feature story about the enterprising pastor and his community farm. More recently, the Conetoe Family Life Center built a kitchen on the farm where people can learn to prepare plant-based nutritious meals.

Church members caught on.

“I was very heavy into the meat in the vegetables that you cook and I have almost completely gotten away from that,” said Betty Jones, a retired high school cafeteria manager who is a church member and takes advantage of the fresh vegetables from the farm.

She acknowledged, “There’s one last food that I have not gotten away from the meat yet — and those are my collard greens — but everything else, I’m doing it without the meat in there, and they taste good.”

Now, Joyner is studying how to change farm practices in a time of climate change.

Walking across his ruined fields — a vast gray zone of brittle soil and dead weeds that crackle underfoot, he points to the road built several decades ago that divided the field in two.

“You could tell the elevation of that road is higher than this land,” he said. “This field has become a catch basin. It took me a while to see it until one of the guys came up and said, ‘your farm is sitting in a mud hole.’”

He’s now considering different ways of farming.

He recently learned that tractors can compact soil and increase the risk of flooding by making the soil less porous.

World may be scratching surface on the scope of methane emissions

(AP) — The amount of the powerful climate-changing gas methane spilling out of oil and gas equipment, coal mines and landfills globally is nowhere near fully documented and what is known is “only scratching the surface” according to the CEO of one of the companies that tracks methane with its own satellites.

Rather than improving, the methane emissions problem is worsening according to Stephane Germain of GHGSat. “The past year, we’ve detected more emissions than ever before,” he said.

Since late 2023, GHGSat satellites detected about 20,000 sites worldwide that qualify as super-emitters, or sites hemorrhaging at 220 pounds of methane per hour.

That marks a major increase over the year before when the company detected about 15,000 super-emitting sites.

Germain said the numbers were rounded to enable a discussion of emissions since countries made pledges to reduce methane at the 2023 global climate talks known as COP28, in Dubai. He provided a briefing in anticipation of the next round, COP29, which will open soon in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Last year, 50 oil companies representing nearly half of global production signed a pledge to nearly eliminate methane emissions and end the routine burning off of the gas in their operations by 2030. In many countries, methane, or natural gas, is flared — wasted — rather than captured in pipelines and used to make electricity or cook. That’s because operators are after the oil, not the gas that lies in the formation with it.

Almost half of the methane emissions detected are coming from the oil and gas industry,



The CHS oil refinery is silhouetted against the setting sun Saturday, Sept. 28, in McPherson, Kansas.

Germain said. About one-third came from “waste management emissions,” and mining accounted for 16%.

GHGSat added three satellites during the year but Germain doubted that accounted for the increased detections. More likely, he said “developing countries of the world need energy — and energy, unfortunately today still comes primarily from fossil fuels.”

The largest share of the potent gas is being released from North America and Eurasia, he said. In Canada, landfills make up the largest share of emissions.

Earlier this year, a study reported that American oil and natural gas wells, pipelines and compressors are spewing three times the amount of heat-trap-

ping gas methane as the government thinks.

A study published in September found methane levels in the air are rising, making climate change much worse than it would be with only carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. Carbon dioxide — which is not as potent as methane but lasts much longer — remains the most significant pollutant humans are adding to the atmosphere.

GHGSat, based in Montreal, is one of a number of for-profit and philanthropy-backed nonprofit methane satellite measurement and analysis efforts that both collaborate and compete to provide an increasingly clear view of the global issue. Others include Carbon Mapper, Kayros and MethaneSAT.

Spain’s fatal flooding highlights how climate extremes keep coming

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

Even for an era of more extreme weather, this autumn seemingly shifted into yet another gear, especially in a rain-weary Europe where massive and deadly flooding in Spain’s Valencia region is the latest incarnation.

More than 200 people have been killed in flooding that sent cars piling up like flotsam on the beach, while an ocean away much of the United States baked through a nearly rain-free October that created a flash drought.

Scientists trying to explain what’s happening, especially with a spate of deadly European downpours, see two likely connections to human-caused climate change.

One is that warmer air holds and then dumps more rain. The other is possible changes in the

jet stream — the river of air above land that moves weather systems across the globe — that spawn extreme weather.

Several climate scientists and meteorologists said the immediate cause of the flooding is called a cut-off lower pressure storm system that migrated from an unusually wavy and stalled jet stream. That system simply parked over the region and poured rain. This happens often enough that in Spain they call them DANAs, for the Spanish acronym for the system, meteorologists said.

In America, it was a sunny, high-pressure system with no moisture that plunked down like a dome and kept storms away.

“If we’re getting all the dryness, somebody else is getting all the rain,” said Yale Climate Connection meteorologist Jeff Masters, co-founder of Weather Underground.



Flooded cars are piled up in Utiel, Spain, Oct. 30.

Holiday flights are cheaper this year

Here’s how to book smart

By LAURIE BARATTI
TravelPulse
(TNS)

The end-of-year holidays are fast approaching and, whether you’re planning a traditional trip back to the family homestead or an escape to a sun-drenched beach, having the inside track on when and how to book your holiday travel can save you substantial amounts of stress and money. But the windows for snagging flight deals for the upcoming holidays, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year’s, are by and large closed by the end of October.

One bit of good news is that the holiday airfares out there have dipped across the board this year, compared with the same period in 2023. According to Kayak’s holiday travel report, average air travel costs around the Thanksgiving holiday have fallen 6%, while the December holidays are coming in around 9% lower than last year.

WHEN TO FLY FOR THANKSGIVING

In terms of when is best to travel for Thanksgiving, both in terms of securing the least expensive airfare and avoiding the crowds, an ideal strategy is to travel on the holiday itself. This could potentially save you hundreds of dollars on airplane tickets and also make for the least stressful airport experience. According to travel agency Hopper, most travelers will be flying either the Saturday prior (November 23) or the day



Pictured are Christmas decorations inside O’Hare International Airport terminal in Chicago.

before Thanksgiving (November 27) and returning home on Sunday, December 1. Meanwhile, departing on Thanksgiving Day (November 28) and returning on Tuesday, December 3, is likely to result in fewer crowds and as much as 34% saving on airfare.

BOOKING CHRISTMAS TRAVEL

For Christmas flights, Hopper revealed that pricing was at its lowest point during the final two weeks of October. Likewise, Kayak’s data indicated that travelers would need to book at least two

months in advance if they hope to find affordable domestic airfare for any of the December holidays.

But, come late November, ticket prices will start to soar, rising by more than 32% in the last three to four weeks before the holiday arrives. So, if you’re hoping to snag reasonably priced seats (or find any seats at all still available), it’s wise to book sooner rather than later.

WHEN TO FLY FOR CHRISTMAS

According to Hopper, travelers’ best bet for Christmas travel is also to travel on the holiday

itself — either Christmas Eve (December 24) or Christmas Day (December 25) — if they’re looking to avoid congestion and score cheaper airfare. Returning home on New Year’s Eve (December 31) will also help accomplish both of these objectives. By flying on the holidays themselves, passengers can save themselves as much as 34% on their plane tickets.

Conversely, the worst days to depart on your Christmas journeys are Friday, December 20, or Saturday, December 21, with return trips on either Saturday, December 28, or Sunday, December 29.

How a forgotten California border town became a hip hideaway with hot springs

By CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS
Los Angeles Times
(TNS)

The first two surprises, as you roll up Old Highway 80 into this dry and silent Sonoran Desert town, might be the steam and the music.

The steam rises from two pools at the recently reborn Jacumba Hot Springs Hotel. The music seeps from a bathhouse ruin where the hotel stages weekend performances.

On this night it’s a torch song from long ago, sung by an acoustic duo for a small, rapt, eclectic audience — hipsters in their 30s, retirees in their 70s, desert rats and spa seekers, all sitting under the open sky as night falls on the roofless building, a few million surrounding boulders and a long, tall fence that runs into the hills.

These are features that California daydreams are made of, and this emergent scene is luring visitors to an outpost 70 miles southeast of downtown San Diego.

“It’s a refuge from the stressors of the city. Things seem to wash away here,” co-owner Melissa Strukel said recently.

Now, a few more surprises: The town of Jacumba Hot Springs has been down on its luck for decades. That long fence, 2,100 feet south of the hotel, is the Mexican border, where undocumented migrants pass regularly and a crisis flared last year. And the hotel’s owners are new to town and the business.

“Everything is the first time,” Strukel said.

It was four years ago, early in the COVID shutdown, that Strukel, a veteran San Diego designer and special-event rental entrepreneur, decided to take a drive.

She wound up in a town she’d never noticed before, standing outside a bedraggled old motel, smitten.

So smitten, in fact, that she climbed over a wall to get a better look.

“I just knew right away that I belonged here,” Strukel said.

Soon she learned that the motel was for sale — with a catch. The owner wanted to sell it in a 150-acre package deal with most of the commercial property in town: a gas station (without gas), several homes and storefronts, a ruined bathhouse and a littered mess that was once a man-made lake.



Christopher Reynolds/Los Angeles Times/TNS

The co-owners of the Jacumba Hot Springs Hotel, seen in the old gas station that serves as their office, are, from left, Corbin Winters, Melissa Strukel and Jeff Osborne.

Undeterred, Strukel enlisted her business partner Corbin Winters and they formed a plan.

They would recruit their friend Jeff Osborne, a former client and real estate business veteran. They would make the 24-room motel and restaurant into a resort with 18 rooms, two suites, restaurant, bar and global desert vibe, drawing on influences from Mexico to Marfa to Morocco.

They would replumb the hot springs to take advantage of the alkaline water’s “silky texture,” refill the lake, recruit a veteran general manager for the hotel and use the houses as vacation rentals, including two with their own soaking tubs.

They would build a new sense of community in Jacumba Hot Springs, where the population is 540, the median age around 62, and the median income and property values are some of the lowest in the county. The nearest full-fledged grocery store is 45 minutes away; the nearest public school, several miles down the road; the nearest legal border crossing, an hour away in Tecate.

“At first I was like, ‘ah, no way,’” Osborne recalled.

But Osborne, 38, whose ex-

perience includes several years of house-flipping and short-term rental management, thought on it some more. He drove into town, spent a night in a tent by the lake and changed his mind.

By October 2020 a deal was done. Doing business as We Are Human Kind Inc., the trio paid more than \$1.6 million — but less than \$3.9 million, Osborne said, declining to be more specific.

Unlike many hotel owners, all three moved to town, taking on major roles in a community short on resources and long on characters.

“This community was the end of the line for a long time,” said Sam Schultz, 69, who lives east of town at the Desert View Tower with eight dogs and at least 12 cats.

On any day, migrants might be illegally crossing the border nearby, breaching a fence that starts, stops and varies in height, a product of shifting politics and stony slopes.

Yet most of the time, border-crossers are quickly met and taken away by the Border Patrol agents who steadily cruise the dirt roads and highway.

“I haven’t seen one person (crossing) for a couple of weeks now,” said Osborne, who lives in a stone house on a knoll known as Snob Hill. “I live less than a thousand feet from the border ... and I don’t lock my doors.”

During two days in town, a reporter didn’t see anyone crossing, either. But did meet plenty of the neighbors.

In the Exotic Desert Hideaway — a.k.a. the hotel bar — you might bump into Roman Wrosz, a 68-year-old inventor and longtime local who flies gliders at the otherwise lonely Jacumba airport.

Along the highway east of town, you will probably encounter Coyote, a 67-year-old junkyard proprietor with a booming baritone voice and a truck that says “UFO retrieval and repairs.”

If you see a bearded man in a wheelchair working the register at Sunday breakfast in the town’s community center, that’s probably Eldon Campbell, 75, who lives in one of the little houses the newcomers purchased.

“They inherited me as tenant,” Campbell said. “They haven’t raised my rent. They put a shower in for me.”

While Campbell works the register at those Sunday community center breakfasts, Winters volunteers every other week as a server — again, not standard hotelier behavior. Osborne has signed on as the center’s board president.

“It’s magnificent, what they’ve done,” said Kirk Gilliam, a 69-year-old artist/electrician who builds robot sculptures in a gallery two doors down from the Mountain Sage market on Old Highway 80.

If the new hotel team has its way, more neighbors will arrive soon to fill open hotel jobs and take over storefront vacancies.

“This is not a flip,” said Strukel.

It is, however, one of biggest changes in town since 1919. That’s when a San Diego magnate named John Spreckels opened his “impossible railroad,” running tracks through Jacumba on the boulder-filled hill-and-valley path from San Diego to Yuma.

Next came Highway 80 and speculator Bert Vaughn, who built a four-story hotel, bathhouse and a desert view tower to lure San Diego-Arizona drivers off the road. By the 1950s, a motel and man-made lake had been added.

LEGALS

CORTLAND COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

The annual Texas Valley Cemetery Association meeting will be held at 2:45pm on November 18, 2024 in the Marathon Old Town Hall at 18 Brink St.

CITY OF CORTLAND NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

GIANT CARD MEDIA LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 10/9/2024 Cortland Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to 41 STATE ST, STE 112, ALBANY, NY, 12207 General Purpose

CORTLAND COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Crown City Barber Shop LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/30/2024. 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 Crown City Barber Shop LLC: 189 Homer Avenue Cortland, NY 13045. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

CITY OF CORTLAND BID NOTICE

GRASS CUTTING, SNOW AND GARBAGE REMOVAL AND SIMILAR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

The Code Enforcement Office of the City of Cortland, NY is seeking sealed bids for providing grass cutting, snow removal, garbage removal, and miscellaneous property maintenance activities to abate violations of related ordinances. For detailed specifications contact Captain Roy Everett at 607-753-1741 or reverett@cortland.org or visit www.cortland.org/Bids.aspx

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at the City Clerk’s Office, 25 Court St., Cortland, NY 13045. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time.

CORTLAND COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF CORTLAND ALLIED FIRST BANK, SB DBA SERVBANK, Plaintiff AGAINST DANIELLE PRICE AKA DANIELLE A. PRICE, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered March 28, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Cortland County Courthouse, 46 Greenbush Street, Cortland, NY on November 14, 2024 at 3:00PM, premises known as 2879 Eastview Terrace, Cincinnati, NY 13040. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cincinnati, County of Cortland, and State of New York, Section 112.20 Block 01 and Lot 04.000. Approximate amount of judgment \$200,458.62 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #EF22-432. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the CORTLAND County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Edward W. Goehler, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-000540 82598

TOWN OF CORTLANDVILLE LEGAL NOTICE

On December 10, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Cortlandville Fire District will take place on December 10, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Cortlandville Fire Station located at 999 State Route 13, Cortland, New York 13045 for the purpose of electing one Commissioner: one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2029. Only residents registered to vote with the Cortland County Board of Elections on or before November 18, 2024 shall be eligible to vote. Candidates for District Office shall:

1. Candidates for District Office shall file their names with the Secretary of the Fire District at the Fire District Office located at 999 State Route 13, Cortland, NY 13045 at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of such Fire District election.

2. Such candidates shall submit their names in petition form nominating them for the office sought and subscribed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District. Each qualified voter may only sign one (1) candidates petition.

3. Only the candidate shall carry the petition and obtain signatures.

4. The petition shall state the candidate’s name and residence address, and shall describe the office sought in sufficient detail to clearly indicate same.

5. The petition shall contain a space for each qualified voter of the fire district wishing to nominate the candidate for the office sought to subscribe his or her name, print his or her full name, and print his or her residence address.

6. The candidate, before a Notary Public, shall sign the petition.

The candidate shall file their petition with the Secretary of the Cortlandville Fire District at 999 State Route 13, Cortland, New York 13045, no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 20, 2024.

November 7, 2024

Courtney Metcalf, Secretary
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
CORTLANDVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
999 State Route 13
Cortland, New York 13045

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