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The Cortland Loaves and Fishes hosted a free Thanksgiving dinner Friday.

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In winter, the lacebark elm's bark is among the most picturesque for the landscape.

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Cortland native Dick Meldrim, left, was recently inducted into the Section 3 Wrestling Hall of Fame.

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Legislators, city officials to talk tax-collection fee

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Cortland County legislators who represent the city of Cortland are hoping to hold a meeting soon with city officials on what to do about the 1.5% tax collection fee the city is charging the county.

"We haven't meet yet because we had to get our budget done," Legislator Ron VanDee (D-Cortland) said Friday. He also noted the city passed its budget so now everyone can focus on discussing the fee.

The city of Cortland imposed a 1.5 % processing fee on the county earlier this year for collecting county property taxes and took that fee off the city's share of the levy — leaving the county at a loss. In return, the county began looking to bill city taxpayers to cover that fee.

The proposal to put the collection fee on the tax bill comes as the county is short around $123,000 in property taxes for this year from the city after the city implemented and told the county about the fee too late for the tax office to add it to this year's bills.

Calculations for tax bills can be done now, as the county's budget has been approved and the levy determined. Karen Spafford, the director of county Real Property Tax Services, then calculates the net amount each municipality must pay.

To make up the 2019 loss, the county may recover the $123,000 by adding it to the city's share of the levy for 2020, raising the property tax bills for city taxpayers. Further, the 1.5% fee — if passed — would show up as a separate line on the city's property tax bills for the 2020 budget and future years.

City Mayor Brian Tobin said he's open to having a conversation, but said so far his perspective of the issue has been lost on the legislature.

"It's frustrating that the county is tone deaf and that they're treating us more harshly," he said.

He said the argument that other municipalities aren't charging the county is not valid because the city has to handle an increased workload compared to other municipalities.

The city, Tobin said, also fronts money to the county and school district for taxes that have not been paid yet, which is an additional burden on the city budget and ultimately the taxpayers. He said if a village or town resident doesn't pay a property tax bill, the towns and villages don't pay the county out of their own budgets. He also said that the county handles the process of seizing and selling a property in towns and villages where the owner failed to pay the taxes. The city handles that process on its own, Tobin said.

Tobin said the city's decision to charge a 1.5% collection fee was "as a result of the redistribution of sales tax moneys."

These changes come after the county entered a 10-year sales tax agreement from Jan. 1 to Dec. 21, 2028. The county takes $1.5 million off the top each year in sales tax revenue, keeps 54% of the remainder and sends 17.75% to the city and 28.25% to the other municipalities.

If the city and county continue the agreement for the final five years, the county would continue to take $1.5 million off the top. The county then would get 55% of the remaining sales tax distribution, the city 17.38% and towns and villages 27.62%.

In the previous agreement, the county kept $300,000 a year off the top for its emergency communication system, took 53.5% of the sales tax distribution, when the city got 17.62% and the towns and villages got 28.89%.

Tobin reiterated that the city would be open to "investigating central billing and collecting department for tax collection."

VanDee said the hope is to have everything figured out before the beginning of the new year.

Adding their own flavor to holiday

3 immigrants from area talk about how they celebrate Thanksgiving

By Staff Reports

Turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce. These are some of the standard elements of a typical Thanksgiving dinner. We may not eat all of those things, we may not eat any of those things, but we can all agree that these are generally considered the basic building blocks of a Thanksgiving dinner.

Thanksgiving itself can prove an unusual enough holiday to newcomers to the U.S., and traditional Thanksgiving foods even more so.

What, for instance, is a recent immigrant to make of cylindrical glob of cranberry sauce that plops out of a can?

Here is how three immigrants to the U.S. who live in the greater Cortland area celebrate Thanksgiving, and what they eat for dinner.

If you've ever been to the Ithaca Farmer's Market, you might recognize Bong and Marin Sen of Groton from their food stall, Khmer Angkor Cambodian Foods.

Originally from Pailin Province, Cambodia, Bong and Marin came to the U.S. by an indirect route — by way of United Nations refugee camps in

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Colin Spencer/staff reporter

The Rev. Eunice Sunae Kim of Cortland's First United Methodist Church loads groceries for Thanksgiving into her car Thursday outside of ALDI in Cortland.

Dems: Pompeo must recuse himself in matters of Ukraine probe

By DANIEL FLATLEY
Bloomberg News (TNS)

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo should recuse himself from State Department matters related to the Ukraine scandal underpinning the House impeachment inquiry, according to Senate Democrats who argue that the probe's witnesses directly implicated Pompeo.

In a letter addressed to Pompeo, Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee say testimony from Ambassador Gordon Sondland and Pompeo's participation in the July 25 call between President Donald Trump and Ukraine's leader show that the secretary was "fully aware" of Trump's efforts to withhold security aid to Ukraine for his own personal political purposes.

"You have continued to impede the House impeachment inquiry, including by refusing to produce any State Department records on the Trump-Ukraine scandal — including those that may shed further light on your own complicity," the letter says. "As Ambassador Sondland testified, the department also refused to provide him access to his own materials as he prepared to testify."

The letter, which was signed by all 10 Democrats on the committee, said that these efforts indicate that Pompeo is blocking Congress from getting a complete picture of the issue due to concerns it would prove to be politically damaging to the secretary and the president.



Associated Press

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo talks to journalists during a news conference Wednesday during a NATO Foreign Ministers meeting at the NATO headquarters in Brussels.

"The only legitimate option is for you to recuse and delegate the department's response to the Trump-Ukraine scandal to a senior career department official," the letter says. "We urge you to do so immediately."

Sondland, the U.S. ambassador to the European Union, said in a public hearing Wednesday that Pompeo was aware of the conditions that Trump and his allies were placing on a White House visit for Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy and almost $400 million in security assistance.

Sondland also said his memory of events would have been bolstered by communication records and documents that the State Department refused to release.

Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., used his opening statement in Thursday's hearing to warn Trump and Pompeo that if they continue to ignore subpoenas and document requests, "they do so at their own peril." He said the administration's refusal to cooperate with the probe could be the foundation of an article of impeachment.

Pompeo, speaking in Brussels on Wednesday, declined to recuse himself from decisions on releasing documents and refused to comment on Sondland's allegations about his involvement in the Ukraine dealings.

"I didn't see a single thing today, I was working," Pompeo told a reporter who asked. "Sounds like you might not have been."

State Department spokeswoman Morgan Ortagus later said in a statement that Sondland "never told Secretary Pompeo that he believed the president was linking aid to investigations of political opponents. Any suggestion to the contrary is flat-out false."

Recusing himself from any State Department responsibilities, especially in an area that has taken on intense political importance, could be perilous for the Trump appointee. The president spent months publicly ridiculing — and eventually dismissed — former Attorney General Jeff Sessions for recusing himself from Russian issues, leading to the appointment of Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

Inquiry question: Keep it going, or vote?

WASHINGTON (AP) — They've heard enough. With stunning testimony largely complete, the House, the Senate and the president are swiftly moving on to next steps in the historic impeachment inquiry of Donald J. Trump.



Schiff

"Frankly, I want a trial," Trump declared Friday, and it looks like he's going to get it.

Democratic House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff's staff and others are compiling the panel's findings. By early December, the Judiciary Committee is expected to launch its own high-wire hearings to consider articles of impeachment and a formal recommendation of charges.

A vote by the full House could come by Christmas. A Senate trial would follow in 2020.

Congress' impeachment inquiry, only the fourth in U.S. history, has stitched together what Democrats argue is a relatively simple narrative, of the president leveraging the office for personal political gain, despite Republicans' assertions that it's complex, contradictory and unsupported by firsthand testimony.

House Democrats may yet call additional witnesses first, notably John Bolton, Trump's former national security adviser. But Senate Republicans are already looking ahead to their turn, the January trial that would follow House approval of impeachment charges.

Should they try to dispatch with such a trial in short order, which they may not have the votes to do, despite holding 53 seats in the 100-member Senate. Or should they stretch it out, disrupting the Democrats' presidential primaries under the assumption that it helps more than hurts the GOP and Trump.

At this point, it seems very unlikely the 45th president will be removed

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Weather

Local

Rest of today: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. Southwest winds, becoming south.

Tonight: Cloudy. A chance of snow, rain and freezing rain. Snow accumulation around an inch. Lows in the 30s.

Sunday: Cloudy. Snow, rain and freezing rain likely. Snow accumulation around an inch possible. Highs in the 30s.

Sunday night: Cloudy. Lows in the 30s.

Extended

Monday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s.

Monday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Tuesday: Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s.

Tuesday night: Partly cloudy. A chance of rain. Lows in the mid-30s.

Wednesday: Rain likely. Highs in the upper 40s. Chance of rain 60 percent.

Wednesday night: Mostly cloudy. A chance of rain and snow. Lows around 30.

Temperatures

November 22-23

9 a.m.	41	6 p.m.	32
10 a.m.	37	7 p.m.	32
11 a.m.	36	9 p.m.	32
Noon	37	Mid	30
1 p.m.	36	3 a.m.	28
2 p.m.	34	5 a.m.	28
3 p.m.	34	7 a.m.	25
4 p.m.	34	8 a.m.	27

Skies Today

Saturday, November 23, 2019

Sunset today	4:37 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:06 a.m.
Normal high temperature	43
Normal low temperature	29
Average temperature	36
New moon	November 26

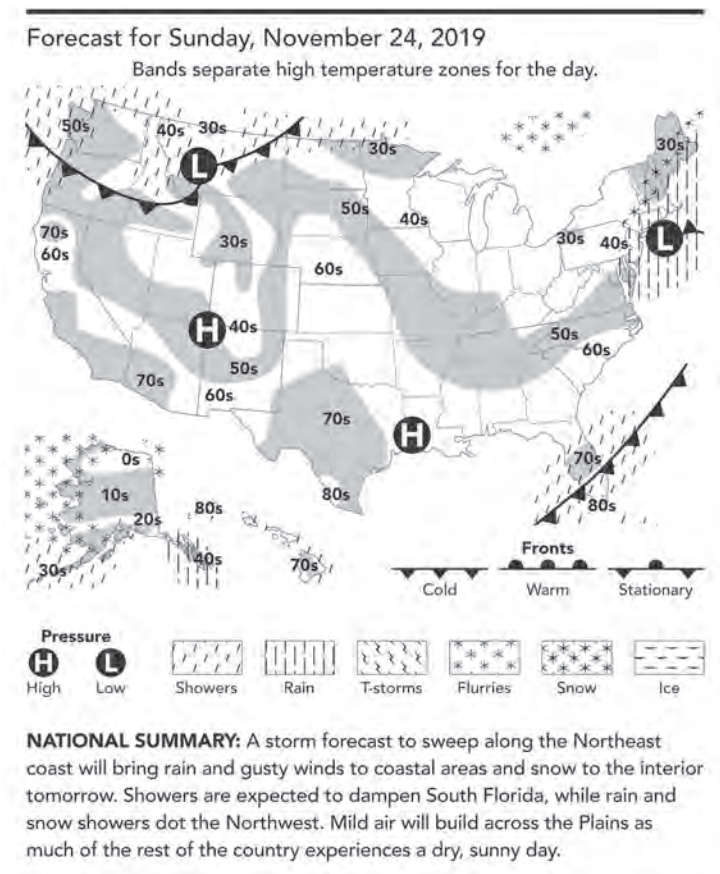
City Snowfall

November 22-23	Trace
Season to date	4 inches

Precipitation

November 22-23	0.05 inches
Month to date	2.65 inches





NATIONAL SUMMARY: A storm forecast to sweep along the Northeast coast will bring rain and gusty winds to coastal areas and snow to the interior tomorrow. Showers are expected to dampen South Florida, while rain and snow showers dot the Northwest. Mild air will build across the Plains as much of the rest of the country experiences a dry, sunny day.

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Lottery Winners

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

Numbers: Midday: 3-6-3, Evening: 8-3-3; **WinFour**: Midday: 5-9-4-8, Evening: 8-3-1-6; **Pick 10:** 5-6-20-21-22-26-31-35-36-41-51-55-60-63-71-72-73-77-78-79; **Take Five**: 5-13-15-22-29; **Cash-4Life:** 13-14-27-47-48, Cash Ball: 2; **Mega Millions:** 7-12-17-49-53, Mega Ball: 24, Megaplier: 4

Making It Right

A figure in a chart accompanying an article on page 1 of Friday's edition included the wrong number for Cortland County's adopted 2020 budget. The correct amount is $142,789,855.

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Syracuse U. shaken by racism, welcomes Thanksgiving break

By CAROLYN THOMPSON
Associated Press

SYRACUSE — Benny Callahan didn't leave her dorm for two straight days this week.

The Syracuse University freshman didn't feel safe, she said, away from home and under siege, it seemed, by day-after-day reports of racism in campus residence and academic halls.

"My parents are freaking out," Callahan, who is black, said as she prepared to head home to Jersey City, New Jersey, for a Thanksgiving break that, for many, couldn't come soon enough.


Das

Campus and city police, along with New York State Police and the FBI, are trying to solve more than a dozen reports of racist graffiti and vandalism targeting black and Jewish people, Asians and Native Americans at the private university in upstate New York since Nov. 7.

Thursday alone brought news of four more reports: racist graffiti on two floors of the Day Hall dormitory targeting black people. A sticky note in the Flint residence hall degrading Native Americans. Graffiti targeting Asians at Comstock Art facility.

A professor who is Jewish also this week reported receiving an anonymous email containing anti-Semitic language that included a threat to "get in the oven where you belong."

As of Friday, none of the cases had been solved.

An investigation into reports that a white supremacist manifesto copied from the New Zealand mosque shooter was sent to the cellphones of students in Bird Library on Monday night have not turned up any devices that received the document.



Carolyn Thompson/Associated Press

Students walk through the Syracuse University campus Thursday. Students describe fear and anxiety as reports of racist graffiti and vandalism continue on campus.

But the reports raised fears about a mass shooting and frightened many students off the campus in the following days, several students said.

The university also has suspended the social activities of all fraternities through the end of the semester. One was suspended entirely pending the investigation of a black student's complaint last week that she was called by a racial slur by people identified by the university as fraternity members and their guests.

The national organization of Alpha Chi Rho denied its members were involved.

Taken together, the recent events have shaken a school more accustomed to making headlines for playing good basketball.

"You definitely feel insecure if you are a person of color, or if you are someone who has been attacked by these," said Shiv Das, a graduate student from India as he walked on an increasingly empty campus this week.

The national fury surrounding immigration is unsettling enough for international students, Das said. This feels more personal.

"This is something we are affected by directly. It's happening here, right now," he said, "which is very different than something else that happens on a government level."

And while it's typical for the campus population to thin as a break approaches, Das and others said it's hard to miss that many students left days earlier than usual.

Callahan estimated less than half of the 50 or so students normally in her fashion design class showed up Thursday, unconvinced by increased patrols and assurances.

"'You're safe,' but you still have people doing these things," she said.

A peaceful student protest, seeded in anger that the university hadn't acted quickly and aggressively enough early on, wound down Thursday with protesters seeking the resignation of Chancellor Kenton Syverud, along with Department of Public Safety Chief Bobby Maldonado and two other officials.

"These individuals have exacerbated a hostile campus environment and have actively allowed hate speech to prevail at this university," protest organizers, who labeled the movement #NotAgainSU, wrote in a statement. Organizers and participants declined to speak with reporters during their final day inside the wellness center where they had camped since Nov. 13.

The hashtag, some students said, referred to videos that emerged last year showing members of a now-expelled fraternity laughing and taking part in skits using racist language against black, Jewish and Hispanic people and simulating the sexual assault of a disabled person.

Others described an underlying current of racism dating back several years.

"I think that Syracuse will get better because of this experience," Syverud told the student newspaper and television station in a brief interview Thursday evening. "I think that it's a place that we have a stake in making better."

Syverud's office has released summaries of meetings with protesters and groups of international and Jewish students in which he has agreed to meet demands that include monitored cameras in university-owned buildings, improved diversity training for students and staff, regular reports of bias-based incidents and the hiring of more counselors.

About 8% of the university's nearly 23,000 students are Hispanic or Latino, 7% are black and 6% are Asian, according to the university website. More than half of students are white.

Obituaries

Carol Frances (Wood) Kannus



Carol Frances (Wood) Kannus, of Gracie Road, Cortlandville, passed away Nov.18, 2019, after an extended illness. She died peacefully, with her sons holding her hands, and her daughter stroking her hair.

She was born July 7, 1941, in Stamford, Conn., to Orris and Marion (Johnson) Wood. Her family moved to their farm on Gracie Road in the early 1940s, and she remained in the area all her life. Among her greatest joys during her youth was her horse, Corky, with whom she won many ribbons in barrel-racing competitions.

Carol graduated from Dryden Schools in 1958. She was a hard worker and dedicated 31-year employee of Cornell University's Psychology Department, beginning as secretary and working up to administrative manager of the department, retiring in 1997.

On Jan. 28, 1959, Carol married her true love, Don Kannus. She was a devoted mother to their three children, supporting them in all their activities, whether coaching their baseball teams, cheering from the sidelines of games and parades or enjoying family camping trips.

Carol loved nature, and she passed that to her children. She loved birdwatching. She'd bring her bird book when traveling and excitedly mark the different birds she saw. She enjoyed simple pleasures, including cross-country skiing, hiking and making homemade maple syrup from their trees and jam from wild berries she picked in her woods.

Carol was a talented athlete, including being an excellent bowler and a low-handicap golfer. She and Don were longtime members of Stonehedges Golf Club, where they had many friends. They enjoyed traveling south for winter, extending their golf season. It was during these trips that Carol had two holes in one! She was also Stonehedges' Women's Club Champion multiple times.

Being a lover of the outdoors, it's no surprise that Colorado was a favorite of Carol's. She and Don traveled west three times, relishing their time there. During her final years, memories of Colorado were some of her most enduring. She loved recounting their ride on the Durango-to-Silverton train, encouraging everyone to take it "if you're out that way."

Her beloved Donnie predeceased her days after celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary. She missed him every day since, and is surely enjoying being on the dance floor with him again. Her parents also predeceased her.

Surviving and mourning Carol are her loving children, Cynthia (Christopher) Batterman of Andover, Mass., David (Leslie) Kannus of Homer and Daniel (Rebecca) Kannus of Ithaca; her grandchildren, Laura Batterman of Lawrence, Mass.; Evan (Jacquelyn) Batterman of Nashua, N.H., David Batterman of Andover, Mass., Caleb (Allison) Kannus of Freeville, Ainsley (Shay) Jensen of Minneapolis, Darren Kannus of Cortlandville, Rachel Kannus of Ithaca; and her great-granddaughter, Ida Kannus. (Becoming a great-grandmother thrilled Carol; one of her favorite things to say during her final years was, "If it weren't for me, there'd be no Ida!") A brother, Kenneth Wood of Cortlandville; sister-in-law, Kay Wood of Homer; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

A private graveside service for the family will take place in McLean Rural Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to come for food, drinks and to celebrate Carol's life from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at Stonehedges Golf Club, 549 Stevens Road, Groton. Sharing of memories is encouraged and will begin at 3 p.m.

Contributions in Carol's memory may be made to Cortland SPCA, 879 McLean Road, Cortland, N.Y. 13045, cortlandspca.org, or Alzheimer's Assn, 441 Kirkpatrick St., Syracuse, N.Y. 13204, alz.org/centralnewyork.

New York in brief

June retrial set for former doctor

SYRACUSE — A former New York doctor charged with killing his wife is set for a June retrial after his murder conviction was overturned.

Robert Neulander's new trial date was set Friday.

Leslie Neulander died in 2012, as the couple was divorcing but still sharing a mansion in suburban Syracuse. Her husband was an obstetrician-gynecologist.

He told investigators she slipped in the shower. Her death was initially ruled an accident. Authorities later argued he killed her in a fit of rage.

Robert Neulander was convicted in 2015.

The verdict was overturned because a juror had exchanged numerous texts with friends and relatives about the trial while it was ongoing, and deleted some messages once the court started asking questions.

Second state death linked to vaping

ALBANY — New York's Department of Health has declared the state's second death linked to a vaping-associated illness.

Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo said on Wednesday that the person who died was a man in his 30's from Manhattan with a reported history of using e-cigarettes and vapor products.

The first death, on Oct. 4, was of a 17-year-old boy from the Bronx. The state said the teen had been hospitalized in early September for a respiratory illness related to vaping.

Deer with bucket on snout rescued

PUTNAM VALLEY — Animal control officers in New York came to the aid of a deer that had a plastic Halloween bucket stuck to its snout.

TV station WABC reports that that the yearling deer was spotted in Putnam Valley northeast of New York City with its snout in a pumpkin-shaped bucket.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation and Putnam Valley Animal Control made the rescue on Wednesday. Authorities say the bucket was stuck to the deer's snout for four days.

The community nicknamed the animal Little Pumpkin.

— *The Associated Press*

Death Notices

KANNUS — Carol Frances (Wood) Kannus, of Gracie Road, Cortlandville, died Nov.18, 2019. A private graveside service for the family will take place in McLean Rural Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to celebrate her life from 2 to 6 p.m. Nov. 30,at Stonehedges Golf Club, 549 Stevens Road, Groton. Sharing of memories is encouraged and will begin at 3 p.m.

PIERCE — Thomas V. Pierce, 67, of Groton, died Nov. 20, 2019. Arrangements are in the care of Zirbel Funeral Home and will be announced.

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA!
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Snow fences improve safety

By MARIA GLENN
Contributing Writer

You're driving down a country road, beautiful snow covered fields on both sides, but all of a sudden you can't see anything but white. That's right, you're caught in a white out, with limited visibility and snow drifts covering the road.

For many of us this is what winter brings and we dread driving under these conditions. Blowing and drifting snow slows traffic, endangers public safety, hampers emergency services, increases road maintenance costs and generally makes winter travel even more challenging.

The term snow fence may seem like an oxymoron, but living snow fences are a great way to address the problem of keeping drifting snow off our roads. Snow fences are strategically planted windbreaks usually comprised of evergreens and shrubs planted to protect roads or driveways.

The fence acts as a barrier and traps blowing snow. Typically, one or two rows of both shrubs and evergreens are planted. This is due to the life span of each, whereas evergreens tend to have a longer life, they are slow to establish. Shrubs on the other hand tend to have a shorter life span, but grow much faster. This is why shrubs are important for establishment of the snow fence in the early stages. Common, inexpensive species utilized include Norway Spruce trees and Streamco Willow shrubs. If you live in a place where snow accumulates faster a snow fence that is comprised of many different species works much better.

The history of snow fences is thought to have gone back as far as the early 1900s. The railroad companies would use live snow fences to block the windy snow from reaching the tracks. For some areas snow fences are purposefully used to build up snow at ski lodges and ski slopes. The goal of a living snow fence is to slow the wind that is blowing the snow. By reducing wind velocity the snow then falls on the back side of the vegetative barrier.

There are four main factors that determine the success of a living snow fence: height, orientation, length, and density.

Barrier height will determine the snowdrift length and depth of snow trapped. As expected this is estimated based on the species planted and their expected mature (20 years) growth height.

Planting orientation should be perpendicular to prevailing wind and set back from the road based on the species planted. It is recommended that barrier length be extended a minimum of 100 feet beyond the area that needs to be protected. Multi-row, high density plantings provided the most control.

An important step in long-term functionality of any snow fence is maintenance. This may include weed control, protecting from browsing animals, pruning and trimming, replanting and in the case of drought conditions, supplemental watering.

If you have further questions or concerns about live snow fences, we encourage you to call the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District at 607-756-5991.

You can also get involved in planting a live snow fence by ordering from district's spring planting program that will be available in January on our Website www.cortlandswcd.org or by calling the number listed above.

Maria Glenn is a conservation aide with Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Grinch strikes in November

By COLIN SPENCER
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April Harrington was shocked when she returned home Wednesday evening to find her Christmas decorations — including a 3 1/2-foot-tall inflatable Christmas tree and a 3-foot-tall wooden elf — had disappeared from the yard of her South Fulton Street apartment in Homer.

"It was just pretty devastating," said Harrington, 36, who lives in the village of Homer. "It feels a lot like the Grinch, how he takes everyone's Christmas trees."

Those decorations though don't mean nearly as much to her as a 5-foot tall hand-painted wooden snowman with a carrot nose and corn cob pipe. It was made by a friend of Harrington. He was a veteran who did woodworking as a way to deal with social issues he suffered from.

He committed suicide four years ago.

"Woodworking was his life," Harrington said.

She had been aware that items had been stolen the night before from cars in the village, though she hadn't been affected. When she got home, she found her decorations missing along with others strewn up and down the street from her house, she said.

Harrington said she decorates every year while her 7-year-old son, Jace, is at school. She decorated her yard on Nov. 15 this year as the weather was warm.

"He was so upset. I decorate every year while he's in school so it's a surprise," she said.

She called Homer police afterward, thinking the theft of decorations was related to the recent thefts from cars in the village.

Police chief Robert Pitman confirmed that Harrington contacted the police though said he didn't think the burglaries from the cars and Harrington's decorations were connected.

Police don't have more information on the case as it is an open investigation, he said.

Harrington posted on local yard and garage sale Facebook pages Wednesday night about her decorations, thinking the perpetrator would either sell the items or put them in their yard.

She said that since posting, people have been reaching out to her hoping she finds the items.

In her 12 years of living in Homer, she had never had anything stolen.

"I've always thought of Homer as a pretty safe, family orientated neighborhood," she said.

The snowman, more than the other items, is what she wants back the most.

"I really just want it returned as an act of good faith," she said. "I just hope they're not hurting that bad. You don't have to take stuff."



Colin Spencer/staff reporter

Mat Simpson eats Friday at Loaves and Fishes during the annual Thanksgiving dinner that was open to the community at no cost.

'Warms your heart'

Loaves and Fishes puts on annual Thanksgiving dinner

By COLIN SPENCER
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In the season of giving thanks, having a place to gather for a meal was plenty for Mat Simpson at the Cortland Loaves and Fishes Thanksgiving dinner Friday.

"I'm just so thankful they actually do it," Simpson, 54, said. "There're so many people that can't. They either don't have the ability or the facilities, but you can come here and get a warm comfortable meal in a friendly environment and that is so fantastic."

Simpson was one of the roughly 150 arrivals at the dinner provided for free by Loaves and Fishes.

The dinner was run by volunteers from the community, including members from the Cortland High School boys basketball team.

The sense of family was the true connection between all attending and volunteering.

"We're serving a need for the community," Loaves and Fishes incoming President Tom Caminiti said. "The people at the tables, they feel a sense of family, sitting down and breaking bread with each other."

Simpson enjoyed his meal with the company of others he has known from attending in years prior.

"It's very reassuring and comforting," he said.

It was also his Thanksgiving celebration since he doesn't have much family to celebrate with on Thanksgiving, he said.

The food was mostly made by Loaves and Fishes Executive Director Kim Hill. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, squash and rolls and desserts were all part of the meal.

That included 14 turkeys, 100 pounds of potatoes, 10 cans of corn and six cans of stuffing and gravy, Hill said.

How long did it take to make all of the food?

"A little bit," Kim jokingly said.

The meal also helped those who suffer from hunger issues.

Approximately 14% of Cortland County residents have hunger related issues, said Jessica Stephens, a nutritional outreach and education program coordinator at Cortland County Community Action Program Inc. This includes people who qualify for food stamps.

Stephens, who was volunteering in the kitchen, was happy to see people she has worked with attending the event.

"It just warms your heart. I see these people during the week and I've got relationships with them so it's important that I come to this," Stephens said.

Maj. Misty Coffelt, an associate officer at the Cortland Salvation Army, said she hopes Wednesday's Thanksgiving lunch at the Salvation Army will bring the same communal feeling.

"The lunch provides a Thanksgiving meal and fellowship for individuals who may not have a place to go on Thanksgiving," she said.

Coffelt said that those interested in donating food should donate desserts.

The Salvation Army has done Thanksgiving meals in the past but this will be the first lunch it will provide.

"It gives people the availability the day before Thanksgiving to have a meal together," she said.

Other Thanksgiving meals

AJ's Family Diner 202 Port Watson St.: Dinner from 1 p.m. until food is finished on Thanksgiving day.

Salvation Army, 138 South Main St.: Thanksgiving lunch from 12 to 1 p.m. Nov. 27.

Dryden Bd. to review Varna plan

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DRYDEN — After months of work, the town planning board Wednesday night voted to recommend that the town board implement a zoning plan for the hamlet of Varna.

That plan, by restricting development density, would limit future development to 1,200 new bedrooms; current zoning would have allowed for 2,700 new bedrooms. The recommended plan also makes a number of changes to the map of the hamlet's zoning districts.

The plan will now be reviewed by the town board; the board's next regularly scheduled public meeting will be held Dec. 12.

Dryden, the fastest growing area of Tompkins County, saw a 10% increase in its population between 2000 and 2016, and Varna, just over the hill from Cornell University, is one of the areas of highest development pressure.

The Varna proposal is part of a larger effort to update the town's comprehensive plan, which began Sept. 11.

—Travis Dunn

Police/fire log

Man accused of welfare fraud

Accused: Richard D. Post, 39, of Route 11, Marathon.

Charges: Fourth-degree welfare fraud and fourth-degree grand larceny, felonies.

Details: Post was arrested Thursday after an investigation by the Cortland County Sheriff's Office and the county Department of Social Services concluded that between June and July of 2019 Post failed to report required income information to the county Social Services Department. By failing to report the information, Post received benefits he was not entitled to in excess of $1,300, according to police.

Legal Action: Post was issued a ticket directing him to appear Dec. 4 in Cortland City Court.

City considers glass recycling change

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When the Cortland County government takes over the recycling center on Jan. 1, the center will stop accepting single-stream recycling, and city officials are trying to figure out a way to collect glass separately before they run out of time.

Tuesday night, aldermen heard a proposed solution: Alderwoman Kathryn Silliman (D-2nd Ward) suggested that the city ask its trash hauler to pick up glass recycling one day per month, while reserving the other three weekly recycling pickups for all recyclables other than glass.

Alderwoman Kat McCarthy (D-1st Ward) suggested that the first week of the month be slated for glass pickup, in order to make it easier for people to remember.

Aldermen now have to check with the city's trash hauler as well as county officials to see if this would be an acceptable solution. The city's waste-hauling contract currently accepts only unsorted recyclables.

Silliman said she wants the council to vote on a proposal at the next regular council meeting Dec. 3.

"I hope so," she said. "We need to."

If aldermen do not vote on a proposal at the Dec. 3 meeting, they have just one more meeting before the end of the year. McCarthy said that would not give the city enough time to warn residents of a possible change.

"It takes a while to change habits," McCarthy said.

At the Nov. 5 council meeting, aldermen discussed sending out flyers to every residence to explain possible changes to the recycling schedule.

Silliman said she will also request that the county consider extending the hours of its recycling collection site, which she said are "pretty restrictive." The county facility's hours are current 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Materials accepted for recycling

Come Jan. 1, the recycling center will enforce new rules on acceptable recyclables. Plastic recyclables, for instance, will only be accepted if they do not have a top, lid or cap.

The county recycling center will not accept:

- plastic bags.
- Styrofoam.
- packaging materials
- lids, tops or caps of any material.
- fast-food containers.
- plastic clam shell containers.
- all straws.
- paper towel or tissues.
- wrapping paper.
- medicine bottles.
- plastic wrap.
- bubble wrap.
- pots and pans.
- hard plastics.
- plastic or Styrofoam cups.

For more information, go to www.cortland-co.org/278/Recycling.

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Photo by Susan Parks

This image shows a breaching North Atlantic right whale.

Out of their element

Study: Right whales moving due to environmental changes

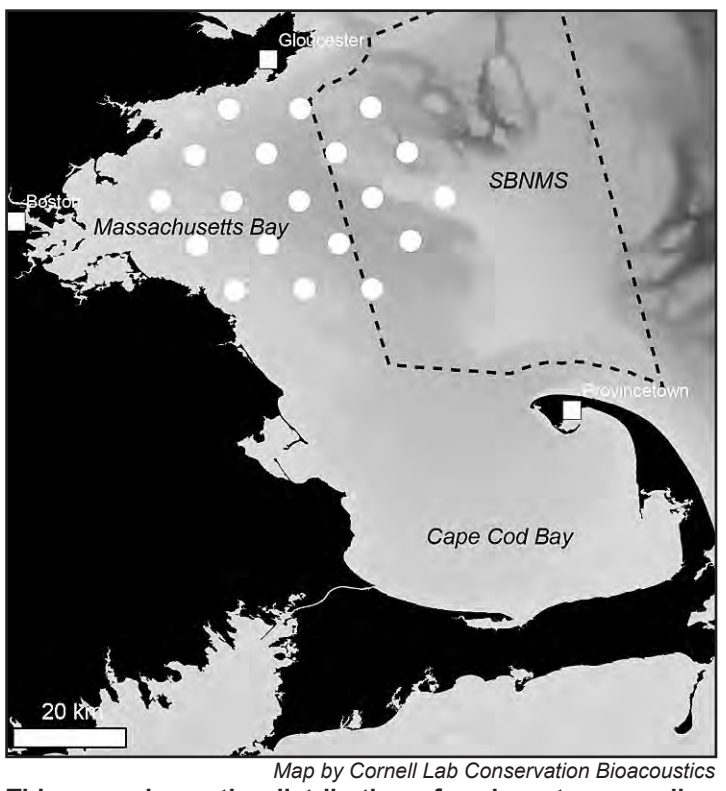
ITHACA — Some "canaries" are 50 feet long, weigh 70 tons, and are nowhere near a coal mine.

But the highly endangered North Atlantic right whale is sending the same kind of message about disruptive change in the environment by rapidly altering its use of important habitat areas off the New England coast.

These findings are contained in a new study published in Global Change Biology by scientists at the Center for Conservation Bioacoustics (formerly the Bioacoustics Research Program) at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and at Syracuse University. It's the longest running published study to continuously monitor the presence of any whale species at one location using sound.

"The change in right whale presence in Massachusetts Bay over the six years of the study is striking," says lead author Russ Charif, senior bioacoustician at the Center for Conservation Bioacoustics (CCB) at Cornell. "It's likely linked to rapid changes in conditions along the Atlantic Coast, especially in the Gulf of Maine which is warming faster than 99 percent of the rest of the world's ocean surface."

Charif points out that, starting in 2011, other studies began documenting dramatic changes in habitat use by right whales in other parts of the Gulf of Maine, which includes Massachusetts Bay and Cape Cod Bay.



Map by Cornell Lab Conservation Bioacoustics

This map shows the distribution of underwater recording units in Massachusetts Bay.

Massachusetts Bay is the gateway to Cape Cod Bay, one of the most important feeding areas for North Atlantic right whales who congregate there in large numbers in late winter to early spring.

Nineteen marine autonomous recording units (MARUs) were deployed by CCB in Massachusetts Bay from July 2007 to April 2013, recording around-the-clock to detect the characteristic "up-call" of the North Atlantic right whale.

Analysis of 47,000 hours of recordings by computer detection systems and human analysts found that in all but one of the study years detection of right whale calls kept increasing.

"During the six years of the study, our detection rates doubled during the winter-spring months," says study co-author Aaron Rice, principal ecologist with CCB. "During the summer-fall months the rate of detection for right whales had increased six-fold by the end of the study period, rising from 2 percent to 13 percent of recorded hours."

The scientists found right whales were present to varying degrees all year round in Massachusetts Bay, with implications for conservation efforts.

"There are seasonal conservation measures that kick in based on our historical understanding of where and when right whales are most often congregating, including Massachusetts Bay," Rice explains. "But the old patterns have changed and whales are showing up in areas where there are no protections in place to reduce the likelihood of ship strikes or fishing gear entanglements."

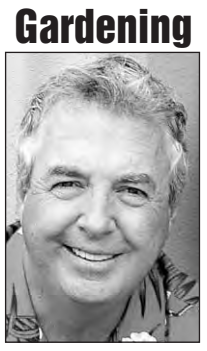
Entanglements and ship strikes remain the biggest threats to right whales with unknown cumulative effects from changing water temperatures, rising ocean noise pollution, and other stressors. The increasing use of Massachusetts Bay occurred even as the overall right whale population declined. Latest estimates peg the population at about 400 animals with only 95 of them being females of reproductive age.

"Our study data ended in 2013 and conditions may have changed even more since then," says Charif. "We need to do more of these long-term studies if we're to have any hope of understanding how right whale habitat is changing because of human activities and before it's too late for the species to survive."

Funding for acoustic data collection and initial analysis was provided by Excelerate Energy and Neptune LNG. Funding for multi-year data compilation, analysis, and synthesis was provided by the U.S. Marine Mammal Commission.

Lacebark elm offers magic for fall and winter

On Gardening



Norman Winter

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The lacebark elm met Old Man Winter's confrontation head-on and won and is now showing out in the Chattahoochee Valley area of West Georgia. While record cold took its toll by freezing leaves to the tree, these small elms are decorating neighborhoods with a soft, orange and yellow glow.

The lacebark elm is known botanically as Ulmus parvifolia and is from China and Korea. This foreign beauty is resistant to Dutch elm disease that wreaked havoc on our native American elm. It is also resistant to Japanese beetles that have become a recent scourge in our area. To be honest, this is one of the most problem-free trees for the landscape. It is also a manageable size that over time can reach 50 feet tall and as wide.

As the leaves fall, they create a yellow carpet that is worthy of capturing a shot with the camera. This year, for whatever reason, the bark which always catches my eye is even more beautiful. Perhaps the bone-chilling, 22 degrees had an influence. More than likely it is just me rediscovering the incredible beauty that can make a fall and winter landscape seem so beautiful.

The bark is where it stands apart from the hybrid red maples. While it's called lacebark which is most appropriate, it would also make the perfect pattern for a camouflage outfit. The bark exfoliates revealing shades of orange, brown, gray, and olive green. Not too many trees can match this one in color and design.

At the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens in Savannah, where it got its start as a USDA Plant Introduction Station, there was an old specimen that had stood the test of time and was like a living monument to a great and wonderful era of plant exploration. Those in West Georgia are young relatively speaking and in their prime.

After a dozen years, they are about 20 feet tall and 18 feet wide offering a perfect size for the urban environment. In the summer, their leaves are dark green and handsome leading up the fall fling. Some trials report that the color on this species is better in the south, but, certainly, this is not a deterrent in its colder zone 5 or protected zone 4 regions. Cortland County is in hardiness zone 5a and 5b.

In the south, Drake is among the most popular varieties as it is considered semi-evergreen. Northern gardeners instead, choose Emerald Isle and Emerald Vase in addition to a new release called Burgundy. The Bosque variety with its straight central-leader would be excellent for parks, street-side, and shopping centers.

Once you select the variety for your region choose a site with plenty of sun. The soil should be fertile and well-drained. They are not picky about soil pH which is great for everyone. Even though they are quick to acclimate dig your planting hole two to three times as wide as the root ball. This allows for the quickest root-expansion into the adjacent soil. The lacebark is considered a fast grower for a quality tree. Normally fast-growing is in connection with inferior, short-lived trees.



Norman Winter/TNS

The lacebark elm's bark is among the most picturesque for the landscape.

The winter reveals whether or not we planned for form and structure in our gardens and the use of bark is important. If we choose the right trees like the lacebark elm, we will realize that even though they are deciduous they will make a dramatic landscape impact.

Norman Winter, horticulturist, is author of "Captivating Combinations: Color and Style in the Garden."

Theater group seeking actors

The Center Players will hold auditions for its spring 2020 season on Dec. 1 and Dec. 2.

The community theater group brings a diverse season of live theater to the Center for the Arts of Homer at 72 S. Main St..

The spring 2020 schedule begins with Oscar Wilde's classic comedy of manners, "The Importance of Being Earnest," with performances starting Feb. 7.

Wilde subtitled his play, a "trivial comedy for serious people." This production will be directed by Howard Lindh.

Sam Shepard's Pulitzer Prize winning look at the fragmentation of the American dream, "Buried Child," opens March 20. This enigmatic play centered around a Midwestern family with a sinister past will be directed by Sam Herwood.

"Gypsy," with music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, opens April 17.

The musical will be directed by Dylinn Andrew and is set during the era of vaudeville, as it follows a relentless stage mother, Rose, who travels the country with her two daughters, June and Louise, and their manager, Herbie.

Based on a true account, "Letters To Sala," is a new play by Arlene Hutton about a young girl's survival during wartime Germany. The play opens on May 15 and will be directed by Barbara Jo Williams.

All auditions will require both a one-minute comedic and a one minute dramatic monologue and auditioners may be asked to read from the scripts. Actors may audition for any or all shows.

Those auditioning for "Gypsy," should prepare 32 bars of a song from any classic Broadway show. An accompanist will be provided and sheet music will be required.

Auditions will be held noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 1.

Additional auditions, for monologues only, will be held 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 2.

Dec. 3 is reserved for callbacks from 6 to 9 p.m. Additional audition information is available on the Center for the Arts website, Center4Art.org.

Center Players is part of the Center for the Arts and welcomes participants from the whole community, all ages and levels of experience, whether performing or working backstage.

Ask Amy

By Amy Dickinson

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Cohabiting is fast leading toward breakup

DEAR AMY: I have been with my fiance for five years — dating for three, engaged for two. For the first few years it was fine. I was in love until we moved in with each other.

Once we were living together, he would snap at me often and repeatedly. He disparaged and was not supportive of me when I was sick, and I found out he was addicted to porn.

I moved out for two months as we tried to work things out. But every hurt, disparaging remark etc., remained as a wound, even after I moved back in.

I've faced the conclusion that I don't and won't love someone who isn't supportive, kind, and caring consistently.

He's told me he didn't like me rubbing his back or his hand, he doesn't want me to initiate sex (we were last intimate four months ago), and he gets upset with me after I ask him to clean up after his dog.

How do I end this relationship without anger and bitterness? I cannot marry him. — Hurt and Unloved

DEAR HURT: Here's how to end a relationship without anger or bitterness: You stay in the relationship until you are so depleted that you no longer have access to your feelings. Please, don't do this.

My overall point is that you cannot control how your fiancé will receive the news that you are leaving him, but the sooner you do this, the stronger you will be — and your strength will help to inoculate you against the emotions which you seek to avoid.

You have already separated once. Your partner knows that you are unhappy — and he sounds quite unhappy, too. You should anticipate a similar response when you separate again.

Have a plan in place, return any engagement ring he might have given you, acknowledge the good times you shared, and walk out the door. Stay calm, behave respectfully, and dial down your contact, including over social media. Handle your choice and your reasons for it with discretion.

DEAR AMY: I am writing in hopes that I can help people in cancer treatment to deal with a strange phenomenon involving how others react to this disease.

I have been in treatment for close to a year for an incurable cancer.

Often, when people hear of my diagnosis, a large percentage of people, whether I know them well or not (ranging from dental assistants to close friends), will muse out loud about someone else in their lives who struggled with this same cancer — and died from it.

Very often, they want to tell the details about the suffering leading up to death.

Just this morning I was out walking in my neighborhood when a neighbor joined me to let me know she had heard of my diagnosis and shared that her best friend's father died of the same condition and how hard it had been on the family.

Amy, I don't think people mean to be hurtful or insensitive, but they are not thinking before they speak.

Many of their stories are extremely frightening and I'm dealing with my own fears of death.

I have come up with my own "line," which involves interrupting them as they are getting going with details to say: "That sounds very painful. As you can imagine, this is a difficult time and it's very hard for me to absorb those stories."

Every time I say it, the person speaking wakes up as if from a trance and says something like, "Oh, of course, I'm so sorry," and we end with me hoping they won't do that to others with cancer.

I'm hoping if you publish this it will help people to be more thoughtful. — Trying to Stay Positive

DEAR TRYING: Thank you so much for outlining a common response to illness or grief, which seems to flow from an impulse to fill the silent, awkward or painful spaces with a relatable episode or anecdote.

Your response to this is perfect, and you are helping many others to avoid similarly painful situations by sharing your own story.

Thank you. I wish you the very best.

You can email Amy Dickinson at askamy@amydickinson.com or send a letter to Ask Amy, P.O. Box 194, Freeville, NY 13068.

Other Opinions

The following editorial roundup, compiled by The Associated Press for members, provides excerpts from editorials that have appeared in the last week in newspapers from around the US and world.

The Los Angeles Times on a plan that would have pulled flavored electronic cigarettes from the market:

Faced with a troubling outbreak of a mysterious vaping-related illness and the skyrocketing use of electronic cigarettes among teens, President Trump announced in September that the Food and Drug Administration would pull flavored electronic-cigarettes from the market, possibly within weeks.

"People are dying," the president said during a televised news conference with the heads of the FDA and the Department of Health and Human Services. He promised quick action, and he was right to do so. At that point, six people had died from the new illness, and hundreds more had been hospitalized with severe lung damage. An alarming number of the victims were young adults or teens who said they used vaping devices for both cannabis and nicotine. Since then, 44 people have died and more than 2,000 people have been sickened.

Trump's plan, reportedly urged by his wife and eldest daughter, was a good one (and a rare smart move on public health policy from an administration better known for dismantling environmental protections). Never mind that it wasn't a perfect answer to the current crisis. Even then, the vaping illness was suspected to be primarily caused by use of black market vaping devices modified for cannabis or THC and containing vitamin E oil. (Health officials are now pretty sure that's what's causing the illness.)

But a ban on flavored electronic-cigarettes is still good public health policy. Vaping use among minors has grown precipitously in recent years — doubling in just the last two years to about a quarter of all high school seniors, studies show. The trend is primarily driven by an attraction to flavors like candy and fruit. Nearly 80% of teens who vape said they did so because of the flavors. And even if they aren't using the aftermarket products associated with the vaping illness, the high levels of nicotine in electronic cigarettes hook users quickly, and nicotine use presents its own health risks.

There was also solid precedent for the move Trump proposed. In 2009, the FDA prohibited the makers of traditional cigarettes from using flavors other than menthol because of their appeal to kids. Public health officials say the ban on flavors was a main factor in teens losing interest in cigarette smoking, which fell to an all-time low in 2018.

It seemed possible that Trump's ban would go into effect. Vaping isn't the political third rail that guns are, and it's not as complicated, controversial or fraught as, say, immigration or Middle East policy. Who, other than the companies that profit from hooking people on this addictive but nonessential product, could find fault with a move to protect the nation's children from potential harm?

We should have known better.

According to the Washington Post, the FDA was set to announce on Nov. 5 that it would order flavored electronic cigarettes to be banned for sale within 30 days. But the day before the announcement, reports said, Trump decided not to sign the "decision memo" out of concern that it might lead to job losses that could be used against him during his reelection campaign.

The New York Times on legislation to release people charged with misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies without cash bail:

Across the country, a movement away from incarceration has been a rare point of consensus among Americans who can agree on little else.

Yet talking about reform is one thing. Doing the work — asking for public trust while emptying cells in jails and prisons — will be harder.

That's what's happening now in New York State, where landmark criminal justice reforms are set to go into effect on Jan. 1.

Beginning next year, people charged with misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies will in most cases be released without cash bail, pending their trials. In another reform, prosecutors will be required to disclose evidence to the defense within 15 days of an indictment instead of shortly before trial, a practice that prompted many a guilty plea before court proceedings even got underway.

Similar reforms in New Jersey and elsewhere have reduced jail populations without endangering public safety.

Yet, in New York, on the eve of the reforms coming into force, a familiar chorus of concern has piped up.

Police Commissioner James O'Neill wrote in an op-ed in May that the law would have a "significant negative impact on public safety." His successor, incoming Police Commissioner Dermot Shea, expressed similar views this month.

Prosecutors and police unions across the state have issued ominous warnings. "Think this is wrong & insane? Then tell your politicians that this needs to be repealed ASAP!" the Oneida City Police Benevolent Association wrote in a Facebook post on Oct. 1.

In July, the New York Prosecutors Training Institute released audio of Jed Painter, a Nassau County assistant district attorney, training prosecutors on various ways to work with the police to subvert the spirit of the new law.

President Trump, who had no problem taking a victory lap over federal criminal justice reform, has been happy to whack his former home state. "So sad to see what is happening in New York where Governor Cuomo & Mayor DeBlasio are letting out 900 Criminals, some hardened & bad, onto the sidewalks of our rapidly declining, because of them, city," he wrote on Twitter on Nov. 5. "The Radical Left Dems are killing our cities."

The Orange County Register on social media monitoring by law enforcement agencies:

Social media monitoring by law enforcement agencies has drawn scrutiny from a coalition of free speech and civil rights groups, raising important questions about privacy as well as oversight of the use of government power.

A statement released on Nov. 6 was signed by more than 50 organizations including the Brennan Center for Justice, the ACLU, the Institute for Free Speech and the Electronic Frontier Foundation. It cites harmful impacts from social media surveillance that should concern lawmakers and the public.

Of particular concern, activities protected by the First Amendment could be stifled or chilled by online surveillance. Local police and federal agencies have monitored social media to track political protests and events. "This information may be disseminated to other federal, state and local government agencies, which leads to further surveillance, watchlisting, unnecessary interactions with law enforcement, and more dire consequences, such as overreaching immigration enforcement," the groups stated.

In one instance cited, the Boston Police Department used a monitoring tool to track particular terms and hashtags, including #BlackLivesMatter. The New York City Police Department has used online surveillance to track suspected gang members. Without adequate oversight, communities of color could be disproportionately or unfairly subjected to police scrutiny for engaging in constitutionally protected activity.

The public remains generally in the dark about these practices. One review of 157 law enforcement agencies using social media surveillance tools found that fewer than 15 percent had publicly available policies regarding the details of the agencies' social media monitoring practices.



What about prior whistleblowers?

Larry Elder



Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi recently put President Donald Trump on notice about any possible retaliation against the whistleblower who filed a complaint against Trump. Pelosi warned: "I will make sure he does not intimidate the whistleblower. I was there. I told the President, you're in my wheelhouse when you come after the whistleblower."

But where was this love for whistleblowers during President Barack Obama's administration? Obama remains enormously popular among Democrats. But many in the how-dare-President-Trump-attack-a-whistleblower camp paid little attention to Obama's unprecedented attack on whistleblowers, as well as on the reporters who reported on their whistleblowing. Liberal filmmaker Robert Greenwald released a documentary in 2013 called "War on Whistleblowers: Free Press and the National Security State" that examined the fate of four whistleblowers during the Obama administration. Greenwald said: "One of the things that was a common denominator with all the whistleblowers we interviewed is the terrible personal price they paid ... And what is happening over and over again is the Obama administration and previous administrations are literally shooting the messengers — punishing the whistleblowers, trying to pass laws that make it harder for whistleblowers."

In a 2011 article titled "Obama's War on Whistleblowers," the center-left publication The Atlantic wrote: "The Justice Department's subpoena of New York Times reporter James Risen ... was the latest sign of how aggressive the Obama administration is being in its campaign against government whistle-blowers. The purpose of Risen's subpoena is to force him to testify that Jeffrey Sterling, a former CIA agent, gave him confidential information about the CIA's efforts to sabotage Iran's nuclear program. The extent to which the administration is prosecuting leakers has troubled those who see leakers as speakers of truth to power. 'In President Obama's 26 months in office, civilian and military prosecutors have charged five people in cases involving leaking information, more than all previous presidents combined,' reports the Times."

Similarly, in 2011, left-wing magazine The New Yorker wrote: "When President Barack Obama took office, in 2009, he championed the cause of government transparency, and spoke admiringly of whistleblowers, whom he described as 'often the best source of information about waste, fraud, and abuse in government.' But the Obama Administration has pursued leak prosecutions with a surprising relentlessness. ... It has been using the Espionage Act to press criminal charges in five alleged instances of national-security leaks — more such prosecutions than have occurred in all previous Administrations combined."

Alex Gibney is a left-wing filmmaker described by the left-wing magazine Esquire as "the most important documentarian of our time." He directed the documentary "We Steal Secrets: The Story of WikiLeaks." As to Obama's treatment of whistleblowers and journalists who report their disclosures, Gibney said: "Let's be honest and say that the Obama administration is the most aggressive prosecutor of leaks in American history. And they're going after leakers and, in a collateral way, after journalists, in a way that is more aggressive than anything that has ever been seen in our history."

The Obama administration prosecuted Thomas Drake, a National Security Agency official who gave reporters material on alleged failures of that agency. About Drake's prosecution, Daniel Ellsberg, the man who leaked the Pentagon Papers during Nixon Administration said: "For Obama to indict and prosecute Drake now, for acts undertaken and investigated during the Bush administration, is to do precisely what Obama said he did not mean to do — 'look backward.' Of all the blatantly criminal acts committed under Bush, warrantless wiretapping by the NSA, aggression, torture, Obama now prosecutes only the revelation of massive waste by the NSA, a socially useful act which the Bush administration itself investigated but did not choose to indict or prosecute!

"Bush brought no indictments against whistleblowers, though he suspended Drake's clearance. Obama, in this and other matters relating to secrecy and whistleblowing, is doing worse than Bush. His violation of civil liberties and the White House's excessive use of the executive secrecy privilege is inexcusable."

The Obama administration, according to The Washington Post, obtained a warrant to search phone records of Fox reporter James Rosen, who published sensitive information about North Korea. The Post reported in 2013: "They (the Justice Department) used security badge access records to track the reporter's comings and goings from the State Department, according to a newly obtained court affidavit. They traced the timing of his calls with a State Department security adviser suspected of sharing the classified report. They obtained a search warrant for the reporter's personal e-mails." Take comfort knowing that Democrats like Pelosi and their media sympathizers, after taking time off for eight years, think so highly of whistleblowers, especially when they whistleblow on Trump.

Impeaching the media

Kathleen Parker



As the second week of the impeachment hearings began, Republicans re-introduced an old theme for the usual purposes: Everything is the media's fault, and America wouldn't be in this jam but for their being puppets of the Democratic Party.

Such were the sentiments expressed by Republican Rep. Devin Nunes of California, ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee, in his opening statement Tuesday morning. Nunes was obviously trying to create a backdrop for the day's testimony, which included such witnesses as an Iraq War combat veteran, who was wounded in battle, and an aide to Vice President Mike Pence. It's much harder to demonize such highly respected individuals than it is to drag out the media for yet another lashing.

If you had just tuned in from your interplanetary travels, however, you might have thought the media, not President Trump, were the subject of the impeachment inquiry. It was stale bread. Making an enemy of the media has long been a feature of Donald Trump's modus operandi. From his earliest campaign days, the then-future leader of the free world created an enemy to divert attention from his more problematic escapades and as a target to use when needed.

From alleged collusion with Russia to supposed bribery with Ukraine, the media have been performing as instruments of the Democratic Party, according to Nunes. He illustrated his point Tuesday by listing a series of headlines from various media outlets, including CNN, The New York Times, Slate and others (but not The Washington Post), all of which had been proved incorrect. It was effective as a diversion, if not as the filtering lens he surely sought to create.

To Trump's base, the Nunes roster was simply further amplification of what they've long believed and for which they are enjoined with the president in a political matrimony of sorts. And though it is true that the media, by which we mean human beings, sometimes get things wrong, it is also likely that Nunes' team scoured the print and broadcast universe for mistaken headlines. A half-dozen or so examples do not a conspiracy of misinformation make. Is that all you got?

This is not to excuse careless journalism or what legitimately appears to be bias against Donald Trump but to offer some balance. Without question, certain folks, especially on cable news shows, have picked sides. That's what they do. The incessant, looping criticism contra the president can seem like an onslaught of unfair proportions. As a spectator, I agree that the steady diet of smirk and scorn becomes tiresome and, frankly, boring. Television gets an unfair proportion of audiences because, well, it's television. Watching is easier than reading.

But a careful reading of a broad spectrum of readily available ideas and investigative journalism might prove valuable to those wishing to understand the reasoning behind the critique. There is ample cause to call out this president, from a self-regard that seems detached from reality to his dubious courtship of bad actors.

As to the impeachment inquiry, it's difficult to fathom how anyone would not see a problem with the president of the United States soliciting a foreign country to investigate his political opponent in exchange for promised military aid.

Other avenues for such an investigation, if warranted, would be both more credible and less risky. But Trump specifically wanted Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to make a public announcement that he was conducting such an investigation, according to testimony Wednesday by Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland. Also, Sondland said, the quid pro quo of a White House invite in exchange for the investigation was obvious, even if Trump never said the words.

The only question remaining is whether Trump's actions justify impeachment, the answer to which seems plainly partisan. Americans have had numerous opportunities the past three years to ask how Republican elected officials could still support such a president. Almost nostalgically, one recalls the days when, innocently, one would think: Surely, this time they'll jump ship?

Of course, they didn't — and likely won't this time for the simple reason that their constituents aren't demanding it. And, by the way, they hate the media, too.

Nunes' blame-the-media tactic, however, should be seen for what it was — a desperate act in the face of credible, damning testimony.

For an alternative media narrative, one might entertain the possibility that when, say, a conservative columnist agrees with the Democrats, they might both be right.



Travis Dunn/staff reporter

Marin Sen of Groton prepares to mince vension while making cha kreung, a spicy Khmer stir-fry. Marin and her husband Bong are the owners of the Khmer Angkor Cambodian Foods stall at the Ithaca Farmers Market.

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Thailand (where one son was born) and Indonesia (where another son was born). They arrived in the U.S. in 1982, and their third son was born here in the U.S.

Bong said there were many things that were new to him here, and Thanksgiving was definitely one of them. Also, the idea of eating turkeys.

In Cambodia, he said, turkeys had a different status.

"We think of turkeys as pets," he said. "I don't think anybody eats them because they're so ugly."

But here in the U.S., on a holiday that was brand new to him, at the home of a family friend in Ithaca, he was served turkey.

Bong was hesitant, but he ate it, and he found he liked it.

Today, his family celebrates with a 20-pound turkey, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, carrots, sweet potatoes and homemade cranberry sauce as well as cheesecake and apple and pumpkin pies for dessert. But that's just the American-style part of the meal.

Then there's the food from back home: Alongside the turkey, his family also serves traditional Khmer foods, such as roast duck, or pork, beef or shrimp in a coconut-based curry sauce cooked in a hot pot.

"I know how to cook everything because I cooked for 25 years at Cornell," Marin said.

Her daily cooking also mixes Khmer-style cuisine with local ingredients, such as cha kreung — a spicy minced-meat stir fry with lemongrass and eggplant and a lot of garlic — that she makes with venison her neighbor gave her.

Her cooking, she said, has helped her make many friends in the U.S.

"At Thanksgiving, my table is all full," she said.

In Guatemala, Thanksgiving is like Christmas

Ruth State, owner of Rincon Hispano on Main Street in Cortland, came to the U.S. about 30 years ago from Guatemala. Over the years she's adapted to the American culture. One of the things she's adapted to is having essentially the traditional American Thanksgiving with all the trimmings — a turkey, stuffing and of course dessert.

State said her sister-in-law is often the one cooking the meal.

"She puts a very delicious meal on the table," State said.

This year she'll have several family members from Guatemala joining her around the dinner table, bringing the number of people feasting to 20. She said her family has been coming for visits for about a decade now, although not always on Thanksgiving.

One thing that's the same in Guatemalan culture and American culture is a turkey is usually part of the holiday meal.

"You usually do turkey for Christmas in Guatemala," State said.

It's the one staple on the Thanksgiving table she is most looking forward to.

But while some fill the turkey with vegetables (a common practice in Guatemala culture) or stuffing, "we like apples," State said.

"Pie," Sofia Sosa said beaming as she talked about her favorite Thanksgiving food.

Sosa, State's niece, has her heart set on eating apple pie, it's one of her favorite kinds. However, if it's not there, just about any pie would do.

Sosa is looking forward to seeing some of her aunts, uncles and cousins.

"Thanksgiving here is like Christmas in Guatemala — friends, family and food," State said.

Well, minus the gifts, Sosa added.

'A spiritual and physical blessing'

Thanksgiving in America has similarities to its Korean counterpart, Chuseok, said the Rev. Eunice Sunae Kim, of Cortland United First Methodist Church.

"It's the same as American Thanksgiving," Kim said. "It's a holiday and families get together. Where grandmom and granddad live, we all get together and we make dishes two or three days ahead. It's a big, big celebration."

Originally from Seoul, South Korea, Kim has lived in the United States since 1987.

In that time, she married Hyun Joon Kim, a pastor at Red Creek Westbury United Methodist Church and Sterling United Methodist Church, and raised her daughter, Jenny Hyunae Nam, 30, who works for Nespresso in Manhattan.

As a Christian, Thanksgiving has a spiritual meaning:

"God's blessing over my life and my family, the blessing of my church, the blessing of my congregation ... and the blessing of the whole world," she said.

Thanksgiving is also a time for her to reflect on those who are in need and who can't afford to celebrate the dinner, she said. This sentiment is also shared in South Korea, where Christianity is one of the largest religions, Kim said.

The meal that Kim's family shares is her reflection of America: a combination of various groups.

Her American foods include turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and salad. South Korean foods include japchae, a stir fry noodle dish; jeon, a fried meat or vegetable dish; and bulgogi, thinly sliced marinated beef or pork**.** Part of this combination is from her daughter's upbringing in America and being around American food while carrying over traditional food from South Korea.

One difference she did note between Thanksgiving and Chuseok was how the families interact with each other.

"Overall, in American society, between families, I see conflicts, more conflicts than South Korea," she said.

Politics are brought up during Chuseok but she wasn't sure if arguments over politics were similar to how they are in America.

Additionally, it is a tradition at Chuseok for the daughter-in-law to make the food under the supervision of the groom's mother. The custom, which was more common when Kim was younger, has become less typical today, which Kim attributed to equality increasing between men and women.

Those issues though don't distract her from the spirit of Thanksgiving.

"Thanksgiving is always in Christ's spirit," Kim said. "The more we give thanks, the more happiness comes. It's not only a physical blessing but a spiritual one, too."

Staff reporters S.N. Briere, Travis Dunn and Colin Spencer contributed to this report.

Trump denigrates US diplomats, touts conspiracy theories

WASHINGTON (AP) — Offering his own take on five long days of public hearings, President Donald Trump brushed off the impeachment inquiry as "total nonsense" on Friday and badmouthed a number of the U.S. diplomats who testified to Congress about his Ukraine pressure campaign.

In one breath, Trump said House Democrats looked like "fools" during the hearings on Capitol Hill.

In another, he offered a window into his political strategy ahead of an expected House vote to impeach him. If that happens, the Senate would hold a trial on whether to oust him from office.

"I think we had a tremendous week with the hoax," Trump said at the White House.

At the same time, he talked up debunked conspiracy theories that Ukraine interfered in the 2016 election, speaking just one day after a former White House adviser testified that the claim was a "fictional narrative" that played into the hands of Russian President Vladimir Putin. Trump also repeated claims that Obama administration officials spied on his campaign and underscored the need to keep Republicans unified against impeachment.

"I don't think I've ever seen support in the Republican party like we do right now," he said.

In a 57-minute, animated phone interview on "Fox & Friends," Trump said he did not expect to be impeached. But he added that if the House did vote to impeach him, he would welcome a trial in the Republican-led Senate.

"Frankly, I want a trial," he said.

A trial, he said, would give Republicans a chance to question Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., who led the hearings as chairman of the House intelligence committee.

Procedures for a Senate trial still are being worked out, but Republicans may well be hesitant to adopt Trump's idea of turning a lawmaker into a witness.

"I want to see Adam Schiff testify about the whistleblower, who is a fake whistleblower," the president said, adding that he knows the identity of the whistleblower whose formal complaint launched the impeachment inquiry.

Trump's professed confidence came after impeachment witnesses testified under oath that the president withheld aid from Ukraine to press the country to investigate his political rivals. Trump insisted he was trying to root out corruption in the Eastern European nation when he held up nearly $400 million in military aid to help Ukraine battle Russian aggression.

"I think it's very hard to impeach you when they have absolutely nothing," Trump said.

He denied there was any quid pro quo, extortion or bribery. He also denied holding up a White House meeting or military aid to get Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to launch investigations of former Vice President Joe Biden and his son's dealings in Ukraine.

Uncowed by witnesses who warned against playing into the Russians' hands, Trump repeated a debunked conspiracy theory that Ukrainians might have hacked the Democratic National Committee's network in 2016 and framed Russia for the crime.

"They gave the server to CrowdStrike, which is a company owned by a very wealthy Ukrainian," Trump said. "I still want to see that server. The FBI has never gotten that server."

Trump's claim on Ukraine being behind the 2016 election interference has been discredited by intelligence agencies and his own advisers.

CrowdStrike, an internet security firm based in California, investigated the DNC hack in June 2016 and traced it to two groups of hackers connected to a Russian intelligence service — not Ukraine. The company's co-founder Dmitri Alperovitch is a Russian-born U.S. citizen who immigrated as a child and graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Fiona Hill, a former Russia adviser on the White House National Security Council, admonished Republicans in her testimony on Thursday for pushing unsubstantiated conspiracy theories about Ukrainian interference in the 2016 presidential election.

"This is a fictional narrative that has been perpetrated and propagated by the Russian security services themselves," Hill said.

Trump continued to distance himself from other impeachment witnesses, including Gordon Sondland, U.S. ambassador to the European Union.

Sondland said he was working on a deal to arrange a White House visit if Zelenskiy publicly announced investigations into Burisma, a Ukrainian gas company. Democrat Joe Biden's son Hunter was a Burisma board member.

Speaking of Sondland, Trump said, "I hardly know him, OK? I've spoken to him a few times."

The president said Sondland left out of his opening statement his account of a phone conversation in which Trump said: "I want nothing. No quid pro quo. Have Zelenskiy do whatever is right."

Sondland "didn't put that in," Trump said. "That was the end of him. I turned off the television."

He also denigrated the testimony of David Holmes, a counselor at the U.S. embassy in Kyiv. Holmes testified that he overheard a different phone conversation Sondland had with the president. Holmes said he heard the president talking loudly about Zelenskiy, asking, "So, he's gonna do the investigation?" Ambassador Sondland replied that "He's gonna do it."

Trump said he didn't believe Holmes could hear the conversation since it wasn't on a speaker phone. "That was a total phony deal," Trump said.

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from office. And he knows it.

"The Republican Party has never been more unified," Trump declared on Friday, calling in to the appropriately named "Fox & Friends" to talk about his achievements for nearly an hour.

The Democrats haven't got anything to impeach him on, he claimed, and if the House proceeds their work will come crashing down in the Senate.

He wants that trial, he said.

It all stems from Trump's July 25 phone call with Ukraine's newly elected president. In it, Trump asked Volodymyr Zelenskiy for "a favor," which involved investigating Democrat Joe Biden and a theory — debunked by U.S. intelligence — that Ukraine, not Russia, interfered in America's 2016 election.

In return, Democrats say, it was made clear to Zelenskiy by others that he would get a coveted Oval Office visit. And at the same time, Trump was holding up $400 million in military aid the East European ally relies on to counter Russian aggression at its border.

For Democrats, it amounts to nothing short of a quid pro quo "bribery," spelled out in the Constitution as grounds for impeachment. They say they don't need Bolton or anyone else to further a case they contend was well established by the White House's rough transcript of the phone call — the transcript Trump himself implores America to read.

"We Democrats are tired of a president who is willing to put his own personal interests above the Constitution," said Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., a Judiciary Committee member. "I don't think we should be waiting."

Trump insists he did nothing wrong and Friday revived the Ukraine interference idea, which he relies on it to push investigations of Biden's son Hunter, who served on the board of a gas company in Ukraine.

Trump's former security aide Fiona Hill warned Republicans in Thursday's hearing that it's a "false narrative " dangerous for the U.S. and playing into Russia's hands.

Now Trump ally Lindsey Graham, a senator from South Carolina, has asked the State Department for documents on the Bidens and Burisma, the gas company.

The Judiciary Committee chairman and other senators met with White House Counsel Pat Cipollone as Republicans consider Trump's rebuttal to whatever impeachment articles may arrive from the House.

Another GOP Sen. Ted Cruz said if the White House wants to call Hunter Biden as a witness or the anonymous government whistleblower who alerted Congress to concerns about the phone call, "I think they should be allowed to call them," he said on "The Ben Shapiro Show."

Despite Trump's denials, Democrat Schiff says the testimony in the hearings has largely confirmed the accusations against the president.

"What have we learned through these depositions and through the testimony?" Schiff said as he gaveled the final session closed late Thursday. "So much of this is undisputed."

Bolton hasn't been questioned. Other testimony has him fuming at the White House over what he called the "drug deal" Trump's team was "cooking up" over Ukraine.

Bolton said he didn't want to have any part of it and left his post in September, not long after the whistleblower filed the complaint.

A former United Nations ambassador, Bolton declined a request to appear before Schiff's committee, standing by the White House's instructions not to comply with the probe. But he suddenly resurfaced Friday on Twitter.

He said the White House had blocked and "never returned access to my Twitter."

A senior Trump official said the White House did no such thing and wouldn't even have the means to do so.

There's also Rudy Giuliani, the president's lawyer, who witnesses put at the center of it all, fueling the theory of Ukraine's role in election interference and enlisting diplomats like Ambassador Gordon Sondland to push the Ukrainians to announce the investigations.

Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said this week no decisions have been made on further hearings.

"As I said to the president, if you have any information that is exculpatory, please bring it forth, because it seems that the facts are uncontested as to what happened," she said.

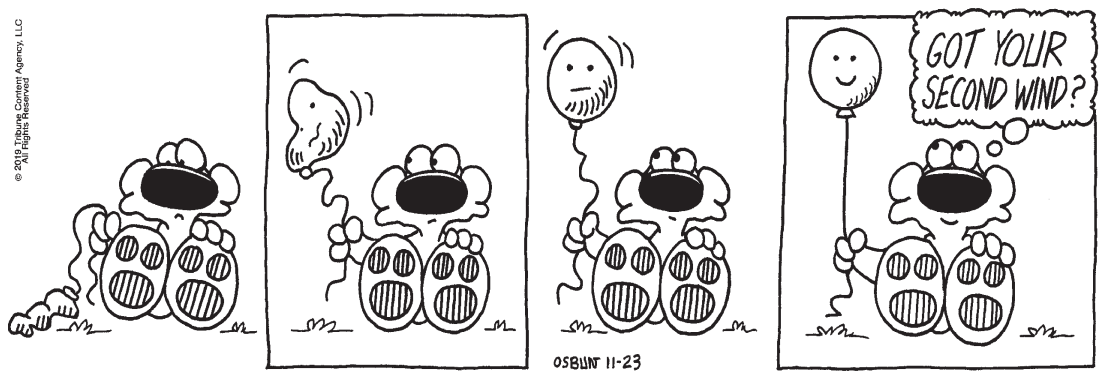
In the Senate, much of the next steps will depend on Trump, whose shifting views have forced GOP senators to readjust their own. They left the White House meeting without consensus but plan to meet again, according to a person familiar with the session.

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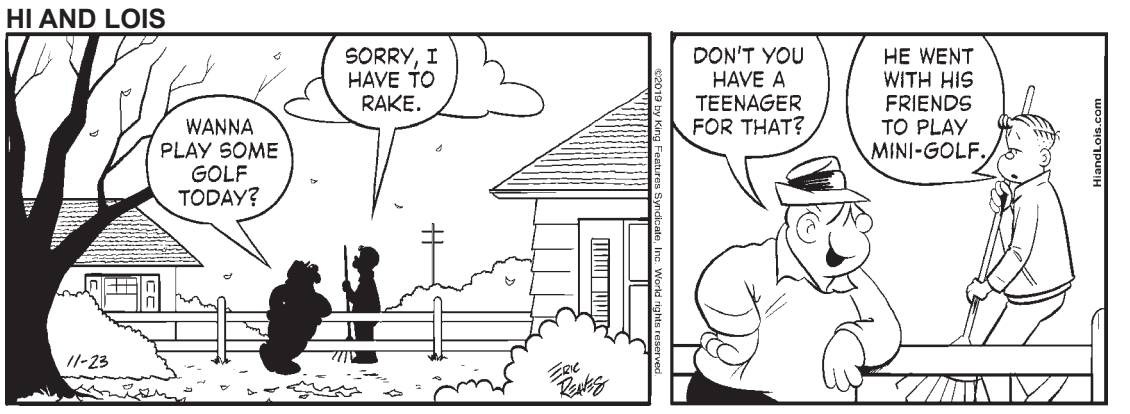
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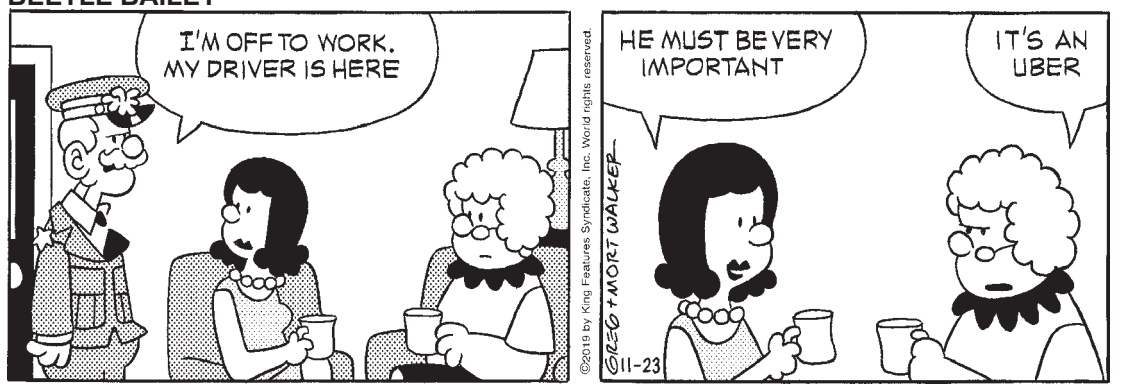
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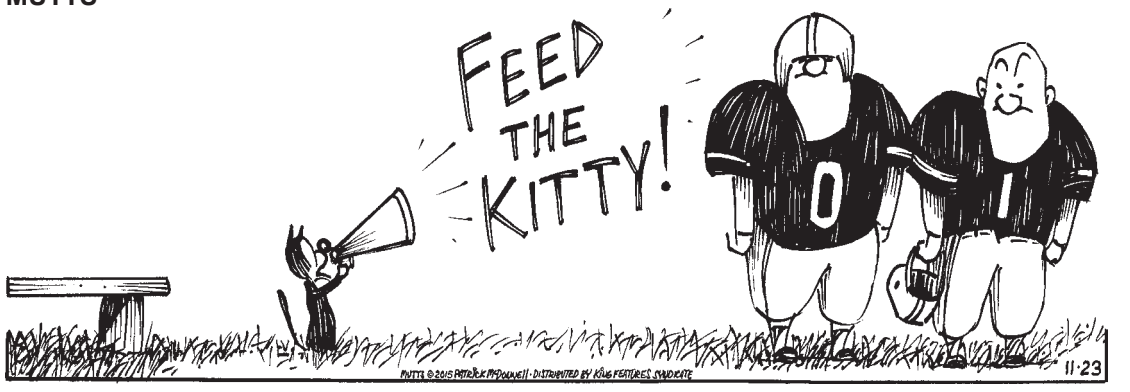
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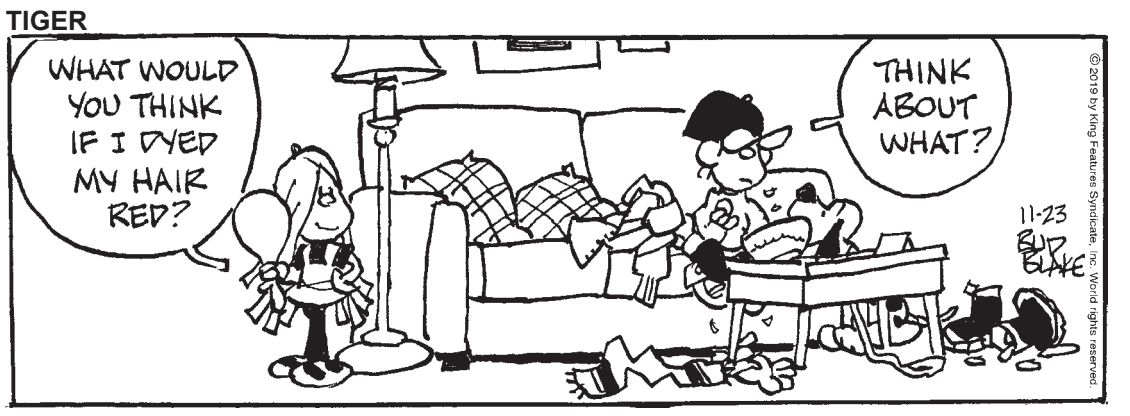
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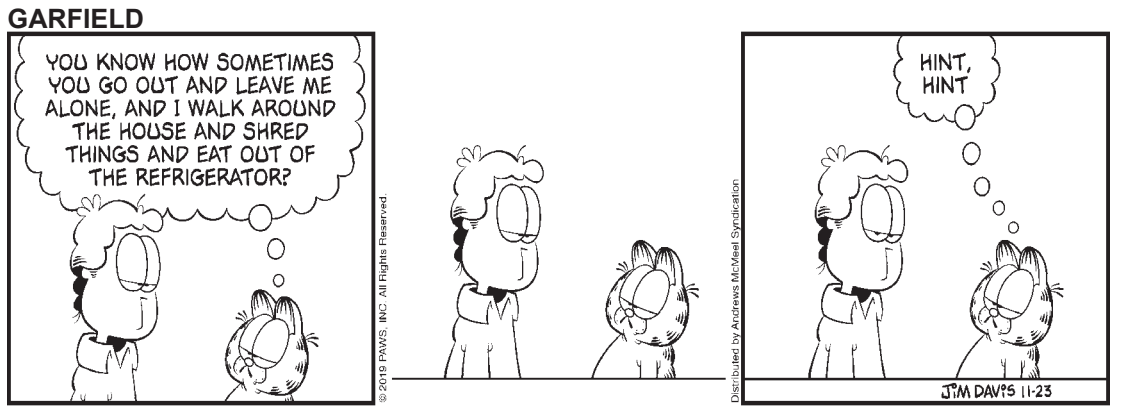
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Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena

Sunday, November 24, 2019

BIRTHDAY STAR: Actress Katherine Heigl was born in Washington, D.C., on this date in 1978. This birthday star won a 2007 Emmy for her role as Izzie Stevens on the long-running TV series "Grey's Anatomy." She also played Samantha Wheeler on "Suits" and Sadie Ellis on "Doubt." On the big screen, Heigl's film work includes "Jenny's Wedding," "Home Sweet Hell" and "One for the Money." Heigl has been married to singer Josh Kelley since 2007.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Focus on having a peaceful place to work while you pursue creative ideas and try to sidestep those who push your buttons. In the week ahead, an unexpected bill can become the subject of aggravation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): During the week to come, your interest in trends can broaden your horizons. You appear open-minded, and you may be invited to share events with someone outside your regular circle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Exhibit an aptitude for fairness. You can blow the whistle, but make sure you're a nonpartisan referee. Ensure that your relationships are harmonious in the coming week.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There should be an abundance of opportunities to spend time with family in the upcoming week. Don't be disappointed if one person wants to do something nontraditional.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get in touch with friends who have drifted away. In the week ahead, you might be puzzled by someone's unexpected change of heart, but that doesn't mean you should lose your temper.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you make it plain that you play by the rules, other people will be persuaded to play fair, too. You are realistic enough to know that fantasies require hard work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Those who hold the reins of power might be impressed by your creative talents. If you are restless for excitement, find acceptable ways to break out of a self-imposed rut.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Friends and foes are likely to take you into their confidence. Friends in high places might give you a tip that lets you to make smart business decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An appreciation of the best the world offers may be your best trait. Your toughest problem in the week ahead might be how to fit an extra piece of pumpkin pie on your plate without seeming greedy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may be misled or misinformed in the upcoming week, but you can rely upon better judgment during the next few days. Make a plan and stick to it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You probably don't need every new gadget, but it can be eye-opening to experiment with something new this week. Try things out to see if they are beneficial.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): When you are surrounded by peace, you can be more artistic and visionary. Feel free to act when your imagination is energized. You may learn who your most trusted allies are in the week ahead.

IF NOVEMBER 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The social contacts you develop or the groups you join can bring a great deal of satisfaction during the next five to six weeks. If you ready to change jobs, this is an excellent time to head off on interviews, start a new position or put yourself in the public eye. If you are single, you could meet a romantic partner between now and the end of January who will fulfill all your dreams.

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Cryptoquote

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11-23 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IT REQUIRES WISDOM TO UNDERSTAND WISDOM: THE MUSIC IS NOTHING IF THE AUDIENCE IS DEAF. — WALTER LIPPMANN

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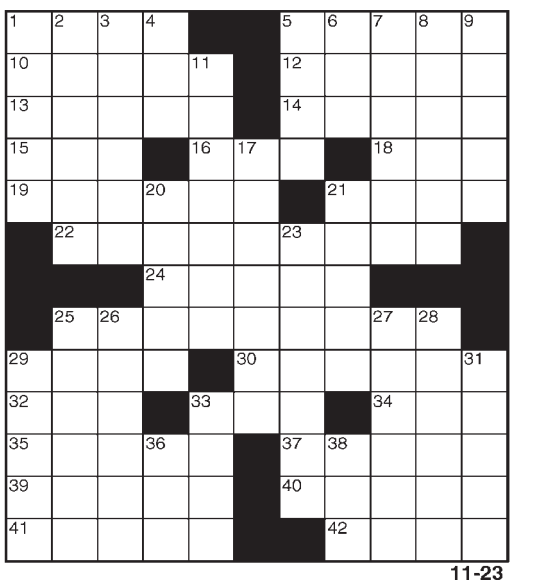
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Yesterday's answer



11-23

Word of the Day

heterodox *(HET-uh-ruh-dahks)*

Definition: (adjective) 1) contrary to or different from an acknowledged standard, a traditional form or an established religion; unorthodox, unconventional 2) holding unorthodox opinions or doctrines

Did you know?: The antonyms orthodox and heterodox developed from the same root, Greek doxa, which means "opinion." Heterodox derives from doxa plus heter-, a combining form meaning "other" or "different"; orthodox pairs doxa with orth-, meaning "correct" or "straight."

— Courtesy Merriam Webster Online

As Graham launches Biden probe, video of him praising ex-VP emerges

By EMILY BOHATCH
The State (TNS)

COLUMBIA, S.C. — As U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham takes steps to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden's actions in Ukraine, a video has gone viral showing Graham taking a very different tone when it comes to the Delaware Democrat.

The video, which was part of the Huffington Post's '16 and President' project from the 2016 presidential campaign trail, shows Graham, a Republican, heaping high praise on the then-vice president.

"If you can't admire Joe Biden as a person, there's probably, you got a problem," Graham joked on the 2016 video. "You need to do some self-evaluation, because what's not to like?"

During the interview, Graham discussed the death of one of Biden's sons.

Beau Biden died in 2015 after a battle with a brain tumor.

Graham talked about discussions he had with Biden after his son's death and expressed sympathy for him and his family.

"He's the nicest person I think I've ever met in politics," Graham said in 2016. "He is as good of a man as God ever created."

The video surfaced and began circulating on social media Friday, a day after Graham's office released a letter in which the senator asked State Department officials to release documents pertaining to Biden, his son Hunter Biden and Burisma, a Ukraine-based natural gas company on whose board Hunter Biden sat.

The letter from Graham, who currently chairs the Senate's Judiciary Committee, claims the documents will help answer questions about allegations that Joe Biden forced out a Ukrainian prosecutor who was investigating Burisma.

President Donald Trump is currently facing an impeachment inquiry for asking Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to investigate the largely unfounded allegations.

Multiple national media outlets have reported that prosecutor Viktor Shokin was ousted as part of an initiative to take on corrupt officials in Ukraine.

Graham specifically requested documents and transcripts of communications between Joe Biden and former Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko in which the pair may have spoken about the investigation into Burisma.

Graham also asked for documents about a meeting between Hunter Biden's business partner Devon Archer and former Secretary of State John Kerry.

"Adam Schiff and the Democrat-controlled House Intel Committee have made it clear they will not look into the issues surrounding Hunter Biden and Burisma," Graham's spokesman Kevin Bishop said in an email. "Senator Graham is requesting documents which could shed additional light on these outstanding issues."

Asked about the 2016 video in which Graham praises Biden, the senator's spokesman did not comment.

Recently, Graham's past statements, captured in videos of old interviews and speeches, have frequently resurfaced and gone viral when they contradict a statement he makes now.

This phenomenon has been happening since Graham became a staunch backer of Trump, whom Graham called a "complete idiot" during the 2016 election among other insults. Videos of Graham's comments during the impeachment of former President Bill Clinton also frequently surface when Graham makes comments about Trump's possible impeachment.

Bolton returns to Twitter after claim of White House freeze

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former national security adviser John Bolton said Friday in a series of cryptic tweets that he's regained control of his personal Twitter account, asserting the White House refused to provide access to it after he resigned in September, a charge President Donald Trump rejected.

Bolton and Trump clashed frequently on foreign policy and the president said the hawkish Bolton did not get along with others in the administration and was out of step with him on policy.

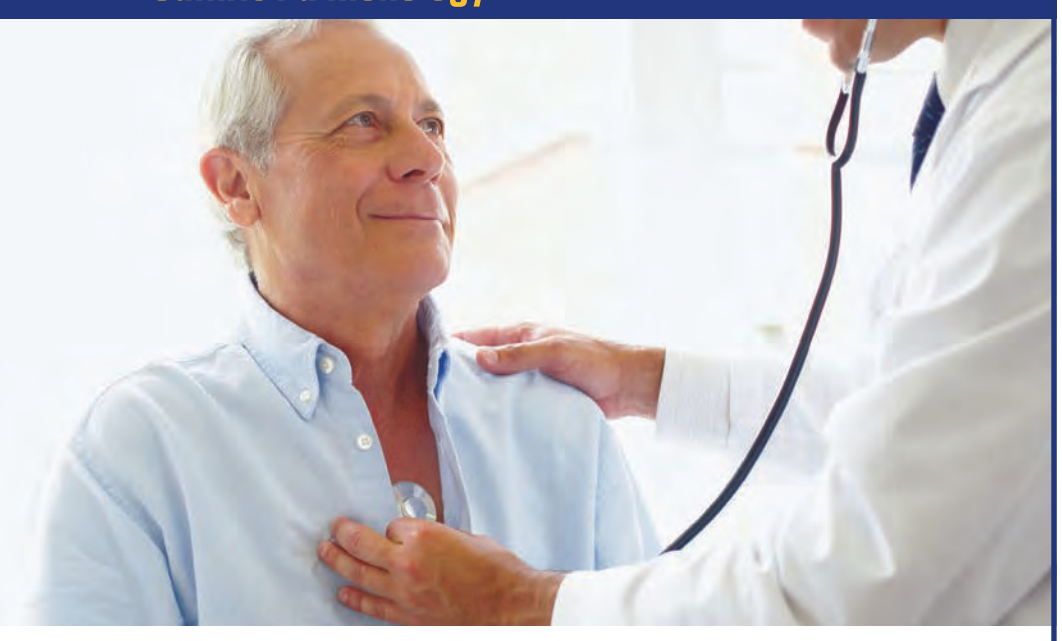
Bolton's actions and words have been closely followed ever since, particularly concerning the House impeachment inquiry. Bolton has declined to testify unless a federal judge determines he can be compelled to testify against the White House's wishes. But his attorney said Bolton was aware of "many relevant meetings and conversations" related to the Ukraine pressure campaign.

Bolton issued a series of tweets Friday that began with him saying he was glad to be back on Twitter and to "stay tuned."

A third tweet accused the White House of refusing to return access to the account, asking, "Out of fear of what I may say? To those who speculated I went into hiding, I'm sorry to disappoint!"

Finally, Bolton thanked Twitter for "standing by their community standards" and "rightfully returning control" of his account.

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Section 3

Meldrim joins wrestling hall of fame

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Dick Meldrim's path changed with one meeting.

After a home meet, the Cortland native — then an assistant wrestling coach for the Purple Tigers — met with Fred Brown, who talked with him about becoming an official.

More than four decades on the mat as a referee later, Meldrim was honored for his contributions to the sport when he was inducted into the Section 3 Wrestling Hall of Fame at Lakeshore Yacht & Country Club in Cicero earlier this month.

"I'm a pretty humble guy," Meldrim said in a phone interview Friday. "I think I was inducted as an official for my longevity and for a good body of work, but I don't think officials should be in the hall of fame."

Meldrim, who joined the Syracuse Wrestling Officials Association in 1978, has been selected to referee the section finals over 35 times and the state championships twice. He served as the president and rules interpreter of the Syracuse chapter, as well as several stints on the executive board.

Meldrim was elected to the New York State Wrestling Officials Executive Board in 2010 and served six years as president and vice president.

"Dick Meldrim has always given back to the sport he loves and the honor of being inducted into the Section 3 Wrestling Hall of Fame is well deserved," said Section 3 wrestling chairman Brad Hamer, who was one of Meldrim's teammates at SUNY Cortland. "He has earned this honor by a lifetime of hard work and dedication to Section 3 Wrestling."



Haley Meldrim/contributing photographer

Dick Meldrim, right, was inducted into the Section 3 Wrestling Hall of Fame for his 40-plus years of involvement in the sport as a competitor, coach and official. He was introduced for induction at the event by his son A.J., left.

With no organized youth wrestling in the area at the time, Meldrim began to learn about the sport like many in wrestling families do.

"My wrestling was on the rug with my brothers in the living room," said Meldrim, who is the youngest of five brothers who wrestled for Cortland High School. "I never won a match."

That changed in high school.

Meldrim was a freshman on the 1969 Cortland team that won the Section 3 championship, and under the coaching of fellow hall of famer Gary Dillingham, Meldrim was undefeated in Section 4 for two years, won section titles in 1971 and 1972, and took third in the state in 1972.

"Practice was unbelievable," Meldrim recalled. "Gary Dillingham was the coach … He was tough and he was old school."

Meldrim's collegiate career was derailed by injuries, but he soon got into coaching under Dillingham.

"It was a pretty easy transition," Meldrim said. "I knew the program. No problems with that at all. I'd been schooled and knew what to do."

But after four years as Dillingham's assistant, Meldrim was convinced by Brown to try officiating.

It sparked a passion he still has to this day.

"It was a challenge and it was intriguing," Meldrim said. "I always felt that sports make you what you are. I felt by officiating I was still contributing and giving back."

Meldrim maintains the main focus over four decades has been "getting it right," but he also makes sure to help younger officials — something his predecessors did for him. Meldrim's son, A.J., is now an official as well.

"I've always gone out of my way to help younger officials and make them feel comfortable," Meldrim said. "It's not just about the rules or making the calls, but befriending them and guiding them along."

But for Hamer, Meldrim's contributions were still more than what he accomplished on the mat.

"Before we formed the Friends of Section 3 Wrestling, Dick was the Friend of Section 3 Wrestling," Hamer said. "He and the officials began a tradition of giving the sectional champions a warm up top to wear at the state championships. After that, other sections found a way to do the same, but Dick started that tradition."

Meldrim was also instrumental in forming the CNY Pee Wee League, which helped build the sport by providing opportunities for kids outside of the regular tournaments.

To this day, it's one of the accomplishments Meldrim is most proud of.

"On like Friday nights, kids would get two or three matches, and then at the end of the year we'd have a tournament," Meldrim said. "We'd put the kids in groups they could compete. It just took off. … The good kids are still going to be good and can still go to those (bigger) tournaments, but the other kids that just aren't ready didn't have a place to go.

"It helped build and keep young kids involved in the sport. I'm very proud of that. Looking back it was the right thing to do."

Now 65 years old and set for neck surgery, Meldrim won't be ready for the start of the upcoming varsity wrestling season. He still plans to keep officiating, although he is starting to cut back on his workload.

"I'll stay involved," Meldrim said. "I took my name out of consideration for sectionals two or three years ago. … I didn't want a younger kid sitting on the sidelines because I would be selected to do it. I did my time.

"I still go to tournaments and help however I can."

National Basketball Association

Dinwiddie's 23 points help Nets knock off Kings

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Brooklyn Nets usually do well when they hold opponents under 100 points. They did it again Friday night for the second straight game.

Spencer Dinwiddie scored 23 points and Joe Harris added 22 in the Nets' 116-97 victory over the Sacramento Kings. Brooklyn is 34-6 under coach Kenny Atkinson when keeping opponents under 100.

"We're just trying to play good basketball, play the right way," Harris said. "We've done a better job here lately defensively. When you're able to get stops, things offensively come a lot easier."

Garrett Temple finished with 18 points, Jared Allen had 11 points and nine rebounds, and DeAndre Jordan added 10 rebounds for the Nets.

Harrison Barnes led the Kings with 18 points. Buddy Hield had 16, Justin James 14, Nemanja Bjelica 13 and Richaun Holmes 12 as Sacramento shot 4 of 26 from 3-point range.

"If you're a 3-point shooting team and you shoot 15 percent, you're not going to win a lot of games," Kings coach Luke Walton said. "Brooklyn also beat us up on the glass."

The Nets outrebounded the Kings 48-33, matching their highest differential of the season.

Temple's 3-pointer opened the scoring and Brooklyn never trailed in the game.

Leading 26-23 after the first quarter, the Nets began the second on a 17-8 run to open a 12-point lead at 43-31. The Kings, with Hield scoring 14 first-half points, pulled within seven at halftime, 56-49.



Mary Altaffer/Associated Press

Nets guard Iman Shumpert (10) fights for a loose ball against Kings guard Buddy Hield (24) during Friday's game in New York. The Nets won, 116-97.

Temple's 3-pointer capped a 10-2 run and gave the Nets a 15-point lead, 66-51.

The Kings were able to get back within 10 points at 72-62, but Dzanan Musa's two free throws with 39 seconds left gave the Nets a 16-point lead after three quarters.

"Looking at all our games before this, the third quarter was really our crutch," Allen said. "Now, we're getting rid of it and we're running full speed."

Jordan's dunk midway through the fourth made it a 22-point advantage at 104-82.

"I think our defense was outstanding again," Atkinson said. "We talked about it pregame. I thought they were active, just a lot of deflections, forcing turnovers, so that's good news."

ELSEWHERE —

Lakers 130, Thunder 127: Anthony Davis scored 24 of his 33 points in the second half to help the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 130-127 on Friday night.

Davis also had 11 rebounds and seven assists, and LeBron James added 23 points and 14 assists. The Lakers have won six in a row to improve the best record in the NBA to 13-2.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 24 points and Steven Adams added 22 for the Thunder. They have lost five of six.

Los Angeles guard Rajon Rondo was ejected early in the fourth quarter after a kick to Dennis Schroder's groin area.

Clippers 122, Rockets 119: Kawhi Leonard hit a go-ahead jumper with 15 seconds remaining to finish with 24 points and lift Los Angeles over Houston.

Pro Basketball

Kings	**97**
Nets	**116**

Russell Westbrook missed at the other end and Paul George got the rebound while getting fouled. He made both free throws with 1 second left to complete a wild finish and help the Clippers improve to 10-1 at home with their fourth win in a row overall.

James Harden couldn't get a shot off on the Rockets' final possession as time expired.

George scored 19 points in his second game playing with Leonard. Lou Williams led the Clippers with 26 — all in the second half. Montrezl Harrell added 18 points.

Harden had 37 points and 12 assists for the Rockets. Russell Westbrook added 22 points before fouling out late, and Clint Capela had 17 points and 19 rebounds.

Mavericks 143, Cacaliers 101: Luka Doncic had 30 points and 14 assists with former Dallas teammate Dirk Nowitzki watching as a retiree for the first time.

Nowitzki stayed away for the first eight Dallas home games after setting an NBA record of 21 seasons with the same franchise while finishing last season as the highest-scoring foreign-born player in league history. The big German got a standing ovation when shown on the video board in the first quarter from his courtside seat next to owner Mark Cuban.

Rookie Darius Garland scored a career-high 23 points for Cleveland.

Nuggets 96, Celtics 92: Jamal Murray hit two free throws with 1.5 seconds remaining and scored 22 points and the Denver beat Boston in a game overshadowed by a head injury to Celtics guard Kemba Walker.

Walker collided with teammate Semi Ojeleye late in the second quarter, striking Ojeleye's abdomen area head-first and going down on to the court in a heap. In a tweet, the Celtics said Walker has been diagnosed with concussion-like symptoms and was transported to a hospital for further evaluation.

Nikola Jokic added 18 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists for the Nuggets. They improved to 8-0 this season when holding an opponent to fewer than 100 points.

Jaylen Brown had 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Celtics.

76ers 115, Spurs 104: Tobias Harris scored 26 points, Joel Embiid had 21 points and 14 rebounds and Philadelphia handed San Antonio its eighth straight loss — the Spurs' longest under longtime coach Gregg Popovich.

Ben Simmons had a triple-double with 10 points, 13 assists and 10 rebounds for the 76ers.

San Antonio last dropped eight in a row in November 1996 under coach Bob Hill. Popovich was the team's general manager at the time. He fired Hill later that season and began his long

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SUNYAC Hockey

Red Dragons ice Mustangs with third-period surge

The Cortland men's hockey team scored three third-period goals to break open a close game in earning a 5-1 victory versus Morrisville St. Friday night in SUNYAC action at Alumni Arena. The Red Dragons improved to 3-5 overall and 2-4 in the conference, while the Mustangs fell to 3-3 and 3-2.

Ethan Homitz led Cortland with two goals. Hayden Hart and Luca Esposito each recorded a goal and an assist while Conor Tierney added a goal.

College Men's Hockey

Morrisville St.	**1**
Cortland	**5**

Douglas Elgstam and Louis DiMatteo collected two assists apiece. Stefano Alonzi, Tommy Ritchie and Oliver Lester each registered an assist.

Nick Modica turned aside 25 shots for the Red Dragons' goal.

Eric Melso scored his team-high sixth goal of the season for the Mustangs. Jared Young started in goal for Morrisville, making 29 saves in 46:25. Jorgen Johnson took over in the third period and stopped three shots in 11:51.

After a scoreless first period, Hart gave Cortland the lead at 6:42 of the second period with a wrist shot from the right circle on the power play. Melso tied the game at 9:06, converting a breakaway after blocking a shot. The Red Dragons gained the lead for good when Homitz knocked in a loose puck 31 seconds before the end of the period.

Esposito made it a 3-1 score 2:04 into the third period, putting his own rebound past Young. Homitz netted his second goal of the game and team-high sixth of the season at the 6:25 mark on a deflection for a 4-1 Red Dragon lead. The Mustangs pulled Johnson with 2:28 remaining and on a power play, but Tierney sealed the win with an empty-net goal at 19:05.

The same teams meet tonight at Alumni Arena at 5 p.m.

Ohio State's Young returns with 'chip on my shoulder'

College Football

By MITCH STACY
AP Sports Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Chase Young, who returns from a two-game suspension on Saturday, took to social media this week with what could be an ominous warning for No. 9 Penn State: "Chip on my shoulder only gotten bigger."

The meaning is clear.

No. 2 Ohio State's star defensive end and team captain was sidelined by the NCAA for the last two games for breaking the rules by accepting a personal loan from someone he described as a family friend. He wasn't made available to reporters this week, but his coaches and teammates say he's burning to get back.

"We know," linebacker Pete Werner said. "He's just walking a little differently. He's excited. We are, too."

Before being suspended for Ohio State blowouts of Maryland and Rutgers, Young had amassed 131/2 sacks and was being talked about as a Heisman Trophy candidate after a four-sack performance in a 38-7 win over Wisconsin.

"I hope he's a little ramped up on that first pass rush," co-defensive coordinator Jeff Hafley said.

Penn State quarterback Sean Clifford calls Young a "game wrecker" and Hafley explained why as the two teams prepare for a showdown with both Big Ten title and playoff implications.



Charles Rex Arbogast/Associated Press

Ohio State defensive end Chase Young rushes against Northwestern during an Oct. 18 game in Evanston, Illinois.

"He changes what they have to do. They have to account for him," he said of the Nittany Lions. "They may have to slide to him, they may have to put a tight end on him. They might have to keep a back in on him. They have to find a way so he's not one-on-one. They might have to get rid of the ball quicker. They might not be able to sit in the pocket and throw those deep developing routes that give you problems."

Ohio State (10-0, 7-0 Big Ten, CFP No. 2) brings the nation's best defense to the matchup with the Nittany Lions (9-1, 6-1, No. 8 CFP) The Buckeyes are second in the nation with 42 sacks. Young's 131/2 are second in the country.

HIGH STAKES

The Buckeyes can wrap up the Big Ten East Division with a win. If Penn State, an 18-point underdog, can pull off the upset, it can win the division by defeating Rutgers next week. The Buckeyes would consider a loss devastating to what they see as a special season, and it could shake up the top of the College Football Playoff rankings. Ohio State expects its biggest tests of the season this week against the Nittany Lions and next week against No. 12 Michigan.

WOUNDED LIONS

WR KJ Hamler is one of Penn State's biggest weapons, but he's been dinged up all season with various undisclosed issues. He left last week's game in the first half and didn't return. He saw limited action in practice this week, and coach James Franklin hasn't addressed his status. Franklin said RB Noah Cain is close to being able to play and will be a game-time decision.

THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

Clifford said he deleted his social media accounts after getting death threats following Penn State's first loss of the season, against Minnesota Nov. 9.

"It's kind of sad to say, but you know how some fans get a little crazy," he said. "I was kind of sick and tired of getting death threats and some pretty explicit and pretty tough-to-read messages."

He has since returned to the grid, reactivating a couple of his accounts.

"You learn how to deal with certain things and how certain people are going to react because it's a very passionate game with a lot of passionate people," he said.

Franklin had trouble processing it.

"I don't know where we are as a society," he said. "It's concerning. We're 9-1, we're ranked in the top 10, I think. We've had a pretty good year based on most people's standards, and sometimes you go on social media and you wouldn't feel that way."

BIG STAGE

ESPN's "College GameDay" show is in town, the 46th time the show has originated from Columbus. Fox, which is broadcasting the game, starts its "Big Noon Kickoff" show featuring former Ohio State coach Urban Meyer as an analyst. The Big Ten network's "BTN Tailgate" is also lined up. The shows will be staged at various locations inside and outside Ohio Stadium.

Scoreboard

Football

PROFESSIONAL

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	1	0	.900	287	108
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	211	170
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	.300	164	255
Miami	2	8	0	.200	139	305
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Houston	7	4	0	.636	265	249
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	244	226
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	203	197
Jacksonville	4	6	0	.400	189	222
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	8	2	0	.800	341	196
Pittsburgh	5	5	0	.500	200	202
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	192	228
Cincinnati	0	10	0	.000	147	276
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas City	6	4	0	.600	284	239
Oakland	6	4	0	.600	225	250
L.A. Chargers	4	6	0	.400	207	194
Denver	3	7	0	.300	172	197

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	4	0	.600	286	197
Philadelphia	5	5	0	.500	234	230
N.Y. Giants	2	8	0	.200	203	289
Washington	1	9	0	.100	125	253
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
New Orleans	8	2	0	.800	238	199
Carolina	5	5	0	.500	228	257
Atlanta	3	7	0	.300	220	262
Tampa Bay	3	7	0	.300	277	313
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Green Bay	8	2	0	.800	250	205
Minnesota	8	3	0	.727	289	205
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	169	174
Detroit	3	6	1	.350	244	272
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
San Francisco	9	1	0	.900	295	155
Seattle	8	2	0	.800	275	254
L.A. Rams	6	4	0	.600	243	198
Arizona	3	7	1	.318	248	317

Thursday's Game
Houston 20, Indianapolis 17

Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Denver at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 1 p.m.
Oakland at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at New England, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Arizona, Minnesota, Kansas City, L.A. Chargers

Monday's Game
Baltimore at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGIATE

NCAA DIVISION III PLAYOFFS
FIRST ROUND

Saturday's Games
Huntingdon (7-3) at Berry (9-1), 12 p.m.
Wartburg (9-1) at Hope (9-1), 12 p.m.
NY-Maritime (5-5) at Salisbury (9-0), 12 p.m.
Case Western Reserve (9-1) at Union (10-0), 12 p.m.
MIT (7-2) at Muhlenberg (10-0), 12 p.m.
Brockport (8-2) at Western New England (9-1), 12 p.m.
Hanover (9-1) at Mount Union (10-0), 12 p.m.
Framingham State (8-2) Wesley (9-1), 12 p.m.
Delaware Valley (9-1) at Bridgewater (Va.) (10-0), 12 p.m.
Redlands (9-1) at Mary Hardin-Baylor (10-0), 1 p.m.
Monmouth (Ill.) (7-2) at Wisconsin-Whitewater (9-1), 1 p.m.
Martin Luther (9-1) at Wheaton (Ill.) (10-0), 1 p.m.
Wisconsin-Oshkosh (8-2) at Central (Iowa) (9-1), 1 p.m.
Aurora (9-1) at St. John's (Minn.) (9-1), 1 p.m.
Wabash (7-3) at North Central (Ill.) (9-1), 1 p.m.
Linfield (8-1) at Chapman (9-0), 3 .m.

NEW YORK BOWL

Saturday: Hobart at Cortland, 1 p.m.

NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS
FIRST ROUND

Saturday's Games
Shepherd (9-2) at Indiana (Pa.) (10-1), TBA
Tiffin (9-1) at utztown (10-1), TBA
West Chester (9-2) at Notre Dame (Ohio) (10-1), TBA
West Florida (8-2) at Wingate (10-1), TBA
Miles (8-2) at Lenoir-Rhyne (11-0), TBA
Carson-Newman (8-2) at Bowie State (11-0), TBA
Indianapolis (9-1) at Central Missouri (10-1), TBA
Lindenwood (Mo.) (8-2) at Ouachita Baptist (11-0), TBA
Harding (10-1) at Northwest Missouri State (10-1), TBA
Augustana (S.D.) (9-2) at Colorado St.-Pueblo (10-1), TBA
Texas A&M-Commerce (9-2) at Tarleton State (11-0), 2 p.m.
Sioux Falls (8-3) at Colorado Mines (11-0), TBA
Byes: Slippery Rock (11-0), Valdosta State (10-0), Ferris State (10-0), Minnesota State (11-0).

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

Saturday's Games
Liberty at Virginia, 12 p.m.
Boston College at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m.
Mercer at North Carolina, 3:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Virginia Tech, 3:30 p.m.
Syracuse at Louisville, 4 p.m.
Miami at FIU, 7 p.m.
Duke at Wake Forest, 7:30 p.m.
Atlantic Division Standings: Clemson 8-0 (11-0 overall), Wake Forest 4-3 (7-3), Louisville 4-3 (6-4), Florida State 4-4 (6-5), Boston College 3-4 (5-5), **Syracuse 1-5 (4-6)**, North Carolina State 1-6 (4-7).
Coastal Division Standings: Virginia 5-2 (7-3 overall), Pittsburgh 4-2 (7-3),Virginia Tech 4-2 (7-3), Miami 4-3 (6-4), Duke 2-4 (4-6), North Carolina 3-5 (4-6), Georgia Tech 2-6 (3-8).

PATRIOT LEAGUE

Saturday's Games
Georgetown at Holy Cross, 12 p.m.
Lafayette at Lehigh, 12:30 p.m.
Bucknell at Fordham, 1 p.m.
Standings: Holy Cross 4-0 (6-4 overall), Lehigh 3-1 (4-5), Bucknell 2-2 (2-7), Lafayette 2-2 (2-8), Colgate 2-3 (3-8), Fordham 1-3 (3-7), Georgetown 1-4 (5-5).

IVY LEAGUE

Saturday's Games
Harvard at Yale, 12 p.m.
Dartmouth at Brown, 12:30 p.m.
Princeton at Penn, 1 p.m.
Columbia at Cornell, 1:30 p.m.
Standings: Dartmouth 5-1 (8-1 overall), Yale 5-1 (8-1), Princeton 4-2 (7-2), Penn 3-3 (5-4), Harvard 2-4 (4-5), Columbia 2-4 (3-6), Cornell 2-4 (3-6), Brown 1-5 (2-7).

SCHOLASTIC

NYSPHSAA PLAYOFFS

CLASS AA SEMIFINALS

Saturday: Section 3-Cicero-North Syracuse vs. 5-McQuaid Jesuit at Cicero-North Syracuse High School, 6 p.m.; 2-Shenendehowa vs. 1-New Rochelle at Middletown High School , 6 p.m.

CLASS A SEMIFINALS

Section 3-Carthage 16, 5-Canandaigua Academy 6
9-Cornwall Central 45, 1-Rye 34

CLASS B SEMIFINALS

Saturday: Section 4-Chenango Forks vs. 6-Western NY Maritime at Cicero-North Syracuse High School, 3 p.m.; 2-Schuylerville vs. 9-Port Jervis at Middletown High School, 3 p.m.

CLASS C SEMIFINALS

Saturday: Section 4-Susquehanna Valley vs. 6-Southwestern at Cicero-North Syracuse, 12 p.m.; 10-Gouverneur vs. 1-Valhalla at Middletown High School, 12 p.m.

CLASS D SEMIFINALS

Section 6-Clymer Central/Sherman/Panama 28, 4-Tioga 27
7-Moriah 46, 1-Tuckahoe 12

Hockey

COLLEGIATE MEN

SUNYAC

Friday's Games
Cortland 5, Morrisville 1
Buffalo State 4, Geneseo 2
Plattsburgh 7, Potsdam 5
Brockport 4, Fredonia 3
Hobart 4, Oswego 1

Saturday's Games
Morrisville at Cortland, 5 p.m.
Buffalo State at Brockport, 4 p.m.
Fredonia at Geneseo, 7 p.m.
Hobart at Potsdam, 7 p.m.
Standings: Brockport 5-2-0 (5-2-0 overall), Oswego 4-1-0 (4-2-0), Geneseo 3-1-1 (5-1-1), Plattsburgh 3-3-1 (3-3-1), Morrisville 3-2-0 (3-3-0), Buffalo State 2-1-0 (3-2-0), **Cortland 2-4-0 (3-5-0)**, Potsdam 1-5-1 (1-5-1), Fredonia 0-4-1 (1-4-1).

ECAC

Friday's Games
Clarkson 2, Brown 1, OT
Cornell 2, Quinnipiac 1
Harvard 6, RPI 3
Yale 6, St. Lawrence 3
Princeton 2, Colgate 2, OT

Saturday's Games
Princeton at Cornell, 7 p.m.
Clarkson at Yale, 7 p.m.
St. Lawrence at Brown, 7 p.m.
RPI at Canisius, 7:30 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Colgate, 7:30 p.m.
Standings: Harvard 6-0-0 (6-0-0 overall), Clarkson 6-1-0 (9-3-1), Cornell 5-0-0 (7-0-0), Dartmouth 3-1-1 (3-2-1), Quinnipiac 2-2-1 (6-5-1), Colgate 2-2-1 (3-6-4), RPI 2-4-1 (4-6-1), Union 2-4-0 (3-11-0), Brown 2-5-0 (2-5-0), Yale 2-5-0 (2-5-0), St. Lawrence 1-6-0 (3-10-1), Princeton 0-3-2 (2-3-2).

HOCKEY EAST

Friday's Games
Northeastern 5, Maine 2
Merrimack 2, Massachusetts 2, OT
Michigan 4, New Hampshire 1
Providence 3, Connecticut 3, OT
Boston University 3, Vermont 0

Saturday's Games
Vermont at Boston University, 4 p.m.
Massachusetts at Merrimack, 7 p.m.
Connecticut at Providence, 7 p.m.
Maine at Northeastern, 7 p.m.
Michigan at New Hampshire, 7 p.m.
Standings: Mass-Lowell 4-1-3 (7-3-4 overall), Boston College 5-2-0 (7-4-0), Maine 4-3-2 (7-5-2), Providence 4-3-2 (6-4-3), Northeastern 4-3-1 (7-4-2), Boston University 3-3-3 (4-5-3), Massachusetts 3-3-1 (7-3-1), New Hampshire 3-3-0 (5-4-1), Connecticut 2-3-2 (4-5-2), Merrimack 1-3-2 (2-7-2), Vermont 0-6-0 (1-8-0).

ATLANTIC HOCKEY

Friday's Games
Air Force 2, Robert Morris 0
Niagara 5, Mercyhurst 0
Sacred Heart 4, Holy Cross 1
Army 2, RIT 1

Saturday's Games
RIT at Army, 4:05 p.m.
Air Force at Robert Morris, 7:05 p.m.
Mercyhurst at Niagara, 7:05 p.m.
RPI at Canisius, 7:35 p.m.
Standings: Army 7-3-0 (9-3-0 overall), Robert Morris 7-3-0 (7-6-0), Sacred Heart 7-3-0 (7-6-0), Air Force 4-2-0 (4-6-0), RIT 3-4-1 (7-5-1), American International 3-2-0 (3-5-0), Niagara 3-4-0 (3-8-0), Mercyhurst 2-3-0 (4-7-0), Bentley 2-7-0 (3-8-0), Holy Cross 1-5-1 (2-7-2), Canisius 1-3-0 (2-7-0).

COLLEGIATE WOMEN

NORTHEAST WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday's Games
Potsdam 3, Morrisville 1
Franklin Pierce 6, Buffalo State 1
Oswego 2, Canton 1

Saturday's Games
Buffalo State at Franklin Pierce, 3 p.m.
Oswego at Potsdam, 3 p.m.
Morrisville at Canton, 4 p.m.
Standings: Plattsburgh 6-0-0 (7-0-0 overall), **Cortland 4-1-1 (4-1-1),** Morrisville 3-2-1 (3-3-1), Potsdam 3-3-0 (4-3-0), Oswego 2-2-1 (4-2-1), Buffalo State 1-5-0 (1-6-0), Canton 0-5-1 (0-5-1).

Soccer

COLLEGIATE WOMEN

NCAA DIVISION III TOURNAMENT
THIRD ROUND

at Messiah
Saturday: Messiah (20-1-1) vs. Trinity, Tx. (17-3-1) at 11 a.m.; Williams (10-5-3) vs. Tufts (14-3-2), 1:30 p.m.
at Wheaton, Ill.
St. Thomas (17-2-4) 2, Wheaton (18-1-3) 2
Carnegie Mellon 3, Ohio Northern (18-3-3) 0
at Washington-St. Louis
Saturday: Washington-St. Louis (17-1-2) vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (11-4-4), 12 p.m.; Pomona-Pitzer (19-1-1) vs. Chicago (14-2-3), 2:30 p.m.
at William Smith
Saturday: William Smith (18-1-1) vs. Stevens (17-3-1), 11 a.m.; John Hopkins (16-2-4) vs.Dickinson (16-2-4), 1:30 p.m.

QUARTERFINALS

at Messiah
Sunday: Messiah-Trinity, Tx. winner vs. Williams-Tufts winner, 1 p.m.
at Wheaton, Ill.
Saturday: St. Thomas (17-2-4) vs. Carnegie Mellon (14-5-1), 6 p.m.
at Washington-St. Louis
Sunday: Washington-St. Louis-Claremont-Mudd-Scripps winner vs. Pomona-Pitzer-Chicago winner, 2 p.m.
at William Smith
Sunday: William Smith-Stevens winner vs. John Hopkins-Dickinson winer , 1 p.m.

SCHOLASTIC BOYS

2019 STATE CHAMPIONS

CLASS D: Section 4-MARATHON (19-0-1)
CLASS AA: Section 11-Brentwood
CLASS A: Section 8-Jericho
CLASS B: Section 3-Skaneateles
CLASS C: Section 9-Rhinebeck

SCHOLASTIC GIRLS

2019 STATE CHAMPIONS

CLASS AA: Section 9-Monroe-Woodbury
CLASS A: Section 11-Shoreham-Wading River
CLASS B: Section 1-Pleasantville
CLASS C: Section 2-Stillwater
CLASS D: Section 3-Poland

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with 1B José Abreu on a three-year contract.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Named Casey Jacobson coordinator of pitching development, Doug Wiley pitching coach Mesa (rookie), Travis Fitta hitting and baseball development coach Eugene (NW), Rachek Folden hitting lab tech coach Mesa (rookie), Steven Pollakow Dominican hitting analytics coordinator, Dan Puente hitting coach for South Bend (MW), Will Remillard hitting and baseball development for Tennessee (SL) and Will Skett hitting and baseball development for Myrtle Beach (Sally).
MIAMI MARLINS — Named Hadi Reed director, professional scouting; Bill Masse special assignment scout; Shaeffer Hall, James Vilade and J.T. Zink amateur area scouts; Clifford Nuitter Venezuela administration coordinator; and Sahir Fersobe Santo Domingo area scout.
NEW YORK METS — Released RHP Drew Gagnon.
BASKETBALL
NBA G League
WESTCHESTER KNICKS — Acquired F Kavin Gilder-Tilbury. Waived G Kendall Smith.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DT Brandin Bryant and DE Porter Gustin from the practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS — Promoted LB Ahmad Gooden to their active roster. Waived TE Orson Charles.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES — Placed D John Gilmour on waivers.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Activated RW Givani Smith from injured reserve and assigned him to Grand Rapids (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Assigned F Matt Luff to Ontario (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Reassigned D Steven Santini to Milwaukee (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled D Christian Djoos from Hershey (AHL). Reassigned D Tyler Lewington to Hershey.
American Hockey League
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Recalled F Troy Loggins from Toledo (ECHL).
ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Maine's Jonathan Racine three games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Nov. 20 game at Norfolk.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
D.C. UNITED — Exercised the contract options on Steven Birnbaum, Emmanuel Boateng, Russell Canouse, Oniel Fisher, Joseph Mora, Junior Moreno, Chris Odoi-Atsem and Ulises Segura. Re-signed G Chris Seitz. Declined contract options for Antonio Bustamante and Marquinhos Pedroso.
NASHVILLE SOCCER CLUB — Signed MF Matt LaGrassa, Ds Ken Tribbett and Taylor Washington and F Alan Winn.
ORLANDO CITY SC — Exercised its option to permanently acquire D Ruan and signed him to a two-year contract.
COLLEGE
MISSISSIPPI — Removed the interim tag from athletic director Keith Carter.

Field Hockey

SCHOLASTIC GIRLS

2019 STATE CHAMPIONS

CLASS A: Section 4-Maine-Endwell.
CLASS B: Section 1-Lakeland.
CLASS C: Section 1-Bronxville.

Basketball

COLLEGIATE MEN

SUNYAC

Friday's Game
Pitt-Bradford, 89 Fredonia 83

Saturday's Games
New Paltz at SUNY Maritime, 1 p.m.
Brockport at Medaille, 2 p.m.
Standings: Oswego 0-0 (3-0 overall), Potsdam 0-0 (3-0), Buffalo State 0-0 (2-1), New Paltz 0-0 (2-1), Fredonia 0-0 (3-2), Plattsburgh 0-0 (2-2), Brockport 0-0 (1-1), **Cortland 0-0 (1-1)**, Geneseo 0-0 (1-3), Oneonta 0-0 (1-3).

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

Friday's Game
Wake Forest 82, Davidson 70

Saturday's Games
Virginia at UMass, 12 p.m.
Bucknell at Syracuse, 12 p.m.
DePaul at Boston College, 12 p.m.
UALR at NC State, 1 p.m.
St. Francis (Pa.) at Florida St., 2 p.m.
Cornell at Coppin St., 7 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Akron at Louisville, 6 p.m.
TCU at Clemson, 10:30 p.m.
Standings: Louisville 1-0 (5-0 overall), Virginia Tech 1-0 (5-0), Virginia 1-0 (4-0), North Carolina 1-0 (4-0), Boston College 1-0 (4-1), Georgia Tech 1-0 (2-1), Pittsburgh 1-0 (4-2), Duke 0-0 (5-0), Notre Dame 0-1 (5-1), Clemson 0-1 (4-1), Miami 0-1 (4-1), North Carolina State 0-1 (4-1), **Syracuse 0-1 (3-1)**, Florida State 0-1 (3-1), Wake Forest 0-1 (3-2).

IVY LEAGUE

Friday's Games
Harvard 82, Holy Cross 74

Saturday's Games
Yale at Penn St., 12 p.m.
Penn at Providence, 4 p.m.
NJIT at Brown, 4:30 p.m.
Rider at Columbia, 5 p.m.
Standings: Dartmouth 0-0 (5-1 overall), Brown 0-0 (3-1), Harvard 0-0 (4-2), Yale 0-0 (3-2), Penn 0-0 (2-2), **Cornell 0-0 (1-4)**, Columbia 0-0 (1-4), Princeton 0-0 (0-4).

NEW YORK STATE

Buffalo 76, Towson 73
Hobart 68, Baldwin-Wallace 56
Iona 60, Stetson 55
Quinnipiac 86, Albany 69

EAST

E. Michigan 62, UMBC 45
Lipscomb 65, Navy 61
Maryland 86, George Mason 63
Merrimack 110, Lesley 16
Missouri St. 71, Saint Joseph's 69
Sacred Heart 83, Presbyterian 57
UMKC 74, George Washington 68
West Virginia 69, Boston U. 44
Xavier 75, UConn 74, 2OT

COLLEGIATE WOMEN

SUNYAC

Friday's Games
Bryant and Stratton-Buffalo 65, Buffalo State 60
Plattsburgh 63, Purchase 35
Fredonia 65, Medaille 49

Saturday's Games
Potsdam at St. Lawrence, 1 p.m.
Alfred at Oswego, 2 p.m.
William Smith at Brockport, 2 p.m.
Standings: Geneseo 0-0 (4-0 overall), Brockport 0-0 (3-1), **Cortland 0-0 (2-1)**, New Paltz 0-0 (2-1), Fredonia 0-0 (2-2), Oswego 0-0 (2-2), Plattsburgh 0-0 (2-2), Buffalo State 0-0 (1-2), Oneonta 0-0 (2-3), Potsdam 0-0 (1-3), Geneseo 0-0 (1-3).

NEW YORK STATE

St. John's 82, Wake Forest 74

EAST

Harvard 53, Hartford 44
Lehigh 75, Seton Hall 68
Vermont 64, Navy 56
Villa Maria 79, Thiel 45

Auto Racing

PROFESSIONAL

POINTS LEADERS
FINAL

MONSTER ENERGY CUP SERIES
1. Kyle Busch 5,040; 2. Martin Truex Jr. 5,035; 3. Kevin Harvick 5,033; 4. Denny Hamlin 5,027; 5. Joey Logano 2,380; 6. Ryan Blaney 2,339; 7. Kyle Larson 2,339; 8. Brad Keselowski 2,318; 9. Clint Bowyer 2,290; 10. Chase Elliott 2,275; 11. William Byron 2,274; 12. Alex Bowman 2,257; 13. Kurt Busch 2,237; 14. Aric Almirola 2,234; 15. Ryan Newman 2,219; 16. Erik Jones 2,194.

XFINITY SERIES
1. Tyler Reddick 4,040; 2. Cole Custer 4,035; 3. Christopher Bell 4,032; 4. Justin Allgaier 4,023; 5. Chase Briscoe 2,302; 6. Austin Cindric 2,294; 7. John H. Nemechek 2,253; 8. Noah Gragson 2,246; 9. Michael Annett 2,239); 10. Brandon Jones 2,207; 11. Ryan Sieg 2,171; 12. Justin Haley 2,155.

GANDER OUTDOORS TRUCK SERIES
1. Matt Crafton 4,035; 2. Ross Chastain 4,033; 3. Brett Moffitt 4,032; 4. Stewart Friesen 4,026; 5. Austin Hill 2,298; 6. Johnny Sauter 2,238; 7. Grant Enfinger 2,236; 8. Tyler Ankrum 2,182; 9. Ben Rhodes 773; 10. Sheldon Creed 726.

FORMULA 1
1. Lewis Hamilton 387; 2. Valtteri Bottas 314; 3. Max Verstappen 260; 4. Charles Leclerc 249; 5. Sebastian Vettel 230; 6. Pierre Gasly 95; 7. Carlos Sainz Jr. 95; 8. Alexander Albon 84; 9. Daniel Ricciardo 54; 10. Sergio Perez 46.

INDYCAR SERIES
1. Josef Newgarden 593, 2. Alexander Rossi 552, 3. Simon Pagenaud 551, 4. Scott Dixon 508, 5. Will Power 469, 6. Takuma Sato 397, 7. Ryan Hunter-Reay 380, 8. Felix Rosenqvist 365, 9. Graham Rahal 353, 10. Santino Ferrucci 339.

Bowling

MIKE QUINTERO paced five guys from the Property Essentials League at 281 Bowl Friday. Quintero rolled his 759 series after games of 256-249-256 for Baker-Miller Lumber.

Rich Aylesworth followed with his 740 series on scores of 259-248-233 for M.J. Excavation. **Kory Platt** notched his 720 series after games of 247-235-238 for Inlet Glass and Mirror. **Brian Fuller** checked in with his 709 series on scores of 279-217-183 for M.J. Excavation. **James Evener** rounded out the group and celebrated his birthday with his 707 series after games of 214-214-279 for Inlet Glass and Mirror.

Also, Jim Grant, Jr. totaled 693 on scores of 180-258-255, Jon Majka 687 on 245-244-198, Sid Greene 681 on 226-248-207 and Matt Cook 665 on 212-225-228.

DEBBIE PRESTON topped a trio of ladies from the Property Essentials League at 281 Bowl with her 663 series after games of 237-225-201 for the Invincibowls.

Lindy West rolled her 607 series on scores of 190-201-216 for Dryden Mutual.

Chasity Sopp completed the trio with her 602 series after games of 188-191-223 for the Property Essentials team.

Also, Stacey Eldred rolled her 574 series on scores of 206-191-177, Angela Grant 561 on 202-173-186, Kim Record 555 on 176-186-193 and Karen Chapman 553 on 199-155-199.

Standings & scores will appear in Monday's paper

Calendar

Basketball Saturday — ACC: Bucknell at Syracuse, 12 p.m. **NJCAA:** Tompkins Cortland CC women at Mohawk Valley CC, 1 p.m.; Tompkins Cortland CC men at Mohawk Valley CC, 3 p.m.

Cross Country Saturday — NCAA Division III: Cortland men, women at NCAA Division III Championships (Louisville, KY), 11 a.m.

Football Saturday — NCAA Division III New York Bowl: Hobart at Cortland, 1 p.m.

Hockey Saturday — SUNYAC: Morrisville at Cortland, 5 p.m.

Wrestling Sunday — NCAA: Red Dragons at New York State Collegiate Championships at Oswego, 9 a.m.

National Hockey League

Chabot, Nilsson lead Senators past Rangers

By The Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario — The Ottawa Senators have finally found a winning game plan.

Thomas Chabot had a goal and an assist, Anders Nilsson stopped 30 shots, and the Senators beat the New York Rangers 4-1 on Friday night for their first three-game win streak of the season.

Logan Brown, Tyler Ennis and Anthony Duclair also scored for Ottawa, which has won seven of its last nine and has 23 points in 23 games (11-11-1) this season,

"I think we're playing some really good hockey," said Nilsson, who has won his last four starts at home while allowing just five goals in that stretch. "You saw the way we played (Friday) and especially the way we played in the first period. We came out and had one of the best periods all year in the first and shut them down completely."

Jacob Trouba scored for the Rangers, and Henrik Lundqvist finished with 35 saves.

The Rangers have been going through their own struggles and Lundqvist admitted New York could take a page from the Senators' playbook.

"They work hard and that's why they've been winning," Lundqvist said. "If you look at their record the last few weeks they win because they work really hard and pay attention to the details within their game. They earn their wins."

Ottawa got off to a fast start, scoring twice in the first 6 1/2 minutes. Chabot got the Senators going just 57 seconds in with his first goal in 17 games, and Brown scored on the power play at 6:32 for his first NHL goal.



Sean Kilpatrick, The Canadian Press/Associated Press

Rangers center Ryan Strome (16) keeps the puck from Senators defenseman Mark Borowiecki (74) during Friday's game in Ottawa, Ontario.

"That's something I've dreamt about my whole life," said Brown, who was playing his 15th career game. "Especially the past couple weeks with all the unlucky bounces I've had. I've been thinking about getting that one."

Trouba got the Rangers on the scoreboard with a shot from inside the blue line that took a bounce that fooled Nilsson with 2:40 left in the opening period.

Ottawa continued to control the pace of the game for much of the second period. Ennis gave the Senators a 3-1 lead at 1:11 as he fought his way to the net and beat Lundqvist with a wrist shot.

After failing to score on two power plays, including a double-minor Ottawa's Christian Jaros, the Rangers got into penalty trouble themselves.

"An abysmal game in so many ways," New York coach David Quinn said. "Give Ottawa a lot of credit. They played hard, they played smart, they won every foot race and they won every 1-on-1 battle. This is as disappointing as it's been because I thought we were going in the right direction and building off a couple real good ones for us, but it's back to square one."

Ottawa had a two-man advantage, and Lundqvist made three big saves, but was then beat by Duclair with 6:36 remaining.

The Senators had another two-man advantage 16 seconds later, but were unable to beat Lundqvist again.

Penguins pull away in third to beat Devils

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jake Guentzel tried to corral the puck, but it wasn't quite cooperating. So as the Pittsburgh Penguins' forward raced in on New Jersey goalie Mackenzie Blackwood in the middle of the second period on Friday night, Guentzel kept his stick on the ice and hoped for the best.

"It's just kind of a cluster there when you lose a puck like that and you're on a breakaway," Guentzel said. "Just tried to get him to cheat over and it worked."

As tends to happen when Guentzel is in close, particularly at home.

Guentzel managed find enough control to deke from his forehand to his backhand and back again, getting Blackwood to bite in the process. Guentzel tapped the puck into the open net for his team-leading 11th goal of the season — and seventh at PPG Paints Arena — to give the Penguins all the momentum they would need in a 4-1 victory.

"We're playing well," Guentzel said. "I think our record might not show some games that we've played well in but I think our top to bottom lineup, we're just playing well and we're filling spots and guys are stepping up big, so I think it's been good."

Guentzel has three goals and three assists during a four-game point streak that started shortly after the Penguins lost captain Sidney Crosby for at least six weeks following surgery to repair a sports hernia. Pittsburgh's top line has kept rolling anyway as Guentzel, Rust and Evgeni Malkin have combined for eight goals and 12 assists in the five games since Crosby went down.

"I think they kind of feed off each other," Penguins defenseman John Marino said. "They always kind of know where they are. They're always in the right position."

And they're getting help. Marino and Jared McCann scored 25 seconds apart in the third period to chase Blackwood. Dominik Kahun added his sixth goal in 11 games as the Penguins snapped a four-game winless streak at home against New Jersey. Tristan Jarry trimmed his goals-against average to 1.81 by stopping 36 shots, weathering an early second-period surge from the Devils then coasting after Guentzel's pretty move.

Taylor Hall scored his third of the season for the Devils. Blackwood made 30 saves before being removed in favor of Louis Domingue early in the third period after giving up goals on back to back shots.

"That one is not on Mackenzie," New Jersey coach John Hynes said. "I mean, he kept us in the game in the first period. The pull was not regarding Mackenzie or the disappointment in him by any means."

If the Penguins were drained following consecutive overtime losses to the streaking New York Islanders, it didn't show. Pittsburgh carried play early and Kahun gave the Penguins the lead 7:51 into the first when linemate Dominik Simon created a turnover along the boards in the New Jersey zone and slipped the puck to Kahun. Kahun worked his way past Devils defenseman Mirco Mueller and flipped the puck past Blackwood's stick to put Pittsburgh in front.

Hall evened it 31 seconds into the second with a power-play goal, the third Pittsburgh surrendered in two games following a franchise record-tying stretch in which the Penguins went 10 games without giving up a goal while a man down. New Jersey kept pressing, ripping off 12 shots at Jarry in the opening eight minutes of the second. Jarry, however, stood his ground.

The Penguins have been only so-so finishing off opponents this season, coming in 6-2-1 when leading after two periods.

MLB

AP source: Yankees plan to avoid paying $26M owed Ellsbury

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — The Yankees plan to not pay Jacoby Ellsbury the remaining $26 million due under his contract, contending he violated the deal by getting unauthorized medical treatment.

New York's general manager sent a letter to Ellsbury and his agent, Scott Boras, informing them the team converted his contract to a nonguaranteed deal, a person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press on Friday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team had not made any public statements.



Ellsbury

Ellsbury has not played since 2017 and was released by the Yankees on Wednesday.

According to the person who spoke with the AP, the Yankees said he was treated by Dr. Viktor Bouquette of Progressive Medical Center in Atlanta without the team's permission.

Ellsbury is owed more than $26.2 million as part of his $153 million, seven-year contract: more than $21.1 million for the final guaranteed season plus a $5 million buyout of a $21 million team option for 2021. If Ellsbury is not paid, nearly $21.9 million would come off the Yankees' luxury-tax payroll next year.

New York's decision to not pay him was first reported by the New York Post.

The players' association can file a grievance challenging the conversion of the contract to nonguaranteed. Cashman and Boras did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

"The players' association will vigorously defend any action taken against Jacoby or his contract and is investigating potential contract violations by his employer," the union said in a statement.

Ellsbury, 36, hit .264 with 39 homers, 198 RBIs and 102 stolen bases in 520 games in six seasons with the Yankees. He injured a muscle in his right side during spring training in 2018, developed a bad back and had surgery that Aug. 6 to repair a torn labrum in his left hip. He experienced plantar fasciitis in his right foot before spring training this year.

Ellsbury spent his first seven seasons with Boston and was in All-Star in 2011, and arrived in New York with a .284 career average, 104 homers, 512 RBIs and 343 steals for Boston.

College Basketball

Duke beats Georgetown in Classic title game

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mike Krzyzewski set the record for wins coaching a No. 1 team as top-ranked Duke got 20 points and 10 rebounds from Vernon Carey Jr. to beat Georgetown 81-73 on Friday night at Madison Square Garden.

The Blue Devils (6-0) beat Cal and the Hoyas on consecutive nights to win the 2K Empire Classic and give Krzyzewski another slice of history. Krzyzewski is 218-34 when the Blue Devils hold the top spot, a mark they hit this week in The Associated Press poll. Hall of Famer John Wooden went 217-11 while UCLA was ranked No. 1.

Carey, a five-star recruit who inherited Zion Williamson's No. 1 jersey, has become the focal point of Duke's offense, and he had a breakthrough two games in New York. Carey dunked, screamed, chest-bumped and controlled the game for the Blue Devils to help keep them undefeated.

Cassius Stanley, who led the Blue Devils with 21 points, made a pair of 3s to stretch the game open and shake off Georgetown (4-2), which was looking to knock off two straight Top 25 teams.

The Hoyas were picked to finish sixth in the Big East preseason poll.

No. 6 Maryland 86, George Mason 63: Anthony Cowan Jr. scored 16 points, Jalen Smith had 12 points and 10 rebounds and Maryland overwhelmed previously unbeaten George Mason.

The Terrapins (5-0) closed the first half with a 19-2 run to go up by 12 and coasted to the finish against the Patriots (5-1).

No. 9 Kentucky 82, Mount St. Mary's 62: Immanuel Quickley had eight of his 13 second-half points during an 18-3 run that helped Kentucky pull away.

Ashton Hagans had 16 points, including a three-point play during the surge the Wildcats (4-1) needed after struggling with lesser opponents the previous past two games, including last week's stunning upset loss to Evansville. They led 39-34 at the half.



Kathy Willens/Associated Press

Duke forward Javin DeLaurier (12) strips the ball from Georgetown guard James Akinjo as Georgetown center Omer Yurtseven (44) watches during Friday's game in the 2K Empire Classic in New York. Duke won, 81-73.

Nick Richards had 11 of his 19 points in the first half.

No. 10 Ohio State 85, Purdue Fort Wayne 46: Kaleb Wesson had 15 points and seven rebounds for Ohio State.

Freshman D.J. Carton scored nine of his 13 points in the second half for the Buckeyes (5-0). CJ Walker chipped in 11 points.

The Buckeyes raced to a 16-0 run, including 3s by Walker and Duane Washington Jr., and four points from freshman E.J. Liddell.

No. 11 Oregon 78, Houston 66: Anthony Mathis kept up his accurate shooting with 18 points in Oregon's victory over Houston.

Mathis, a graduate transfer from New Mexico who entered making 68.2% of his 3-pointers, nailed 5 of 9 attempts from long range as the Ducks shot 10 for 20 on 3s and 54% overall.

No. 15 Utah State 80, LSU 78: Sam Merrill made a go-ahead 3-pointer with 57 seconds left and Utah State overcame a 19-point deficit in the second half to beat LSU in the Jamaica Classic.

Down 54-35 with 16:32 remaining, Utah State (6-0) chipped away by making its first five 3-pointers of the second half. Alphonso Anderson's 3 cut it to 71-67.

Anderson missed a 3-pointer with 13 seconds left, and LSU (3-2) grabbed the defensive rebound, but Skylar Mays had it poked away and the Aggies passed it around to run out the clock.

Merrill and Anderson each scored 24 points.

No. 17 Villanova 83, Mississippi State 76: Jeremiah Robinson-Earl scored 22 points and Villanova beat Mississippi State to advance to the Myrtle Beach Invitational final.

Villanova (4-1) will play No. 24 Baylor in the championship game Sunday.

Collin Gillespie added 18 points, Saddiq Bey finished with 17 and Jermaine Samuels had 14 and converted a key three-point play in the closing seconds for the Wildcats.

Tyson Carter had 22 points for Mississippi State (5-1).

No. 18 Xavier 75, Connecticut 74, 2 OT: Jason Carter's two foul shots with 10.1 seconds left in the second overtime lifted Xavier past UConn and into the Charleston Classic championship game.

UConn (3-2) had a final chance after Carter's free throws, but Alterique Gilbert slipped driving to the bucket and Christian Vital's desperation shot fell short of the basket as the horn sounded on a raucous, dramatic contest between future Big East Conference rivals.

No. 22 Texas 62, California 45: Matt Coleman III scored 14 points, Jericho Sims had 12 points and nine rebounds and Texas rebounded from its first loss of the season to beat California in the 2K Empire Classic consolation game.

Texas (5-1) played in front of a sparse crowd against Cal (4-2), with Madison Square Garden only beginning to fill up late for the Duke-Georgetown nightcap.

No. 24 Baylor 77, Coastal Carolina 65: MaCio Teague scored 21 points and Baylor pulled away to beat Coastal Carolina in the Myrtle Beach Invitational semifinals.

Davion Mitchell added 15 points and Jared Butler had 12 for the Bears (4-1). They trailed for the first 9 minutes of the second half before taking control with a 30-8 run and holding the Chanticleers (3-3) without a field goal for the final 8 minutes.

No. 25 Washington 73, Montana 56: Isaiah Stewart scored 18 points in just 15 minutes, Jayden McDaniels added 14 points and Washington beat Montana.

The Huskies (4-1) relentlessly went to the painta and used their length to stymie the Grizzlies and force 20 turnovers. Washington outscored Montana 38-10 under the basket and drew 34 fouls, hitting 22 of 28 free throws to power to the win.

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run of success.

DeMar DeRozan had 29 points for the Spurs.

Jazz 113, Warriors 109: Donovan Mitchell scored 30 points and Mike Conley had 27 to help Utah beat undermanned Golden State.

About 15 minutes after the game ended, the arena was evacuated because of a suspicious package. Most fans had already left the building when players, coaches and reporters were instructed to leave immediately.

Jazz players quickly headed for their cars in the parking lot — center Rudy Gobert was still in uniform as he left. Warriors players boarded their team bus.

Salt Lake City police Lt. Carlos Valencia said the suspicious package was a shoebox discovered under a table at a restaurant in the northeast corner of the arena. He said the call came in from a uniformed officer working part-time at the game, and the sellout crowd was already starting to leave when the evacuation began.

Arena bomb dogs went near the package and got a hit on it, Valencia said.

Pistons 128, Hawks 103: Andre Drummond had 23 points and 15 rebounds and Detroit had its highest-scoring first half since 1983.

Detroit led 76-57 at halftime, and the Pistons reached 100 points with over 5 minutes remaining in the third quarter. t was the most points in the first half for the Pistons since they scored 77 on Dec. 2, 1983, also against the Hawks.

Atlanta has dropped five straight, and the Hawks allowed at least 120 points for the eighth game in a row.

Blake Griffin scored 24 points. DeAndre' Bembry led Atlanta with 22 points.

Wizards 125, Hornets 118: Bradley Beal had 30 points and 12 assists, Thomas Bryant added 21 points and 11 rebounds and Washington overcame a 13-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat Charlotte.

Davis Bertans had 20 points, hitting six 3-pointers to help the Wizards win two in a row for the first time this season.

Miles Bridges scored a career-high 31 points for Charlotte.

Heat 116, Bulls 108: Jimmy Butler had 27 points against his former team and Miami beat Chicago for its fifth straight victory.

Butler played for the Bulls from 2011-17. He was 7 of 10 from the field and had seven assists and five rebounds. Bam Adebayo added 16 points and 14 rebounds, and Kendrick Nunn scored 13 of his 21 points in the first quarter to help Miami improve to 11-3.

Zach Lavine led the Bulls with 15 points.

5 signs an online loan is a debt trap

By ANNIE MILLERBERND
NerdWallet

As you scan the crowded pages of Google search results for a low-cost loan, it can be difficult to decipher reputable lenders from predatory ones.

These lenders, who use abusive or unfair practices, offer loans with high rates and excessively long or short repayment terms that make the lender money but leave the borrower with a loan they may not be able to repay.

Payday loans are a common type of predatory loan: About 12 million Americans take them out every year, says Alex Horowitz, a senior research officer with the nonprofit public interest group Pew Charitable Trusts. These short-term, high-interest loans can trap borrowers in a cycle of debt.

Here are five signs of a predatory loan.

NO-CREDIT-CHECK ADS

Some lenders advertise loans that don't require a credit check, meaning the lender doesn't obtain information about the borrower's financial history and can't gauge their ability to repay the loan.

Predatory lenders will often charge a much higher annual percentage rate to make up for the borrowers who inevitably default on their loan, says Brad Kingsley, a South Carolina-based financial planner with Cast Financial.

"If they're making it super easy (to get a loan), then it's a red flag," he says.

FOCUS ON MONTHLY PAYMENTS

Lenders that advertise low monthly payments on a loan without mentioning the APR or loan term should set off an alarm, Kingsley says.

Lenders may do this to distract from the loan's term and rates, he says.

Because predatory lenders offer loans with high fees and interest rates, borrowers should focus as much on the full cost of the loan, which an APR represents, as the monthly payments.

SKY-HIGH RATES

The APR on a loan shouldn't come out to more than 36%, says Charla Rios, a researcher with the Center For Responsible Lending, a consumer advocacy group.

That maximum rate has been affirmed by multiple states and federal agencies because it gives borrowers a fair chance at repayment and incentivizes lenders to offer affordable loans, according to a 2013 report from the National Consumer Law Center, a policy-focused nonprofit that serves low-income people.

Many payday lenders charge APRs well above 100% and may not make that explicit on their homepage, Rios says.

If you can't see an APR range anywhere on the lender's website, you should be cautious about doing business with them, says Lauren Saunders, associate director of the National Consumer Law Center.

EXCESSIVELY LONG OR SHORT REPAYMENT PERIODS

Payday lenders typically require a borrower to pay the loan back within a week or two.

But some lenders offer small loans with high APRs and excessively long repayment periods, Horowitz says. These loans can leave a borrower paying more in fees and interest than the amount they originally took out.

For example, a $1,200 loan with an 18-month repayment period and a 300% APR would result in monthly payments of about $305 and total interest of $4,299.

ALL-IN-ONE PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS

A predatory lender may have repayment terms that require a single payment or a handful of small payments, then a lump sum, also called balloon payments.

The average payday loan takes 36% of a borrower's paycheck, Horowitz says. If a borrower can't go without that income, they might take another payday loan to make up for the cost.

A reasonable loan repayment plan should center on a consistent share each paycheck, rather than a balloon payment, he says.

GETTING OUT OF A PREDATORY LOAN

Borrowers who have a predatory loan can try a few avenues to get in better financial shape.

■ Refinance The Loan: If borrowers have somewhat solid credit, Kingsley says, they may be able to pay off a predatory loan with another loan from a reputable lender. Many credit unions offer low rates to borrowers with undesirable credit.

■ Seek Free Advice: You may be able to find a nonprofit legal aid office in your area that offers free or inexpensive legal consultation, Rios says. Another option may be to search for a credit counselor to help you determine the best way forward.

■ Contact Your Attorney General: Writing to your attorney general won't get you out of the loan, but it will create a record that you've encountered predatory lending practices, says Rios with the Center for Responsible Lending.



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Credit card logos are shown on a store's door Nov. 29, 2018, in Philadelphia.

Get SMART on credit debt

By MELISSA LAMBARENA
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Shatoria Smith was tired of the $5,000 in credit card debt she felt was blocking her from reaching her financial goals. She couldn't see an easy path to being debt-free, so she drew herself a map by adapting a goal-setting framework she'd first heard about in a college business class: the SMART method.

"The SMART goal framework helps you dig deep and devise a plan of how to actually accomplish it," says Smith, who lives in Florida and writes about debt, budgeting and personal finance on her blog, Coin Countin Mama. "I was very motivated."

SMART was created by management consultant George T. Doran in the early 1980s as a tool for helping businesses set performance objectives. Over the years, it has been adapted for goal-setting situations beyond the workplace. Smith applied it to her finances in late 2014.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SMART

As originally laid out by Doran, the SMART acronym calls for goals to be specific, measurable, assignable, realistic and time-related. Here's how to apply it to credit card debt:

■ Specific. Define exactly what you want to accomplish and how you will do it. Smith set a different strategy for each of her three credit cards. For one of them, she wrote that she wanted to pay off $2,450 within a year so she could free up money to pay student loans. Her budget included $300 every month toward that goal.

■ Measureable. Track your progress. You could do so with pen and paper, a spreadsheet, an app or whatever works for you. Smith used an app with a goal-tracking feature.

■ Assignable. Make clear where responsibility lies at each step. This is especially relevant if you're paying down debt with a partner. (Some modern versions of SMART replace "assignable" with "achievable," meaning the goal should be realistic.)

■ Realistic. Set goals that are achievable with the resources available. You can dream big, but the smaller steps that lead up to that dream should be within reach. At this stage, stop using credit cards while paying down debt to get results. (Some versions replace "realistic" with "relevant," meaning the goal is worth pursuing.)

■ Time-related. Set a deadline. The timeline should be based on what you can do, not just your desires. Smith says she crunched the numbers to establish the deadline that she met toward the end of 2015.

CONFRONT YOUR BUDGET

Getting an accurate picture of your finances, such as overall expenses and the money available to pay down debt, is the key to setting SMART goals, says Adam Hagerman, a Maryland-based certified financial planner and educator who uses the method to help clients meet financial goals.

"What people think they spend is usually way different than what they actually do," Hagerman says. "That's why it's important to take a step back and say, 'How have I spent my money over the last 30 days?'"

Once you get that accurate picture, he says, you may need to revise your original goals.

You can also consider get-out-of-debt strategies if you can't keep up with your debt payments.

For instance, you might consider transferring a balance to a new credit card with a 0% introductory offer, consolidating debt to a personal loan or seeing if you qualify for a credit card hardship program.

UNPACK YOUR MOTIVATION

No matter how well-defined your goal, it's only achievable if you're motivated enough to put in the work.

A 2019 study in the Journal of Financial Planning found that establishing an emotional connection to an item of sentimental value could motivate people to save more money.

The same idea could apply to credit card debt, according to a contributor to the study, Bradley Klontz, a financial psychologist and associate professor at the Creighton University Heider College of Business.

For example, to eliminate debt to fund your kids' college, a photograph of your kids in your wallet or on a mobile device could guard against goal-shattering purchases.

"It really helps anchor our emotions and our values to what essentially requires us to override our natural wiring," Klontz says. "The way to override that is to actually have something that is more important, so then the sacrifice becomes easy to make."

You can also name your goal. Try something like, "$5,000 to Debt-Free and Stress-Free," and change the number as the debt shrinks. It's harder to steal from a goal when its name has an emotional attachment, he says.

These employers chip in on your student loans

By RYAN LANE
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Trilogy Health Services, a Louisville, Kentucky-based operator of senior living facilities, has paid $100 a month toward each eligible worker's student loans over the past four years. Its total outlay: roughly $3 million.

That money has made a big difference for Trilogy's nurses, therapists and staff, says Todd Schmiedeler , the company's senior vice president of foundation and workforce development.

"The number of hugs I get around student loan repayment is unbelievable," Schmiedeler says.

It's no surprise workers appreciate the help: With outstanding student loans reaching $1.5 trillion, it pays to work for an employer that offersrepayment assistance.

Here's how different companies help employees deal with student debt.

CLINTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

In Clinton County, Iowa, eligible teachers can receive $30 per month toward their loans. That increases to $60 if they live in the city of Clinton or an eligible neighboring city, and up to $90 if they relocated for the job on or after Aug. 1, 2019.

Those amounts may sound small, but the program uses taxpayer dollars. "We had to make the most of what we could do with as little investment as possible," says Eric Van Lancker, Clinton County auditor and commissioner of elections.

One person has hit the $90 trifecta, says Van Lancker. But the program, which launched this year, has 50 participants overall.

FISERV

Fiserv, a financial services company headquartered in Brookfield, Wisconsin, is leveraging its existing reward program to tackle student debt.

Employees earn points for great customer service, productivity and other positive actions, says Anthony Marino, executive vice president and head of human resources at Fiserv.

All employees can exchange points for items with a cash value, like gift cards. Some can now put that money toward student loans.

Fiserv is piloting this feature with 10,000 of its 44,000 employees. One-third have used points for their loans to date, says Marino.

MONTEFIORE ST. LUKE'S CORNWALL

Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall, a nonprofit hospital with campuses in Newburgh and Cornwall, New York, lets eligible employees swap unused paid time off for a lump-sum loan payment.

"This was the only (benefit) I've ever announced where there was cheering, applause and people thanking us," says Dan Bengyak, vice president of administrative services.

Employees can exchange 30 to 75 hours of paid time off annually, with payment based on hourly salary. The maximum a worker can receive is $5,000 each year.

Bengyak says about 40 employees have used this program since February 2019, with the hospital paying out $90,000.

RAYTHEON

Defense contractor Raytheon, headquartered in Waltham, Massachusetts, is putting a new student loan repayment benefit into effect Jan. 1, 2020.

Its program will allow employees who contribute to the company 401(k) to use the company match toward their retirement account or as a lump-sum student loan payment.

Bill Shea, senior benefits manager at Raytheon, says he'll use the program to pay off the roughly $30,000 he owes in student loans. The match will more than double the 42-year-old's loan payment — and "keep me (at Raytheon) for 10 years," he says.

WHAT EMPLOYEES SHOULD KNOW

Receiving $100 a month from an employer would save you roughly $2,100 in interest on the average debt of $29,200.

But before enrolling — or choosing an employer because it offers this benefit — understand all of a program's features. Ask yourself:

■ Is There A Service Commitment? Memorial Hermann, a Southeast Texas -based health system, offers $400 a month to eligible clinical staff, but requires a two-year commitment after the final payment.

■ When Are You Eligible? At Florida-based Coastal Construction, workers can receive up to $150 a month, based on tenure, but must be with the company for a year before they qualify.

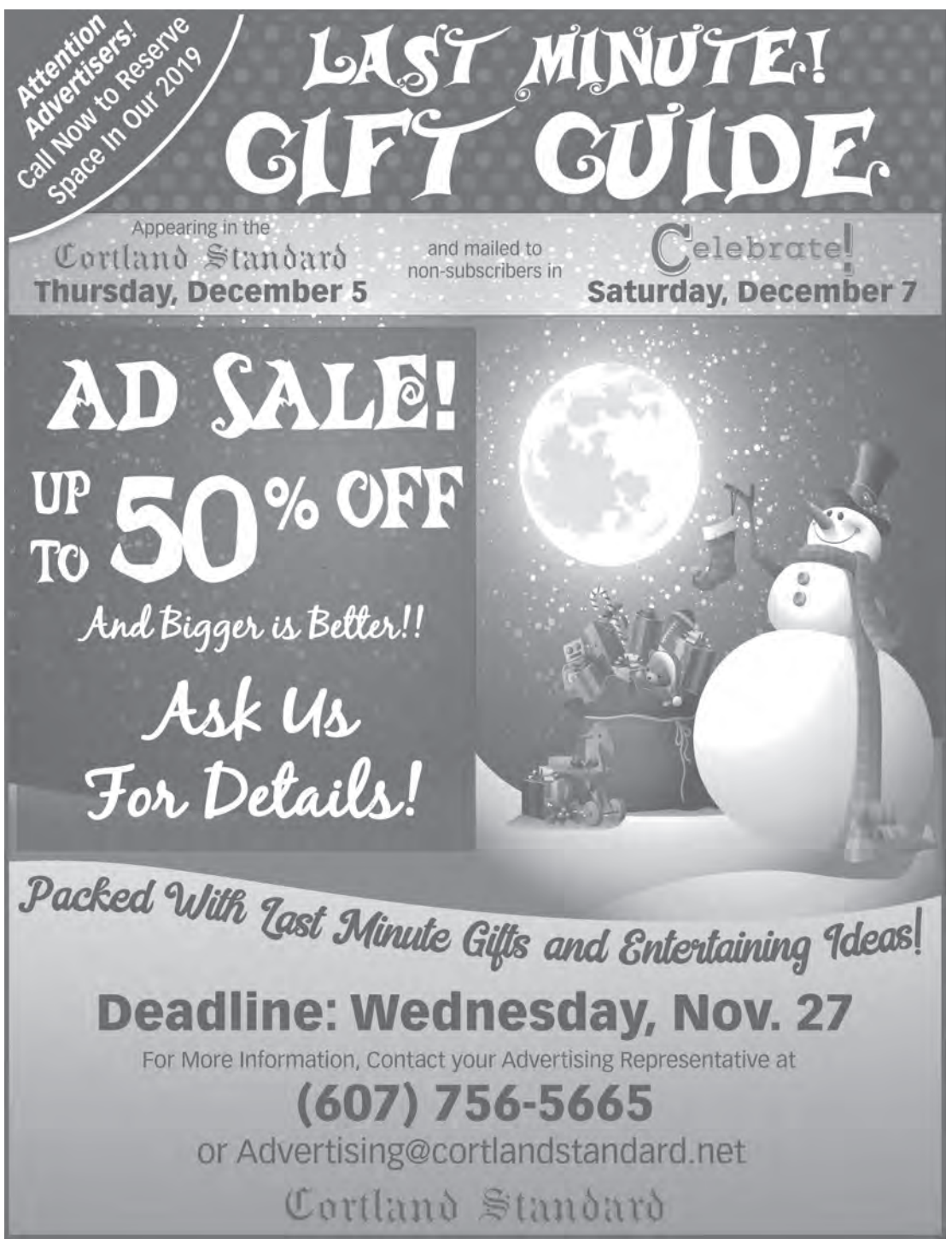
■ Do Your Loans Qualify? ProService Hawaii, an HR management firm headquartered in Honolulu, pays $100 per month, but loans must be for the employee's education; parent loans are ineligible.

Employer loan payments are taxable income, which is one reason only 7% of employers offer this benefit, says Peter DeBellis, total rewards research leader at HR researcher Bersin .

Bipartisan legislation has been introduced to make annual payments tax-free up to $5,250 and let employers deduct these costs. Multiple employers have started an advocacy campaign to support this legislation atDebtFreeTaxFree.com.

Either way, DeBellis expects more companies to offer this benefit.

"This isn't a squeaky wheel wanting another ping pong table or free sushi at lunch," says DeBellis. "This issue affects how the employee feels."



Butterfly on a bomb range: Endangered Species Act at work

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — In the unlikely setting of the world's most populated military installation, amid all the regimented chaos, you'll find the Endangered Species Act at work.

There, as a 400-pound explosive resounds in the distance, a tiny St. Francis Satyr butterfly flits among the splotchy leaves, ready to lay as many as 100 eggs. At one point, this brown and frankly dull-looking butterfly could be found in only one place on Earth: Fort Bragg's artillery range.

Now, thanks in great measure to the 46-year-old federal act, they are found in eight more places — though all of them are on other parts of the Army base. And if all goes well, biologists will have just seeded habitat No. 10.

One of Earth's rarest butterfly species, there are maybe 3,000 St. Francis Satyrs. There are never going to be enough of them to get off the endangered list, but they're not about to go extinct either. They are permanent patients of the bureaucratic conservation hospital ward.

In some ways, the tiny butterfly is an ideal example of the more than 1,600 U.S. species that have been protected by the Endangered Species Act. Alive, but not exactly doing that well.

To some experts, just having these creatures around means the 46-year-old law has done its job. More than 99.2% of the species protected by the act survive, The Associated Press has found. Only 11 species were declared extinct.

On the other hand, only 39 U.S. species — about 2% of the overall number— have made it off the endangered list because of recovery, including bald eagles and American alligators.

"Species will remain in the Endangered Species Act hospital indefinitely. And I don't think that's a failure of the Endangered Species Act itself," says Jake Li, director for biodiversity at the Environmental Policy Innovation Center in Washington.



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A St. Francis' Satyr butterfly rests on a leaf July 29 in a swamp at Fort Bragg in North Carolina. Its wing was marked for identification by a biologist studying the rare insect.

The Endangered Species Act "is the safety net of last resort," says Gary Frazer, assistant director of ecological services at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which administers the law. "We list species after all other vehicles of protection have failed."

The 1973 law, passed unanimously in the Senate, was designed to prevent species from going extinct and to protect their habitat. Under the law, it is unlawful to "harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect" endangered animals and plants, and it also forbids the elimination of their habitats.

Another species found at Fort Bragg — the red-cockaded woodpecker — is a case of success but at a cost of $408 million over 19 years.

The woodpeckers live only in longleaf pines, which have been disappearing across the Southeast for more than a century, due to development and suppression of fires.

In the 1980s and 1990s, efforts to save the woodpecker and their trees set off a backlash among landowners who worried about interference on their private property. Wildlife officials were even shot at.

Army officials weren't happy either.

"We couldn't maneuver. We couldn't shoot because they were afraid the bird was going to blink out and go into extinction," says former top Fort Bragg planning official Mike Lynch.

By the 1980s, the red cockaded woodpecker population was below 10,000 nationwide. Now, they're well past 15,000 just on military bases.

After failed efforts, biologists and bureaucrats changed their approach.

Instead of prohibiting work on land the woodpecker needs, Fish and Wildlife Service officials allowed landowners to make some changes as long as they generally didn't hurt the bird. The Army set fires to regularly burn scrub.

The result? When Fort Bragg Endangered Species Branch Chief Jackie Britcher started, in 1983, there were fewer than 300 woodpecker families on Fort Bragg. Now she counts 453 families.

"Something is going right," she says.

The Army has better land to maneuver in and the community is taking pride in the woodpecker, Lynch says.

From 1998 to 2016, the federal government tallied $20.5 billion in spending on individual species on the endangered list. That's based on an annual per-species spending report that the Fish and Wildlife Service sends to Congress, but that tally is not comprehensive.

Seven species, mostly fish, ate up more than half of the money expended under the act, according to the annual accounting figures.

About $3 million was spent to save the St. Francis Satyr butterfly.

Nick Haddad, a Michigan State University butterfly biologist and St. Francis expert, regularly visits the artillery range.

He expected a moonscape, but found beauty.

Because no one was venturing into the woods there, no one was dismantling beaver dams or snuffing out fires. Aside from munition fragments, the landscape was much like North Carolina before it was altered by humans.

The picky butterfly needs a touch of chaos in its habitat. It requires water, but not a lot. It thrives on fire to burn away overgrown plants, but not too much.

Now, Haddad and his team replicate those conditions elsewhere on base, and they watch the butterfly population grow.

After years of criticisms from conservatives that the endangered species program is too cumbersome for industry and landowners, President Donald Trump's administration has enacted 33 different reforms.

Among them: a change in the rules for species that are "threatened," the classification just below endangered. Instead of mandating, in most cases, that they get the same protection as endangered species, the new rules allow for variations.

That is better management, says the Fish and Wildlife Service's Frazer, adding, "It allows us to regulate really only those things that are important to conservation."

Noah Greenwald, endangered species director of the Center for Biological Diversity, characterizes the regulations as "a disaster."

While scientists across the globe warn of the coming extinction of a million species in the decades ahead, Nick Haddad is determined that the St. Francis Satyr butterfly won't be one of them.

"This is the thing that gives me hope," Haddad says. "That's where the Endangered Species Act had an impact."

Bacteria-infected mosquitoes take bite out of deadly dengue

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — They still bite, but new research shows lab-grown mosquitoes are fighting dangerous dengue fever that they normally would spread.

Dengue infections appear to be dropping fast in communities in Indonesia, Vietnam, Brazil and Australia that are buzzing with the specially bred mosquitoes, an international research team reported Thursday.

It's the first evidence from large-scale field trials that mosquitoes are less likely to spread dengue and similar viruses when they also carry a type of bacteria that's common in insects and harmless to people.

Rather than using pesticides to wipe out bugs, "this is really about transforming the mosquito," said Cameron Simmons of the nonprofit World Mosquito Program that is conducting the research.

The first hint of success came from Australia. Mosquitoes bred to carry Wolbachia bacteria were released in parts of North Queensland starting in 2011, and gradually spread through the local mosquito population. Dengue is transmitted when a mosquito bites someone who is infected, and then bites another person, but somehow Wolbachia blocks that — and local transmission has nearly disappeared in those North Queensland communities, Simmons said in an interview.

The real test would come in dengue-plagued areas in Asia and Latin America that regularly experience outbreaks where millions get the painful and sometimes deadly disease.

Thursday, Simmons' team reported a 76% decline in dengue recorded by local authorities in an Indonesian community near the city of Yogyakarta since the 2016 release of Wolbachia-carrying mosquitoes.

That's compared to dengue transmission in a nearby area where regular mosquitoes do the biting.

Researchers found a similar drop in a community near the southern Vietnamese city of Nha Trang. And preliminary results suggest large declines in dengue and a related virus, chikungunya, in a few neighborhoods in Brazil near Rio de Janeiro.

The studies are continuing in those countries and others. But the findings, presented at a meeting of the American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, suggest it's possible to turn at least some mosquitoes from a public health threat into nuisance biters.

The work marks "exciting progress," said Michigan State University professor Zhiyong Xi, who wasn't involved with the project but has long studied how Wolbachia can turn mosquitoes against themselves.

Reducing disease "is the ultimate success of our field," added University of Maryland biologist Brian Lovett, who also wasn't part of the project.

More research is needed, specialists cautioned. These studies used local health groups' counts of dengue cases rather than blood tests, noted Penn State University professor Elizabeth McGraw. And while Wolbachia has persisted in North Queensland mosquitoes for eight years and counting, whether mosquitoes maintain dengue resistance that long in harder-hit regions remains to be seen.

"The results are pretty exciting — strong levels of reductions — but there clearly are going to be things to be learned from the areas where the reductions are not as great," McGraw said.

More than half of insect species, from fruit flies to butterflies, naturally are infected with Wolbachia — but not the main dengue-spreader, Aedes aegypti mosquitoes. They're daytime biters that thrive in hot urban and suburban localities where, for now, widespread pesticide spraying is the main protection.

Researchers with the World Mosquito Program first injected mosquito eggs with Wolbachia in a lab.

Infected females then pass the bacteria on through their eggs. Releasing enough Wolbachia carriers, both the females that bite and the males that don't, allows mating to spread the bacteria through a local mosquito population.

The approach doesn't reduce bites. Simmons said the up-front cost is cheaper than years of spraying and medical care.

It's just one of multiple novel mosquito-control methods under study:

■ Michigan State's Xi uses Wolbachia in a different way — to eliminate mosquitoes. Release only male Wolbachia carriers and when they mate with uninfected females, the eggs don't hatch.

■ Other researchers zap male mosquitoes with a small dose of radiation, sterilizing them before releasing them into the wild.

■ Genetically modifying mosquitoes is another approach. Furthest in development is Britain's Oxitec, which gives male mosquitoes a gene to weaken their offspring so they don't survive to adulthood.

Each approach has pros and cons, but "our best hope to control the mosquitoes that make us sick is to box them in with multiple technologies," said Maryland's Lovett.

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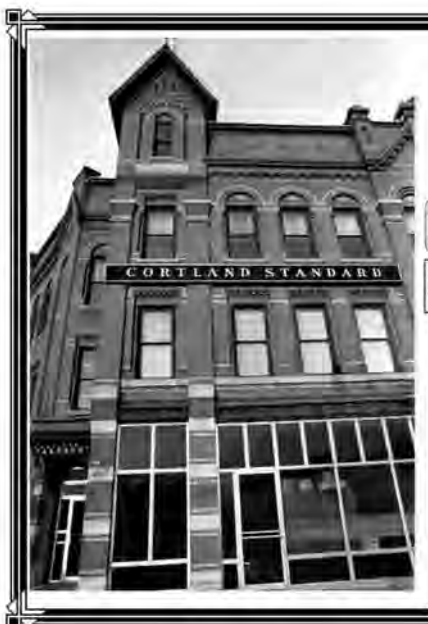
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At the first table, declarer won the spade with the ace, led dummy's jack of hearts and played low after East showed out. West took the jack with the king and led his remaining spade. When East won and played a third spade, South could not prevent West's nine of trump from eventually scoring a trick, and he finished down one.

At the second table, the declarer, Ron Smith, foresaw what might happen if the opposing hearts were divided 4-0, and took steps to deal with that possibility. He also won the spade shift with the ace at trick two, but did not make the mistake of leading the jack of hearts next. Instead, he led the jack of clubs and discarded his spade loser on it!

The difference this play made soon became apparent. West took the club with the ace and returned a spade, but South ruffed and was now in full control.

A trump was led to the jack and ducked by West. South reentered his hand with a diamond and played the A-Q of hearts. West took the king, but his nine of hearts later succumbed to declarer's ten, and the contract was made.

It is true that declarer also could have succeeded by ducking the first round of spades and winning the second. However, this would not have worked out well if East had started with seven spades, so Smith's line of play was technically superior.

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265-6t
11/9,16,23,30, 12/6,13

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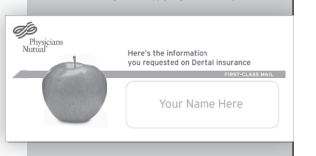


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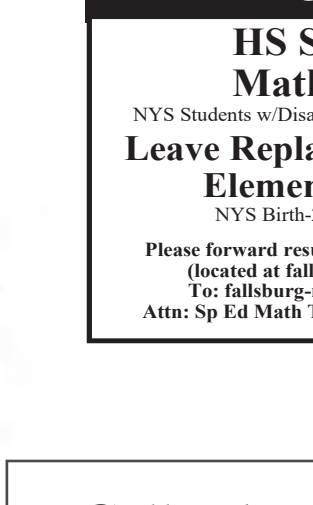
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Grandma steals the show in Musgraves' TV special

By ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Grammy winner Kacey Musgraves knows who the real star is in her family — her grandmother. That's why the singer put the woman she calls Nana in her upcoming holiday special, "The Kacey Musgraves Christmas Show."

"Basically, this is just Nana's world. We're just all livin' in it. This is Nana's Christmas special if you hear from her. I'm just in it," said Musgraves on Tuesday at a special screening of the special in New York.

Musgraves initially worried how her grandmother would handle being on camera, but those fears quickly subsided.

"I was like, 'OK, this is my 80-something-year old grandmother. Is she gonna come in like, forget the lines, like, you know. She's not used to this,'" Musgraves said. "She came in, she gave us ad-libs, she was like giving us different inflections like she knew what to do. It was really cute."

"The Kacey Musgraves Christmas Show" debuts Friday on Amazon Prime Video. The special features a number of celebrities, including Fred Armisen, Camila Cabello, James Corden and Kendall Jenner. It's narrated by Dan Levy of "Schitt's Creek."



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Singer-songwriter Kacey Musgraves attends the premiere of Amazon Prime Video's "The Kacey Musgraves Christmas Show" on Tuesday at Metrograph in New York.

Musgraves got the idea for the special a year ago and spent months coming up with the concept. Filming took place during the summer in a hot California.

"It was like, 90 degrees in LA in like this airplane hangar that we shot it in, didn't have air conditioning. So, I was wearing Christmas clothing, on my feet for like 16 hours a day, like just tryin' to make Christmas happen. And I think we did," Musgraves said. "It's been Christmas for an entire year for me. So, I can't tell if I'm sick of it or if I'm really excited. I think I'm really excited."

Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena

Monday, November 25, 2019

BIRTHDAY STAR: Actor Jerry Ferrara was born in Brooklyn on this date in 1979. This birthday star portrayed Turtle on "Entourage" and Joe Proctor on "Power." He also played the recurring role of Kirk Zehnder on "Shooter." On the big screen, Ferrara's film resume includes "Sully," "Think Like a Man" and "Lone Survivor."

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Dare to show off your stylish elegance. Whether you are decorating your front porch or putting together a presentation, you can tap into creative ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone may share important information with you. You should have no problem putting a team together, as people will line up to be part of whatever you propose.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): When you aren't sure what to do, ask for guidance. Someone could be there to offer a useful suggestion that is in your best interests, even if you don't see the biggest benefits immediately.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Dreaming up good ideas is as important as executing them, so take notes when you are brainstorming. Anything you do is likely worthwhile, especially when the alternative is doing nothing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone will grant a favor if you ask for it. You can turn a rival into an ally by using shared interests as a talking point. Those who deserve your loyalty should receive it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Concentrate on completing your work in a way that ensures that you will not be inconvenienced by a day off. Someone may offer you an opportunity to achieve your ambitions more easily.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Worthy causes may clamor for your attention, but you can't go wrong if you choose those closest to home. You can show off your good taste while shopping.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Talk turkey. You can bring people together by using shared values as a point of reference. Being part of a group think tank can give you an opportunity to show off your best skills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Grab a lottery ticket. It might do someone some good. If you want to share your good fortune with others, you could make a donation to a food bank.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There is less work when everyone is working together. Collaborative efforts can make a tough task seem like child's play. The enthusiasm you exude could inspire your colleagues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There is more than just good food to look forward to during Thanksgiving week. You may need to list priority items to make a family get-together live up to your high expectations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Big results can come from a tiny dose of inspiration. Someone could light a fire under your imagination. Your novel ideas can make you shine like a star at the office.

IF NOVEMBER 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your priorities could shift during the upcoming six to eight weeks. Your attitudes can undergo a major revision, as you are more willing to try something new and abandon the past. The new year's resolutions you make might include getting a new job or upgrading your position while you have the helpful connections, obvious talent and sterling reputation to pull it off. Your most attractive qualities shine brightly in January, making this an ideal time to spin the roulette wheel on a dating site if you are single and hoping to become part of a couple. February may present challenges, as you could find you can't get by on your good looks alone.

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