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A new Byrne Dairy gas station and convenience store is slated to open Wednesday in Cortland.



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People browse the goods at the 2022 Little York Fall Fiber Festival in Preble. While some events have struggled to catch up after the COVID-19 pandemic put a crimp in their plans, the fiber festival saw expansion, as volunteers kept it going and its focus appealed to new crafters, organizers said.

Events are back following COVID

Some thrive, some struggle to re-establish themselves

By JAIME CONE HUGHES
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After years of COVID-enforced isolation, community events continue to roll out: Holiday in Homer and Pride today; the Brockway Truck Festival next month; the 1890 Union Fair in early September.

Some came back strong, organizers said. Some faced major changes, such as Arts Off Main, which moved locations from Courthouse Park to Court Street in Cortland. One event almost didn't make it; others didn't.

The survivors say their return relied heavily on what organizers fear is a diminishing commodity since the pandemic began in 2020: volunteers.

COMING BACK AFTER COVID

Last year, thousands of people strolled through downtown Cortland at the Great Cortland Pumpkinfest. It was a scene that almost never played out.

The Great Cortland Pumpkinfest went from what USA Today called the fourth greatest fall festival in the country in 2019 to almost dying in 2022.

"I was part of a brand new team that came together under (Cortland County) Legislature Chair Kevin Fitch and Cortland Mayor Scott Steve, as Pumpkinfest was not going to continue under the previous committee," said Patty Dawson, chair of the Pumpkinfest Planning Committee.

The previous committee members simply didn't want to continue in 2022, Dawson said.

"They decided they didn't have the right energy, coming back after COVID," she said, particularly after the resignation of several members.

"What I heard from some of them was, 'I've already put in so much time; I just don't have the time to commit anymore,'" Dawson added. "With COVID, everyone's family situations changed. Jobs changed, and everyone's lives changed. So it was hard for them to commit to that time."

"Prior to COVID, many volunteers were aging out and getting older and looking to move on to other aspects of their life, particularly if they just had or were in the process of retiring," said Eric Mulvihill, who has helped organize a number of events, both as the community relations specialist for the Cortland County Business Development Corp. and as a former clerk of the Cortland County Legislature.

"A contributing factor, particularly for older individuals, is the lack of childcare," he added. "A lot of grandparents found themselves the primary caregivers during COVID, if not before COVID, and I think that situation has continued and forced many individuals to reevaluate their participation in lieu of providing childcare."

The new committee took over Pumpkinfest at the end of May 2022. The committee found new partners. Kenneth A. Cohen, an instructor in SUNY Cortland's Recreation, Parks and Leisure Department, offered to teach a community events course centered around the

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Greater Cortland area events coming up

Here are some of the larger events coming up this year in the greater Cortland area:

TODAY
Cortland Pride Festival
Courthouse Park on Church Street, Cortland
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Holiday in Homer
Homer Congregational Church Green, 28 S. Main St.
Holidayinhomer.org

AUGUST
Aug. 5
Cortland Arts Off Main Festival
Church Street, Cortland
cortlandartsconnect.org/about3
Aug. 10-12
Fillmore Days and Bathtub Races
Moravia and Fillmore Glen State Park
Aug. 10-13
National Brockway Truck Show
Main Street, Homer
Brockwaytrucks.org
Aug. 12
Seedstock
3336 Route 215, Cortlandville
seedstockmusicfestival.com
Aug. 20
PorchFest Cortland
Van Hoesen Street
Facebook.com/porchfestcortland
Aug. 24-26
Groton Olde Home Days
Main Street, Groton
grotonoldehomedays.com

SEPTEMBER
Sept. 8-10
NEEMFest
Center for the Arts of Homer
neemfest.com
Sept. 9
1890 Union Fair
Main Street, Marathon
Experiencecortland.com/events/marathons-1890-union-fair

OCTOBER
Oct. 7-8
The Great Cortland Pumpkinfest
Oct. 7-8
Downtown Cortland
cortlandpumpkinfest.org
Oct. 14-15
Little York Fall Fiber Arts Festival
Dwyer Memorial Park, Dryden
cortlandrep.org/little-york-fall-fiber-arts-festival

Architect charged in 3 NY murders

By JAKE OFFENHARTZ, MICHAEL R. SISAK and MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

RIVERHEAD — A Long Island architect was charged Friday with murder in the deaths of three of the 11 victims in a long-unsolved string of killings known as the Gilgo Beach murders after detectives pursuing a new lead say they matched DNA from a pizza he ate to genetic material found on the women's remains.



Heuermann

Rex Heuermann, who has lived for decades across a bay from where the remains were found, is charged with killing Melissa Barthelemy, Megan Waterman and Amber Costello. He is also considered the prime suspect in the death of a fourth woman whose body was bound and hidden in thick underbrush along a remote beach highway, authorities said.

Investigators have said over the years that it's unlikely one person killed all 11 victims.

Heuermann, 59, was arrested late Thursday amid a renewed investigation that first identified him as a suspect in March 2022, when detectives linked him to a pickup truck that a witness reported seeing when one of the victims disappeared in 2010.

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US inflation hits its lowest point since early '21

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Squeezed by painfully high prices for two years, Americans have gained some much-needed relief with inflation reaching its lowest point since early 2021 — 3% in June compared with a year earlier — thanks in part to easing prices for gasoline, airline fares, used cars and groceries.

The inflation figure the government reported Wednesday was down sharply from a 4% annual rate in May, though still above the Federal Reserve's 2% target. From May to June, overall prices rose 0.2%, up from just 0.1% in the previous month but still comparatively mild.

Even with Wednesday's better-than-expected inflation data, the Fed is considered all but sure to raise its benchmark rate when it meets in two weeks. But with price increases slowing — or even falling outright — across a range of goods and services, many economists say they think the central bank could hold off on what had been expected to be another rate hike in September, should inflation continue to cool.

"It takes the second hike off the table, if that trend continues," said Laura Rosner-Warburton,

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Weather

Local

Rest of today: Showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Low around 66. South wind 5 to 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Sunday: Showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 5 p.m., then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 5 p.m. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. High near 79. Southeast wind 8 to 10 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Skies Today

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Sunset today	8:41 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	5:35 a.m.
Normal high temperature	81
Normal low temperature	58
Average temperature	69
New moon	July 17

Extended

Sunday night: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8 p.m. Mostly clear, with a low around 61. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

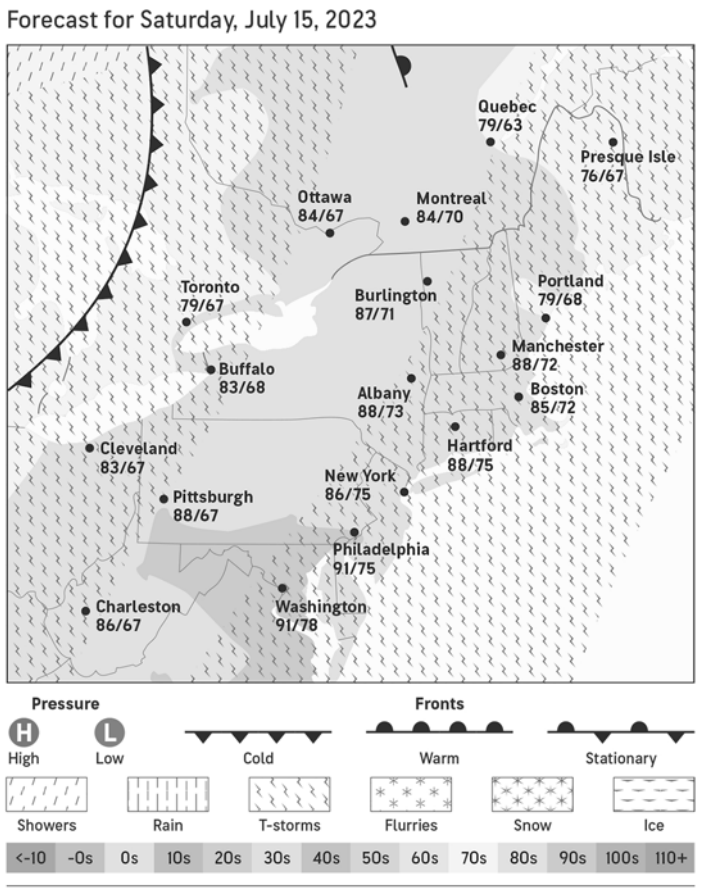
Monday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Sunny, with a high near 82. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

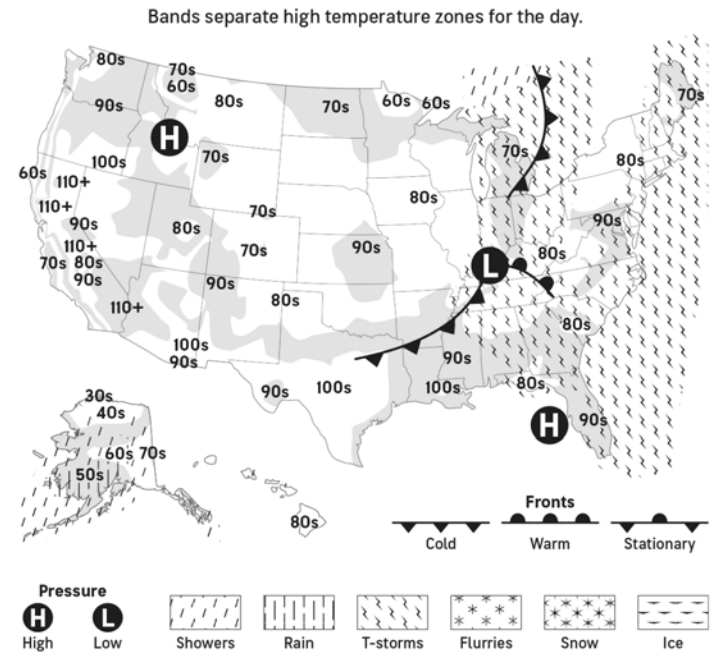
Monday night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Tuesday: A chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 2 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 75. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Precipitation

July 13-14	0.18 inches
Month to date	1.61 inches





NATIONAL SUMMARY: More locally gusty, drenching storms will erupt along the Eastern Seaboard today. The greatest risk of severe weather and flash floods will be in the Midwest as a front moves slowly in. Much of the Plains will be free of rain. Extreme heat will continue as the temperature trend increases over the interior West and especially the Southwest.

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Lottery Winners

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

Numbers: Midday: 5-9-5, Evening: 4-4-5; **WinFour**: Midday: 8-5-4-0, Evening: 7-4-7-8; **Pick 10:** 5-9-11-20-23-29-31-36-42-44-46-47-57-59-61-62-64-67-70-74; **Take Five**: Midday: 3-5-15-27-35, Evening: 1-13-15-25-32; **Cash4Life:** 14-27-29-34-46, Cash Ball: 3; **Mega Millions:** 10-24-48-51-66, Mega Ball: 15, Megaplier: 2

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UPS to train nonunion employees as contract talks stall with union

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN
AP Business Writer

A little more than a week after contract talks between UPS and the union representing 340,000 of its workers broke down, UPS said it will begin training nonunion employees in the U.S. to step in should there be a strike, which the union has vowed to do if no agreement is reached by the end of this month.

UPS said Friday that the training is a temporary plan that has no impact on current operations.

"While we have made great progress and are close to reaching an agreement, we have a responsibility as an essential service provider to take steps to help ensure we can deliver our customers' packages if the Teamsters choose to strike," UPS said.

Last week both sides blamed the other for walking away from talks, which now appear to be at a stalemate with a July 31 deadline approaching fast.

Teamster-represented UPS workers voted for a strike authorization last month and union chief Sean O'Brien previously said that a strike was imminent. On Friday, O'Brien joined union workers in a picketing dry-run in Brooklyn, New York.

"UPS is making clear it doesn't view its workforce as a priority. Corporate executives are quick to brag about industry-leading service and even more quickly forget the Teamster members who perform that service," the Teamsters said Friday. "UPS should stop wasting time and money on training strikebreakers and get back to the negotiating table with a real economic offer."

The Teamsters represent more than half of the Atlanta company's workforce in the largest private-sector contract in North America. If a strike does happen, it would be the first since a 15-day walkout by 185,000 workers crippled the company a quarter century ago.

UPS has grown vastly since then and become an even more integral piece of the U.S. economy, with consumers relying on swift delivery of most essential home items. Small businesses who rely on UPS could also be left looking for alternative shipping options if the company's remaining workforce wasn't able to meet demand during a strike.

Businesses have already begun to prepare for a strike, seeking alternate services for delivery, but the strike would likely lead to significant disruption given the scale at which UPS operates.

UPS delivers around 25 million packages a day, representing about a quarter of all U.S. parcel volume, according to the global shipping and logistics firm Pitney Bowes. That's about 10 million parcels more than it delivered each day in the years leading up to the COVID-19 pandemic.



AP Photo/Michael Dwyer, File

United Parcel Service trucks are seen parked at a distribution facility, June 30, in Boston. UPS said Friday it will begin training many of its non-union employees in the U.S. to step in should there be a strike.

Woman arrested on drug charges in death of Robert De Niro's grandson, official says

By KAREN MATTHEWS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A 20-year-old woman has been arrested on federal narcotics charges and is accused of selling the drugs that led to the death of actor Robert De Niro's 19-year-old grandson, a law enforcement official said Friday.

The woman, Sofia Haley Marks, appeared in Manhattan federal court on Friday and agreed to remain behind bars until she requests bail at a later date. Prosecutors said they would oppose a request for her release.

Marks was arrested Thursday evening on three counts of narcotics distribution stemming from the sale of drugs to Leandro De Niro Rodriguez, the law enforcement official said. The official was not authorized to discuss details of the investigation publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Rodriguez was found dead in his Manhattan apartment on July 2. His mother, Drena De Niro, announced the death on Instagram. Amy Gallicchio, an assistant federal defender who represented Marks on Friday, said Marks planned to hire a lawyer. Gallicchio declined comment outside court.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said in a statement that at least one of the fake oxycodone pills sold by Marks was "taken by a teenager who subsequently died of a suspected overdose." Rodriguez was not identified by name in court documents.

Williams said the arrest "was critical because, as we allege, Marks knew the pills could kill, and she continued selling them anyway."



Tariq Zehawi/The Record via AP

The casket of Newark firefighter Wayne Brooks, Jr. arrives at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, on Friday. More than one thousand firefighters from many departments around New Jersey and the U.S. attended.

NJ firefighter killed in cargo ship blaze promoted at funeral

NEWARK — The second of two firefighters who were fatally injured while battling a massive fire aboard a cargo ship docked in New Jersey last week was posthumously promoted to captain during his funeral service on Friday. Hundreds of mourners, including dozens of uniformed firefighters and law enforcement officers, came to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark to honor Wayne "Bear" Brooks Jr., 49, who was a Newark firefighter for 16 years. Brooks was remembered as a dedicated public servant with a big personality who was always smiling.

"(Firefighters) don't have the luxury of staying home, turning around and changing their mind," Newark Mayor Ras Baraka told mourners. "There are men and women who put on the uniform every day and put their lives on the line for us and we don't even say thank you. We thank you for your service."

Brooks' funeral came a day after a service was held at the same church for his fallen colleague, Augusto "Augie" Acabou, 45, who also was posthumously promoted to captain.

The two firefighters were killed while fighting the July 5 fire aboard the Grande Costa d'Avorio, an Italian-flagged vessel carrying thousands of vehicles and other goods that was docked at Port Newark.

American Airlines, JetBlue forced to end partnership

NEW YORK — American Airlines and JetBlue Airways will end their partnership in the Northeast next week, after a judge ruled that the deal violates antitrust law.

JetBlue said Friday that it will end codesharing — the practice of selling seats on each other's flights — and reciprocal frequent-flyer benefits on July 21.

Customers who already bought a ticket through the partnership will have until that date to add their frequent-flyer number to the booking to get points, the airline said. A federal judge ruled in May that the airlines must end their agreement, called the Northeast Alliance. The Justice Department sued to stop the deal, which began in early 2021.

Obituaries

Leo F. VanDonsel



Leo F. VanDonsel, 88 of Little York, NY and Florida, passed away on June 11, 2023 in Syracuse, NY. Mr. VanDonsel was born in Cortland on February 20, 1935 the son of John and Theodora Verbruggen VanDonsel.

Leo grew up on the family farm and graduated from St. Mary's in 1952. He worked at Durkees Bakery as a garage Superintendent for many years before becoming a paid Firefighter for the City of Cortland. He was a member of the Hitchcock Hose Company #6 racing team and proud member of The Homer Elks Lodge. Leo always enjoyed farming and could fix or jerry rig anything, he was the jack-of-all trades. Leo enjoyed his time in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida, his camp on Little York Lake and the hunting camp in Hoxie Gorge. Leo loved taking family and visitors out on the pontoon boat for a nice leisurely ride on Little York Lake and playing cards with his "boys" and friends in Florida.

Mr. VanDonsel is survived by Daughter Deborah Pleickhardt in Arizona. Sons; Scott (Alicia) of Homer, Chuck in Arizona, John (Susan) in Maryland, and Alan (Andrea) of Homer. Eight grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. VanDonsel was predeceased by his sisters; Agnes Aldrich and Wilma Dugan and his brother Nicholas VanDonsel. Grandson Kevin VanDonsel on October 10, 2022.

Calling hours will be 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Thursday, July 20th at Wright-Beard Funeral Home, Inc. 9 Lincoln Ave., Cortland with Funeral Services to follow at 3:00 PM.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be considered for one of the following:

https://www.alz.org
https://www.littleyorklake.com
https://www.littletagsfoundation.org

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Death Notices

DIPPOLD — Lawrence M. Dippold, 67, formerly of McGraw, died on June 21, 2023. A calling hour will take place on July 18 from 11 a.m. to noon at Wright-Beard Funeral Home.

GOODRICH — Calling hours for Irving Delos Goodrich, Jr., 95, are July 20, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Wright-Beard Funeral Home, 9 Lincoln Ave., Cortland. Memorial service will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Wright-Beard Funeral Home.

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Police offer 'dignity bags' to help freed incarcerated people



Photo provided by Tompkins County Sheriff's Office

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office has begun providing former inmates a kit, including a gift card, naloxone and other products, to help them transition to life outside of jail. Cortland County has been providing similar kits since 2017.

By LILY BYRNE
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The transition from being incarcerated to being free comes with many factors. Dignity bags, or healthy transition packets, aim to make this adjustment as seamless as possible.

A new initiative of the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office are healthy transition packets, which are black drawstring bags given to incarcerated people on the day of their release.

The Cortland County Sheriff's Office has provided the bags since 2017.

A grant from the state Office of Addiction Services and Supports pays for this initiative, in addition to funding tele-med services though REACH Medical for incarcerated individuals, according to the 2022 Tompkins County Sheriff's Office's Annual Report.

These bags include:

Naloxone.
Fentanyl test strips.
Toothbrush/ toothpaste.
Hand sanitizer.
Socks.
Winter hat.
Reusable water bottle.
Feminine products.
One-day bus pass.
$10 Aldi's gift card.
Literature on resources available.

"The items in the bag were chosen because we felt that they would be helpful for someone who is reentering the community after being in jail," said Ray Bunce, captain of the corrections division at the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office. "I believe that they are well accepted."

The Cortland County Sheriff's Office has been offering Dignity Bags since 2017, said Lt. Dan Edwards of the City of Cortland Police.

The city police also give similar bags to homeless people.

These bags include:

Hygiene kits.
Water and food.
Pens/paper.
Pocket guides to service and emergency contacts in Cortland County.
Pamphlets for Catholic Charities and employment connections.
A guide to other service providers.

"Additionally, some items were added depending on the current needs," said Capt. Nick Lynch of the corrections division at the Cortland County Sheriff's Office. "During COVID, we added masks and test kits. We also coordinated with our health department for training on Narcan for individuals in our facility. Those that choose to complete the training receive kits when released."

The bags are created using donated items, said Crystal Jenes, program manager of Pathways to Reentry, a program through Catholic Charities of Cortland County that works to eliminate the barriers that make it difficult for incarcerated people to reenter society. Finding housing is the most difficult part of transitioning, she said.

Jen Graney, director of the Cortland Free Library, who regularly helps homeless people through library programming, said providing resources to people who are being released is necessary to aid their reentry.

"It could certainly help prevent someone from becoming homeless on release if they already have some of the basics and know where to go to connect with services," she said.

While there are too many variables to measure success, Lynch said, the response to the program from the people receiving the bags has remained positive. "The program is successful if just one person utilizes the resources available to make a positive impact on their life," he said.

Around the towns

Homer changes parking rules for Holiday in Homer

Parking in Homer will take a sharp left turn this weekend because of Holiday in Homer, the village has announced:

Basketball courts will close at 10 p.m. Friday and reopen at 5 p.m. Saturday.

There will be no parking or access to the fire station, charging stations, or the basketball courts Friday or Saturday.

The Town Hall parking lot will close to the public at 6 a.m. Saturday so it can be used by people running events in the village. It will reopen at 5 p.m.

The municipal lot off James Street behind Dasher's Corner Pub will close to the public at 6 a.m., restricted for parking for people with disabilities. It will reopen at 5 p.m.

Shuttles for events will be provided from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by the Homer Central School District. Parking will be available at the future linear park site on Route 11, the back parking lot of the Homer High School, and the combined lots of Homer Elks Lodge and Heyer Physical Therapy on Cortland Street. Drop off will be at the Village Green on the Cayuga Side.

Cortland school board to meet Tuesday for workshop

The Cortland Board of Education will have a workshop at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Kaufman Center, 1 Valley View Drive.

Police/fire

Scammers target businesses

Cortland County businesses have been receiving scam phone calls from a person claiming to be the company's manager or higher executive, directing employees to buy gift cards with money in the cash register, the Cortland County sheriff's Office reported Friday.

The calls indicate that the business has been receiving counterfeit money, and directs the employee to bring all of the money in the cash register to a store to buy gift cards, police said.

The scammer then directs the victim to give the gift card numbers over the phone.

Police advise people who receive such calls to hang up, contact a supervisor, and contact police, if necessary.

C'ville woman charged with impaired driving

Accused: Kassey E. Roe, 30, North Homer Avenue, Cortlandville

Charges: Driving while ability impaired by drugs, seventh-degree possession of a controlled substance, petit larceny, misdemeanors; failure to yield right of way when entering a highway, failure to use a turn signal, violations.

Details: Cortland County sheriff's officers responding to a larceny complaint Tuesday afternoon at CountryMax at 980 Route 13, Cortlandville, stopped Roe shortly after she left the store. Police said they found her impaired by drugs and with a controlled substance, and she was arrested at 2:34 p.m.

Legal Actions: Roe was ticketed to appear July 24 in Cortlandville Town Court.



Jacob Mack / Staff Reporter

The Byrne Dairy gas station and convenience store on Port Watson Street pictured Friday. The store is scheduled to open on Wednesday.

Port Watson Byrne Dairy set to open Wednesday

Adjacent garage interested in Groton Avenue store

By JACOB MACK
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People driving into Cortland's east side will have a new opportunity for a pit stop come Wednesday — a Byrne Dairy gas station and convenience store.

The store — located at 224 Port Watson St. — is situated on the street's northern side, a few dozen feet northeast of Bill Brothers Dairy & Farm Market, and stands just within the boundaries of the city's 7th Ward.

Several signs dotted the property Friday, indicating that the store will open Wednesday.

Troy Beckwith (D–7th Ward) said Friday that he felt the business would be an asset to the city despite concerns from his constituents.

"Any new business coming into the city is a great asset, but it was a concern to some of my constituents because there's no traffic light at the end of the River and Port Watson," he said. "The safety of kids crossing the street there was one of the biggest concerns."

It wasn't just children that 7th Ward residents have worried about in the weeks leading up to the Port Watson store's opening, though, as the location presents competition for several locally owned gas stations and markets.

"People were worried about Bill Brothers right across the street, which has been established for many years, and we don't want to see anyone going out of business with a new business coming in," Beckwith said. "Personally though, I think it'll help drive business."

The owner of Bill Brothers, John Sears of Cortland, could not be reached Friday.

Shortly after Byrne began construction on the Port Watson Street site, the Byrne Dairy store at 117 Groton Ave. went up for sale. Tallmadge Tire Commercial Fleet Center sits next to the property. Tractor-trailers can often be found narrowly fitting into the center's small front lot.

Tracy Kline, business manager and vice president of Tallmadge Tire, said Friday that the business intends to buy the property to use as overflow parking, but an official decision has not yet been made.

"Yes, we don't have an official closing but it is our intention to purchase it," Kline said. "I have no plans to develop the building right now, my concern is overflow parking at the moment."

Beckwith said that he hoped more new businesses would come to Cortland's East Side, especially at the beginning of the Clinton Avenue gateway, and on River and Pomeroy streets.

"Seems to be a lot of good things coming into the city in terms of new stores, and a lot of them are popping up in my ward, but it's a blessing for Ward 7 and for the whole city," Beckwith said. "We're a city that people should be in, and I think we're making great strides."

4-H youth glimpse campus life, possible career paths

By JUAN VAZQUEZ-LEDDON
Contributing Writer

Nearly 250 young people from across New York came to Cornell University recently for the 4-H Career Explorations Conference — where 4-H members attend courses designed by Cornell units and experience living on a college campus.

"It means so much that so many departments, centers and programs across the university came together to welcome youth to Cornell, inviting them to experience college life and learn alongside faculty, students and professionals," said Alexa Maille, New York state 4-H youth development STEM specialist. "They had a chance to discover and pursue interests that could spark future career paths and also meet a community of people who are championing their leadership and growth through this event and in the future."

Students were able to try on fire turnout gear and dressed up chaperones to participate in a fashion show.

This year's programs ranged from learning about food systems at Cornell AgriTech to exploring nature at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. New for 2023 was the Statler Hotel's "Be Our Guest: Welcome to Hospitality" program. Participants learned hospitality skills such as making a bed, preparing food, table setting and food service. They tested those new skills with a smoothie-making competition, a bedmaking competition, a server obstacle course and a bake-off.

"We wanted to give the 4-H youth a broad exposure to different hotel departments, different hotel jobs, and different hotel skills training," said Rick Kuhar '86, director of learning and development at the Statler Hotel.

The participants also wore specific uniforms during each of the activities, including a chef's uniform, or chef's whites, during the bake-off.

"We wanted to simulate authentic work situations, so the uniforms help with that," Kuhar said. "What was exciting was how well they remembered so many learning moments. And they understand the subtle difference between service and hospitality. They now know hospitality is the way we make our guests and customers feel welcome, comfortable and important."

In Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, graduate students in the Performance Apparel Design Lab of Heeju Park, associate professor in the Department of Human Centered Design in the College of Human Ecology, led youth on an "Exploration of STEM through Smart Firegear." They discovered how firefighter turnout gear is designed and used and how to properly wear and remove it, along with lessons on wearability, design, materials and anthropometry — all essential aspects involved in improving turnout gear.

Later, the participants wore turnout gear through an obstacle course simulating movements used by firefighters and decorated their 4-H chaperones in turnout gear for a fire gear fashion show.

They also learned about the design process for creating updated fire gear, including 3D body scanning where they were scanned and printed 3-inch models of themselves, and used conductive ink and fibers to create a smart piece of clothing.

"That's the exercise that blew their minds the most," said Andrew Melissas a human-centered design master's student focusing on footwear and sportswear, who led the program. Doctoral student and research assistant Jeyeon Jo demonstrated how to use conductive ink and conductive fibers to create a piece of smart clothing from an ordinary T-shirt and explained how the technology could help firefighters, like a temperature sensor in their shirt that can alert their team if they begin to overheat.

It wasn't all classroom time: The students also got to bowl and swim at Helen Newman Hall, do outdoor activities on Rawlings Green and explore the architecture across campus.

"This program was such a great way to explore the campus and learn about the history of Cornell University while exploring different possibilities in our futures," said Ameera Sajjad, a 4-H'er from New York City.

Juan Vazquez-Leddon is the communications director for the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research.

College corner

These people were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the Rochester Institute of Technology:

Elaina Stafford of De Ruyter, a biochemistry major; **Riley Fetterly** of Cincinnatus, a biomedical engineering major; **Shawn Pratt** of Cortland, a computer engineering technology major; **Alex Scholeno** of Moravia, a computer science major; **Nate Mrozowski** of Cortland, a computing security major; **Josh Hartford** of Homer, an electrical engineering major; **Liam Lynch** of Whitney Point, an electrical engineering major; **Hallie Allport** of Dryden, a film and animation major; **MacKenzie Strobeck** of Cincinnatus, a game design and development major; **Ana Videto** of Cortland, a graphic design major; **Meg Evangelista** of Homer, an illustration major; **Luca Travis** of Homer, an illustration major; **Zane Warren** of Cortland, a management information systems major; **Lizzie Dusseau** of Moravia, a marketing major; **Christian Gallow** of Cincinnatus, a mechanical engineering major; **Elijah Velazquez** of Locke, a mechanical engineering major; **Landon Jeker** of Whitney Point, a mechanical engineering major; **Jasmine Roy** of Dryden, a psychology major.

These students were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at SUNY Delhi:

Nathaniel Bassity of Tully; **Taylor Catalano** of Cortland; **Paige Cirulli** of Dryden; **Sarina Gaines** of Groton; **Anna Khrushch** of Cortland; **Irina Khrushch** of Cortland; **Jenna Maxson** of Cortland; **Sidney Neuman** of Homer; **Logan Riley** of Cortland; **Salinah Smith** of Whitney Point; **Casey Stith** of Pitcher; **ElijahLee Teal** of Marathon; **Mikkayla Tobias** of Cincinnatus.

These students graduated May 13 from Clarkson University in Potsdam:

Kylie Davie of Cortland, with a bachelor's degree with great distinction in communication, media and design; **Lark Stevens** of Cortland, with a bachelor's degree with distinction in digital arts and sciences; **Brandon Mailler** of Dryden, with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering with minors in mathematics, materials engineering and chemistry; **Reagan O'Donnell** of Truxton, with a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering, civil engineering with a biology minor; **John Denkenberger** of Tully,with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

Emma R. Baum of Cortland, a senior counseling and human services major, was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at The University of Scranton.

Jenna Johnston of Homer was named to the spring semester dean's list at Hollins University.

Braeden Morrison of Marathon, an exercise science major, was named to the provost's list for the spring semester at SUNY Oneonta.

Paul Aversano of Cortland graduated with a master's degree in May from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J.

These students were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at SUNY Oneonta: **Pepper Burda** of Truxton; **Joshua Hardesty** of Cortland; **Sarah Karinsky** of Tully; **Abigail Ricottilli** of Cortland; **Jaden Teeter** of Tully; **Hailey Van Alstine** of Groton.

These students were graduated and named to the dean's list for the spring semester at LeMoyne College in Syracuse: **Lindsey Bush** of Cortland, with a bachelor's degree in physics; **Hunter Church** of Locke, with a bachelor's degree in biology; **Alexia Hotchkiss** of Tully, with a bachelor's degree in nursing; **Macie Maybury**, of Dryden, with a bachelor's degree in nursing; **Emily Pelcher** of DeRuyter, with a bachelor's degree in nursing; **Abigail Whelan** of Cortland, with a bachelor's degree in communications.

These students were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at LeMoyne College in Syracuse: **Thomas Berry** of Tully, a sophomore criminology major; **Luca Canzano** of Cortland, a freshman biology major; **Brandin Creeden** of Cortland, a senior risk management and insurance major; **Robyn Drzewicki** of Tully, a freshman biology major; **Carly Gallow** of Cortland; a sophomore undeclared major; **Sophia Kristof** of Homer, a junior psychology major; **Kali Lidell** of DeRuyter, a senior accounting major; **Nicholas Marshall** of Cortland, a freshman cybersecurity major; **Olivia McKenna** of Cortland, a senior psychology major; **Hannah Morgan** of Tully, a sophomore English major; **Elijah Smith** of Homer, a junior human resource management and information systems major.

Grace Hinman of Cortland, a junior advertising and public relations major, was named to the spring semester dean's lsit at the University of Tampa.

Aidan Kalousdian of Dryden was named to the spring semester dean's list at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Diego Castellot of Marathon graduated from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology.



Photo provided by Cortland Repertory Theatre

From left: Alice K. Johnson as Jen, Barbara Bayes as Della, Dale Young as Tim and Evan Simone Frazier as Macy, rehearse for "The Cake," on stage at Little York Pavilion at Dwyer Memorial Park from Wednesday to July 28.

Cortland Repertory Theatre to stage 'The Cake'

The story could be taken from the pages of recent news: a baker who doesn't want to create a wedding cake for a same-sex couple. Instead, it will be on the stage of Cortland Repertory Theatre.

Performances of Cortland Repertory Theatre's "The Cake" run Wednesday to July 28. This play, written by Bekah Brunstetter, will have evening shows at 7:30 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees on Friday, July 22, 23 and 26.

"The Cake" follows Della, a Southern baker, who is overjoyed when her late best friend's daughter returns home from New York City to get married. But the wedding features two brides, and Della faces an emotional journey with her faith and marriage.

It sounds similar to the 6-3 Supreme Court ruling June 30 that a Christian graphic artist who wants to design wedding websites can refuse to work with same-sex couples can do so, even though Colorado law bars discrimination based on sexual orientation, race, gender and other characteristics. The court said forcing her to create the websites would violate her free speech rights protected by the Constitution's First Amendment.

The issue might inspire simple, black-and-white opinions, but "The Cake" Director Deena Conley said the play doesn't paint Della as a bad person.

"It doesn't make anyone a villain," Conley said in a release. "It doesn't wrap it up nicely, there's not a big change at the end, but she's been challenged and she listened. The characters listen to each other. We're not going to get anywhere if we draw these lines in the sand."

Conley is the musical theater coordinator in the SUNY Cortland Theatre Department, who made her Cortland Repertory Theatre directing debut last summer with "Over the River and Through the Woods." She recently directed "Cabaret," "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" and "Lysistrata," among others, at SUNY Cortland.

Stage Manager Joshua Stenger leads the design team of Scenic Designer Ahna Packard in her Cortland Repertory Theatre debut and Costume Designer Emily Liberatore who designed for "Over the River…" last summer.

Cortland Repertory Theatre's Production Manager Eric Behnke will work as lighting designer for the production. He is in his 17th year with the theater, and has created many lighting designs for shows including "Hair," "The 39 Steps," "Legally Blonde" and won a SALT Award for his work on "Appointment with Death."

Cortland Repertory Theatre Sound Designer Seth Asa Sengel returns following many years at CRT, most recently having worked on "…Orient Express" earlier this summer. Properties Designer Taylor Barr and Technical Director Simone Scalici also continue their summer work, as does Assistant Stage Manager Laura Swygert.

Tickets may be purchased by calling 800-427-6160 or by visiting the box office at 24 Port Watson St. in Cortland. Tickets are also available through CortlandRep.org with ETIX, for a small additional charge.

For your slice

WHAT: "The Cake"
WHEN: July 19 to 28
WHERE: Cortland Repertory Theatre, Little York Pavilion, Dwyer Memorial Park, Preble.
TICKETS: Cortlandrep.org/events/cake/
CAST: Barbara Bayes as Della, Alice K. Johnson as Jen, Evan Simone Frazier as Macy and Dale J. Young as Tim

A mighty mini dachshund vies for racing glory

San Gabriel Valley Tribune (TNS)

WEST COVINA, Calif. — Rylee Vanderhorst and her husband Coleman have entered their 10-month-old mini dachshund, Oakley McQueen Vanderhorst, in the 26th running of the Wienerschnitzel Wiener Nationals at Los Alamitos Race Course in Cypress set for today.

The proud owners boast, "He is the only wiener dog out of 100 representing Santa Clarita."

So naturally he's appearing on KTLA and FOX before the race.

The competition is fierce, and the noisy crowds might as well be cheering for the Olympics.

The Los Alamitos Race Course is holding the 26th annual Wiener Nationals to raise money for the Seal Beach Animal Care Center, a non-kill animal shelter and partner for the event. Over the years, the popular dog race has raised more than $25,000 for the shelter, according to Orlando Gutierrez, the marketing director at the race course.

Even if a pooch does poorly, as long as they're chipper and cute, they may try for a career in Hollywood.

As reported in 2019, in coverage of practice runs for the 24th annual Wienerschnitzel Wiener Nationals, "The oldest and perhaps most diva-like dachshund racing was Princess Dora, who has been competing her entire 14 years. ... She's in her sunset years and loving every minute of it," owner Patti Negri of Hollywood said.

Princess Dora had yet to win a race, but she appeared in the movies "Wiener Dog Nationals" and "Wiener Dog Internationals," starring Morgan Fairchild.

So hold your heads high, or at least as high as you can, tiny dogs.

Writers' group transitions to TED Talk

Ask Amy

By Amy Dickinson

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DEAR AMY: I attend a wonderful writers' group with six people at our library.

Our problem is that one individual there is hijacking the meetings by interrupting and talking so much that she dominates the entire time we have together.

None of us get a chance to ask for feedback on our writing or to ask questions or contribute to the session.

I did take her aside a few years ago and as gently as possible asked if she could kindly allow all of us to participate, and hold off taking so much as we all had valuable words to share.

Her behavior never changed, and one by one members (including me) stopped going.

Can you dig up some thoughts as to how to fix this situation?

She seems to have some sort of a problem sharing air space.

I'm ready to shout: "Will you please just shut up?!"

— Writer in CNY

DEAR WRITER: From your narrative, it sounds as if this writers' group has more or less disintegrated, due to this overwhelming member's dominance.

Writers' groups are not like book groups, where participants engage in freewheeling discussions on a particular work.

Writers' groups exist as a helpful platform for writers to read from their own work and receive constructive feedback from the other members.

For a group of six people, each person would bring something of their own to share at each session, taking turns reading and receiving feedback.

My point is that it's not a writers' group if only one person is sharing and talking — that's a TED Talk.

My suggestion is the most obvious one: Start your own guerilla group. Cap the membership at six people who agree to the guidelines, meet at someone's home, and run the meeting yourself.

DEAR AMY: We had a party tonight. It's not easy to throw parties — from planning, setting up the house, buying and preparing food, etc.

First, I would like to remind folks that it's common courtesy to respond. There were eight people who didn't even RSVP.

Second, out of 35 people who responded yes, two canceled the night before, two canceled two minutes before the party started, and six were no-shows.

Shame on them.

We did have a great time, loved the people who attended, and made some great memories; however, the leftover food is a waste and the inconsiderate 'friends' left us feeling embarrassed and sad.

Are people really that selfish and clueless?

What do we say to these people the next time we see them?

— Done Entertaining in Denver

DEAR DONE: Yes, it is common courtesy to respond to an invitation.

And yes, common courtesy isn't all that common.

Hosts should anticipate and be prepared for some last-minute cancellations; our increased awareness of the transmission of viruses makes people who are not feeling well (or who are around those who don't feel well) hesitant to attend crowded gatherings. It is common courtesy not to expose others to illness.

Technology has enabled hosts to easily invite and keep track of their guest lists. If you use an Evite, you can also remind guests the week of the party, offer last-minute directions to the venue, and "nudge" those who haven't responded to your invitation to please get back to you.

Otherwise, you can do what many beleaguered hosts do, which is to call those who haven't responded and ask them if they'll be able to make it.

In terms of what to say to people who have ignored your invitation, it's not necessary to bring it up (unless you want to). You could choose to leave them off of the list for your next party — and I hope there will be a next party.

DEAR AMY: "Long-Term Care Happens" responded to a grandchild's request for an early inheritance.

The writer's parents spent a total of 72 months in care facilities at a cost of $10,000 per month. This pretty much exhausted their heirs' inheritance.

About half of the states have filial responsibility laws.

In the event that people rely on the state for their care, those states can seek reimbursement from the children.

My wife and I are in our 70s with a significant amount set aside for our care.

Hopefully this will be enough to shelter our children from any of our long-term care expenses.

Anything that is left over will be their inheritance.

— You Never Know

DEAR NEVER KNOW: The expense for quality long-term care (my family has experienced the same) is a true indictment of our health care system.

You can email Amy Dickinson at askamy@amydickinson.com or send a letter to Ask Amy, P.O. Box 194, Freeville, NY 13068. You can also follow her on Twitter @askingamy or Facebook.

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 New York state.

Albany Times Union on health care behind bars

Two initiatives are a good starting point for improving prison health care — if the state can make them work.

Here's a radical statement that isn't actually radical at all: The people in New York's prisons and jails are just as worthy of human rights and dignity as the rest of us.

But when it comes to health care for the incarcerated, even the basics can be out of reach: Inmates can face delayed access to diagnosis and treatment, difficulty getting medications, and inattention to specific dietary needs. Here in New York, a couple of programs offer a chance to make conditions a little better, at least for some people.

A pilot program that would allow states to enroll certain prisoners in Medicaid 90 days before their release has not yet launched in New York, but the state Department of Health says it's in the works. It will be the first time Medicaid will offer coverage for the incarcerated, and as the Times Union's Raga Justin noted in a recent story, the federal government will provide a 90% funding match.

Only people with certain health issues, such as chronic conditions, will be eligible. The program aims to help inmates transition out of prison with a plan for managing their ailment and with access to prescribed medication and necessary equipment such as supplies for living with diabetes.

Though limited, the program is a good start: The continuity of care will be an asset to people reentering the community. As Ms. Justin notes, during the weeks after their release, former inmates have a heightened chance of ending up in a hospital or a psychiatric facility.

One hazard to reentry is an elevated risk of overdose — something that another state program was designed in part to address.

A 2021 law requires state and county correctional facilities to offer medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction. But as Ms. Justin has recently reported, the program has hit a number of stumbling blocks, including worker shortages, inmates who abuse the system, and reporting requirements that provide few details about the quality of delivered care.

What's more, some facilities have resisted offering "harm reduction" initiatives at all.

Since people behind bars suffer from addiction at much higher rates, this is a worthy program — and it's worth getting it right. An audit could identify what's not working, and how the state can better support facilities to make sure the program works as lawmakers intended.

If implemented fully, these two initiatives could be steps toward a better level of care and accountability for inmates' well-being. But they should also be part of a broader conversation about prison health care.

As the nonprofit newsroom New York Focus noted last year, state oversight of prison health care is sharply limited to the system's management of just a few diseases. In 2019, the Legislature passed a measure that would have expanded that oversight, but Gov. Andrew Cuomo vetoed it. The model of jails using private medical service providers needs more scrutiny as well: State investigators have repeatedly faulted for-profit jail health care providers for the low quality of their services.

As New York grapples with the future of health care — with services being cut, nurses in short supply, and the number of "care deserts" on the rise — prisons and jails should be part of the planning, too. Because incarcerated people are, first and foremost, people — and if a hearty dose of "There but for the grace of God" doesn't serve to remind us of that fact, then basic morality and duty should.

Dunkirk Evening Observer on New York's inconsistencies in home rule

Why did Chautauqua County have to pass resolutions asking the state Legislature to pass extensions of its occupancy and sales taxes this year?

Because the state Constitution requires a home rule request for such legislation to be brought to the state Legislature floor.

But apparently the state Constitution doesn't apply equally in all cases.

During the state Assembly's extra two days of session in mid-June lawmakers passed the Planned Offshore Wind Transmission Act. Most of the bill is typical state policy that requires the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority to establish a plan for improved transmission planning and coordinating systems for an offshore grid; requires NYSERDA conduct a benefit-cost-analysis and ratepayer impact study to determine the overall costs of implementing planned transmission and coordinated systems for an offshore grid.

But there is a second piece that is troublesome — temporary alienation of parkland in Long Island that will allow the Empire Wind 2 project to be built 14 miles off of Jones Beach State Park. Alienation of the parkland was one of the sticking points for Republicans, who questioned why there was no home rule request for the public park abandonment as is typically required in such situations and, as we noted above, a host of other local concerns like the levying of additional taxes.

"As I said previous to that there are issues that are not just minor issues," said Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry, D-Corona and Assembly speaker pro tempore. "There are longer, bigger issues impacting the whole state and it's under those circumstances the home rule request is not required in this instance."

We call baloney. The state Constitution doesn't include an escape clause for projects the majority party really, really wants to see happen that are held up by uneducated rubes at lower levels of government who haven't passed the home rule request required by state law. There is no "matters of statewide concern" rule in the state Constitution.

Judging from local press reports, there is little local consensus on Empire Wind 2, which needed the parkland alienation to bury transmission lines under a beach from the offshore wind project to a transmissions station on land.

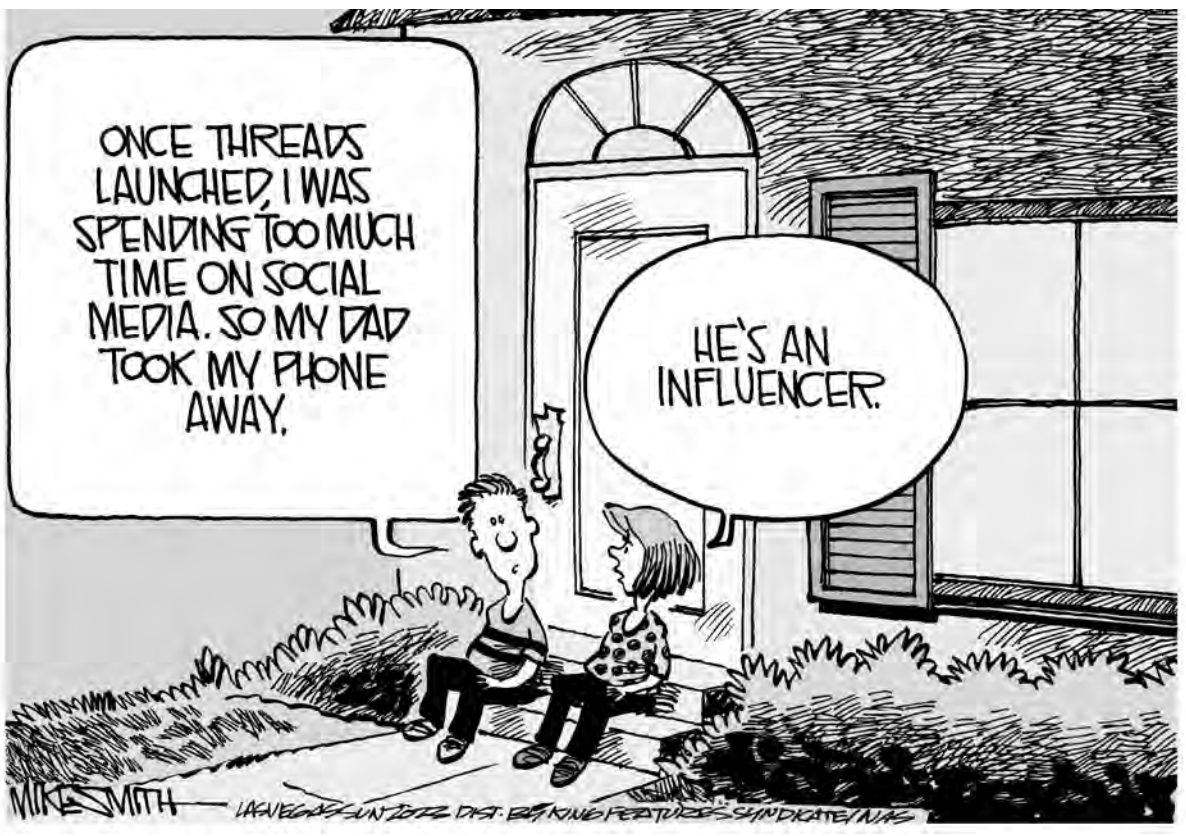
The local City Council had approved a home rule request seeking control over the beach portion of the project, not a straight alienation. Of course that request was deemed defective. No further request was received. But Democrats did what they wanted anyway regardless of what the state Constitution says.

This is a bigger issue than just an offshore wind project or home rule requests for local taxes. If Democrats are willing to overlook the state Constitution to ram through an approval needed for an offshore wind project, what else are they willing to overlook in the state Constitution to get what they want?

Letters

The *Cortland Standard* welcomes letters from readers for publication on this page. All letters submitted must be signed by the writer and include the writer's home address and daytime telephone number. Letters may be edited for length and content.

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A summer of obstruction

Eugene Robinson



We're about to find out just how crazy and dysfunctional this slim House Republican majority really is. If I were a betting man, I'd take the "over." The next couple of months could be an epic dumpster fire.

I'll admit that I was surprised when Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) got the House to approve a deal on the debt ceiling that takes the threat of default off the table until early 2025, eliminating the possibility of election-year brinkmanship on that issue. He and President Biden reached a reasonable compromise — far too reasonable, it turns out, for the anti-government zealots in McCarthy's fractious ranks.

Members of the far-right House Freedom Caucus, outraged at the notion of meeting anyone halfway about anything, are trying to renege on the spending targets set in the debt ceiling deal and instead force much deeper cuts. They don't have the power to get what they want, since all the other actors (Biden, House Democrats, a bipartisan majority in the Senate) are determined to honor the terms of the agreement. But looney-bin GOP radicals can make McCarthy's life miserable, and perhaps even oust him as speaker. And there is a good chance that they can force a government shutdown at the end of September.

Pulling such a stunt would be dumb and self-defeating. The historical record is clear: When Republicans force a shutdown, they end up hurting their own party politically and helping the Democrats. But logic and pragmatism no longer appear to be getting through to the outer-planet far-right in the House.

How far into the wilds of extremism have these GOP radicals wandered? Members of the Freedom Caucus have reportedly voted to oust Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) from their club. Her perceived sins include having supported McCarthy's debt ceiling deal and generally being too cozy with the leadership. But the "straw that broke the camel's back," Freedom Caucus member Rep. Andy Harris (R-Md.) told reporters, came late last month when Greene called another Freedom Caucus member, Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.), a "little bitch" while both were on the House floor.

Greene and Boebert once looked like potential BFFs; you will recall how they previously teamed up to heckle Biden during his State of the Union address. But each seems to want to be recognized as the GOP's loudest and most telegenic provocateur. Greene was hopping mad because Boebert had filed an unserious, publicity-seeking resolution to impeach Biden — jumping the gun before Greene could file her own unserious, publicity-seeking resolution to impeach Biden.

Other prominent House Republicans are busy performing such vital legislative tasks as investigating Hunter Biden; investigating the Justice Department investigation of Hunter Biden; threatening to impeach Attorney General Merrick Garland; threatening to impeach Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas; threatening to fire FBI Director Christopher A. Wray, who was appointed by Donald Trump; complaining about "woke" capitalism, as if they think Wall Street has somehow repealed the profit motive; and now, in a weekend flurry of official statements and Fox News appearances, vowing to get to the bottom of who left a small bag of cocaine at the White House.

Amid all this nonsense, however, the House Appropriations Committee is working on spending bills for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 with funding levels about $119 billion less than those set in the Biden-McCarthy compromise. This attempt at changing the rules midgame was blessed by McCarthy after Freedom Caucus members staged a tantrum, blocking the House from getting any work done, to protest the debt ceiling deal.

If House Republicans all get together behind these new cuts, there is little that House Democrats can do. But the Senate and the president have other ideas.

The Senate Appropriations Committee is working on spending bills based on the numbers in the debt ceiling compromise. "I fully intend to follow the dictates of what we passed in the Senate and the House and what the president signed," Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.), chair of the committee, told the New York Times. Sen. Susan Collins (Maine), the ranking Republican on the panel, said "from my perspective, we in the Senate just have to proceed."

Admirably, Congress is actually trying to do its job this time: Write and approve 12 separate spending bills covering different groups of agencies, rather than lump everything together into one mammoth, hopelessly opaque "omnibus" bill. It would be hard to make the end-of-September deadline even if everyone agreed on the top-line numbers. But if House Republicans won't abide by the agreed-on spending limits, I don't see how these appropriations bills get passed and signed in time to avoid a shutdown.

I do know one thing: It's going to be a long, hot summer on Capitol Hill.

Higher wages and homelessness

Megan McArdle



West Hollywood, home to the legendary Sunset Strip, now has a new claim to fame: It has the highest minimum wage in America.

At the beginning of July, the city's wage floor rose to $19.08 an hour, surpassing even Los Angeles and San Francisco. The predictable arguments followed, in the hallowed tradition of America's minimum wage wars.

Employers said they couldn't afford the higher payroll costs and would be forced to cut back on staff. "If we go out of business, that means workers will lose their jobs, too," restaurant owner Lucian Tudor told the Los Angeles Times.

Progressives retorted that, thanks to the minimum wage, vulnerable workers are finally able to enjoy a semi-decent standard of living.

Both these arguments can be true, of course: Even if employers pare their payrolls by firing some folks, the workers who keep their jobs may be better off. Balancing the interests of the two groups is a tricky business — especially because there's no agreement on even the basic question of how many jobs are lost to the minimum wage. Supporters of higher minimums can point to studies that seem to show only small effects or even *positive* effects. Opponents have their own studies showing significant job loss, as well as the common-sense observation that when the price of almost anything goes up, people will consume less of it.

I won't rehash these arguments any further: You've probably heard them and already formed a strong opinion. Instead, I want to introduce a new argument: that higher minimum wages may be contributing to homelessness, a problem that is, of course, particularly bad in California.

This suggestion comes from Seth J. Hill, a professor of political science at the University of California San Diego, who recently published a striking analysis of cities that raised their minimum wages between 2006 and 2019. He found that in these cities homelessness grew by double-digit percentage points. The effect was larger for cities with bigger minimum-wage increases, and it also appeared to get stronger over time.

I'll confess, I was doubtful as I started reading this paper. For one thing, I already assume that minimum wage hikes cause significant unemployment, and I try to bring extra skepticism to research that flatters my opinions. For another, this paper is a preprint, not yet peer reviewed. For a third, homelessness seems to be spiking despite an incredibly tight labor market. And finally, I've been convinced by policy analysts who argue that the main driver of homelessness is the refusal of liberal cities to build enough housing.

But when I actually finished the paper, the study seemed solid. Moreover, Hill's conclusions are plausibly modest. After all, the vulnerable people who are most likely to end up homeless — those with substance abuse or mental health problems, unstable family situations and so forth — are probably also the most likely to be let go when employers trim payrolls. And this effect doesn't have to be large to have a big impact on homelessness, because the number of homeless people is (thankfully) small relative to the size of the labor market.

There are currently 18.5 million people employed in the state of California and an estimated 171,521 homeless. A minimum-wage increase that saw 42,000 California workers lose jobs or hours would barely register in the noisy employment statistics — but if the people who lost wages also lost their housing, the number of homeless people would increase by about 25 percent. And this could conceivably happen even in a very strong labor market if the marginal workers who end up displaced simply cannot generate more than $16 or $19 in hourly value for their employers.

Nevertheless, I still have to square this result with my strong assumption that homelessness is mostly about an inadequate supply of housing, not the labor market. But one way to think about it is that a state with a decent economy, like New York or California, can probably get away with a certain number of costly policy mistakes that tend to increase the rate of homelessness. They just can't afford all of them at once without ending up with a crisis.

Another, more depressing way to think about it is that these policies probably tend to feed on one another.

In cities that make it hard to build, housing prices will soar, and politicians will be under pressure to raise wages to match. Unfortunately, this doesn't fix the problem because a housing market with too little supply is just a high-stakes game of musical chairs. All that those well-meaning politicians can do is alter who gets left out when the music stops. When it comes to higher minimum wages, the answer may well be the workers so vulnerable and close to the edge that they can't even afford to leave.

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planning of Kids Zone, the event's children's area.

"He single-handedly managed Kids Zone with his students, and very successfully so," Dawson said. Another SUNY Cortland instructor offered to take on the project this year.

The event did not draw as many attendees as it did in the years before COVID — Dawson estimated 2,000 people last year rather than 3,500 or 4,000 — which she attributes to the last-minute nature of the planning. Word had already circulated that the event was canceled, despite the new team.

The festival had fewer vendors, too, because many had committed to other events.

"That we were able to pull it off on such short notice shows that our community really wants these kinds of events back," Dawson said. "We need them to keep the spirit of Cortland alive. They are part of our hometown — where we're from."

COVID'S SILVER LINING

Far from struggling after the pandemic, the Little York Fall Fiber Arts Festival at Dwyer Park in Preble had its best attendance ever last year.

"Our theory is that during COVID people needed to come up with things to do, and a lot of people learned how to knit and need supplies," said organizer Kerby Thompson, Cortland Repertory Theatre's producing artistic director.

This year's event, Oct. 14 and 15, will feature weaving demonstrations and a cross-stitching table where beginners can learn cross-stitch basics.

The festival is a fundraiser for the theater and benefits from the partnership between CRT Theatre Guild and the theater's board of directors. Between the two groups the festival has a built-in source of volunteers.

He believes the small scale of the festival has also worked in the event's favor.

"It's a welcoming, homey environment," he said, and vendors seem to appreciate that volunteers help pack up their booths. "That's something the vendors so often say, that 'this is so nice.' They get to go home sooner, so that's a nice thing to give them."

The event requires about 50 volunteers working two-hour shifts, attracting people from Rochester to Albany.

"It draws a lot of people to the theater to get to know us," Thompson said. "We are hopefully growing the audience for the theater as well, for people who don't know us otherwise."

HOW TO MOVE FORWARD

Mulvihill, who was chair of Homer WinterFest, volunteers at Pumpkinfest, and has been responsible for the Cortland County Independence Day Celebration at Dwyer Memorial Park, said he cannot stress enough the importance of volunteers.

"Festival organizers don't always do a lot of outreach to connect to people, and I think some people need to be asked," he said. "They need to be approached."

But recruiting them can be difficult.

"I have heard from organizations that it can be a challenge," Mulvihill said. "They are so focused on putting the event together that volunteer recruitment isn't on the list."

Mulvihill likes to fill whatever role is needed — which is why he ended up signing up for "day-of trash guy" for The Great Cortland Pumpkinfest.

"I've been around enough events for a few years to know there are a few jobs people don't clamor for, trash being one of them," he said. "But someone's got to deal with the garbage."

His enthusiasm for community events stems from his childhood.

"I have a lot of memories like the Cortland County Junior Fair and fireworks at Dwyer Park," he said. "If we want these same events and experiences for our children, we have to have the same level — or at least some level — of involvement like our parents and grandparents did, and if we don't we're not going to have these events for our children."

"It's something we need to do if we want to continue to have the same quality of life that keeps people here or attracts them to our community," he added.

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In March, detectives tailing Heuermann recovered his DNA from pizza crust in a box that he discarded in a Manhattan trash can and matched it to a hair found on a restraint used in the killings, authorities said.

Heuermann's lawyer entered a not guilty plea on his behalf Friday in state court in Riverhead. Judge Richard Ambro ordered him jailed without bail, citing "the extreme depravity" of his alleged conduct.

Heuermann's lawyer, Michael Brown, said they just learned about the charges Friday morning. Speaking to reporters after the arraignment, he said Heuermann told him: "I didn't do this."

Heuermann, wearing khaki pants and a gray collared shirt, did not speak in court.

Heuermann lives in Massapequa Park, a community just north of South Oyster Bay and the sandy stretch known as Gilgo Beach where the remains were found in 2010 and 2011. Most of the victims were young women who had been sex workers. Their deaths long stumped investigators, a mystery that fueled immense public attention and led to a 2020 Netflix film, "Lost Girls."

Determining who killed them, and why, vexed a slew of seasoned homicide detectives through several changes in police leadership. Last year an interagency task force was formed with investigators from the FBI, as well as state and local police departments, aimed at solving the case.

"Ladies and gentlemen, Rex Heuermann is a demon that walks among us — a predator that ruined families," Suffolk County police Commissioner Rodney Harrison said. "If not for the members of this task force, he would still be out on the streets today."

After connecting Heuermann to the pickup, prosecutors said, investigators were able to link him to other evidence, including burner cellphones used to arrange meetings with the slain women, and taunting calls that a person claiming to be the killer made to one of Barthelemy's relatives using her cellphone after she disappeared in 2009.

In recent months, Heuermann sought to keep tabs on the probe and "searched obsessively" on the internet for facts about the Gilgo Beach killings, including the names of women he's accused of killing, as well as podcasts and documentaries about the case, Suffolk County District Attorney Ray Tierney said.

Tierney said authorities moved to charge Heuermann now with three of the killings "out of concern for this defendant fleeing and the danger to the community." They are continuing to work toward charging him in the death of a fourth victim, Maureen Brainard-Barnes.

Until his arrest, Heuermann continued to use burner phones, patronize sex workers and search the internet for sadistic materials, including sexually exploitative images of children, Tierney said. He also has permits for 92 guns, the prosecutor said.

"This is a day that is a long time in coming, and hopefully a day that will bring peace to this community and to the families — peace that has been long overdue," New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said during an unrelated appearance on Long Island.

The arrest came as a shock and a relief to some of the victims' relatives.

"I never thought they'd find this person," Barthelemy's cousin, Amy Brotz, said.

Law enforcement personnel converged Friday morning on Heuermann's home, a small red house about 40 miles east of midtown Manhattan. Dozens of residents mingled alongside police and media, watching as a half-dozen investigators, some in protective suits, conferred outside the front porch, which was in disrepair, its roof propped up by 2-by-4s.

The home, where Heuermann has lived since childhood, belonged to a family that had long kept to themselves, neighbors said, noting that the dilapidated property seemed out of place among rows of single-family homes and well-kept lawns.

PRICES

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senior economist at MacroPolicy Perspectives. "They're probably on hold for the rest of the year."

On Wall Street, investors cheered the encouraging news, sending stock and bond prices higher. Investors have been eagerly anticipating the eventual end of the central bank's rate increases.

The Fed has raised its benchmark rate by a substantial 5 percentage points since March 2022, the steepest pace of increases in four decades. Its expected hike this month will follow the central bank's decision to pause its rate increases last month after 10 consecutive hikes.

Wednesday's inflation data may lift hopes that the Fed will achieve a difficult "soft landing," in which price increases fall back to 2% without causing a spike in unemployment or a deep recession. Last week, the government reported solid hiring in June, though it slowed compared with earlier this year. The unemployment rate ticked lower, from 3.7% to 3.6%, near a half-century low.

When the Fed began raising its key rate a year ago, many economists expected that unemployment would have to rise significantly to curb inflation. Though inflation isn't yet fully tamed, some economists say they think it can fall to a level near the Fed's 2% target earlier than they had expected.

Excluding the volatile food and energy prices, so-called core inflation was lower last month than economists had expected, rising just 0.2% from May to June, the smallest monthly increase in nearly two years. Compared with a year ago, core inflation does remain relatively high, at 4.8%, but down from a 5.3% annual rate in May.

In just the past two months, overall inflation, measured year over year, has slowed from nearly 5% in April to just 3% now. Much of that progress reflects the fading of spikes in food and energy prices that followed Russia's invasion of Ukraine last spring.

Inflation is now significantly below its peak of 9.1% in June 2022.

Gas prices have fallen to about $3.54 a gallon on average, nationally, down from a $5 peak last year. Grocery prices have leveled off in the past three months and were unchanged from May to June. Milk prices, having dropped for a third straight month, are down 1.9% from last year.

Eggs, which had skyrocketed last year after an outbreak of avian flu decimated chicken flocks, have dropped to $2.22 a dozen — down more than 7% just in the past month. Egg prices had peaked at $4.82 in January, according to government data. Still, they remain above the average pre-pandemic price of about $1.60 a dozen.

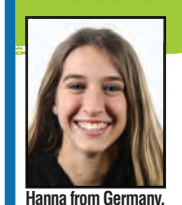
Economists say inflation isn't likely to keep falling at such a rapid pace. On a 12-month basis, inflation could even tick up in the coming months now that big drops in gas prices — they're down 27% in the past year — have been achieved..

In particular, airfares plunged 8.1% just from May to June, hotel costs 2% and car rental prices 1.4% — sharp drops that aren't likely to be replicated.

And the cost of some services are still rising and likely to stay high this year, potentially keeping core prices elevated. Auto insurance costs, for instance, have soared, and are up 16.9% from a year ago. Americans are driving more than during the pandemic and causing more accidents. Insurance is also costlier because vehicle prices are much higher than before the pandemic, and cars are therefore more valuable.

Restaurant prices are still moving up, having risen 0.4% from May to June and nearly 8% from a year earlier.

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Major League Baseball

Dodgers get to Verlander in 5th to beat Mets 6-0

By LARRY FLEISHER
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NEW YORK — Julio Urías combined with three relievers on a one-hitter as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the New York Mets 6-0 Friday night.

The left-hander pitched six innings and allowed only a leadoff double to Brandon Nimmo that was initially ruled a home run. Mookie Betts hit a bases-loaded RBI single and Freddie Freeman followed with a two-run double after the Dodgers were held hitless by Justin Verlander (3-5) for 4 1/3 innings despite drawing six walks.

Miguel Rojas added an RBI single in the sixth off David Peterson as the Dodgers won their fifth straight and 13th in 18 games. All-Star slugger J.D. Martinez padded the lead in the eighth with his 23rd homer and Will Smith capped the scoring with a groundout in the ninth.

Nimmo opened with a drive that initially appeared to clear the right-field fence in front of New York's bullpen. After replays showed the ball hit the top of the wall, the call was overturned to a double.

Urías (7-5) permitted three more baserunners. He walked Pete Alonso to put two on in the first before retiring Starling Marte. Urías hit Marte with a pitch before striking out Jeff McNeil to end the fourth, and retired Nimmo to end the fifth two batters after rookie Brett Baty reached on catcher's interference.

Verlander walked two in the first inning and issued another walk in the second. He issued free passes to Jason Heyward, Josh Outman and Rojas after left fielder Mark Canha opened the inning by making a sliding catch on David Peralta.

Betts followed the walks with a single that caromed off Canha's glove as he charged in to attempt a catch. Two pitches later, Freeman sliced a double to right for a 3-0 lead.

Verlander allowed three runs and two hits in five innings. He heard boos coming off the mound in the fifth and his six walks were one shy of his career high set Aug. 16, 2006, in his rookie season with Detroit at Boston.

Yency Almonte pitched a 1-2-3 seventh, including a strikeout of a visibly frustrated McNeil. Caleb Ferguson worked a perfect eighth and Ryan Brasier finished it. The Mets lost their third straight after opening July with six consecutive wins.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Mets: LHP José Quintana (rib surgery) threw 84 pitches in a simulated game Thursday, was activated off the injured list and will make his season debut Wednesday against the Chicago White Sox.

Dodgers: LHP Clayton Kershaw (sore left shoulder) underwent an MRI before the All-Star break and said he will be out until August. Kershaw played catch before the game and said he was going to throw a bullpen next week in Baltimore.



AP Photo/Mary Altaffer

Mets' Jeff McNeil reacts after striking out during the seventh inning against the Dodgers, Friday, in New York.

College Baseball



Matt Czeitner/sports reporter

Cortland Crush shortstop Naythen Ruehs had four total hits and an RBI in a doubleheader against the Syracuse Salt Cats Friday at Onondaga Community College. The Crush lost both contests.

Salt Cats sweep Crush in doubleheader

BY MATT CZEITNER
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The Cortland Crush were swept in a doubleheader against the Syracuse Salt Cats by scores of 3-0 and 8-7 Friday at Onondaga Community College.

SALT CATS 3, CRUSH 0

Cortland didn't give up much to the Syracuse offense, but three runs proved to be enough as the Crush only had three hits, were shut out and fell 3-0 in Game 1.

Syracuse quickly got on the board with a run apiece in the first and second inning. Cortland starting pitcher Chase Cummins (Kalamazoo College) settled in the next two frames, not allowing a run or hit, but the Salt Cats scored their third run in the bottom of the fifth inning and Cummins was pulled with two outs.

John Decoste (Garden City Community College) threw 1.1 scoreless innings, but the Cortland offense could not put together any momentum to support the pitching staff. Decoste allowed one hit and a walk. Cummins threw 4.2 innings, striking out four and two of the three runs he surrendered were earned.

Syracuse starting pitcher Kyle Carozza was an issue for Cortland for the six innings he pitched. Carozza allowed just two hits, no runs and struck out five. The Crush had chances, as Carozza walked four, but failed to convert on opportunities. Lucas Prokosch picked up the save for the Salt Cats as he tossed the final inning, securing a strikeout and allowing one hit.

Jack Coogan (Molloy College), Naythen Ruehs (Salve Regina University) and Shea Donovan (Salve Regina University) had the three hits for Cortland, with all being singles.

SALT CATS 8, CRUSH 7

Much more offense was seen in Game 2, with both teams trading shots throughout the game. The Salt Cats had the last laugh with a walk-off single in the bottom of the eighth inning for the one run victory.

With the score knotted at seven in the bottom of the eighth, Angelo Agro (SUNY Brockport) returned to the mound after already throwing a full inning prior. Ryan Gonzalez led off the inning with a single for Syracuse, then Benjamin Tullo pinch ran. Tullo advanced to second base the next at bat on a groundout, then Aaron Sisto hit a walk-off single to left field to give his team a win.

Cortland out hit Syracuse 10-8 despite the loss. The top three hitters in the Crush's batting order combined for seven of the teams hits. Evan O' Rourke (Salve Regina University) went 2-for-4, Ruehs went 3-for-4 with an RBI and Nick Ianniello (SUNY Brockport) went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

The Crush produced on the offensive end, but only four of their runs were earned. Syracuse had four errors throughout the contest, leading to three of the runs being unearned.

Aaron Izquierdo (Wells College) was hit by a pitch in the top of the first inning, securing an RBI in the process.

The Crush then scored three more runs in the top of the second inning all with two outs on three hits and an error from Syracuse. Sean Desjardins (St. Lawrence University) walked, then O' Rourke singled, moving Desjardins to third. Desjardins then scored on a wild pitch and Ruehs hit an RBI single later in the at bat. Ianniello then doubled and Salt Cats' left fielder Christopher Carson made an error, allowing Ruehs to score.

Despite four quick runs from Cortland, Syracuse was right there as it scored three runs of its own in the bottom of the first inning and a run in the bottom of the third. Cortland went up 6-4 in the top of the fourth with two runs scoring on a throwing error from Salt Cats' shortstop Matthew Stokes. His team picked him up though, as they tied the score at six in the bottom half of the inning.

Syracuse took a 7-6 lead in the bottom of the fifth, and Cortland responded with a run in the top of the sixth to tie the game. The Crush tied the game with an RBI triple from Ianniello.

Noah Bromberg (Capital University) and Derek Woods (Colby College) struggled to hold the Syracuse offense in check. Bromberg threw three innings, allowing just two hits, but three walks and four runs. Woods allowed four hits and three runs.

Cortland did well against Syracuse starting pitcher Brendan Foley, who surrendered six runs, six hits and four walks. Former Crush pitcher Lukas Arvantides then threw three innings, allowing four hits but only one run.

Aside from the production at the top of the order from the Crush, Coogan, Desjardins and Eric Giarnese (Assumption College) all had a hit.

The Crush play again at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. today at Noyes Park in Sherrill against the Silversmiths.

Tennis

Wimbledon final to feature Alcaraz versus Djokovic

By HOWARD FENDRICH
Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — This was the moment. If Novak Djokovic was going to be stopped in the Wimbledon semifinals, if his much younger and harder-hitting opponent, Jannik Sinner, was going to turn things around Friday, the monumental comeback required would need to start immediately.



Djokovic

Djokovic knew it. Sinner knew it. The 15,000 or so Centre Court spectators knew it.

After taking the first two sets, Djokovic trailed 5-4 in the third, and a flubbed forehand made the game score 15-40 as he served. Two chances for Sinner to finally break. Two chances for him to actually take a set. Djokovic hit a fault, which drew some sounds of approval from the stands. Djokovic sarcastically used his racket and the ball to applaud the noise-makers, then flashed a thumbs up.

He can back up any such bravado. Djokovic simply does not lose at the All England Club lately. Or at any Grand Slam tournament, for that matter. So he calmly collected the next four points to claim that game, looked toward the crowd and mockingly pretended to wipe away a tear. Twenty minutes later, the match was over, and the 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (4) victory over Sinner allowed Djokovic to close in on a record-tying eighth title at Wimbledon and fifth in a row.

"The third set could have gone his way," said Djokovic, who will meet No. 1-ranked Carlos Alcaraz for the trophy on Sunday. "It was really, really, just a lot of pressure."

Alcaraz showed off every bit of his many talents, including winning 17 of 20 points when he serve-and-volleyed, while beating No. 3 Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 on Friday to make his way to his first final at the grass-court major tournament.

While Djokovic, a 36-year-old from Serbia, is pursuing a 24th

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Mom-daughter duo from Ohio a rare coaching example of women in tennis

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Caty McNally was one of the few female entrants at Wimbledon with a female coach: Her mother, Lynn Nabors McNally.

Mom does not travel full-time on tour with Caty — someone else she's worked with for six years, Kevin O'Neill, does — but they use a two-coach setup at the biggest events, including Grand Slam tournaments.

McNally, a 21-year-old from Ohio who was the runner-up in women's doubles at the U.S. Open each of the past two years, once alongside Coco Gauff and once alongside Taylor Townsend, wishes female coaches weren't so rare at the pro level. There are just 13 women ranked in the Top 200 with a female coach; four of those coaches are the player's mother.

It would be nice, McNally says, if there were more women around. She looks at her male counterparts — every man who was in the singles field at the All England Club is coached by a man — and thinks, "Why can't it be that way for us?"

"There's a different vibe because of it. A different environment. On the men's side, the coaches are always in the locker room with the players, just hanging out. On the women's side, you don't see that; it's only the players in the locker room," McNally said last week after a session at the All England Club's Aorangi Park practice courts with her mother and O'Neill.

"It might let the guys be more loose: The coaches are right there to help take things off their shoulders. On the women's side, after a loss, a lot of the girls are like, 'I don't want to talk to anyone. I want to be by myself.' You don't see any female coaches hanging around in the locker room," said McNally, who missed the French Open with a torn right hamstring and wore athletic tape on the back of that leg during first-round exits in singles and doubles at Wimbledon. "I do wonder what it would

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Major League Baseball

With new hitting coach, Yanks fizzle in 7-2 loss to Rockies

DENVER (AP) — Kris Bryant hit one of Colorado's three home runs and Austin Gomber won his fourth straight outing as the Rockies beat the New York Yankees 7-2 on Friday night.

In their first game since new hitting coach Sean Casey was hired, the slumping Yankees got off to a fast start with Giancarlo Stanton's two-run homer but then fizzled at offense-friendly Coors Field.

Carlos Rodón gave up four runs over five innings in his second game of the season, and New York was unable to come back. The Yankees (49-43) are 14-18 since slugger Aaron Judge got hurt on June 3, hitting a major league-low .219. They have been held to two runs or fewer in 12 of those games.

New York is tied for last place in the AL East this late in a season for the first time since Aug. 23, 1992.



AP Photo/David Zalubowski

Yankees' Gleyber Torres reacts after striking out against Rockies starting pitcher Austin Gomber during the fifth inning Friday in Denver.

BREWERS 1, REDS 0

CINCINNATI (AP) — Corbin Burnes struck out the side in the sixth inning after nearly collapsing in the fifth in oppressive humidity, Victor Caratini singled in a run in the seventh and Milwaukee Brewers beat the Cincinnati Reds 1-0 on Friday night.

After his 10th strikeout, Burnes squatted behind the mound with his head lowered as teammates and trainers rushed over. Burnes took several big gulps of water and spoke to the training staff. He took a couple of warmup pitches, then retired Matt McLain on an infield pop to end the inning.

ORIOLES 5, MARLINS 2

BALTIMORE (AP) — Adam Frazier went deep twice in his first career multihomer game, and Cedric Mullins hit a solo shot to propel Baltimore to its sixth straight victory.

The Orioles pulled within 1 1/2 games of first-place Tampa Bay in the AL East. The Rays were rained out at Kansas City.

Mullins and Frazier had three hits and two runs apiece, and Dean Kremer pitched six solid innings. Kremer (10-4) allowed a run and two hits, striking out eight with two walks.

Jorge Soler hit his 24th homer of the season for Miami, which fell to 9 1/2 back of Atlanta in the NL East, but remains atop the wild-card standings.

BLUE JAYS 7, DIAMONDBACKS 2

TORONTO (AP) — Vladimir Guerrero Jr. homered in his first plate appearance following his All-Star Home Run Derby win earlier in the week, Brandon Belt drove in the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning and Toronto sent Arizona to its sixth loss in eight games.

Matt Chapman had three hits and an RBI and Whit Merrifield drove in two runs as Toronto opened the second half of the season with its sixth win in seven games. The Blue Jays are 17-7 against NL opponents.

Guerrero led off the second with a 426-foot drive off Arizona starter Ryne Nelson for his 14th home run. Blue Jays right-hander Trevor Richards (1-1) pitched 1 2/3 innings for the win despite giving up a homer to Gabriel Moreno.

BRAVES 9, WHITE SOX 0

ATLANTA (AP) — Matt Olson hit a first-inning grand slam, Charlie Morton won his fifth straight start and major league-leading Atlanta routed Chicago.

Olson, the NL leader with 30 homers and 76 RBIs, made it 4-0 with his seventh career grand slam and his second this season. Atlanta leads the majors with 170 homers and has gone deep in 27 straight games, the longest streak in the franchise's modern era.

Morton (10-6) gave up three hits, walked one and struck out four in seven innings.

Chicago has lost six of seven, eight of 10 and 19 of 28.

PADRES 8, PHILLIES 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Manny Machado, Juan Soto, Fernando Tatis Jr. and Gary Sánchez homered, Yu Darvish struck out nine in six sharp innings and San Diego beat Philadelphia in a rematch of last year's National League Championship Series.

Sánchez and Tatis homered in the third and Machado went deep in the sixth for the Padres, who have won six of seven. Darvish (6-6) kept the Phillies at bay, scattering five hits, walking two and allowing a run.

GIANTS 6, PIRATES 4

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Rookies Patrick Bailey and Luis Matos hit RBI singles during a three-run rally in the seventh inning that sent San Francisco past Pittsburgh.

Mauricio Llovera (1-0) got two outs for the win. Wilmer Flores, Matos and Michael Conforto had two hits each for San Francisco.

Conforto's two-run single in the fifth broke a scoreless tie.

RANGERS 12, GUARDIANS 4

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Jonah Heim homered and drove in four runs, Corey Seager and Adolis Garcia also homered, and Texas rallied past Cleveland, which got a history-making pair of homers from Bo and Josh Naylor.

The Naylors became the first brothers in major league history to hit multi-run homers in the same inning for the same team when each hit a two-run shot in the third to put the Guardians ahead 4-0.

That was the lone highlight for Cleveland.

RED SOX 8, CUBS 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Rafael Devers hit two long solo homers off Kyle Hendricks, Justin Turner had a two-run homer and three RBIs in his first start at second base in nearly eight years, and Boston defeated Chicago.

Adam Duvall, Triston Casas and Yu Chang also went deep to help Boston win for the ninth time in 10 games and climb six games over .500 (49-43).

CARDINALS 1, NATIONALS 0, SUSPENDED, 3 INNINGS

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The game between the Washington Nationals and St. Louis Cardinals was suspended in the third inning on Friday night due to rain.

The series opener will be made up as part of a split doubleheader today.

NCAA

NCAA women's basketball committee discusses expanding 68-team tourney

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA is exploring ways to promote the growth of women's college basketball, including possible expansion of the 68-team tournament that determines the sport's national champion each season.

While there are no imminent plans to increase the number of schools included in March Madness, the Division I women's basketball committee does want to build on the success of the tournament, which is growing in popularity.

Talks this week during the committee's summer meeting in Savannah, Georgia, follow the announcement in January of the creation of a 32-team postseason invitation tournament for women's basketball starting in 2024.

The new event will increase the number of NCAA-funded postseason opportunities for women's basketball teams from 68 to 100 — same as for men's basketball, which has the 68-team NCAA tournament and 32-team National Invitation Tournament.

"The committee and staff will continue to study options, meet with stakeholders and review the many championship models to make an informed decision that's in the best interests of the championship, though we are not there currently in regard to expanding the NCAA tournament field beyond 68 teams," Lynn Holzman, NCAA vice president of women's basketball, said.

The women's NCAA tournament last expanded in 2022, going from 64 to 68 teams.

The men's Division I basketball program has also discussed the possibility of expanding its field, however nothing is imminent.

Tenn. fined $8M for football program violations

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The NCAA fined Tennessee more than $8 million on Friday and issued a scathing report outlining more than 200 infractions during the three-year tenure of former football coach Jeremy Pruitt. The Volunteers escaped a postseason ban.

The sprawling report over 80 pages long said Tennessee committed 18 Level I violations, the most severe, and said most involved recruiting infractions and direct payments to athletes and their families — benefits that totaled approximately $60,000.

Kay Norton, head of the panel that ruled on Tennessee, called the violations "egregious and expansive."

"It's one of the largest cases this committee has ever adjudicated," she said.

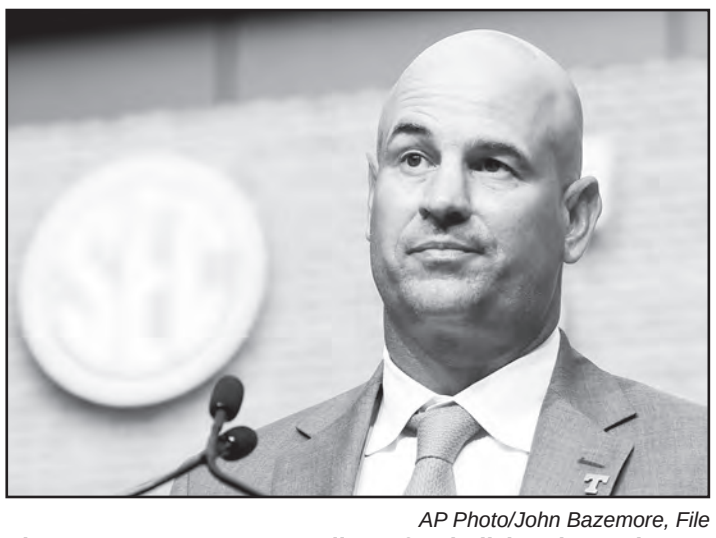
The NCAA praised Tennessee for its cooperation and the Vols escaped the postseason ban, but the infractions panel noted that decision was a difficult one given the circumstances.

"The panel encountered a challenging set of circumstances related to prescribing penalties in this case," it said in its decision. "The panel urges the Infractions Process Committee and the membership to clearly define its philosophy regarding penalties — which extends beyond postseason bans — and memorialize that philosophy in an updated set of penalty guidelines."

Four former staffers were given show-cause orders, including one spanning six years for Pruitt, who was fired in early 2021.

The NCAA report said the school failed to monitor its football program. "Additionally, due to his personal involvement in the violations, the former head coach violated head coach responsibility rules," according to the document.

University of Tennessee Chancellor Donde Plowman said the school recognized the seriousness of the wrongdoing and resolved the case with integrity.



AP Photo/John Bazemore, File

Then-Tennessee NCAA college football head coach Jeremy Pruitt speaks in Atlanta, July 18, 2018. On Friday the NCAA issued a scathing report outlining more than 200 infractions during Pruitt's three-year tenure.

"Most critically, the Committee did not impose a postseason ban, which has been a central principle that we advocate for through this entire process," she said in a statement.

The NCAA found most of the violations were related to a paid unofficial visit scheme that was used consistently by the football program over two years.

It involved at least a dozen members of the football staff, and the resulting violations included at least 110 impermissible hotel room nights, 180 impermissible meals, 72 instances of providing impermissible entertainment or other benefits, 41 impermissible recruiting contacts, 37 instances of providing impermissible game day parking, and 14 times in which gear was impermissibly provided to prospects, according to the report.

The NCAA also found that Pruitt or his wife were involved in impermissible payments to two prospects who later signed with Tennessee.

The mother of one player received $6,000 from Pruitt's wife as a down payment on a car.

After the mother's son signed with the Vols, Pruitt's wife paid the woman $500 each month for car payments at least 25 times.

The mother also received $1,600 from Pruitt's wife for a deposit on a rental home in the Knoxville area.

The mother of a second prospect told Pruitt she needed a medical procedure she could not pay for.

The NCAA found Pruitt gave her an envelope with $3,000 for medical bills.

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Grand Slam singles championship, Alcaraz, a 20-year-old from Spain, seeks his second after winning the U.S. Open last September.

"What can I say? Everybody knows the legend he is," Alcaraz said about Djokovic. "It's going to be really, really difficult. But I will fight. ... I will believe in myself, I will believe that I can beat him here."

No one has managed to beat Djokovic at Wimbledon since 2017. And no one has managed to beat him at Centre Court since 2013.

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be like if there were more females coaches. Maybe the players and coaches would hang out and have group dinners more."

McNally, a successful junior who is now 67th in singles and 26th in doubles in the WTA rankings, was one of just six of the 128 women in the singles bracket at Wimbledon with a female coach.

The WTA is hoping to increase the number of women in that role at the highest levels of tennis, in part through a Coach Inclusion Program that is in its first full year.

"It's embarrassing how few of us there are, to be honest with you," Nabors McNally said, sitting next to her daughter on a wooden bench near the practice courts. "It's going to take a lot more time and effort to see the numbers where they should be."

Nabors McNally, a teaching pro after being a professional player in the 1980s and 1990s, and her daughter have been a tennis tandem for nearly all of Caty's life. She started at age 2 by hitting a balloon over the couch at home with her older brother, John, who went on to earn all-Big Ten honors at Ohio State.

The next step was hitting balls in the driveway. Then there would be Sunday night all-in-the-family matchups: Caty and Mom against John and Dad.

"I would say, 'Just make contact, Sweetie.' And all of a sudden, she did," Nabors McNally recalled. "And then we had rallies. And then we played points."

From the time Caty was 7 or 8, she would spend 12 or more hours a day at the The Club at Harper's Point in Cincinnati, where Mom has given lessons seven days a week for years.

"I liked being around the sport," Caty said. "I liked being around her."

Katherine Sebov, a Canadian player who lost in qualifying at Wimbledon, has always been coached by her mother, too. Sebov picked up the sport after watching her parents play tennis and deciding to join in — uninvited.

"I 100% crashed the party," Sebov said. "Then they stopped playing, and it was all me."

Both McNally and Nabors McNally said that they are able to navigate the two spheres of their relationship: mom-child and coach-player.

Golf Log

CORTLAND CC LADIES' TWILIGHT LEAGUE
Low Gross: Kelly Sovocool (42)
Low Net: Ruth Ann Wood (31)
Best Ball: Kristin Rocco-Petrella, Karen Curran, Kelly Sovocool and Val VanGorder (27)

Standings

Mitchell/Wilcox	67.5	Hale/Cunningham	50.5
Margine/Trombley	63.5	Sovocool/VanGorder	49
Wood/Hendrick	63	Abbott/Tiburzi	46
Rocco-Petrella/Curran	62	Douglas/Prier	43.5
Sauter/J. Porter	61	Skodzinsky/Clifford	43
Dodge/Hamel	55	Cathcart/Wanish	41
Williams/Hinell	51.5	Spaulding/L. Porter	41
Wineburg/Terwilliger	51.5	Nye/Gray	24.5
Morey/MacHenry	50.5		

WILLOWBROOK THURSDAY MEN'S LEAGUE
Low Gross: Dana Decker (32)
Low Net: Ric Osborne (25)
Best Ball: Bob Stuttle, John Cook, Jim Lisi and Keith VanGorder (21)
Most 4s: Jim Kane (6)
Most 5s: Tom Tobin (6)
Most 6s: Bill Wood (4)
Most 7s: Howie Thomas (2)
Eagles: Chris Gunther (Hole 1), Jim Lisi (Hole 8)

Standings

JMS Plumbing	80	Palm Gardens 1	56.5
Gators 3	72	Palm Gardens 2	56
Main St. Acupuncture	71	Palm Gardens 3	54.5
Berkshire Hathaway	65	Willowbrook	52.5
Liga's Plumbing	62	Gators	49
Gators 2	61.5	Gators 4	43.5
Foxy's	57.5		

CITY RECREATION LEAGUE
Low Gross: Justin Bushey (32)
Low Net: Justin Bushey (32)

Standings

Potter Paint	137.5	Pilot Consultants	114.5
Beck Equipment	1133	Cavellier/Turck	114
DCD Lumber	132	Bruce's Auto Sales	113.5
Brix Pubaria	130.5	Martins	112
Clinton Liquors	128	Dryden Optometry	111.5
Tavelli	128	Beck Equipment 2	108
Meldrim Paint	1125.5	Fastenal	104
Eichner/Bloss	125.5	Meldrim Paint 2	102.5
Apex Storage	119	Red Rocks	100.5

KNICKERBOCKER CC THURSDAY LEAGUE
Low Gross: P. Wood (35)
Low Net: Scooter Rumsey (29)

Standings

KCC	15.5	Marathon Chapel	8.5
McUmber Strong	15	Sharp's Funeral Home	7.5
Gates Carriage Service	14	Uniform Professionals	6.5
St. Charles	13	Norstar	6
Doug's Shop	10.5	Cross Patch Farm	3
W&D Smith Site Dev.	10.5		

KNICKERBOCKER CC WEDNESDAY LEAGUE
Low Gross: J. Adams (37), A. Wood (37), B. Fuller (37)
Low Net: D. Webster (36)

Standings

Bully's	10.5	Turshman Co.	8
Bulldogs	10.5	Fore Guys	5
EL Wood Braiding	9	LW Morse	5
Yale Hardwood Floors	9	Knick Farms	2
AAA	8.5		

Saving for retirement just got more complicated

By LIZ WESTON
NerdWallet

The Secure Act 2.0 legislation that passed late last year added new retirement savings options but also has a few potential catches for unsuspecting savers. Understanding these possible pitfalls may help you make better decisions, or at least be prepared for what's to come.

Recently, I covered one set of these changes: new exceptions to the 10% federal penalty for tapping retirement money early. For this column, I'll cover what you need to know about Secure 2.0's changes to catch-up contributions and company matches for workplace plans.

A POTENTIALLY PROBLEMATIC CATCH-UP PROVISION

Catch-up provisions have long allowed older workers to put more money into retirement plans. In 2023, for example, people 50 and older can contribute an additional $7,500 to 401(k)s and 403(b)s, on top of the standard $22,500 deferral limit for all employees in those plans.

Contributions that go into a plan's pre-tax option are deductible. But starting next year, people who earn $145,000 or more will no longer get a tax deduction for their catch-up contributions to workplace retirement plans. They'll be required instead to contribute the money to the plan's Roth option. (People earning less than $145,000 may have the option, but not the requirement, to put catch-up contributions into the Roth.)

Withdrawals from Roths are tax-free in retirement, which can be a huge boon to many savers, says Colleen Carcone, director of wealth planning strategies at financial services firm TIAA. Contributing to a Roth is often recommended for younger workers who expect to be in the same or higher tax bracket in retirement.

But many people's tax brackets drop once they retire. Roth contributions can make less sense for older workers who may be paying a higher tax rate on their contributions than they'd avoid on their withdrawals.

Many financial planners still recommend putting at least some money into a Roth so retirees can better control their tax bill in retirement, Carcone says.

However, losing the tax deduction could discourage people from making catch-up contributions, says economist Olivia S. Mitchell, executive director of the Pension Research Council, which researches retirement security issues.

And there's another issue: Not all workplace plans have a Roth option. If an employer doesn't add a Roth option, no one will be able to make catch-up contributions, Collado says.

ANOTHER PROBLEMATIC PROVISION: LAST-MINUTE CATCH-UPS

Beginning in 2025, workers ages 60 through 63 can make even larger catch-up contributions to workplace retirement plans. The maximum will be whichever is more: $10,000 or 150% of the standard catch-up contribution limit. The $10,000 will be adjusted annually for inflation. At age 64, the lower catch-up contribution limit again applies.

Higher earners who make these catch-up contributions must use the plan's Roth option. Lower earners must be given the option to do so. (The $145,000 income limit will be adjusted annually for inflation, so we don't know yet what the exact cut-off amount will be when this takes effect.)

The higher limits could be helpful for those who can take advantage of them. However, many people's incomes are on the decline by the time they hit their 60s and they may not have the extra cash to contribute. A 2018 data analysis by ProPublica and the Urban Institute found that more than half of workers who enter their 50s with steady, full-time employment are pushed out of those jobs before they're ready to retire — and the vast majority never recover financially.

COMPANY MATCHES COULD COST YOU

Secure 2.0 continues the so-called "Rothification" of retirement plans by giving employers the option of putting matching funds in workers' Roth accounts.

Currently, matching funds are contributed to pre-tax accounts, so they don't add to a worker's taxable income. Matching funds contributed to a Roth account, by contrast, would be considered taxable income for the employee.

This won't be mandatory for anybody. Employers won't be required to offer this option, and employees won't be required to take it if it is offered, Collado says. If you do opt for Roth matching funds, though, you should be prepared to pay a higher tax bill.

Again, paying taxes now can make sense if you expect to be in a higher tax bracket in retirement.



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A man signs a check in Anchorage, Alaska, April 17, 2006. Check fraud tied to mail theft is up nationwide, according to a recent alert. The U.S. Postal Service is vulnerable, and thieves who can access your checks can change the amount and ferret those funds right out of your bank account.

Stop using paper checks, already

By KATE ASHFORD
NerdWallet

Sure, you're probably not using paper checks for most things. But are you returning payments to medical providers and insurance companies in the mail? Paying by check for the random parking ticket or your child's piano lessons? Now is a good time to stop: Check fraud tied to mail theft is up nationwide, according to a February alert from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. And letter carrier robberies are also on the rise. This is partially due to the effects of the pandemic, when thieves targeted government relief checks in the mail.

"Fraudsters just went back to tried-and-true potential attack factors that seemed to be working," says Michael Bruemmer, head of global data breach resolution for Experian.

The U.S. Postal Service is vulnerable, and thieves who can access your checks can change the amount and ferret those funds right out of your bank account.

And then it can take weeks to get the funds back.

"It's absolutely a life disruption event when you mail a check and it's been intercepted," says Mary Ann Miller, fraud and cybercrime executive advisor and vice president of client experience at consumer identity company Prove. "That can take all the money out of your account at once."

Here are some steps to keep yourself safe from check fraud — and what to do if you're a victim.

USE PAYMENT ALTERNATIVES

Look for ways to pay your bills that don't require using the mail. Check your statement for online payment instructions, for example.

"We are beginning to see more online options," Miller says. "In fact, some medical providers, like One Medical, have a very nice option to pay from a mobile app along with all of your medical information. I find it super helpful and modern."

If you're paying individuals, ask if they'll accept electronic payment through PayPal, Venmo, Zelle or another cash app.

"There's really no need to be writing checks today," Bruemmer says.

Working with a vendor that doesn't offer an easy way to pay online? Call and ask if you can pay over the phone.

"Paying by phone via the IVR — interactive voice response — or a live customer service representative is definitely a preferred option," Miller says. "Just make sure you are calling the correct number for the utility or medical provider."

And in general, experts recommend using credit cards to transact, whenever possible. "You have a lot more protection globally with a credit card, if you're traveling internationally, or if you're buying things online," says Derek Miser, an investment adviser and CEO at Miser Wealth Partners in Knoxville, Tennessee.

SEND CHECKS SAFELY

If you must send a check, take steps to lower the chances of financial mayhem. If it's a big payment, consider using a shipper like UPS or FedEx. "They do accept checks and provide a tracking number," Miller says.

If you're using the U.S. Postal Service, send your payment in a security envelope and take it directly to the post office, bypassing mailboxes and mail carriers. You can also write your checks using a black gel ink pen to make it harder for criminals to wash your checks (the ink soaks into the paper).

If you're sending a check to someone, ask them to let you know once they receive it. That way, if too much time has passed and the recipient hasn't gotten the check, you can place a stop payment, Miller suggests.

Americans use this method to recover financially

By MICHAEL DINICH
Wealth of Geeks

Four in 10 Americans don't believe they'll achieve financial independence within the next five years, according to a new survey. Additionally, 42% of respondents have experienced significant financial setbacks in the past three years.

The survey of 2,000 Americans found that an increased cost of living expenses (68%) was the primary culprit. Other setbacks were found to be unexpected medical expenses (59%), pay cuts (53%), and job loss (49%), with many also saddled with high levels of personal debt (41%).

But it's not all doom and gloom, as an impressive nine out of 10 who experienced financial setbacks also stated that they have started their journey to recovery.

STICKING TO THE BUDGET

The survey, conducted by OnePoll on behalf of Prosper Marketplace, found that the most effective path to financial recovery was simply sticking to a budget (72%). That was followed in popularity by securing new employment or exploring supplementary sources of income (56%).

Another 56% of participants said they implemented debt management strategies and repayment plans to regain their financial stability. Over half of the respondents (51%) have set their sights on becoming debt-free as part of their long-term plans.

LOWERING DEBT

In terms of lowering debt, many (69%) suggest transferring credit card balances to lower-interest cards. Six in 10 would also consider transferring credit card balances to a new card offering a low or 0% APR on balance transfers for a limited time.

"Refinancing debt to lower interest alternatives is a smart move," said David Kimball, CEO at Prosper, a consumer fintech company. "We see people consolidate debt using unsecured personal loans, home equity lines of credit, or home equity loans. Homeowners can access larger loans at better rates secured by their home equity, without having to sacrifice their low mortgage rate with a cash out re-fi."

IMPROVING FINANCIAL CONTROL

The top three strategies to improve their own financial control were found to be prioritizing saving and establishing an emergency fund (54%), setting clear financial goals and formulating plans to achieve them (53%), and diligently creating and adhering to a budget (43%).

For long-term plans, four out of ten respondents expressed a desire to buy a house or property, establish an emergency fund, and save for retirement. Additionally, 49% of respondents have chosen to invest in stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, while 42% have explored alternative investment options like real estate investment trusts (REITs) and peer-to-peer lending.

And if people had additional funds, they said they'd invest in assets paying regular dividends (51%), alternative investments such as real estate and peer-to-peer lending (49%), and rental property (35%). "With recent market volatility, there's been increased interest in alternative investments, like peer-to-peer lending, that can provide a passive or secondary income stream," Kimball said.

Additionally, 38% of those surveyed have the ambitious goal of venturing into entrepreneurship. A notable 50% of those polled have already done so, by creating and selling digital products.

Top Financial Instruments People Would Use To Resolve a Potential Financial Setback

Savings or emergency funds — 51%

Credit cards — 46%

Home equity loans or lines of credit — 42%

Personal loans — 41%

Tapping into retirement savings (e.g., 401(k), IRA) — 26%

Best Strategies To Gain More Financial Control

Prioritizing saving and building an emergency fund — 54%

Setting financial goals and establishing a plan to achieve them — 53%

Creating and sticking to a budget — 43%

Paying off debts and managing loans effectively — 40%

LEGALS

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Coolidge REI, LLC . Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-05-31. Office location: Cortland County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to John Murphy : 62 Bank St Saint Albans VT 05478. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

TOWN OF HOMER
PUBLIC NOTICE
Bridge Offer – East River Crossing Road over East Branch Tioughnioga River (BIN 3312310)

Cortland County is seeking interested responsible parties in taking ownership of (including removing and reusing) the East River Crossing Bridge. This bridge is a single lane, single span, Warren truss having a total length of approximately 94 feet and is eligible for inclusion in the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Agencies, jurisdictions, organizations or private owners interested in obtaining ownership of the bridge for aesthetic, historic, recreation or other uses should contact Charles Sudbrink, Cortland County Highway Department, at 607-753-9377 or csudbrink@cortland-co.org. This response must be received no later than close of business on 8/28/2023. Additional information on the bridge and associated requirements can be found on the County's website: https://www.cortland-co.org/248/Highway.

NEW YORK STATE
LEGAL NOTICE
FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, In the Matter of an Article 6 Custody/Visitation Proceeding of the Family Court Act or Section 240 of the Domestic Relations Law,
JESSICA VAN DEUSON (Petitioner)
ADAM VAN DEUSON (Respondent)
AIDON VAN DEUSON (DOB: 04/11/2017) and ALIVIA VAN DEUSON (DOB: 05/09/2018); File #13884; Docket #V-00398-23 V-0039923: ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE and CUSTODY/VISITATION. To: ADAM VAN DEUSON, 263 Old Hudson Turnpike, Canaan, NY 12029; A petition under Article 6 of the Family Court Act having been filed with this Court YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear IN PERSON before this Court on August 23, 2023 at 11:30 AM in Part to be assigned 4, for a first appearance before Hon. David J. Wukitsch, at the Courthouse, 401 Union Street, Hudson, NY 12534, Floor SEE COURT SECURITY; Room SEE COURT SECURITY, to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with the Family Court Act. Please bring this notice with you and check in with the Court Officer in the Part. If you fail to appear as directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest. Dated: June 13, 2023, Shara Berg, Chief Clerk

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TOWN OF CORTLANDVILLE
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Cortlandville will be held Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. at the Raymond G. Thorpe Municipal Building, 3577 Terrace Road, in the Town of Cortlandville, New York, to consider the following applications pursuant to the 1986 Zoning Law:

1. *In the matter of the application of Martin Wirsig, 3658 Abdallah Ave., tax map # 96.10-02-03.000, for an Area Variance per Section 178-21B2, to allow for a structure closer to rear property line than allowed.*
2. *In the matter of the application of Nathan Warner, 684 Hoy Rd., tax map# 85.11-02-02.000, for an Area Variance per Section 178-12, to allow for an agricultural structure on a lot smaller than allowed and closer to property lines than allowed.*

The above applications are on our website at www.cortlandville.org or at the office of Bruce A. Weber, Planning & Zoning Officer, Raymond G. Thorpe Municipal Building, 3577 Terrace Road, Cortland, New York, call (607)756-7052 or (607)423-7490. Persons wishing to appear at such hearings may do so in person, by Attorney, or other representatives. Communications in writing in relation thereof may be filed with the Board or at such hearing.

DATED: July 12, 2023
John Finn, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Cortlandville
Raymond G. Thorpe Municipal Building
3577 Terrace Road
Cortland, New York 13045

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Songview Farm, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-06-26. Office location: Cortland County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Songview Farm, LLC: 9 Jewett Avenue Cortland NY 13045. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of WORLD FAVORITES. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-05-31. Office location: Cortland County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to ZenBusiness Inc: 41 State Street Suite 112 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

TOWN OF VIRGIL
PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING OF THE VIRGIL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting and public hearing will be held before the Town of Virgil Zoning Board of Appeals on July 24, 2023, 6 p.m. at the Virgil Town Hall 1176 Church Street, Virgil NY 13045. This meeting is being held to consider an area variance to build a four-unit campground on 3.2 acres, installing 3'X3' sign and approval for a non-paved & non-detreated road to access the camp sites. The proposed campsite will be located off RTE. 392 on the Tioughnioga River Tax Map #139.00-01-03.200.

The above application is available at www.virgilny.org or contact the office of the Town Clerk at (607) 835-6174, Ext. 2. Persons wishing to speak may do so in person, by attorney, or by another representative. Communications in writing in relation thereto may be filed ahead of time with the Board or at such hearing.

Alane Van Donsel
Virgil Town Clerk on Behalf of
The Virgil Zoning Board of Appeals

TOWN OF VIRGIL
PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE VIRGIL PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting and a public hearing will be held before the Town of Virgil Planning Board on July 24, 2023, 7 p.m. at the Virgil Town Hall 1176 Church Street, Virgil NY 13045. The meeting and public hearing is being held to consider the following applications:

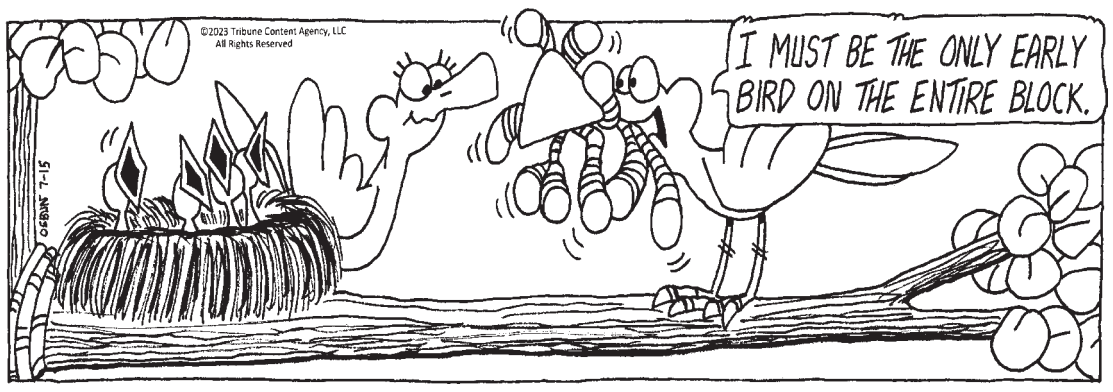
1. An application for a minor subdivision site plan review to split tax Map# 126.00-09-03.000 into two lots. The property owner and applicant Erin Farley wishes to divide an 11.12-acre parcel into two separate parcels. One parcel will be approximately a 5.52-acre parcel with 264' of road frontage and the other will be approximately a 5.6 acres parcel with 265' of road frontage.
2. An application for a minor subdivision site plan review for a minor subdivision of a 14.73-acre lot tax Map# 116.00-01-47.000. The owner and applicant Jean Ellsworth wishes to subdivide off 7.02 acres, selling it to his neighbor. The lot will then become part of the neighbor's existing lot and there will be no change in the road frontage or use of the property.
3. An application for a site plan review of tax map# 139.00-01-03.200, to build a campsite on 3.2 acres located on RTE 392 and the Tioughnioga River. This application will only be considered if the applicant and owner Michael Ten Kate is granted an area variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals at the meeting held on 07-24-2023 at 6:00PM. The applicant wishes to build a small four-unit campground on 3.2 acres with no water or sewer hook-ups, but will provide electricity, install 3'X3' sign and have an unpaved, non-treated road to access the camp sites.

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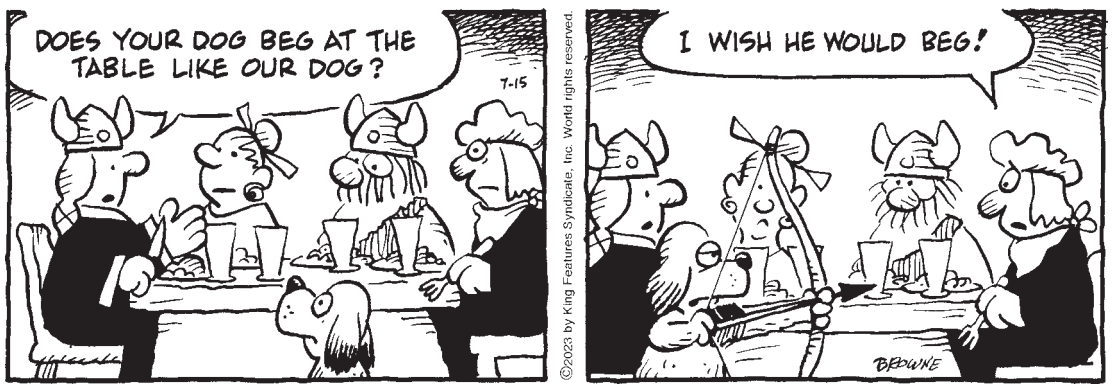
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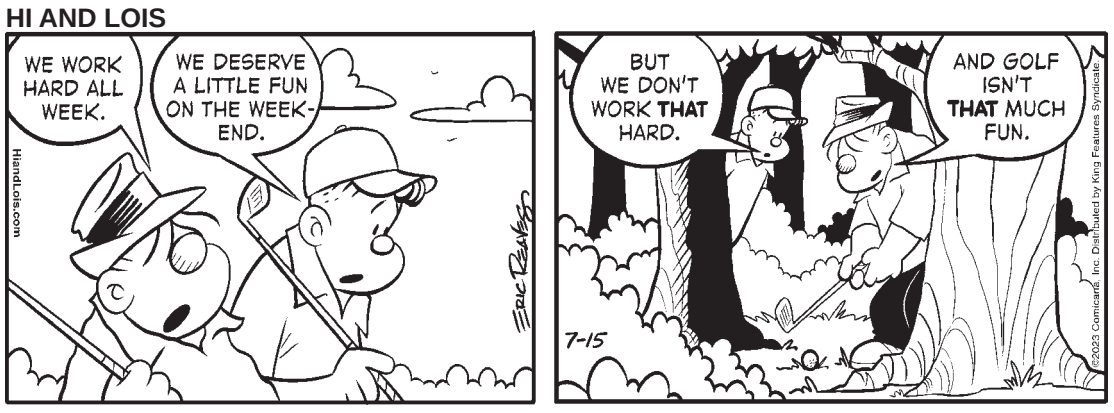
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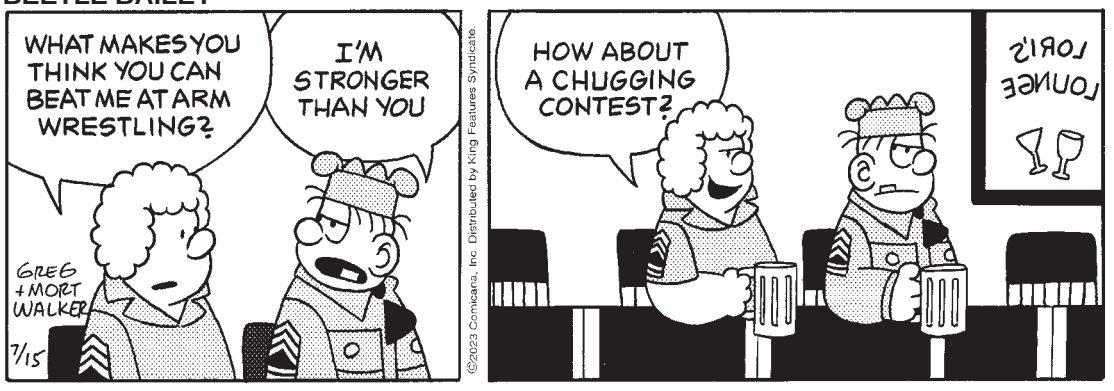
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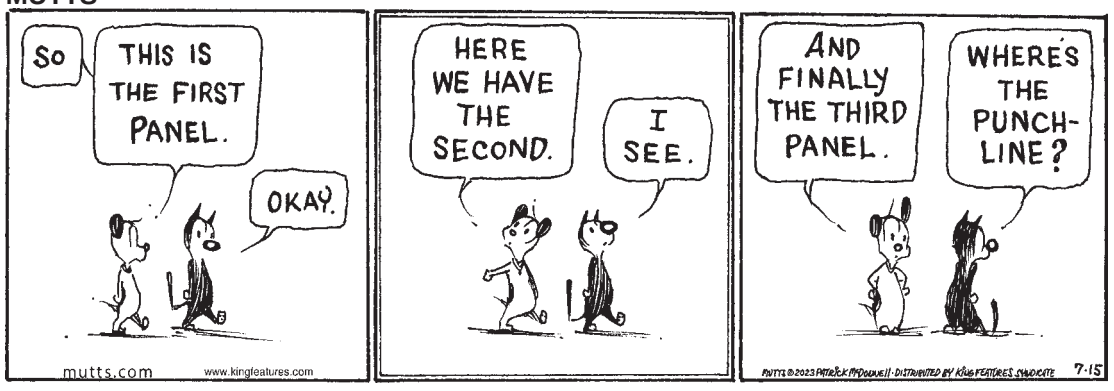
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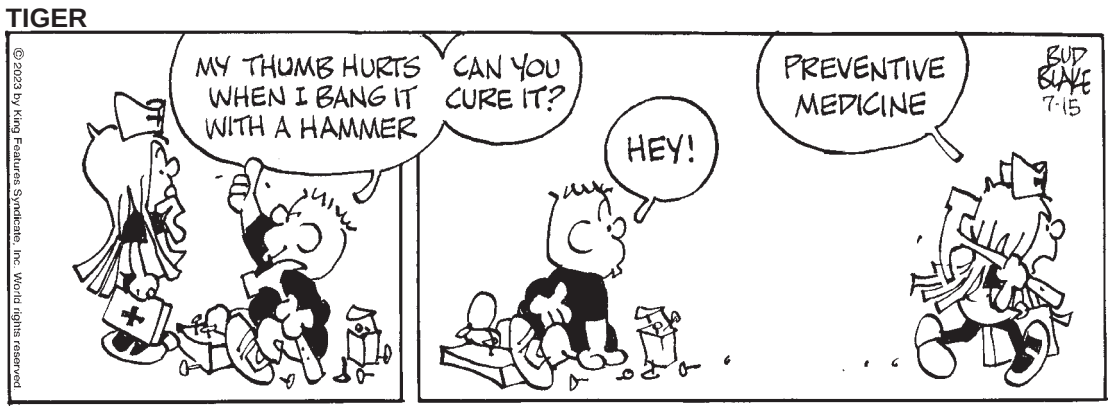
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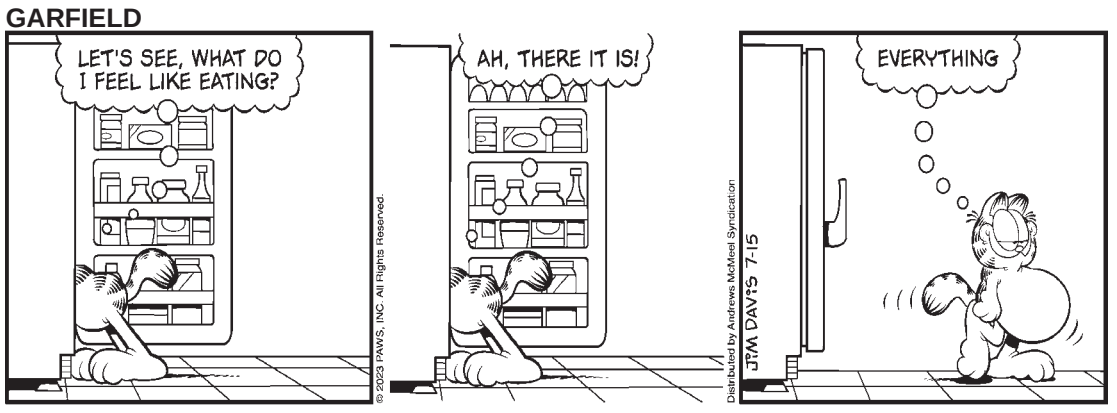
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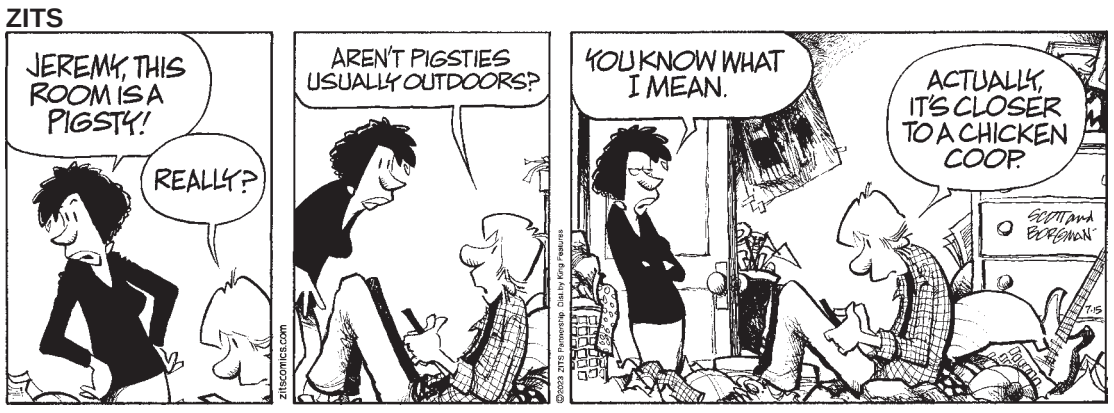
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Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena

Sunday, July 16, 2023

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may be feeling like your every move is being watched or that rules are more stringent right now. You can receive favorable results if you continue to put your best foot forward and remain focused on your current projects.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Remain optimistic and you can discover the hidden benefits. Numerous opportunities could be waiting for you and might help to create something worthwhile out of what may have once seemed like less useful materials.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be feeling a need to compromise when it comes to disagreements in order to keep the peace. You could be feeling generous towards loved ones or friends. Try not to take good luck or forgiveness for granted if it comes your way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Try to avoid getting wrapped up in a new romantic entanglement or a get rich quick venture for now. A less emotionally dependent friendship can help create a calming space even in the face of criticism.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be bighearted enough to forgive and forget. Debts could be weighing heavily on your mind right now so it could be best to avoid major purchases until you have things more under control. Be careful to not get distracted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Words can have more impact than you realize. Sharing wisdom and advice is a real responsibility, be sure you are 100% transparent. There could be someone suspicious of your motives right now so do your best to reassure them when you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may be feeling more in tune recently when it comes to your social instincts and ability to create happiness for yourself and others. Be careful to avoid letting someone else alter your viewpoint with their own agenda.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A sense of purpose may accompany you wherever you go. Your friends or family might not share your passionate ambition and determination for success, but it does not mean they do not respect you and love your enthusiasm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You cannot evade your obligations, but they do not need to be your only priority. There can be more to life than work; remain upbeat and optimistic. Don't exaggerate your abilities just to impress someone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Now may be the time to embrace new people and things. Your social circle could expand exponentially if you participate in community activities or group outings. Focus on innovative ideas and concepts rather than emotional intrigue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may secretly be harboring romantic feelings for a coworker or friend. Try not to mistake friendly or work-based situations for romantic affection. Remain realistic and be sure you are focused on your job or duties.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your mind is a tool that can be used any way you might need. Look for reliable information and hammer out some of the details you may need to refine. Try to avoid misunderstandings with your loved ones or coworkers.

IF JULY 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your romantic nature may be in full swing during the upcoming six to seven weeks. You could easily mistake a new acquaintance for a potential romantic partner and become distracted by a daydream. Alternatively, you might be impressed by a sales pitch and make an impulsive decision. Write down your ideas and review them when you are thinking more clearly to see if they are realistic. In September, your competitiveness could be at fever pitch and you may feel unbeatable, but your headstrong ways could alienate someone in a position of authority.

Sudoku

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9			4					
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		7		5		1		
	3			8		2	5	9

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ANSWER:

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

Cryptoquote

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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

7-15 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

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V A M H H M R W R M V Z . — G B V V N M

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I HEAR AND I FORGET. I SEE AND I REMEMBER. I DO AND I UNDERSTAND. — SOURCE OBSCURE

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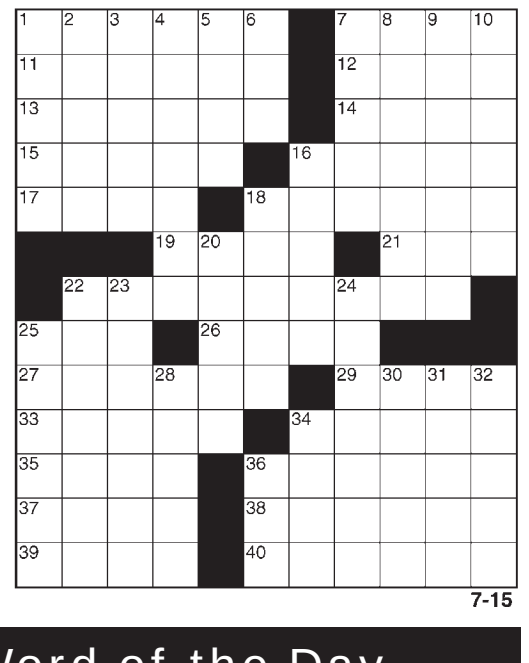
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1 Downhill course
7 Suit piece
11 Asian temple
12 Wild about
13 "Hold on ..."
14 Sports figure
15 Walking aids
16 Singer Bonnie
17 Young foxes
18 Save
19 Altar exchange
21 Bungle
22 Virtual reality space
25 Receipt line
26 Dole out
27 Buck topper
29 Rainbow maker
33 Does kitchen work
34 Cowboy contest
35 Article
36 Muskrat, e.g.
37 Nautilus captain
38 Not nervous
39 Spotted
40 "Citizen Kane" creator

DOWN
1 Noted Vulcan
2 Roofed patio
3 Bond, for one
4 Wigs out
5 Lofty poems
6 Buddy
7 Travel papers
8 Tempts
9 Height
10 Stagger
16 Bowler's button
18 Wanderer
20 Titled women
22 Aquatic mammal
23 Radical
24 Work on a room
25 Easy putts
28 Seafood garnish
30 Exemplary
31 Good judgment
32 Carries
34 Learning method
36 Bitterly cold

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Yesterday's answer



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Word of the Day

outlandish (out-LAN-dish)

Definition: (adj.) Outlandish describes things that are strikingly strange or unusual; in this use, it's a synonym of bizarre. Outlandish can also describe things, such as claims, rumors, and accusations, that go beyond reasonable limits or standards..

Example: One of the author's greatest strengths is her ability to write outlandish characters whose quirks remain lodged in readers' minds long after they've finished the book.

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The Research Foundation at SUNY Cortland is seeking candidates for a full-time (5 days/ 37.5 hours perweek) Program Coordinators for SUNYs Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP). This coordinator will work two days a week at Groton High School and three days per week at Cortland High School. The Program Coordinator will collaborate with the partner school personnel at each site, SUNY Cortland personnel, and the LPP program director on the development, implementation and evaluation of instructional programs and services to maximize opportunities for successful completion of high school for identified students grades 7-12. Program Coordinators work during the school year from September through June and one week during the summer on program planning and assessment.
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♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 10 6 3

EAST
♠ 8 6
♥ J 9 5 4 3 2
♦ 2
♣ Q 9 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 4 2
♥ A
♦ A K J 4
♣ 7 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
6 ♠			

Opening lead — king of hearts.

The finesse is a wonderful device, but this does not mean declarer should utilize it just because the opportunity for its use exists. Because there is usually an element of luck inherent in the success or failure of a finesse, a competent declarer should always look for an alternative line of play to improve on his chances.

Consider this deal where South wins the heart lead with the ace and plays the A-K of trump, both defenders following suit. At this point, declarer is in a position to guarantee the contract regardless of how the missing cards are divided! But he must first take several preliminary steps to assure a favorable outcome.

Declarer starts by ruffing the eight of hearts high. He then cashes the A-K of diamonds. If the suit is divided 3-2, or if East holds four diamonds to the queen, the worst that can happen is that South loses a diamond trick.

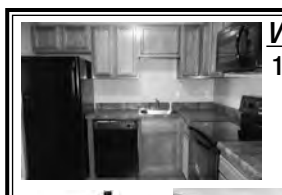
But even if, as in the actual case, West turns out to have four (or five) diamonds to the queen, the slam is still ice-cold. Declarer next leads a club and, after West follows low, plays the eight from dummy!

East wins with the nine, but it doesn't matter what he does next. A club return into dummy's A-K-J allows South to discard his two remaining diamonds, while a heart return lets South discard a diamond as he ruffs with dummy's nine of spades. Declarer's other diamond then goes off on a high club.

Note that West cannot foil the endplay by playing the ten of clubs on the club lead toward dummy, as declarer can counter by covering the ten with the jack. East wins with the queen but then finds himself in the same predicament described above.

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Tourists in the lurch as heat wave lashes southern Europe

By MENELAOS HADJICOSTIS and LEFTERIS PITARAKIS
Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Disgruntled tourists bemoaned the temporary closing of the Acropolis in Athens on Friday as Greek authorities proactively shut the world monument's gates between midday and early evening amid a heat wave that continues to grip southern Europe.

Red Cross staff handed out bottled water to tourists wilting in long lines hoping to beat the closure and scale the steps up to the gleaming Parthenon temple as temperatures were expected to peak above 104 Fahrenheit in the Greek capital.

Some visitors were frustrated at being left in the lurch because they were unaware of Greek authorities' last-minute announcement of the Acropolis' closure at noon. One visitor said he was disappointed as his cruise ship would depart later in the day.

"I even bought a €50 ticket to skip the line to enter and I couldn't enter the place," Hector from Mexico told The Associated Press.

Others who beat the closing time were elated despite the heat, like Sylvia from Colombia, who said she came prepared.

"We have water, we have some ventilators," she told the AP. "And I think it's always an amazing experience to be here."

Red Cross coordinator Ioanna Fotopoulou said paramedics on hand administered first aid to a number of tourists exhibiting symptoms of dehydration and experiencing fainting spells.

In Spain, people packed the beaches as the country enjoyed a short-lived respite from its second heat wave of the summer.

Temperatures were still expected to reach 110 degrees Fahrenheit in at least 12 of Spain's 17 regions Friday, although that was down from a high of 113 Fahrenheit that scorched the southeastern town of Albox on Wednesday.

Aemet, the Spanish state weather agency, says another heat wave is expected to start Sunday with the highest temperatures still yet to come.

In Italy, the country's health ministry on Friday warned residents of 10 cities from Bologna to Rome to avoid being out in the midday heat due to extreme temperatures. The same warning has been issued to another five cities in Sicily, Sardinia and Puglia for this weekend.

Temperatures in the country are expected to reach 53.6 Fahrenheit above average in some areas this weekend.



AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris

A tourist drinks water as she and a man sit under an umbrella in front of the Parthenon temple during a heat wave on Thursday.

Blinken in SE Asia while region is wary of US-China discord

By EDNA TARIGAN, DAVID RISING and JIM GOMEZ
Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken met China's top diplomat to discuss thorny issues as part of efforts to nurture talks on the sidelines of regional diplomatic meetings in Indonesia, whose president called on rival powers Friday to avoid turning the region into a "competition arena."



Blinken

Blinken stressed the importance of maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and raised concerns by Washington and its allies over China's actions in his late-Thursday meeting with Wang Yi, who heads the ruling Communist Party's Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta, U.S. officials said.

"The meeting was part of ongoing efforts to maintain open channels of communication to clarify U.S. interests across a wide range of issues and to responsibly manage competition by reducing the risk of misperception and miscalculation," State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said in a statement.

"This is what the world expects of the United States and the PRC," Miller said, using the acronym for the People's Republic of China.

Blinken made a two-day trip to Beijing last month to meet Chinese leaders and restore top-level ties in a visit he said then was meant to "address misperceptions, miscalculations and to ensure that competition doesn't veer into conflict."

But Washington and Beijing remain deeply suspicious of each other's actions and intentions.

Blinken used the meeting with Wang in Jakarta "to advance U.S. interests and values, to directly raise concerns shared by the United States and allies and partners regarding PRC actions," Miller said. "He made clear that the United States, together with our allies and partners, will advance our vision for a free, open, and rules-based international order."

U.S. officials informed some allies in the region of Blinken's meeting with Wang Yi ahead of their talks in Jakarta with an assurance that Washington would not waver on its commitment to fight for the rule of law and against coercive actions in the region, a senior Southeast Asian diplomat told The Associated Press.

The diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity because of a lack of authority to discuss the issue publicly.

Blinken and Wang, along with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, were attending the Jakarta meetings with counterparts in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, a 10-nation regional bloc that is often pinned between competing interests of the two leading world powers over a range of issues, including tensions over Taiwan and the long-seething territorial disputes in the South China Sea.

The three, along with other Western and Asian foreign ministers whose countries regularly engage with ASEAN, paid a call Friday to Indonesian President Joko Widodo, who delivered a pointed message.



AP Photo/Aijaz Rahi

Indian spacecraft Chandrayaan-3, the word for "moon craft" in Sanskrit, blasts off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, India, Friday.

India sends rover, lander to explore moon's south pole

By AIJAZ RAHI and ASHOK SHARMA

SRIHARIKOTA, India — An Indian spacecraft blazed its way toward the far side of the moon Friday in a follow-up mission to its failed effort nearly four years ago to land a rover on the lunar surface, the country's space agency said.

Chandrayaan-3, the word for "moon craft" in Sanskrit, took off from a launchpad in Sriharikota in southern India with an orbiter, a lander and a rover, in a demonstration of India's emerging space technology. The spacecraft embarked on a journey that is expected to last slightly over a month before landing on the moon's surface later in August.

Applause and cheers swept through mission control at Satish Dhawan Space Center, where the Indian Space Research Organization's engineers and scientists celebrated as they monitored the launch of the spacecraft. Thousands of Indians cheered outside the mission control center and waved the national flag as they watched the spacecraft rise into the sky.

"Congratulations India. Chandrayaan-3 has started its journey towards the moon," ISRO Director Sreedhara Panicker Somanath said shortly after the launch.

A successful landing would make India the fourth country — after the United States, the former Soviet Union, and China — to achieve the feat.

The six-wheeled lander and rover module of Chandrayaan-3 is configured with payloads that would provide data to the scientific community on the properties of lunar soil and rocks, including chemical and elemental compositions, said Dr. Jitendra Singh, junior minister for Science and Technology.

India's previous attempt to land a robotic spacecraft near the moon's little-explored south pole ended in failure in 2019. It entered the lunar orbit but lost touch with its lander that crashed while making its final descent to deploy a rover to search for signs of water. According to a failure analysis report submitted to the ISRO, the crash was caused by a software glitch.

The $140-million mission in 2019 was intended to study permanently shadowed moon craters that are thought to contain water deposits and were confirmed by India's Chandrayaan-1 mission in 2008.

Somanath said the main objective of the mission this time was a safe and soft landing on the moon. He said the Indian space agency has perfected the art of reaching up to the moon, "but it is the landing that the agency is working on."

Numerous countries and private companies are in a race to successfully land a spacecraft on the lunar surface. In April, a Japanese company's spacecraft apparently crashed while attempting to land on the moon. An Israeli nonprofit tried to achieve a similar feat in 2019, but its spacecraft was destroyed on impact.

With nuclear-armed India emerging as the world's fifth-largest economy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nationalist government is eager to show off the country's prowess in security and technology.

"Chandrayaan-3 scripts a new chapter in India's space odyssey. It soars high, elevating the dreams and ambitions of every Indian," Modi said in a tweet.

Hundreds of thousands face travel disruption after strike vote in UK

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LONDON — Hundreds of thousands of British vacationers face potential disruption to their travel plans at the start of the school summer holidays, after almost 1,000 workers at London's Gatwick Airport voted to strike in a dispute over pay.

The Unite union said Friday that members, including baggage handlers and check-in staff, who are employed by four private contractors will walk out for four days from July 28 and again for a subsequent four-day stretch from Aug. 4.

The union said the action will "inevitably" cause disruption to flights at the height of the summer holiday season after the school year has ended. The airlines affected are British Airways, easyJet, Ryanair, TUI, WestJet and Wizz Air.

Gatwick, which is just south of the U.K. capital, is London's second-busiest airport behind Heathrow, with a particular focus during the summer to Europe's beach resorts in the Mediterranean.

A total of 4,410 flights are scheduled to depart Gatwick across all the strike days, equating to more than 840,000 seats, according to aviation data company Cirium.

Those involved in the dispute are employed by ASC, Menzies Aviation, GGS and DHL Services, which conduct outsourced operations for airlines including ground handling, baggage handling and check-in. Unite said it has been in negotiations with the four companies since January.

"As part of Unite's unyielding focus on the jobs, pay and condition of its members, the union has drawn a line in the sand and is committed to eradicating the scourge of low pay at the airport," said Sharon Graham, the union's general-secretary.

Phil Lloyd, a senior vice president at Menzies Aviation, one of the companies involved, said Unite rejected its offer for an 11% pay rise for its ground services employees at Gatwick, which he added is on top of last year's 10% increase.

"We are in continued discussions with our airline partners and remain committed to seeking a resolution," he said.

Britain has witnessed an array of strikes over the past few months as workers across various sectors try to get wage raises that at least keep pace with inflation.

Though inflation has fallen from its peak, it remains high at 8.7%. Unite said the majority of workers who are set to strike are paid an average of under 12 pounds ($15.50) an hour.

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