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‘He was much more than vice president’



In the 1990s, Dick Cheney briefly tested the waters for a presidential bid but concluded that he lacked the fundraising prowess, campaign skills and electoral base. TIM DILLON/WESTCHESTER COUNTY JOURNAL NEWS FILE

Lawmaker played central role in America’s hard-edged response to 9/11

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WASHINGTON – Richard Bruce Cheney was the most powerful and the most controversial vice president in American history.

Cheney, 84, died surrounded by family members on the evening of Nov. 3, of complications of pneumonia and cardiac and vascular disease, according to a statement from the Cheney family. It called him “a great and good man who taught his children and grandchildren to love our country, and to live lives of courage, honor, love, kindness, and fly fishing.”

The laconic one-time college dropout found his place in Washington, DC, moving to the capital as a congressional fellow and rising in short order to become White House chief of



Before becoming vice president under George W. Bush, Cheney become White House chief of staff for President Gerald Ford, a member of House Republican leadership and wartime secretary of defense for the President George H.W. Bush. STEPHEN JAFFE/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

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Partial SNAP benefits coming to New York

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Nearly 3 million New Yorkers who rely on federal SNAP food aid can expect partial payments for November under the Trump administration’s response to court rulings that forced it to fund the program.

The Department of Agriculture said in court papers on Monday, Nov. 3, that it will empty a contingency fund to continue giving out food aid in the midst of a government shutdown that has now slogged into its second month. But the fund contains only enough money to make 50% of the usual payments through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, federal officials said.

Whether that means all New Yorkers enrolled in SNAP will get half their expected payments this month was not immediately clear. The state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, which administers the SNAP program, did not immediately respond to questions about the amounts or when the funds will be loaded onto the debit-like cards that SNAP recipients use to buy groceries at participating stores and markets.

State officials and food pantries across New York had been bracing for a crisis after the Trump administration declared that SNAP funding would stop on Nov. 1 unless the shutdown ended. Last week, Gov. Kathy Hochul declared a state of emergency and announced a total of \$106 million in state funding to stock food banks and pay for more staffing and equipment for the nonprofit food network.

Hochul, in a statement on Monday, called the Trump administration’s

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Falling tree kills woman, injures man in pickup truck

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A 77-year-old woman was killed and a 79-year-old man was hurt when a large tree fell on the pickup truck in which they were traveling.

The Ulster County Sheriff’s Office said the incident happened at approximately 12:45 p.m. Oct. 31 on

Route 4½ in the Town of Gardiner.

The sheriff’s office said deputies who responded to the scene found the vehicle, a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 1500, in the middle of the highway. A large tree had fallen and crushed the cab of the vehicle.

A preliminary investigation determined the pickup truck had been traveling east on Route 4½ when the tree fell.

The passenger, a 77-year-old Gardiner woman, was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver, a 79-year-old Gardiner man, was treated at the scene by emergency medical service workers and then taken to Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie for treatment of potentially serious injuries.

The sheriff’s office withheld the identities of the victims, pending no-

tification of family members.

The sheriff’s office was assisted at the scene by state police, the Gardiner Fire Department, the New Paltz Rescue Squad, the New York State Department of Transportation and Central Hudson.

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