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Relics tell history's tale



Senior Librarian Elizabeth Jakubowski with campaign material for Franklin D. Roosevelt at the New York State Library. The flyer, pictured below, helped reelect FDR to Albany, which in turn propelled him to the Oval Office years later. PETER CARR/THE JOURNAL NEWS

A look at NY political artifacts across 250 years of U.S. history

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On the third floor of the New York State Museum building in Albany one recent morning, a treasure trove of American relics usually kept hidden from public view fill a seemingly never-ending room. ● Up here, the mostly darkened space is quiet and warm and you can smell the age of the rarely seen pieces in every inhale. It is an escape from the shiny white marble walls and the liveliness of the visitors exploring surrounding levels where these items may one day end up on display. ● Labeled brown and blue-gray cardboard boxes line rows of metal shelving and ornate historic furniture nearly brushing the low ceiling is stacked on heartier metal racks toward the middle of the room. ● At the end of one of the aisles, a battered green football helmet and tools used in the 1971 Attica prison riot are positioned neatly on the floor. Several large oxidized ice harvesting tools lie closer to the door. A few more items – chairs with ties to former New York governors – stand out. ● In many ways, these carefully preserved artifacts of New York's political and social history hold the secret story of the state's crucial role in shaping American ideals and rights over the past 250 years. See NY'S ROLE, Page 15A

Exhibit celebrates Catskills love stories and legacy

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Ulster County's Borscht Belt Museum invites couples to submit their Catskills love stories for a chance to be featured in an exhibit titled "Catskills Romance," which will kick off with a weekend of festivities beginning June 27.

Billed as a celebration of love, laughter, nostalgia and legends, the event lineup includes an immersive storytelling workshop with Cory Rosen from the Moth StorySLAM, an opening reception with live music by the Starlight Duo and dancing, and another day of tribute for Mel Brooks' 100th birthday with stand-up comedy, a panel of guests and birthday cake.

The free reception marks the opening of the exhibit – "Catskills Romance: Love and Desire in the Borscht Belt" – planned to run through the summer and later.

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Getting to the Borscht Belt Museum celebration

When: June 27-28.

Where: Borscht Belt Museum, 90 Canal St. in Ellenville.

More information: RSVP at givebutter.com to attend the free reception at 7 p.m. June 27. The Mel Brooks tribute begins at 2 p.m. June 28 with a panel discussion with Danny Fingerioth, Eddy Friedfeld and David Margolick.

More information about "Catskills Romance," the full weekend itinerary, museum access, tickets, pricing and parking is available at borschtbeltmuseum.org

Greenland's independence champion shifts stance

Trump comments help alter territory's political trajectory

Pete Mckenzie
REUTERS

NUUK, Greenland – Aqqaluk Lyngre, Greenland's champion of independence, has undergone a radical conversion.

Half a century ago, the Inuit activist and poet co-founded one of the island's biggest pro-independence parties, urging fellow Greenlanders to break away from Denmark, which he denounced as an exploitative colonial overlord.

"They must be removed. We will no longer pay the price," he wrote in a 1975 verse. "Suffering cannot be relieved by consolation. Oppression is something to fight against."

Now, however, Greenland faces what he sees as a far graver threat: President Donald Trump, who has repeatedly demanded control of the giant Arctic island, citing national security. As a result, Lyngre told Reuters, he now believes his homeland must forever remain part of the realm of Denmark, which he views as its protector from American aggression.

"We feel betrayed by the United States," the 78-year-old said in an interview at his home outside the capital Nuuk, where from his window you can spy

chunks of ice floating in a nearby fjord. "We are in a very difficult situation, where the only ones that can save us today are Denmark and Europe."

Lyngre is not alone. Trump's comments have triggered a mighty backlash that has helped alter Greenland's political trajectory – much like in Canada, where patriotic anger at Trump's rhetoric about making Canada the "51st state" of America swept Prime Minister Mark Carney's Liberals back to power last year, after they looked destined for defeat.

For decades, vocally pro-independence parties dominated politics in Greenland, a self-governing Danish

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Once Greenland's champion of independence, Aqqaluk Lyngre now believes his homeland must forever remain part of the realm of Denmark, which he views as its protector from American aggression.

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