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Witness helps rescue autistic girl who fell into river

Man was assisting search in Troy when she was found in the water

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TROY — Less than 10 minutes after an 8-year-old autistic girl went missing from her home on River Street, her mother called Troy police to help finding her. About 15 minutes after the 911 call, officers were pulling the girl and a man who helped rescue her out of the Hudson River. The man, who police described as a good Samaritan, saw the girl in the river Saturday night and immediately

went into the water to save her, Troy officials said in a statement issued Sunday. Troy police Captain Mary Magnetto held a news conference Monday morning to reveal more details about the harrowing event and the collaboration between the witness, who police have not publicly identified, and first responders who helped return the girl to her family uninjured. Magnetto said police received the mother's call for help around 7:40 p.m. Saturday, reporting her daughter had gone missing from their home at John P. Taylor Apartments.

Three officers and the girl's family were looking for her outside the complex when a city resident said he had seen the girl and joined their search along with two others, Magnetto said. While checking by the river near Front and Division streets, they heard a small sound. "They looked over the edge, and they saw the little girl clinging to the ladder that was in the river," Magnetto said. The man immediately went down the ladder into the water, Magnetto said, but the ladder

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Troy police said an 8-year-old girl missing from her home on River Street Saturday night was found clinging to a ladder in the Hudson River near Division and Front streets.

Saratoga season finale



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Patrons leave Saratoga Race Course on Monday, the final day of racing in Saratoga Springs, while the jockey silks room is nearly empty as the final races of the 2026 season are held. Story on A9

Nearly 2,200 arrested by ICE

DHS secretary slams Hochul, says N.Y. actions will continue

By Cat Carroll STAFF WRITER

Nearly 2,200 people across New York were arrested during a monthlong immigration enforcement operation that concluded last week, according to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin. The operation, carried out by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in a series of actions dubbed "Operation Rotten Apple," took place from July 27 to Aug. 29. Mullin said the detainees included violent offenders and his office identified 10 with prior arrests or convictions, but did not identify how many of the 2,197 people arrested had been charged with a crime. A separate New York Times analysis of federal data found that most immigrants arrested across the state in July had no prior charges. Mullin announced the numbers at a news conference in New York City on Tuesday, flanked by Kenneth Genalo and Philip Rhoney, the state's ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations field office directors. The federal officials said the op-

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'NY Loves Canada,' but icy trade war hurts tourism

By Rio Yamat ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — Appeals from American tourism organizations seemed to be everywhere Josh Loewen looked over the last year. Billboards and banners proclaimed a state or city's love for Canada. Online and social media ads offered special deals for travelers from north of the border. As a Vancouver resident and marketing executive himself, Loewen said he understands the conciliatory overtures. The number of Canadians traveling to the United States plunged after President Donald Trump returned to office with remarks about making Canada the 51st state. An acrimonious trade war between the two countries now is threatening to reinforce the informal boycott just as it appeared to be easing slightly. "It's such a big ask right now," Loewen, 45, said of the U.S. tourism industry's attempts to

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Medical parole stays elusive for prisoners

By Gabe Levin STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Darrell Bossett is hooked to an oxygen tank, takes 19 different medications, requires dialysis, and suffers from several potentially fatal health issues, including stage 4 chronic kidney disease and chronic heart failure. The 70-year-old relies on a wheel-chair and walker to get around the medical unit of Mohawk Correctional Facility in Oneida County, where he's incarcerated after spending the last 44 years in prison for the 1980 murder of

a Queens police officer and the earlier murder of a man who was killed in retaliation for another shooting incident. Bossett's brother was also implicated in the murder cases, and convicted of a separate crime of throwing a hand grenade that did not detonate at police officers who were searching for the pair in connection with the shooting of the police officer. The conviction involving the hand grenade was later dismissed because a judge said it was not capable of exploding. State corrections officials contend

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From 2020 to 2024, 86 people were granted medical parole release from New York prisons. Some can remain imprisoned waiting for a long-term care facility.

