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In 1 day, 100 in N.Y. die from virus

BY DAVE GOLDINER
New York Daily News

NEW YORK _ Gov. Andrew Cuomo gave a somber update on the coronavirus pandemic Thursday as 100 died in the state in the past 24 hours alone and the infection rate keeps soaring above 21,000 in New York City.

Vowing to keep giving New Yorkers straight talk, the Democratic governor said the city and state are still heading into the worst days or weeks of the crisis.

"That's what comes first: the rate of increase in the number of cases," he said in a now-daily update. "That's what we are looking for."

Exactly 100 people died in New York state since the previous day's update, a grim milestone in the state that is considered the epicenter of the pandemic in the U.S. More than 3,700 have tested positive in New York City in the last 24 hours, raising the total in the city over 21,000.

Although horrifying, those numbers are not dramatically higher than the day before, perhaps offering the slightest glimmer of hope that the pandemic is no longer expanding exponentially.

The state's death toll stands at 385, up from 285 a day earlier. The pandemic's national death toll now stands at more than 1,000.

Cuomo warned that even best-case scenarios will see hospitals flooded to overflowing with coronavirus cases.

"Almost any scenario will overwhelm the health care capacity," he said, seeking to present an aura of calm amid the storm. "That's reality."

He asserted that hospitals have enough personal protective equipment for the "immediate future."

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Gloversville High School chemistry and physics teacher Jen Hazzard makes a video demonstrating an acid base indication, with three different color changes, at the school Thursday.

Science rules!

Gloversville teacher, an Amsterdam grad, puts experiments on YouTube

BY ADAM SHINDER
Staff Writer

Jen Hazzard turned a gummy bear into a fireball — for science!

For the last week, Hazzard — an Amsterdam graduate who teaches high school chemistry and physics at Gloversville — has been filming science experiments and posting them on her YouTube page to help give kids and parents a little science instruction while schools are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hazzard stepped up to fill the void when she saw people on social media looking for assistance with at-home science lessons — and rarely observed anything truly helpful.

"At the very most," she said, "they would say, 'mix some vinegar and baking soda.'"

Actually, Hazzard did that tried-and-true experiment, too, but only to demonstrate the difference between the reaction when mixing vinegar with baking soda or baking powder.

On the whole, she wanted something more to engage both kids and parents.

"As a science teacher who really loves not only science, but their job in general, it was kind of sad just to sit back and watch that happen," Hazzard said. "The opportunity just kind of presented itself out of wanting better for these kids while they're at home. It's not the parents' fault. Most people don't just know what to do for a science lesson off-the-cuff. I'm sure they could've researched different things, but everyone's got so much they're dealing with all at once ... I wanted to kind of offer them a one-stop shop."

Some of Hazzard's videos, like building your own conductivity meter or trying different methods to prevent mold on fruits and vegetables, are designed as experiments that kids and their parents — who've been turned unexpectedly home school instructors — can try together at home.

Others, like the aforementioned gummy bear fireball — a chemical reaction created by dropping the candy into a test tube with a liquid solution at the bottom — are strictly don't-try-this-at-home demos done in the safety of Hazzard's lab

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JOHNSTOWN

District may move 7th, 8th grade students from Knox to JHS

BY JASON SUBIK
Staff Writer

For the first time in the Greater Johnstown School District's history it held a "virtual public hearing" Wednesday night to discuss the potential fate of its oldest school building, Knox Junior High School.

During the virtual meeting, the school board discussed a plan to restructure its school buildings to relocate seventh and eighth grade students from Knox to Johnstown High School. The plan, called "Option 5", is projected to save the district $600,000, enabling the school board to propose a smaller tax levy hike — a 9 percent increase instead of a projected 14 percent increase — for its 2020-21 budget proposal. Johnstown has been grappling with a financial crisis for the last several years, forcing it to ask for tax-cap busting tax levy increases and looking for ways to cut expenses, all in an attempt to close the district's more than $3 million annual budget deficit.

Knox Junior High School has sometimes been called "a sacred cow" of the school district. Built in 1930, the school has been the place where generations of the city's residents spent their early teen years. When the district's school board briefly considered closing the building in 2009, as a means of addressing declining enrollment, residents packed the high school's auditorium to protest the change and the idea was ultimately abandoned in favor of closing Jansen Avenue

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Pelosi vows quick House approval of $2T coronavirus relief plan



U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., talks to reporters at a news conference about legislation addressing the ongoing coronavirus outbreak on Thursday in Washington, D.C.

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BY DAVE GOLDINER AND CHRIS SOMMERFELDT
New York Daily News

The $2.2 trillion coronavirus relief package approved by the Senate will breeze through the House in a "strong, bipartisan" vote on Friday, according to Speaker Nancy Pelosi, meaning President Donald Trump will likely be able to sign the enormous bill into law by the weekend.

"We will have a victory tomorrow for America's workers," Pelosi, who was celebrating her 80th birthday, told reporters at the U.S. Capitol on Thursday. "We'll bring the bill to the floor. It will pass. It will pass with strong, bipartisan support."

The House is expected to consider the economic stimulus measure — the largest one in American

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Crafters sewing face masks for docs, nurses

BY SUSAN SELASKY
Detroit Free Press





Above: Co-owner of the Clawson Makers Market Adrienne Noel, 50, of Clawson, Mich., takes supplies to a sculpture car that is outside of the store Sunday. In the spirit of social distancing, Noel is placing a box of rubber gloves that artists have donated for a pick up from someone in the medical field experiencing a shortage.

Left: Anne Hernandez, 54, of Troy, Mich., sews face masks in her basement Sunday to be given out through her artist co-op the Clawson Makers Market.

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DETROIT — Sarah Genova sat down at her sewing machine on Saturday and made about 30 face masks.

On Sunday, she was back at, hoping she can donate her homemade masks to medical professionals on the front line and provide some protection against the coronavirus.

With the cotton masks, Genova said she read there's only a 3% protection rate. Nonetheless she starting sewing.

"I had the fabric and elastic and started to create," Genova said. "I've always been a giver and a crafter. I had the ability to respond, so I did."

Genova, 34, who lives in Emmett near Port Huron, can churn out about five masks, start-to-finish, in an hour

Genova is donating all she makes. She's sending them to nurse friends in Florida and to extended family.

Genova and other crafters are busy at their sewing machines after hearing that healthcare professional are in dire need of protective equipment. From a shortage of masks to gowns to googles, the message is echoed daily.

Those who sew are finding patterns, revving up sewing machines, threading needles and churning out colorful fabric masks that, they say, might be better than not having any mask at all.

While hospitals need medical grade masks, Genova believes these sewn ones can be used with the recommended N95 respirator masks that are in short supply.

"The thought is to use them (homemade masks) over the N95 to prolong the usage of it," Genova said.

It's a movement that's spreading across Facebook, YouTube and other social media channels with posts of how-to patterns and resulting colorful masks.

What sparked a lot of interest for handmade face masks was the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) face mask guidelines for healthcare professionals.

The CDC recommended, as a last resort, healthcare professional use homemade masks (bandana or scarf) when caring for COVID-19 patients. But they are not considered official Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and should be used in combination with a face shield.

While sewing face masks is trending, local hospitals say they are not accepting them.

Beaumont, Henry Ford and University of Michigan hospitals are seeking donations of disposable face masks, N95 respirators, gowns, and gloves to cover expected shortages. But they specifically lists "homemade sewn face masks" are not accepted as donations. Should that change, they will make an announcement.

Gretchen Bovensiep, a nurse at Beaumont Hospital, was picking up some craft kits she ordered on Sunday at the Clawson Makers Market on 14 Mile. The craft projects were for her family to do while off work and a distraction from TV and other electronics.

But at the market, she got a unexpected surprise that brought her to tears.

After overhearing that Bovensiep was a nurse at Beaumont, Genova came up to her and handed her plastic bag with several face masks she had personally sewn.

"It was an emotional moment," Bovensiep said. "It brought on ugly tears because I couldn't touch my face and wipe them away."

Bovenseip said she was just overwhelmed by such generosity. Bovensiep told Genova that she would donate the masks to the post-transplant clinic she works in at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

"The incredible generosity to be doing that for us ... we are grateful for any help that people are willing to offer," Bovensiep said. "It's better than nothing"

Multiple artists at the Clawson Makers Market are doing their part, from those sewing masks to potters and fiber artists donating gloves and elastic, according to co-founder Bonnie Swope.

The market has become a collection point for those donations. Part of the markets outside decor is a colorful moving art car.

"We found a lot of the hospitals had shortages," Swope said. "So, the makers collectively have come together and donating their materials. Because by nature they have a lot of masks and rubber gloves."

"People are dropping off these materials in the backseat of that car, respecting the social distancing," she said.

Anne Hernandez, 54, of Troy, is a retired paramedic and has a children's clothing line called Bambino 2.0.

She started sewing the face masks when her niece, a nurse in Colorado, told her they didn't have enough masks.

"These are not hospital grade, but they are running out of masks and something is better than nothing," Hernandez said. "They grab whatever they can find in a lot of hospitals."

On Sunday, with the help of her husband and kids, she was hoping to sew 50 face masks to take down to Detroit Medical Center, which, she heard, was in dire need of supplies.

The masks, Hernandez said, can also be used by patients doing dialysis or when people are going to the stores.

"These are also good for not touching your face and that's a big a help," Hernandez said. "Even it's not a great blocker of the virus."

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Places to visit in Montgomery County

FONDA — In light of the increased confirmed cases of the coronavirus/COVID-19, Montgomery County has declared a state of emergency.

During this time it is advised to limit and restrict movements including social gatherings, outings and to continue using good hand hygiene to protect ourselves from increased exposure, a news release from Montgomery County Tourism said.

While continuing to practice social distancing, there may be times when people are looking for some outdoor activities. Here are a few ideas in Montgomery County to keep families happy and active.

CHARLESTON STATE FOREST

The 4,600-acres of the Charleston State Forest is open all year for fishing, mountain biking, hiking, hunting, camping, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and exploration.

For more information, visit http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/35832.html.

CHUCTANUNDA CREEK TRAIL

The Chuctanunda Creek Trail is a bicycle and pedestrian friendly trail that includes waterfalls, bridges and dams. Nature combined with the city's urban setting makes for a unique 8-mile loop from the Mohawk River up through the heart of the City. This mixed-use recreational and educational trail leads users along various points of interest referencing history, geology, and ecology.

For more information, visit https://www.amsterdamny.gov/our-city/things-to-do/chucktrail.

ERIE CANALWAY TRAIL

Montgomery County hosts part of the Mohawk-Hudson Bikeway — a 60-mile Trail along the Erie Canal and Mohawk River between St. Johnsville and Waterford. Many sections of the Mohawk-Hudson segment were built on former grades of the 19th-century Erie Canal towpath. The bikeway route is signed along connecting roadways. Trail Uses: Hiking, bicycling, in-line skating and cross-country skiing. Motorized vehicles are not allowed.

For more information, visit http://www.canals.ny.gov/trails/about.html.

MOHAWK VALLEY GATEWAY OVERLOOK

Spanning 511 feet between the north and south banks of the Mohawk River, the structure uniquely combines a park-over-the-water setting with an introduction to the history of the Mohawk Valley and its peoples, told through nearby examples from the city of Amsterdam. The structure is curved — not straight — to harmonize with the natural shapes of the river and valley. The textured, colored pavement reflects not only the swirls and eddies of the river, but also of history. Twelve stopping points along the north and south ends are marked with icons representing major topics in the history of the valley with an explanatory text.

For more information, visit https://www.amsterdamny.gov/our-city/things-to-do/mohawk-valley-gateway-overlook-bridge.

MOSHER MARSH RESERVE

This 43-acre preserve was presented to Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy in 2008. It includes a natural wetland with several shallow man-made ponds and a small tributary to the Chuctanunda Creek. The site also contains a mix of fields with woods and a historic family cemetery and a loop trail with a 300-foot boardwalk that runs through the wetland. Plant and wildlife include marsh marigolds, bloodroot flowers, a beaver lodge and dam, four "potholes" (shallow bodies of water) designed to attract wood ducks. The marsh is open from dawn to dusk. Parking access. A kiosk near the parking area details the marsh plant life and the history of the land dating back to the Revolutionary War.

For more information, visit http://mohawkhudson.org/our-preserves/mosher-marsh.





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Above: Instructional Aide and Custodial Staff Keara Macintyre waits in the Arkell Museum and Canajoharie Library parking lot Monday morning for individuals picking up breakfast and lunch packages.

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Left: FPCS Bus Driver Steve Herron delivers breakfast and lunch bags to a waiting bus.

Nearly 400 meals being served in CCS and FPCS districts daily

BY JOSHUA THOMAS
For The Recorder

FORT PLAIN — Despite the fact that all three local school districts in the tri-valley area have been forced to close through March 31, they have continued to serve breakfast and lunch, with Canajoharie and Fort Plain Central Schools' Director of Nutrition Lauri Broady being required at a moment's notice to alter regular food service operations in both districts.

CCSD and FPCSD have been creating about 400-425 bagged breakfasts and lunches each day, the food being prepared in each district by kitchen staff, with assistance from teacher volunteers and aides. Each bag contains breakfast items such as cereal, fruit and milk, and lunch consisting of a sandwich, chips, fruit and juice/milk.

While the food selections were generally the same for the first few days, Broady noted, "We're trying to change things up now that we've been doing it a couple days," with new breakfast items having been introduced this past week.

"Obviously, no plan for such a thing as this existed," said Broady of the new system involving school meals being served to students at home, though the program has been successful so far, with 375-400 of the bagged meals being taken every day.

The state education department and USDA are allowing the meal programs to operate utilizing the same rules as the summer meal program, "which gives us a bit more flexibility with the menu," said Broady, explaining that the bagged meals can be provided to all kids 18 and under — even ones who don't attend school in the district serving the food.

"Anybody staying in the community is allowed to take a meal," said Broady, noting, "it makes it so you don't have to ask a ton of questions," to ascertain the district each student attends, as protective measures have been implemented to keep COVID-19 from being spread.

"What we're doing at this time is, the aides stay on the bus and the people picking up are not allowed to enter the bus," Broady explained. One person from each household can take however many meals they need, the aide providing them without exiting the bus with the goal of consistently maintaining a six foot distance between servers and receivers.

The preparation process for the meals' creation hasn't changed significantly from regular daily in-school operations, Broady pointed out, with the food being prepared in an assembly line fashion. Meal preparation begins at 6 a.m. in both districts, with breakfast and lunch being served to the public between 8 and 9 a.m. in Canajoharie.

Because the CCSD time table is limited — with Fort Plain meals being served and delivered between 10 and 11 a.m. each day — Canajoharie employees start putting together non-perishable items for the next morning's meals after each day's bags have been assembled.

"When they come in at 6 a.m., they start making the sandwiches," stated Broady of kitchen employees and those assisting them, noting that the extended timetable in Fort Plain allows workers to do most meal prep from scratch each day.

Each school luckily had a large stock of items to utilize in meal creation, with milk and bread requiring regular delivery. So far, food deliveries to each district have continued despite the crisis, with new items coming in last Thursday and remaining scheduled for delivery on a weekly basis.

While some school districts have stopped serving milk in daily meals with students out of school, Broady said, "I felt very strongly that I wanted to continue to provide milk to the kids because I want to see local businesses stay in business," the milk being purchased from Skiff's Dairy, LLC. in Johnstown, and Freihofer's Baking Company, Inc. in Nelliston providing bread.

"I think it's going very well," said Broady of the current meal service system. She said that while "the logistics of the busing was a bit difficult at first ... we're starting to get a system down now and we have a great team!"

"Everybody's really pulled together quite well," Broady said, adding that "without any of the groups and people," involved, "the process wouldn't work as swiftly."

At this point, the system features bins marked with each bus number, which are placed on marked tables, taken to carts, and wheeled out in order of the buses' arrival. The whole process of moving meals from the kitchen to the bus takes approximately 30 minutes, with different staff members assisting in each district.

Broady noted that people should be encouraged to call their respective schools if they've not had a bus stop at their house, but have kids that require meals. The buses have also been utilized in delivering other essential items to students, including Chromebooks, homework and items they left at school, which "cuts down on people needing to come into the building."

With this system in operation, things are reaching kids' hands much faster than if they had to be mailed, with items being acquired one day and delivered the next morning.

For information regarding where meals are available in each district, visit your school's website: canajoharieschools.org or fortplain.org



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Packaged meals are ready to be delivered to a bus in Canajoharie Central School District.

Sheriff: 3 charged in connection to drinking party

Incident happened March 14, officials say

BY STEVEN COOK
Staff Writer

ST. JOHNSVILLE — Three Montgomery County residents have been charged in connection with an underage drinking party held at an Airbnb in St. Johnsville, sheriff's deputies said Thursday.

The incident happened March 14, according to the release.

The investigation began that day after the sheriff's office received an anonymous tip about an underage drinking party at an address on Crum Creek Road, deputies said. The source had received an invitation over Snapchat.

Deputies, with assistance from state police, responded to the address and determined that three people had organized the party where individuals under the age of 21 were being served alcohol, authorities said. The three rented the location through Airbnb and sent out invitations through Snapchat, deputies said.

Deputies seized "numerous" alcoholic beverages, as well as a quantity of marijuana and cash proceeds collected at the door, authorities said.

Officials identified the three people accused of organizing the party as Justin E. Salliey, 18, of Amsterdam; Angelia G. Williams, 19, of Fonda; and Koshon N. Tuff, 18, of Fonda.

The three were cited under the county's social host law and released to appear in Town Court.



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The production of Peeps has been suspended due to the coronavirus outbreak, but don't expect a shortage on store shelves, as a large supply has alredy shipped to retailers.

Peeps cease production two weeks before Easter due to the coronavirus

BY ERIN MCCARTHY
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Two weeks before Easter, the production lines for Peeps have stopped due to the coronavirus outbreak. But don't expect a shortage on store shelves if you're looking to celebrate the holiday at home.

A hefty supply of the popular marshmallow candies has already shipped to retailers from their factories in Bethlehem, Pa., and Philadelphia, according to Just Born, the family-owned confectionery company that makes Peeps, as well as Mike and Ike, Hot Tamales, Teenee Beanee jelly beans, and Goldenberg's Peanut Chews.

Just Born suspended production on Wednesday and will do so at least through April 7, the company said in a statement.

The news is the latest indicator that the coronavirus, and measures to slow its spread, will continue to disrupt the normal way of life through the April 12 Easter holiday, and likely even longer. This is in sharp contrast to the words of President Donald Trump, who says he wants to see the country "raring to go" by Easter, with churches packed. Health experts say that could be a disastrous idea.

In Philadelphia at least, churches will be empty. Earlier this week, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia canceled all public Masses and services for Holy Week and Easter, a move that will affect the region's 1.3 million Catholics and the more than 250 parishes at which they worship.

For many, Easter also means family gatherings, egg hunts, and baskets full of candy. For 67 years, Peeps has been a part of that tradition. A Bethlehem city proclamation last year called the candy "an iconic symbol of Easter." Just Born makes about 5.5 million Peeps a day.

Despite the temporary suspension in production, the company said they will continue to pay their employees, who are working remotely.

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OBITUARIES

Mary A. Quandt R.N.

Mary A. Quandt R.N; passed away on March 25, 2020 at the age of 91.



Born in the Town of Florida on July 27, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Charles Dow Persons and Mary A. (Regan) Persons.

Mary graduated from St. Mary's H. S. and then trained at St. Mary's School of Nursing. As an LPN she worked at that hospital in the operating room. She married Joseph F. Quandt in 1949. Mary gave up her nursing career to become the mother, in time, of her nine surviving children: Joseph F., Daniel R., John C., Charles P., Michael T., Christopher J., Anne M., Paul D., Peter J., along with fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Per the wish of the family Mary's services will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Betz, Rossi & Bellinger Family Funeral Home, 171 Guy Park Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

Online condolences may be made at www.brbsfuneral.com.

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Elementary School instead.

Tuesday night's virtual meeting was very different. GJSD held the meeting online due to the social distancing mandates from Gov. Andrew Cuomo. In a bid to slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, Cuomo has issued an executive order allowing local governments to conduct public meetings, even public hearings, that are closed to members of the public attending in person.

School Board President Chris Tallon said the school board received about 8 call-in questions and several questions via email and Facebook.

Tallon said the Option 5 plan became possible when the P-Tech program currently operating in Johnstown High School notified the district that it would be relocating next year, freeing up enough space at JHS to accommodate the 7th and 8th grade students.

Prior to that the district had been considering a plan called Option 1, whereby it would close its Glebe Street Elementary School, moving its K-2nd program to Pleasant Avenue School, moving 3rd-5th grades to Warren Street School and 6th-8th graders would be housed at Knox Junior High School. That plan would also likely involve moving the HFM BOCES P-Tech school now located at Jansen Avenue to Glebe Street, enabling the district to then market Jansen Avenue for sale.

Tallon said Option 1 would save the district about $450,000.

Under the Option 5 plan Glebe Street, which is a twin building to Jansen, likely still becomes the new home for P-Tech, while the district would educate all of its students from three buildings:

- Pleasant Avenue, K-2nd grade
- Warren Street, 3-6th grades
- Johnstown High School, 7-12th grades

Knox would be used for the district's pre-k program and Head Start, and the rest of the space could be rented out. The district would also look to either sell or rent-out Jansen Avenue, as it did after it stopped using that building as an elementary school in 2009.

Tallon said he hasn't made his decision which plan he favors, although he has done research that indicates to him that a 7-12 school building is better in terms of student outcomes than a 6-8 middle school format, where 6th graders tend not to do as well as they would if they were kept with the younger students.

District residents have been asked to complete an online survey, located at johnstownschools.org/community-input-on-district-reconfiguration-survey, to indicate which plan they prefer.

Tallon said he will heavily weigh the input from district residents who complete the survey before he decides which plan he favors.

Some of the questions to the school board Tuesday night during the virtual meeting included concerns about whether 7th and 8th grade students will be safe using the same building as older students.

Tallon said if the GJSD chooses Option 5 an assistant principal will be hired for the 7th-8th grade section of JHS. He said the students will be kept apart most of the time, but the district is hoping the older students can be of help mentoring the younger students.

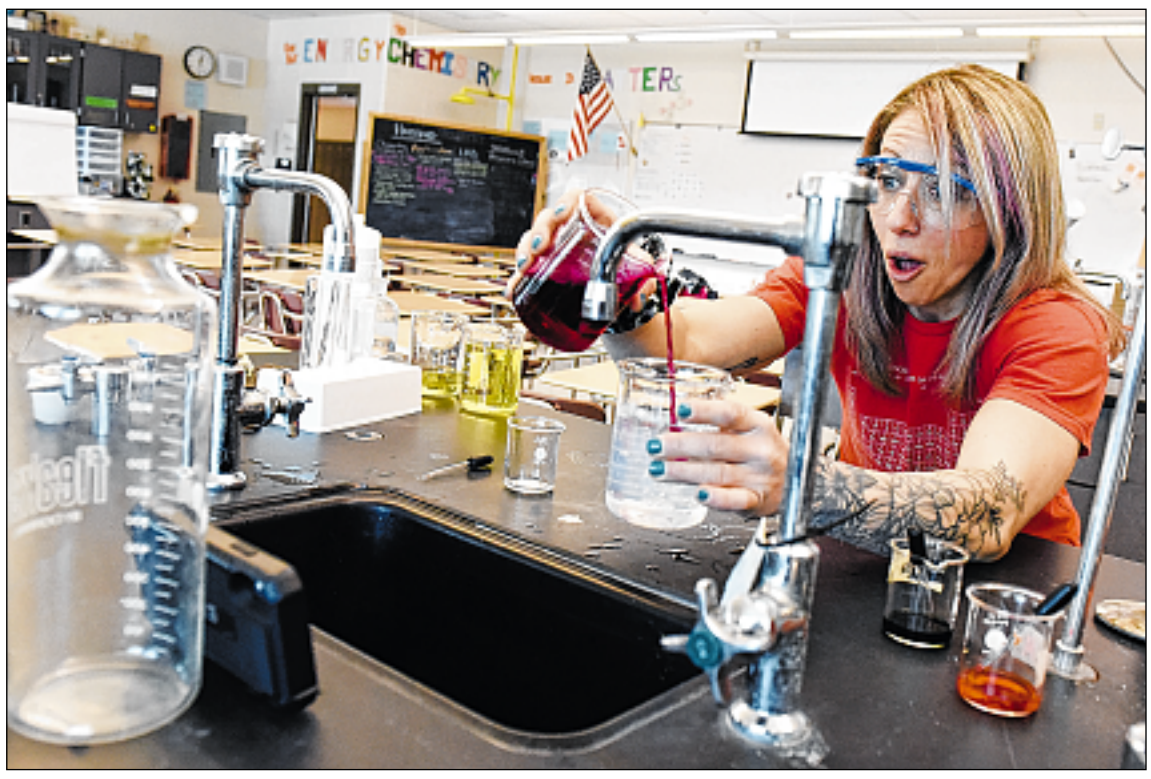
District officials have calculated the majority of the $600,000 in savings from the Option 5 plan will come from the elimination of additional personnel, including a building principal for Knox and food service personnel.

Tallon said he knows district residents want Knox to remain a school district building. He said under Option 5 the school would still use the Knox locker rooms for athletic games at Knox Field, and the repurposing would not violate any of the covenants in the Knox Foundation's donation agreement, from when the school was given to the district back in 1930.

"It's still going to be the centerpoint of the district, it just wouldn't be offering the same curriculum as it does today to our 7th and 8th grade students," he said.

Tallon said once the school board decides which restructuring plan to proceed with it will stick to that plan regardless of the outcome of this year's school budget vote.

"The goal is to have the board make the decision at our April meeting, most likely that will also be a virtual meeting," Tallon said.



ERICA MILLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gloversville High School chemistry and physics teacher Jen Hazzard makes a video demonstrating an acid base indication, with three different color changes, at the school Thursday.

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classroom at Gloversville.

The descriptions of Hazzard's videos all indicate whether or not the experiment is safe to try at home, and also point out what parts of the high school Regents curriculum each experiment correlates with.

"I've gotten so much awesome feedback from people with children of all ages — little ones, all the way up to my own students on my Google Classroom," Hazzard said.

One of Hazzard's videos provided her with a bit of personal vindication in the eyes of her own students.

Earlier in the school year, she'd tried to demonstrate how a supersaturated liquid solution turns into a solid, only for the attempt to go awry.

"I tripped as I was walking with it, and it turned to a solid in my hands and the kids didn't see it," Hazzard said.

In a video posted last Friday, Hazzard successfully created a supersaturated solution — the first time in 12 years as a teacher, she said in the video. This time, when she dropped a tiny crystal into the beaker containing the solution — Voila! It turned solid in an instant before her eyes, and Hazzard smiled with glee.

It was a moment of catharsis, and that's exactly what this process has been for Hazzard on a personal level. As both a teacher at Gloversville and an adjunct professor teaching physics at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, she's been busy spending the school closure in constant contact with her students — "There are people who think teachers are just getting paid and watching Netflix all day," she said. "No, we are busting our butts." — as well as teaching her 6-year-old son, Boone, a budding "science nerd" who has already served as Hazzard's assistant in a video of the popular "Elephant Toothpaste" experiment with water, yeast, liquid soap and hydrogen peroxide.

In communicating with her own students, Hazzard also has them reading up on COVID-19, getting some help from her mother, Patricia Tatlock, the director of infection prevention and control at St. Mary's Healthcare.

Creating the videos as a side project has been a labor of love.

"I did it completely because I wanted to do it to help people," Hazzard said, "but it's proven for me to be very therapeutic during this time as well, and a great way to connect with my own students, and parents and children from all over."

Hazzard's got more videos on the docket — she said she's trying to upload one or two per day, with plenty more planned — but has also come up with a way to get kids more involved.

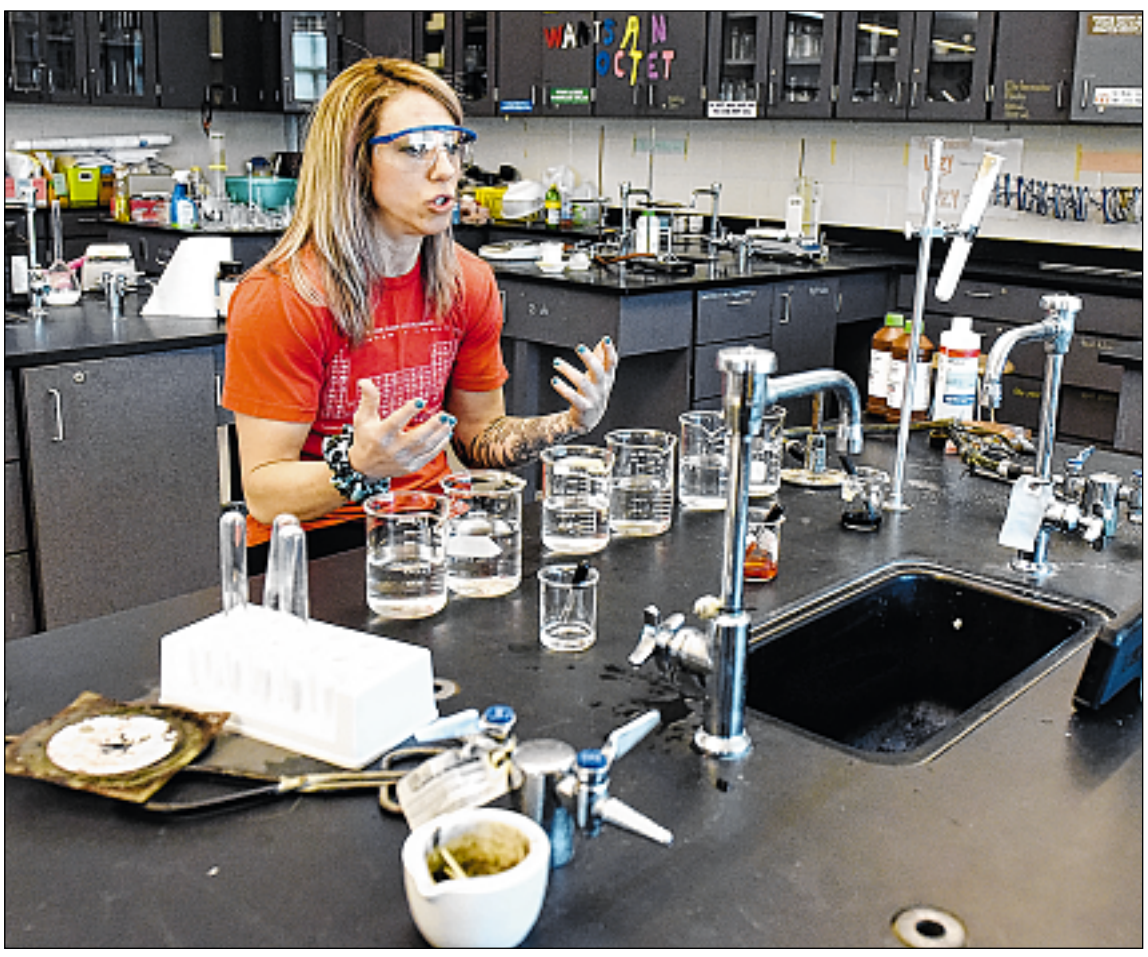
After being up until around 3 a.m. Tuesday working on the details, Hazzard launched the Virtual Science Fair, allowing students from pre-K through 12th grade to either create a poster or post a video of themselves conducting an experiment, with prizes provided by local businesses.

"Instead of doing a different project every day, it's one thing that they can work on a little bit each night," Hazzard said. "I thought that would be less overwhelming for them: Come up with one idea, and then dedicate 15 or 20 minutes to it each day as one summative project."

Full details of the fair are available at facebook.com/VirtualScienceFair2020.

Hazzard said she's reached out to several scientists to serve as guest judges for the contest, including TV personality Bill Nye (the Science Guy).

"I don't know if he'll get back to me," she said, "but what have I got to lose?"



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Hazzard works on her video Thursday. She has also put together a virtual science fair.

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Cash4Life: 1-41-42-47-58, **Cash Ball:** 2

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Virus

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The governor pushed back on suggestions that New York City residents could be barred from leaving the city for upstate areas or ordered to self-quarantine.

Health Commissioner Howard Zucker says he disagrees with an edict from President Donald Trump that anyone leaving the city should be in quarantine for 15 days.

"I don't have any travel ban on my agenda," Cuomo said.

On the economic front, Cuomo called the pandemic a "double whammy" for New York City and the state as the pandemic inflicts widespread death and economic devastation.

He slammed Congress and Trump for "recklessly" shortchanging the state with just $5 billion in coronavirus expenses in the $2 trillion stimulus package.

"This was the time to put politics aside and partisanship aside," Cuomo said. "Just do your job. We are one nation. Address the places that need the help."

He downplayed the possibility that more aid may come in future plans.

"Maybe, maybe, maybe," he said. "The congressional action simply failed to address the governmental need. I'm disappointed."

The governor thanked Dr. Anthony Fauci for offering advice even as he juggles demands on his time.

Despite the grim update, Cuomo told New Yorkers that he is determined to keep leveling with them.

"Facts are empowering," he said. "We'll go from there."

He called the pandemic a true test of individuals and society as a whole.

"When the pressure is on you really see a crack in the foundation of a person. You can see that foundation crumble or you can see it get stronger," he said. "Easy times don't forge character. The tough times forge character."

He advised virus-weary New Yorkers to think about the heroes of the pandemic if they tire of staying indoors.

"They don't have the luxury of being tired," the governor said. "Yes, we're tired. But look at what others among us have to do. Who am I to complain?"



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Gov. Andrew Cuomo speaks to the media at the Javits Convention Center, which is being turned into a hospital to help fight coronavirus cases, on Tuesday in New York City. As of Thursday, 100 had died in the state in the past 24 hours, and the infection rate is above 21,000 in New York City.

Pelosi

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history by far — via voice vote Friday morning.

The unprecedented relief legislation was approved by the Senate in a rare 96-0 vote shortly before midnight Wednesday.

Pelosi praised Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and other Democrats in the upper chamber for ensuring the bill expanded unemployment benefits and provided oversight of a $500 billion pot of subsidized loans for industries hemorrhaging cash because of the virus.

However, the speaker also scorched Senate Republicans for voting in favor of a failed amendment that would have chipped away at unemployment benefits for workers whose lives have been upended by the fast-spreading virus.

"Forty-nine Republicans last night voted in the Senate to deprive those on unemployment insurance of the additional $600 a week. How could it be that in this time of stress and strain and uncertainty ... that they would vote that way?" Pelosi said. "It's not about workers first."

Republicans argued the beefed-up unemployment benefits would incentivize layoffs — a premise Democrats called bizarre since workers are only eligible for the assistance if they're let go, not if they leave on their own volition.

Trump has vowed to sign the historic relief bill "immediately" once it reaches his desk.

Though she described the $2.2 trillion bill as critical, Pelosi made clear she's already looking ahead to another relief measure, as the virus continues to claim more American lives by the day.

The speaker said the bill her chamber will pass Friday doesn't do enough to prop up food assistance programs. She also said she wants legislation to make sure all coronavirus treatment is free of charge, as opposed to just free testing, which is currently the case.

Lastly, Pelosi said Congress has ways to go in helping out state governments whose budgets have been depleted by the virus.

"We're not doing enough for state and local governments," she said.

Pelosi's call for state and local government relief is likely to be embraced by New York Gov. Cuomo, who's furious that the $2 trillion package doesn't include more cash for New York, which is experiencing the worst outbreak in the country.

"I believe that they did fail to meet the governmental need," Cuomo said of the stimulus legislation during a briefing in Albany on Thursday, adding Empire State governments will likely suffer budget shortfalls topping $15 billion because of the virus. "I'm disappointed. ... I find it irresponsible."

PHOTO (for help with images, contact 312-222-4194): Pelosi

Trump campaign threatens loss of licenses for TV stations that air ad criticizing president's coronavirus actions

BY TODD SHIELDS, JENNIFER EPSTEIN AND MARIO PARKER
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON _ The Trump reelection campaign told TV stations they could lose their operating licenses for airing an ad criticizing the president's actions in the coronavirus crisis _ a challenge that may be more bluster than actual threat.

President Donald Trump's campaign, in a letter Wednesday, told stations in five battleground states to stop showing the ad from Priorities USA, a political action committee that supports Democratic candidate Joe Biden.

Failure to remove the ad "could put your station's license in jeopardy" before the Federal Communications Commission, the campaign said in the letter. "Your station has an obligation to cease and desist from airing it immediately to comply with FCC licensing requirements."

Trump has an antagonistic relation with much of the media, which he accuses of issuing what he calls "fake news." But the president has been accused by some news outlets of making misleading statements and telling lies, including regarding the coronavirus.

Trump has threatened retaliation before, including musing about challenging NBC's license in a 2017 tweet _ even though licenses are generally held by stations, not networks.

Presidents appoint members to the FCC. The agency is led by Ajit Pai, a Republican designated as chairman by Trump. Another member of the FCC's Republican majority awaits Senate confirmation for a third term at the agency.

The FCC doesn't appear to have grounds to act against the stations for airing contentious ads, Jack Goodman, a Washington broadcast attorney, said in an interview. The ad "is core political speech" protected by First Amendment guarantees of free speech, Goodman said.



TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

A White House staff member, left, tries to take away the microphone from CNN White House correspondent Jim Acosta during an exchange with President Donald Trump on Nov. 7, 2018, in Washington, D.C.

"This is the sort of letter that stations get in political years, day in and day out," Goodman said. "It's intended to intimidate."

A license revocation would not be likely under any scenario, said Andrew Jay Schwartzman, senior counselor at the Benton Institute for Broadband & Society. Eventually a license renewal could be challenged before the FCC, but "such a petition would get nowhere."

The Trump campaign said it sent the letter to stations it did not identify in Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The ad from Priorities USA shows U.S. coronavirus cases growing from Jan. 20 to March 22 while featuring audio of Trump downplaying the threat during that time. "The coronavirus," Trump says at the beginning, before a second clip plays, "this is their new hoax."

The Trump campaign says the president was describing Democrats' efforts to politicize the coronavirus, not calling the virus itself a hoax.

On Thursday the Trump campaign declined to comment, and the FCC didn't immediately reply to an email seeking comment.

Dennis Wharton, a spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters, also declined to comment.

Priorities USA responded to the Trump team's "intimidation effort" by announcing Thursday that it would keep running the ad and also begin airing it in Arizona, where the group said it plans to spend $600,000 over the next few weeks.

"Trump's super-PAC and now Trump's campaign are resorting to desperate threats to keep Americans from hearing the truth," said Patrick McHugh, the executive director of Priorities. "Priorities USA will continue ensuring voters hear the truth."

A pro-Trump super-PAC, America First Action, said it sent a letter complaining about the ads to broadcasting companies including Tegna Inc., Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc. and Hearst Television Inc.

Gene Policinski, senior fellow for the First Amendment at the Freedom Forum Institute, said previous administrations may have spoken privately about challenging licenses, but Trump was unusual for saying it out loud.

"This goes back to Nixon in the '60s, talking about revoking stations critical to his administration," Policinski said.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon urged his lieutenants to interfere with the renewal of The Washington Post's licenses for Florida TV stations. The company's stock price took a hit, and defending the licenses cost the Post more than $1 million in legal fees over 2 { years, Publisher Katharine Graham wrote in her memoir in 1997.

"Of all the threats to the company during Watergate _ the attempts to undermine our credibility, the petty slights, and the favoring of the competition _ the most effective were the challenges to the licenses of our two Florida television stations," Graham wrote.

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◇ 10 8 5 4 2
♣ J 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 6 5
♡ J 3 2
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The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
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*Spades

Opening lead: Queen of ◇

New bidding gadgets crop up from time to time and they are given a trial run by the experts. Some catch on and others don't. Support doubles and redoubles have caught on and they are in wide use. This is a double or redouble by opener to show three-card support for partner after opener's right-hand opponent has overcalled or doubled. Transfer responses to a one-club opening are a much newer idea and they are still in the trial stage.

South bid one heart over the one-club opening to show spades, but trouble arose when West doubled this to show length and strength in hearts — an artificial bid. West's double is a questionable action with the weak suit he held. North redoubled, intending this to show three-card spade support — the suit his partner had shown. South, however, interpreted the redouble as showing strength in hearts and asking South to play it right there with a suitable hand for hearts. South was delighted to pass, but he was in shock when the dummy went down. He was playing in his 3-1 fit, redoubled and vulnerable!

Once South recovered from the sight of dummy, he won the diamond lead with his king and took the spade finesse. He quickly ran off two spade tricks, two diamond tricks, two club tricks, the ace of hearts, and a diamond ruff for eight tricks. A routine contract made with an overtrick! Even a trump lead wouldn't have changed the outcome.

Nice bidding, we guess.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' e-mails: tcaeditors@tribpub.com)

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New weekly jobless claims soar to 3.3M

BY DON LEE
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans applying for jobless benefits soared to unprecedented levels last week as new government data put into stark relief the magnitude of the economic pain caused by the coronavirus outbreak.

The Labor Department said Thursday that nearly 3.3 million people filed for first-time unemployment claims in the week ending last Saturday.

That number was five times greater than in any single weekly period of new filings since record-keeping began in 1967 – and it points to what many expect will be a dramatic increase in the jobless rate, possibly even into double digits later this spring.

The report reflected the widespread shutdown of large sectors of the American economy, with countless restaurants, hotels, entertainment venues and other businesses furloughing employees or slashing their work hours.

"There has been a sharp explosion here in terms of furloughs and layoffs just in the past week, and at a much faster speed than during the Great Recession," said Michael Bernick, former chief of California's Employment Development Department and now a lawyer at San Francisco-based firm of Duane Morris.

Almost every state logged large increases in claims, led by several East Coast states, Ohio, Texas and California, according to filings and estimates by states.

In California alone, more than a million people have applied for unemployment benefits this month, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Wednesday.

A review of hundreds of early warning layoff notices submitted by employers to various states over the last two weeks show that most of the layoffs are temporary.

Many of the layoffs are at restaurants, but almost every sector of the economy has been hit, including manufacturing firms, transportation and education services. Most businesses say they intend to call their workers back as soon as possible. But for some, it is already too late.

Leafly, a Seattle-based online provider of information for cannabis users, this week announced a permanent layoff of 91 workers, 39% of its workforce. The company attributed it to the financial downturn caused by the coronavirus.

"COVID-19 has rocked global financial markets and put further capital investments we were expecting on pause," said Tim Leslie, chief executive at Leafly, which has employees also in Austin, Texas, and Baltimore.

"This workforce reduction will allow us to be financially self-sufficient so we can continue ... providing cannabis retailers and brands the services they need during this global crisis."

Auto suppliers wary as GM, Ford and FCA grind to a halt

BY JAMIE L. LAREAU
Detroit Free Press

On March 18, at about 4:30 p.m., the employees at auto supplier Dana Inc. in Warren, Mich., received an unsettling text message from management.

The text, obtained by the Free Press read, "We are well aware of the Ford, FCA and General Motors announcement," referring to the Detroit Three's decision earlier that day to temporary shutdown all North American assembly plants because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Dana is reacting to our customers. Dana is currently evaluating the situation and will make a final determination as quickly as we can," the text read.

At noon the next day, dozens of day-shift workers stared at a newly posted schedule that was nearly blank.

"It showed we'd have the whole week off starting Friday until the 30th. There was nothing on it, but a few spots on day shift ... and it's voluntary," said Arron Drescher, who's worked at Dana Warren for five years.

A spokesman for Dana confirmed it is adjusting production schedules, idling some factories, and managing controllable costs, while working to keep employees safe. He would not comment on the plant in Warren.

Many suppliers have made the difficult decision to send workers home and run on partial shifts or not at all. In part, it's to protect their employees' health. But it's also because their biggest customers — the car companies — idled production after the UAW pushed to protect workers.

No one knows when that new-car production will resume, especially in light of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order Monday mandating most people stay at home through April 13. A UAW memo to workers at General Motors' Bowling Green plant in Kentucky Tuesday said the restart date was pushed back to April 14 from April 6.

Another looming question is if consumer demand will be there whenever production does restart considering the widespread economic impacts of the pandemic.

"That will have a significant impact on suppliers," said Jeff Schuster, president of Americas Operations and Global Vehicle Forecasts at LMC Automotive. "On the demand side, our U.S. forecast is sales will be down this year by 3 million units versus last year. A week ago, we were predicting sales would be down 500,000 to 1 million units."

All of this means several suppliers face the daunting task of keeping their businesses in the black while the workforce, though glad to be safe, wonder if they will have jobs when operations return to normal.

NO PANIC, YET

Kirchoff Automotive in Tecumseh filed a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification with the state saying that because of the Detroit Three's factory shutdowns, it tentatively laid off 338 employees effective March 20. Kirchoff, which makes metal and hybrid structures in body-in-white, crash management systems, chassis applications and cross car beams, said it is unclear when production will restart.

"I'm not going to panic," Drescher said about Dana's shutdown. "It will probably get scarier if it lasts longer. Which is why I think everyone should just stay home and the faster it'll blow over. But it might take a few weeks or even a month."

Drescher is full-time at Dana's plant in Warren. Dana is based in Maumee, Ohio, near Toledo. It makes axles, drivetrains and transmissions, among other parts. It employs 36,000 people globally with sales of $8.6 billion last year, according to Dana's website.

The Detroit Three are customers, with Ford Motor Co. the biggest accounting for 20% of Dana's sales last year. Fiat Chrysler was the second biggest at 11% of sales and GM accounts for 3%, Dana's website said.

In her job, Drescher runs a machine that makes parts and axles. She opted out of volunteering to work because she fears getting coronavirus. In many factory jobs, workers often assemble cars and parts in close confines with their co-workers, making the social-distancing six-foot-rule hard to follow.

Also, Drescher has less seniority than others who already raised their hands.

"Some people have a lot of bills, so I'm not mad at them if they were the ones able to work and signed up for the volunteer," said Drescher, who's single without children.

'ONE DAY AT A TIME'

Like Dana, Magna International decided last Thursday to temporarily idle work at "a number" of its 348 locations around the world except China. In a statement, Magna said, "We continue to assess our operations on an individual basis."

One of those plants is in Spring Hill, Tennessee. It makes car seats for GM's Spring Hill Assembly plant where GM builds the GMC Acadia, Cadillac XT5 and XT6 SUVs.

"So if they shut down, we're affected immediately ... to an hour after they're shut down," said an employee at the plant who declined to be named for fear of retaliation for talking to the media.

The factory is idled through March 30th "based on customer schedules," said Tracy Fuerst, Magna's vice president of corporate communications.

The employee said he is relieved to not have to go in and risk getting sick. But the man, in his late 20s, has a wife and family to support. He will miss his $550 to $780 a week paycheck.

"I'm taking it one day at a time," he said. "Yesterday, I made the decision to start cancelling non-essential bills, just making sure I prepare myself for the worst. I canceled Netflix, Hulu, Amazon, cable and even my car insurance. I'm looking at limiting my phone bill. We're cutting down significantly."

CASH IS KING

Employees aren't the only ones concerned. So are the bosses.

"It's all about liquidity, access to cash and hunkering down and getting through this," said Eric Showalter, CEO of Myotec in Farmington Hills. "Then we'll worry about the profits-and-loss statement. I can tell you probably everyone right now is looking at liquidity, not earnings."

Indeed, both Ford and GM have said they will draw down billions on their revolving credit facilities to stockpile cash amid the uncertain market conditions.

On Friday, Showalter put three of Myotec's stateside plants on suspension for at least one week and furloughed one in Pennsylvania for a day. The down plants are in Knoxville, Tennessee, Macomb County and Manistee. Myotec has about 300 employees in the United States, 200 of them are in Michigan, Showalter said.

Myotek makes small lamps and fog lamps for many automakers including GM and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. It also makes magnesium parts for those headlamps, which is what GM was looking for to help in its effort to build ventilators for hospitals. Myotek's annual revenue is about $185 million, Showalter said.

"Almost all our customers are down this week so we're trying to manage this with our people," Showalter said. Employees are using vacation time and paid time off, "so we can keep everyone on board and work through this."

Myotec shut down its two plants in China for four weeks during the coronavirus outbreak there. It had no workers get the illness and has done a slow ramp up. It is now at 90% production at both plants, Showalter said.

Showalter is familiar with working through a crisis, he was CEO of auto supplier Meridian Lightweight Technologies Holdings Inc. in Plymouth in 2008 and 2009 when the Great Recession hit and GM and then-Chrysler Corp., filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

"So I've been through this," said Showalter. "We're trying to figure out how to maneuver here so we preserve the health of the company, so employees have a company to come back to. I'd say we're a tad worried now."

His concerns center on when Myotec can get back to work and how will the federal government respond to this crisis.

"How will this effect auto demand and our business activity? Those of us who went through 2009, we're all talking about the same things we talked about in 2009," said Showalter. "We don't know if this is another 2009, but that's our reference point. Mental flexibility is key to this — keep your options as open as you can."

'WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS'

Meridian employs 2,000 people globally, 400 in Michigan, said Joe Petrillo, director of business development.

The company, a leading global supplier of lightweight cast metal parts mostly for the auto industry, has operations in Eaton Rapids, Canada, Mexico, Europe and two plants in China. As of Sunday, operations continued at many of its facilities.

"We're keeping our workers employed and we're waiting to see what happens next, we're primarily an auto supplier and we really follow the guide of the Detroit Three and others globally," said Petrillo.

But Petrillo is nervous about recovery for all auto suppliers.

"Obviously, when this is a sudden stop to the economy it's gonna hurt," Petrillo said. "From our history in China, it does come back. We know this is temporary and if we follow the right practices, things will get back. There'll be a short term hit if you think of the financials, but we'll get through this."

Other big suppliers are going day to day.

A spokeswoman for BorgWarner, which builds powertrain systems, was unclear about the status of its plants, calling it a "dynamic situation that is changing by the hour." She said employees that can work remote are doing so. BorgWarner reported $10.2 billion in sales last year.

The Bosch Group, based in Germany, provides technology to automakers. It has some plants down based on region and a spokesman said it is "continuously fine-tuning our response."

In the United States and Canada, Bosch has a program to pay non-exempt hourly workers who are affected by any shutdowns. Other non-production employees work remotely. Bosch has about 400,000 global employees and its 2019 sales were 77.9 billion euros or $83.7 billion.



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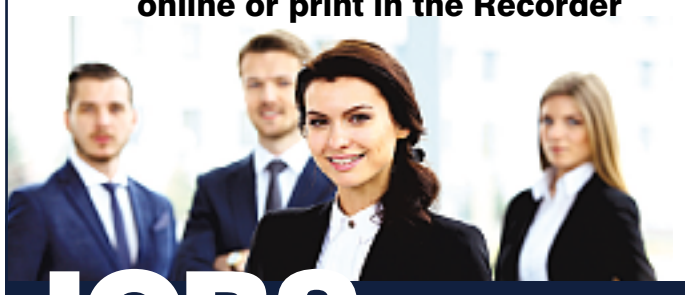
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EDITORIAL

Want to help health care workers? Then stay home

An emergency room doctor in New York City got thrust into an international spotlight this week when former President Barack Obama responded to what he had posted on Twitter. The doctor's theme: a day in the ER.

Identified on social media as Dr. Craig Spencer, the NYC physician in a burst of tweets documented a typical day under the COVID-19 pandemic. It begins with a pot of coffee and a "cacophony of coughing" when he steps in the hospital.

"You take (the) signout sheet from the previous team, but nearly every patient is the same, young & old: Cough, shortness of breath, fever. They are really worried about one patient. Very short of breath, on the maximum amount of oxygen we can give, but still breathing fast.

"You immediately assess this patient. It's clear what this is, and what needs to happen. You have a long and honest discussion with the patient and family over the phone. It's best to put her on life support now, before things get much worse."

For the rest of the day, the doctor's pager pings him. If he has time for lunch, he heads to the hospital cafeteria and wolfs down food, feeling vulnerable without a face mask even for a few minutes. After his shift, he cleans with bleach every item he brought to the hospital, including his wallet, badge and coffee cup. He goes home to his wife and toddler, leaves his belongings outside the door and heads straight to the shower.

"You might hear people saying it isn't real. It is. You might hear people saying it isn't bad. It is. You might hear people saying it can't take you down. It can. I survived Ebola. I fear #COVID-19. Do your part. Stay home. Stay safe. And every day I'll come to work for you," the doctor tweeted.

Health care workers around the world are putting their own health at risk to protect ours. In Wuhan, China, where the coronavirus first blossomed — a city that announced it will lift its monthslong lockdown on April 8 — at least 1,300 health care workers became infected. More than 40,000 health care professionals were brought in to treat patients; they were kept away from their family members and outfitted with elaborate protective gear, according to The New Yorker.

Doctors in Chicago already are reporting an uptick in hospital care for patients showing signs of the virus. Gov. J.B. Pritzker in daily press briefings has released a running list of needed supplies, including masks and ventilators.

Rush University Medical Center's CEO, Dr. Omar Lateef, who joined Pritzker on Tuesday, warned that hospital workforces in some cities are getting cut in half abruptly due to health ailments affecting employees. He said three issues could limit hospitals' ability to serve sick patients here: a shortage of beds, a shortage of personal protective equipment and a shortage of staff. All three are realistic possibilities, even in Illinois where government leaders have been preparing for an outbreak.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Illinois is reporting 1,865 known cases of coronavirus and 19 deaths. Yes, the mortality rate so far is relatively low. But that doesn't make caring for healing victims any easier. Medical workers are exhausted.

Northwestern Memorial Hospital implemented a no-visitor policy to protect patients and staff. The hospital also set up temporary tent structures to screen patients prior to entering the emergency department. The best way to respect and thank health care workers? Stay home, they say.

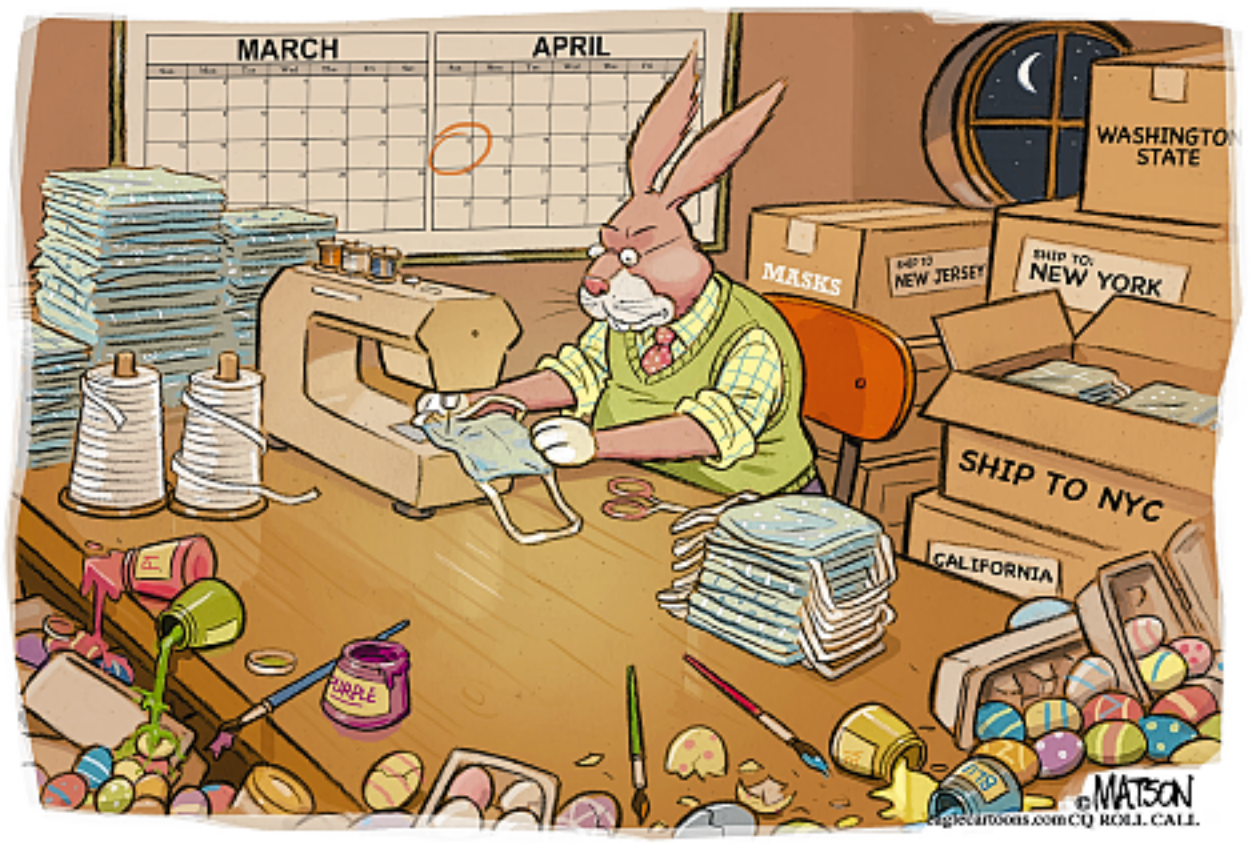
"Avoid going out for anything other than essential needs," the hospital said in statement.

As one registered nurse told us: "We became nurses knowing things like this can happen. ... What we are finding most frustrating is not having the equipment to do it properly and safely for ourselves. We also have families and want to keep them safe." The most frustrating aspect of the pandemic, she said, is "seeing people out running around not taking it serious, then showing up in the ER wanting the highest care."

This week, New York City hospitals are nearing capacity, according to press reports. More than 15,500 people have become infected and 192 have died. Dr. Spencer, whose tweets caught Obama's attention, still will be expected in the ER this week for his regular shift, taking care of sick patients, taking care of himself and hoping he keeps his family safe. Across the country, doctors, nurses and hospital staff members are leaving their homes and pulling on scrubs.

The ill patients they are treating likely were infected a week ago or more, experts say. "The numbers will undoubtedly skyrocket overnight, as they have every night the past few days," Spencer tweeted this week. "More will come to the ER. More will be stat notifications. More will be put on a ventilator."

— Chicago Tribune



COMMENTARY

No, most Americans aren't willing to sacrifice the elderly so we can have Easter brunch

BY DAHLEEN GLANTON
Chicago Tribune

Something about a pandemic brings out the best in people and the worst. It shows us who we really are, whether we choose to see it or not.

There is no better contrast than Chicago epidemiologist Dr. Emily Landon and Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. They are on opposite ends of the spectrum when it comes to the value of life. Both believe that sacrifices must be made during the coronavirus pandemic, but they disagree on who should be making them.

Landon thinks that every life — regardless of age — is worth saving. Patrick suggests that the elderly are expendable.

The notion that some Americans are disposable during a health crisis is one of the most chilling realities to come out of America's response. Patrick took it to a new low on Monday.

Appearing on Fox News' "Tucker Carlson Tonight," the nearly 70-year-old Republican suggested that the elderly might be willing to sacrifice their lives to preserve the economy for their children and grandchildren.

"No one reached out to me and said, 'As a senior citizen, are you willing to take a chance on your survival in exchange for keeping the America that all America loves for your children and grandchildren?'" he said. "And if that is the exchange, I am all in."

In other words, anyone who has lived beyond their usefulness should consider getting out of the way so that everyone else can go back to work, and return to living the fun and exciting lives they are accustomed to.

Then there are people like Landon, the chief infectious disease epidemiologist at the University of Chicago Medicine, who sees firsthand what the rest of us can only imagine regarding the toll this virus is taking on our health care system.

She reminded us that life is precious. And she challenged those of us who believe that to make a sacrifice by simply staying at home to stop the spread of the virus.

"I know we will get through this together and find a way back to the life that we used to live," she said at a news conference Friday held by Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

"Public health and hospitals have been working hard for a long time, and now it's your turn to do your part. This is a huge sacrifice to make but a sacrifice that can make thousands of differences, maybe even a difference in your family too."

That struck a chord with a lot of people. Her brief remarks were shared over and over across the country.

Perhaps it was the absence of judgment in her voice when she asked the healthy and optimistic not to doom the vulnerable.

Maybe it was the mild tone in which she warned that America's hospitals are not equipped to handle an influx of people requiring beds, oxygen and ventilators.

Maybe it was the kind way in which she asked us to be considerate of the many doctors, nurses and other health professionals who are putting their lives on the line in order to save ours, even with inadequate protective gear.

Or maybe it was her brutal honesty in telling us that while this brutal pandemic indeed will end, many of the most vulnerable Americans — the elderly and chronically ill — could die.

It is likely that Landon struck a chord because most Americans are more like her than Patrick. We aren't willing to sacrifice our elderly in exchange for the convenience of going out to Easter brunch.

But we cannot ignore the growing chorus of those at this moment who are sacrificing the health of the elderly and others by roaming the city at will. Nor can we underestimate the power of corporate America to demand that politicians get things moving again.

Just two weeks after recommending isolation and social distancing, Donald Trump seems on the cusp of claiming, "Mission accomplished." The impatient president has grown tired of health officials whispering doom in his ear.

He appears ready to take the emphasis away from saving lives and put it back where he and many others believe it belongs — on the economy, the stock market and big business.

At his news conference on Monday, Trump said we could not allow the "cure to be worse than the disease," signaling his desire to get people moving about again quickly, despite warnings from pandemic specialists that it is way too soon.

That position likely will set well with some healthy Americans who are out of work and worried about the future. According to recent polls, fewer people now believe the pandemic is a real threat than they did a month ago. Increasingly, people are beginning to think that the coronavirus is being blown out of proportion, polls show. Less than half of them are voluntarily changing their behaviors.

It is unlikely that many people agree with Patrick's position — not outright, at least. But the failure by some to take the simple steps to bring this pandemic under control indicates that they have little regard for anyone other than themselves.

Those who continue to frivolously go out in public, even in cities such as Chicago, where a statewide stay-at-home order is in place, are sending a message that they don't care whom they might infect. They prefer to bury their heads in the sand rather than be inconvenienced.

Patrick's idea of killing off the elderly is appalling. But it is also misleading, because everyone is vulnerable. Health care workers are at risk. First responders are at risk. The people who check us out at the grocery store, deliver our meals and drive our buses are at risk. Whenever we walk out the door, we put them in harm's way.

Landon reminded us that the virus is our enemy, and to defeat it, we must treat it as a mighty foe.

"This virus is unforgiving," she said. "If we allow every person with this infection to infect three more people, and then each of them infect two or three people, there won't be a hospital bed when my mother can't breathe very well or when yours is coughing too much."

Patrick suggests that we shouldn't worry about that. Under his idea for saving America, those over the age of 60 should pay the highest price.

Soon, Americans could be at a crossroads. Trump has indicated that he'd like to see things start returning to normal by Easter.

In less than three weeks, we might have to decide what's more important — saving lives or getting the stock market going again. For most people, the choice is easy.

The lives of their parents or grandparents are far more valuable than a thriving 401(k).

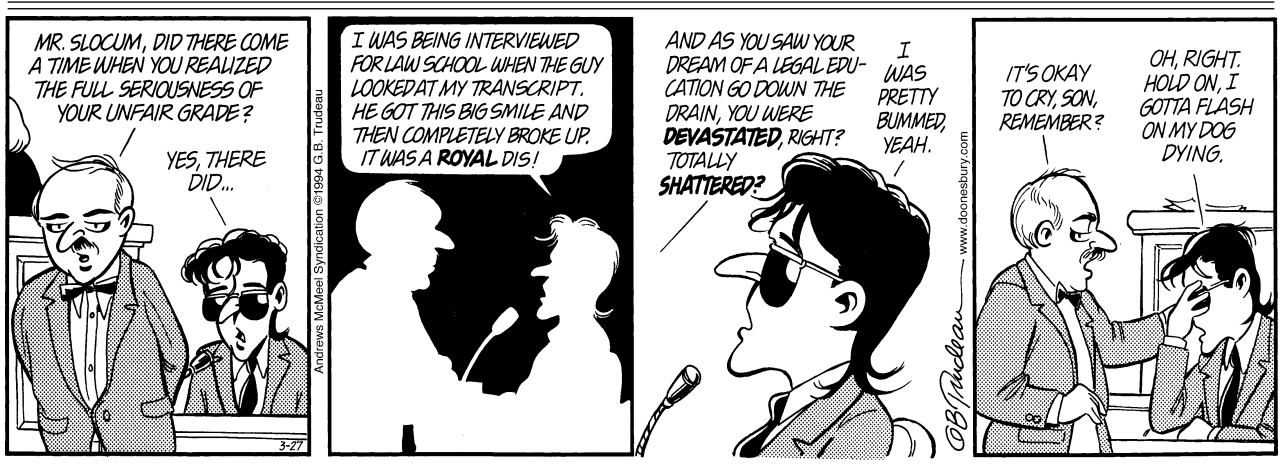
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President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence look over some notes as they participate in a Fox News Virtual Town Hall with Anchor Bill Hemmer, in the Rose Garden of the White House Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

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Washington's old squatters' rights law is put to the test

BY SYDNEY BROWNSTONE
The Seattle Times



TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Naziyr YishmaEl, was at the center of a squatting case that went to the state Supreme Court.

SEATTLE — Police entered the Kent home with their guns drawn. Angela Simmons panicked and held up her hands.

Crisis and opportunity had collided to bring Simmons into the Kent home in 2013. In the aftermath of the recession, when foreclosed houses around King County sat empty, Simmons was introduced to an ancient legal principle called adverse possession that resulted in her living in one such abandoned home that she hoped one day would be hers.

Some may think of it as "squatter's rights," but adverse possession, enshrined in 19th-century Washington law and common law going back centuries, theoretically can provide a path to property ownership through moving into an abandoned home without permission, paying taxes on the property and maintaining the place as an owner would. The challenge is to avoid getting caught.

But Simmons never thought that what she was doing could be considered criminal.

She wasn't the only one.

A man named Naziyr YishmaEl taught a program in south King County on financial self-empowerment, including a course on adverse possession. At that time, several people, including Simmons, had signed onto YishmaEl's program, paid to become members of what he called the Association of Autonomous People. Then, some moved into foreclosed or otherwise vacant homes.

It was a perfect storm of factors: after the housing bubble burst, mortgages became harder to get for some. At the same time, homelessness also started to rise in King County beginning in 2012.

But adverse possession also often attracts attention from law enforcement and prosecutors, and both forces came down hard on YishmaEl. For his business advising people on financial empowerment and how to use the adverse possession law, YishmaEl was charged with theft and conspiracy but acquitted by a jury for all but one misdemeanor — the unlawful practice of law — which the state Supreme Court upheld last month.

Back in 2013, Simmons exchanged emails with YishmaEl, who sent her information on Washington's adverse possession process and a spreadsheet of vacant homes.

So Simmons, then working in city government, looked up the laws and even asked the attorneys she knew about adverse possession. It was real, they told her, though they didn't know how anybody might actually go about it.

For Simmons, the prospect of owning her own home in the area — the ultimate stability for her kids — looked very far away, even on a government salary. So she took the plunge. She settled on a four-bedroom home in a suburban Kent cul-de-sac.

The home was in dire need of repair, so Simmons labored for weeks to fix up the house, remodeling the kitchen and roof. She hired a landscaper, installed an alarm and painted an eggplant accent wall.

It didn't last long. Shortly after Simmons moved in, a neighbor called the police.

Squatting, adverse possession and homesteading all have long histories in Washington state. Homesteaders played a major role in settling the Northwest, often outside the bounds of what was legal. Many white settlers who started farms in the Washington Territory before the land was even surveyed, including on Native land, were later granted legal ownership of it by the U.S. government.

Squatting in vacant buildings in Seattle also served as a major protest tool of activists in the '90s. After protesters agitating for more low-income housing occupied abandoned buildings, two of those buildings were redeveloped to house people with low incomes and formerly homeless people.

The lesser-known law of adverse possession has been on the books since the late 19th century, though in recent years, activists have suggested adverse possession as a common-sense way to combat the homelessness and affordable housing crisis.

Prosecutors alleged that YishmaEl took advantage of people living at the margins through his business, for which he charged $7,000 for membership. YishmaEl countered that he warned his clients he was not a lawyer and advised them that the process wouldn't be easy.

"I explained to each and every one of them, even on the day that this happened, look, the cops are going to be on there," he said. "You're going to have to fight this."

In California, community organizer Steven DeCaprio used the state's adverse possession law to advocate for people experiencing homelessness and to successfully occupy an abandoned home.

Two decades ago, DeCaprio found himself homeless in Oakland after losing a job at Whole Foods. He had already seen squats in Europe — protests that eventually blossomed into communities with schools and music venues — while on tour with his punk band.

"I just started researching and looking into it and the phrase adverse possession came up and I looked into it and eventually started squatting and litigating those squats," DeCaprio said.

DeCaprio found himself in and out of court, and in and out of various homes he and others attempted to occupy in the Bay Area. He founded an organization, Land Action, to help people do the same.

After more than a decade of fixing up a long-abandoned home, DeCaprio eventually acquired the title through adverse possession. His story made national headlines and wound up in an online presentation of YishmaEl's still available to watch on YouTube.

But in Washington, owning a home through adverse possession is much more difficult because of the length of time involved. California only requires five years of occupying a home intended for adverse possession; Washington in most cases requires 10.

"It's not usually a successful strategy just because the period of time is so long," says Edouardo Peñalver, a property law expert and dean of Cornell Law School. "Among the ways to acquire property, it's one of the riskier ones."

Typically, before that 10 year period is up, an owner will show up to kick you out. Plus, there's potential criminal liability, Peñalver said, as if you're breaking and entering onto the property.

But the switch that flips when the clock runs out — that's what makes it enjoyable to teaching students about adverse possession, Peñalver said.

"Because it's so counterintuitive," Peñalver said. "You're engaging in trespass and that's bad, but if you do it long enough you become the owner."

When Simmons explained to the Kent police what was going on, she handed them a packet of paperwork she had filed with King County, including a notice of adverse possession.

Police chalked the dispute up to a civil matter — meaning they couldn't do anything about it — and left.

Then, shortly after her interaction with police, Simmons found out the home was being put up for auction? It left her scrambling. Simmons had sunk an estimated $5,000 into the home, all of which went to waste. She had paid YishmaEl $2,500.

Others who learned about adverse possession from YishmaEl had worse outcomes. Holli Gaines was homeless with her son and her newborn, living out of her car, for more than two months after she was arrested for burglary in a home she found through YishmaEl's course. (The burglary charge was later dropped.) Another woman who followed the adverse possession course lost all her family photos after she was arrested.

On a recent Friday afternoon, YishmaEl, now 50, had just learned that the Washington Supreme Court had upheld his misdemeanor conviction. It frustrated him. He considered his business and what he advised his clients a matter of his First Amendment rights.

"There was no responsibility or accountability on the police," YishmaEl said of the justices' decision. He believes the charges on which some of his clients were arrested never would have held up in court.

U.S. indicts Maduro on drug trafficking charges

BY DEL QUENTIN WILBER AND TRACY WILKINSON
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration announced sweeping indictments Thursday of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and some of his associates on federal drug-trafficking and related charges, in a major escalation of the U.S.-led campaign to topple Maduro and his socialist government.

The charges, described by Attorney General William Barr at a news conference in Washington, allege that Maduro and members of his inner circle conspired with rebels from neighboring Colombia to create a vast and lucrative criminal enterprise in Venezuela "flooding" the United States with cocaine and generating billions in illicit dollars. Maduro and his allies pocketed profits, and the rebels received weapons, prosecutors allege — all while Venezuela descended into poverty and social collapse.

"The Maduro regime is awash in corruption and criminality," Barr said. It has "betrayed the Venezuelan people and corrupted Venezuelan institutions. While the Venezuelan people suffer, this cabal lines their pockets with drug money and proceeds of the corruption. This has to come to an end."

The indictment naming Maduro means he would be subject to arrest if he leaves Venezuela. The U.S. State Department immediately put out a $15-million reward for information leading to his capture.

Barr would not discuss whether the administration might attempt to extradite Maduro — or extract him in a military operation. He said he expected Maduro and others charged in the multiple indictments and one complaint to be tried in U.S. courtrooms.

In Caracas, Maduro responded even before Barr finished speaking. It's a conspiracy from the United States and Colombia, he railed, and "they have given the order to fill Venezuela with violence!" He said he would defend "peace and homeland" against "whatever circumstances present themselves."

It is unusual for the U.S. government to indict a sitting president. The last time such an action was taken was the 1988 indictment of Gen. Manuel Noriega, the powerful and wildly corrupt leader of Panama. A year later, then-President George H.W. Bush invaded Panama and captured Noriega, and he was convicted on trafficking and money-laundering charges.

While U.S. officials often draw parallels between the ways Noriega and Maduro transformed their countries into criminal havens, an invasion-and-capture scenario for Venezuela is seen as highly unlikely. Panama was at the time a small country with a U.S. military presence tied to the Panama Canal. Venezuela by contrast is vast, and Maduro enjoys formidable military support from Russia and Cuba.

The Trump administration — propelled by hawks like former National Security Adviser John Bolton — has sought for more than a year to oust Maduro while the country plunges into economic decay. But the effort has floundered. The administration does not recognize Maduro and has thrown its support behind Juan Guaido, head of the opposition.

The timing of the action raised questions within the foreign policy community and those who follow Venezuelan issues. It comes as Venezuela — its health system already teetering — is being overwhelmed by the coronavirus pandemic, which may make Maduro more open to political negotiations.

"For the first time in a long time, Maduro needs the opposition" for access to international aid to fight the pandemic, said David Smilde, a Tulane University professor who is a fellow at the Washington Office on Latin America. Indicting Maduro now will make him feel cornered and less likely to cooperate.

"This ups the pressure, but it ups Maduro's exit price even more," he said. "It's hard to imagine he would not hunker down. Why negotiate now if you have an indictment hanging over your head?"

Electoral politics have long been at the core of Trump's focus on Venezuela, former officials say, and, with the voting barely seven months away in the U.S., he may be eager to topple the regime in Caracas to energize conservative voters in southern Florida.

Barr said the investigation had been underway for quite some time. Prosecutors were going to announce the charges a week or so ago, he said, but held off to figure out how to manage a press conference and unveiling of charges amid social distancing requirements aimed at slowing the spread of spread of coronavirus.

Barr said announcing the indictments during a global pandemic could help further motivate Venezuelans to jettison Maduro from power.

"It's good timing, actually," Barr said. "The people in Venezuela are suffering, and they need an effective government that responds to the people."

"The regime feeds at the trough, blocking supplies and help to the Venezuelan people from coming in," Barr added. "This is the best way to support the Venezuelan people: To rid this country of this corrupt cabal."

Charges were also filed against 14 other Venezuelan government officials, including the head of the supreme court and military commanders, who were allegedly part of a drug-trafficking effort which started more than a decade ago under the government of the late Hugo Chavez.

Vladimir Padrino Lopez, 56, the defense minister, was indicted on charges of allowing drug dealers who paid him bribes in a five-year span starting in 2014 to safely transit his country's airspace while ordering others to be shot down or forced to land.

Jose Moreno Perez, 54, the chief justice of Venezuela's supreme court, was charged in a criminal complaint with conspiring to commit money laundering by accepting tens of millions of dollars in bribes to "illegally fix dozens of civil and criminal cases," the Justice Department said. The complaint alleged that Perez authorized the seizure and sale of a General Motors plant worth about $100 million in exchange for a percentage of the proceeds. He also released Venezuelans from custody who paid him bribes, including one accused of participating in a multi-billion dollar fraud scheme, the complaint alleges.

Indicted by a federal grand jury in New York on participating in a narco-terorrism conspiracy, conspiring to import cocaine to the U.S. and related charges were: Maduro, 57; Diosdado Cabello Rondon, 56, the head of the National Constituent Assembly; Hugo Armando Carvajal Barrios, former director of military intelligence; and Cliver Antonio Alcala Cordones, 58, a former general.

The indictment alleges that Maduro and the others for years had been members of the Cartel de los Soles ("Cartel of the Suns)", named for the sun insignia affixed to the uniforms of high-ranking military commanders.

They were accused of helping Colombian rebels — the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia, or FARC — import cocaine from Colombia into Venezuela and fly it to Central America to be distributed to the United States. Barr characterized the shipping effort as an "air bridge."

The FARC signed a peace agreement with the Colombian government in 2016, ending one of the hemisphere's longest wars, and most entered civilian life. But a group of dissidents retained their weapons and have mobilized inside Venezuela near its border with Colombia, where U.S. and Colombian authorities maintain they have maintained a robust drug-smuggling operation.

Mohawk Valley forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 54. Northwest wind 5 to 9 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 30. West wind 5 to 7 mph becoming calm in the evening.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 51. Calm wind becoming southeast 5 to 7 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Rain, mainly after 10pm. Low around 39. Southeast wind 6 to 8 mph. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Sunday: Rain. High near 49. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New precipitation amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.

Sunday Night: Rain likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40.

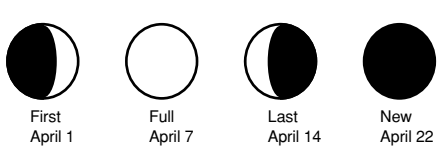
Monday: Rain likely, mainly before 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 50.

Monday Night: A chance of rain before 8pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Moon phases



Need time



Yankees manager Aaron Boone thinks his players will need time to get ready.

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Sudden end



Lauren May Piotrowski looks back at premature end to college bowling career.

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Sports

AUTO RACING

Indy 500 is moving to late August

BY NATHAN BROWN
Indianapolis Star

INDIANAPOLIS — The 2020 Indianapolis 500 will not be run on its scheduled May 24 start date, IndyCar and IMS announced Thursday afternoon, which would make the 104th running of the Greatest Spectacle in Racing the first edition not to be completed during the month of May.

The race is scheduled for Aug. 23.

"The Month of May at IMS is my favorite time of year, and like our fans, I'm disappointed we've had to reschedule the Indy 500," Roger Penske said in a statement. "We're going to double-down on customer experience in the months ahead and I'm confident we'll greet fans with a transformed facility and a world-class spectacle when we run the world's greatest race later this year."

Penske Entertainment Corp. President Mark Miles added: "Memorial Day weekend has always provided Indianapolis 500 fans an opportunity to honor the men and women who have fought and sacrificed for our nation's freedom. This August, we'll also have a unique and powerful opportunity to honor the contributions and heroism of the doctors, nurses, first responders and National Guard members serving on the front lines of the fight against COVID-10."

IMS said tickets purchased for the original race date are automatically valid for the new scheduled race date in August.

There will be practice sessions

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BRIAN SPURLOCK/USA TODAY SPORTS

Simon Pagenaud celebrates winning last year's Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. This year's race has been postponed from May 24 to Aug. 23 because of the coronavirus pandemic.



EVAN HABEEB/USA TODAY SPORTS

A general view of Oriole Park at Camden Yards, where the New York Yankees and Baltimore Orioles were supposed to play on Opening Day on Thursday. The start of the Major League Baseball season is on hold because of the coronavirus pandemic.

COMMENTARY

Here's hoping that MLB finds the right way home

BY PETER SCHMUCK
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Don't know whether this qualifies as irony or not, but Thursday was going to be the earliest opening day in Orioles history.

Instead, it will be replaced by the latest home opener ever, and that's only if we're fortunate enough to see the containment of the coronavirus pandemic before it is necessary to cancel the 2020 Major League Baseball season altogether.

Realistically, there's little chance that the season can be restarted before mid-June, and even starting that soon might require some games to be played in empty stadiums to flesh out the schedule to a reasonable length and recover some otherwise lost television revenue.

While MLB and the players union work to hash out myriad complicated business issues and map out possible resumption scenarios, this is fertile ground for speculation about when and how the now irregular season will restart and what it ultimately will look like.

The most intriguing scenario is a season-opening All-Star Game at Dodger Stadium, since it is difficult to envision any practical way to hold an in-season Midsummer Classic if the season would — at best — be only a few weeks in progress by then.

There is a precedent, sort of. When the 50-day midseason players strike ended in 1981, MLB re-started the season with the All-Star Game that had originally been scheduled three weeks earlier at Cleveland Municipal Stadium.

It set the right tone. The game drew the largest All-Star crowd in history and featured dramatic late-inning home runs by Hall of Famers Gary Carter and Mike Schmidt that gave the National League a 5-4 comeback victory. Carter had two home runs and was named the game's MVP. If the American League had held on to win, the likely MVP would have been Orioles outfielder Ken Singleton.

This would be different in one important respect. Enough of the 1981 season had already been played before the strike to create a statistical basis for selecting the All-Stars. If the 2020 All-Star Game is played before any regular-season games, the multi-level selection process would be based largely on national popularity and 2019 performance.

The bigger challenge will be

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New York Yankees manager Aaron Boone, left, and Philadelphia Phillies manager Joe Girardi talk during batting practice before their March 9 spring training game at Spectrum Field in Clearwater, Florida.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Boone: Yanks will need more than two weeks to get ready

BY KRISTIE ACKERT
New York Daily News

Aaron Boone does not think baseball can compress spring training into the suggested two weeks when MLB is able to start back up following the shutdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Yankees manager said on WFAN on Thursday that it would probably take about three weeks for pitchers to ramp back up after having been shut down for several weeks.

"Even in the best case scenario, I'm sure it's still a few weeks before we even would get back to spring training so guys will have been shut down for a while and even though we go with kind of an expanded roster situation," Boone said. "I still think you need a couple of good weeks of building pitchers up, to get starting pitchers up to, you know, 50, 60 or 70 (pitches) or whatever it is."

"You're obviously not going to get guys all the way built up by the start of the regular season, but you need to have a starter at least give you three to four or five innings."

That will be the tricky part of starting MLB back up once teams are cleared to restart organized workouts by the Centers for Disease Control and local governments. Also Thursday, MLB commissioner Rob Manfred was on the MLB Network emphasizing how important it will be for the league financially to get in as many games as possible.

The push is on to get teams back on the field, back selling tickets and in front of the television cameras as soon as possible. While MLB and the players association continue to work through how they are going to get the league up and running again, the general consensus is that the teams will likely get about two weeks of spring training before they try to open the season.

Hitters generally don't need that long to get ready for the regular season; two weeks of serious at-bats will usually get them back in the groove.

Pitchers, however, are creatures of habit and there has been a traditional way for them to build up for a season that has been tweaked and refined over the last century. The uncertainty of not knowing when they would begin the season left the Yankees pitchers confused when MLB canceled spring training on March 12. Most had already begun the build up to about 50 pitches and were about to peak at 75 before starting to back down and prepare for their first regular-season start.

This is a whole new challenge for pitchers and pitching coaches. Boone said that he has been in regular contact with first-time pitching coach Matt Blake and they have been keeping track of their pitchers, who are mostly scattered across the country, working on throwing programs at home.

But it is still a trial and error process.

The Sunday after the ballparks were shuttered — when Opening Day had been pushed back just two weeks — Masahiro Tanaka was still throwing a regularly scheduled bullpen. That meant off a mound at full intensity.

But he knew that he would have to figure out how to balance staying ready with staying fresh and healthy.

"I mean I don't know and I don't think anybody does, Tanaka said. "We're experiencing something like this for the first time. But I can say, as of now, I probably will not maintain at the highest level."

J.A. Happ, who has an offseason home near the Yankees spring training complex also said he was planning to back off mound work, which puts extra stress on the arm. Gerrit Cole, who would have been making his debut as a Yankee on Thursday against the Orioles at Camden Yards, has been playing catch on flat ground with Boone, who lives nearby.

When baseball gets back, it's also going to be a trial and error to get the pitchers ready again.

"I don't think it's a total reset and that's one of the things that we're trying to stay on top of as best we can. I feel like we're able to for the most part," Boone said. "We've obviously decelerated our pitchers, to a degree but they're also remaining active and keeping their arms going.

"We're logging what they're doing every day as best we can, so that when we get that sign that, 'Okay here's the date, you're going to go back to spring training and start back up,' we'll have a pretty good idea and I don't think it's like starting from zero but, somewhere in between where they were and zero."

NFL

Prescott, Dallas are negotiating

BY CLARENCE E. HILL JR.
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Barring a special circumstance, free agency is pretty much over for the Dallas Cowboys, per a source.

In addition to re-signing several of their own free agents, led by receiver Amari Cooper's five-year, $100 million deal, the team has added three new starters in defensive tackle Gerald McCoy, nose tackle Dontari Poe and safety Ha Ha Clinton-Dix while shoring up depth with tight end Blake Bell and cornerback Maurice Canady.

So the Cowboys have now turned their attention back to the biggest focus of the offseason: signing quarterback Dak Prescott to a contract extension.

Per a source, the Cowboys have not only resumed talks with Prescott and his representative Todd France but have presented him with a new offer that would not only make him the richest player in franchise history but also possibly the highest paid player in the NFL.

When the Cowboys put the exclusive franchise tag on Prescott on March 16, it was after he turned down an updated offer of at least $34 million annually. He had turned down a deal for $33 million annually with $105 million in guarantee money last September.

So any new offer would likely match or exceed Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson's league-leading $35 million annual salary.

Contract length remains a big sticking point in negotiations with Prescott preferring a four-year deal and the Cowboys wanting five years or longer to help spread out the bonus money and lower the cap figure throughout the contract.

While Prescott still holds most of the leverage, the Cowboys are hoping the dwindling franchise tag might help spur a deal.

Due to contract restructures around the league, the exclusive franchise tag for quarterbacks, which is the average of the top five players at the position, has been reduced to $28.6 million, per a source. He is currently counting $26.8 million against the cap. The final franchise tag value will be determined April 17.

It was one thing to turn down $34 million annually when the tag was expected to be $32 million. But if it's $28.6 million, Prescott is leaving a lot of money on the table, especially with the increase with the updated offer.

The Cowboys have until July 15 to sign Prescott to a long-term deal or he will have to play the 2020 season on the franchise tag.

NBA

Curry, Dr. Fauci discuss coronavirus

BY WES GOLDBERG
The Mercury News

During an online conversation with Golden State Warriors star Stephen Curry on Thursday morning, Dr. Anthony Fauci, a leading expert on the coronavirus pandemic, made it clear: "This is serious business."

Nearly 50,000 people tuned into Curry's Instagram as the Warriors star and Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, had a 30-minute conversation covering topics from the importance of social distancing, the development of tests and a vaccine and how to prevent future pandemics.

"One of the reasons why I wanted to have this Q&A, is to hopefully reach different demographics and people who are interested in the facts," Curry told Fauci during the Instagram Live broadcast.

According to The Washington Post, as of Thursday, the coronavirus has killed more than 1,000 people in the United States. While California has issued a shelter-in-place ordinance, Curry was prompted by seeing pictures of people at crowded beaches and parks to communicate the seriousness of the crisis to a younger audience through social media.

At one point during the conversation — which was viewed by several celebrities such as President Barack Obama, Justin Bieber and Andre Iguodala — Curry asked, "What's the biggest piece of information that has been out there?"

"I want people to realize how serious this is," Fauci said. "It's not convenient to be locked inside... it's not convenient for you to not play basketball."

During the conversation, Curry mentioned his own health scare when, earlier this month, he missed two games with flu-like symptoms. At the time, the coronavirus pandemic was beginning to spread and the NBA season had yet to halt indefinitely.

For the first time, Curry acknowledged he was indeed tested for COVID-19, which would make him the first known NBA player to be tested for the novel virus.

"I had flu-like symptoms about two days before the NBA shut down and I got a test pretty much right away," Curry said. "And I know there's a conversation right now about the overall accessibility of tests."

Fauci responded: "That's been a real issue early on. Several weeks ago we were not in a place we wanted to be or needed to be.

"Right now there are literally hundreds of thousands of tests out there, mostly because we got the private sector involved."

As corporations such as Target, Walgreen, Walmart and others help set up testing sites throughout the country and commercial businesses help create more tests, Fauci still urges people to first call a healthcare provider if they are experiencing symptoms. "Don't go to an emergency room because you might be affecting others."

Though social distancing and the development of tests and masks are important to supporting healthcare providers and those who are infected, Fauci is hopeful that a vaccine will be available by next flu season.

"If we really push, we hope we will know by the time we get to next winter whether or not we have something that works," Fauci said. "Vaccines are going to be important for next time around, not for what we're dealing with now."

This unprecedented pandemic has put the sports world on pause. After the NBA announced an indefinite hiatus two weeks ago, other organizations followed suit — including the NCAA, which canceled it's March Madness tournament, and the Olympics, which postponed the Tokyo Games until next year.

Increasingly, people around the country are being forced indoors as non-essential businesses and services close. The messages shared with those watching Curry's broadcast, according to Fauci, could prevent the need for future lockdowns.

"We can avoid that," Fauci told Curry in a conversation between leaders in the medical and sports world. "It would be much different than what we're doing right now."

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Aug. 12 and 13, with Fast Friday then qualifying on Saturday and Sunday. The following week will start with Indy Lights practice and qualifying on Aug. 20, followed by the Indy Lights race, an expanded Indy 500 Pit Stop Challenge and a final practice for Carb Day.

The Indianapolis Grand Prix, usually the first race in the month of May, has been moved to July 4, which creates a doubleheader with the NASCAR race, the first time that has happened.

"This historic pairing will be circled on the calendar of every motorsports fans," Indianapolis Motor Speedway President J. Douglas Boles said. "We appreciate our friends at NASCAR for their flexibility and support

in this matter and will work with them on a memorable, exciting weekend of racing action."

On March 13, IndyCar announced that the first four races on the schedule — St. Pete (March 15), Barber (April 5), Long Beach (April 19) and Circuit of the Americas (April 26) would either be postponed or canceled. Days later on March 15, the CDC urged event organizers to cancel or postpone events until May 10 that would include 50 or more people in one place.

Since then, Long Beach race organizers officially canceled their event for 2020, while Barber has begun issuing refunds to ticket holders and COTA was forced to lay off close to 50% of their event staff due to race and concert postponements until later in the year. IndyCar is trying to make St. Pete the season finale, with a date to be named.

The Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio will now be Aug. 9 and the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 at Gateway will be Aug. 30.

From 1911 to 1970, the Indy 500 was run on May 30, regardless of the day, unless it fell on a Sunday, whereas it was then scheduled for the following Monday. Since 1974, the race has been slated for the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, regardless of the date, though multiple times the races has been postponed due to rain and run on a later date, including 1915 (May 31), 1967 (May 31), 1973 (May 30), 1986 (May 31) and 1997 (May 27).

Since its first running in 1911, the Indy 500 has been run every year except for 1917-18 (World War I) and 1942-45 (World War II).

MLB

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packing enough games into the condensed scheduling window to form a championship season of reasonable length with competitive integrity. That might involve weekly doubleheaders and an extension of the regular season well into October, which would push much of the postseason into November.

According to an ESPN report citing multiple MLB and union sources, both sides are open to the possibility of altering the playoff format to hold some postseason games at neutral sites to avoid wintry conditions in mid-November.

None of this is ideal, of course, but MLB needs to squeeze as much baseball as possible out of the time it might be allotted after the relevant government entities determine that it's safe to resume operations.

It's easy to dismiss the importance of sporting events at this terrible moment in history. No game is worth a life. No corners should be cut when it comes to the safety of the general populace. But there will come a time when life will return to some semblance of normalcy and — at that point — MLB has a responsibility to reconstitute a season that goes well beyond protecting its own financial welfare.

The sheer length of the normal baseball season comes with an assumed economic impact on each area that has a big league franchise. Considering the long-term damage the pandemic will do to the overall economy, every job — full-time or temporary — that can be saved in any industry is critical to an eventual recovery.

This is particularly true in Baltimore, where a variety of factors over the past five years have contributed to a huge downturn in Orioles attendance. That decline already had negatively impacted commerce far beyond the gates of the ballpark before the COVID-19 outbreak put the survival of countless downtown businesses in doubt.

The worst might be yet to come, but that's why it's so important for the National Pastime to make a strong comeback when the coast is finally clear.

WNBA

'Virtual' draft planned

BY DAN WOIKE
Los Angeles Times

The WNBA announced it would continue with its scheduled draft April 17 despite the COVID-19 crisis. The league will conduct a "virtual" draft utilizing video conferencing without players, guests and media in attendance.

During the event, which will be broadcast on ESPN2 beginning at 8 p.m., the league will honor Gianna Bryant, Alyssa Altobelli and Payton Chester, three of the nine victims of the helicopter accident Jan. 26 that also took the life of Kobe Bryant.

The WNBA also announced plans to honor Kobe Bryant during the draft and upcoming season, calling him a "passionate advocate of the league."

The league is scheduled to open training camps April 26 and begin the season May 15. Both dates are fluid because of the pandemic.

SPORTS ON THE AIR

HORSE RACING
1:30 p.m. — America's Day at the Races, FS2
4 p.m. — Trackside Live, NBCSN

Piotrowski reflects on sudden end to college career



Bob Weiner
IN THE POCKET



PHOTO PROVIDED

Schenectady High School and SUNY Schenectady graduate Lauren May Piotrowski's college bowling career at the University of Pikesville (Ky.) came to a sudden end because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Lauren May Piotrowski is still in shock over the premature end of her outstanding final collegiate season on the lanes.

The Schenectady High School and SUNY Schenectady graduate was enjoying a memorable senior campaign for the University of Pikeville (Ky.) women's bowling team when the COVID-19 pandemic canceled all of her postseason playoff aspirations. The Bears had just won the Mid-South Conference championship for the second straight season and were headed to the NAIA National Championship a couple of weeks ago. UPike also was set to compete in the USBC Intercollegiate Team and Singles Regionals in New Jersey.

But suddenly, Piotrowski's collegiate career was over.

"We were on our way to the [USBC] sectionals in New Jersey," Piotrowski said. "We were on the bus, and about halfway through the trip, we got an email that told our coach the NAIA National Championships had been canceled. That was supposed to be held this week.

"When we got the news, it was obviously upsetting, but we tried not to focus on that. We were on our way to the regionals, and we tried to get ready. About an hour or two later, we got a second email telling us that the sectionals were postponed. It was then that we started freaking out. A lot of us were very emotional about it. A lot of my teammates are very passionate about the sport, just like I am.

"I don't think it hit me at first. I mean, this wasn't how my career was supposed to end. In fact, I don't think it all really hit me until this week. I'm not at school right now. My friends are leaving. I can't bowl, and all the alleys are closed."

Piotrowski was enjoying a phenomenal season, and it's no surprise. Known for her accuracy, sharp spare shooting and simple down-and-in style; she won seven Mid-South Bowler of the Week awards in the 2019-20 campaign. She earned one such award a year ago after transferring from SUNY Schenectady.

On Thursday, Piotrowski was named NAIA Women's Bowler of the Year and first team All-American.

"Coming into my senior year, I was a little bit nervous," Piotrowski explained. "It was my last year, and I wanted it to be a good one. I was putting a lot of pressure on myself. But I finally realized that I just had to bowl and relax. I was working hard with my teammates, and both my teammates and my coach were giving me lots of support. With them behind me, I felt unstoppable."

Despite an excellent first-half of the season, Piotrowski felt she could be doing better. Her coach suggested a slight change in equipment.

"I've always been a low-rev player, and I don't hook the ball a lot," she said. "Sometimes, it's hard to get the corner pins out. When I came out of the winter break, my coach threw a wrist brace at me. He said, 'Let's try it out.' He said maybe it would be just a training tool, but he said, 'Let's give it a try.'"

The new brace worked like a charm and immediately gave Piotrowski added versatility in her game.

"It gave me a lot more confidence playing with the better bowlers," she said. "Now, I could learn new angles and go further left on the approach. I can hook the ball a lot more when I need to."

Piotrowski, the Mid-South Conference Bowler of the Year, finished with a 207 overall average this year for the Bears, which is extremely competitive on the challenging collegiate oil patterns she faced. In conference play, she averaged 210.92 for 25 games.

It's clear that Piotrowski has continued to excel at every level. As a youngster, she became the first female bowler to win back-to-back Capital District Youth Scholarship Tour events. She also was the runner-up in the prestigious Michelle Shafer Scholarship Tournament for juniors and earned a national high school scoring average championship. Later, she appeared on two national junior college championship teams with the SUNY Schenectady Royals.

Despite the recent turmoil, the Storm and Roto Grip equipment fan has developed a plan for her future.

"I've decided that I'm going back to UPike for a year to get my masters," said the business administration and accounting major. "I've got an option to get it done in 11 months. I can get a graduate assistant job, so I believe it's a no-brainer."

It's always been on Piotrowski's wish list to try her hand on the Professional Women's Bowling Association tour. She almost changed her mind until her recent surge with her new wrist brace.

"I was skeptical about going pro," Piotrowski said. "I didn't have much confidence in myself competing at that level. But after taking to a few people, and my coach, I think the wrist brace will help me compete out there. I think I will try it. I'll go to a couple tournaments, at first. Hopefully, I get sponsored and it will become a regular thing. But I'll take it day-by-day for now. I'm really looking forward to putting my new wrist brace in action."

Piotrowski said she is trying to keep a positive attitude while she's on a holding pattern with her bowling game.

"I still think that all of our hard work this year didn't go down the drain," she said. "It's still good. I do believe that if we were able to compete in those tournaments we missed, we would have won. It kind of sucks. But I'm happy the way we ended our season with the conference championship. What's going on now is crazy. I honestly think I didn't face what's going on until recently. It's hard to think that my collegiate career is over."

NYSPHSAA CANCELS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Four Section II teams and two sets of all-star units had been waiting several weeks hoping to compete in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championships at AMF Strike & Spare Lanes in Syracuse, but that event was finally officially canceled this week.

Here is a recap of our local representatives.

Schalmont would have been the boys' small-school representative at the state event. Seniors Tommy Moyer and Jarred Frank complemented a trio of sophomores in David Squires, Richard Pitsas and Sean Howlan for veteran coach Hugo McGroty, who is also a prominent member of the Section II bowling committee. McGroty has led Schalmont to a sectional crown three times. Schalmont was 11-3 in the Colonial Council this year.

"We didn't jell like we thought we would after a strong start," McGroty noted. "At the end of the year, it seemed like a long season. There were some questions. We bowled well early in the year, winning the Rotterdam Invitational, and I knew we had the ability. We finally came together at the sectionals."

Leading the way was Squires, a sophomore who carried a 216 league average, 214 overall. He tossed a 1,351 six-game block at sectionals but was nursing a finger injury at the end of the season.

"David is a really talented person," McGroty said. "He can hook the ball and go left, or he can use his speed and go straighter."

Moyer, a lefty, owned a 207 composite average, 202 in league play.

"Tommy is a four-year player and a captain the last two years for us," McGroty said. "He's quiet but is our leader. He has a lot of ability and a lot of family support."

Frank (199 average) came on strong late for the Sabres.

"He's a three-year player who changed schools to get here," McGroty said. "Bowling is very important to him. He has tremendous hook potential. When he can hook the ball the way he wants to, he can be unbelievable. In our two-game practice session, he rolled games of 279 and 299."

Pitsas was second for the Sabres in sectionals with a 1,231 block. He averaged 195 overall, 193 in league.

"Richard starting off the season struggling, but he changed equipment halfway through the year. He's been unbelievable the last half and has been bowling good everywhere he's been," McGroty said. "He has a lot of ball speed and is doing very well with that good equipment right now. He threw some big games in the sectionals to help us get here."

Howlan was consistent in league (194 average) and overall competition (195). He's nearly always in the pocket.

"He works hard at his game," McGroty said. "Sean had difficulties halfway through the year, but he regained the form he had early in the season. He bowled very well for us in the afternoon block of the sectionals."

Other teams that were supposed to represent Section II at the states were the South Glens Falls boys' team (large schools), Schenectady girls' team (large schools), Middleburgh girls' team (small schools), the boys' composite team and the girls' composite team.

South Glens Falls compiled a 49-23 record in the Foothills Council. Every league had its own scoring system. The Bulldogs were led by junior Willis Bickford, who carried a 223 average and shot 1,397 at sectionals, and by junior Mykal Brunelle, who averaged 205 and shot a 1,394. Junior Jacob Hall (213 average, 1,219 sectional block), junior Dalton Jones (199, 1,235) and junior Chris Sharpe (192, 1,183) rounded out the starters for coach Brandon Bickford.

Schenectady (9-5 in the Suburban Council) featured a starting lineup of senior Katie Polomaine (193 league average, 1,265 sectional block), sophomore Kiara Beehm (190, 1,128), sophomore Ashley Wolf (180 average), eighth-grader Selena Wolf (166 average) and sophomore Shane' Terry (167).

Middleburgh breezed through the Western Athletic Conference with a gaudy 56-0 record. The Knights have been dominant in the small-school division over the last three seasons and were paced by sophomore Jaidyn Rose (189 average), sophomore Cameryn Shultes (184), sophomore Danni Chichester (163), ninth-grader Julia Bingham (150) and ninth-grader Qwen Porter (147).

Both six-player composite teams were also strong. The boys' all-section contingent included Schenectady senior Seven Terry (209 average, 1,378 sectional block), junior Zach Bogholtz of Columbia (215, 1,375), junior Parker Brown of Averill Park (203, 1,372), senior Jacob LaFountain of Mechanicville (218, 1,356), junior Tyler Mann of Middleburgh (205, 1,339) and senior Max Surprenant of Cohoes (207, 1,326).

The girls' all-section contingent included junior Lauren Buess of Guilderland (196, 1,336), eighth-grader Jocelyn Smith o Glens Falls (196, 1,238), senior Marisa Heinze of Colonie (185, 1,231) and senior Abbey Fruiterman (194, 1,212) and Hoosic Valley tandem of sophomore Leigha Henkel (193, 1,227) and junior Emily Cumo of Hoosic Valley (178, 1,222).

STRIKES & SPARES

Although all local bowling centers are closed because of state mandates involving the COFID-19 health concerns, here is some national/regional news. The USBC Intercollegiate Singles and Team Championship, set for April 13-18 in Grand Rapids, Mich., has been canceled.

The USBC National Convention is postponed, as is the start of the 2020 U.S. Open and Women's Championship.

The USBC announced that the Senior Masters, Super Senior Classic and Senior Championship have been postponed due to the COVID-19 public health concerns. The Senior Masters was a major event on the PBA50 Tour schedule, but the PBA announced that all of its tournaments are on hiatus indefinitely.

The NYS 600 Club Tournament, hosted by the Electric City 600 Club, has been canceled. It was originally scheduled for Boulevard Bowl in June.

This is tentatively the final bowling column of the season as we wait to see if the season will be resumed.

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BOXING

Fury-Wilder III bout could happen in fall

Fight was set for July 18 in Vegas

BY JOSH SLAGTER
mlive.com

The third fight between Tyson Fury and Deontay Wilder will have to wait.

With the sports calendar on pause and Las Vegas virtually shut down amid the coronavirus pandemic, Top Rank's Bob Arum said it only made sense to push the July 18 fight back.

"We don't even know if the MGM will even be open by then," Arum told ESPN.com. "You could not guarantee the fighters that the event would take place on that date. We couldn't convince them or ourselves.

"Where were they going to train for it? It just made no sense. You just have to take a step back."

Arum, who serves as Fury's co-promoter, said they're now looking at early October for the fight.

Fury (30-0-1) and Wilder (42-1-1) fought to a controversial split draw in Dec. 2018. The Feb. 22 rematch was one of the most anticipated heavyweight fights in recent memory, and should come in at around 850,000 pay-per-view buys after a huge promotion by ESPN. The first fight did had only around 300,000 PPV buys.

In the rematch, Fury knocked Wilder down in the third and fifth rounds, and Wilder's corner threw in the towel in the seventh. After the fight, Wilder suggested his 40-pound ring walk outfit contributed to the outcome.

Fury-Wilder III again will be a join pay-per-view by ESPN and FOX. Since he won the second fight, Fury will get a 60 percent share of the purse. The initial rematch was a 50-50 split.



JOE CAMPOREALE/USA TODAY SPORTS

Deontay Wilder and Tyson Fury box during their WBC heavyweight title bout Feb. 22 at MGM Grand Garden Arena. Fury won via a seventh-round TKO.

Free online cooking lessons being offered

BY SHARYN JACKSON
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Always wanted to learn how to make béchamel? Or understand the difference between champagne and cremant? Now you can.

One bright side to socially distant home life is all the newfound time to cook. But if you don't know your paring knife from your ginsu, you can now attend your own cooking school at home.

Many culinary masters and food-and-drink educators are posting their knowledge on the web — some for free.

The Italian chef Massimo Bottura, whose Osteria Francescana in Modena, Italy, scored three Michelin stars, is hosting daily live lessons on Instagram, which he's calling "Kitchen Quarantine."

And he doesn't waste time getting to the most important instruction for any chef in the time of coronavirus — or ever. "First of all," Bottura says, "wash your hands."

So far, he's gone over curry, salad and even mac-and-cheese — yes, kid food from one of the world's best chefs. You have to tune in live — 3 p.m. Eastern — for his hyper-enthusiastic lesson, but Bottura also posts a Q&A afterward, dipping in and out of Italian and English. An extra tutorial en Italiano on that béchamel sounds as luxurious as the sauce.

If you like watching people do what they do best, then go to the always-free Bon Appétit Video channel. The magazine's test kitchen chefs have become cult celebrities with their offbeat-yet-gripping shows. Chris Morocco tries to recreate a dish while blindfolded? Sure. Carla Lalli Music teaches a celebrity how to cook while standing back-to-back? OK.

Best of all is "Gourmet Makes," pastry chef Claire Saffitz's trial-and-error epic, in which she attempts to recreate junk food. Almost always, she struggles until lightning strikes. It's 40 suspenseful minutes of comfort food on screen. (Bonus: Saffitz went to summer camp in Bemidji, she says in her Combos episode.) One could learn how to make Girl Scout Cookies from scratch, but the real lesson is that perseverance is an indispensable kitchen ingredient.

More lessons can be learned from the queen of cooking shows, Julia Child. Through the end of the month, Amazon Prime members can stream her classic series "The French Chef" for free. (The rest of the time, the show is a paid add-on in Prime or through TPT Passport.) If you need to get over the ick-factor of handling raw chicken, Child won't hold your hand, but she will show you how it's done. "Here is our dear little friend, the chicken," she says in one episode in her jolly lilt, while knifing it to pieces.



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Julia Child, shown in this 1995 file photo.

The New York Times cooking team has a YouTube channel where Melissa Clark, Alison Roman and guests like Jamie Oliver and "Queer Eye"'s Antoni Porowski do baked ziti, cookies and more.

Christopher Kimball's Milk Street magazine, which normally charges for its online Cooking School, has taken down the paywall on more than a dozen classes. Each class page contains videos, recipes, step-by-step photo guides and scans of related articles from the magazine. You'll still need to register on the site, but there's no payment.

America's Test Kitchen has also removed its paywall on its 50 "all-time favorite" recipes. The site also posts full episodes of its cooking show, and more than 50 of the most recent episodes are free to stream. Travel via your kitchen with recent offerings like "The Very Best Paris-Brest" and "A Trip to Rome."

Food Network Kitchen, the TV channel's educational app with live classes, does charge by the month (or year). But you can get a free starter month when you sign up, though you'll have to enter credit card information.

You don't have to live in Minnesota to take an online class from these Twin Cities educators.

Cooks of Crocus Hill, the Minneapolis and St. Paul shop and cooking school, will post video tutorials. The first: "We'll be talking about pantry cooking, quick and easy recipes. And ideas for engaging your kids," said owner Karl Benson. Check the website for more details as they become available. Benson said he'll be scheduling video classes with chefs and restaurants in town. And search the blog for the series Tasty Bits, less-than-a-minute videos with chefs and teachers about a surprise item inside a Cooks of Crocus Hill shopping bag.

Project Success, the youth development organization for Minneapolis Public School students, has turned its cooking institute into an online class geared toward 9th-12th graders. Kids will learn about recipes from different world cultures, as well as heating, seasoning and baking. The live classes run on Instagram Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at.instagram.com/projectsuccessorg.

And Jason Kallsen, founder of Twin Cities Wine Education, has taken his vast knowledge of wine online. He's just launched the Wine Workshop, a series of 3-day courses with an interactive social message board, so participants can chat about the tutorials as they sample their own vino ($29). There are also 1-hour webinars, like this Friday's Quick Classes on Vinho Verde and Port ($19).

Learning about wine online is well suited to these times, Kallsen said.

"Wine has always been a magnet for connection," he said. "Now more so than ever, because it reminds us of vintages and places. When you look at a bottle of wine, that's sunshine and rainfall from another place and another time that you're putting in your body. Wine is time travel."



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Pizza-flavored chicken burgers and salad.

Spice things up with this pizza-flavored chicken burger

BY LINDA GASSENHEIMER
Tribune News Service

Two of America's favorite foods, pizza and burgers, combine in this pizza chicken burger. This quick dinner takes only 10 minutes to cook.

The burger uses ground chicken. Make sure the package says made from chicken breast meat only. If it says ground chicken, then skin, fat and dark meat can be used.

HELPFUL HINTS

— Other pasta sauce can be used instead of pizza sauce.

— Any type of cheese slices can be used.

— Any type of olive can be used.

COUNTDOWN

— Make salad and set aside.

— Make burgers.

SHOPPING LIST

To buy: 3/4 pound ground chicken breast meat only, 1 bottle pizza sauce, 1 package part skim milk mozzarella cheese, 1 small container black olives, 1 package whole wheat or whole grain hamburger rolls, 1 bunch fresh basil, 1 bag washed ready-to-eat salad, 1 large tomato and 1 bottle reduced-fat vinaigrette dressing and 1 can olive oil spray.

Staples: salt and black peppercorns.

PIZZA-FLAVORED CHICKEN BURGER

Recipe by Linda Gassenheimer

3/4 pound ground chicken breast meat only

1/2 cup bottled pizza sauce, divided use

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Olive oil spray

2 slices part skim milk mozzarella cheese, about 1 ounce total

6 pitted black olives, sliced

2 whole wheat or whole grain hamburger rolls

Several basil leaves

Mix chicken with 2 tablespoons pizza sauce and add salt and pepper to taste. Shape into two burgers about 4-inches in diameter and 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Heat a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Spray with olive oil spray and saute burgers 5 minutes. Turn and saute 3 minutes. Place a cheese slice over each burger. Cover with a lid and cook 2 to 3 minutes. A meat thermometer should read 165 degrees. Place burgers on bottom half of each roll. Mix olives into remaining pizza sauce and spoon over the burgers. Place several basil leaves over the sauce. Close with top of the roll.

Yield 2 servings.

Per serving: 391 calories (31% from fat), 13.4 g fat (3.5 g saturated, 4.8 g monounsaturated), 137 mg cholesterol, 45.6 g protein, 19.4 g carbohydrates, 3.7 g fiber, 364 mg sodium.

SALAD

Recipe by Linda Gassenheimer

4 cups washed, ready-to-eat lettuce

1 large tomato cut into small wedges

4 tablespoons reduced-fat vinaigrette dressing

Place lettuce and tomato wedges in a bowl and add dressing. Toss to coat salad with the dressing.

Yield 2 servings.

Per serving: 54 calories (40% from fat), 2.4 g fat (0.2 g saturated, 0.7 g monounsaturated), 2 mg cholesterol, 2.1 g protein, 8 g carbohydrates, 3.1 g fiber, 21 mg sodium.

Rocco DiSpirito finds comfort in going keto

BY ARTHI SUBRAMANIAM
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The keto diet was everything Rocco DiSpirito ever dreamed of.

The notion that fat is fuel was music to his ears. He could lose some serious weight and fast while continuing to eat cheese, heavy cream, steaks, bacon and his "favorite food in the world" — butter.

As a restaurant chef, he cooked with real fats all the time and so was tasting them constantly. Plus, the diet worked; he was losing "shedloads" of pounds.

However, along with the weight loss came boredom. The limited diet excludes most fruits, starchy vegetables, bread, pasta and grains. This meant he could not have the crusty Italian bread, lasagna or breaded chicken Parmesan that he grew up on. Taste fatigue was setting in and so was panic.

"I started pondering this whole keto-is-boring thing and thinking about how I could turn keto meals into comfort food at its tastiest, especially at a time when my own fat-burning flames needed some fanning," he writes in his latest cookbook, "Rocco's Keto Comfort Food Diet," which went on sale earlier this month.

He was convinced that the diet needed a makeover. While staying true to its motto of low carbs and high fat, it needed to include a wider range of foods and ones that people enjoy eating.

"I wanted to advance conversations about keto by combining it with comfort foods because they usually conform to a lot of starches," DiSpirito said in a recent phone interview.

"Rocco's Keto Comfort Food Diet" is the Culinary Institute of America grad's 14th cookbook. His first, "Flavor," won a James Beard Award; the last nine books have been about health and wellness.

Long before becoming a keto diet advocate, DiSpirito was a rock star in the culinary world. In the late 1990s, he ran the kitchen in New York City's Union Pacific, earning a three-star review from The New York Times. His eponymous restaurant on 22nd Street was the subject of a NBC reality series, "The Restaurant."

In 2004, he fell on hard times, and announced he is taking a break from his restaurant's day-to-day operations. He turned to pitch for pasta, pots and luxury cars, popping up on reality TV shows as a judge and fox-trotting as a contestant on "Dancing With the Stars."

Then out of the blue, he returned to the restaurant world in 2018 when he joined The Standard Grill in New York City as executive chef, only to leave the business again last October.

These days he is a chef without a restaurant. His company, Pound a Day, promotes his Pound a Day diet, which is designed to help people lose up to 5 pounds every five days. He advises clients in New York City, Los Angeles and Florida on how they can enjoy their favorite foods through healthy dieting.

DiSpirito was scheduled to have been among the panelists to talk about health, wellness and the keto lifestyle at the 42nd annual International Association of Culinary Professionals conference in Pittsburgh later this month. The conference has since been postponed to October because of concerns over COVID-19.

Here are some highlights from the phone interview:

Why keto works: "It's the easiest diet to understand and is about low carbs and high fats. You have to avoid empty calorie carbs and there are not many obstacles to meet. It is a diet without deprivation and it keeps up its promise: If you follow the diet faithfully, you will lose weight rapidly."

How it works: "Sugar, not fat, is the villain. When you limit carbs in your diet, the body shifts from the carb tank to the fat tank and burns the fat faster. So dieters can lose a pound a day, feel energized but not deprived."

On comfort and cravings: Eating comfort foods the keto way played a big role in not only satisfying his cravings but also not leaving him hangry. As a result he was able to fit keto into his lifestyle almost effortlessly.

In his recipes, all-purpose flour is replaced by almond and coconut flours for biscuits, muffins, doughnuts, cinnamon rolls and dumpling soup. Pancakes and desserts are sweetened with erythritol and leafy greens stand in for bread in tacos and burgers.

Meatballs are served with zucchini noodles and cauliflower comes to the rescue in a low-carb pizza, mashed potatoes, hash browns and mac 'n' cheese.

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TBS	5	48	To Be Announced		To Be Announced					To Be Announced						To Be Announced	The Last O.G. CC (DVS)
WRGB	6	6	CBS 6 News at 6 (N) CC	CBS 6 News at 6:30 (N)	CBS Evening News	Family Feud CC	MacGyver (In Stereo) CC		Hawaii Five-0 (N) (In Stereo) CC		Blue Bloods (N) (In Stereo) CC (DVS)		CBS 6 News at 11pm (N)	The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (In Stereo) CC		The Late Late Show With James Corden CC	
WXXA	8	7	The Big Bang Theory CC	Judge Judy CC	News10 at 7:00 on FOX23	Judge Judy CC	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (In Stereo Live)				News10 at 10:00	News10 at 10:30	The Goldbergs CC	Modern Family CC	TMZ (N) (In Stereo) CC	The Real (In Stereo) CC	
WTEN	10	10	News10 at 6:00pm (N)	ABC World News	Wheel of Fortune (N) CC	Jeopardy! (N) CC	Shark Tank (N) (In Stereo) CC (DVS)		20/20 (In Stereo) CC				News10 at 11:00pm (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (In Stereo) CC		Nightline (N) CC	Paid Program
WMHT	11	4	BBC World News America CC	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) CC		New York Now CC	Washington Week (N)	Firing Line With Margaret	Somewhere South Pepperoni rolls and empanadas. CC		The Inn at Little Washington: A Delicious Documentary (N)		Amanpour and Company (N) (In Stereo) CC		New York Now CC	Firing Line With Margaret	Somewhere South CC
WNYT	13	13	Newschannel 13 Live at 6	NBC Nightly News - Holt	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Inside Edition (N) CC	The Blacklist Glen tries to prove his value to Red. (N)		Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo) CC				Newschannel 13 Live at 11	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (In Stereo) CC		Late Night With Seth Meyers (In Stereo) CC	
CSPN	14	71	(3:30) Public Affairs Events (In Stereo) CC						Politics & Public Policy		Newsmakers	Politics and Public Policy Today CC			Politics and Public Policy Today CC		
WCWN	15	8	2 Broke Girls "Pilot" CC	2 Broke Girls CC	Mike & Molly CC	Mike & Molly CC	Charmed The charmed ones face their worst fears. (N)		Dynasty Liam follows a lead on his baby mama. (N) CC		CBS 6 News at 10pm (N) (Live) CC		Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	DailyMailTV (N) CC
WYPX	20	5	NCIS: Los Angeles Pentagon documents are stolen. CC		NCIS: Los Angeles Sam searches for a terrorist group.		NCIS: Los Angeles A man breaks into Callen's house.		NCIS: Los Angeles Exposing corrupt cops. (In Stereo) CC		NCIS: Los Angeles Deeks is shot during a store robbery.		NCIS: Los Angeles Rescuing a Saudi prince's son.		NCIS: Los Angeles NCIS investigates a disappearance.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent
HSN	21	15	Electronic-TRACFONE		Something's Cooking		Something's Cooking		Fashion Fridays with Diane		Electronic-TRACFONE		Electronic-TRACFONE		Bissell Cleaning (N) CC		Keep It Clean
QVC	22	12	Fri-YAY! With Jane & David (N) (Live) CC						Isaac Mizrahi Live! (N) CC		Today's Top Tech (N) CC		DaretoShareBeauty		Dooney & Bourke (N) CC		Dooney
TWC	23	33	Weatherscan Local From The Weather Channel								Weatherscan Local From The Weather Channel						
ESPN	24	25	SportsCenter (N) (Live) CC		To Be Announced				TBA	To Be Announced				SportsCenter (N) (Live) CC			SportsCenter
ESPN2	25	26	Max	TBA	To Be Announced				TBA	To Be Announced				Interruption	Now or Never	NFL Live (N) CC	
MSGPL	26	20	Bowling	Horse Race		TBA	To Be Announced					TBA	NHRA Drag Racing: AMALIE Motor Oil NHRA Gatornationals.				
TNT	27	18	Bones (In Stereo) CC		Bones (In Stereo) CC		Movie: ★★★ *"The Dark Knight Rises"* (2012) Christian Bale. Batman faces a masked villain named Bane.							Movie: ★★★ *"Hellboy II: The Golden Army"* (2008, Action) CC			
USA	28	30	*"Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"*			Movie: ★★★ *"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"* (2005, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. CC (DVS)							Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam
AMC	29	34	(4:30) Movie: *"Gran Torino"*		Movie: *"Hacksaw Ridge"* (2016) Medic Desmond Doss becomes a hero during World War II.						Movie: ★★★ *"Gran Torino"* (2008) A veteran faces his longtime prejudices.					The Walking Dead CC	
LIFE	30	27	King	King	King	King	King	King	King	King	King	King	King	King	King	King	King
FX	31	23	(5:30) Movie: ★★½ *"Jurassic World"* (2015) (In Stereo) CC				Movie: ★★★ *"Spider-Man: Homecoming"* (2017, Action) Tom Holland. (In Stereo) CC						Movie: ★★★ *"Girls Trip"* (2017, Comedy) Regina Hall. (In Stereo) CC				
TOON	32	47	Steven Univ.	Steven Univ.	Steven Univ.	Steven Univ.	Final Space	Final Space	Bob's Burgers	Rick, Morty	American Dad	American Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Ballmastrz	Mike Tyson	The Jellies
NICK	33	28	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Crystal Maze (N) CC		Young Dylan	The Substitute	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC
DISN	34	35	Jessie CC	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Bunk'd CC	Sydney-Max	Coop & Cami	Movie: *"Zombies 2"* (2020) Meg Donnelly.			Sydney-Max	Coop & Cami	Owl Hse.	Jessie CC	Jessie CC	Raven's Home
FREE	35	16	Movie: ★★★ *"Hercules"* (1997, Children's) (In Stereo) CC				Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The 700 Club (In Stereo) CC		Movie: ★★★ *"Casper"* (1995) (In Stereo) CC		
COM	36	43	South Park "Poor and Stupid"		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Cellar	South Park	South Park	South Park	
DISC	37	17	Gold Rush (N) (In Stereo) CC				Gold Rush: Parker's Trail "Tyler's Trial" (N) (In Stereo) CC						Outback Opal Hunters (N)		Gold Rush Parker seeks a gold-rich claim.		
A&E	38	57	(5:00) Live PD Riding along with law enforcement. CC				Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 02.15.19" (In Stereo) CC						Live PD "Live PD -- 02.15.19" CC		
HIST	39	40	Pawn Stars An iconic warship.		Pawn Stars CC (DVS)		Pawn Stars CC (DVS)		Pawn Stars "Pawnsplosion"		Pawn Stars (N) CC		Eating History	Eating History	Pawn Stars "Pawnsplosion"		Pawn Stars
TLC	40	37	Say Yes to the Dress CC		90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90		90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days "Our Lips Are Sealed" (N)				90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90	90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (In Stereo)		
HGTV	41	41	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home
FOOD	42	51	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
OWN	43		Dr. Phil (In Stereo)		Dr. Phil (In Stereo) CC		20/20 on OWN (In Stereo)		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		20/20 on OWN CC		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Hard Evidence
NBCS	44	126	(5:00) The National Dog Show		Beverly Hills Dog Show From the Fairplex in Pomona, Calif.				The National Dog Show Over 2000 dogs compete. CC				The National Dog Show Dogs vie to be named Best in Show.				Power Nation
BET	45		(5:00) Movie: ★★ *"All About the Benjamins"* (2002) Ice Cube.				Movie: ★★½ *"Stomp the Yard"* (2007) Columbus Short. A troubled dancer enrolls in college.						Tyler Perry's Sistas CC		Twenties	Boomerang	Martin CC
CNN	46	31	Situation Room With Wolf		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N) CC		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360 CC		Prime Time
HN	47	32	Sex & Murder CC		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files
CNBC	48	38	Mad Money (N) CC		Shark Tank CC (DVS)		Shark Tank CC (DVS)		Shark Tank CC (DVS)		Shark Tank CC (DVS)		Shark Tank CC (DVS)		Shark Tank CC (DVS)		Shark Tank
MNBC	49	36	The Beat With Ari Melber (N)		MSNBC Live: Decision 2020		All In With Chris Hayes (N)		The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word		The 11th Hour		The Rachel Maddow Show		Last Word
GOLF	51	121	(2:00) PGA Tour Golf From Austin, Texas.				LPGA Tour Golf				PGA Tour Champions Golf				PGA Tour Golf From Austin, Texas.		
SYFY	53	44	★★½ *"The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift"*			Movie: ★★★ *"John Wick: Chapter 2"* (2017, Action) Keanu Reeves. CC (DVS)					Vagrant Queen CC		SYFY Wire	Movie: ★½ *"R.I.P.D."* (2013, Action) Jeff Bridges. CC			
PARMT	55	42	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Movie: ★★★ *"Coming to America"* (1988) Eddie Murphy. (In Stereo) CC					Movie: ★★★ *"Coming to America"* (1988) Eddie Murphy. (In Stereo) CC					*Trading*
VH1	56	39	*"Madea's Family Reunion"*		RuPaul's Drag Race CC		RuPaul's Drag Race (N) (In Stereo) CC				Movie: ★★½ *"Madea's Family Reunion"* (2006) Tyler Perry. (In Stereo) CC					★★ *"Love Don't Cost a Thing"*	
MTV	57	29	(5:08) Movie: *"Rush Hour 3"*		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
TCM	58	55	Movie: ★★★½ *"The Haunting"* (1963, Horror) Julie Harris. CC				Movie: *"Million Dollar Legs"*		Movie: ★★★★ *"Dinner at Eight"* (1933) Marie Dressler.				Movie: ★★★ *"Manhattan Melodrama"* (1934) Clark Gable. CC				*After Office*
BRAV	59	54	Shahs of Sunset CC		Shahs of Sunset CC		Shahs of Sunset CC		Shahs of Sunset (N) CC		Movie: ★½ *"Friday After Next"* (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube. CC			Movie: ★½ *"Friday After Next"* (2002) CC			
E!	60	45	Movie: ★★ *"Next Friday"* (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube. CC				Movie: ★★ *"Next Friday"* (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube. CC				Movie: ★★★ *"21 Jump Street"* (2012, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Brie Larson. CC					The Kardashians	
NGEO	61	120	Lockup Orange County		Lockup: Wabash		Lockup: Tampa		Lockup: Tampa		Lockup: Tampa		Lockup: Tampa		Lockup: Tampa		Lockup
UNI	62		Noticiero	Noticiero Univ.	La Rosa de Guadalupe (SS)		Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Sin miedo a la verdad		Noticiero Univ.	Noticiero Uni	Contacto Deportivo		Destilando
TVL	63	46	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	King	King	King	King	King
LMN	64	161	Movie: *"My Daughter's Ransom"* (2019) Scottie Thompson.				Movie: *"You Can't Take My Daughter"* (2020) Premiere. CC				Movie: *"The Twisted Nanny"* (2019) Tara Erickson. CC				Movie: *"You Can't Take My Daughter"* (2020)		
WE	65	140	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Mama June: From Not to Hot		Mama June: From Not to Hot		Mama June: From Not to Hot		Mama June: From Not to Hot		Mama June: From Not to Hot		Love After Lockup CC		Love- Lockup
YES	67		Michael Kay	Nets Pregame	To Be Announced					Postgame	SportsMoney	Boxing 30	CenterStage (In Stereo) CC		To Be Announced		
FXN	70	56	Special Report		The Story With Martha		Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle (N) CC		Fox News at Night With Shannon Bream (N) CC				Coronavirus
TRUTV	71	58	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Tacoma FD	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Movie: ★½ *"Norbit"* (2007, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. CC				Hot Ones	Hot Ones	Hot Ones
EWTN	78	21	EWTN News	God's Will	Daily Mass - Olam Daily Mass		Thirst for Truth - for Souls		EWTN News	Holy Rosary	Mater	Life on Rock	Icons	Women of	Father Spitzer's Universe		At Home With
BBC	110	109	(5:00) Movie: ★★★½ *"The Karate Kid"* (1984) Ralph Macchio.				Movie: *"A Few Good Men"* (1992) A Navy lawyer defends two Marines in a comrade's death.						Movie: ★★★½ *"A Few Good Men"* (1992, Drama) Tom Cruise. CC				
A-P	132	52	Tanked (In Stereo)		Tanked (In Stereo)		Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition "Tanks for the Heroes" (N)				Tanked (In Stereo)		Tanked (In Stereo) CC		Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition (In Stereo)		
SCI	136	102	Houdini's Last Secrets CC		Strange Evidence CC		Strange Evidence CC		Strange Evidence CC		Strange Evidence CC		Strange Evidence CC		Strange Evidence CC		Evidence
FXX	144	125	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Archer CC
TRAV	165	50	Ghost Nation CC		Ghost Nation CC		Ghost Nation CC		Kindred Spirits "Stage Fright"		Portals to Hell (N) CC		Haunting in the Heartland (N)		Ghost Nation CC		Kindred
OXYGEN	171	53	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "A Villainous Plan" (N) CC				Murdered by Morning CC		Murdered by Morning CC		Murdered by Morning CC		Murdered by Morning CC		Murdered
CSP2	226	72	Public Affairs	Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)											Public Affairs Events (In Stereo)		
DFC	266	101	Dogs 101 (In Stereo) CC		Chopped Junior CC		Chopped Junior CC		Chopped Junior CC		Chopped Junior CC		Chopped Junior CC		Chopped Junior CC		Chopped Jr.
CMTV	293	49	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Mom CC	Mom CC	Mom CC	Mom CC	Mom CC	Mom CC	Mom CC	Mom CC	Mom CC	CMT Crossroads CC		Golden Girls
CLSC	303	131	College Football From Nov. 22, 1997.				Top Rank Classic Fights		Top Rank Classic Fights		Classic Fights Boxing		Top Rank Classic Fights		College Football From Nov. 28, 2008. CC		
HBO	511	201	(5:55) Movie: ★★★½ *"Blinded by the Light"* (2019) CC				The Plot Against America		The Plot Against America		Real Time With Bill Maher		High Main.	Westworld "The Winter Line"	High Main.		Enthusiasm
HBO2	512	202	(5:10) Movie: ★★ *"Ma"* (2019)		Insecure	Insecure	Movie: ★★ *"Shaft"* (2019) Samuel L. Jackson. (In Stereo) CC				My Brilliant Friend: The Story		The Plot Against America		Movie: ★★½ *"The Mule"* (2018) (In Stereo)		
MAX	531	270	(5:10) ★★ *"Super Troopers 2"*		Movie: ★½ *"The Sitter"* (2011)		Movie: ★★★ *"The Rundown"* (2003) The Rock. (In Stereo) CC				Strike Back (N) CC		Strike Back	Movie: ★½ *"Replicas"* (2018) Keanu Reeves. (In Stereo) CC			
SHOW	551	221	More Funny	Movie: ★★½ *"The Best of Enemies"* (2019) Taraji P. Henson. (In Stereo) CC					The Trade (N) CC		Movie: ★★ *"Captive State"* (2019) John Goodman. CC			The Trade (In Stereo) CC			Homeland
SHW2	552	222	(5:15) Movie: *"Mile 22"* (2018)		Movie: ★★★★ *"The Terminator"* (1984) (In Stereo) CC				Homeland "F... Shot Me"		The Trade (N) CC		Black Monday	Black Monday	Movie: *"Charlie Says"* (2018) (In Stereo) CC		
TMC	571	231	Movie: ★★½ *"Demolition Man"* (1993) (In Stereo) CC				Movie: ★★★ *"Scrooged"* (1988) (In Stereo)		Movie: *"The Professor"* (2018) Johnny Depp. (In Stereo) CC					Movie: ★★½ *"Super"* (2010) (In Stereo) CC			GG Allin
STRZ	581	241	*American*	Movie: ★★½ *"The Whole Nine Yards"* (2000)			Movie: ★★★½ *"Once Upon a Time... In Hollywood"* (2019) Leonardo DiCaprio.					Outlander "Better to Marry Than Burn" CC		Movie: *"Spider-Man: Far From Home"* (2019)			
STZEN	602	248	(5:23) Movie: *"Colombiana"*		Movie: ★★½ *"The Vow"* (2012) Rachel McAdams. CC				Movie: ★★★ *"Dazed and Confused"* (1993)			Movie: ★★★★ *"Forrest Gump"* (1994, Comedy-Drama) Tom Hanks. 'PG-13'					*Bowfinger*
STZEC	605	250	(5:27) Movie: *"Max Payne"*		Movie: ★★★ *"Conan the Barbarian"* (1982) Premiere. (In Stereo) CC					Movie: ★★ *"Conan the Destroyer"* (1984) CC			Friday Night Lights CC		Movie: ★★★½ *"The River Wild"* (1994) CC		
STZES	606	254	(5:48) Movie: ★★½ *"Gridlock'd"* (1997) CC			Movie: ★★★½ *"The Fly"* (1986) (In Stereo)			Movie: ★★★ *"The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo"* (2011) Daniel Craig. (In Stereo)					Movie: *"Into the Grizzly Maze"* (2014) CC			*The Entity*
STZEW	607	252	Cheyenne	Lawman CC	The Virginian "Deadly Past"		Movie: ★★★★ *"The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"* (1967) Clint Eastwood. (In Stereo) CC						Movie: *"The Return of Frank James"* (1940)			*"The Ox-Bow Incident"* (1943)	
MSG		19	Follow-Money	MSG Shorts		Knicks Pre.	To Be Announced					Knicks Post.	MSG 150 Final	MSG Shorts		To Be Announced	
STZE		243	(5:09) *"After the Wedding"*		Movie: ★★½ *"Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time"* (2010)				Movie: ★★½ *"The Wolfman"* (2010) (In Stereo)			Movie: ★★ *"Men in Black: International"* (2019) (In Stereo)				Movie: ★★ *"Venom"* (2018)	

Loughlin, co-defendants ask judge to toss charges

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Lori Loughlin and 13 other parents charged in the college admissions scandal asked a judge on Wednesday to dismiss the fraud, bribery and money laundering charges lodged against them, arguing that federal prosecutors in Boston violated their rights and broke judicial rules by withholding for 16 months notes taken by the scam's ringleader, William "Rick" Singer.

The motion marked the first time Loughlin and her co-defendants have asked a judge to toss the charges, the first round of which were unsealed a year ago. Their argument centers around notes Singer wrote in his iPhone, memorializing for his lawyer a series of interactions with government agents who handled his cooperation. He agreed in September 2018 to help federal authorities in Boston build cases against dozens of his current and former clients.

Twenty-two parents have pleaded guilty to an array of fraud and money laundering charges; all but one were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 14 days for Felicity Huffman, the award-winning television actress, to nine months for Douglas Hodge, the former chief executive of global investment firm Pimco.

Eight of the 14 parents who have maintained their innocence — a group that includes Loughlin and her husband, Mossimo Giannulli — are scheduled to go to trial Oct. 5 in Boston. The remaining six are slated for trial in January. Singer has pleaded guilty to four felonies and has yet to be sentenced.

Singer, Loughlin's attorney argued in the motion filed Wednesday, was "browbeat" by overzealous prosecutors and agents into twisting what he had previously told his clients — that their payments were not bribes, but donations to university accounts — to comport with the government's theory that he and his clientele were entwined in a fraud, bribery and money laundering conspiracy. They point to a note in which Singer wrote he'd been instructed to "tell a fib" and characterize the payments as bribes.

Between the motion and several hundred pages of FBI interview reports, correspondence between government and defense lawyers and other records attached to the filing, a clearer picture emerged on Wednesday of how prosecutors discovered, then finally turned over the much-debated iPhone notes.



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Actress Lori Loughlin and husband Mossimo Giannulli exit the Boston Federal Court house after a pre-trial hearing with Magistrate Judge Kelley at the John Joseph Moakley US Courthouse in Boston on Aug. 27.

In early October 2018, two weeks after he began cooperating, Singer spoke for about 15 minutes on a recorded line with a prospective client, a Boca Raton father who wanted his daughter to attend Cornell. Singer explained to the father his "side door," which would involve him making "a donation to the coach," according to a transcript of the call.

When the father asked him to elaborate, Singer said: "Essentially, um, that donation is going to the — you know, to the program." Afterwards, Singer fielded a "loud and abrasive call" from his handlers, he wrote in his iPhone.

"They continue to ask me to tell a fib and not restate what I told my clients as to where there money was going — to the program not the coach," he wrote. While he told clients the payments were donations, "they want it to be a payment," he wrote.

Three weeks after Singer memorialized the call, a federal prosecutor, Justin O'Connell, glimpsed the note while reviewing the phone's downloaded contents, according to a letter prosecutors wrote to defense attorneys. O'Connell emailed the note to a fellow prosecutor, Eric Rosen, and the agents working the investigation.

Rosen and O'Connell decided that the note, which Singer had written for his lawyer, was protected by attorney-client privilege, and they declined to review the notes further, the letter said. They were disclosed to defense attorneys in February, after a "taint team" of government lawyers reviewed the records and Singer's attorney, Don Heller, waived privilege.

William Trach, Loughlin's attorney, argued in the motion filed Wednesday that prosecutors committed "outrageous" misconduct in withholding the records for 16 months. The notes demonstrate the innocence of Loughlin and her co-defendants, Trach wrote, and show the government coerced Singer into going along with a version of events he knew was, in his own words, "not accurate." In the months since the case was unsealed, dozens of parents pleaded guilty without knowing these notes existed, Trach wrote.

"This is not how the criminal justice system — or our government — is supposed to work," he said in the motion. He asked U.S. District Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton, who is presiding over the case, to dismiss the indictment, or at least to throw out the hundreds of recorded calls Singer made as a cooperator.

For Gorton to dismiss the charges outright would be unusual. Trach seemed to acknowledge as much in his motion, but insisted "extraordinary misconduct warrants extraordinary relief."

A spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in Boston didn't respond to a request for comment. Rosen, speaking in court last month, said the note that sparked such an uproar was one of many, and that in the others, Singer acknowledged what he was doing was illegitimate. Indeed, most of the notes that defense attorneys filed in court Wednesday are redacted.

Rosen acknowledged he should have disclosed the messages earlier, but insisted "there is nothing in these notes that suggests what they were doing is legitimate. Absolutely nothing."

"This case is a bribery case about payments to a program that Singer characterized as a donation," Rosen said. "It was a quid pro quo. Pay the money. Their kids would be recruited, guaranteeing them effective admission for a sport they either didn't play well or, in the Giannullis' case, they didn't play at all."

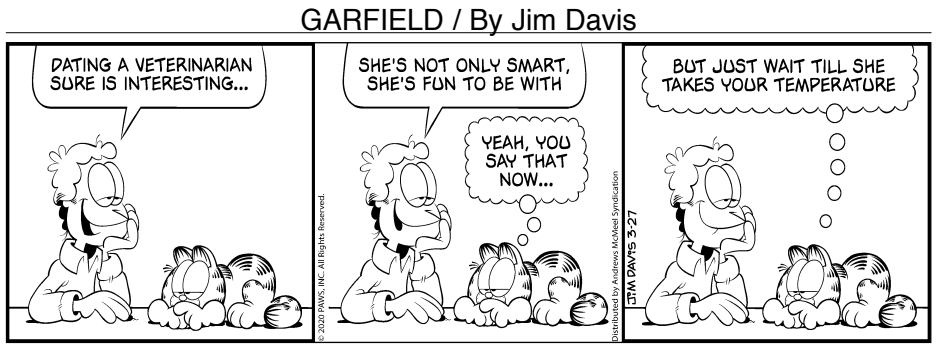
An email exchange filed in court Wednesday offered a glimpse at an unusual and acerbic dispute between defense attorneys and Heller, Singer's lawyer, over the attorneys' efforts to determine whether prosecutors committed misconduct in handling the notes.

Eoin Beirne, who represents Elisabeth Kimmel, a La Jolla media executive charged with defrauding USC and Georgetown, had instructed Heller to preserve his communications with Singer. In a biting response, Heller said he'd never fielded such a demand in his 50 years of practicing law.

"I noticed that you attended Brooklyn Law School and so did I," Heller wrote. "The school must have ended instruction on the very important subject of the attorney-client privilege."

"What I do know," Heller wrote, "is that no one from the government side, (prosecutors) or agents, ever threatened, intimidated or directed my client to lie in my presence. So I will see you in court pal."

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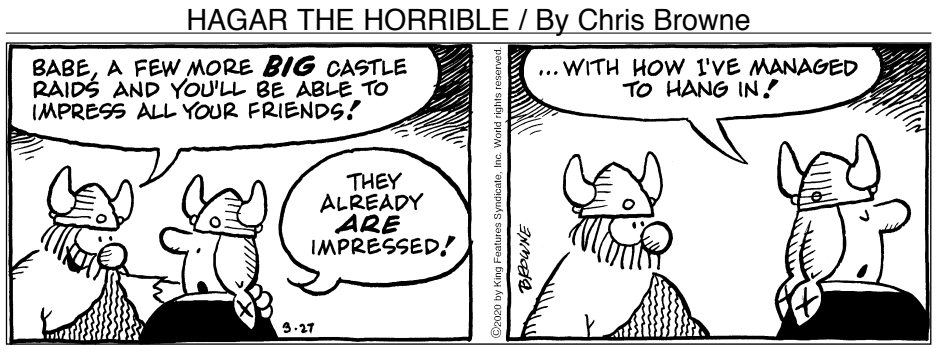
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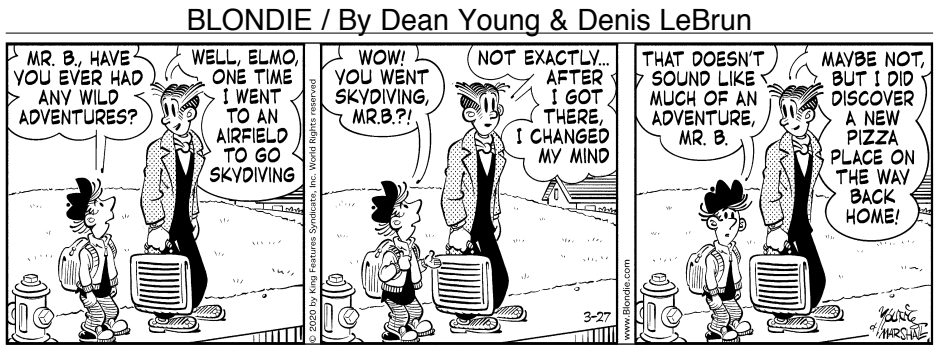
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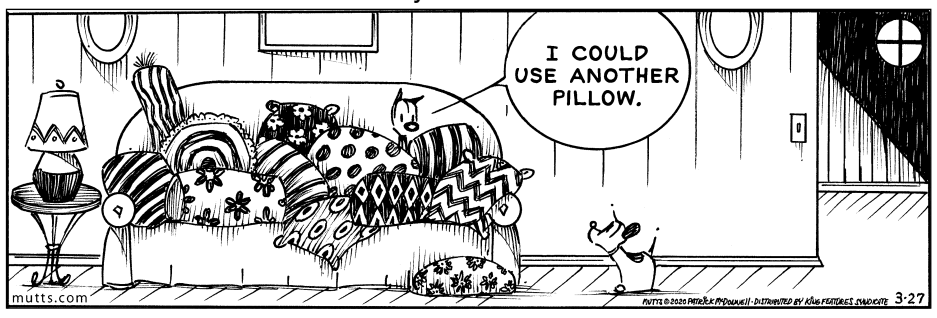
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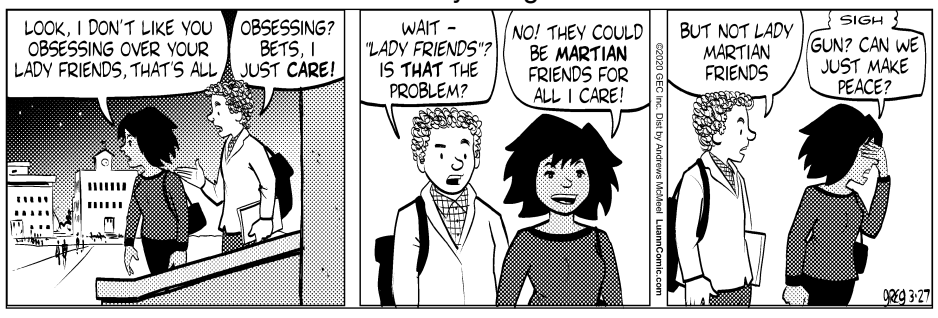
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Parents unaware of past sibling abuse



By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I was sexually abused by a sibling for 10 years during my childhood. I never told anyone what happened to me until I confided in my fiance after we were engaged. I have gone through counseling sessions and am at a place in my life where I am happy and healthy.

Currently, I have a relationship with my parents, but not with my sibling. My parents often express their wish for me to have a relationship with my sibling, but I always refuse. I feel that telling them what happened at this point would only cause hurt for them. But I also feel that if I tell them, I can stop getting asked uncomfortable questions. What do you suggest? – SURVIVOR IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR SURVIVOR: I suggest you tell your parents everything. It's something you should have done years ago. Do not worry about hurting them. Once they have all the facts, they will understand why you want nothing to do with your sibling and stop pushing you to have a relationship with your abuser, and that's the goal.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with a man for five years, and we are deeply in love. We want to spend the rest of our lives together, but it bothers me that he wants to go into the military for three to five years. He says he wants me to wait for him, but three to five years seems like a lifetime to me. I can't help but feel like he is prioritizing his desire to serve his country over me and years of our life together. – CIVILIAN IN THE EAST

DEAR CIVILIAN: It would be interesting to know how old you and your boyfriend are. I assume you are both young and graduating from high school.

This is not necessarily a question of where his priorities lie. While three to five years seems like a large chunk of time, the military may provide your boyfriend with the chance to decide what he wants to do career-wise with his life. It would also provide benefits that could positively affect his future – and yours – once his term of service is finished. If you feel unable to wait for him, you should let him go.

DEAR ABBY: My mother is 88 and in a nursing home. While cleaning out her apartment, I found her will. With it there was a handwritten note stating that my son should get my mother's diamond ring. The ring is unique and special. The note specifically said that my sister's kids should not get the ring because they didn't act like they loved her, while my son did. The note instructed my son to give the ring to his wife.

I have not shown the note to my sister because I know she will be upset. I want to give the ring to my son. I know my sister will see the ring on my daughter-in-law's finger and know it was my mom's. My sister will wonder how she got the ring. What should I do? – HURT IN OHIO

DEAR HURT: Do not approach your sister with this information until you have spoken to an attorney. Show him or her the will you found in your mother's apartment and the note that was with it. If your mom is able, have the ring details added to the will. In order to avoid any misunderstandings and a possible rift in the family, your sister should be given a copy of both. After that, take your lead from the attorney.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE
King Features Syndicate

For Friday, March 27, 2020

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)

This is a good money day. You might want to make financial plans. You might do some research. You might buy something practical that you will use in the long-term future.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)

Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with Mercury, which makes all your communications and conversations with others positive, both intellectually and emotionally. You've got good common sense.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)

This is a lovely day for you because your ruler Mercury is dancing with the Moon today. In particular, this means you will make a great impression on parents, bosses and VIPs, as well as the police.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)

Do something different today, because you want some adventure and a chance to broaden your horizons. It's an excellent day to study anything new that interests you.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)

You will make good headway today if you deal with red-tape issues about inheritances, wills, estates, taxes, debt or shared property. Roll up your sleeves and dig in.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

A conversation with someone close to you will go well today because you feel emotionally grounded, and at the same time, mentally very clear. It's a good time to conduct business.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You will be successful at work because your ability to communicate to customers and co-workers is excellent. Smooth communication is everything.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Grab every chance to party and have fun today. Enjoy sports events and playful activities with kids. This is a nice day for a romantic date. Enjoy yourself.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Family discussions will go well today because people feel cooperative and genuinely interested in each other. It's a good day to discuss how to tackle home repairs.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 two to Jan. 19)

With Mars in your sign, you have lots of energy. In addition, Mercury is in your House of Communications promoting excellent discussions with others. You win.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Business and commerce are favored today. In fact, this is an excellent day to conduct business. Respect your moneymaking ideas.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)

Today Mercury is in your sign dancing with the Moon, which promotes a positive connection between your mind and your feelings. Respect your common sense.

YOU BORN TODAY

You attract challenges to you. You are hardworking, sensitive, fearless and passionate. Because this is a year of teaching and learning, you will learn something that sets you in a new direction, which could be crucial to your success next year. Why not explore meditation, yoga or any discipline that will help you get a better understanding of who you are? Explore something new.

Birthdate of: Quentin Tarantino, filmmaker; Fergie, singer/songwriter; Mariah Carey, singer/songwriter.

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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Solution to 3/26/20

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

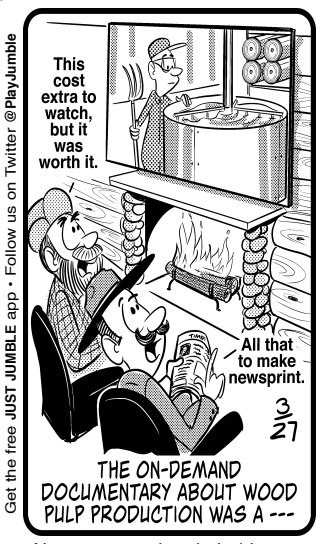
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MONEY SALAD UNFAIR CRANKY
Answer: There'd been some burglaries in their neighborhood, which was — CAUSE FOR ALARM

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Covenant Enterprises, LLC. Filed 8/6/19. Office: Montgomery Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: The Limited Liability Company, 4198 State Hwy 30a, Fultonville, NY 12072. Purpose: General.

File No. 2019-37
SURROGATE'S COURT - MONTGOMERY COUNTY
CITATION
The People of the State of New York, By the Grace of God Free and Independent,
To: HON. LETITIA JAMES, State Attorney General, 220 State Capitol - 2nd Floor, Albany, New York 12224 JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, RICHARD ROE and MARY ROE, said names being fictitious and intended to represent all the heirs at law & next-of-kin and distributees of ROGER M. OHLER, deceased, whose names and places of residence are unknown, and if such heirs at law and next-of-kin have died subsequent to the decedent, to their heirs, executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose name and place of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained. JENNIFER B. WOJESKI, ESQ., as guardian ad litem for unknown distributees, The Wojeski Law Firm, 115 N. Main Street, Unit 622, Gloversville, NY 12078
A petition having been duly filed by RAYMOND A. SEFRIN, SR., who is domiciled at 32 Academy Street, Amsterdam, New York 12010 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Montgomery County, at the Village of Fonda, New York, on the 16th day of April, 2020, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of ROGER M. OHLER, lately domiciled at 49 Prospect Street, Amsterdam, New York 12010 in the County of Montgomery, New York, admitting to probate a Will dated May 11, 2004, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of ROGER M. OHLER, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: RAYMOND A. SEFRIN, SR.
Dated, Attested and Sealed, February 10, 2020
Hon. GUY P. TOMLINSON
Surrogate Judge County of on Montgomery
by /s/
Alison C. Thomas, Chief Clerk
ATTORNEY
Name of attorney: John N. Clo, Esq. Address of attorney: 32 Spring Street, Gloversville, NY 12078
Tel. No.: 518-752-5452
NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Common Council of the City of Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York, on March 17, 2020, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Such resolution was subject to a permissive referendum and the period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed.
A summary of the aforesaid resolution is set forth below. The resolution provides as follows: that the faith and credit of the City of Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York (the "City"), are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable; that an annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year; that the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds authorized by such resolution including renewals of such notes, is delegated to the City Controller; that all other matters, except as provided in such resolution relating to the bonds authorized, including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed in such resolution and the manner of the execution of the same and also including the consolidation with other issues, and the authority to issue such obligations on the basis of substantially level or declining annual debt service, is delegated to and shall be determined by the City Controller; and that this LEGAL NOTICE shall be published.
A summary of the bond resolution follows:
BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 17, 2020.
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $8,300,000 BONDS OF THE CITY OF AMSTERDAM, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO FINANCE ACCUMULATED DEFICITS UNDER CHAPTER 531 OF THE LAWS OF 2019 AND SECTION 10.10 OF THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW.
The period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is ten years under Chapter 531 of the Laws of 2019 and Section 10.10 of the Local Finance Law.
THE FULL TEXT OF THIS BOND RESOLUTION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK LOCATED AT 61 CHURCH STREET, AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK, DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.
Dated: Amsterdam, New York
MARCH 18, 2020
Stefanie Lenkowicz, City Clerk

MAC-FUSCO REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/04/2020. Office loc: Montgomery County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 4879 State Hwy 30, Perth Plaza Ste 3 #159, Amsterdam, NY 12010. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

MEMON'S AMSTERDAM REAL ESTATE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/05/20. Office: Montgomery County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 11 Limerick Court, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ames Village Board will meet to hold a public hearing on the tentative budget on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 6:00PM at the Ames Firehouse, 595 Latimer Hill Road, Ames, NY. The annual organizational meeting will follow the public hearing with the regular monthly Village Board meeting convening at 7:00PM.
By order of the Village of Ames Board
Brenda Rava, Village Clerk
March 26, 2020

NOTICE OF – Formation of Dutchman Enterprises, LLC. Office Location: Montgomery County, N.Y. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 03/12/2020.
SSNY is designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and SSNY shall mail process to Dutchman Enterprises, LLC, 95 Willett St. Fort Plain Plain, NY 13339. Purpose: any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FILING OF THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF
CENTER STREET STATION LLC
Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York filed with the Secretary of
State on March 13, 2020
FIRST: The name of the Company is Center Street Station LLC.
SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.
THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Montgomery County.
FOURTH: The Company shall dissolve upon such happenings as specified in Section 701 of the LLCL.
FIFTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 9 Center Street, Fort Plain, NY 13339.

NOTICE OF FILING OF THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF E & F SONSHINES REMODELING LLC
Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York filed with the Secretary of
State on February 21, 2020
FIRST: The name of the Company is E & F Sonshines Remodeling LLC.
SECOND: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLCL.
THIRD: The county within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Montgomery County.
FOURTH: The Company shall dissolve upon such happenings as specified in Section 701 of the LLCL.
FIFTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company

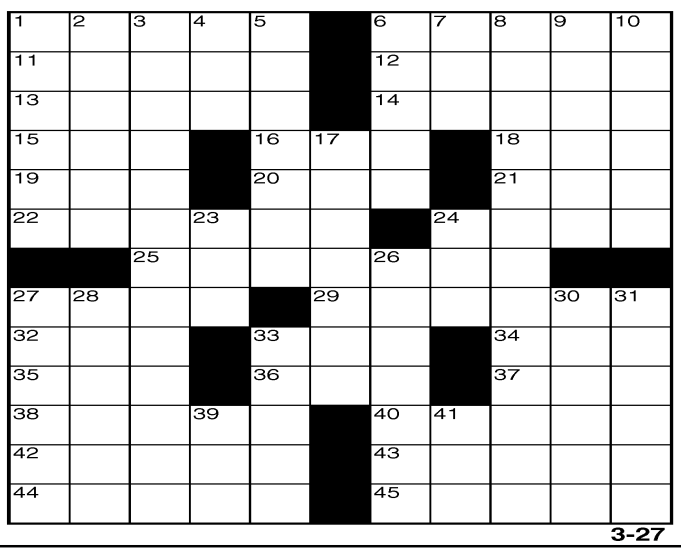
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Yesterday's answer



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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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LEGALS

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: CHARON DAVIS AND CO. LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/27/2019. Office location: Montgomery County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O CHARON DAVIS AND CO. LLC , 60 Lincoln Ave. , Amsterdam, New York 12010. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

Notice of Formation of J-Mar Home Improvements LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 2/13/20. Office location: Montgomery County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to J-Mar Home Improvements LLC, 410 Dygert Rd., Canajoharie NY 13317. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: SHERIE OCONNELL REGISTERED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, LLC
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 11, 2020.
Office location: MONTGOMERY County
SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 237 SPRING ROAD, AMSTERDAM, NY 12010.
For any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
The name of the limited liability company is S & H FARMS, LLC. The Articles of
Organization were filed effective March 11, 2020. The office of the LLC is located in
Montgomery County, New York. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the
limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office
address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against it is 561 Nellis Road, Fort Plain, New York 13339. S & H Farms, LLC is eligible to register as an LLC and shall engage in the business of all lawful activities.

Notice of Public Hearing: Please take notice that the Town of Canajoharie Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday March 31, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The hearing will be held using a Teleconference Bridge via the telephone. The purpose of the hearing is to hear public comments on a 2 lot subdivision located at 133 Seebers Lane, Canajoharie NY and owned by Bruce & Connie Dingman. If you wish to participate in this hearing call (712) 770-5320 at 7:30 pm. When asked for a participant code please enter 898603 using your telephone keypad. You will then be able to hear the meeting and pose questions or comments. You may also submit comments to the Planning Board prior to the teleconference, using their email tcanjoplanningboard@gmail.com. Thank you for your patience while the whole community deals with the COVID-19 issue. Dated March 25, 2020 Planning Board Amy S. Kretser Secretary

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW
Parirosa Homes LLC
Dated: February 13, 2020
Notice is hereby given of the formation of the above-named limited liability company ("Company") for the transaction of business in the State of New York and elsewhere. Pursuant to section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York, your attention is directed to the following facts:
1. The name of the Company is Parirosa Homes LLC.
2. The articles of organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on February 12, 2020.
3. The County in which the office of the Company shall be located is Montgomery.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company to the following post office address: 15 McCleary Avenue, Post Office Box 248, Amsterdam, New York 12010.
5. The character of the business of the Company is as follows: to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed under section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

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Survey: 77% of homeowners say their mortgage negatively impacts savings

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Homeowners across America love their homes, and they're continuing to spend up for them, even at the cost of saving for retirement, according to a new Bankrate survey.

The vast majority of homeowners with a mortgage – 77% – say their mortgage negatively impacts their ability to save money for retirement. This figure includes 31% who say the mortgage has a major negative impact on their ability to save and 46% who say it has a minor negative impact. The remaining 23% of survey respondents say their mortgage has no negative impact.

As part of its survey, Bankrate asked 2,177 U.S. adult homeowners whether their home equity is more or less than their retirement account balance. The survey also asked 1,232 U.S. adult mortgage holders about what, if any, negative impact their mortgage payments have on their ability to save.

Key takeaways

- Mortgages displace other savings, including retirement savings.
- The vast majority of mortgage owners, regardless of income and age, say a mortgage inhibits their ability to save.
- The difference between home equity and retirement savings narrows with age, while more education is associated with having more savings than home equity.

MORTGAGES DISPLACE OTHER SAVINGS

While homeownership is a goal for many Americans, the Bankrate survey shows that it can create financial issues not only for retirement but also in other areas, if not managed correctly.

"Big mortgage payments take a bite out of your monthly income but are also a major obstacle to saving for retirement, emergencies, or other financial goals," says Greg McBride, CFA, Bankrate chief financial analyst.

For example, taking on a bigger mortgage than you can afford could hurt your ability to use special tax-advantaged accounts such as a 401(k) or IRA that can improve your financial future.

"Homebuyers, beware of biting off more than you can comfortably chew and locking yourself into payments that make it difficult to save," says McBride.

WHO'S MOST AFFECTED BY MORTGAGE BURDEN

This latest findings seem to reinforce a November Bankrate survey showing that Americans are having a hard time saving for retirement. The effects of homeownership on saving seem to be much the same across income and age groups, with only modest differences.

Among all homeowners, about 39% have more equity in their home than money in retirement accounts such as a 401(k) or IRA:

- About 28% of respondents say their retirement account balances exceed their home equity
- Approximately 12% say their home equity is equal to their retirement account balances
- Some 20% don't know which is greater

One surprising finding of the Bankrate survey: These figures are nearly the same whether the homeowner had a mortgage on the property or owned the home outright.

Some 77% of mortgage holders overall say that their mortgage negatively impacts their ability to save for retirement, and the numbers fall in a tight band regardless of income:

- About 80% of those making less than $30,000 reported a negative effect
- Around 79% of those making between $30,000 and $49,999 reported a negative effect
- Some 80% of those making between $50,000 and $79,999 reported a negative effect
- About 76% of those making more than $80,000 reported a negative effect

So even a higher income is not offsetting the ability of a mortgage holder to afford the payments and not negatively affect their savings.

By age, the situation looks similar, though older groups have a somewhat lesser problem saving due to a mortgage:

- Of those aged 24-39, approximately 78% reported a negative impact
- Of the 40-55 age group, about 82% reported a negative effect
- Of the 56-74 age group, around 72% reported negatively
- Of the 75 and older group, almost 68% reported a negative effect

The negative impact of a mortgage on a borrower's ability to save declines somewhat above age 55, but even among the oldest group of respondents, no fewer than two-thirds say their mortgage has at least some negative impact.

BY THE NUMBERS: WHO'S BUILDING HOME EQUITY?

Homeowners' home equity exceeds their retirement balance at every age group, but the gap between the two narrows as borrowers get older.

Among millennials (age 24-39), 46% say they have more home equity than retirement savings, compared with 23% who say they have more savings than home equity.

Among those aged 40-55, about 38% say they have more equity in their homes, compared with 27% who say their account balance is higher.

Among boomers (age 56-74), 37 report that they have more home equity than saving, compared with 33% who say they have more savings.

Only among those over age 75 does the trend reverse, with 41% of respondents saying they have more home equity, compared to 24% who say they have more savings.

Meanwhile, between 18 and 22% of each age group don't know whether they have more in home equity or in their retirement accounts.

On the basis of educational attainment, the propensity to have more home equity than retirement savings is highest for those with less education and lowest for those with the most education.

The trend remains consistent as a mortgage holder's education increases:

- For those with no high school or only a high school degree, about 44% say their home equity is higher than savings compared with 17% who say the reverse.
- For those with some college education, 39% say home equity is higher, against 25% who say they have more savings.
- For those with a four-year college degree, 38% say their home equity is higher, compared with 38% who say savings are higher.
- For those with a postgraduate degree, about 32% say their home equity is higher, compared with 49% who say their retirement savings are higher.

Educational attainment is also positively associated with knowing these financial positions.

Those with no high school or only a high school degree said they didn't know their relative balances at a greater rate (28 percent) than other categories: some college (20 percent), a four-year degree (13 percent) and a postgraduate degree (8 percent).

WHAT CAN MORTGAGE HOLDERS DO?

There's good news for those who have a mortgage that's slowing their savings rate. Now is ideal for homeowners to improve their financial situation without having to sell their homes, as interest rates plummet.

1. Know your financial score

The first step to improving your financial situation is determining where you stand. If you don't know what you're saving or where your mortgage stands, it's going to be difficult to fix them. So start there and assess your financial situation, and determine how you might improve, either through a budget or more determined saving or another approach.

2. Refinance while rates are low

Once you've figured out your financial situation and see whether it's a smart money move, you'll want to act while rates remain low. Currently mortgage rates are among the lowest they've ever been, as the novel coronavirus spreads fear among investors, pushing rates lower..

3. Then save for your needs

By locking in a low rate for 15 or 30 years, you have the safety of a fixed and low-cost mortgage payment. However, with a low rate, don't be too eager to pay off that mortgage as fast as possible.By keeping a low-cost mortgage outstanding for longer, you can take the money savings and increase your emergency funds as well as your retirement account and not have those funds locked up in your house, where it can be harder to access. Liquid assets can also bail you out if you encounter tough times and need to make some mortgage payments, for example.