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City expects to take major financial hit

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This year, the city of Cortland was projected to bring in about $5 million in sales tax revenue, which would have accounted for about a quarter of the city's budget.

There is no way the city is going to get all of that money because of the unprecedented statewide stay-at-home order and shutdown of businesses, combined with a substantial drop in gasoline prices and consumption, said Mack Cook, the city's director of administration and finance, who forecasts a dark financial future.

A New York Association of Counties analysis projects a 20% reduction in sales tax revenue, but Cook said the estimate does not take into account the recent drop in gas prices and consumption. Fuel sales account for about 25% of the county's sales tax revenue, he said.

Gas prices in upstate New York, as of Monday were down 13.6% from where they were a year ago, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority reports.

Oil prices fell 46% since March 3, to $25.32 a barrel from $47.18.

If gas prices stay where they are, Cook said the city will look at another 5% to 10% reduction on top of what the New York Association of Counties predicts, in other words, a reduction of about 25 to 30% in sales tax revenue.

But it's not just fuel sales that have fallen off – cars sales as well as repairs "have pretty well dried up."

Bars and restaurants, while open for delivery and take-out, are closed to patrons. That's another big hit.

Far fewer people are passing through the county, whether on Interstate 81 or on vacation.

It gets worse: Nearby ski mountains closed a month early, and now the spring sports and festivals are also threatened with cancellation or postponement, which will mean less money spent in greater Cortland.

So no matter how you look at it, the city is going to take a major revenue hit. What's not yet certain is how big a hit, because that depends "on how long this lasts," Cook said. "That's going to be the real key."

This lost money is unlikely to be replaced, he said.

Once the crisis is over, people aren't going to rush out and buy all the cheeseburgers or gallons of gasoline they would have consumed a month ago. Those are commodities that will never have been purchased, and sales tax that will never be collected, he said.

"What's lost is lost and stays lost," he said.

Cook admits this is not cheerful news, which makes it very easy for him to comply with social distancing rules.

"No one wants to be around me right now," he said.

The impact of the lost revenue is still being estimated, he said. But one thing is certain: The city's 2020 budget is going to change.

"I think that budget is obsolete now," Cook said, adding the mayor and city department heads are "looking at every dollar that goes out right now and every dollar that is planned to go out for the rest of the year."

Mayor Brian Tobin said he and the city's department heads are trying to come to grips with the financial implications, but they still don't have definite figures.

"You can't just throw a dart and guess," Tobin said. "You have to look at real numbers. You can't just make a decision. You have to synthesize information from a number of sources. … But we know it's going to be tough."

Neither Tobin nor Cook anticipate either the federal or state government to ride to the rescue.

They both noted that the recently passed federal aid package did not provide targeted aid to small cities like Cortland, despite Tobin's appeals to Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer.

There is a silver lining in this dark financial cloud: Funding for city infrastructure should not be affected. Those funds are "all secured money," Cook said. "I do not expect the state to renege on any past grants or commitments."

A cautious future for hemp

Changes in markets making current, potential growers wary

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In 2016, there was one permitted hemp grower in New York state. By Monday, that number had grown to 635, up more than 100 from just a few weeks ago.

"Early on, there was a total gold rush mentality about this crop," said Janice Degni, a field crop specialist with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cortland County and the extension's top hemp specialist.

Hemp sales have seen exponential growth since 2015, according to Hemp Industries Association. In 2015, hemp sales totaled around $500,000, increasing to $47.6 million in the first 11 months of 2018. By 2019, it grew to $600 million nationwide, reports the state Department of Agriculture and Markets.

However, the market has been hindered by overproduction of hemp, which comes from the cannabis plant and produces cannabidiol, which is used to create products like CBD oil.

Now, potential hemp farmers are turning away from starting hemp fields, or from expanding the fields they have.

The price for CBD oil dropped more than 40% between 2018 and 2019, she said, to about $3.50 per percentage point of CBD to less than $2 per point.

The crash "caused a severe sense of reality" for farmers looking to get into

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Colin Spencer/staff reporter

Trever Sherman of Freeville checks his remaining hemp harvest. A glut of producers and a less-than-stellar harvest last year lowered prices on the cash crop, but Sherman said he is still considering planting 200 acres of it, up from 40 in 2019.

Trump admin weighs broader use of face masks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration is formalizing new guidance to recommend that many Americans wear face coverings in an effort to slow the spread of the new coronavirus, as the president is aggressively defending his response to the public health crisis.

The recommendations, still being finalized Thursday, were expected to apply to those who live in areas hard-hit by community transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19. A person familiar with the White House coronavirus task force's discussion said officials would suggest that non-medical masks, T-shirts or bandannas be used to cover the nose and mouth when outside the home — for instance, at the grocery store or pharmacy. Medical-grade masks, particularly short-in-supply N95 masks, would be reserved for those dealing directly with the sick.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the proposed guidance before its public release.

President Donald Trump, who was tested again for coronavirus Thursday using a new rapid test, indicated he would support such a recommendation. "If people wanted to wear them, they can," he said.

"It's not a bad idea, at least for a period of time," Trump had said earlier in the week.

The White House said Trump's latest test returned a negative result in 15 minutes, and said Trump was "healthy and without symptoms."

Dr. Deborah Birx, the task force's coordinator, told reporters the White House was concerned that the mask guidance would lead to a "false sense of security" for Americans. She said new data show that the administration's social-distancing guidelines were not being followed to the extent necessary to keep virus-related deaths to a minimum.

The discussions on face masks came as the White House moved aggressively to defend its handling of the coronavirus pandemic, particularly its efforts to speed the distribution of ventilators and protective equipment needed by medical professionals.

Trump

Trump sent a politically tinged letter to Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York objecting to his criticism of the administration's response. "The Federal Government is merely a back-up for state governments," Trump wrote. "Unfortunately, your state needed far more of a back-up than most others."

Trump said states should have done more to stockpile medical supplies before the pandemic.

Vice President Mike Pence also announced Thursday that the White House was considering direct payments to hospitals to cover COVID-19 treatment costs for uninsured Americans.

The emerging guidance on masks appeared to be more limited than a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention draft of the guidance, which suggested the recommendation apply to nearly all Americans, all over the country, according to a federal official who has seen the draft but was not authorized to discuss it.

Officials were expected to limit its geographic scope to just those areas where the virus was spreading rapidly, the official said. The formal announcement was expected as soon as Friday.

Under the previous guidance, only the sick or those at high risk of complications from the respiratory illness were advised to wear masks. The new proposal was driven by research showing that some infections are being spread by people who seem to be healthy.

On Wednesday, Eric Garcetti, the mayor of Los Angeles, urged his city's 4 million residents to wear masks when they're in public. On Thursday, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio followed suit in his city, the epicenter of the virus' spread in the U.S.

In response to recent studies, the CDC on Wednesday changed how it was defining the risk of infection for Americans. It essentially says anyone may be a considered a carrier, whether they have symptoms or not.

The virus spreads mostly through droplets from coughs or sneezes, though

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New York demands more aid from feds for budget

ALBANY (AP) — New York lawmakers on Thursday delayed immediate decisions on how to find $10 billion in potential spending cuts in an elastic state budget aimed at keeping state government running amid a crisis brought on by a virus outbreak that has hammered New York City and upended the economy.



Cuomo

Seated in their offices or far apart from one another in the largely vacant chambers, lawmakers took final votes on budget bills. The exact size of the budget for the next year was unclear, but lawmakers are attempting to slash as much as $10 billion from the $178 billion originally proposed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

The extent of spending cuts will depend on whether New York receives enough federal funding or if the economy recovers enough to make up for a potential $10 to $15 billion loss in state revenue.

"We can all agree that the budget we are passing is not the budget that any of us hoped to pass at the beginning of the session," Democratic Senate Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said. "It's not even the budget we expected to pass a month ago. Our state's financial situation has been thrust into true economic crisis."

Lawmakers have agreed that the ongoing epidemic necessitates expanding the governor's role over state spending and response efforts. The governor's budget office would have to notify lawmakers about 1% revenue shortfalls or overspending, and the administration could cut spending if lawmakers don't come up with their own plan in ten days.

The budget deal is also set to include at least $8 billion in short-term borrowing to help the state handle a tax deadline delayed to July 15. The state can also access a $3 billion line of credit.

Cuomo, a Democrat, and Stewart-Cousins called for urgent, additional federal funding to help New York respond to the outbreak.

New York state government is set to receive at least $5 billion in federal aid for the cost of responding to the virus, on top of over $1 billion in

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WEATHER

Mostly cloudy

Tomorrow's Weather:
Highs in lower 50s.

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Weather

Local

Rest of today: Cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Highs in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. A chance of showers. Patchy fog after midnight. Lows in the 30s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Light winds, becoming northwest around 5 mph.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Extended

Sunday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid-50s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Monday: Partly sunny. Highs in the mid-50s.

Monday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-30s.

Tuesday: Partly sunny. Highs in the mid-50s.

Tuesday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid-50s.

Wednesday night: Mostly cloudy. A chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s.

Temperatures

April 2-3

9 a.m.	34	6 p.m.	45
10 a.m.	37	7 p.m.	45
11 a.m.	37	9 p.m.	43
Noon	41	Mid	39
1 p.m.	41	3 a.m.	37
2 p.m.	43	5 a.m.	36
3 p.m.	45	7 a.m.	34
4 p.m.	45	8 a.m.	34

Skies Today

Friday, April 3, 2020

Sunset today	7:33 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:42 a.m.
Normal high temperature	49
Normal low temperature	30
Average temperature	40
Full moon	April 7

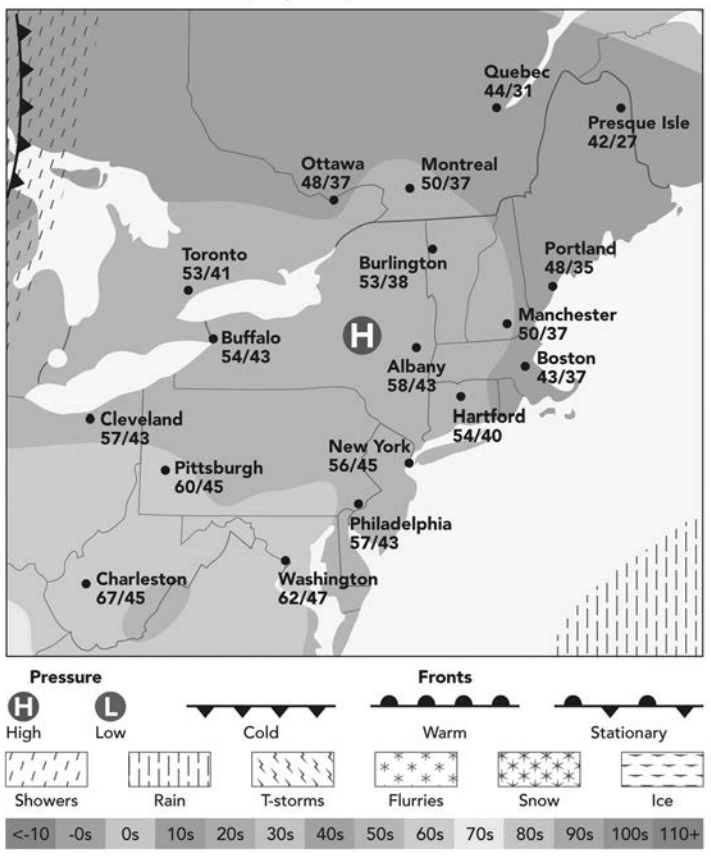
City Snowfall

April 2-3	Trace
Season to date	71.5 inches

Precipitation

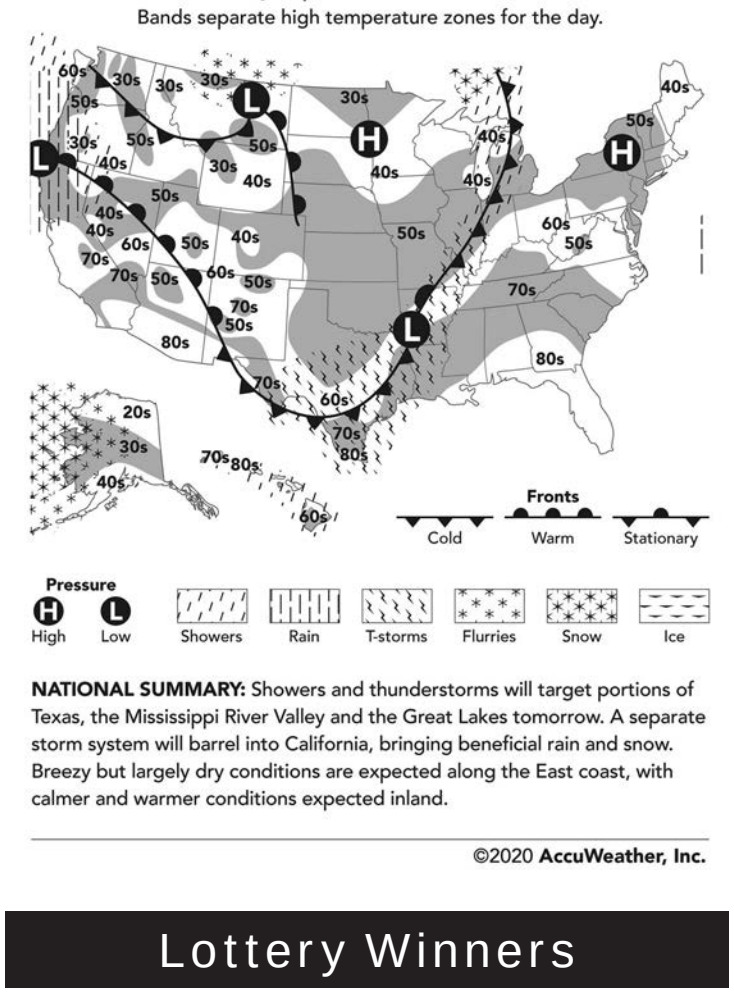
April 2-3	0.01 inches
Month to date	0.01 inches

Forecast for Saturday, April 4, 2020



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Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



NATIONAL SUMMARY: Showers and thunderstorms will target portions of Texas, the Mississippi River Valley and the Great Lakes tomorrow. A separate storm system will barrel into California, bringing beneficial rain and snow. Breezy but largely dry conditions are expected along the East coast, with calmer and warmer conditions expected inland.

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Lottery Winners

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

Numbers: Midday: 8-2-7, Evening: 8-1-1; **WinFour**: Midday: 9-9-0-2, Evening: 2-6-4-0; **Pick 10:** 5-6-18-21-32-35-36-38-47-48-54-56-58-60-64-67-68-73-74-78; **Take Five**: 2-10-28-32-33; **Cash-4Life:** 10-17-22-24-44, Cash Ball: 1

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NYC residents should cover faces when out in public, de Blasio says

By MARINA VILLENEUVE and MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press

ALBANY — As coronavirus cases soar, New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio is asking New Yorkers to wear a face covering when they go outside to prevent the spread of the virus.

Also, Gov. Andrew Cuomo warned that the state's supply of breathing machines could be exhausted in six days.

And the COVID-19 death toll climbed to at least 2,400. While New York City remained a hotspot, there were troublesome trends around the state as the outbreak spread to every county. Unemployment filings skyrocketed too, as the pandemic wreaked economic havoc.

In pushing the use of face coverings, de Blasio cited research showing asymptomatic people could be spreading the virus without realizing it.

"When you put on that face covering, you're protecting everyone else," he said.

The mayor said it could be a scarf or a bandanna or anything homemade, but it should not be a surgical mask needed by medical workers.

A recent study by researchers in Singapore became the latest to estimate that somewhere around 10% of new infections may be sparked by people who carry the virus but have not yet suffered symptoms.

A bandanna might not prevent someone from coming into contact with the virus, but it could help a person who has it not give it to others when the sneeze, cough or breathe.

The mayor of Los Angeles also told everyone in the city to start wearing masks on Wednesday.

The latest developments in New York:


de Blasio

VENTILATORS RUNNING LOW

Cuomo warned New York could be six days away from exhausting its supply of ventilators as the state reported 432 deaths in the past 24 hours, bringing the death toll to nearly 2,400.

More than 13,300 people were hospitalized statewide with about 3,400 in intensive care.

Ventilators have become the crucial piece of equipment sought by state and city officials as hundreds of patients a day are admitted to intensive care units.

The state sent 400 ventilators to New York City and another 200 to its suburbs. But the governor saw problems ahead.

"At the current burn rate, we have about six days of ventilators in our stockpile," the governor said at a briefing at the Capitol.

If supplies run short, the state is ready to use anesthesia and converted BiPAP machines, usually used to treat sleep apnea, or put more than one patient on a single ventilator.

More than 92,000 state residents have tested positive for the coronavirus. The true number is likely much higher because officials have rationed tests and encouraged all but the most seriously ill people to ride it out at home.

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

More than 464,000 people have filed for unemployment in New York state in the three weeks since the pandemic shattered the economy, an increase of over 1,000% from the same period last year, according to the state Department of Labor.

Last week alone, more than 369,000 unemployment claims were filed, an increase of more than 2,600% from the same time last year.

The Department of Labor's unemployment filing system has seen a 16,000% increase in phone calls and a nearly 900% increase in web traffic in recent weeks.

OUTBREAK SPREADS

Cases have now been confirmed in every county, with worrisome trends in some regions.

Cuomo said Thursday that there's a "troubling rise" in suburban Long Island and Westchester County.

At the other end of the state, Buffalo and surrounding Erie County reporting 19 deaths and about 730 cases as of Thursday.

Among those infected in Buffalo is Common Council President Darius Pridgen, along with three of his adult children. His daughter was taken off a ventilator late Wednesday and began breathing on her own just before Pridgen went live on Facebook to offer an update from his own quarantine, frequently coughing and his voice hoarse.

"It was pretty rough for a couple of days," he said of his daughter.

Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz said the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center could be used as an intensive-care hospital if needed during the projected peak in late April or early May.

TEACHER DIES

Sandra Santos-Vizcaino, who taught third grade at an elementary school in Brooklyn, is the first New York City school teacher reported to have died of COVID-19.

"This is a devastating tragedy," schools Chancellor Richard Carranza said Thursday. "Sandra was a beloved teacher at P.S. 9."

Santos-Vizcaino, 54, was a more than 20-year veteran of the city's school system. She was recognized for her contributions to education in the Dominican Republic and won a grant to study bird sanctuaries there in 2009.

"The notion that we've lost a teacher is very painful," Mayor Bill de Blasio said. "We lost a principal last week, a young woman full of extraordinary promise."

Students in New York City haven't been to school since March 13.

Obituaries

Bonnie Sciera

Bonnie Sciera went to be at peace with Jesus after a lengthy battle with congestive heart failure at Cortland Park Nursing home. The family would like to thank all of those who cared for her in her last years at both Cortland Park Rehabilitation & Nursing Center and Walden Place.

She is survived by her five children John R.(Melinda) Sciera, Gregory Sciera, Lynn John Boehmke) Sciera, Brian(Kelly) Sciera and David (Ann) Sciera; 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; sister Geraldine Wilhelm, sister-in-law Joann Miller, brother-in-law William Moffit and many nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her husband John L. Sciera, her mother and father, William and Kathryn, and her sisters Marge (Tinker) and Dorothy (Moffit), and brothers Larry, Robert, and William Miller.

Bonnie graduated as valedictorian of her class from St. Paul High School in Norwalk, Ohio. She then obtained her bachelor's degree on a scholarship at Bowling Green School of Nursing. She worked as an RN for several years while starting her family. She continued her education at SUNY Cortland, where she earned a master's degree in health education. She then taught Health at Homer Central School until she retired from teaching. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church where she sang in the choir. She also was a member of the board at the Elizabeth Brewster House in Homer and volunteered with the American Red Cross, as well as donating to a number of charitable organizations.

She enjoyed music, playing the piano, and gardening, but most of all, she enjoyed her family. She was truly a wonderful and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved spending time with her family every chance she could as her family was her life. We all are blessed to have been touched by her amazing love, compassion, wisdom, and positivity. She will forever remain in our hearts and souls.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cortland, NY, The Alzheimer's Association, or the American Red Cross.

Private grave side service with immediate family only will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery. A memorial service and mass will be scheduled at a later date for extended family and friends when we can be together again.

To offer online condolences, please visit www.wright-beard.com.

Donald E. Wright



Donald E. Wright, formerly of Preble Road, Preble, passed away on March 31, 2020 following a lengthy illness at the age of 81.

A lifelong area resident, Don was born February 8, 1939, the son of the late Wellington and Hilda Edinger Wright.

Over the years, Don was employed with Roger Craver Construction, Wright's Grocery and Barber & DeLine. He also served as the Preble Highway Superintendent and was caretaker for Elmwood Cemetery in Preble.

He was a lifetime member of the Preble Congregational Church and a longtime volunteer for the Preble Fire Department. Don was an avid sports fan and was a faithful follower of the Cleveland Browns and Los Angeles Dodgers. He also loved his black lab dogs.

Surviving are his two children, Debbie (Jim) Pelowski and Tracy (Debbie) Wright; his grandchildren, Shannon (Andrew) Kostuk; Matthew Pelowski and Nicole and Matt Wright; his great grandson, Landon Kostuk; with another great grandson due in May. Also surviving are his sister, Marilyn Twentyman Stoker; a brother, William (Sue) Wright and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Don was extremely devoted to his family and was always eager to lend a hand.

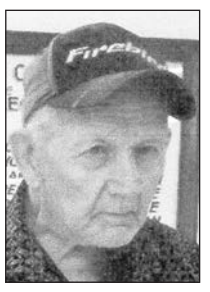
Don was predeceased by a brother, Paul Wright.

Visitation and memorial services will be delayed and announced by the Donald L. Barber Funeral Home at a later date to be determined.

Memorial contributions, in Mr. Wright's name, may be directed to the Elmwood Cemetery Association, c/o Carol DeLine, 2346 East River Rd., Cortland, NY 13045 or to Preble Congregational Church, PO Box 186, Preble, NY 13141.

Memorial condolences for the family may be left at www.DonaldLBarberFuneralHome.com.

Morris Edward Hallstead Sr.



Morris Edward Hallstead Sr. 92 passed away March 31, 2020 at the home of his daughter Sherie in Texas. He was born on April 1, 1927, to Bernice Burvee Hallstead Albro.

He was a Veteran serving in World War 2 in Germany. He owned his own business Cortland County Sanitation for many years. He retired from Gutchess Lumber. He was well known in Cortland, NY. He was our beloved Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. He liked to tell jokes, chewing his tobacco, and had a great sense of humor. He always said "he wanted to live to be 100 and get shot by a jealous husband". He didn't make it, but he had a lot of love for his kids and his grandchildren. He will be missed, but never forgotten.

He is survived by his Daughter Sharon B Hallstead Brown Marshall, Daughter Sherie Hallstead O'Neill (Gene), Son Morris Hallstead Jr. (Beth Nourse), Daughter Sandra Hallstead Strout (Eric Hunter), Son Michael (Judy) Hallstead, Son Melvin (Leanne) Hallstead, Son Myron (Lesa) Williams and Son Marvin Hallstead. Many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Sister Judy Williams.

He was preceded by his wife of 61 years Marion Conway Hallstead, Mother Bernice, Father Harold Williams, Step-Mother Bessie Williams, Mother-In-Law Caroline Conway, Daughter Sheila Hallstead Fellows, Son-In-Law Daren Brown, Daughter-In-Law Alicia Strout Hallstead, Son-In-Law Gary Strout, and grandsons Brandon and Brock Fellows, and many others.

Graveside services will be held at convenience of the family. Interment will be at Glenwood Cemetery in Homer at a later date.

Wright Beard Funeral Home is helping with arrangements.

Death Notices

BECK — John Beck, 81, died March 29, 2020. There are no calling hours or funeral. Wright-Beard Funeral Home, 9 Lincoln Ave., Cortland, is assisting the family.

HALLSTEAD — Morris Edward Hallstead Sr., 92, died March 31, 2020. Graveside services will be held at convenience of the family. Interment will be at Glenwood Cemetery in Homer at a later date.

HOY — Gordon Hoy, 89, of Groton, died March 25, 2020. There are no calling hours or funeral. Wright-Beard Funeral Home, 9 Lincoln Ave., Cortland, is assisting the family.

MURRAY — Patrick Murray, 48, died March 30, 2020. There are no calling hours or funeral at this time.

SCHUEHLER — Jane B. Schuehler 91, died April 1, 2020. Arrangments are incomplete and will be announced by the Donald L. Barber Funeral Home.

SCIERA — Bonnie Sciera, of Cortland, died. Private graveside service with immediate family only will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery. A memorial service and Mass will be scheduled at a later date for extended family and friends.

WRIGHT — Donald E. Wright, formerly of Preble Road, Preble, died March 31, 2020. Visitation and memorial services will be delayed and announced by the Donald L. Barber Funeral Home at a later date to be determined.

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Local agencies warn of coronavirus scams

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Coronavirus scams may be new, but the end result remains the same, according to Cortland city police Lt. Michael Strangeway.

"Any time there's money to be made, there will be criminals trying to trick people out of their money," Strangeway said Tuesday.

Cortland County agencies are watching and alerting residents about scams targeting people during the virus' pandemic.

Scams to county residents have mostly been by phone, Strangeway said. Scammers have called people saying they have items sought after in the wake of the coronavirus like testing kits or some even claiming to have a cure and can provide them to the receiver if the receiver provides sensitive personal information like credit card or Social Security numbers.

Some may also claim they are with a charity, he said.

"A lot of these people can be very convincing," he said. "There is no truth to these and these people are out for nothing except to steal your money or identification."

Strangeway said he hasn't received reports of people in the city having their money or identification taken from them but still wants people to be aware of the scams.

Information regarding scams will be turned over to the state Attorney General's Office, which may prosecute the scammers.

State level investigations are needed because of the long distance range that scamming can happen in, Strangeway said. "A lot of these cases are hard to prosecute locally," he said. "A lot of the bad guys in these cases are not working locally."

Scams are a normal occurrence but the frequency seems to have intensified in the wake of COVID 19, said Elizabeth Haskins, the director for the Cortland County Area Agency on Aging.

"We were battling scams before this happened and now it seems even worse," she said.

Like Strangeway, Haskins said that she hasn't had any reports of people in Cortland County saying they have been scammed, yet, but she has heard reports of scams from the state's Office for the Aging in Albany.

These have included scammers going door to door claiming to have coronavirus testing kits, cures and protective gear to be paid by Medicare, she said. Most of the scamming for older residents targets their Medicare.

"Our bottom line is don't give your Medicare number out and be cautious of people coming door to door," she said.

Haskins recommends people review their Medicare bills to make sure everything seems right. The Cortland County Area Agency on Aging can help residents determine if they are being scammed or have been scammed, Haskins said. If people have been scammed, the agency will work with them to find resources like legal counsel.

"We're here to help any way we can," she said.

For people looking to donate to charities during the pandemic, Eric Mulvihill, the clerk for the Cortland County Legislature and the county's records access officer, and the county's 211 information service recommend donating to the United Way for Cortland County as money will go to its local nonprofits partners like many of those helping during the pandemic.

Mulvihill said, though, that donations should be made by people voluntarily and not from people being pressured with phone calls by someone claiming to be from a charity.

This advice applies to other organizations as well, he said. "No agency will ask you for anything."

Tips for identifying scams

With scammers using the coronavirus pandemic as an opportunity to steal money or valuable information, here are tips on what to look for in scams.

- People claiming they have treatments or cures to COVID-19.
- Being pressured into making donations to charities in the form of cash, gift cards or money transfers.
- Receiving information or tips through text messages or emails on COVID-19 from organizations users did not sign up for.
- For health care workers: Emails claiming to be from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with treatments of COVID-19 or emails from hospital staff claiming that deliveries have been stopped so that a link must be opened to continue deliveries.

Source: New York State Office of the Attorney General



Todd R. McAdam/managing editor

Mitch Bush, left, of Cortland, pays Greek Peak banquet chef Sean O'Brien for prepared prime rib burritos Hope Lake Lodge is selling in an impromptu grocery. The resort had basic staples, including toilet paper, some meats and vegetables, and decided to offer them for sale to help reduce the population load on other stores.

Shopping at Greek Peak

Company's ministore at Hope Lake helps residents

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They had toilet paper, casually displayed in the wholesale box the rolls were delivered in. They had hot dogs and lettuce and corn starch and other foods, too.

But Mitch Bush of Cortland settled on the prime rib burritos, with white beans and rice. Six of them.

"My freezer's full," he told Drew Broderick, vice president of sales and marketing at Greek Peak Ski Resort. "I'll get 'em for my sons."

The store opened in late March at Hope Lake Lodge, using the resort's supply chain to bring a few basic staples to Virgil. The idea isn't to make money, said Drew Broderick — the prices are just a bit over cost.

"That's not what this is about," said Broderick, vice president of marketing and sales for the company. It's to help people who might be uncomfortable, or unwise, to go to a more crowded establishment. The store, in the lodge's lobby, allows only six patrons at a time.

Greek Peak President Wesley Kryger said people sign in when they come, have access to hand sanitizer and the store practices social distancing.

The selection is what would expect of a restaurant: large packs of hot dogs, salmon fillets, beef filet, burgers, lettuce of a couple of types, tomatoes. The packages tend to be larger than typical retail, as befits a restaurant.

And the prepared foods are simpler, too. "We targeted comfort food because that's what people want right now," Broderick said. Think macaroni and cheese, salisbury steak, stir fries, spaghetti and meatballs.

But it also offers the essentials, Kryger said, noting it was one of the main reasons the store was opened.

He said they had customers asking for such supplies right around the time stores began running out of items like toilet paper. The company wasn't using all of its stock and was able to continue ordering from its distributor, so it decided to give back to the community.

"We view it as a good community service," he said. "I think it prevents them from having to go into Cortland and go to Tops or Walmart. The more we can limit those trips and practice that social distancing, the more it helps."

Which was just fine with Bush. He stopped in because he was bored and looking to go somewhere where he could keep his distance, he said. "And I really don't want to cook."

Virgil Deputy Supervisor Jeremie Stiles has been to the store three or four times already, picking up bread, eggs and a few other small items.

"I think it's a great asset they've been able to bring to the community," he said. "You're not going to get your full shopping list up there but you're able to get essentials."

Coronavirus briefs

Cases of COVID-19 increase to 14 in Cortland County

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Cortland County increased Thursday to 14, up from 11 the previous day, report county officials who noted none of the cases appear to be connected.

Another 56 people are being monitored, two more than the previous day. One is hospitalized, the first so far for the county.

Another 410 negative test results have come back.

Tompkins County has 87 confirmed cases, reports the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center.

Cayuga County added two cases Thursday, bringing it to four. One was a man in his 20s living in Auburn, working on a farm; the other was a man in his 30s, from Auburn, working on a dairy farm.

In Cayuga, 29 people are in quarantine; three are in isolation.

Cortland County's health department doesn't have the ability to test for COVID-19, which is provided through health care providers. If a medical professional instructs you to get tested, collect the sample, then go directly home. Do not leave your home until you have test results, which could take up to a week.

If you have coronavirus symptoms, call your doctor, who will coordinate testing. People who don't have a primary-care physician can call Upstate Medical University at 315-464-3979 or Cayuga's Call Center at 607-319-5708.

Cayuga Health opens resource, drop-off center for donations

ITHACA — The Cayuga Medical Center Foundation has created a resource and drop-off center for donations to be used at all Cayuga Health locations including their two hospitals, Cayuga Medical Center and Schuyler Hospital.

"The outpouring of support from the individuals, organization and community groups has been heart-warming and appreciated," said Martin Stallone, president and CEO of Cayuga Health.

Near greater Cortland, donations can be made through:

- Cayuga Medical Center Foundation — 767 Warren Road, Ithaca, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends.
- Cornell University's Bartels Hall — 554 Campus Road, Ithaca, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

Visit http://cayugahealthsystem.org/how-to-help to learn more about donating materials, volunteering or contributing to the Cayuga Health COVID-19 Response Fund.

Madison County announces call center for coronavirus

WAMPSVILLE — The Madison County Health Department announced Thursday it has opened a COVID-19 hotline, available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at 315-366-2770.

This hotline is not for people experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. For details, go to www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/2479/Coronavirus-COVID-19, call the state coronavirus hotline 1-888-364-3065, or visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

Brindisi updates virus website

Rep. Anthony Brindisi has updated his coronavirus resources webpage for families, workers, businesses and others.

"Information is so important right now and we need to all work together to fight back against the coronavirus," said Brindisi (D-Utica).

Brindisi's webpage, Brindisi.house.gov/coronavirus includes updates, resources, and guides for individuals and families, small businesses, the unemployed and families in need of food.

Police/Fire

Body found in Taylor woods

Cortland County sheriff's officers found a body Tuesday lying 50 yards off Elwood Road in the Town of Taylor.

Officers said they were investigating a separate incident about 11:15 a.m. when they noticed the unresponsive 30-year-old man in a wooded area.

A Cortland County coroner responded and pronounced the man dead.

The body was taken to Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton, police said, where an autopsy was performed. Police do not suspect foul play.

The investigation continues and information can be given to Sgt. Chad Burhans at 607-758-5532.

The state police forensics unit and TLC Ambulance also responded to the scene.

Appearance of pussy willows are sign of springtime

By AMANDA BARBER
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One of my fondest memories of early spring is bringing home flowers for my mother from an excursion with my dad.

These weren't just any flowers, nor were they colorful fragrant blossoms. They looked rather like twigs to me. My dad assured me my mother would love them. Of course she was thrilled with her first bouquet of the season — pussy willows.

Pussy willows are a member of the willow family. Their silvery flowers, resembling 1-inch-long bottlebrushes, bloom in early spring.

Branches of pussy willows are often cut in early winter and brought inside to "force" the blossoms. When cut and set in a water-filled vase in a sunny window any time after the middle of January, their blossoms will develop. Pussy willows make a nice display for a considerable amount of time and can be dried for enjoyment later in other floral arrangements.

The Latin name for the pussy willow is Salix discolor. It is a native deciduous shrub. It may get its name from the resemblance of its flower to the feet of our feline friends. Those furry buds on their branches are also known as catkins.

The pussy willow is a dioecious plant, meaning that male and female parts are found on different plants. The male catkins are larger and furrier, while the female catkins tend to be smaller and greenish. You can also tell a male plant when the catkins begin to look yellow. This is the pollen.



Because pussy willow blooms so early in the spring, it is a valuable food source for wildlife. The catkins are one of the first food sources for pollinators. The willow cannot be pollinated by wind, but in return for the nectar it provides insects for food, they perform pollination in return. The insects are food for resident and returning songbirds, providing much-needed protein. The willow buds are also important food for grouse and small mammals. Some birds, especially hummingbirds, use the pussy willow fuzz to line their nests. The thick branches and leaves make it a favorite nesting site for goldfinches.

The pussy willow also hosts several species of butterflies, one of which is the Viceroy. The Viceroy looks almost exactly like a Monarch. The Viceroy has a thin, black line that runs across its lower wings like a necklace, and is smaller than the Monarch. The Viceroy does not migrate like Monarchs, and prefers willows, not milkweed. The female lays her eggs on the tip of the willow leaf and the caterpillar completes its entire lifecycle on the willow plant.

Native to the wetlands of Canada and the eastern United states, the pussy willow is common in New York. It is a shrub that can reach a height of 20 feet or more. It can make a great landscaping plant, but requires pruning.

Pussy willows are easy to multiply. Stems of almost any size can simply be stuck into a vase of water, where they will form roots in just a few weeks. They can then be planted directly into the ground in spring.

They can also be planted as unrooted cuttings. Cuttings should be from new growth, at least as thick as a pencil, and a foot or more in length for direct planting. At least one or two buds must be above ground when the cutting is poked into the soil. The cutting must be set the right end up, as it originally grew.

Pussy willows grow well in almost any soil and grow quickly. They prefer full sun, but will survive in the shade, as well. As with most willows, they do best when given lots of water, and are a good option for yard areas where drainage is a problem. However, their roots can be invasive and they should not be planted near septic systems.

Keep watch for these conspicuous blooms appearing on otherwise bare stems. Along with early bulbs like snow drops and crocus, they signal the end of winter and the long awaited arrival of spring. Contact the county SWCD to find out about other natives trees and shrubs available now through our annual seedling sale. The office is open and can be reached at 607-756-5991.

Amanda Barber is director of the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Cusp of spring



Katie Keyser/living and leisure editor

George Adams of Cortland, on a walk Wednesday through Courthouse Park, a chilly, partially sunny morning.

Reader's Poetry

Supply lines

By Frank Kelly, Cortland

6 AM
The supermarket parking lot Is full
Inside, old folk push shopping carts
Filled to overflowing
Weaving in and out of aisles
Some shelves empty
Some still not
One lonely produce scale
Is like a carcass, freshly killed
Buzzards circle,
Wait their turn
For a quick bite
Before they're driven off
By some old woman's cough
A young clerk rearranges pickles
Touching every jar
With who knows where they've been
Hands
Until a masked man on a mission
Barks for him to move away
Elsewhere, shoppers search in vein
For toilet paper, paper towels
Liquid soap and disinfectant wipes
Anything that might
Kill the microscopic enemy
That's brought a planet to its knees
Nervous couples clog the checkout lines
Cashiers handle bonus cards
As if their owners had the plague
Outside, an early morning rain
Forms puddles in the blacktop
As, weary but relieved,
The Covid wary
Stuff provisions
Into waiting SUVs

Send in a poem for possible publication to living@cortlandstandard.net. Include name and town for print.

Tribute to a dying man

Neighbors gather outside man's condo to say goodbye

Chicago Tribune

At noon on Saturday, under gray skies threatening rain and the pall of a global pandemic upending life in a million ways, Bill Hession's friends and neighbors stood outside his Chicago condo and sent up their love.

Hession, 83, was inside his sixth-floor unit, where he lay dying. His daughter, Katie, and his wife, Joan, stood on the balcony, waving at the 60 or so people standing below on Calumet Avenue, just north of 21st Street.

Column



Heidi Stevens



TNS photo

Katie, daughter of Bill Hession, and her mom, Joan, outside Bill and Joan Hession's condo on March 28. A crowd gathered outside to say goodbye to Bill, who was on his deathbed.

A woman with three kids — two in a double jogging stroller — waved a giant Irish flag. A couple held up a sign written on the back of a roll of gift wrap: "BILL, FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS. LOVE, TORRES FAMILY."

Another man held a sign reading, "We love U Bill Hession." Another sign: "Thank you for your friendship."

Most people brought their dogs. A few exchanged elbow bumps. Bill Hession's son, Daniel, walked around offering thank-yous and hellos from a safe distance.

At 12:08, a woman led the group in "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." A few minutes later, another woman walked down Calumet with a portable speaker playing Bing Crosby's rendition.

"It was amazing," Katie Hession told me afterward. "I knew my dad touched people. I had no idea how much."

Bill Hession was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in October. He was receiving treatment at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, but he moved home March 20 — the one-year anniversary of his only brother's death — to live out his last days surrounded by his wife, his four children and his beloved dog, Veronica.

Katie Hession knows her dad doesn't have many days left. He hasn't eaten since Tuesday. He floats in and out of consciousness, mostly out.

She knows when he dies, she and her mom and her siblings won't be able to hold a proper wake and funeral for him, given coronavirus-mandated restrictions on crowds.

So she typed up a flier. She added a photo of her dad walking Veronica. She explained the situation.

"This adds to my family's heartbreak," she wrote, "he is Irish after all and is so deserving of a fine send-off for a life well lived."

She invited anyone who might recognize the duo to stand outside his condo Saturday "with more than six feet of social distance" and pay him a small tribute. She would hang a dog leash from the balcony so they knew which one was his.

"I hope you'll just look up and send up a special thought or prayer to Bill," she wrote. "He may not see you or hear you, but I hope to capture the procession from above in a photograph and show him how much the neighborhood cares for him, a friend, a fellow dog walker."

She had six copies of the flier made at a UPS store and hung them around the neighborhood.

And people showed up.

"We came inside, and I just said, 'Dad. You had so many dog walkers and friends standing out in front of the building, and they brought their dogs and they sang, 'When Irish Eyes Are Smiling,'" she told me afterward. "And he opened his eyes a little bit, and he whispered, 'Oh my God.'"

Bill Hession grew up in Chicago. He graduated in 1954 from Leo Catholic High School, where he was a standout football player. He earned a scholarship to Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and married his longtime girlfriend, Joan, his senior year.

After college, he returned to Leo Catholic to coach football and teach Spanish and English. (He was inducted into Leo's hall of fame in 2011.) As the family and expenses started to grow, he got a job at Reavis High School in Burbank, where he taught and coached for more than 30 years.

At one point on Saturday, a gentleman in a Reavis jacket yelled up to Katie Hession on the balcony, "Your father coached me in football!"

"I told my dad," Katie Hession said. "You had a Reavis Ram downstairs, and he wanted to thank you for being a great coach."

Friends and neighbors dropped off cards as well. One was addressed to "The mayor of 2001 S. Calumet and his first lady Veronica."

Katie Hession, who lives four blocks north of her parents, said she'll soon be the one walking Veronica, a little bichon found on a Chicago street and saved by an organization called Small Paws Rescue.

"It was a match made in heaven," Katie Hession said.

Before Bill Hession got sick, the family — Bill, Joan, four kids, nine grandkids — gathered every July in Lake Geneva for a weeklong "Papapalooza." (His grandkids call him "Papa," and his birthday is July 5.) Katie Hession figures they'll turn that tradition into his memorial this year, "if the world is right by then."

"He's a great man and a great person and a great father," Katie Hession said. "He really deserved this."

And his people delivered.

Expert explains how virus makes you ill

Mayo Clinic News Network

Experts continue to learn more about SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, and how it behaves.

Dr. Gregory Poland, an infectious diseases expert and director of Mayo Clinic's Vaccine Research Group, is answering questions about COVID-19.

Q. How does the virus that causes COVID-19 make people sick?

A. A simple way to think about this is like a lock and key. The virus has projections off of it, like a key, which look for human cells in the body that have receptors, which act like a lock. That key enters the lock and turns it. The virus enters into our own cells, and then it takes over our own cellular machinery and starts using it to produce copies of the virus. And when you get enough copies of that virus in a cell, it bursts it open and then travels to the next cell, and the next cell. You're talking about billions, maybe even trillions, of numbers of these viruses, so you begin to understand how it starts affecting blood vessels, the heart, the lungs, the GI (gastrointestinal) tract and can cause people to become very ill and occasionally die.

Q. What makes COVID-19 more dangerous than the flu?

A. The case fatality rate is probably about 10 times higher than influenza. This particular virus is very efficiently adapted to find those receptors, bind tightly to those receptors and then take over the cells.

Q. Is the flu season over?

A. If you look in most places in the U.S., flu activity is still high. We keep talking about bending or flattening that curve for COVID-19. We're trying to do the same thing for influenza.

Ask Amy

By Amy Dickinson

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Mother's mistakes now haunting her

DEAR READERS: Because of syndication scheduling, I write and submit my columns two weeks in advance of publication. Due to this time lag, the Q&A's will not reflect the latest information about the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic we are currently facing.

DEAR AMY: I wish I could undo some of the terrible mistakes I've made.

My daughter hasn't spoken to me in years.

When she was very young, I divorced her dad and moved hundreds of miles away. I married a man with two sons and a parenting method that I didn't agree with, but I felt trapped with him — the way I'd felt trapped with her dad. We were together for 10 years.

I waited until after my daughter graduated from high school, and then I separated from her stepfather. It was very difficult to live on my own and we ended up getting back together. It was more out of convenience than anything.

When I told my daughter that I was getting back together with him, she blew up and told me that her stepbrother had drugged and raped her several times. I was in complete shock! She has not spoken to me since then.

I think about her every day. I stalk her on Facebook (with an unrecognizable profile) just so I can see her life. I can't be a part of her life because she has blocked me. This estrangement breaks my 83-year-old mother's heart, and I would like to see us all together again.

— Regretful

DEAR REGRETFUL: If you want your relationships to change, then you need to change. It's really that simple. Although you admit to having regrets, you don't seem to have taken responsibility for the role you played in your daughter's trauma. Your reaction to her disclosure that she was raped while in your household was to express shock, and then passively sigh — and continue on to reunite with your ex.

Are you not aware that the best thing to do when someone reports a rape is to call the police? (And people wonder why assault victims hesitate to report!)

Yes, you've made mistakes. Admitting this is definitely a step in the right direction, but you don't get to claim victimhood, here. Until you take responsibility for your parental neglect, passivity, and terrible judgment, you cannot hope for a reconciliation. Even your Facebook-stalking seems to me more melodrama than the action of a mother desperate to make things right. You are not Stella Dallas standing in the rain, wistfully watching your daughter through a window. You are not the victim of her blocking you. There are many ways — other than Facebook — to contact someone, however, until you can commit to positive change, it is probably wisest for your daughter to keep her distance.

A compassionate and competent counselor could walk you through the events in your life that have culminated in this moment. With coaching and positive change, the reconciliation you desire might be possible. I hope you will try.

DEAR AMY: "Queasy in Florida" wanted to put an anonymous note in the mailbox of a woman at her retirement community, criticizing her behavior at the home's communal dining table.

Thank you for recommending a discreet, in-person conversation. My loving, kind, 86-year-old parents just voluntarily moved into an assisted-living community. My dad wore a hat in the dining room because his head is always cold.

Someone left a copy of the dress code at their apartment door with an arrow pointing to "no hats in the dining room."

My mother was furious, and I was heartbroken that someone would be so catty and cowardly toward my wonderful parents.

— Protective Daughter

DEAR PROTECTIVE: Nonjudgmental, discreet, and in-person is almost always the best way to communicate.

DEAR AMY: I was absolutely blown away by the letter from "Justin," the young transgender man who sent you a follow-up after you published his question about how to communicate with his parents over the holidays.

So many of us in the LGBTQ community are tasked with extremely challenging and awkward social or family-related negotiations. It's not fair to us, but yes — humor always helps.

— Been There

DEAR BEEN THERE: Justin is a special person — I appreciated hearing back from him that his parents are really coming around. The companion letter in that column, from the mom of a transgender girl, showed how hard it can be for parents to adjust how they refer to their transgender kids.

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Our Opinion

Real heroes

We regularly encounter bravery on the screen — soaring music, the lone woman or man squaring off against impossible odds, probably wearing a ripped shirt or bandana and definitely armed to the teeth. But in real life, you only see true bravery in action.

On March 27, a man shot and wounded a police officer on Elm Street in the city of Cortland. Twelve hours later, the suspect surrendered. Both men were hospitalized for gunshot wounds. Although both will bear the scars of their encounter, and one will face justice for his actions, we are thankful that both men survived the incident.

The fact it was resolved without loss of life is a testament to the mettle of the men and women who responded that night. When things go bad, it's their job to show up and deal with it to the best of their ability, no matter how ugly it gets.

Now, the members of the medical community are on the front lines. We know they face some truly difficult circumstances in the coronavirus pandemic. They aren't facing bullets or knives or even a fire, but something invisible. Yet training and experience have prepared the doctors and nurses and aides to face down this threat, despite their fear. We couldn't be more grateful.

We are grateful when we find those few and far between surprising instances of real life bravery, as in the case of those officers honored March 27 by the Homer Police Department.

A year ago Sunday, Officer Michael Howell ran into a burning building on Pine Street four times to rescue residents and slow the spread of the fire.

OK, Howell does sound a little bit like an action movie hero, but he didn't have a stunt double, and the effects were real. He risked his life to save others, and deserves the honors bestowed upon him: not only the Award of Honor, his department's highest award, but also recognition at the American Red Cross of Central New York's 21st annual "Real Hero Breakfast" in Syracuse on Dec. 4, and also his nomination for the Central New York Association of Chiefs of Police Heroic Action Award (the April 27 event has been postponed).

Howell also received the department's Honorable Service Award for an early-morning traffic stop June 20 in Homer that resulted in the recovery of a vehicle stolen during a Syracuse robbery. Additionally, officers Matthew Compton and Fred "Jay" Forbes Jr. received the department's Life Saving Award for administering naloxone to three people on three different dates, possibly preventing their deaths from opioid overdose.

Come to think of it, we've seen quite a few police officers honored for their bravery over the years. And we have attended the Real Heroes Breakfast in past years, and learned about the lifesaving actions taken by firefighters and emergency medical technicians, and their bravery.

Sometimes, the award is given to someone who isn't a trained first responder who saved a life — with a little help from an American Red Cross CPR class, perhaps.

Maybe true bravery is more common than we thought. It's not always about running into a burning building FOUR TIMES; it can be a little more subtle. Giving blood. Donating an organ. Talking to a friend. Social distancing. Those things take bravery, too. And right now, we all need to be a little bit brave. Do the right thing. Take care of others. Keep ourselves safe.

Take inspiration from the real heroes. The ones who might not look like an action movie cliche. The doctors and nurses and aides and police officers and firefighters and EMTs and everyone else who is willing to put it all on the line, so the rest of us can be safe. And say "thank you."

Thank you.

Good Old Days

April 3, 1970

CINCINNATUS — A surprise dinner and party were held by Mr. and Mrs. Ward Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fox for their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Casper A. Fox, in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary March 28 at the Howard Fox home.

Their children and grandchildren were present. These include: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde (Helen) Fosgate; Sharon and Rosemary of Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. George (Margery) Angell, Ivan and Eddy from Homer; Mr. and Mrs. D. Robert (June) Holler, Rand and Laurie of Homer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox, Susan and Terry; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fox, Lisa and Tammy; Mr. and Mrs.. Ward Fox, Jennie, Amy and Ward Jr.; and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fox and Joan-Ann, all of Cincinnatus.

April 3, 1995

Five-year-old Rebecca Summers stared in wonder Saturday as the bubbling amber sap was slowly transformed into maple syrup right before her eyes.

She closed her big blue eyes and inhaled the sweet aroma of maple syrup inside the Sugar Shack.

Summers, who was accompanied by her grandmother, Betty Summers, was attending her first-ever Central New York Maple Festival, held Saturday and Sunday.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 3, the 94th day of 2020. There are 272 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 3, 1996, Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski (kah-ZIHN'-skee) was arrested at his remote Montana cabin.

On this date:

In 1860, the legendary Pony Express began carrying mail between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. (The delivery system lasted only 18 months before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph.)

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Missouri, by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, New Jersey, for the kidnap-murder of Charles Lindbergh Jr.

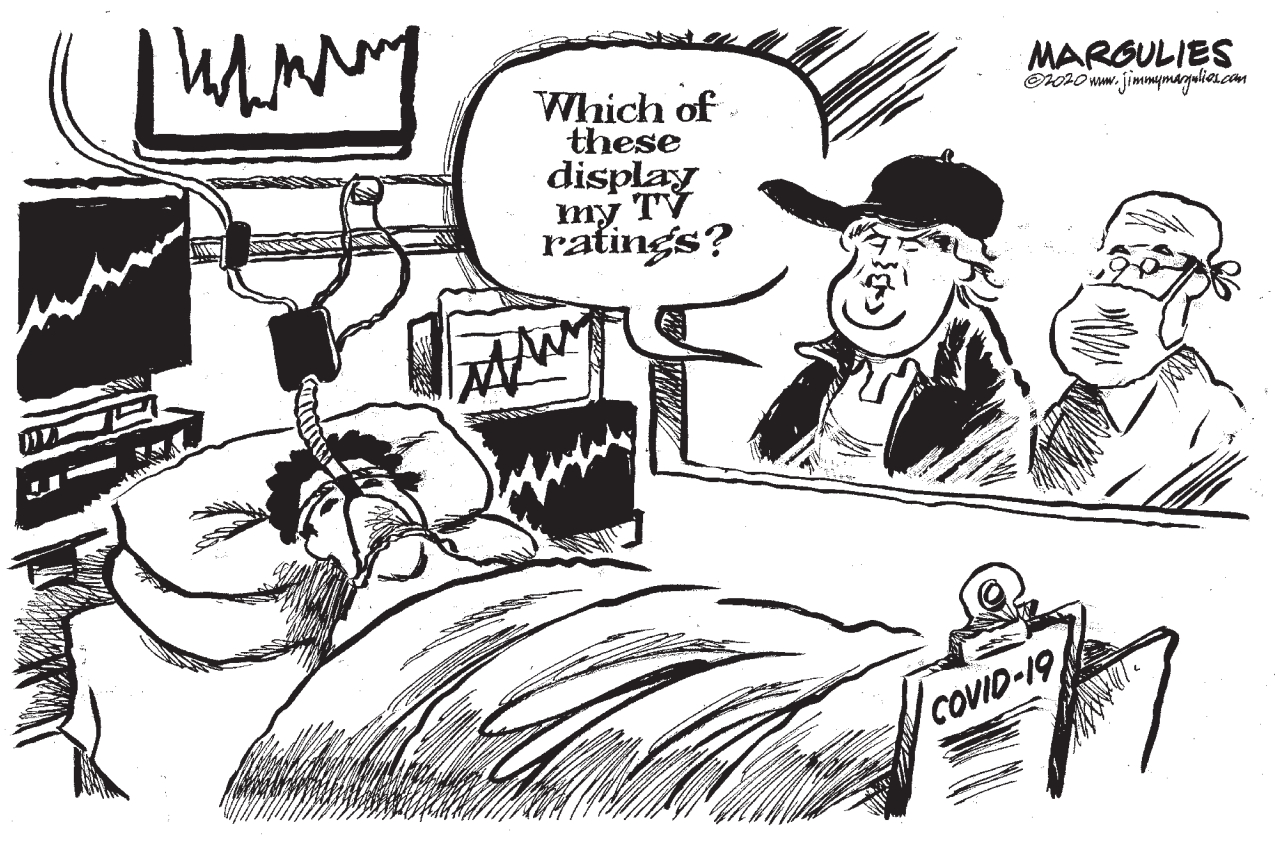
In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces began their final assault on Bataan against American and Filipino troops who surrendered six days later; the capitulation was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March.

In 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Smith v. Allwright, struck down a Democratic Party of Texas rule that allowed only white voters to participate in Democratic primaries.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the Marshall Plan, designed to help European allies rebuild after World War II and resist communism.

In 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered what turned out to be his final speech, telling a rally of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tennessee, that "I've been to the mountaintop" and "seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land!" (About 20 hours later, King was felled by an assassin's bullet at the Lorraine Motel.)

In 1973, the first handheld portable telephone was demonstrated for reporters on a New York City street corner as Motorola executive Martin Cooper called Joel S. Engel of Bell Labs.



The virus: What would Joe do?

Larry Elder



Many Democrats and much of the media claim that President Donald Trump has mishandled and continues to mishandle the response to the coronavirus pandemic.

But a Johns Hopkins study found the United States is better prepared for a pandemic than any other country. Released in October 2019, the Global Health Security Index examined 195 countries on their preparedness and ability to handle an epidemic or pandemic. It found: "No country is fully prepared for epidemics or pandemics, and every country has important gaps to address."

No, Trump did not cut funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Among those pushing this untruth is former Vice President Joe Biden, who said, "They've cut the funding for the CDC." Trump proposed a CDC cut, but Congress disagreed. FactCheck.org wrote: "It's misleading at best to claim Trump 'slashed funding,' when his proposals haven't taken effect. For instance, Trump's fiscal 2020 budget proposal would have reduced CDC funding by $750.6 million, compared with what was enacted for fiscal 2019. ... But Congress passed, and Trump signed, a budget that increased CDC funding by $420 million."

Nor is it true that Trump "fired" the head of a pandemic response team that the president allegedly dissolved. Former New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg claimed: "And one of the great problems today, you read about the virus, what's really happening here is the president fired the pandemic specialist in this country two years ago. So there's nobody here to figure out what the hell we should be doing." Rear Adm. R. Timothy Ziemer, to whom Bloomberg referred, was the senior director of the National Security Council's Office of Global Health Security and Biodefense. About Ziemer, FactCheck.org said: "Just because Ziemer's position was discontinued does not mean everyone who was part of the team was fired or that all of the functions of the directorate ceased.

According to reporting by the Atlantic and the Washington Post, some team members were shifted to other groups, and others took over some of Ziemer's duties. An NSC spokesman at the time said that the administration 'remains committed to global health, global health security and biodefense, and will continue to address these issues with the same resolve under the new structure.'" Ziemer is now senior deputy assistant administrator at the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Nor did Trump refer to the coronavirus as a "hoax," as claimed by The New York Times' reporter David Leonhardt; Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio; Ohio Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown; and Biden, among numerous Democrats and members of the media. In an edited political ad, Biden made the assertion.

But The Washington Post Fact Checker gave the Trump-called-the-coronavirus-a-hoax story four Pinocchios, as bad a score as the Post gives: "At the 10-second mark, the camera shows a tight shot of the president saying 'coronavirus' and then cuts to a wide shot where he says, 'this is their new hoax.' Both clips are from Trump's Feb. 28 campaign rally in North Charleston, S.C., but he never said 'coronavirus, this is their new hoax.' Rather, Biden's ad clipped a large part of Trump's speech to make it seem as though he had."

What would Biden do that Trump isn't already doing? Biden recently tweeted: "It's hard to believe this has to be said, but if I'm elected president, I will always lead the way with science. I will listen to the experts and heed their advice. I will do the opposite of what we're seeing Donald Trump do every day." To that end, Biden has been giving interviews and holding coronavirus briefings broadcast from his home studio in Wilmington, Delaware.

Some of Biden's insights:

"I was literally on the phone at least 3 to 4 hours a day with my team talking about the detail implementation. How do we get the money? Where do we do? Who do we go to? Where do we — who do we ask for, etc.?"

About Trump's plea that we remain in our homes to the extent practical, Biden said: "Look, none of us want to be cooped up in our homes just as the weather is turning nice. ... It's unfair to all of us. And it's unnecessary for all of us. But it's necessary, in fact. It's necessary for all of us to have to deal with it."

About Trump's plan, since abandoned, to restart the economy by Easter, Biden said, "We have to take care of the cure. That will make the problem worse no matter what. No matter what."

Trump is registering the best approval ratings of his presidency. A recent Gallup poll showed Trump's job approval ratings at 49%. At this time in his first term, Obama's Gallup approval ratings were at 46%. For the Trump haters who hoped that Trump's response to the pandemic would sink Trump's reelection prospects, it's not going according to plan.

Jenny Durkan for VP

Susan Estrich



The novel coronavirus has made clear who in this country actually runs things.

It should be, and occasionally is, the president.

But in this instance, President Donald Trump has mostly been a cheerleader, often cheering for the wrong side — the side that thought the virus was just a hoax, that there's nothing to worry about here, and that it would disappear. But he's not the one issuing the orders. That would be the governors and mayors. It's the governors who are out there fighting to buy masks and ventilators in a free-for-all triggered by the president. It's the governors and mayors telling us what we can and can't do. It's the governors who, struggling to restrain the virus, are directing where and when hospital beds can be built. I see Gov. Gavin Newsom every day. I see Gov. Andrew Cuomo every day. I haven't seen Sen. Kamala Harris since she dropped out. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, not at all. I'm sure they are voting with Sen. Chuck Schumer.

Governors fight. Big-city mayors fight.

Senators vote.

Every story I read says the front-runners are the women senators who lost in the presidential primaries and have since been voting on bills agreed to by others. Excuse me. They lost for a reason. They said things about you that will get replayed a million times. And on the greatest issue of our time, they are doing nothing more than casting a vote for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's deal.

Women governors and mayors have proved their mettle not by showing up to vote for a *fait accompli*, but by taking their place on the front line of the crisis, uniting their communities, making life-and-death decisions every day.

Meanwhile the senators sit there for absolutely no reason until Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Pelosi tell them to vote yes. Will that qualify them to deal with an economy that has been in recall and a pandemic that may still plague us?

Former Vice President Joe Biden is 77. If he wins, he will be 78 when he takes office and 82, God willing, when he leaves.

In the middle of a pandemic killing senior citizens, voters would be nuts if they weren't worried about age including the president's, who turns 74 in June.

No one had ever heard of Mike Pence before he became vice president. No one cared. But choosing for your ticket a gal people have heard of because you beat her inevitably raises questions about what comments she said in the primaries that she has to eat. This would be a significant problem for Warren and Harris.

With a coronavirus still lurking and an aging president, it matters more than ever that the next president know how to run things bigger than a Senate office and know how to deal with crises that require doing more than what Schumer and Pelosi say. Governors and mayors hold the fate of their citizens in their hands.

So here's my absolute favorite. A female mayor for whom I have more respect than anyone in politics, who would absolutely be great — brilliant and gracious. Biden would like her. So would most Americans. She does not drip of politics, but of compassion.

Jenny Durkan is the mayor of Seattle, the city with the nursing home, that got killed by the coronavirus. I would call Jenny a liberal. In Washington, she jokes with me, they call her a moderate: a lesbian with the same partner for decades (also a wonderful woman) and two boys at the University of Southern California. She was a lawyer in the Justice Department and an adviser to a former governor. Former President Barack Obama appointed her to be the U.S. attorney in Washington. She managed to win the respect of just about everybody (no easy task for a prosecutor), and when then-Seattle Mayor Tim Burgess ran into a problem that would certainly complicate his reelection, the Democratic Party drafted her. She won handily, and her approval rating was over 60% before this started. She has actually reduced the homeless population in Seattle.

Sorry, but New York Mayor Bill de Blasio has blustered on television; I'm not nominating him. But Jenny? You've probably seen her or read her quotes, even if you didn't recognize her. She is articulate, forceful, compassionate and determined. She is not cowering in fear of the civil liberties attack. She is calming fears and demanding what her city needs, a city second only to New York in the terror residents are seeing. She is so smart. She has never wavered. She listens to scientists. Her approval rating is sky-high.

But it's the compassion that radiates, the lack of political artifice, the executive strength. Jenny for VP. (And - don't laugh — I said that 35 years ago about a little-known congressman from Queens ...)



Associated Press

A closed sign is shown at Romeo & Juliet Furniture and Appliances with an empty parking lot Thursday in Detroit.

Report: 701,000 jobs lost

WASHINGTON (AP) — A record-long streak of U.S. job growth ended suddenly in March after nearly a decade as employers cut 701,000 jobs because of the viral outbreak that's all but shut down the U.S. economy. The unemployment rate jumped to 4.4% from a 50-year low of 3.5%.

The monthly job loss reported Friday by the government, the worst since the depths of the Great Recession in 2009, is still just a small indication of what's to come. Last month's actual losses were likely even larger because the government surveyed employers before the heaviest layoffs hit in the past two weeks. Nearly 10 million Americans applied for unemployment benefits in the final two weeks of March, far exceeding the figure for any corresponding period on record.

Virus-induced shutdowns have forced widespread layoffs throughout the economy, from hotels, restaurants and movie theaters to auto factories, department stores and administrative offices. The nearly full point increase in the unemployment rate from February to March was the sharpest monthly rise since 1975.

One sign of how painfully deep the job losses will likely prove to be: During its nearly decade-long hiring streak, the U.S. economy added 22.8 million jobs. Economists expect the April jobs report being released in early May to show that nearly all those jobs will have been lost.

Roughly two-thirds of the job cuts during March were at restaurants, hotels and casinos, which shed 459,000 jobs. Retailers lost 46,000, manufacturers 18,000.

As recently as February, U.S. employers had added 273,000 jobs. Some economists have now forecast that the unemployment rate could go as high as 15% within the next month. That rate would be the worst since the 1930s. During the Great Recession, unemployment peaked at 10%.

More than 90% of the U.S. population is now living under some version of a shutdown order, which has forced the closure of bars, restaurants, movie theaters, factories, gyms and most other businesses. Some hotels are closed; others are largely empty. Fast-food chains are either closed or providing only drive-through service, costing thousands of jobs.

With business activity tightly restricted, analysts expect a stomach-churning recession. Economists at Goldman Sachs have forecast that the economy will shrink at an annual rate of 34% in the April-June quarter — the worse fall on records dating to World War II. Goldman expects the economy to rebound with 19% growth in the third quarter. But even by the end of next year, the economy will not have fully recovered from the damage, Goldman projects.

Robert Kaplan, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, said Thursday on CNBC that he expects the unemployment rate to rise to the mid-teens soon, before falling to about 8% by year's end.

A key determinant of the economy's future will be whether businesses can survive the shutdown and rehire many of the workers they laid off. If so, that would help the economy snap back and avoid the type of weak recovery that followed the past three downturns.

So far, some large and small businesses are still paying for health care benefits and keeping in touch with their newly laid-off workers.

But if the virus outbreak forces businesses to stay closed into the late summer, many may go bankrupt or won't have the money to rehire their old employees.

That would keep unemployment elevated, depriving potentially millions of people of a paycheck and slowing the recovery.

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experts stress that the germ is still not fully understood.

U.S. officials have been telling people to stay at home as much as possible, and keep at least 6 feet (2 meters) away from others when they do go out. Other advice includes frequent hand washing and not touching your face.

But until now federal officials have stopped short of telling people to cover their faces out in public.

Scientists can't rule out that infected people sometimes exhale COVID-19 virus particles, rather than just when coughing or sneezing, but there isn't enough evidence to show if that can cause infection, according to a committee convened by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to advise the White House.

The question has to do with whether the new coronavirus spreads mostly by droplets that don't linger for long in the air, or also by tinier "aerosolized" particles. Certain medical procedures, such as inserting breathing tubes, can create those tiny particles, which is why health care workers wear close-fitting N95 masks during such care.

The committee cited one study that detected airborne viral RNA in and just outside some hospital isolation rooms, but noted that it was unclear if that could infect someone.

U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams has repeatedly admonished Americans not to wear face masks, saying they don't prevent the people who wear them from catching the virus. He and other officials have stressed that surgical face masks and other protective medical equipment have been in short supply and must be prioritized for people such as health-care workers.

The World Health Organization on Monday reiterated its advice that the general population doesn't need to wear masks unless they're sick. Since the epidemic began in China, the WHO has said masks are for the sick and people caring for them.

"There is no specific evidence to suggest that the wearing of masks by the mass population has any particular benefit," WHO's epidemic chief Dr. Mike Ryan said during a news conference. "In fact, there's some evidence to suggest the opposite," he added, noting risks from an improperly fitted mask or improperly putting it on or taking it off.

That's in addition to the problem that health care workers who do need masks are facing "a massive global shortage," Ryan said. "The thought of them not having masks is horrific, so we have to be very careful on supply, but that is not the primary reason why WHO has advised against using masks."

Many people have taken it upon themselves to make their own masks, but one North Carolina health system found that such DIY products vary in how well they work. Wake Forest Baptist Health doctors and scientists tested 13 different designs made by community volunteers.

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emergency education funding. But Cuomo has said the amount is not enough to offset possible revenue loss and response costs that have already exceeded $1 billion.

Schools are receiving nearly the same amount of funding as last year — about $28 million. Cuomo had proposed $800 million in extra school aid in January. New York will lose out on extra federal education aid if funding falls further.

The budget also allows Cuomo's administration to reduce healthcare spending this year or next.

Cuomo had complained New York would lose out on billions of dollars in emergency Medicaid funds because Congress prohibited states from restricting Medicaid until the outbreak is declared over.

A state task force was tasked this year to propose trimming $2.5 billion in Medicaid spending.

The budget allows Cuomo's administration to delay some Medicaid proposals amid the crisis — including another 0.5% in across-the-board Medicaid payment cuts, a cap on managed long-term care enrollment and restrictions on Medicaid-funded personal care aide programs.

A coalition of several health consumer groups said cuts during or after the pandemic will devastate struggling hospitals shouldering the brunt of the outbreak.

Several left-leaning advocacy groups including VOCAL-NY slammed lawmakers for failing to consider higher taxes on the state's wealthiest residents to help provide more revenue for schools.

Republicans criticized Democrats for including a host of new laws in the budget that have received little public scrutiny in recent weeks: from the legalization of paid surrogacy, to a ban on Styrofoam containers, a sweeping new paid sick leave law, an expansion of prevailing wage mandates, a ban on flavored vaping, a new small-donor public financing system, and an increased ballot threshold making it harder for third parties to qualify for the ballot.

New York will also legalize e-bikes and e-scooters, add E Pluribus Unum to the state's coat of arms, seize weapons from certain individuals linked to possible domestic abuse, establish a new "domestic act of terrorism motivated by hate" felony, and ban high-risk sexual offenders from rising the MTA.

New York is also tweaking a law allowing undocumented immigrants to apply for drivers' licenses that drew rebuke from President Trump's administration, which had halted the import and export of used vehicles in New York and cut residents from "trusted traveler" programs.

New York can now share certain state motor vehicle records that federal officials say is needed to import and export vehicles and vet New Yorkers applying to trusted traveler programs. The law aims to ensure that data can't be used for immigration enforcement.

Another budget measure backed by Cuomo would also tweak a new state law that started in January to end cash bail for 90% of crimes, allowing thousands of New Yorkers facing charges for mostly non-violent crimes to avoid being held in jail while awaiting trial.

Republicans and many law enforcement officials around the state initially raised concerns that the law was emptying jails and endangering the public, while supporters said cash bail unjustly oppresses poor and minority communities.

Cuomo's proposed tweak includes making more crimes eligible for bail starting in 90 days — including felony sex trafficking, money laundering, strangulation, certain hate crimes, criminal possession of a weapon on school grounds, grand larceny, escape and failing to register as a sex offender.

Cuomo said Thursday that his administration has looked at the roll-out of the new law: "I think we made the right change now."

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the business, Degni said.

Poor planning has also made potential hemp farmers more cautious, said Trever Sherman, the owner of Ithaca Organics in Freeville.

"There's a lot of people who jumped on without a contract set up," he said.

Sherman, whose farm produces CBD oil and CBD-infused products, has heard about farmers who have been unsuccessful producing and selling hemp go out of the business. But he added many producers remain in the game, and more are looking to get into it.l

Additionally, the hemp market in the state is saturated with producers that grow hemp with low amounts of CBD, which have hurt those producers as buyers want higher concentrations, he said.

"People that don't have as high quality of hemp, they're never going to sell it," he said.

Sherman's harvest fared well last year as he grew 40 acres worth of hemp and sold about 20 acres of it to High End Multi Processing, LLC in Spencer and Hype Labs, LLC in Amherst.

He still has about 4,000 pounds worth of hemp in storage.

"Compared to everyone else I talked with, we did pretty well," he said. He's considering planting up to 200 acres of hemp this season.

Like Sherman, Allan Gandelman, owner of Main Street Farms in Cortlandville, said his production of hemp and CBD oil were good, but he has heard about farmers cutting production because of the overabundance.

COVID-19 has also made farmers rethink their plans for how much they'll grow as the economy slides toward recession, he said. "It's tough to predict what will happen."

His hemp business, Head and Heal, wasn't affected by the crash late last year as all of the hemp and products made from it are grown and produced at Main Street Farms. His business was better able to adjust.

What remains uncertain now for farmers like Sherman and Gandelman lies with how COVID-19 will affect buyers.

Gandelman said he hasn't planted this year's crop yet, as he is seeing where the economy is going and whether stores that sell his products that have closed will reopen. He will continue to sell CBD products from his business online, he said.

"We hope the rest of the stores can open in the next four to six weeks," Gandelman said.

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College Sports

Ivies deny spring sports eligibility option

▶ League rejects extension for grads over virus crisis

By DOUG FEINBERG
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — The Ivy League has decided not to allow its spring-sport athletes who had their seasons shortened by the coronavirus pandemic to have an additional year of eligibility as graduates, despite the NCAA granting that option earlier this week.

The move, which was announced Thursday, was consistent for the Ivy League with its policies. The conference hasn't allowed athletes to participate in any sports as graduates.

"After a number of discussions surrounding the current circumstances, the Ivy League has decided the League's existing eligibility policies will remain in place, including its longstanding practice that athletic opportunities are for undergraduates," the league said in a statement.

The NCAA Division I Council voted Monday to give spring-sport athletes regardless of their year in school a way to get back the season they lost because of the new coronavirus, but it did not guarantee financial aid to the current crop of seniors if they return to play next year. Spring-sport athletes include baseball, softball and lacrosse players.

Penn athletic director Grace Calhoun, chairwoman of the NCAA Division I Council, said ADs in the Ivy League had many discussions over the past few weeks about what to do.



Michael Dwyer/Associated Press

Yale's Jackson Morrill (15), left, is defended by Duke's Kevin McDonough during a Division I championship final May 28, 2018, in Foxborough, Massachusetts. The Ivy League won't allow spring-sport athletes who had their seasons shortened by the coronavirus to get an additional year of eligibility.

"We had hours of conversation since it's an extraordinary circumstance," she said in a phone interview. "We discussed allowing institutions to work with student-athletes up to and including allowing them to be grad students. Or do we hold tight and say our founding principles are what they are."

In the end, the league decided that it believes in "undergraduate eligibility and despite the circumstances we'll stick with that," she said.

Calhoun said decisions ultimately were going to be made by the school presidents. For the policy to change, it would have required six of the eight to agree on the one-time leniency.

As of Thursday, before the announcement from the conference, nearly 70 Ivy League senior spring-sports athletes had entered the NCAA transfer portal, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the players haven't publicly announced their moves.

If the Ivy League athletes transfer, they will count against the scholarship limit for their new schools. The Division I Council said senior spring athletes who were in their last year of eligibility could stay at their current schools and wouldn't count against the scholarship limits for their sports. If they transferred, they wouldn't get that exemption.

Calhoun said she believed 20 or fewer students from Penn might be affected by the decision. She expected most of the senior spring athletes to stay on track to graduate this spring.

"There are a couple of ways they could stay at Penn as undergraduates," she said. "We're certainly discouraging this if they took a leave of absence and came back next year. If a student slowed down their course work or picked up an extra major or minor, they could go beyond the eight semesters. There are a few ways a student could find themselves able to capitalize on a fifth year."

For an Ivy League athlete to withdraw from school now and then return next year, he or she would have to be readmitted by the school and receive a waiver from the conference allowing them to participate.

Major League Baseball



Rich Hein, Chicago Sun-Times/Associated Press

Ed Farmer works in the broadcast booth before an April 28, 2008, game between the Orioles and White Sox in Chicago. Farmer, a former All-Star reliever who spent nearly three decades as a radio broadcaster for the White Sox, has died at 70.

Ed Farmer, All-Star pitcher, White Sox broadcaster, dies

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Ed Farmer rooted for the White Sox growing up on Chicago's South Side and went on to become an All-Star reliever for them.

Where he really made his mark was in their radio booth the past three decades. Whether he was calling no-hitters, chronicling a championship season in 2005 or simply telling entertaining stories, Farmer was an inviting voice who brought listeners along for the ride.

The White Sox said he died Wednesday night in Los Angeles at age 70 following complications from an illness.

"He was just kind of like a staple in the scenery of the White Sox," former White Sox star Paul Konerko said Thursday.

Farmer was born in suburban Evergreen Park. He starred in baseball and basketball at St. Rita High and went on to pitch for eight teams over 11 seasons, going 30-43 with 75 saves.

Farmer's best years were with the White Sox from 1979-81. He was an All-Star in 1980, when he saved 30 games — then a club record.

Farmer worked as a major league scout for the Baltimore Orioles and spent time in the White Sox's front office before joining the radio booth on a part-time basis in 1991. He settled in as a full-time analyst alongside announcer John Rooney from 1992 to 2005. Farmer assumed play-by-play duties in 2006 and completed his 29th season in the booth in 2019.

"He called no-hitters, perfect games and of course, a World Series championship," White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said in a statement. "His experience as a major league All-Star pitcher, his wry sense of clubhouse humor, his love of baseball and his passion for the White Sox combined to make White Sox radio broadcasts the sound of summer for millions of fans. Ed grew up a Sox fan on the south side of Chicago and his allegiance showed every single night on the radio as he welcomed his 'friends' to the broadcast."

Farmer called perfect games by Mark Buehrle against Tampa Bay in 2009 and Phillip Humber at Seattle in 2012 as well as Hall of Famer Jim Thome's 500th homer. Just as notable as the events he witnessed were the relationships he developed and the impact he had on the booth and the franchise.

Darrin Jackson, his broadcast partner since 2009, recalled Farmer bringing him along to golf with former President George W. Bush.

"All he (Farmer) did was put a phone call in and say, 'I want to get together with you and play some golf,'" said Jackson, a former outfielder whose bond with Farmer developed when he played for the White Sox in 1994. "(Bush) said, 'Bring Darrin along and we'll play.' I don't think you could have a friend that had higher-ups than Ed Farmer did and I was fortunate enough to meet most of them."

A choked-up Jackson said the booth was a unique place with Farmer.

"There was nobody in Chicago or anywhere else that would bring in more new fans to that organization than Ed Farmer," he said. "You could be a Cardinal fan. You could be a fan of anybody and he would have you up in our booth and you'd be converted instantly. He's that guy. ... It was something special to be around."

Farmer battled Polycystic Kidney Disease — an inherited disorder that causes the organ to enlarge and lose function, according to the Mayo Clinic — and became an advocate for organ donation after a transplant from his brother in 1991.

Basketball Hall of Fame

Time for Tomjanovich to get the call from hall

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

The votes are in, and word is about to come if this, finally, is the year that former Houston Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich gets the call from the Basketball Hall of Fame.

He's due.

"Long overdue," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said.

The opinions that matter are held by the 24 people who submitted their ballots to decide who goes into this year's class, which will be announced on Saturday. Candidates need 75% of the vote — 18 ballots — to earn the congratulatory phone call from Basketball Hall President and CEO John Doleva.

Analysis

The late Los Angeles Lakers legend Kobe Bryant, San Antonio great Tim Duncan and former Minnesota and Boston star Kevin Garnett headline this class, and it's assumed they'll all be officially announced Saturday. They're first-time finalists, as is four-time Olympic gold medalist Tamika Catchings.

The other finalists have been close before: Baylor women's coach Kim Mulkey, Bentley women's coach Barbara Stevens, two-time AP college coach of the year Eddie Sutton are among them.

Tomjanovich is the other.

He is one of nine NBA coaches to win back-to-back championships, one of 14 coaches with two or more NBA championships. Consider the other 13: Phil Jackson, Red Auerbach, Pat Riley, Popovich, John Kundla, Steve Kerr, Chuck Daly, Alex Hannum, Red Holzman, K.C. Jones, Bill Russell, Tom Heinsohn and Erik Spoelstra.

Popovich, Kerr and Spoelstra are still active. The other 10 are in the Hall of Fame, although it should be noted that Jones and Russell made it as players. Doesn't matter. They're in.

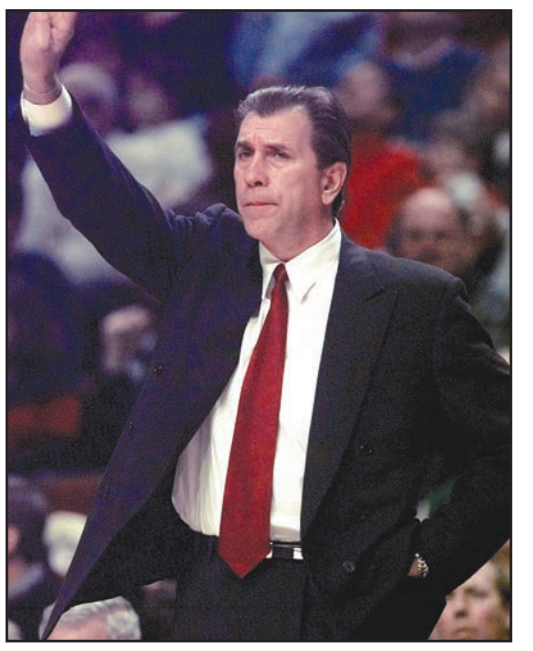
Tomjanovich should join them.

There's no shortage of people around the NBA who say so. Spoelstra was asked earlier this week about how Bryant, Duncan and Garnett being enshrinees will give fans something to think about Saturday other than the coronavirus pandemic for at least a few minutes.

Without prompting, Spoelstra pivoted his comments toward Tomjanovich, who had the Rockets atop the NBA world when he started working in the Heat video room a quarter-century ago.

"When I first came into the league, he had the back-to-back championships and he did it with such great class and the iconic statement where he said (don't ever) 'underestimate the heart of a champion,'" Spoelstra said. "All of us that are in the coaching business look up to the guys like Rudy."

Tomjanovich has far more to tout than two NBA championships. Consider his other resume highlights: All-American and still career rebounding leader at Michigan, No. 2 pick in the 1970 NBA draft, five-time NBA All-Star player (a total that likely would have been six had his 1977-78 season not been ruined by Kermit Washington's punch that left Tomjanovich with life-threatening injuries), coach of the U.S. team that took CBA players to the world championships in 1998 because of an NBA lockout and won bronze anyway, and coach of the NBA-filled U.S. Olympic team that won gold at the Sydney Games in 2000.



Michael S. Green/Associated Press

Rudy Tomjanovich, working as the Rockets' coach Jan. 18, 1998, signals to his team during a game against the Bulls in Chicago.

He went to China and helped broker the deal that allowed Houston to draft Yao Ming, even convincing Yao's parents that he would look after their son. He took the Rockets to the 1995 NBA title as a No. 6 seed, the lowest-seeded champion in league history, the run that led to his "heart of a champion" cry. He turned Houston from Choke City into Clutch City, a moniker that sticks today.

And here's an example of how revered he was: The Pro Basketball Writers Association gives out an annual award to "the coach who best combines excellence in his craft with cooperation with the media and fans." It is named for Tomjanovich.

"He is a very special person to a lot of us," said Utah Jazz general manager Dennis Lindsey, who once worked with Tomjanovich in Houston.

Lindsey also notes that Tomjanovich was an innovator: The role of video coordinators and editing, a mainstay in the NBA today, began to truly emerge when Tomjanovich was with the Rockets.

"Rudy helped start an industry inside of our business," Lindsey said. "And when you study like these guys studied, it teaches you the league. Rudy gets a lot of that credit."

Hockey

Players in minors face uncertainty, job fears

By STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Hockey Writer

Tim Harrison made the long drive from South Carolina to his home just south of Boston with a lot on his mind.

The ECHL season had just been canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, and the 26-year-old wondered if he'd need to dig for oysters on the beach or do odd jobs around the neighborhood to make ends meet. He and many fellow minor hockey league players are struggling and don't know how they will afford to get to next season.

"I'm obviously going to try my best to do what I can to whip up some money, but it might take a couple weeks before I can even do that," Harrison said. "Just not knowing what's going to happen and how I'm going to survive the next couple months is probably the biggest worry."

The 26-team ECHL — a developmental pro league just below the American Hockey League — canceled its season in mid-March, three weeks before the playoffs. Final paychecks came March 16, a significant blow to more than 400 players on ECHL-only contracts who make an average of $700-725 per week, less than $3,000 per month.

Players on NHL deals continue to be paid while the season is suspended, but ECHL teams couldn't afford to follow the same path. Hockey players in the minors face an uncertain future and even offseason jobs could be hard to come by.



L. Todd Spencer, The Virginian-Pilot/Associated Press

A shot by Norfolk Admirals' player Alex Pompeo (25), right, deflects into the air off Adirondack Thunder goalie J.P. Anderson (1) during an ECHL game Jan. 4, 2017, in Norfolk, Virginia. The ECHL season was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"I kind of figured that I'd be able to just get maybe a labor or summer job at the end of the season," said 29-year-old forward James Henry, a veteran of seven ECHL seasons. "With how everything's going and everything being closed, that seems like a more difficult job to obtain right now."

Harrison and South Carolina Stingrays teammate Tom Parisi thought they'd be preparing for a playoff run that would have meant bonus checks deep into the spring. Instead, Parisi — who left hockey briefly to take a finance job — is considering hanging up his skates for good.

"Honestly, I think everything's on the table," Parisi said.

He's not alone. Blake Kessel, brother of Arizona Coyotes winger Phil Kessel and Olympic gold-medal-winning forward Amanda Kessel, has bounced around to five different leagues and wondered if this season would be his last at age 30.

"As you get a little older, if you're still in the (ECHL), obviously you're not making a ton of money," Kessel said. "Some guys might have to just retire and take a more stable job, if they can find it."

Professional Hockey Players Association executive director Larry Landon said the organization will contribute the first $200,000 into the COVID-19 ECHL Players Relief Fund, which launched Wednesday.

"The creation of this fund is one of the next steps in coming together to help our players that are in the most need at this time," ECHL Commissioner Ryan Crelin said.

Landon knows the fund won't be able to give players 100% of what they would have earned, but hopes members look into the career-enhancement program for ideas on life beyond the sport.

Riley Weselowski, a 35-year-old defenseman for Wichita, counts himself fortunate that his wife has a full-time job in the medical field and the couple has enough savings to last a couple of months. Many players make money over the summer by running or helping out at hockey camps, but those are in doubt during the pandemic.

"If this really drags on and we start looking into June, July, we're going to be hurt obviously a lot worse," Weselowski said. "If it ever did come to that and it drags out that long, I think we'll have much bigger problems than just worrying about that and obviously the country being in a pretty bad spot if it does drag out that long."

ECHL players are quick to say there are others around the world with bigger problems. They are grateful to have health care paid for through June 30. And there are efforts underway to help.

"A lot of us have been talking and trying to continue to find ways to help them out," 32-year-old AHL forward Brett Sutter said. "Guys there have families, and there's how they make a living chasing their dreams."

Landon said some players are literally hurting because they can't get an elective surgery, such as repairing a torn labrum. He is also concerned about what the ECHL might look like when it returns, a sentiment a league spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment on.

"I think we had some teams on the edge of the cliff," Landon said "It's important for us to keep that in place for the players and the teams that actually endure this pandemic, and hopefully we salvage as many teams as possible for next year where the guys need to work."

World Games

World Games postponed until '22

PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

The World Games is a showcase for athletes who compete in eclectic array of sports that have one thing in common: They are not part of the regular Olympic program.

Now, they'll have to wait an extra year to take part in their Olympic-style competition because of the Tokyo Summer Games being pushed back to 2021.

Joining the parade of postponed events in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, officials announced Thursday the 11th edition of the World Games in Birmingham, Alabama will now be held in the summer of 2022.

The new dates are July 7-17 for a sprawling competition that will feature disciplines such as tug of war, orienteering, korfball, billiards, sumo, lifesaving and dance.

"It's not an easy decision, but it's the right decision for our athletes, for our fans, and for our community," Nick Sellers, CEO of the Birmingham Organizing Committee, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

The World Games were initially set for July 15-25, 2021, but a change was hastily arranged after the International Olympic Committee approved new dates for Tokyo this week.

The Summer Games will now be held July 23-Aug. 8, 2021, which would have overlapped with the last three days of the World Games. The lesser-known competition was forced to search for new dates, in large part because NBC Sports is the American broadcast outlet for both competitions.

There was some consideration of moving either earlier or later in 2021, but Sellers said the best option was a yearlong postponement.

""The only window that made sense was the summer of 2022," he said. "You'd be competing with too many other national and international sporting events in spring and fall of 2021."



Michael Sohn/Associated Press

Team Sweden pulls during the men's Tug of War event at the World Games on July 14, 2005, in Duisburg, Germany. Officials announced Thursday that the 11th edition of the World Games will be held in the summer of 2022.

The change could actually benefit the World Games in several ways.

Protective Stadium, a new 45,000-seat football venue under construction near downtown Birmingham, is set to open in the fall of 2021. The $174 million facility was not included in the the original venue plan for the World Games, but it could be added now - perhaps as the site of the opening or closing ceremony.

Also, a $123 million renovation of Legacy Arena, the city's major indoor sports venue and part of the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex, could be completed in time for it to be used during the World Games.

Sellers said the organizing committee is committed to aging Legion Field playing a key role in the games, along with other venues such as Regions Field, Railroad Park, Boutwell Auditorium, the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Barber Motorsports Park.

Delaying the World Games to 2022 could have economic benefits, as well.

"More time is a good thing right now," Sellers said. "We'll have a little bit more time for the dust to settle and people to get back to everyday, normal lives. That gives us more time to bring on new sponsors and promote this event in a bigger way."

The last World Games were held in Wroclaw, Poland in 2017.

Some 3,600 athletes from more than 100 countries are schedule to compete in the World Games, which is being billed as the largest sporting event in the American South since the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

It's also a chance for Birmingham to present a new image to the world beyond the ugly racial images of the 1960s, when Alabama's largest city was a key battleground in the Civil Rights Movement.

"The World Games provides a special platform to showcase a new Birmingham to the world," Sellers said. "The world is going to be in for a real pleasant surprise."

National Football League

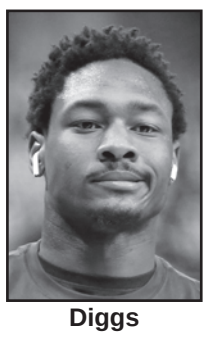
Bills valued Diggs' experience over adding receiver in draft

By JOHN WAWROW
AP Sports Writer

BUFFALO — Stefon Diggs landing in Buffalo was a direct result of the new coronavirus pandemic potentially disrupting the NFL's offseason practice schedule.

Bills general manager Brandon Beane altered his approach in filling the Bills' most pressing need at receiver.

By acquiring Diggs in a trade with Minnesota last month, Beane opted to add an established player who could immediately step into the lineup, rather than risk waiting for a rookie to grow into the role with limited practice time.



Diggs

"You know the draft is stacked with receivers, but I think it became ever-prescient with what's going on around us that we don't know what kind of offseason we'll have," Beane said Thursday.

"I just felt like it was going to be really hard, unless I traded up really high to find a guy that I know could walk in on Day 1, let's just say August, before we get back to things," he said. "I just felt a proven commodity was worth this."

Though the NFL is going ahead with holding its draft this month, players have been asked to self-isolate and are barred from working out at team facilities. The league has also postponed the start of teams' offseason workout programs, which were scheduled to begin as early as Monday.

Beane paid a big price by trading away four draft picks, including Buffalo's first-round selection (22nd overall) this year, to acquire Diggs. Beane justified his decision to add Diggs by saying he wasn't certain who would still be available when it came time for Buffalo to make its first-round pick in the receivers-loaded draft.

And question marks remained even when Beane factored in trading up in the draft order. He calculated the Bills could have moved up to no higher than the 18th pick, based on the team's limited trade assets.

Entering his sixth NFL season, Diggs is an established downfield threat who has topped 1,000 yards receiving in each of his past two years. He has the potential of providing Buffalo's Josh Allen-led offense a primary deep threat it had previously been missing, and joins a group of established receivers rounded out by John Brown and Cole Beasley.

In his first comments since completing the trade on March 16, Beane acknowledged he began changing his thought process at a time when the severity of the pandemic was first being realized.

With all North American sporting events either canceled or postponed indefinitely, Beane took into account how much time NFL teams might have to prepare for the upcoming season with what could be a limited practice schedule.

And Diggs wasn't the only option, Beane said. Without going into specifics, he noted having had discussions with veteran free-agent receivers.

Beane's interest in Diggs dates to last season, when he first broached the possibility of a trade with the Vikings. After Minnesota rejected Buffalo's offers, Beane said the two sides resumed discussions this offseason.

Beane said the deal came together in a matter of hours, and after the Vikings informed the Bills they had several other offers on the table.

Diggs arrives in Buffalo with questions about his character after he complained about his role in Minnesota. Last year, Diggs was fined more than $200,000 for skipping two days of team activities following a loss to Chicago.

College Sports

Survey: Athletic directors bracing for financial crisis

By RALPH D, RUSSO
AP College Sports Writer

Athletic directors at the nation's biggest sports schools are bracing for a potential financial crisis related to the coronavirus pandemic.

According to a survey released Thursday by LEAD1, an association of athletic directors from 130 major college football schools, 63% forecast a worst-case scenario in which their revenues decrease by at least 20% during the 2020-21 school year. Even an abbreviated football season could cause schools to lose that much.

LEAD1 and Teamworks, a company that created an app designed to help keep teams and athletic departments connected, conducted the survey of more than 100 ADs from schools in Division I's Football Bowl Subdivision. "The State of Athletics in the Face of the Coronavirus" provides a sobering glimpse of the top concerns for the wealthiest athletic departments in the country.

The NCAA canceled winter and spring sports on March 12, separating thousands of college athletes from teammates and coaches and leaving them unable to practice and compete.

Athletic directors surveyed said their greatest concerns about their athletes over the next three months were academic progress, mental health and



Gerald Herbert/Associated Press

LSU wide receiver Justin Jefferson runs over Clemson cornerback Derion Kendrick during an NCAA national championship game Jan. 13, 2020, in New Orleans.

a lack of resources for them while off campus.

And then there are the financial concerns.

Canceling the men's Division I basketball tournament cost the NCAA $375 million it was scheduled to distribute to its member schools.

Asked for their worst-case scenario analysis, 65% of the athletic directors said revenue for the 2019-20 fiscal year would drop from 0-20%, including 35% expecting a decrease ranging from 0-10%.

Some schools are already taking steps to deal with this year's shortfalls.

Iowa State has announced a one-year, temporary pay reduction for coaches and certain staff to save more than $3 million. The school will also suspend bonuses for coaches for a year to save another $1 million.

"So much has changed in the world in a very short time," athletic director Jamie Pollard said in an open letter to Cyclones fans. "It is even more daunting to realize our world will keep changing at a rapid pace for the foreseeable future."

Wyoming athletic director Tom Burman announced on Twitter he would be reducing his salary by 10% through Dec. 31.

In the LEAD1 survey, 40% of the 95 ADs who responded said they approve and strongly approve when asked if they believe high-earners should voluntarily offer to make a personal financial sacrifice during the crisis; about 15% disapproved or strongly disapproved.

Football season is six months away and for most FBS schools it is by far the biggest revenue driver. Any disruption to the football season could be devastating to college sports because that revenue funds just about every other athletic program.

"We often hear from ADs and MMR (multimedia rights) sellers that around 85% of revenue comes from football," said Matt Balvanz, senior vice president for analytics for Navigate, a sports marketing consulting firm.

He said the average Power Five school makes around $120 million in revenue per year, "which means roughly $100 million per year from football."

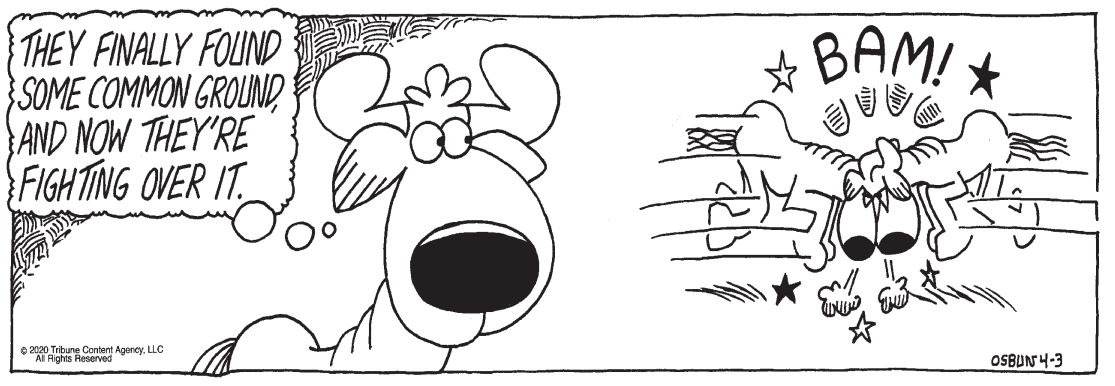
For the average Power Five team, a home game is worth $14 million, including its value from a television rights deals, which is over 10% of average total revenue, Balvanz said.

"Larger departments can likely absorb a 10% loss, but if that increases to 20% and 30% with more games lost then that could be a major issue," he said.

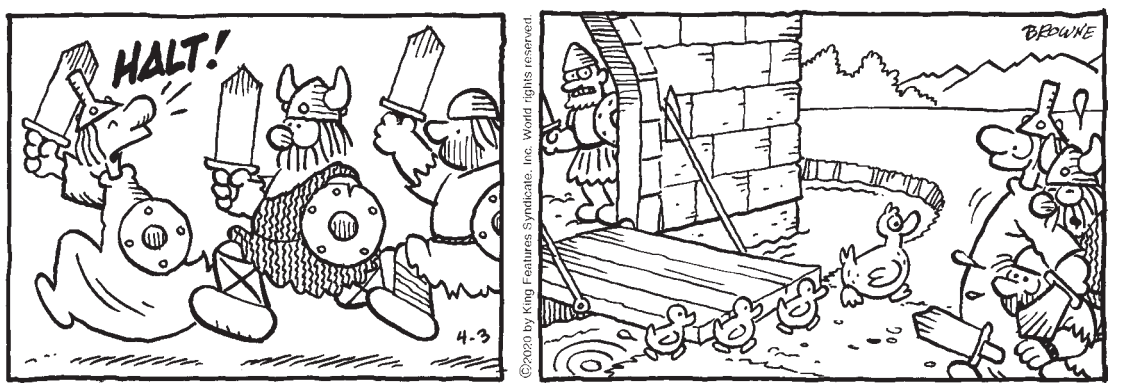
Playing games without fan in the stands? Balvanz said the average Power Five school gets some $30 million in ticket sales. If 85% of that is from football, that's a loss of $25 million.

Athletic directors surveyed by LEAD1 were asked what revenue streams were they most concerned about. Donations and ticket sales received the most votes. Balvanz said a typical Power Five school brings in around $20 million to $30 million per year in donations, which could also take a hit in a struggling economy.

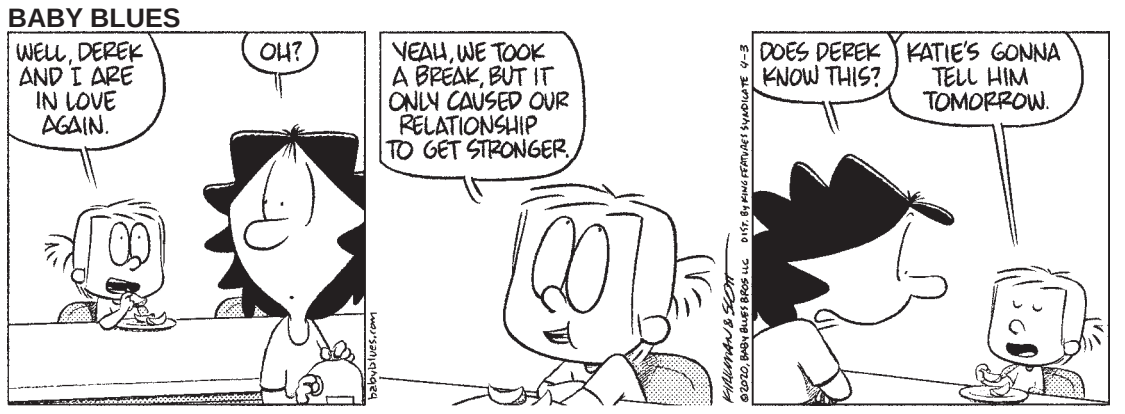
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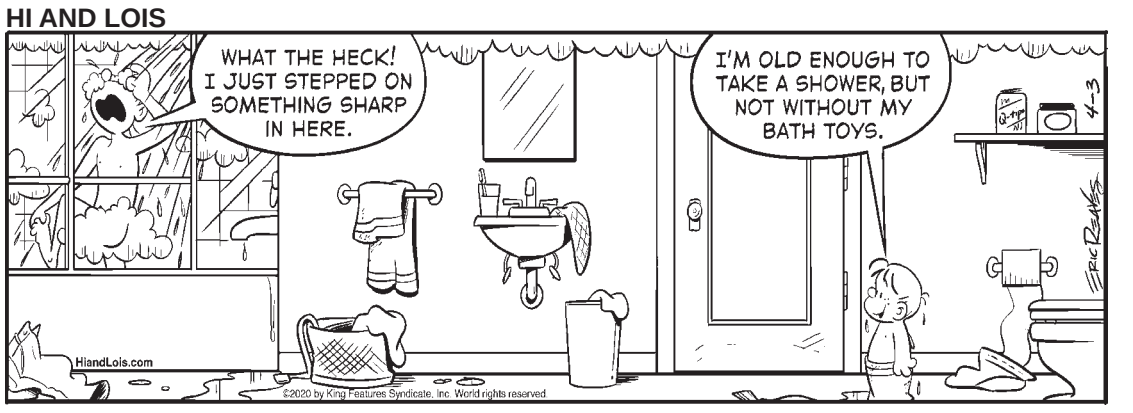
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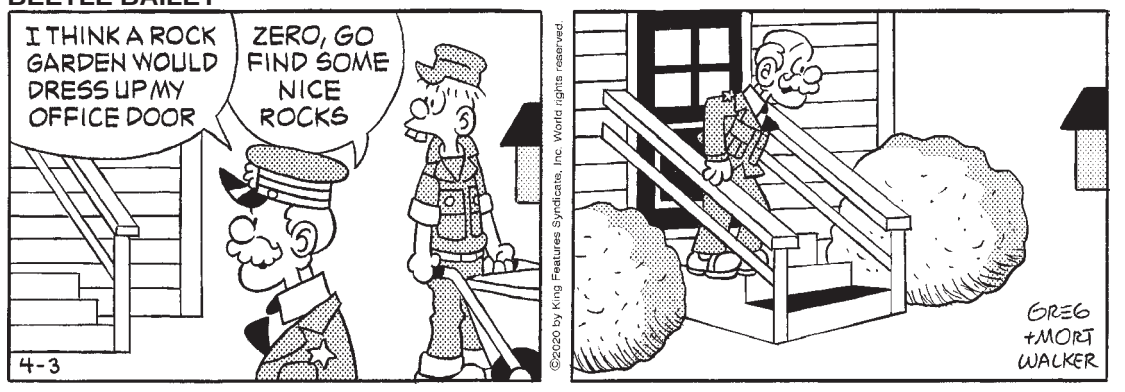
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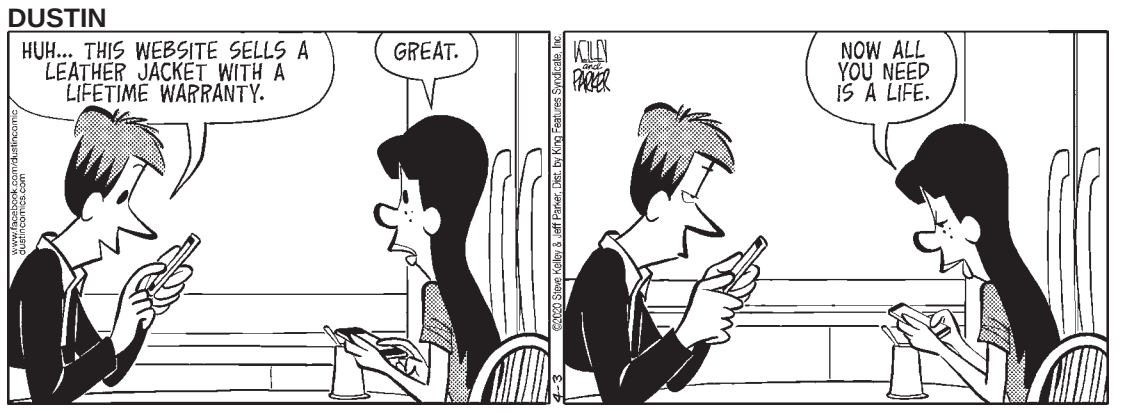
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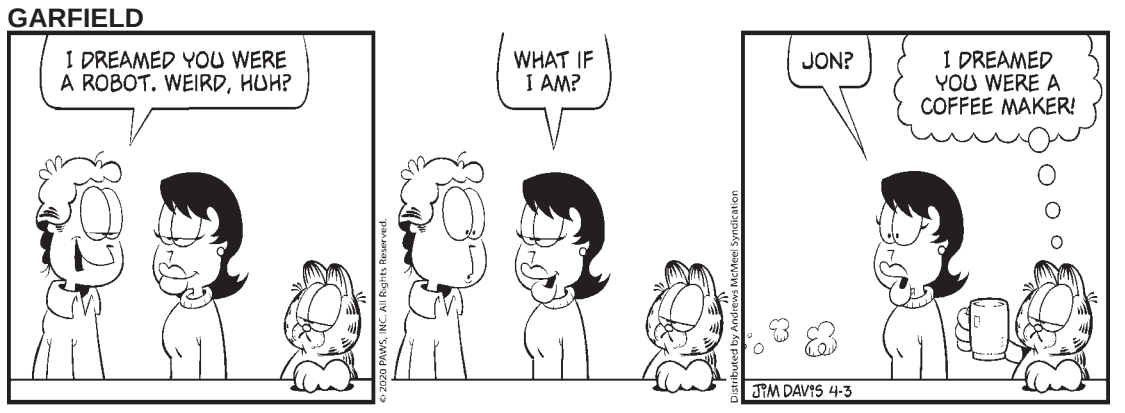
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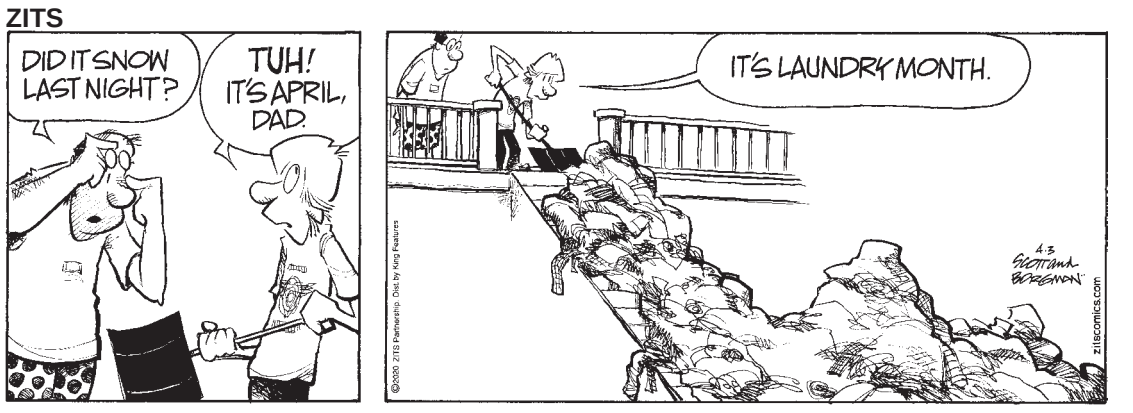
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Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena

Friday, April 3, 2020

BIRTHDAY STAR: Actress Amanda Righetti was born in St. George, Utah, on this date in 1983. This birthday star portrayed Grace Van Pelt on "The Mentalist" from 2008 to 2015. She also starred as Maddie on "Colony" and has appeared on episodes of "Chicago Fire," "Chicago P.D." and "Entourage." On the big screen, Righetti's film work includes "Cats Dancing on Jupiter," "Captain America: The First Avenger" and "Friday the 13th."

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your special someone could have a list of jobs that need to be addressed, but try to find ways to take care of business and still have time for a pastime.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Snap decisions might turn the tables on someone or turn your own plans upside down. Foresee consequences of a change of plans and carefully consider the logical sequence of events.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Getting things organized so they present a pleasing appearance might be a good way to spend your weekend. You probably take your responsibilities within a group setting seriously.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your mate's plans can affect your bank account in a good way. You might notice that your resources are enriched by sharing assets and liabilities. Romantic ideas can be sparked if you work together outdoors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): dden changes may be tested. A business matter or homework assignment could be challenging. Your partner may be glued to your side and can make any errand or task more enjoyable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Entertaining at home could be beneficial. You may be more satisfied if you aim your efforts at more practical matters or at business-related tasks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Getting everything arranged within the household could be at the top of your weekend to-do list. You can invite the entire family to help you clean out the garage or basement and turn it into a more organized and functional environment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Quenching a partner's thirst for adventure may require patience and planning. You may need to look up the best hours to go on a field trip, or pack a lunch for a spur-of-the-moment hike or bike ride.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Consider donating things that have outworn their usefulness. Indulge your creative side — there are many fun ways to repurpose things you already own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you take good care of your relationships and material possessions, they will last longer. Don't be surprised if a "simple" job becomes more complicated than you thought.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Although you enjoy social gatherings, some unpredictable events could change the mood of your day. A family member's routine could stray from the norm and force you to position yourself differently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You should find plenty of reasons to be proud of your loved ones and partner. You can accept them despite their imperfections. There will be plenty of home-based activities to share with people.

IF APRIL 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You usually expect to have the best, and you are likely to get it as the next four weeks pass by. The smart handling of money and career could be at the center of everything you do in late April and early May. Because you are ambitious, you might package yourself well and be ready for successful job interviews in late May, when your charm and attractiveness is at a high

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWER:

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Cryptoquote

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

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

4-3 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EVERYONE ADMITS THAT LOVE IS WONDERFUL AND NECESSARY, BUT NO ONE CAN AGREE ON WHAT IT IS. — DIANE ACKERMAN

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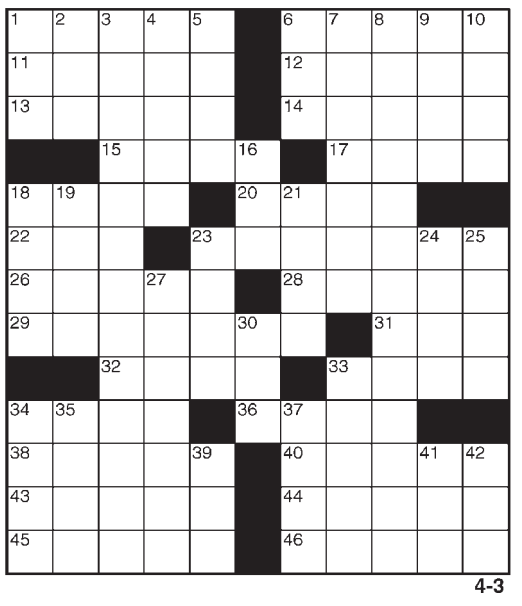
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Yesterday's answer



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Word of the Day

pleonasm *(PLEE-uh-naz-um)*

Definition: (noun) 1) the use of more words than those necessary to denote mere sense (as in the man he said); redundancy 2) an instance or example of pleonasm

Did you know?: Pleonasm, which stems (via Late Latin) from the Greek verb pleonazein, meaning "to be excessive," is a fancy word for "redundancy." It's related to our words plus and plenty, and ultimately it goes back to the Greek word for "more," which is pleon.

— Courtesy Merriam Webster Online

Offerings

Grace Christian Fellowship offers online service Sunday

All are invited to join online worship Sunday at Grace Christian Fellowship.

Services are available through the church website www.gcfcortland.org or via Facebook (Grace Christian Fellowship). The complete service including music and a message will be posted at 9 a.m. Sunday and will available all week.

Associate Pastor Nick Dunn's message this week is "God's Word Never Fails" based on Romans 9-11.

All may celebrate Easter with Grace Christian online April 15 via the church website or social media.

Grace Christian is serving as a "host church" for Family Life's "Blended and Blessed" livestream event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 25. The event is for stepfamily couples, single parents, dating couples with kids and those who care about blended families. For more information go to the church website or check out the church's event page on Facebook.

The church's large group activities, including corporate worship and youth group, are currently suspended during the coronavirus outbreak.

Visit the church website, like the church on Instagram and check out Facebook for updates.

The church will continue to provide pastoral care.

Call 607-749-3233 or visit the church website for more details.

United Presbyterian Church to live-stream Sunday service

The United Presbyterian Church of Cortland will live-stream a worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Visit the church's website at www.unitedpresbyterian.net or its Facebook page for more details.

Call the church office at 607-756-5689 for more information, to receive a copy of the monthly church newsletter or to leave a message. Email the church office at officeadmin@unitedpresbyterian.net.

Homer First United Methodist to mark Jesus' entry in Jerusalem

Homer First United Methodist Church is suspending all in-person gatherings until further notice because of coronavirus.

The church will offer a YouTube live-streaming worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

The Rev. Park's message titled "Jesus' Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem" is based on Matthew 21:1-11.

The church will also offer a live-streaming service at 7 p.m. Good Friday.

The Rev. Park's message titled "The Passion of the Christ for Us" is based on Matthew 26:47-68, 27: 46-50.

Join the live-streaming service via Facebook at www.facebook.com/homer1stumc; via the church YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UCi3t9V9f4VGCP43cUiZuZrA; or via the church website at www.homerfirst.org.

The food pantry remains open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Virgil, Homer Avenue churches to join for online service Sunday

The Virgil and Homer Avenue United Methodist churches will join in an online service at 10 a.m. Sunday to celebrate Palm Sunday.

There will be special music and the congregational hymn will be "You Are My All in All." The readings will be Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11 and Matthew 21:1-11. The sermon will be the fifth in the "Giving it Up Series" and is titled "Giving Up Popularity."

All are welcome to join via Facebook on either church Facebook pages.

First Presbyterian in Marathon set for a 'Procession of Branches'

The worship service for Palm Sunday will be communicated through e-mail this week at the First Presbyterian Church of Marathon.

There will be an abbreviated order of worship for participants to follow.

Pastor Doug's sermon titled "A Procession With Branches" is based on Psalm 118:1-2,19-29.

The message holds: This is the day for parades of joy and wondrous expectation. In the present world of crisis, the faithful need to enter into the gates of Creation by walking (as in a parade) in celebration for all of God's blessings, and yes, even including one's daily challenges.

Christian Science Bible lesson to explore topic of 'Unreality'

In his Psalms, David advises: "Happy are those who trust in the Lord," and "the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness."

The Christian Science Bible lesson this week titled "Unreality" is a reminder to focus on God.

The story of Jehoshaphat is told, where God tells him to not worry about a battle, but "set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you...for the battle is not yours, but God's." (II Chronicles)

Other citations include Jesus telling the parable of sowing seed — and an enemy adding weeds; and Him healing the nobleman's son.

In her textbook "Science and Health," Mary Baker Eddy writes: "If God, or good, is real, then evil, the unlikeness of God, is unreal." and "Step by step will those who trust Him find that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

To hear the entire Bible lesson, all may join via conference call at 515-606-5187 (access code 327689#) beginning shortly before 10:30 a.m. Sunday and shortly before 7:30 p.m. Wednesday for a testimony meeting.

Visit www.christiansciencecortland.com for more information, other links and inspiration.

St. Anthony's Church open daily for personal time of prayer

All public gatherings for Mass, faith formation and parish activities have been suspended at St. Anthony's Church in Cortland because of the coronavirus outbreak.

This now includes the cancelation of liturgical celebrations and gatherings for Palm Sunday, Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

During this time, the faithful are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to participate in Mass.

St. Anthony's Church will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily for a personal time of prayer. Priests will be available for confessions by appointment and for the anointing of the sick.

The parish office is closed, but the office can be called at 607-756-9967. Follow prompts to leave a message and calls will be returned as soon as possible.

Until public Masses are reinstated, the priests at St. Anthony's will be live-streaming Masses at 9 a.m. daily and 10 a.m. Sunday on the St. Mary's Facebook page. Bishop Lucia's daily Mass will be live-streamed at www.syracusediocese.org.

Weekly bulletins will be available by Friday at church or online at www.saintanthonyofcortland.com or at www.DiscoverMass.com and typing in St. Mary and 13045 when prompted.

Unitarian Universalist Church to offer online service Sunday

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Cortland will worship online at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Trustee Marion Lutz will lead a multicongregational Zoom worship with sibling churches in Big Flats and Athens, Pa. Musician Brin Taylor will be joining the service.

Visit the church's website at UUCortland.org or its Facebook page for the Zoom link and Meeting ID.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the church will not be holding services in person until April 19 at the earliest.

Virtual worship service set at Homer Congregational Church

Homer Congregational Church continues to provide a virtual worship service every Sunday.

A link to this weekend's 9 a.m. Sunday service can be found on the church's website, www.homercc.com.

This weekend, the Rev. Vicki Burtson's reflection is called "Wait… What?" and is based on Mark 11:1-11. Jack Carr and Joe Ford will offer the gift of "The Palms" as the prelude to worship.

To keep up-to-date with the church's new ways of connecting, congregants should call 607-749-2604 to request the electronic version of important announcements called "Weekday Words."

St. Margaret's Church offers time for personal prayer, reflection

St. Margaret's Church in Homer has canceled Masses until further notice.

All activities in the parish are also suspended until further notice.

The church will be open from 8 a.m to noon Sundays for personal prayer and reflection time. All are asked to follow social distancing while in the church.

Amid global pandemic, faith leaders grapple with funeral services

By JACK JENKINS and CLAIRE GIANGRAVE
Religion News Service

(RNS) — For Menaka Kannan, it was bad enough when she heard that a fellow member of New York City's Baha'i community had contracted the novel coronavirus. But she was not emotionally prepared for the news that came roughly a week later: He had succumbed to the infection and died.

"The news of his passing, of course, is very shocking," she said.

As the community grappled with the grief, a lingering question arose: How do you conduct a funeral in the midst of a global pandemic, when a healing hug is now seen as a potential death sentence?

It's a conundrum facing spiritual leaders the world over as the death toll from the coronavirus mounts, leaving the faithful in the U.S., Italy and elsewhere struggling to amend ancient burial practices to abide by government recommendations that advise against gatherings of more than 10 people or, in some cases, ban funerals altogether.

For Kannan and other members of her community's "burial task force," preparing for a funeral required balancing a desire to offer spiritual comfort to the grieving with the need to shield others against infection.

Preparations for burial quickly took on complex dimensions. Baha'is often shroud their dead in white cloth strips crafted by volunteers, but to observe social distancing, the traditionally group-oriented activity became a more solitary affair: Only two people were allowed in the city's Baha'i center at a time to prepare burial materials, and those who participated were required to be 6 feet apart from each other throughout the process.

"It's unfortunate that we won't be able to do a proper, well-attended service, but it's also really heartwarming to see that you can still have a burial," she said.

Kannan said she was initially concerned about how they would navigate the process with the funeral home but found that it already had systems in place to handle victims of COVID-19.

"They take all the right precautions: They use gloves and masks and whatever they need to and they even will meet you outside to sign a paperwork so that there's a no-contact handoff," she said.

Kannan's community, which numbers only around 1,000 spread across New York City, also leaned on digital tools that members had developed to stay in touch over the past few years. As news of the death spread, her fellow faithful convened Zoom video conference calls to mourn and share spiritual community with each other.

"It was tough, because by the end we had all shared prayers, we were singing songs and it still felt spiritually uplifting, although maybe a little bit less than it would have if we were in the same space," she said. "There was a moment at the end where we all kind of got really teary-eyed because it was bittersweet. We were recognizing the resilience of our communities to find connection no matter what happens, but we also just miss people, you know?"

Faith groups in other states are attempting to grapple with the issue of funerals by instituting new policies designed to offer some semblance of comfort for the bereaved while keeping others safe from infection.

On March 24, the Massachusetts Council of Churches released guidelines for Christian communities wanting to hold funerals amid the epidemic. The guidelines — which were reviewed by local public health officials — outline a number of recommendations, such as planning funerals remotely, working with the bereaved to make a list of 10 people who could feasibly attend a burial, livestreaming services, cautioning against in-person wakes, using gestures instead of physical hugs and delaying some or all rituals indefinitely.

"We were very clear in these guidelines that pastors acknowledge the pain — not just of the death, but of the grief of the family upset by the prospect of a funeral that is not likely as they imagined," said the Rev. Laura Everett, MCC's executive director. "It is a profound act of devotion to a grieving family to stay away — but it's unbelievably hard."

Meanwhile, for faith leaders such as the Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, pastor of Queen Anne Baptist Church in Seattle, any funeral is out of the question. State officials recently banned funerals in the region for the foreseeable future, leaving religious leaders scrambling to develop strategies for how to care for the grieving.

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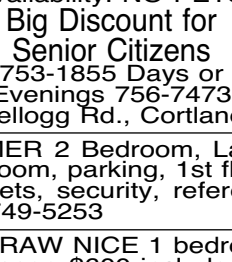
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♥ 8 5 2	♥ K 6 4
♦ Q J 9 8 6 3	♦ A 10 7 5 2
♣ —	♣ Q 8 3

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Spades, and North leads the queen of hearts, which you ruff. When you next play the ace of spades, North discards a low heart. How would you continue?

West	East
♠ A K Q 10 7 3	♠ 5 4
♥ —	♥ K 9 6 2
♦ A Q 8 6	♦ K 7
♣ Q 10 2	♣ A K J 9 4

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1. Ruff the club, lead the queen of diamonds and finesse if North follows low. If the finesse succeeds, you score 12 tricks by playing another trump and cashing four spades, discarding two hearts from dummy.

If the diamond finesse fails, losing to the singleton king, you're still on firm ground since the only tricks you can lose are a diamond and a heart. (If North shows out on the queen-of-diamonds lead, you put up dummy's ace and run your spades to assure 11 tricks.)

If you did not take the diamond finesse, you would go down if North turned up with the K-x of trump and a doubleton spade, and South had the ace of hearts.

2. Cross to dummy with a club, finesse the ten of spades, cash the K-Q and run the clubs until South ruffs with his last trump. That is the only trick you will lose. Played this way, you are certain of the slam, come what may.

Even if South had no clubs and ruffed the first club lead, you would still prevail by later leading a diamond to the king and taking the marked trump finesse.

The trap to avoid is entering dummy with a diamond at trick three instead of a club. If South had ♠ J9862 ♥ Axxx ♦ xx ♣ xx, you would lose the slam by crossing to dummy with a diamond first since South could then prevent you from ever discarding your fourth diamond on a club.

Tomorrow: Never relax.

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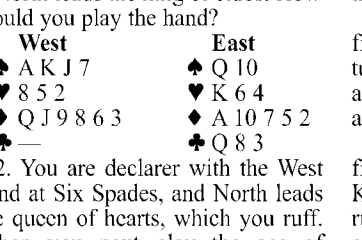
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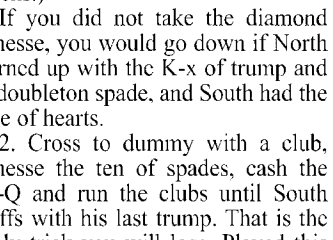
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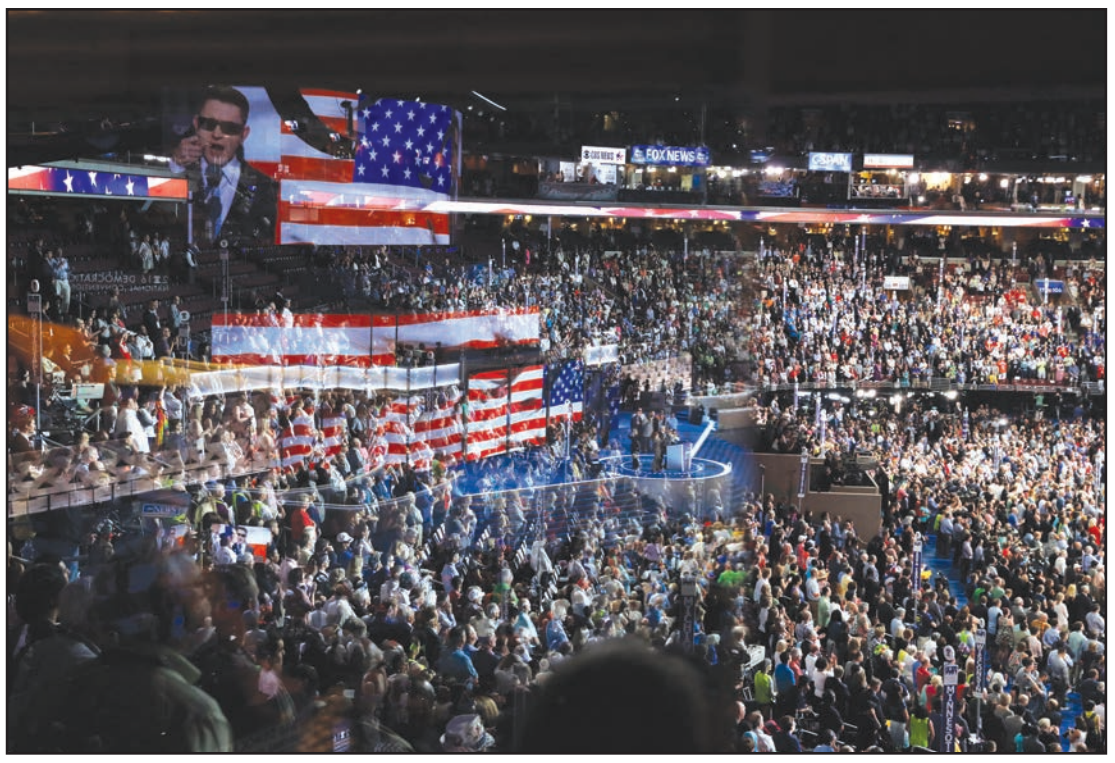




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The stage is reflected on a glass window at Wells Fargo Arena before the start of the second day session of the Democratic National Convention on July 26, 2016, in Philadelphia.

Democrats delay 2020 convention until August

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Democrats announced Thursday that they were postponing their presidential nominating convention until August, an unprecedented move that shows how the coronavirus is reshaping the battle for the White House.

The party had hoped that a mid-July convention would give them more time to rally behind a nominee and unify against President Donald Trump. But concerns that large crowds will spread the virus prompted Democrats, including prospective nominee Joe Biden, to press for alternatives.

"In our current climate of uncertainty, we believe the smartest approach is to take additional time to monitor how this situation unfolds so we can best position our party for a safe and successful convention," said Democratic convention CEO Joe Solmonese.

Milwaukee will still host the convention, which is now scheduled for the week of Aug. 17. Republicans are sticking with their plan to meet in Charlotte, North Carolina, a week later to renominate Trump.

The social distancing required to combat the coronavirus has already prompted multiple states to delay their presidential primaries from April and May into June. But the postponement of the convention is the most significant change to the presidential section process to date.

Outside circumstances have affected conventions in the past, including hurricanes that forced relatively minor scheduling changes to Republican gatherings in 2008 and 2012. Still, the major political parties have always pressed forward with their conventions, even during times of crisis as severe as the Civil War.

"Ultimately, the health and safety of our convention attendees and the people of Milwaukee is our top priority," Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez said.

Biden began suggesting this week that changes were likely. Appearing on Jimmy Fallon's late-night NBC program on Wednesday, Biden said he doubted "whether the Democratic convention is going to be able to be held" on its original July 13-16 dates.

"I think it's going to have to move into August," Biden said.

The announcement on Thursday didn't specify whether the convention will remain a traditional four-night affair or whether all aspects will be held in-person. There has been discussion of holding parts of the convention virtually and allowing delegates to vote by proxy.

Still, the change presents massive logistical issues for the tens of thousands of delegates, activists, party leaders and media who planned to descend on Milwaukee in July. The party said the arena slated to host the convention along with hotels in the area are still available in August.

Neither Democratic nor Republican leaders want to sacrifice the boost that can result from an enthusiastic convention gathering.

Trump thrives on big rallies and has missed that part of his routine amid the coronavirus outbreak, reluctantly turning the Rose Garden and the White House briefing room into substitutes. A traditional convention, with a nationally televised nomination acceptance speech, could be even more critical for Biden, who has been relegated recently to remote television interviews from his Delaware home, unable to draw the kind of spotlight that a sitting president commands.

Biden has a commanding delegate lead, but Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders remains in the race and could keep the former vice president from winning the nomination until late June. That requires Perez to tread gingerly around any discussions that party leaders have with Biden or his advisers — especially given the skepticism among Sanders' supporters of the party establishment.

Sanders' campaign didn't comment Thursday on the delay. Solmonese and Perez didn't explicitly mention Biden in their statement announcing the postponement.

The move could give Democratic officials more flexibility to deal with the changing primary calendar. More than a dozen states have delayed their primaries, some of them pushing beyond the party's existing June 9 deadline to hold contests and the June 20 deadline to name convention delegates. Violating those deadlines can cost a state up to half its convention delegates. The party's rules and bylaws chairman, Jim Roosevelt, said Thursday that his full committee will consider waivers to the existing deadlines as they are submitted by state Democratic parties.

US judge won't delay election in Wisconsin but extends voting



Rick Wood/Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel via AP

Brenda Jones checks over her ballot as she votes absentee during drive-up early voting March 28 in Milwaukee.

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A federal judge on Thursday declined to postpone Wisconsin's presidential primary as the coronavirus spreads, but he ordered that people be given an extra six days beyond Tuesday's election for absentee voting.

U.S. District Judge William Conley blasted state leaders' decision not to delay the election to protect people's health but refused to postpone it himself, saying a federal judge shouldn't act as the state's health officer.

"As much as the court would prefer that the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor consider the public health ahead of any political considerations, that does not appear in the cards. Nor is it appropriate for a federal district court to act as the state's chief health official by taking that step for them," Conley wrote.

The deadline for voters to get absentee ballots to local clerks had been 8 p.m. on Tuesday, but Conley's order shifted that to 4 p.m. on April 13. Conley also extended the deadline for voters to request ballots by a day to 5 p.m. this Friday.

The judge also lifted a witness requirement for absentee ballot applications, writing that voters can provide a written affirmation that they could not safely obtain a witness signature due to coronavirus fears.

The Republican Party of Wisconsin said it has appealed the ruling to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, asking it to stay the order. The Republican National Committee and the party had urged Conley to allow the election to proceed as planned.

In a statement, the GOP said the judge's decision to change the date which absentee ballots can be received without any limit on the postmarked date "effectively changes the date of the election" and needs to be reviewed by the appeals court.

The ruling marks a partial victory for Democrats and liberal groups who argued that thousands of voters might be disenfranchised because time is running out to file absentee ballots. The party and the groups had filed three lawsuits demanding that Conley postpone in-person voting, extend the deadlines for filing absentee ballots and lift requirements that absentee voters supply photo IDs with their ballot applications and get a witness to sign the ballot before returning it.

"Every voter must count, even during crises, and this ruling gives voters critical time to vote safely by mail," state Democratic Party Chairman Ben Wikler said.

Democratic Gov. Tony Evers called it "great news" that people would have more time to request and submit absentee ballots.

Several states have postponed elections or shifted to all mail in the face of the pandemic. But Evers and Republican leaders have been committed to Wisconsin's date. They argued there's no guarantee conditions will improve in a couple of months and postponing the election risks leaving many local offices unfilled for an extended period.

Evers' position on the election has shifted over the last few weeks. During the early days of the outbreak he said he thought the election should go on, a stance that drew considerable criticism from Democratic allies. As it became clear that Evers lacked the authority to change election law he asked the Republican-controlled Legislature to mail absentee ballots to all registered voters, a request the GOP rejected. On Wednesday, he said for the first time that if he could move the election he would.

The decision to press forward has drawn widespread criticism. Poll workers have been quitting in droves. The Wisconsin Election Commission reported Tuesday that more than 100 municipalities lack enough staff to run even one polling site, and requests for absentee ballots have been setting new records daily. As of Thursday, local clerks had issued 1.1 million ballots, with some clerks facing backlogs of requests. Meanwhile, they're bracing for an avalanche of returns that could take days to count.

Democratic presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders on Wednesday called for the state to postpone the election. Rival Joe Biden said Thursday that it's up to Wisconsin courts to decide what to do but he didn't have a problem with voting proceeding.

Trump campaign calls former AG Sessions 'delusional' in letter

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — President Donald Trump's campaign has sent a letter to Jeff Sessions, his former attorney general now running for a U.S. Senate seat, objecting to Sessions' portrayal of himself as a Trump supporter in a campaign mailer.



Sessions

The March 31 letter sent by Michael S. Glassner, chief operating officer of Donald J. Trump for President, accused Sessions of attempting to "misleadingly promote your connections to and 'support' of Trump," in the campaign mailer that mentioned Trump's name 22 times.

"The letter even makes the delusional assertion that you are President 'Trump's #1 Supporter,'" Glassner wrote.

"We only assume your campaign is doing this to confuse President Trump's loyal supporters in Alabama into believing the President supports your candidacy in the upcoming primary run-off election. Nothing could be further from the truth," Glassner wrote.

Before becoming attorney general, Sessions was the first U.S. senator to endorse Trump, donning a Make America Great Again hat at an Alabama rally. But in a political twist of irony, his public falling out with Trump has threatened to upend his hopes of recapturing his former seat.

Sessions relinquished the Senate seat from Alabama he held for 20 years when he was appointed Trump's attorney general, a position he was forced to resign after his 2017 recusal from the Russia inquiry sparked blistering criticism from Trump. Sessions is now seeking to return to the seat.

Wounded by the fallout of that soured relationship in the Trump-loving state, Sessions was forced into a runoff with former Auburn University football coach Tommy Tuberville in the Republican primary. Tuberville led Sessions in the first round of voting. The winner will face incumbent Democratic U.S. Sen. Doug Jones in November in the once reliably red state.

The letter from the Trump campaign read: "We want to be absolutely clear about it: President Trump and the Trump Campaign unambiguously endorse Tommy Tuberville." The letter was first reported by The New York Times.

According to the Sessions campaign, the mailer in question that drew the objections of the Trump campaign, was sent several days before Trump made his March 10 endorsement of Tuberville.

The Sessions camp said Thursday night that Alabama voters will decide the race.

"The people of Alabama are going to decide this race, not Washington. Alabamians are an independent lot and they make their own decisions. Our campaign is resolutely focused on the important challenges facing America, and the critical issues to Alabama and our economy," Sessions spokesman John Rogers said in a statement.

The Sessions camp repeated a challenge to Tuberville to debate before the July runoff.

Sessions has emphasized his loyalty to Trump since entering the race. He noted that he was the first U.S. senator to endorse Trump in 2016 and had championed many of the conservative immigration, criminal justice and trade policies that became thought of as the Trump agenda.

Trump's March 10 endorsement of Sessions' primary opponent Tuberville — and one before it that appeared to mock Sessions for being forced into a runoff — put an end to any hopes by Sessions supporters that the president would keep quiet on the Alabama race.

The GOP runoff, originally set for March 31, was delayed until July because of the new coronavirus outbreak.

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