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Trump bars travel from Europe

President announces monthlong restriction in bid to stem coronavirus

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking dramatic action, President Donald Trump sharply restricted passenger travel from 26 European nations to the U.S. and moved to ease the economic cost of a viral pandemic that is roiling global financial markets and disrupting the daily lives of Americans.

Trump, in a rare Oval Office address to the nation Wednesday night, said the monthlong restriction on travel would begin late Friday, at midnight. He blamed Europe for not acting quickly enough to address the "foreign virus" and claimed that U.S. clusters were "seeded" by European travelers.

"We made a lifesaving move with early action on China," Trump said. "Now we must take the same action with Europe."

Trump said the restrictions won't apply to the United Kingdom, and there would be exemptions for "Americans who have undergone appropriate screenings." He said the U.S. would monitor the situation to determine if travel could be reopened earlier.

The State Department followed Trump's remarks by issuing an extraordinary global health advisory cautioning U.S. citizens to "reconsider travel abroad" due to the virus and associated quarantines and restrictions.

While Trump said all European travel would be cut off, Homeland Security officials later clarified that the new travel restrictions would apply only to most foreign nationals who have been in the "Schengen Area" at any point for 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the United States. The area includes France, Italy, Germany, Greece, Austria, Belgium and others, and the White House said the zone has the highest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases outside of mainland China.

The restrictions don't apply to legal permanent residents, immediate family of U.S. citizens or others "identified in the proclamation" signed by Trump.

And Trump misspoke when he said the prohibitions would "not only apply



A woman sits on her suitcase and waits for a return flight today in the Rhine-Main Airport in Frankfurt, Germany. President Donald Trump has restricted travel from much of Europe to the U.S. beginning this weekend.

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to the tremendous amount of trade and cargo, but various other things." The official proclamation released after Trump spoke made clear it applies to people, not goods and cargo.

The number of confirmed cases of the infection topped 1,000 in the U.S. and the World Health Organization declared the global crisis is now a pandemic.

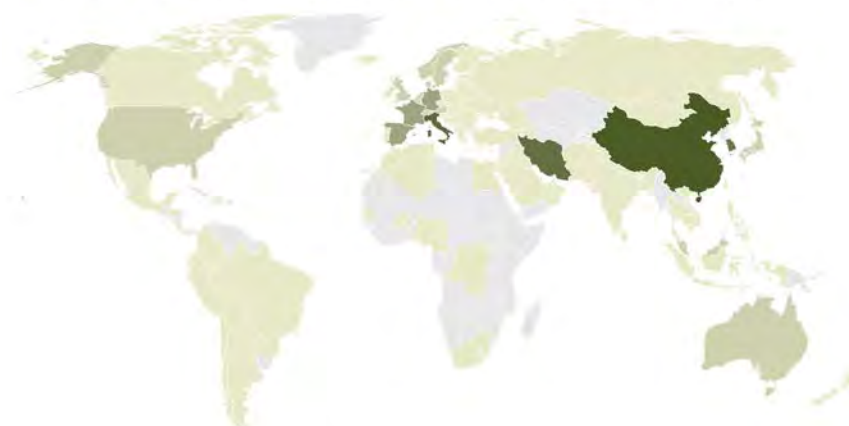
After Trump spoke, the White House

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The coronavirus spread around the world

Confirmed global cases from COVID-19

1 to 100 101 to 1,000 1,001 to 5,000 5,001 to 10,000 More than 10,000



Data as of March 11 at 10:50 a.m. EST; Diamond Princess cases excluded. Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE / Graphic: Phil Holm

SUNY moves to online classes for rest of semester

Measure to reduce threat from coronavirus may hit businesses in Cortland

From Staff Reports

SUNY Cortland, Tompkins Cortland Community College and every campus in the SUNY system will move to online classes for the rest of the semester to reduce coronavirus spread. That leaves students concerned about the money they're spending to not be at college, and businesses concerned about the money the 6,300 customers won't be spending in Cortland.

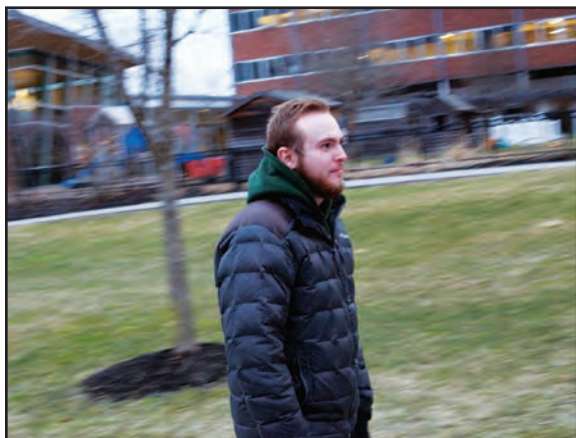
Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the plan Wednesday afternoon.

"That would be a way to reduce density, and that's a good thing," Cuomo said. By reducing large gatherings of people, state officials hope they will be able to control the spread of the virus.

Earlier in the day, the World Health Organization declared the virus a pandemic.

SUNY Cortland administrators met Wednesday afternoon to discuss the implications for the campus, which has about 6,300 students and 900 employees, said Jennifer Wilson, associate director of communications.

Together, those people generated more than \$135 million in spending per year in 2012, the latest figures available, and nearly \$250 million in total economic effect in the greater Cortland area.



Kevin Conlon/city editor

SUNY Cortland student Dylan Salisbury, 21, of Binghamton, walks Wednesday past the education department on the campus. All SUNY colleges, including SUNY Cortland and Tompkins Cortland Community College, will be shifting to a distance learning model in response to the spreading coronavirus.

SUNY Cortland was already scheduled to close for spring break on Friday. Classes were to resume March 23, but the campus will not reopen this semester.

'Going to hurt a lot of businesses'

Leslie and Steve Wineburg, co-owners of Bernard's at 107 Main St., said they were less concerned about

Coronavirus by county

(As of March 11)

	Monitored	Tested	Confirmed cases
Cortland	9	1	0
Tompkins	47	5	0
Cayuga	7	1	0

— Source: County health departments

the immediate effect of temporarily losing students as customers and more concerned with the overall effect on other businesses.

"Our business is not just the college," Leslie Wineburg said. "I think it's going to affect all the businesses — the pizza parlors, the restaurants — and those are my customers too."

"It's going to hurt a lot of businesses," Steve Wineburg said, adding he was worried about the trickle-down effect from other businesses.

"This is going to be a big problem for the entire world," he said.

Red Jug Pub owner Tom Terwilliger said he needed more information before saying how the semi-closed campus will affect his businesses — he has bars in Cortland, Oneonta and Brockport.

"I think there's a lot of details that need to be worked out before a decision," he said.

SUNY students 21 and older make up a good percentage of his clientele, he said, and also work as

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Police to ticket Otter Creek Place entry

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DO NOT ENTER reads the flashing sign, indicating the demise of a popular crosstown shortcut.

The sign went up Monday at Otter Creek Place and Groton Avenue, following the Feb. 3 passage of a local law changing the traffic pattern on the narrow street. Residents had complained of drivers speeding in this area, which has been increasingly frequented by pedestrians, many of them SUNY Cortland students. Only a small portion of the road has a sidewalk.

The Cortland Common Council, agreeing with concerns about safety, passed the law that blocked non-local access to Otter Creek Place from Groton Avenue. The law does not affect local traffic, which can still access Otter Creek Place from both ends and drive both ways on the street, nor does it restrict emergency vehicles, pedestrians or cyclists.

Violations began almost immediately.

"Some people are following the law, and some people are obviously ignoring it," said Angela Gellatly, who lives at 4 Otter Creek Place and has been a vocal proponent of changing the traffic pattern. While she was talking, five vehicles made the now-illegal turn — racking up five violations in less than five minutes.

Lt. David Guerrero said police noticed a similar frequency of violation Monday — the first officer on the scene also noted five violations in five minutes. Initially, police let violators off with a warning. Not anymore, Guerrero said.

Wednesday afternoon, he was drafting a memo to officers instructing them to ticket violators.

Guerrero said giving people a warning on the first few days was warranted, because many people did not know the change was taking place, and some misunderstood the intention behind the orange construction barrels placed at the juncture of Otter Creek Place and Groton Avenue.

But residents have been calling the police department about the constant violations.

"People are complaining that we're not doing enough, so we're going to try to do more," he said.

Fewer drivers, however, are using the turn, Guerrero said, something Gellatly has also noticed. Compliance may be poor, but some drivers are doing what they're supposed to. Gellatly said she has seen several drivers slow down and appear to hesitate before continuing to drive on Groton.

Yet overall, drivers have been demonstrating "not a lot of compliance," Guerrero said. But he thinks this will change once his officers start handing out tickets.

Mayor Brian Tobin requested that drivers who don't live on Otter Creek Place to stop using that street as a shortcut. Because orange barrels now partially block Otter Creek Place, drivers who make the illegal turn increase the likelihood of a head-on collision with a car legally exiting that street.

"We need people to comply and not make that turn," he said.

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Partly sunny
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Weather

Local

Rest of today: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the 50s. South winds.
Tonight: Cloudy. Showers. Lows in the lower 40s. Southeast winds with gusts up to 35 mph.
Friday: Partly sunny. A chance of showers. Highs in the upper 40s. South winds 20 to 25 mph, becoming west.
Friday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Temperatures

March 11-12	
9 a.m.	30
10 a.m.	32
11 a.m.	32
Noon	33
1 p.m.	36
2 p.m.	36
3 p.m.	37
4 p.m.	37

City Snowfall

March 11-12	None
Season to date	70.5 inches

Extended

Saturday: Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. Northwest winds with gusts up to 30 mph.
Saturday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.
Sunday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-30s.
Sunday night: Mostly clear. Lows near 15.
Monday: Partly sunny. Highs in the mid-40s.
Monday night: Mostly cloudy. A chance of snow showers. Lows around 30.

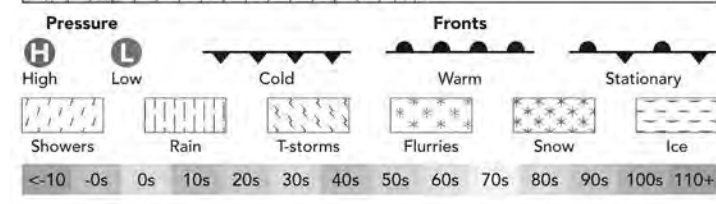
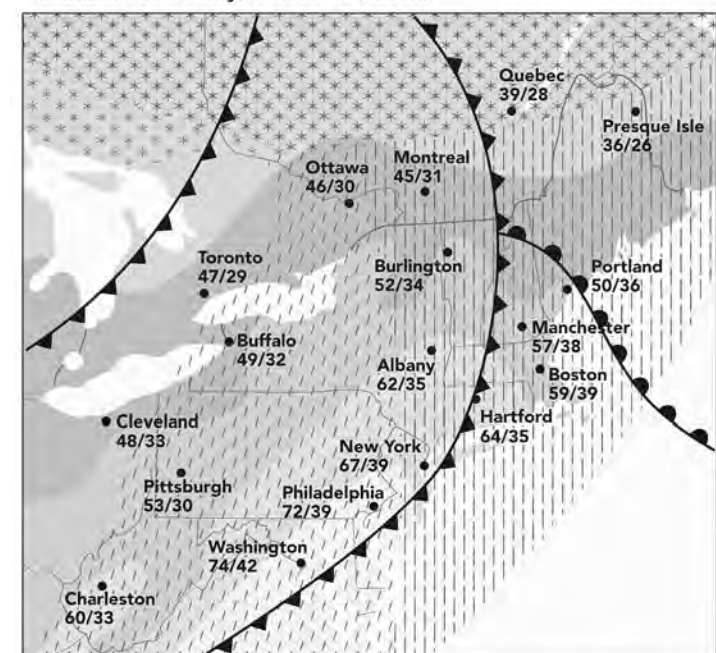
Skies Today

Thursday, March 12, 2020	
Sunset today	7:07 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:20 a.m.
Normal high temperature	40
Normal low temperature	22
Average temperature	31
Last quarter moon	March 16

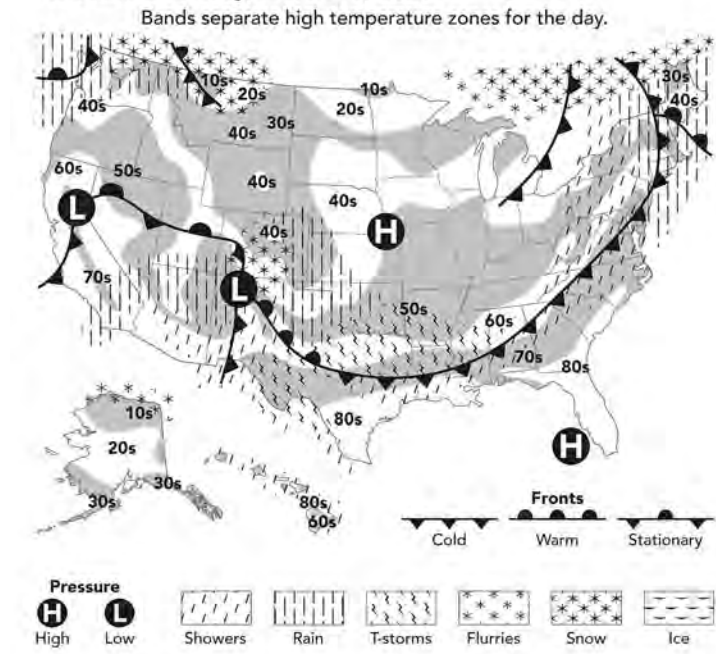
Precipitation

March 11-12	0.00 inches
Month to date	0.27 inches

Forecast for Friday, March 13, 2020



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NATIONAL SUMMARY: A storm system will begin to exit the Southwest tomorrow and begin to spread rain and snow into the Plains and Front Range. A separate storm will spread rain into New England. Behind the storm, strong wind gusts will funnel through the Midwest and Great Lakes. A separate potent winter storm will target the interior Northwest.

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Lottery Winners

ALBANY (AP) — Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday in the New York State Lottery:
Numbers: Midday: 7-4-0, Evening: 8-3-6; **WinFour:** Midday: 2-5-6-9, Evening: 0-2-9-0; **Pick 10:** 3-7-8-16-21-24-25-31-35-39-45-50-53-66-70-71-72-74-76-77; **Take Five:** 5-11-18-29-34; **Lotto:** 5-23-26-34-49-58, Bonus: 50; **Cash4Life:** 8-25-35-54-58; Cash Ball: 2; **Power Ball:** 4-29-49-50-67, Powerball: 2, Power Play: 4

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Weinstein gets 23-year term in sentence hailed by accusers

The Associated Press
 NEW YORK — Harvey Weinstein was sentenced Wednesday to 23 years in prison after breaking his courtroom silence with a rambling plea for mercy in which he professed to be “totally confused” by the #MeToo movement that spelled the Hollywood producer’s downfall.

His accusers — those who testified against him and many others who have spoken out elsewhere against the former Hollywood mogul — hailed the near-maximum punishment for his rape and criminal sex act convictions as long overdue.

Weinstein, 67, who arrived at the courthouse Wednesday in a wheelchair and went to a hospital after complaining of chest pains after the hearing, could spend the rest of his life behind bars.

He was convicted last month of raping a once-aspiring actress in a New York City hotel room in 2013 and forcibly performing

oral sex on former TV and film production assistant Mimi Haley at his apartment in 2006. He faced a minimum of five years and a maximum of 29 years in prison.

The conviction marked the first criminal fallout from a raft of allegations that the Oscar-winning movie producer used his clout to lure women, sexually assault or harass them and then silence them.

“Although this is a first conviction, this is not a first offense,” Judge James Burke said in imposing the sentence.

Weinstein, who did not testify during the trial, addressed his accusers, saying, “To all the women who testified, we may have different truths, but I have great remorse for all of you.” But he also argued that men are being accused of “things that none of



Weinstein

us understood.”
 “Thousands of men are losing due process. I’m worried about this country,” he said. “I’m totally confused. I think men are confused about these issues.”

Both of the women Weinstein was convicted of assaulting told the court about the damage he did to them, and the empowerment they felt when testifying against him.

“Rape is not just one moment of penetration. It is forever,” said the 2013 rape accuser, who recalled a moment during the trial when she left the witness stand in tears and then was heard screaming from an adjacent room.

It was, she said, “the day my voice came back to its full power,” she said.

Asked later about her reaction after the sentence, she wiped her

eyes, raised her arm and nodded her head.

Haley broke down in tears as she told the court the 2006 attack scarred her deeply and “stripped me of my dignity as a woman.” The encounter made her rethink her career in the entertainment business and left her feeling afraid of retaliation, she said.

The Associated Press typically does not name people, without their consent, who say they were sexually assaulted. It is with holding the rape accuser’s name because it is not clear whether she wishes to be identified.

Weinstein, who has maintained that any sexual activity was consensual, showed no reaction to the sentence.

In his address to the court, he touched on his past charitable fund-raising, his filmmaking career and a pledge that his new “mission is to help people.” He said his “empathy has grown” since his downfall.

St. Patrick’s Day parades nixed, from NY to Dublin

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade has been postponed for the first time in its 258-year history because of coronavirus concerns, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced on Wednesday.

The postponement of the March 17 parade adds to the roster of events and holidays upended around the world by the spreading infection. Chicago, Boston, and even the Irish capital of Dublin, have cancelled St. Patrick’s Day parades.

The New York parade honoring Irish heritage dates back longer than the United States

and draws tens of thousands of marchers and throngs of spectators to Manhattan’s Fifth Avenue.

Cuomo, a Democrat, said while the risk of transmission might be lower in an outdoor gathering, health experts had urged him to call it off.

“While I know the parade organizers do not make this decision lightly, public health experts agree that one of the most effective ways to contain the spread of the virus is to limit large gatherings and close contacts, and I applaud the parade’s leadership for working cooperatively

with us,” Cuomo said in a statement.

The governor’s statement did not say when this year’s parade will take place, if at all. But Mayor Bill de Blasio tweeted late in the night that he promises the parade will go on, “whether it’s in the heat of summer or on a clear fall day.”

The coronavirus has spurred quarantines, lockdowns and other measures in spots around the globe. And it has sunk annual events from Lunar New Year festivities in China to the South by Southwest music, film and tech festival in Austin, Texas.

Obituaries

Francis K. Stevens

Francis K. Stevens, age 87, of Lapeer passed away Sunday, March 8, 2020 at home surrounded by his family.

Born August 22, 1932 in Cortland, NY he was the son of the late Charles and Ruth Huttleston Stevens. Francis was a supervisor with Niagara Mohawk for 37 years prior to his retirement. He also worked at the family business, Hollenbeck’s Cider Mill in Virgil. He loved driving tractor and raking hay on the farm. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, working in his wood shop and wintering in Zephyrhills, Florida.

Francis is survived by his wife of 68 years, Sally Hollenbeck Stevens at home; daughters, Cynthia (Rick) Warfield and Cathleen (Gary) Cornell all of Marathon; 8 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 5 great great grandchildren; sister, Betty (Larry) Hills; brothers, Raymond (Terry) Stevens and Ralph (Joann) Stevens; brother in law, Bruce (Janet) Hollenbeck and nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 12-1 pm, Saturday, March 14, 2020 followed by a memorial service at 1 pm at Virgil United Methodist Church, Virgil, NY. Burial will take place later in Virgil Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Virgil UMC, 1196 Church St., Cortland, NY 13045 or American Cancer Society, 13 Beech St., Johnson City, NY 13790. Perkins Funeral Home is assisting the family. www.perkinsfh.com.



Gary Orland Yarnes

On March 8, 2020 Gary passed away unexpectedly with his family near his side. Born on January 2, 1944 in Johnson City he lived in Upper Lisle until getting married and moving to Willet. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Margaret (Pratt), daughters Brenda M (Greg) McGowan & Sheila (Jim) Hibbard and grandchildren, of whom he was very proud, Ryan McGowan and Katrina & Lindsay Hibbard. Also surviving are siblings David Yarnes, Linda (Gene-O) Fralick and Nancy Jackson along with many nieces, nephews and cousins. Gary was pre-deceased by his parents Orland & Marietta (Gehm) Yarnes.

His career as a machinist for 50+ years was spent at Square Deal Machines, Inc in Killawog. Gary joined the Willet Fire Department in 1969 and was an active member for almost 50 years both at calls and behind the scenes at the station.

After retiring he kept himself busy fixing up lawnmowers and snow blowers to sell. He was Willet’s Mr. Fix-It whenever someone needed a repair or special part made. He also volunteered at the Willet-Cincinnati Senior Center serving meals and entertaining all with his stories. His favorite past time was playing cards whether it was at the casino, on the computer or running his own fun tournaments.

A memorial celebration will be held at the Willet Fire Station on Sunday March 15th beginning with a Fireman’s Service at 12:45. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Willet Fire Department, PO Box 61, Willet NY 13863. Arrangements by Aegis Cremation & Funeral Services, 196 Clinton St. Binghamton, NY.

In Loving Memory of
ROBERT “RAZ” FREEMAN
 3/12/1975 ~ 3/11/2017

It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, For part of us went with you the day God called you home.
 You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.
 Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.
Love You Forever & Always, Mom

Lionel Couture

Lionel Couture, 86 of Groton, New York passed away surrounded by his loving family on March 9, 2020. Lionel was born October 24, 1933 in St. Marc du Lac Long, Quebec. Son of Arthur Couture and Rose Boisvert Couture.

Lionel was married for 58 years to his wife, Lise Couture. The couple met and married in Tupper Lake, NY. He began to work for Gutches Lumber as a contracted Logger in 1967 then moved his family to Cortland permanently in 1972. He remained in the area and was a resident of the town of Groton.

In 1970 he founded Couture Logging Corp. in East Homer where he primarily logged in the early years then became a log buyer and seller specializing in veneer wood for domestic & international markets including Canada, China and France. Lionel enjoyed hunting, hockey, fishing, traveling, logging, visits to Quebec to see his family and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Lise, son Bruno Couture (Ann), daughter Julie Mach (Timothy), daughter Denise Brown (Ray) and his grandchildren Zachary and Connor Siracusa, Abigail Mach, Allyson Ward, Alec Brown, Katie and Jacob Couture as well as two brothers, Ovila (Therese) and Maurice (Suzette) Couture in Quebec. Lionel was predeceased by his parents, three brothers and a sister from Quebec and father and mother-in-law in Tupper Lake, NY.

Lionel will be remembered for his logging and hunting stories, his selflessness, generosity and the endless love he had for his family. You could never walk very far at a logging show because he was always being stopped by the many people that enjoyed talking with him.

The family would like to thank all the staff at the Groton Nursing Facility for their exceptional loving care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dementia Society of America at DementiaSociety.Org in Lionel’s memory. Online condolences may be left at www.zirbelfuneralhome.com

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 2020, at the Cortlandville Fire Dept., 999 State Route 13 Cortland. Please come share your memories of Lionel with his family and friends.



Death Notices

COUTURE — Lionel Couture, 86, of Groton, died March 9, 2020. A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. April 25 at the Cortlandville Fire Department, 999 State Route 13 Cortland.
STEVENS — Francis K. Stevens, 87, of Lapeer, died March 8, 2020. Friends may call from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday followed by a memorial service at 1 p.m. at Virgil United Methodist Church, Virgil. Burial will take place later in Virgil Rural Cemetery.
YARNES — Gary Orland Yarnes, 76, died March 8, 2020. A memorial celebration will be held at 12:45 p.m. Sunday at the Willet Fire Station, beginning with a fireman’s service.

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Community

'He was going to show up and hurt me'

Victim takes stand as defense questions woman's credibility in rape, assault trial

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The victim said she was afraid of what he would do if she left and he found her.

The woman who said she was held captive for four days, drugged and raped repeatedly last May and June testified Wednesday she continued to return to the person she alleges raped her.

"He was going to show up and hurt me," the 34-year-old woman said in Cortland County Court before Judge Julie A. Campbell.

The victim testified Raymond Cole Jr., 59, locked her in the basement at his residence at 13 Brown Ave. between May 30 and June 3, injected her often — up to 30 times — with a narcotic "bath salt" known as Molly and repeatedly raped her. The drugs eventually sent her to a hospital for days.

A grand jury indicted Cole on July 19 on these charges:

- Three counts of first-degree rape.
- Six counts of second-degree assault.
- Five counts of third-degree criminal

possession of a weapon.

■ Four counts of first-degree unlawful imprisonment.

The harshest of the charges carry a maximum 25-year sentence. He is also charged with five counts of second-degree unlawful imprisonment, a misdemeanor.

However, the victim also testified that while she hadn't been locked up the whole time — and even left the home at least once to go shopping — she remembers being under the influence of the drugs, making the days blur.

It wasn't the first time Cole had been aggressive toward her, she said, noting when they had previously been in a relationship he would be very nice at times and then "he was a whole other person" at other times.

He would get jealous at times for no reason, she said, especially if certain people came to his house and that during their relationship he wouldn't let her go anywhere without his approval.

"If I was trying to leave he would just pick me up and carry me into the bedroom," she said.

She said Cole thought she was having sex with other people or "plotting

against him."

She testified that when she once stayed with a friend at a hotel, he came over to the room, laid in the bed next to her and told her "I will slit your throat in your sleep, bitch" because she didn't want to leave with him.

"Had he ever threatened you with anything like that before?" asked Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wyant.

"Yes," she replied.

She said Cole would often go days, even weeks without sleeping.

"He was more temperamental," she said. "He would yell at me or tell me to go sit in a certain spot."

If she didn't, she said, he would physically make her sit down.

On cross-examination, defense attorney Robert J. DeMarco tried to pick holes in her story and undercut her credibility, part of what attorney Luke Fenchel said in opening statements would be the defense strategy.

The victim told DeMarco that she had been in jail for 45 days following a drug violation, and last had consensual sex with Cole just before her incarceration.

Following her release and a court appearance, rather than head to her grandmoth-

er's house, as planned, before reporting to a drug rehab program, she stopped at the Econolodge motel on Church Street in Cortland, acquired a pellet of the bath salt, Molly, the size of the tip of her ring finger, and socialized with people who she knew used drugs, although she said she did not use the drugs she had, nor did others.

"What was the purpose of carrying around an illegal narcotic?" within 30 minutes of leaving court, DeMarco said.

"I just happened to have it," the victim replied.

"Does that make sense to you?"

"Does that make sense? No, but that's what I did."

DeMarco pointed out a number of inconsistencies in the victim's different statements to police, in preliminary hearings and during her testimony earlier in the day:

■ The victim testified Wednesday to wearing jeans with a watch pocket, into which she placed the drugs. However, her testimony at an earlier hearing reported she was wearing black leggings with no pocket.

"Where did you put the Molly?" DeMarco asked.

"I don't know, obviously," the victim said.

■ After spending that night at the motel with a friend, the victim testified Wednesday she walked to Cole's house, several blocks away, to retrieve four large tote bags of clothes. However, she testified earlier that she had her grandmother drive her there.

"You either walked to 13 Brown Ave., or she drove you. Which one?" he asked.

"I don't recall," she said.

■ DeMarco pointed out the victim, if walking to Cole's house, would have to carry the four totes of clothing. How was she going to transport them?

"I would have called a cab," the victim said.

How much money did she have, DeMarco asked.

None.

"How were you going to pay for a cab?"

The victim said her uncle drives a cab.

The cross-examination halted for the day a bit after 4 p.m. when DeMarco asked to have the victim's earlier testimony read back. It was to resume this morning.



Colin Spencer/staff reporter

Hunter Crandell, left, shoots his brother Ryder Crandell in a game of laser tag on Saturday at Tag Me 607 in Cortlandville.

Set your phasers to fun

Cortlandville laser tag business sees warp speed growth

By COLIN SPENCER
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Screams of excitement and a rousing orchestral score filled the air Saturday as nine kids ran around playing laser tag at Tag Me 607 in Cortlandville.

"It's been a good first day of birthday parties," said Walt Davis, the owner.

Saturday marked 15 days since Tag Me 607 opened.

The 1,000-square-foot business off Route 281 near Subway in Cortlandville, is split between a laser tag room for up to 12 players and PS4 and Xbox One consoles in the lobby.

Pool, air hockey and ping pong are also available.

Davis first got the idea to open a laser tag business in 2016 when he was attending his 4-year-old son's birthday party at Skate Estate Family Fun Center in Vestal, where he, his son and friends played laser tag.

"Everyone really enjoyed themselves and I said, 'We need something like that in Cortland because there's not really much for young people to do in town,'" Davis said.

In 2018, Davis shared his idea with a co-worker at his job who liked Davis's idea and became his business partner.

From June 2019 to late February, Davis worked to literally build up the business by build-



Children play a game of laser tag Saturday at Tag Me 607 in Cortlandville.

ing, repairing and painting the walls, along with installing plumbing for a kitchen area.

Two weeks after it opened, Davis said that the business's Facebook shares and views reached more than 20,000 people.

"The community's response has been great," he said.

"I think it's going to be a great addition to Cortland," said Nicole Davi, the member relations specialist for the Cortland County Chamber of Commerce.

"It will give families with kids of all ages something fun to do."

No events have yet been planned between the business and the chamber, she said, but that may change.

"We wish them the best and welcome to the community," she said.

Jaxon White, wished for lots of kills at seventh birthday party Saturday. He got them.

"I got killed a lot and I got a lot of kills," he said, adding he

liked laser tag because "you get to shoot people."

Davis hopes this business can help inspire children to follow their dreams.

He reflected on the struggles he had growing up with a father with a drug abuse problem and how Davis had no positive influence to lead a successful life.

"I had a challenging path," he said. "But I want to show, 'Hey, if you can get your stuff focused, you can challenge yourself and follow your dreams.'"

Suspects in safe theft in city miss court appearance

A suspect in a January safe robbery failed to appear Wednesday at a scheduled appearance in Cortland City Court.

Santo E. Oliver, 46, was charged Jan. 27 by Cortland police with second-degree burglary, a felony, and petit larceny, a misdemeanor, accused of stealing a safe containing more than \$460,000.

He was additionally charged on Feb. 4 with second-degree grand larceny, a felony.

Judge Elizabeth Burns scheduled another appearance March 19. An arrest warrant will be issued if Oliver does not appear then, Burns said.

Oliver has another warrant for his arrest after not appearing Tuesday in Cortland County Court on charges relating the theft of a John Deere tractor in Harford in March 2019. In that case, he was charged with third-degree grand larceny

and third-degree criminal mischief, felonies, and third-degree criminal trespass, a misdemeanor.

In the Cortland case, Oliver, along with Christopher M. Knickerbocker, 40, of 60 Cortland St., Homer, and Jennifer Brill, 45, 13 Lee Road, Dryden, were suspects in a Jan. 6 robbery of a safe from Sunnyfield Drive residence that led to a chase by both city and county police.

The safe was so heavy it caused the back of the getaway van to drag on the ground, Cortland police said.

Knickerbocker was charged Feb. 21 with second-degree grand larceny, a felony. Knickerbocker is scheduled to appear Tuesday in Cortland City Court.

Information on Brill's charges was unavailable. She is due back in Cortland City Court on June 12

— Colin Spencer

Police/fire log

Guthrie to cover admissions to Showcase event

Guthrie, which operates a hospital in Cortland, will sponsor free admission for all comers at the 36th annual Showcase April 18, the Cortland County Chamber of Commerce has announced.

Guthrie provided admission for the first 200 to enter the event last year.

"Free admission for all is a huge step further," said Bob Haight, the chamber's president and CEO.

"We encourage everyone to experience the Cortland Showcase and because we don't want cost to be a factor in attendance, Guthrie is pleased to underwrite the admission fee to this year's event," said Jennifer Yartym, president of Guthrie Cortland Medical Center.

The event runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Details are available at www.cortlandareachamber.com.

BDC Cancels Ag Dinner over threat of coronavirus

The Cortland County Business Development Corp. has canceled its annual ag tribute dinner March 24 as a precautionary measure against the corona virus.

The dinner, in conjunction with National Agriculture Day, would

have been at Tinelli's Hathaway House in Solon.

While no cases of the virus have yet been reported in Cortland County, the event was canceled in the interests of community health.

"We weighed the decision heavily and just felt that in light of everything it would be best to hold off until next year," said BDC Executive Director Garry L. VanGorder. "Many of our guests for this event are seniors, making them more susceptible to serious complications if they're infected. Better to keep them at home until we get past this."

Hummel's honors Cortland worker

Brian Stowell, who has been a part of Hummel's Office Plus in Cortlandville for more than seven years, has received the Hummel's Office Plus "Pam Gross Memorial Partner of the Quarter Award" for the fourth quarter 2019.

The coworker who nominated Stowell said he always wants to do what's right for the customer and his employees, announced the company, which has a store on Route 13 in South Cortland.

He always has a positive and cheerful attitude, and whatever needs to be done, he will do it and always has Hummel's in mind.

Hummel's has retail locations in Herkimer, Rome and Cortlandville.

Around the towns

American Legion schedules meal

The American Legion Family has scheduled its breakfast buffet from 8 to 11 a.m. March 29 at Post 465, 63 S. Main St., Homer.

Omelets are available. Veteran and senior discounts are available and children under 4 eat for free. Proceeds go toward the many veteran and community service projects of the American Legion Family.

Notebook

Rose Day
celebrated

Each year the Zonta Club of Cortland marks International Women's Day by recognizing women whose acts of kindness have improved the well-being of women and children in the community. International Women's Day was Sunday, and in honor of the women nominated, yellow roses were distributed. The yellow rose is a symbol of friendship for Zonta.

Nine women were presented yellow roses:

■ **Shannon Anderson** of Virgil, assistant operations manager of Greek Peak. She teaches children to be kind, accept their individual successes and imperfections, and to succeed.

■ **Krista Gillette** of Groton, is a physical education teacher in Dryden Middle School. She founded the "Dryden Games" to promote physical fitness for students with disabilities.

■ **Angela Helms** of Cortland is a clinical supervisor at the Beacon Center. Working with women struggling with addiction, she provides a holistic approach with the goal of restoring their lives.

■ **Erin Poppel** of Cortland is a retired teacher from Dryden Central Schools. Poppel promotes hiking and manages an all-women hiking club in the Cortland area. She loves to hike and encourages other women to reap the benefits that come with a healthy life style.

■ **Carole Rehruger** of Virgil is the senior leader of the Greek Peak Ski Patrol. She is an advocate for acquiring women ski patrol candidates who are capable of passing the strenuous application and testing process to become a ski patroller. Rehruger has supported Greek Peak women ski patrollers as they achieve the positions of assistant patrol leaders, patrol leaders and day professional patrollers.

■ **Julie Ryan** of Homer is the finance director of YWCA Cortland. She has worked to improve the YWCA's financial stability so women and children in the Cortland community continue to receive services.

■ **Nancy Schemerhorn** of Cortland is the cashier at SUNY Cortland's Bistro dining hall. She is exceptionally welcoming when SUNY Cortland students have their meals there. As a champion of students, and with her hospitality and kindness, Schemerhorn is the mother figure who has a genuine love for students.

■ **Susan Urban** of Homer teaches first grade at Homer Elementary School. She is an accomplished, caring, and insightful elementary school master teacher.

■ **Diane VanHouten** of Cortland is a retired administrative assistant. She is almost totally responsible for the annual success of the Zonta Club's Woman of Achievement luncheon.

Music night
in Harford

Harmony United Methodist Church in Harford will have its monthly music night 7 p.m. Sunday at 726 Route 221

There will be refreshments and lots of inspirational music.

The church's monthly food pantry is Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for Harford residents.

The reiki master uses light touch to facilitate the flow of energy through the body, fostering relaxation, energy and leaving the person ready to move forward.



Sharyn Madison of Cortland is a reiki master and intuitive who's written "Spirit Speaks," a book for those who want to foster a relationship with spirit. She is seen here March 3 at Bru 64 on Main Street.

Katie Keyser/living and leisure editor

'Spirit Speaks'

Reiki practitioner publishes book about clients' experiences

By KATIE KEYSER
Living and Leisure Editor
living@cortlandstandard.net

Sharyn Madison started writing down her experiences with her clients after giving them reiki treatments.

A reiki master for almost 20 years and also an intuitive, she would consult with the spirit or creative force during the session and get practical feedback to help her client.

She was so struck by the accounts, she wrote a book about the experiences. "I have to share that wisdom," she said.

Her "Spirit Speaks: Transformational and Healing Messages from Spirit," is her first book, and was self published by Amazon, where it is available. She's working on two more books.

The names of her clients were changed, although she did ask their permission to use their experiences.

"They are true stories," said the Cortland woman, a former teacher and coach for 14 years.

Madison, 69, was also a former co-owner of Invigorations Wellness Center in Cortland with Janet Hanna.

"I'm still doing my work at 150 Tompkins St., in the old Varsity Liquor Store. I do reiki, Janet is doing mas-

sage," Madison said. "I love doing the reiki."

Reiki: "Rei is universal love or universal spirituality," Madison said. "Ki or chi is energy."

The Japanese healing technique reduces stress and promotes relaxation, according William Rand, who Madison trained with. She got her certification from his International Reiki Center.

The reiki master uses light touch to facilitate the flow of energy through the body, fostering relaxation, energy and leaving the person ready to move forward, Rand said.

As far as being an "intuitive," which is separate from being a reiki master, Madison said: "What it means to me, when I give a reiki session, it's all done intuitively, meaning I listen to my client's energy or my client's spirit guides."

One example: "A client came in. Her husband had died. He was a lawyer. She can't find his will. I am able to then communicate with spirit and the image I got was his tool box."

What is the tool of a lawyer, Madison said. A file cabinet.

The woman forgot there was a file cabinet in the attic; that's where she found the will.

Madison portrayed 21 stories from

her clients in the first part of the book. The other half is how to connect to other dimensions or the spiritual side.

People can know that God and Spirit are available, accessible and eager to help, Madison said. "And they can learn about reiki, energy medicine and automatic writing as a means of healing and connecting with spirit."

Jack Carr of Cortland read the book and was among the 19 positive reviews on Amazon.

"If the true-life anecdotes don't convince the reader that reiki is powerful and attainable, then various recipes for how to maximize contact with higher powers (called by many names) will surely be helpful," said the longtime theater educator and communications teacher.

"It's fascinating," Madison said of the spirit messages.

"So here's the thing. What I want us to know, there are three things we can learn: more about who we are, who they are, who is spirit, and what this relationship has to offer us. And it's as varied as the individual."

The book, Madison said, is for "people who are interested in the spiritual side of us, seekers, people who want guidance, which is open to all of us, people who want to heal."

Family should step in to protect sister, kids

DEAR READERS: Every year I step away from my daily column to work on other creative projects. I've gathered some topical "Best Of" columns from 10 years ago. (Some content has been lightly edited.) I'll be back in two weeks with fresh columns.

DEAR AMY: My sister and her husband have been married for almost 20 years. They have a volatile relationship, and say and do hurtful things to each other.

During a recent argument, my brother-in-law yelled obscenities at my sister and spit in her face twice because she was trying to ignore his ranting. He has also pulled her hair and pushed her.

She tries to stay calm and ignore him, which makes him angrier. She tries to keep the peace because of her two older teenagers who live at home.

I am afraid that someone will be injured, arrested, or even killed.

I am also upset that her children have grown up witnessing this. Both kids have anger issues.

Should our family talk to my brother-in-law? He can be a fun, nice guy.

We talked to my sister about

getting professional help, but this has been going on for years.

She is funny, extremely well-liked and very attractive. I believe he is jealous of her. How can we help?

— Worried Sibling

DEAR WORRIED: Your family should advocate for your sister and the children by urging her to get help immediately and to leave this marriage safely. This situation is violent. Witnessing this has already affected the kids. Your family should do everything possible to protect them.

I read your letter to Cory Ryan, executive director of Connections for Abused Women and Their Children, in Chicago. She responds, "This is very alarming. It is a dangerous situation. It is important that this woman get help from people who will not

judge her.

"Children who grow up in violent homes suffer trauma; there is a risk that they will become violent."

"Concerned friends or family members could call the National Domestic Violence Hotline for advice on how to address this and learn of local resources. This woman needs to have a safety plan and legal advocacy."

Call the hotline at 800-799-SAFE, or visit thehotline.org.

— September 2010

DEAR AMY: You regularly condone and even encourage sex without the benefit of marriage.

I wonder if you have ever considered how many of society's problems can be traced back to this. Please consider for a moment what the world would be like if sex occurred only in-

side of marriage.

The number of unwanted pregnancies would be decimated. Abortion would be eliminated. Few, if any, children would grow up in a single-parent home. Imagine what would happen to the welfare system! What if almost everyone grew up in stable, two-parent homes? It boggles the mind, doesn't it?

— K

DEAR K: Getting married does not prevent children from growing up in single-parent homes. People have been marrying and dissolving their marriages for a long time.

Many two-parent homes are unstable, and some stable families are led by two parents who, until recently, couldn't legally marry.

Consenting adults can and will have sex regardless of what you (or I) say. It's not my business, and as long as it doesn't injure or harm anyone, involve the kids or break up another relationship or family, it shouldn't be your business, either.

— March 2010

DEAR AMY: I am a 32-year-old single woman with many married friends. Recently, I went to a concert with some

couples, and also a married man who didn't bring his wife.

In the back seat of a car on the way home, he tried to kiss me. I pulled away. The next day when he sent me an email saying he had a good time, I didn't respond.

I saw him with his family at a recent dinner party. He said he wanted to have coffee sometime, and that he'd like to get to know me better. I was polite and hoped nothing would come of it, but he recently emailed me and asked to get a drink.

He is a nice person. I don't want to assume he wants to have an affair. How do I respond?

— Troubled Single

DEAR TROUBLED: You say he's a "nice person," but nice (and married) men don't try to force kisses on disinterested women in the back seats of cars, and nice men don't do end-runs around their wives and kids at a dinner party.

In those old movies I love, this guy would be called "a prize heel."

— August 2010

You can email Amy Dickinson at askamy@amydickinson.com or send a letter to Ask Amy, P.O. Box 194, Freeville, NY 13068. You can also follow her on Twitter @askingamy or Facebook.

Know the
deal on
the word
'transgender'

Q: I'm having a hard time remembering the difference between a transgender guy and a transgender girl. Do you have any tricks for remembering what each term means?

Also, who do transgender people date? Are they all gay? I'm not sure how that works.

A: I get questions like these often, so I'm glad you asked.

Before we define those terms, I want to go over two others. The first is "biological sex." When a baby is born, doctors assign a biological sex based on the infant's visible anatomy and check a box indicating whether the baby is male or female.

The second term we need to know is "gender identity," which refers to a person's internal sense of gender. This is your inner feeling of "I'm a man" or "I'm a woman." For some people, neither of those options fit, so they might have gender identities like non-binary or genderqueer.

Now, on to your initial question. A transgender man is someone who was assigned female at birth but identifies as a man. In other words, when this person was born, the doctor said, "she's a girl!" However, as this person grew up, he realized he was actually a man.

For transgender women, it's the opposite. A trans woman is someone who was assigned male at birth (the doctor said, "he's a boy!") but as she grew up, realized she was actually a woman.

Many cisgender people (people whose biological sex matches their gender identity) have a hard time remembering the difference between a trans man and a trans woman. They struggle with whether a trans man means someone who was assigned male at birth (biological sex) or someone who is transitioning to being a man (gender identity).

Here's my best tip for remembering: the gendered term (man/woman) should always match the person's gender identity.

With this in mind, it's easier to remember that a trans man is someone who identifies as a man and a trans woman is someone who identifies as a woman.

It can also be helpful to know that you don't need to include "trans" in most situations. If you know a trans person, you don't need to say "trans man," you can just say "man."

As for who trans people date, it depends on the person. Gender identity and sexual orientation are separate, so people of any gender can have any sexual orientation. A trans man may be gay (attracted to other men), straight (attracted to women), bisexual (attracted to more than one gender), or any other orientation.

I hope this helps.

If you have additional questions, you can visit me at The Cortland LGBTQ Center or give me a call at 607-756-8970 extension 253.

Samantha Adams is the program coordinator of the Cortland LGBTQ Center at 165 Main St. Submit your question for next month's Ask Adams by sending an email to sadams@familycs.org. Please put "Ask Adams" in the subject line.

Drinking problem?

Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous can help. Call 607-753-1344. Meetings take place every day in Cortland:

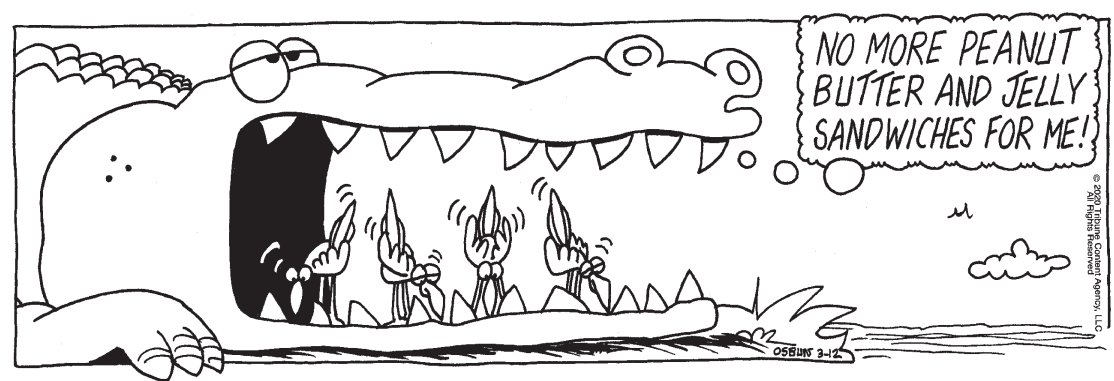
■ **The Cortland Morning Group** takes place 9 a.m. daily, except for Sunday, at Grace and Holy Spirit Church, 13 Court St.

■ **The Cortland Noon Group** meets noon Monday through Saturday at the United Presbyterian Church, 25 Church St.

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Adams

Samantha
Adams

ANIMAL CRACKERS



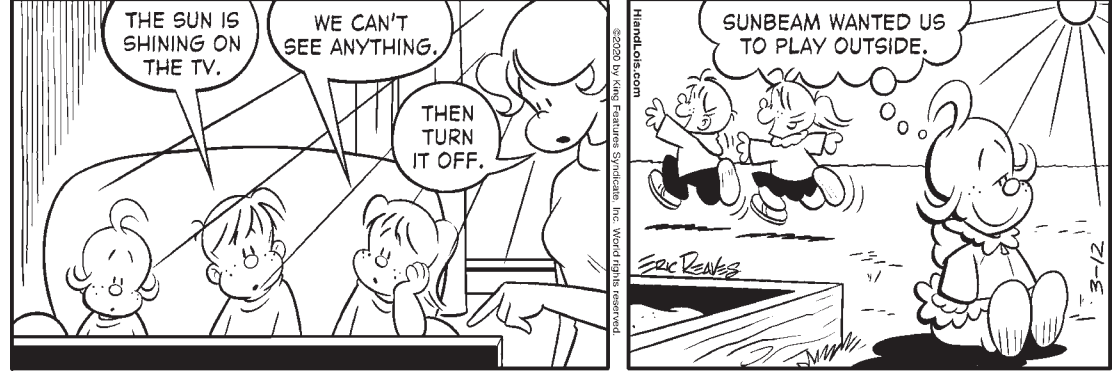
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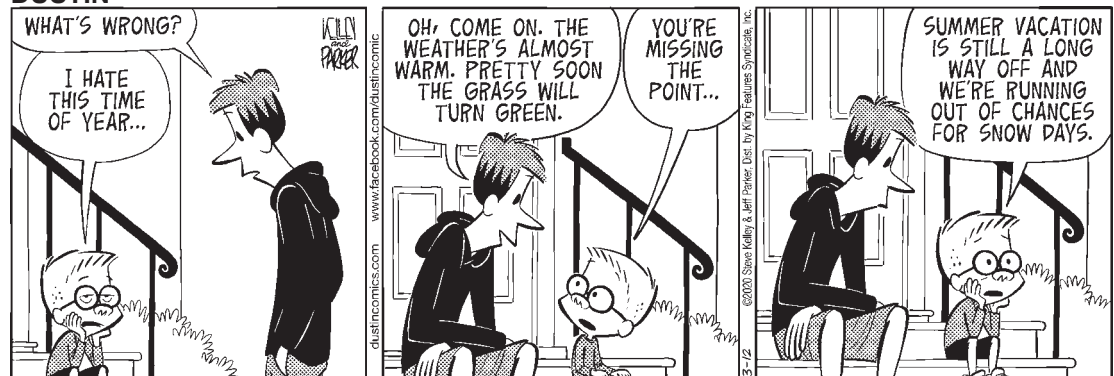
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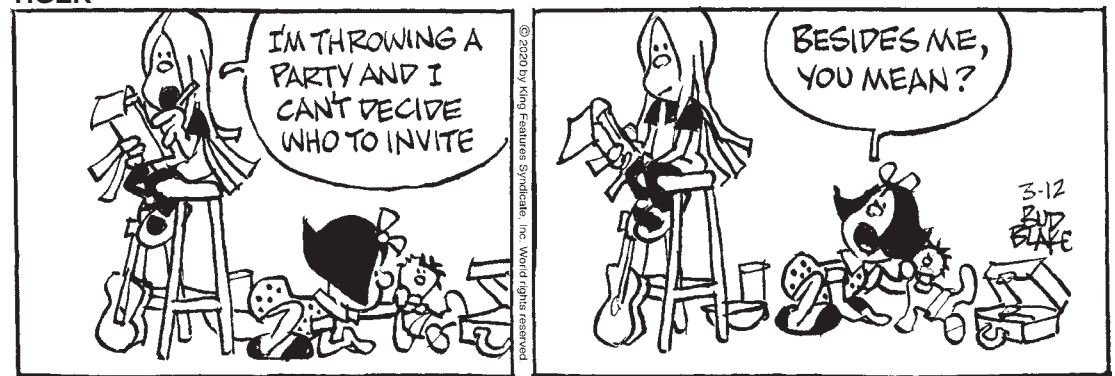
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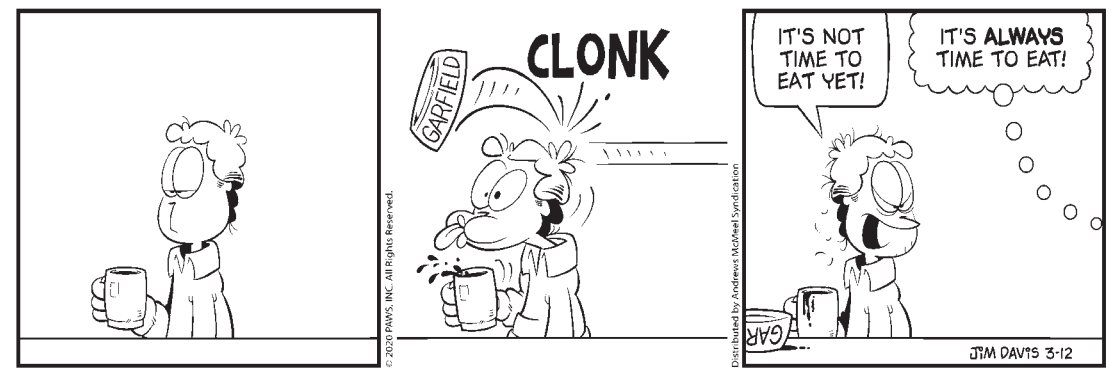
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Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena
Friday, March 13, 2020

BIRTHDAY STAR: Actor Emile Hirsch was born in Palms, Calif., on this day in 1985. This birthday star has made his mark in such movies as "Once Upon a Time..." in Hollywood, "Into the Wild" and "Lords of Dogtown." He's voiced the role of Jim Lake Jr. on both the animated series "3Below: Tales of Arcadia" and "Trollhunters," and he's appeared on episodes of "ER," "NYPD Blue" and "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch."

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You might hope to get lucky on this Friday the 13th. You could let your passions have the upper hand and could be misled if all you see is what you want. Don't mistake friendliness for love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Being a good friend might mean taking on extra burdens. You may be asked to work more hours than you'd planned or spend your night doing meaningful work for a community event.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Spend your Friday evening with a steadfast companion and stay close to home. Be aware of any personal limitations and be cautious when faced with decisions that could affect your homelife.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your social life might require a bit of patience. Focus on taking care of necessities and requirements.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You must fulfill your obligations in order to get a reward, but you may not be in the mood to perform some of your duties.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be proud that you are conscientious and dutiful. You are willing to go the extra mile to complete necessary tasks and meet deadlines.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It isn't a black cat that you should fear on this Friday the 13th but rather your own wishful thinking. Be kind to yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be challenged to prove what you say by committing. If your partner hasn't been very energetic, turn on a romantic movie to change the mood.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's wise to hold off on major purchases and key financial decisions. Better choices will appear next week.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't take any unnecessary risks on this last day of the work week. An investment or purchase might seem to make sense, but don't make that commitment today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Giving in to impulses or making snap decisions about your home or career could create complications. Your business sense may be at a low point.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take a rain check if you are invited to go out with friends. What seems glamorous on paper might prove disappointing.

IF MARCH 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your romantic nature is powered up during the coming three to four weeks, so you might enjoy inspirational gatherings, a weekend getaway with a loved one or spending more time on creative activities. You should take notes when you have imaginative ideas, as these can be powerful ideas that spur you on to tackle ambitious projects. Throughout April you can be a success at whatever you begin because you are more determined and industrious than usual. Once you begin a project or begin developing an idea, you won't rest until it's completed to your satisfaction. This can be an especially auspicious time to launch a new business or financial plan. Work hard and your dreams will come true. Any offer or opportunity that arrives in July could be a good one.

Sudoku

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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!

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ANSWER:

Cryptoquote

A XYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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.

3-12 CRYPTOQUOTE

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— P I F K M L U R D D R J L F E
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: LAZINESS TRAVELS SO SLOWLY THAT POVERTY SOON OVERTAKES HIM — BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 2 Vaccine type
 - 1 Boxcar rider
 - 5 Bandage material
 - 10 Swift horse
 - 11 Rabbits' home
 - 12 Corridor
 - 13 Changes, in a way
 - 14 Jokingly
 - 16 "Time to split!"
 - 20 Useful skills
 - 23 Early hour
 - 24 Informal
 - 25 Dries, in a way
 - 27 Silent
 - 28 Los —, New Mexico
 - 29 Scuba weapon
 - 32 Sweetie
 - 36 Oregon city
 - 39 To boot
 - 40 Thais and Tibetans
 - 41 Oboe part
 - 42 Lustful
 - 43 Clothing
- DOWN**
- 1 "Very funny!"
 - 3 Ump's call
 - 4 Accommodates
 - 5 Full range
 - 6 Game place
 - 7 Coffee dispenser
 - 8 Last letter, in London
 - 9 Print units
 - 11 Floats on the breeze
 - 15 Staff symbol
 - 17 Hotel offering
 - 18 "Do — others ..."
 - 19 Capone's foe
 - 20 Some charity
 - 21 Diner order
 - 22 One or more
 - 25 De-pressed
 - 26 Nautical rope
 - 28 Dance's de Mille
 - 30 In the lead
 - 31 Actor Cox
 - 33 Cheese choice
 - 34 Not new
 - 35 Auction bids
 - 36 Stirrup setting
 - 37 Much of N. Amer.
 - 38 Collins base

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Yesterday's answer

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Word of the Day

byzantine (BIZ-un-teen)

Definition: (adjective) 1. relating to, or characteristic of, the ancient city of Byzantium. 2. architecture: having the characteristics of a style of architecture developed in the Byzantine Empire, especially in the fifth and sixth centuries. 3. Christianity: related to the churches using a traditional Greek rite and subject to Eastern canon law.

Example: "Unlike most Greek Orthodox churches in the U.S., St. Anna won't have a traditional Byzantine dome."
— Courtesy Merriam Webster Online

House votes to tighten oversight of surveillance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has taken a first step toward addressing errors made by the FBI during its investigation of the Trump campaign and Russia, with the House passing legislation Wednesday that would impose new restrictions on the federal government's surveillance tools.

The legislation is a compromise that reflects angst in both parties about the way the surveillance powers have been used, but also a reluctance to strip those powers from the government's arsenal. The bipartisan bill, negotiated by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Republican leader Kevin McCarthy, would renew several provisions the FBI sees as vital to fighting terrorism even as it aims to ensure stricter oversight of how the bureau conducts surveillance.

The compromise, which passed 278-136, came after Republicans and Dem-

ocrats in the House broadly agreed that they did not want civil liberties sacrificed in efforts to thwart terrorism and other crimes.

Republicans had been aggressively seeking changes to the law since the Russia investigation, while many Democrats already had concerns about government surveillance.

The Senate is poised to pass the bill, as well, after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell issued a statement with several other Republicans saying they "strongly support this legislation and urge all of our Senate colleagues to join us."

The statement said the legislation "balances the need to reauthorize these critical authorities with the need for tailored reforms to increase accountability." Signing on with McConnell were Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman

Lindsey Graham, Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Burr, Texas Sen. John Cornyn and South Dakota Sen. John Thune.

It was not immediately clear whether Trump would sign it. And a handful of Republican and Democratic senators have strongly criticized the House measure, possibly threatening procedural delays.

Republican Sens. Mike Lee of Utah and Rand Paul of Kentucky and Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, all longtime skeptics of surveillance laws, are opposed to the legislation. But Wyden indicated he would not filibuster, or delay, the bill, saying he was focused on a response to the spread of the coronavirus.

It wasn't certain what tactics Paul or Lee might use to slow down the legislation. Lee said Wednesday that "there

are a lot of procedural tools at our disposal," indicating he might try to delay passage. Paul has been working closely with Trump, who told Republican lawmakers at a meeting last week that he would not sign an extension of the current surveillance authorities without reforms.

Lawmakers leave town at week's end. The existing powers expire Sunday.

At the behest of Republicans, the House compromise takes aim at some of the missteps the Justice Department has acknowledged making during the Russia investigation. Applications under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act to eavesdrop on a former Trump campaign aide were riddled with omissions and missteps, according to an inspector general report.

The measure would require that officers responsible for FISA applications

certify that the department has been advised of any information that could undercut or contradict the premise of the surveillance.

In the Russia investigation, some of the information the FBI omitted from its applications cut against the idea that former Trump adviser Carter Page was a Russian agent, the watchdog found.

Page has denied that and was never charged with wrongdoing.

The bill also would institute criminal penalties and other sanctions for making false statements to the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which issues warrants to the FBI to eavesdrop on people it has probable cause to believe are agents of a foreign power. It would require the attorney general to approve in writing of an investigation if the target of the surveillance is a federal candidate or official.

Sanders says he's staying in race

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Bernie Sanders is vowing to press ahead with his presidential campaign at least long enough to debate Joe Biden this weekend, even while acknowledging his deficit in the Democratic race may be insurmountable.

The Vermont senator on Wednesday offered no further details on what his campaign may look like before or after he and Biden — the last two major candidates vying for the Democratic presidential nomination — spar Sunday night on stage in Arizona. The only thing on Sanders' public schedule was taping an appearance on Wednesday's "Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon."

And that will continue to raise questions — as unlikely as it may seem less than two weeks after losing his once-commanding front-runner status — about how long Sanders will persist against increasingly daunting odds, especially as the pressure within his own party increases exponentially.

Sanders addressed reporters in Burlington after offering no public statements Tuesday night, when he suffered a devastating defeat in Michigan and losses in Missouri, Idaho and Mississippi. Sanders noted that he won North Dakota and that the continuing count in Washington state remained close — but admitted he was trailing badly in the race to secure enough delegates to clinch the nomination before the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee.

Sanders' mathematical path to winning enough delegates for the nomination is rapidly disappearing.

Sanders now needs 57% of the delegates not won so far to get to 1991, the magic number to win the nomination. Both delegate allocation math and voting history show how unlikely it is for Sanders to hit that goal and overtake Biden.

That Sanders was vowing to soldier on was hardly a surprise. The 78-year-old democratic socialist is nothing if not willing to take on the political establishment against all odds.



Mexican National Guard troops patrolling the country's northern border Jan. 31 are seen from Sunland Park, New Mexico.

SCOTUS keeps Trump asylum policy in place

Los Angeles Times (TNS)

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted another emergency appeal from the Trump administration and voted to keep in place the "Remain in Mexico" policy that has forced tens of thousands of asylum-seekers to stay on the Mexican side of the border while they await a hearing in the United States.

The justices in a one-line order put on hold a ruling by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals two weeks ago that declared the disputed policy illegal.

Only one member of the court registered a dissent. Justice Sonia Sotomayor said she voted to turn down the government's appeal.

The high court's action, while not a final ruling, is a significant victory for the President Donald Trump and his administration, and its hard-line

policies on immigration and asylum. It will maintain the "Remain in Mexico" policy for at least three months and probably through early next year. The justices are likely to grant review of the case when administration lawyers submit an appeal petition in June.

The Justice Department in a statement said it was gratified by the court's decision and said the policy has been "critical to restoring the government's ability to manage the Southwest border and to work cooperatively with the Mexican government to address illegal immigration."

Immigrant rights advocates called the policy cruel, inhumane and illegal. They said it has left thousands of people stranded along the border, without food, housing, healthcare or protection from criminals, where they wait weeks or even months for a hearing to present their asylum claim.

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cancelled a planned trip by the president to Nevada and Colorado this week, "out of an abundance of caution." Trump's re-election campaign also postponed a planned March 19 event in Milwaukee that was set to feature the president.

Congress unveiled a multibillion-dollar aid package Wednesday that was expected to be voted on by the House as soon as today.

"I can say we will see more cases, and things will get worse than they are right now," Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, said in testimony before the House Oversight and Reform Committee. He said the virus is "10 times more lethal than the seasonal flu."

After Trump's address, Defense Secretary Mark Esper announced a series of moves, including restrictions for 60 days on travel by servicemembers, Defense Department civilians and their families to, from and through the four counties currently designated by the Centers for Disease Control as the highest risk COVID-19 counties — China, Iran, South Korea and Italy.

In his remarks, Trump focused more on the threat of travel continuing to bring in illness when, in fact, in parts of the country there already is "community spread" — meaning people who don't have a known travel exposure are becoming infected.

Trump left unaddressed the testing backlog that is hampering efforts to learn just how

Tom Hanks, his wife test positive for virus

SYDNEY (AP) — Tom Hanks and his wife Rita Wilson are isolated in stable condition in an Australian hospital Thursday after contracting the new coronavirus, the actor and Australian officials said.

The two-time Oscar winner is easily the most famous person yet to disclose they have COVID-19, which the World Health Organization has declared a pandemic.

Australian officials said the couple were being treated at a Queensland hospital. "We wish them a very speedy recovery," state Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk told reporters.

Hanks had been in Australia shooting an untitled Elvis Presley biopic directed by Baz Luhrmann. Hanks plays Presley's manager, Colonel Tom Parker.

many Americans already are infected. And while he warned the elderly to avoid risky crowds, advised nursing homes to suspend visitors and told sick people to stay home from work, he didn't address one of the biggest concerns — whether hospitals are equipped to handle the sick or will be overwhelmed.

Georgetown University public health expert Lawrence Gostin tweeted in reaction to Trump's speech, "Most of Europe is as safe as US," and COVID-19 "is already here; germs don't respect borders."

Trump said he was also directing agencies to provide unspecified financial relief for "for workers who are ill, quarantined or caring for others due to coronavirus," and asked Congress to take action to extend it. White House aides declined to provide details on Trump's announcement.

Trump said the U.S. will defer tax payments for some individual and business filers for three months to lessen the impacts of the virus outbreak. He said the Small Business Administration will also make low-interest loans available to businesses to

help them weather the storm.

"This is not a financial crisis," he said. "This just a temporary moment of time that we will overcome together as a nation and as a world."

Trump also reiterated his call on Congress to pass a cut to the federal payroll tax in order to stimulate the economy, though that idea has been dismissed by many lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. He remained silent on his previous calls to provide assistance to industries hard-hit by the pandemic like airlines and cruise ships.

On Capitol Hill, House Democrats late Wednesday introduced an economic assistance plan that would provide free coronavirus testing nationwide and emergency funding to reimburse lost paychecks for those self-quarantining, missing work or losing jobs amid the outbreak.

Stocks are sharply lower today after resuming trading as traders fear that not enough is being done to contain the economic damage from the coronavirus pandemic. The Dow industrials are down 1,800 points, or 8%, following a 15-minute trading halt.

US troops killed, wounded in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three service members were killed, including two Americans, and a dozen more were injured when a barrage of rockets were fired at a military base in Iraq, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

One of the officials said five service members were seriously wounded and evacuated from the Camp Taji base and seven others were still being evaluated. Buildings on the base were in flames. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to give details of the attack ahead of a public announcement.

Army Col. Myles Caggins, a U.S. military spokesman in Iraq, confirmed that three personnel from the U.S.-led coalition were killed and about 12 were wounded, but did not provide details about what country they were from. The U.S. military said that the names of

those killed would be released after family notifications.

Caggins, in a statement, said that about 18 107mm Katyusha rockets struck the base and that Iraqi Security Forces found a rocket-rigged truck a few miles from Camp Taji. Such Russian rockets have been used in the past by Iranian-backed militia groups in Iraq.

Another U.S. official said that as many as 30 rockets were fired from the truck launcher, but 18 hit the base.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson confirmed that a U.K. soldier had been killed in the "abhorrent" attack on the Taji base. The Ministry of Defense said the soldier, whose name has not been released, was from the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Johnson said Britain was "in close contact with our Coalition partners to establish exactly what happened."

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bartenders, security workers and managers.

Terwilliger said he hopes students who live in off-campus housing stay around.

"That's my hope," he said.

The closing won't affect Cortland's bowling alley much, said owner John Partigianoni.

"We do a little bit of college business but not that much," he said.

SUNY Cortland has a class that meets twice a week at the alley and students come during open bowling but the majority of the business's clientele is not college students.

"Hopefully, they are making the right decision," Partigianoni said.

Not quite a closure

The SUNY Cortland campus will not close down, but after spring break most classes will be conducted through distance learning, according to a statement from SUNY Cortland President Erik Bitterbaum.

Bitterbaum said that on-campus students do not have to take all of their belongings home. However, they should bring home:

- Additional clothing or supplies, including medications.

- Any personal documentation, including health insurance cards.

- All coursework materials.
- Laptops or tablets and their chargers, plus other electronics.

He also warned that students who plan to travel during spring break that they may be subject to quarantine.

'We paid for a service'

Some students said they were concerned about how the changes in programs would affect them.

Thomas Ryan, a senior communications major from Long Beach on Long Island, agreed with the decision to use caution, but he was disappointed that he might lose the end of his senior year on campus.

"It's surreal," he said.

Ryan, a member of the college men's swim team, said he was not worried about his own health but for vulnerable populations.

"Personally, I'm not really

worried," he said. "I'm a strapping young man. I'll be all right."

Dylan Salisbury, a junior sociology major from Binghamton, said he thought the college should have remained operating as normal while testing for the virus when necessary.

"We're all here and we're all all right," Salisbury said.

He said he prefers interaction with professors and does not like online courses. Students should receive a rebate if programs and services are curtailed, Salisbury said.

"We paid for a service," he said.

TC3 moving online, too

TC3 will also go to online learning, said Bryan Chambala, the college's director of communications.

The school's administrator plans to speak with SUNY's chancellor's office to work out details.

"Obviously, it's going to impact our students in some way," Chambala said, but did not have numbers about how many students or faculty.

The campus will be open in some capacity after March 19 but the details still need to be worked out.

Additionally, the school will look at ways of communicating with students who don't have a good internet connection, he said.

New York had 216 confirmed cases of coronavirus, including 43 new ones Wednesday, all in the New York City area, except for a few cases in Saratoga and Ulster counties.

SUNY has about 416,000 students on 64 campuses, while CUNY serves about 275,000 students per year, according to their websites.

"With more than 100,000 SUNY students currently taking one or more of their courses online with us, we believe we are prepared and well-positioned to take advantage of remote instruction to further our student's education during this crisis," SUNY Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson said in a prepared statement.

Staff reporters Travis Dunn and Colin Spencer and City Editor Kevin Conlon contributed to this report.

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Onward PG
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Sat., Sun. 12:30, 3:00

Impractical Jokers PG-13
7:00, 9:15 Nightly
Sat., Sun. 12:45, 3:00

The Invisible Man R
6:50, 9:30 Nightly
Sat., Sun. 12:30, 3:00

Sonic the Hedgehog PG
7:00, 9:15 Nightly
Sat., Sun. 12:45, 3:00

Our Opinion

Skip the handshake, try these

This whole coronavirus thing may or may not endanger your health, but it's sure making an endangered species of the common American handshake.

We like etiquette as much as the next person, but for the duration of this virus, we're going to have to call for a moratorium on that whole hand-touching thing. And as much as we'll miss the big, sloppy smackeroo on whatever portion of our facial anatomy is closest, we'll skip the hug and kiss thing, too. (Even from those people for whom we'd gladly risk an infectious disease — we have to think about the next person we meet.)

So how are we to express our joy and camaraderie at meeting someone, either familiar or new? Here are some alternatives.

The elbow bump: Wonderfully ambidextrous, just raise an elbow and tap lightly to your acquaintance's elbow. Hope they haven't just coughed into the crook of their own arm.

The fist bump: We're dubious, because what's the difference in germ-load between the palm of your hand and the knuckle? But a cool variant of this is the fist bump that explodes into a finger-extended hand wave at the last moment, generally accompanied by an explosive fireworks sound. It's a little casual, and may surprise people who aren't in on the joke, but it's fun to watch.

Jazz hands: Place your hands to either side of your head, the hands open, the palms facing forward. Splay your fingers and shake your hands. It's an actual dance move. Trust us, you'll appear cultured.

Bow: It's a Japanese thing; you see martial artists do it all the time. Place your feet together at the ankle, toes angled outward. Keep your arms stiff to your side and bend, back straight, from the waist. How far you bend is a function of your genuine respect for the person you're bowing to and how many rolls of tummy get in the way. Westerners often see it as a sign of submission, but in Japan, it's just a sign of respect.

Wai: The word is Thai, but the action has its roots in a traditional Buddhist greeting and has an Indian counterpart. Press your hands together, as if praying, in front of your heart, and bow your head. The Indians often exchange a "Namaste."

Gong shou: It's Chinese, historically a symbol that you're not carrying a weapon, much like the Western handshake. Essentially, you place the fist of one hand in the open palm of your other hand. In fact, you'll hear (if you speak any of a number of Chinese dialects) loudspeakers in China urging you to do a gong shou rather than a handshake.

Stick your tongue out: Don't be lascivious about it; it's a traditional Tibetan greeting. Stick your tongue out and quickly draw it back in. But be careful, someone might mistake you for a second-grader, which is probably why you don't often see Tibetans do it in the West.

And our favorite:

The Vulcan salute: Leonard Nimoy introduced this to the galaxy in Star Trek, cribbed from a Jewish blessing he saw as a boy. Hold up your hand and make a "V" by spreading your two middle fingers apart. It works best when accompanied by the greeting: "Live long and prosper" or perhaps "Peace and long life."

And in these times, what nicer way to greet someone than by wishing them a long life and prosperity? It's only logical.

Your Opinion

Stop the madness!

To the Editor:

First we have a governor who is killing babies, shoving renewable energy down our throats, and dishonoring our Second Amendment rights, and now we have a senator threatening two Supreme Court justices.

Can you imagine what this must look like to other states? Ask yourself, how does this reflect on all of us who call New York home, is this what we want from our career politicians? I think not!

Chuck Schumer's vile rant did nothing to promote the good people of New York, his child like outburst only went to prove that he is only in office to promote his own agenda and not ours, it was embarrassing and disrespectful to ALL New Yorkers.

And that's who we elect to represent us, shameful!

"I love NY," not so much anymore.

Madness!

Stephen A. Furlin
Solon

Good Old Days

March 12, 1970

David W. Perfetti announced today the opening of his new law office at 62 No. Main St. (corner of Madison and Main streets).

Since April of 1968 his office has been located at 22 1/2 Main St.

Mr. Perfetti was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor at law by the Appellate Division Third Department, Albany, July 11, 1967, and to the Federal Bar.

The local attorney is a Cortland High School graduate. He received his B.A. at Siena College and his L.L.B. at New York Law School.

March 12, 2010

Dale Taylor said nobody has a perfect foot — nobody.

"Most of our customers have a normal foot, don't get me wrong. But we have people with bone spurs, tendons that get stretched, hammer toes, bunions or arthritis. As you get older, you get a lot of (problems) that come from people walking upright. Every step you take puts your entire weight on your feet and we jam our feet into shoes that are not always comfortable."

The Virgil man, owner of Sarvay Shoe Company, who has worked there for 33 years, will spend a little time each day, working over a leather shoe, widening it, softening it, to accommodate a bunion or other unique foot situation, for a customer.

The other day he took care of a customer who had a big toe that went under her first toe and stuck up next to the other toes. He showed a set of mammoth metal tweezers with a ball on one end and a scoop on the other. "This tool makes a hole," he said, tweezing a spot on the shoe where a foot with a bump needs room. "You can really make a pocket if you have to ... Leather is malleable. It's pliable. It's great to make shoes with. We try to only have leather here."

"My first priority is to put shoes on people ... It's not rocket science what we do, it's paying attention to business. You come to work and do what needs to be done."

And sometimes it's not about the shoes. "I get paid to shoot the breeze with people. I like to talk. I like to shoot the breeze. The fact that I'm selling you a pair of shoes is a bonus."

Letters

The Cortland Standard welcomes letters from readers for publication on this page. All letters submitted must be signed by the writer and include the writer's home address and daytime telephone number. Letters may be edited for length and content.

Letters are limited to 300 words in length. Letters endorsing or opposing the election of candidates for public office are limited to 200 words. Thank-you notes will not be accepted.



One symptom of the coronavirus outbreak — at least for me — has been nasty flashbacks to Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. At the time I was a policy adviser to President George W. Bush, visiting New York City for meetings. The day after the storm hit, I recall talking to a colleague at the White House and helpfully offering that the federal response "looked pretty good from here."

The next several days had the quality of a nightmare, as images of unrelieved suffering filled the news. The crisis, it turned out, was unprecedented — not just a massive hurricane but a city-wide flood. When it came to providing relief and maintaining order, the normal procedure was to defer to state and local authorities. They quickly proved incapable or incompetent. Many Americans assumed that the main federal component of the response — the Federal Emergency Management Agency — could do emergency response and logistics on a large scale. But FEMA wasn't (and isn't) an elite corps of emergency responders. It was (and is) a skeletal organization that expands by hiring contractors in time of need. And the need is usually defined as putting up trailers while a relatively thin strip of destroyed coastal homes is rebuilt.

As the scale of Katrina's destruction became evident, some at the White House proposed to preempt state and local roles and send in the military. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld offered legal objections to conducting operations on U.S. soil. Others made the case that

Coronavirus worse than Katrina

Michael Gerson



if we took action, we would "own" the situation — creating the impression we could replace the institutions that had primary responsibility.

We found, of course, that the president owns every crisis that can only be solved on a national scale.

So why the flashbacks? Because the United States again faces a circumstance in which the problem may be larger than the institutions that normally deal with it. Public health is mainly the responsibility of states and localities. Americans may think the Centers for Disease Control is leading a national response to the coronavirus. It isn't. The CDC has a weak role in setting and implementing policy, and it is not sufficiently staffed to do the job people think it is doing. The working group headed by Vice President Mike Pence — while needed and helpful — only has the power of cajoling. In a public-health emergency, there is no national coordinating function.

In normal circumstances, I am all for federalism. But some

problems have a scope — say, fighting a war or constructing a national highway system — that overwhelms the theory of local control.

Coronavirus is likely to be this kind of problem. As America moves to the mitigation stage of the outbreak, social distancing measures — such as closing schools, ending mass gatherings and restricting travel — are the next line of defense. But the problem with such measures is that they tend to be imposed too late and/or lifted too early. And the current implementation of social distancing by states and localities can best be called spotty.

All the elements now exist for a swiftly unfolding emergency, on a scale that dwarfs Katrina. Because of the early absence of adequate tests, we have very little idea how prevalent the disease is in the country and little idea of how fast it is spreading. Dangerously and absurdly, political leaders have been using the low number of confirmed cases as the evidence of success when it is actually a measure of our blindness.

While administration officials were speaking the word "contained," the virus was spreading unhindered in some places for weeks. And if sickness begins to come in a sudden rush, it will swamp the health care system, leading to shortages of masks, hospital beds, ventilators and personnel (as it has in northern Italy).

"The glaring risk today," as J. Stephen Morrison of the Center for Strategic and International Studies told me, "is that the elderly and those with fragile health suffer extreme illness but are unable to access life-sustaining care and die in large numbers."

In just 18 days, Italy went from three confirmed cases of coronavirus to imposing nationwide internal travel restrictions. In a similar circumstance, the United States would need an assertive, active, early federal role in encouraging mitigation, readying the health care system and helping states and localities bear the cost of the crisis. Agencies would have to aggressively use their power to influence, because there is no time for Congress to give them the real power to act. Some logistical role for the military may even be helpful.

I can imagine the objections. Some may argue that this would trample on the authority of states and localities, and that the administration would own whatever follows.

But an unprecedented emergency may require going beyond traditional thinking and traditional roles. And the administration owns the situation already.

We need a leader, but we have Trump

Eugene Robinson



A dangerous pathogen is spreading across the globe. Financial markets are having a nervous breakdown. Oil prices have collapsed. Americans are hoarding hand sanitizer and surgical masks. Air travel is down. Conferences are being canceled. Merely shaking a stranger's hand suddenly seems like a risk.

And the president of the United States, in response, is spending hours a day glorifying himself on Twitter.

On Sunday, he retweeted a meme first posted by Dan Scavino, the White House director of social media that showed a photoshopped Trump playing the violin, with the legend: "My next piece is called ... nothing can stop what's coming." The words echoed a catch phrase associated with the looney-tunes QAnon conspiracy theory, not exactly a phenomenon to encourage at a moment when clear thinking and accurate information are vitally important. The image could not help but evoke the legend of the emperor Nero fiddling while Rome burned.

Trump's solipsistic response to the coronavirus crisis offers overwhelming proof, if any more were needed, that it was a catastrophic mistake to give an egomaniacal reality-television star such power and responsibility. We are all paying the price.

How worried should you be about the coronavirus? Should you work at home, assuming that's possible? Should you postpone or cancel that upcoming trip? Is it paranoia to think

about stockpiling staples in anticipation of a possible lockdown, like those we've seen in parts of China and Italy? Is your hard-hit 401(k) likely to recover anytime soon? Is this just a transient crisis, or could it be the new normal?

No one can give definitive answers. But even a minimally competent president could calm anxieties by explaining what we know and what we don't know about the virus. A decent president would be less concerned about the media coverage he or she was receiving and more focused on getting reliable information to a nation desperately seeking answers.

Trump is neither competent nor decent. He has consistently downplayed the epidemic, trying to convince Americans that the whole thing is no big deal. True, this is not Ebola or the bubonic plague we're talking about. But epidemiologists at the World Health Organization and our own Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have made clear that the coronavirus

is a very big deal, especially for the elderly or those with pre-existing health conditions, and should be taken seriously.

On Monday, Trump irresponsibly tweeted: "So last year 37,000 Americans died from the common Flu. It averages between 27,000 and 70,000 per year. Nothing is shut down, life & the economy go on. At this moment there are 546 confirmed cases of CoronaVirus, with 22 deaths. Think about that!"

Okay, I'm thinking. Trump's numbers are a little off, but they're in the ballpark. Last flu season, between 37.4 million and 42.9 million Americans got the flu, and between 36,400 and 61,200 died from it, according to the CDC — meaning the death rate was about one for every 1,000 cases. But what Trump fails to note is that the WHO estimates the death rate from the coronavirus at roughly one for every 30 cases, suggesting this new disease is about 34 times deadlier than the flu. And the reason the number of confirmed cases here is so low

is not necessarily that coronavirus is less prevalent, but that the United States has done less testing since the epidemic began than some other nations, such as South Korea, do in a single day.

Trump has also claimed that a vaccine will be ready soon. Health officials have made clear that even in the best-case scenario, it will take a year to 18 months to get a vaccine ready for use.

Trump's reaction to the virus has not been to think about what impact it might have on the nation but to obsess about what impact it might have on Trump — specifically, on his bid for reelection. He claims that Democrats and the media are conspiring to hype the threat. It's all "fake news," he tweets.

Yet both the CDC and the State Department have warned all Americans not to travel on cruise ships, and the CDC also advises the elderly to avoid long plane trips. Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said Sunday that "social distancing" may become necessary. "I think you need to seriously look at anything that's a large gathering," he said.

The one thing Trump knows how to do in politics is drive wedges. He may well succeed in convincing his loyal followers that the coronavirus is some kind of hoax.

We can only hope that none of those true believers end up paying with their lives.

After obesity surgery, more patients returning for another

NEW YORK (AP) — As more Americans turn to surgery to lose weight, more of them are also returning for a second operation because the first isn't working.

Last year, an estimated 15% of the 252,000 obesity surgeries in the U.S. came after a previous surgery. That compares to 6% of the 158,000 surgeries in 2011, according to a surgeons' group.

Weight loss surgery has proven to be an effective way to treat obesity and related conditions like diabetes. Methods vary, but the operations generally shrink the stomach to limit how much people can eat without feeling sick.

Many people achieve significant weight loss but results aren't assured: It's still possible to overeat, restrictive devices can slip and stomachs can stretch back out and patients can regain weight over time.

That was the case for Kerrie Dutton, who had her first surgery four years ago.

At first, Dutton said she couldn't eat much without feeling sick, as expected. She quickly dropped about 100 of her 320 pounds. Then gradually, her stomach started stretching, and she was able to eat more again.

"Going into the second year, I noticed that my weight was creeping up pretty quick," said the 29-year-old Dutton, who lives on New York's Long Island.

Dutton's first operation was a newer procedure that cuts away part of the stomach and leaves a narrow sleeve-like pouch.

In October, she ended up converting to a more established surgery that reduces the stomach substantially more.

In the U.S., guidelines generally reserve weight loss surgery for the severely obese — people with a body mass index of 40 or higher — or those with a BMI of 35 and over who have a related health problem like diabetes or high blood pressure.

And the obesity problem in the U.S. isn't getting better. About 4 in 10 American adults are obese and nearly 1 in 10 are severely obese, according to the latest survey by government researchers.



Associated Press

A subject's waist is measured during an obesity prevention study Jan. 20, 2010, in Chicago. Last year, an estimated 15% of the 252,000 obesity surgeries in the U.S. came after a previous surgery.

The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery doesn't provide a breakdown on which procedures are leading to subsequent operations. Dr. John Morton, a past president of the group and surgeon at the Yale School of Medicine, said it's primarily patients who got an adjustable and removable band that restricts the size of the stomach. The band's popularity in the U.S. has waned significantly over the years.

ReShape Lifesciences, a medical device company that bought the Lap-Band system in 2018, said it doesn't believe removal of its bands has been fueling second surgeries. Dr. Mark Watson, who does banding at UT Southwestern Medical Center

in Dallas, said another surgery could be avoided with proper care of the band, which may need adjustment to work.

Contributing to the growing number of returning patients is the sleeve, which now accounts for 61% of U.S. procedures.

Surgeons say many patients opt for the sleeve because it seems less complicated and less drastic than the bypass, which staples the stomach into a small pouch and shortens the intestinal tract.

Some surgeons are beginning to acknowledge the sleeve may not be the best option for some, such as those who are severely obese.

"It's been too broadly applied," said Dr. Stacy

Brethauer, a Columbus, Ohio, surgeon and former president of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, which tracks trends in procedures.

Since the sleeve is relatively new, there isn't strong data on how patients might fare over the long term, but Brethauer said surgeons have seen sleeve patients starting to return for a revision.

Prospective patients need to understand the options, surgeons say, since additional surgeries can increase the risk of complications.

Dr. David Arterburn, a researcher who studies weight loss procedures at Kaiser Permanente in Seattle, suggests people consult surgeons who are comfortable performing different procedures.

Dr. Neil Floch, a surgeon in Norwalk, Connecticut, said the right procedure will depend on the person's situation: "It's an individualized decision as to which surgery a particular person should have to get the best result."

After the sleeve, the most common procedure is the traditional gastric bypass. It's considered more effective partly because it also limits how much food is digested. Generally, both are considered safe and performed laparoscopically, or through small incisions.

The need for another surgery doesn't necessarily mean patients regret their decisions. Some say they got what they believed was the best option for them at the time.

Others like Anita Saah, a 45-year-old Rockville, Maryland, resident, may have taken a different route in hindsight.

In 2018, Saah opted for the sleeve because it seemed less risky than the bypass. She lost weight immediately but suffered severe dehydration afterward and was vomiting bile, likely because of her previous acid reflux issues.

In September, she had another surgery, this time a bypass. She hasn't had further complications and only wishes she understood how serious the acid reflux could become.

"I wouldn't have had to go through two surgeries," Saah said.

Medical experts decline to endorse cognitive screening for older adults

By JUDITH GRAHAM
Kaiser Health News
(TNS)

A leading group of medical experts has declined to endorse cognitive screening for older adults, fueling a debate that has simmered for years.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force said it could neither recommend nor oppose cognitive screening, citing insufficient scientific evidence of the practice's benefits and harms and calling for further studies.

The task force's work informs policies set by Medicare and private insurers. Its recommendations, an accompanying scientific statement and two editorials were published recently in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The task force's new position comes as concern mounts over a rising tide of older adults with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and treatments remain elusive. Nearly 6 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease; that population is expected to swell to nearly 14 million by 2050.

Because seniors are at higher risk of cognitive impairment, proponents say screening — testing people without any symptoms — is an important strategy to identify people with unrecognized difficulties and potentially lead to better care.

"This can start a discussion with your doctor: 'You know, you're having problems with your cognition, let's follow this up,'" said Stephen Rao of Cleveland Clinic's Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health.

Opponents say the benefits of screening are unproven and the potential for harm is worrisome. "Getting a positive result can make someone wary about their cognition and memory for the rest of their life," said Benjamin Bensadon, an associate professor of geriatric medicine at the University of Florida College of Medicine.

The task force's stance is controversial, given how poorly the health care system serves seniors with memory and thinking problems. Physicians routinely overlook cognitive impairment and dementia in older patients, failing to recognize these conditions at least 50% of the time, according to several studies.

When the Alzheimer's Association surveyed 1,954 seniors in December 2018, 82% said they thought it was important to have their thinking or memory checked. But only 16% said physicians regularly checked their cognition.

What's more, Medicare policies appear to affirm the value of

screening. Since 2011, Medicare has required that physicians assess a patient's cognition during an annual wellness visit if the patient asks for a checkup of this kind. But only 19% of seniors took advantage of this benefit in 2016, the most recent year for which data is available.

Dr. Ronald Petersen, co-author of an editorial accompanying the recommendations, cautioned that they shouldn't discourage physicians from evaluating older patients' memory and thinking.

"There is increased awareness, both on the part of patients and physicians, of the importance of cognitive impairment," said Petersen, director of the Mayo Clinic's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. "It would be a mistake if physicians didn't pay more attention to cognition and consider screening on a case-by-case basis."

Similarly, seniors shouldn't avoid addressing worrisome symptoms.

"If someone has concerns or a family member has concerns about their memory or cognitive abilities, they should certainly discuss that with their clinician," said Dr. Douglas Owens, chair of the task force and a professor at Stanford University School of Medicine.

In more than a dozen interviews, experts teased out complexities surrounding this topic. Here's what they told me:

Screening basics. Cognitive screening involves administering short tests (usually five minutes or less) to people without any symptoms of cognitive decline. It's an effort to bring to light problems with thinking and memory that otherwise might escape attention.

Depending on the test, people may be asked to recall words, draw a clock face, name the date, spell a word backward, relate a recent news event or sort items into different categories, among other tasks. Common tests include the Mini-Cog, the Memory Impairment Screen, the General Practitioner Assessment of Cognition and the Mini-Mental Status Examination.

The task force's evaluation focuses on "universal screening": whether all adults age 65 and older without symptoms should be given tests to assess their cognition. It found a lack of high-quality scientific evidence that this practice would improve older adults' quality of life, ensure that they get better care or positively affect other outcomes such as caregivers' efficacy and well-being.

A disappointing study. High hopes had rested on a study by researchers at Indiana Univer-

sity, published in December. In that trial, 1,723 older adults were screened for cognitive impairment, while 1,693 were not.

A year later, seniors in the screening group were not more depressed or anxious — important evidence of the lack of harm from the assessment. But the study failed to find evidence that people screened had a better health-related quality of life or lower rates of hospitalizations or emergency department visits.

Two-thirds of seniors who tested positive for cognitive impairment in her study declined to undergo further evaluation. That's consistent with findings from other studies, and it testifies to "how many people are terrified of dementia," said Dr. Timothy Holden, an assistant professor at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

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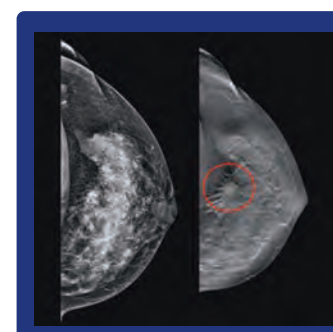
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Images created with 3D mammography (right) more clearly indicate the presence of a mass compared with the two-dimensional image.

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NYWAY State Championships

Local youths ready to take the big stage

By TOM VARTANIAN
Sports Editor

People know that the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships are a big deal, but there may be an event even bigger.

The 2020 New York Wrestling Association for Youth (NYWAY) will be holding its New York State Championships Saturday and Sunday at the College of Brockport.

There are two sessions, broken down by division, on Saturday and Sunday. The first session is from 8 a.m. until noon with the second session from 2-7 p.m. A complete listing of divisions can be found on NYWAY website site: www.nyway.org. The brackets for the tournament can be found on trackwrestling.com.

There are 1,716 registered athletes from elementary to high school and 172 registered competitors in the girls only event.

Among the competition are 16 kids from the local area. Those 16 are from Cortland, Homer, McGraw, Marathon, Tully and Groton. The kids in junior high school and under will be competing Saturday and the high school kids will compete Sunday.

The group gathered at Homer High School for practice Monday night.

"For some of the younger kids to qualify for the NYWAY State Championships," Geoff Sorenson said. "They had to finish in the top four in the Central Region Qualifier at Camden. High school guys qualified if they had at least three varsity wins this past season."

For those younger wrestlers, it is a chance to get that tournament feel.

"This is a big stage for those younger guys," Sorenson said. "It has been in the SRC Arena before and at Brockport. It's cool to go and have some of the high school guys there because they are not only competing, but they are helping coach the younger guys. It really gives the younger guys someone to look up to and to keep competing in the sport."



Under the watchful eyes of coaches like Jon Morrison (white shirt), local youth wrestlers practice in preparation for the NYWAY State Championships this weekend. 16 area kids will be competing Saturday and Sunday in Brockport.

Katie Vartanian/contributing photographer

Of course, McGraw doesn't have a wrestling team at the school, but that doesn't mean a kid who wants to wrestle can't get a chance to compete.

"We have always invited any kid in who wants to wrestle," Sorenson said. "This is a place where they can come to wrestle no matter what their school does. We really do try to be an ambassador for the sport. It not only helps our program, but it hopefully keeps a kid interested in wrestling."

While every kid loves to win, it more than just winning and losing at the youth level.

"We joke that it's not about

winning or losing," Sorenson said. "It's about winning or learning. You do win some matches, but you can also learn from every match even if you are outscored."

Many of these kids began wrestling in November in an informal Central New York League for mostly novices to get competition where there are a bunch of "Fun" Tournaments.

"The kids simply get paired up and wrestle," Sorenson said. "The kids that find success there tend to come into this next level to some open tournaments against kids from all over the state."

Sorenson was the director of

Homer Youth Wrestling for about five years. The reins have been passed on the KC Slade now. Sorenson's son, Sam, will be competing this weekend after he finished fifth at the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Division II Championships two weekends ago at 220 pounds.

"It's one of the most fun things I have gotten to do," Sorenson said. "It was great working with the little kids. I just have so much now between teaching, coaching in the high school and the modifieds so I want to hand it off now so I can watch my son wrestle. It's nice to sit and back watch at times."

NYSPHSAA

Status of title games updated
Marathon site moves

LATHAM — As of Wednesday afternoon, the following revisions have been made to the upcoming New York State Public High School Athletic Association's winter State Championships as a result of the coronavirus.

BASKETBALL

There have been no major adjustments to the NYSPHSAA Basketball State Championship schedule.

The Monroe-Woodbury versus Ursuline Girls Basketball Class AA sub-regional game scheduled for this evening is being postponed pending official guidance from the NYS Department of Health, Orange County Health Department and Westchester County Department of Health. The NYSPHSAA Executive Director is working with both communities in an effort to have this sub-regional played prior to Saturday. Other Regional basketball game locations have been revised because of facility availability.

The Marathon boys' basketball game against Section 11 champion Smithtown Christian in the State Regionals will take place Friday at Brentwood High School with a 6:30 p.m. tipoff.

ICE HOCKEY

At the recommendation of the commissioner of the Erie County Department of Health, fans will not be permitted to attend the NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey Championships at the LECOM-HarborCenter Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA executive director, said "this is certainly not the type of championship atmosphere our association strives to provide to our student-athletes and their communities. This decision is being made at the recommendation of the Erie County Department of Health out of an abundance of caution as we address the coronavirus."

The NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey Championships will be streamed LIVE on the NFHS Network as originally scheduled.

Pre-purchased tickets for this championship event will be fully refunded in the next 24 hours.

BOWLING

There have been no adjustments to the NYSPHSAA Bowling State Championships scheduled for Friday through Sunday. AMF Strike 'N Spare Lanes in Mattydale will host the bowling championships as scheduled. NYSPHSAA staff has received no concerns or communications from the State or local health departments pertaining to mass gatherings in this part of the state.

NEXT STEPS

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director said, "It continues to be the goal of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association to host the Winter Championships with direction from the New York State Department of Health, local county health departments and Governor Cuomo's office. At this time, we are moving forward with the championships, however the impact of the coronavirus could necessitate revisions to the championship schedule."

National Basketball Association

Coronavirus spurs league to suspend season

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI — The NBA has suspended its season "until further notice" after a Utah Jazz player tested positive Wednesday for the coronavirus, a move that came only hours after the majority of the league's owners were leaning toward playing games without fans in arenas.

Now there will be no games at all, at least for the time being. A person with knowledge of the situation said the Jazz player who tested positive was center Rudy Gobert. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither the league nor the team confirmed the presumptive positive test.

"The NBA is suspending game play following the conclusion of tonight's schedule of games until further notice," the league said in a statement sent shortly after 9:30 p.m. EDT. "The NBA will use this hiatus to determine next steps for moving forward in regard to the coronavirus pandemic."

The test result, the NBA said, was reported shortly before the scheduled tip-off time for the Utah at Oklahoma City game on Wednesday night was called off. Players were on the floor for warm-ups and tip-off was moments away when they were told to return to their locker rooms. About 30 minutes later, fans were told the game was postponed "due to



Raptors center Serge Ibaka (9) guards against Jazz center Rudy Gobert (27) during Monday's game in Salt Lake City.

Rick Bowmer/Associated Press

unforeseen circumstances."

Those circumstances were the league's worst-case scenario for now — a player testing positive. A second person who spoke to AP on condition of anonymity said the league expects the shutdown to last a minimum of two weeks, but cautioned that timeframe is very fluid.

"It's a very serious time right now," Miami Heat coach Erik

Spoelstra said. "I think the league moved appropriately and prudently and we'll all just have to monitor the situation and see where it goes from here."

Spoelstra found out about the shutdown as he walked off the floor Wednesday night following his team's loss to Charlotte.

For most people, the coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and

cough. For some, especially older adults and people with severe problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia.

The vast majority of people recover from the new virus. According to the World Health Organization, which declared a pandemic on Wednesday, people with mild illness recover in about two weeks, while those with more severe illness may

take three to six weeks to recover. In mainland China, where the virus first exploded, more than 80,000 people have been diagnosed and more than 58,000 have so far recovered.

It has been a worldwide issue for several weeks. And now, it has hit the NBA.

"This is crazy," Cleveland forward Tristan Thompson said on Twitter.

Charlotte Hornets coach James Borrego, speaking before his team's game at Miami, said "these are scary times."

Rapidly evolving times, as well. Around 7 p.m., a person with knowledge of the situation told AP that owners — who met by teleconference Wednesday — were largely in support of a plan to play games in empty arenas on a short-term basis.

About an hour later, the Thunder-Jazz game was halted before tip-off. And about 90 minutes after that, the season was called off, effective when the last whistle was to blow Wednesday night.

It is the latest major development in a season filled with unspeakably hard challenges. The league lost as much as \$400 million in revenue after a rift with China was started in October when Houston general manager Daryl Morey tweeted out support of anti-government protesters in Hong Kong. Former NBA Commissioner David Stern died in January, the same month that

soon-to-be Hall of Famer Kobe Bryant died in a helicopter crash.

And now, a pandemic — which could also cost the league hundreds of millions in lost revenue, depending on how long it lasts.

"As we've said from the beginning, the health and safety of our fans, employees, players and partners is our top priority and thus we fully support the NBA's decision to postpone games," Orlando Magic CEO Alex Martins said. "We will continue to stay in contact with the league, and local, state and federal health experts as we closely monitor this public health crisis."

The NBA's movement toward empty arenas in the short term came on the same day that the NCAA announced that the men's and women's Division I tournaments would be played without fans — except for a few family members — permitted inside to watch.

"People are clearly taking the measures that they feel they need to take for safety," said Heat guard Duncan Robinson, who played in both the Division I and Division III national championship games during his college days at Michigan and Williams.

Robinson added, "but at the same time the NBA has to protect its players in the league and the fans."

Penske, aeroscreen to debut at IndyCar season opener

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A billionaire and ballistic wind-screen will be the obvious attention-getters as IndyCar opens its season Sunday on the streets of St. Petersburg.

Roger Penske, the winningest car owner in Indianapolis 500 history, in January completed the purchase of Indianapolis Motor Speedway and most of its assets. That includes IndyCar, a series many consider among the most competitive forms of racing in the world, and the season begins with Penske literally on top of everything.

The new owner of the league, the prestigious 500 and the landmark speedway is armed with a three-car team that includes both defending IndyCar champion Josef Newgarden and defending Indy 500 winner Simon Pagenaud.

“The parity is better than it’s ever been,” said Newgarden. “You can get plopped into any situation it seems like right now and have a good, fighting chance. There’s such a depth and talent not just from the drivers but the teams. You have good engineers, good mechanics everywhere. There’s really not any bad seats anymore.”



Darron Cummings/Associated Press

Scott Dixon sits in his car during aeroscreen testing Oct. 2, 2019, at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis.

The Penske trio and the entire field will spend the weekend adjusting to the aeroscreen, IndyCar’s newest safety development.

After 10 months of testing, the canopy-shaped cockpit protector is intended to ward off debris. Justin Wilson was killed in 2015 when a broken part from another car bounced off his helmet and IndyCar increased its efforts to beef up driver head protection. The PPG-manufactured screen weighs about 17 pounds (7.7 ki-

lograms) and is built to withstand a small object striking it at more than 220 mph (354 kph). The titanium frame, which weighs 27.8 pounds (12.6 kilograms), is designed to withstand 34,000 pounds (15,422 kilograms) of load.

It could be a hindrance — to sight lines and a driver’s ability to rapidly exit the traditionally open cockpit of an Indy car — and it could make the compartment much hotter. It will be a learning process throughout the

season for drivers, teams and even IndyCar, which is being run status quo under leadership in place before Penske’s purchase.

CROWDED GARAGE
Andretti Autosport fields full-time cars for Colton Herta, Marco Andretti, Ryan Hunter-Reay, Alexander Rossi and Zach Veach, while assisting Jack Harvey at Michael Shank Racing. The team is also adding a car for the Indy 500 for James Hinchcliffe, who found a sponsor for three races in an attempt to save his season.

The size of the organization has been an admitted concern to veterans Rossi and Hunter-Reay, who both said they’ve spoken to management about the dangers of getting too big. Rossi has fallen short the last two years in the championship race and Hunter-Reay in 2012 was the last Andretti driver to win the IndyCar title. Rossi’s win as a rookie in the 100th Indy 500 in 2016 was the last for the organization.

“It is something that has caused us some concern, and management has done a good job of explaining to us the reasoning behind every decision made,” Hunter-Reay said. “When you are able to under-

stand the vision for the company and what the goals are, you understand why many of these deals are done. But you do worry at what expense and you make sure you don’t become that expense.”

SHOW-ME SEASON
The Andretti drivers aren’t alone in failed bids to win the season title. Two of the last three have gone to Newgarden, a Penske driver. The 2016 title went to Pagenaud, giving Penske three in four years. Pagenaud last year famously saved his job at Penske by winning everything possible at Indianapolis in a contract season and now it is Will Power who could be on the hot seat.

Power got an extension after his 2018 victory at Indy but he could be nervous as Penske plans to bring Australian SuperCars champion Scott McLaughlin to the road course at Indianapolis for McLaughlin’s IndyCar debut. Penske has ceded his role as Power’s race-day strategist to avoid a conflict of interest as IndyCar’s owner.

Scott Dixon, the five-time IndyCar champion and most decorated driver of his generation, has driven for Chip Ganassi since midway through the 2002 season and finds himself in a

contract year. He’d been courted before by Zak Brown, the CEO of McLaren, which created a team this year with Arrow Sam Schmidt Racing.

Dixon is the longest-tenured driver in team history. But Ganassi has a long year of negotiations ahead as NASCAR star Kyle Larson is also a free agent, meaning the team owners’ two biggest assets are up for grabs at the same time.

AGE RANGE
Arrow McLaren SP stunningly dumped Hinchcliffe, one of IndyCar’s most popular drivers, late last year and instead hired rookies Oliver Askew and Pato O’Ward for its debut. The youngest lineup in IndyCar — O’Ward is 20 and Askew is 23 and their eight combined IndyCar starts all belong to O’Ward — will be joined at Indianapolis by Fernando Alonso, who is trying to add the 500 to complete the Triple Crown of the 24 Hours of Le Mans the Grand Prix of Monaco.

Alonso failed to make the race in a comical series of errors in a Brown-led McLaren effort last season, and the Spaniard had no option but to return to a McLaren entry for Indy after Honda refused him an engine to drive for Andretti.

Scoreboard

Basketball

COLLEGIATE MEN
ACC TOURNAMENT
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.

Second Round
Wednesday, March 11
Clemson 69, Miami 64
North Carolina State 73, Pittsburgh 58
Notre Dame 80, Boston College 58
Syracuse 81, North Carolina 53

Quarterfinal
Thursday, March 12
Florida State vs. Clemson, 12:30 p.m.
Duke vs. North Carolina State, 2:30 p.m.
Virginia vs. Notre Dame, 7 p.m.
Louisville vs. Syracuse, 9 p.m.

Semifinal
Friday, March 13
7 and 9 p.m.

Championship
Saturday, March 14
Semifinal winner, 8:30 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS
Atlantic 10 Conference
First Round
George Mason 77, Saint Joseph’s 70
Fordham 72, George Washington 52

Big East Conference
First Round
St. John’s 75, Georgetown 62
DePaul 71, Xavier 67

Big Sky Conference
First Round
Sacramento State 62, Weber State 54
Southern Utah 75, Idaho 69
Idaho State 64, Northern Arizona 62

Big Ten Conference
First Round
Minnesota 74, Northwestern 57
Indiana 89, Nebraska 64

Big 12 Conference
First Round
Oklahoma State 72, Iowa State 71
Kansas State 53, TCU 49

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Quarterfinal
Siena 63, Manhattan 49
St. Peter’s 56, Iona 54

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Quarterfinal
North Carolina Central 92, Delaware State 75
North Carolina A&T 86, Howard 77

Pacific-12 Conference
First Round
Oregon State 71, Utah 69
Arizona 77, Washington 70
California 63, Stanford 51
Washington State 82, Colorado 68

Patrol League
Championship
Boston U. 64, Colgate 61

Southeastern Conference
First Round
Georgia 81, Mississippi 63
Arkansas 86, Vanderbilt 73

Southland Conference
First Round
Northwestern State 79, A&M Corpus Christi 62
Lamar 80, McNeese State 59

Sun Belt Conference
Third Round
Georgia Southern 81, Georgia State 68
Texas State 85, Appalachian State 62

COLLEGIATE WOMEN
TOURNAMENTS
Atlantic Sun Conference
Semifinal
Florida Gulf Coast 73, North Florida 57
Liberty 90, North Alabama 87, OT

Big Sky Conference
Semifinal
Montana State 76, Northern Arizona 71
Idaho 66, Idaho St. 51

Big West Conference
Second Round
Cal Poly 70, UC Irvine 49
Hawaii 72, Cal St.-Fullerton 58

Colonial Athletic Association
First Round
UNC-Wilmington 69, Charleston (WV) 55
Elon 71, Hofstra 51

Conference USA
At Ford Center at the Star
Frisco, Texas
First Round
Marshall 71, Southern Miss. 67 OT
Louisiana Tech 65, UAB 63
UTEP 95, FAU 67

Championship
Rider 79, Niagara 74
Marist 68, Monmouth 44

Mid-American Conference
Quarterfinal
Toledo 78, Cent. Michigan 69
Ohio 84, W. Michigan 75
E. Michigan 84, Ball St. 63
Kent St. 72, Buffalo 66

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Quarterfinal
Md.-Eastern Shore 61, Bethune-Cookman 55
Norfolk St. 76, Howard 45

Sun Belt Conference
Second Round
South Alabama 55, Texas-Arlington 47
Louisiana-Lafayette 49, UALR 46

Western Athletic Conference
First Round
UMKC 86, Chicago St. 52
New Mexico St. 73, Texas Rio Grande Valley 61
Seattle 61, Utah Valley 48
Grand Canyon vs. CS Bakersfield, ppd

SCHOLASTIC BOYS
NYSPPHAA TOURNAMENT
CLASS D REGIONALS
Friday: Section 4-Marathon (20-3) vs. 11-Smithtown
Christian at Brentwood HS, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday: 3-DeRuyter (24-0) vs. 10-Chateaugay at
SRCA Arena, 12 p.m.; Section 5 champion vs. 6-Sher-

man at Buffalo State, 12 p.m.; 2-North Warren vs. 7-Schroon Lake at Beekmantown, 2 p.m.

CLASS AA SUBREGIONAL
Section 1-Horace Greeley 50, 9-Newburgh 48

Hockey

CLASS AA REGIONALS
Saturday: 5-University Prep vs. 6-Lancaster at Buffalo
State, 8:30 p.m.; 3-Corcoran vs. 2-Shenendehowa at
Hudson Valley CC, 2:30 p.m.
Sunday: 4-Binghamton vs. 1-Horace Greeley at
Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena, 2:45 p.m.;
11-Brentwood, at 8-Baldwin, 4 p.m.

CLASS A SUBREGIONALS
Section 3-Christian Brothers Academy 68, 10-Franklin
Academy 40
4-Johnson City 76, 9-New Paltz 70

CLASS A REGIONALS
Friday: Section 4-Johnson City vs. 1-Rye at SUNY
Purchase, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Section 5-Rochester East vs. 6-Buffalo
Health Sciences Charter at Buffalo State, 7 p.m.;
3-Christian Brothers Academy vs. 2-Mekeel Christian
Academy at Hudson Valley CC, 12:45 p.m.; 11-Amityville
at 8-Elmont, 12 p.m.

CLASS B SUBREGIONAL
Section 1-Hastings 48, 9-Marlboro 45

CLASS B REGIONALS
Friday: 2-Schalmont vs. 7-Saranac at Beekmantown,
7 p.m.
Saturday: Section 5-Geneva vs. 6-Olean at Buffalo
State, 3:30 p.m.; 1-Hastings vs. 11-Center Moriches at
Harrison, 4 p.m.
Sunday: Section 3-Lowville vs. 4-Seton Catholic
Central at Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena, 6:30
p.m.

CLASS C SUBREGIONAL
Section 1-Alexander Hamilton 83, 9-Sitting Mountain-
Rhinebeck 36
10-Madrid-Waddington 68, 7-Moriah 52

CLASS C REGIONALS
Saturday: 3-Weedsport vs. 4-Newfield at SRC Arena,
1:45 p.m.; 5-Caledonia-Mumford vs. Section 6 winner at
Buffalo State, 1:45 p.m.; 2-Lake George vs. 10-Madrid-
Waddington at Hudson Valley CC, 11 a.m.; 1-Alexander
Hamilton vs. 8-East Rockaway at Harrison, 2 p.m.

SCHOLASTIC GIRLS
NYSPPHAA TOURNAMENT
CLASS AA SUBREGIONAL
TBA: Section 1-Ursuline vs. 9-Monroe-Woodbury.

CLASS AA REGIONALS
Saturday: 2-Shenendehowa vs. 3-Cicero-North
Syracuse at Hudson Valley CC, 4:15 p.m.; 5-Bishop Kearney
vs. 6-Orchard Park at Rush-Henrietta, 11 a.m.
Sunday: Ursuline-MW winner vs. 4-Elmira at Floyd L.
Maines Veterans Memorial Arena, 1 p.m.; 8-Baldwin vs.
11-Northport at St. Joseph’s College, 4 p.m.

CLASS A SUBREGIONALS
Section 4-Maine-Endwell 49, 9-Cornwall 42

CLASS A REGIONALS
Friday: Section 4-Maine-Endwell vs. 1-Hendrick-Hud-
son at SUNY Purchase, TBA.
Saturday: 5-Pittsford-Mendon vs. Section 6 winner at
Rush Henrietta, 7 p.m.; 2-Averill Park vs. 3-Christian
Brothers Academy at SRC Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8-Locust Valley vs. 11-Westhampton Beach at
St. Joseph’s College, 1:30 p.m.

CLASS B SUBREGIONAL
Section 1-Putnam Valley 66, 9-Marlboro 43

CLASS B REGIONALS
Friday: Section 2-Mechanicville vs. 7-Northeastern
Clinton at Beekmantown, 5 p.m.
Saturday: 5-Dansville vs. 6-Dunkirk at Rush Henrietta,
5 p.m.
Sunday: 1-Putnam Valley vs. 8-Carle Place at East
Rockaway, 12 p.m.; 3-South Jefferson vs. 4-Norwich at
Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena, 4:45 p.m.

CLASS C SUBREGIONALS
Section 9-Millbrook 60, 1-Haldane 46
10-St. Lawrence Central 44, 7-Northern Adirondack 42

CLASS C REGIONALS
Saturday: Section 5-Pembroke vs. 6-Holland at Rush
Henrietta, 3 p.m.; 3-Cooperstown vs. 4-Unatego at SRC
Arena, 5:30 p.m.; 10-St. Lawrence Central vs. 2-Cam-
bridge at Hudson Valley CC, 6 p.m.
Sunday: 9-Millbrook at 8-East Rockaway, 2 p.m.

CLASS D REGIONALS
Thursday: Section 4-South Kortright vs. 9-Livingston
Manor at Sullivan West Central School, 5 p.m.
Saturday: Section 5-Elba vs. 6-Panama at Rush Hen-
rietta, 1 p.m.; 3-Brookfield vs. 10-Hammond at SRC
Arena, 3:45 p.m.; 2-Fort Edward vs. 7-Bolton at Beek-
mantown, 12 p.m.

Softball

COLLEGIATE WOMEN
SUNYAC
Wednesday’s Games
Oneonta 1, Wilmington (Ohio) 0
Coast Guard 3, Oneonta 1
North Park 9, Potsdam 4
Skidmore 11, Potsdam 3

Thursday’s Games
Borckport vs. Coast Guard in Ft. Myers (Fla.), 9 a.m.
Brookport vs. Wilmington (Ohio) at Naples (Fla.), 11
a.m.
Penn State-Abington vs. Potsdam at Clermont (Fla.),
12:45 p.m.
Wentworth vs. Potsdam at Leesburg (Fla.), 3 p.m.

Standings: Oneonta 0-0 (6-4 overall), Cortland 0-0 (2-
2), Fredonia 0-0 (2-2), New Paltz 0-0 (1-2-1), Potsdam
0-0 (1-4), Brockport 0-0 (0-0), Buffalo State 0-0 (0-0),
Geneseo 0-0 (0-0), Oswego 0-0 (0-0), Plattsburgh 0-0
(0-0).

COLLEGIATE MEN
SUNYAC
Wednesday’s Games
Oneonta 16, RPI 5
New Paltz 4, Scranton 3

Thursday’s Games
Oneonta vs. Anna Maria in Florida (DH), 1:30 p.m.
Standings: Oswego 0-0 (7-4 overall), Fredonia 0-0 (3-
3), New Paltz 0-0 (2-2), Cortland 0-0 (4-6), Oneonta 0-0
(2-3), Brockport 0-0 (2-5), Plattsburgh 0-0 (1-4).

Baseball

COLLEGIATE MEN
ECAC TOURNAMENT
QUARTERFINALS
(Best of 3 series)
x if necessary

Friday’s Games
11 seed-Princeton at 1-Cornell, 7 p.m.
8-Colgate at 2-Clarkson, 7 p.m.
7-Yale at 3-Quinnipiac, 7 p.m.
5-Harvard at 4-RPI, 7 p.m.

Saturday’s Games
11-Princeton at 1-Cornell, 7 p.m.
8-Colgate at 2-Clarkson, 7 p.m.
7-Yale at 3-Quinnipiac, 7 p.m.
5-Harvard at 4-RPI, 7 p.m.

Sunday’s Games
x-11-Princeton at 1-Cornell, 4 p.m.
x-8-Colgate at 2-Clarkson, 4 p.m.
x-7-Yale at 3-Quinnipiac, 4 p.m.
x-5-Harvard at 4-RPI, 5 p.m.

HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT
QUARTERFINALS
(Best of 3 Series)
x - if necessary

Friday’s Games
8 seed-Providence at 1-Boston College, 7 p.m.
7-Northeastern at 2-Massachusetts, 7 p.m.
6-Boston University at 3-Mass.-Lowell, 7:15 p.m.
5-Connecticut at 4-Maine, 7 p.m.

Saturday’s Games
8-Providence at 1-Boston College, 4 p.m.
7-Northeastern at 2-Massachusetts, 7 p.m.
6-Boston University at 3-Mass.-Lowell, 6 p.m.
5-Connecticut at 4-Maine, 6 p.m.

Sunday’s Games
x-8-Providence at 1-Boston College, 4 p.m.
x-7-Northeastern at 2-Massachusetts, 7 p.m.
x-6-Boston University at 3-Mass.-Lowell, 4 p.m.
x-5-Connecticut at 4-Maine, 6 p.m.

ATLANTIC HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
QUARTERFINALS
(Best of 3 series)
x - if necessary

Friday’s Games
8 seed-Bentley at 1-American International, 1:05 p.m.
7-Robert Morris at 2-Sacred Heart, 7:05 p.m.
6-Air Force at 3-RIT, 7:05 p.m.
5-Niagara at 4-Army, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday’s Games
8-Bentley at 1-American International, 1:05 p.m.
7-Robert Morris at 2-Sacred Heart, 7:05 p.m.
6-Air Force at 3-RIT, 7:05 p.m.
5-Niagara at 4-Army, 7:05 p.m.

Sunday’s Games
8-Bentley at 1-American International, 1:05 p.m.
7-Robert Morris at 2-Sacred Heart, 7:35 p.m.
6-Air Force at 3-RIT, 7:05 p.m.
x-5-Niagara at 4-Army, 4:05 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
SPRING TRAINING
Wednesday’s Games
Washington 6, Houston 2
Miami 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
Atlanta 3, Minnesota 2
Toronto 14, Baltimore 2
N.Y. Mets 7, St. Louis 3
San Francisco 6, Texas 4
Kansas City at Cleveland, cancelled
Oakland at L.A. Angels, cancelled
Chicago White Sox at Colorado, cancelled
Boston 3, Tampa Bay 1
Chicago Cubs 3, San Diego (ss) 2
L.A. Dodgers 4, Milwaukee 1
Seattle 4, San Diego (ss) 2

Thursday’s Games
Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla.,
1:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Milwaukee (ss) at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Seattle (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (ss) vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

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Tampa Bay vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Miami vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (ss) vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Atlanta at North Port, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale,
Ariz., 4:05 p.m.

Saturday’s Games
Cleveland vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Colorado (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:35 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Texas (ss) at Surprise, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
Colorado (ss) vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
San Francisco (ss) vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 9:10 p.m.

Sunday’s Games
L.A. Dodgers vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.
Arizona vs. San Francisco (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz.,
10:05 p.m.
Texas (ss) vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

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Auto Racing

PROFESSIONAL
POINTS LEADERS
As of March 10

NASCAR CUP SERIES
1. Kevin Harvick 164, 2. Joey Logano 163, 3. Chase
Elliott 144, 4. Alex Bowman 138, 5. Jimmie Johnson
131, 6. Ryan Blaney 123, 7. Aric Almirola 121, 8. Kyle
Larson 121, 9. Matt DiBenedetto 118, 10. Brad Keselowski
118, 11. Denny Hamlin 111, 12. Kyle Busch 111,
13. Clint Bowyer 105, 14. Chris Buescher 102, 15. Martin
Truex Jr. 96, 16. Kurt Busch 90.

Next Event: Sunday - Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500,
Hampton, Ga.

XFINITY SERIES
1. Harrison Burton 176, 2. Chase Briscoe 173, 3. Austin
Cindric 155, 4. Brandon Jones 148, 5. Ross Chastain
146, 6. Noah Gragson 143, 7. Ryan Sieg 143, 8. Justin
Haley 140, 9. Justin Allgaier 138, 10. Michael Annett
119, 11. Riley Herbst 109, 12. Brandon Brown 91.

Next Event: Saturday - Atlanta 250, Hampton, Ga.

GANDER OUTDOORS TRUCK SERIES
1. Austin Hill 82, 2. Johnny Sauter 73, 3. Ben Rhodes
60, 4. Brett Moffitt 59, 5. Sheldon Creed 58, 6. Zane
Smith 57, 7. Cole Custer 56, 8. Christian Eckes 55, 9.
Todd Gilliland 54, 10. Codie Rohrbach 53.

Next Event: Saturday - Georgia 200, Hampton, Ga.

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned LHP Keegan
Akin to Norfolk (IL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned C Seby Zavala
to Charlotte (IL). Optioned RHP Zach Burdi, LHP Ber-

nardo Flores Jr. and OFs Micker Adolof, Luis Basabe
and Blake Rutherford to Birmingham (AL). Re-assigned
RHPs Tayron Guerrero and Bryan Mitchell and LHPs
Caleb Frare, Kodi Medeiros and Matt Tomshaw to minor
league camp.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Re-assigned RHP Bielak, IF
Oswaldo Duarte, RHP Ralph Garza, C Lorenzo Quintana,
RHP Andre Scrubb and OF Stephen Wrenn to
minor league camp.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Re-assigned LHP Anthony
Misiewicz to minor league camp.

TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned LHP Kolby Allard and
RHP Demarcus Evans to the Nashville Sounds(PCL).
Optioned INF Sherten Apostel and OF Leody Taveras
to the Frisco Roughriders(Texas). Re-assigned RHP
Joe Barlow and LHPs Brian Flynn and James Jones to
minor league camp. Placed LHP Yohander Mendez on
the suspended list.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Re-assigned RHP
Jacob deGrom to the Memphis Redbirds(PCL).
Optioned RHP Jacob deGrom to the Memphis Redbirds.
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NEW YORK YANKEES — Re-assigned RHP
Jacob deGrom to the Memphis Redbirds(PCL).
Optioned RHP Jacob deGrom to the Memphis Redbirds.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Re-assigned RHP
Jacob deGrom to the Memphis Redbirds(PCL).
Optioned RHP Jacob deGrom to the Memphis Redbirds.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Re-assigned
RHP Jacob deGrom to the Memphis Redbirds(PCL).

Division 3 Women's Lacrosse

St. John Fisher downs Red Dragon women

PITTSFORD — Goalie Claudia Mocciano made a career-high 12 saves as the nationally 12th-ranked St. John Fisher women's lacrosse team defeated 23rd-ranked Cortland, 9-5, in non-conference action Wednesday afternoon. The Red Dragon dropped to 1-2 with the loss. The Cardinals improved to 3-0.

Lexie Meager led Cortland with a pair of goals. Hannah Lorenzen tallied one goal and one assist. Brie Yonge and Kiki Meager each netted a goal while Baylee Ojeda added an assist.

Annie Casey registered 11 saves for the Red Dragons. Madelyn Cxyz won three draw controls and caused two turnovers. Ojeda caused two turnovers. Meager secured three draws and Yonge, Kayla Sweeney and Hannah Keech each scooped up three ground balls.

Alyssa Sabotka and Sydney DeGirolamo paced the Cardinals' offense with two goals and one assist each. Mallory Eymer con-

tributed one goal and two assists. Brittany Halpin, Mackenzie Alexander, Allison Rupp and Courtney O'Dea scored one goal apiece.

DeGirolamo won nine draws. Erin Mills collected four ground balls and caused three turnovers. Halpin and Logan Chase and Hannah King each secured three ground balls.

St. John Fisher jumped out to a 3-0 lead less than eight minutes into the game, but the Red Dragons answered with three straight goals, one each from Lexie Meager, Kiki Meager and Yonge, to even the score at 3-3 at the 16:10 mark. DeGirolamo and Lorenzen traded goals before the Cardinals ended the first half with three consecutive goals for a 7-4 lead.

The Cardinals made it an 8-4 score early in the second half. Lexie Meager's second goal at 22:59 ended St. John Fisher's four-goal run, but the Cardinals added a player-up goal at 11:35 to complete the score for the 9-5 final.

SUNY Cortland Athletics

Red Dragons shuffle schedules

The COVID-19 outbreak has led to a number of changes to SUNY Cortland Athletics schedules and travel plans, many of which are still to be determined.

The following is a general overview of how teams are currently affected. Since many of these changes are still either not official, or still being worked on, many of them are not yet reflected on our schedule pages. We will release changes as they become official.

PLEASE NOTE: It is very likely that NO SPECTATORS will be allowed at any Cortland home games that are held the remainder of the semester.

For more information about general campus/student situations, please visit SUNY Cortland's COVID-19 Resource and Update page at:

<http://www2.cortland.edu/offices/student-health-service/coronavirus/>
ATHLETICS UPDATE (as of March 11 - 6:25 p.m.)

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD WRESTLING WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Currently, there are no changes to the schedules for these sports as they enter postseason play. The track and field teams are competing at the NCAA Division III Championships Friday and Saturday in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The wrestling team is at the NCAA Division III Championships Friday and Saturday in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The women's gymnastics team is at the NCGA East Regionals Sunday at Springfield College.

One women's diver will compete at the NCAA Division III Championships March 19 and 21 in Greensboro, N.C.

BASEBALL

Cortland baseball will not be playing games in Virginia or South Carolina Friday through Tuesday. The team may attempt to play some home games in the Saturday to Tuesday range, but likely with no fans will be allowed to attend. The Red Dragons are still scheduled to face Brockport in three SUNYAC games March 21-22 in Lexington, South Carolina, although that schedule may be adjusted.

SOFTBALL

As of Wednesday evening, Cortland softball is still scheduled to play games in Florida March 15-20. Four of the Red Dragons' 10 scheduled opponents (Amherst, Trinity, Tufts, Stevens) have canceled their Florida trips, so Cortland's schedule in Florida will be adjusted as the week progresses.

MEN'S LACROSSE

The Cortland men's lacrosse game at Salisbury University Saturday is still on, as of Wednesday evening. Cortland's game against Amherst on March 18 has been canceled. The Red Dragons may schedule a game at Springfield College March 21.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The Cortland women's lacrosse game against Franklin & Marshall originally scheduled to be played on a neutral field Saturday has been moved to March 18 and is tentatively scheduled to be played at Franklin & Marshall in Lancaster, Pa.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Cortland is still scheduled to compete at the Jekyll Island Collegiate Invitational in Jekyll Island, Georgia, from March 20-22.

ACC Basketball Tournament

Hughes, Syracuse roll past North Carolina in 2nd round

By AARON BEARD
AP Basketball Writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Elijah Hughes apparently had heard enough about Syracuse's long losing streak to North Carolina.

Hughes scored 18 of his 27 points in a dominating first half as the Orange beat the Tar Heels 81-53 in Wednesday's second round of the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament, handing the Tar Heels their most lopsided loss ever in the tournament.

Hughes had 18 points by the break, including a contested jumper in the final seconds to cap Syracuse's 15-0 run to close the half. That pushed Syracuse to a 43-22 lead, a margin that never dipped below 16 in the second half as the Orange (18-14) emphatically ended a nine-game losing streak to the Tar Heels (14-19).

The last came less than two weeks ago, with UNC shooting 52% and hitting a season-high 11 3-pointers.

"We came out today wanting to take it a little personal,"



Ben McKeown/Associated Press

North Carolina guard Cole Anthony (2) guards Syracuse forward Elijah Hughes (33) during Wednesday's game in Greensboro, North Carolina. Syracuse won, 81-53.

Hughes said. "They came to our home court and they beat us, and we just wanted to take it personal."

Buddy Boeheim added 17 points for Syracuse, which jumped to a 7-0 lead in the first 72 seconds and never looked

back. The Orange finished the game shooting 47% and scored 27 points off 18 turnovers by UNC.

"After the game in Syracuse, they just dominated us on the boards and their ball movement, they just got a lot of good

looks," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "So the one thing we wanted to try to do tonight was to just shore up our defense a little bit better, try to make it a little bit harder for them to get open looks."

Garrison Brooks scored 18 points for the 14th-seeded Tar Heels, who missed 23 of 31 shots — including all seven 3-point tries — in the opening half as Syracuse took over. Potential one-and-done point guard Cole Anthony, averaging 19.1 points, managed just five points on 2-for-10 shooting.

The Tar Heels finished 33%, including 2 for 16 on 3-pointers. The school said it surpassed the previous record for a losing margin of 26 points set against Duke in the 2001 championship game.

"It's a very difficult time right now," UNC coach Roy Williams said. "We didn't play very well, and I certainly didn't coach very well."

BIG PICTURE

UNC: The Tar Heels entered this tournament as an oddity, a

team that reached as high as No. 5 in the AP Top 25 poll in November only to own the lowest seed in this week's tournament after a dizzying array of injuries, blown leads and close losses. They had won four of five coming in, including a win at Syracuse on Feb. 29 and Tuesday's first-round romp against Virginia Tech. But UNC shot terribly, was sloppy with the ball and never slowed Hughes to put itself in an early insurmountable hole that capped the first losing season of Hall of Fame coach Williams' 32-year career as a head coach.

"I told them in the locker room: 'I'm as lucky as you can be. I get to coach,'" Williams said. "That's all I've ever wanted to do. Right now it's not fun. It has been a difficult year. But this is what I want to do."

Syracuse: The Orange entered the tournament with uncertain NCAA Tournament prospects, but Jim Boeheim's club will get a chance to earn a marquee win to help its case by advancing past

a team that had given it fits. Syracuse earned its first win against UNC since January 2014.

CLOSEST PUSH

Even with a home-state crowd backing them, the Tar Heels got as close only as 57-41 in the second half on Leaky Black's three-point play at the 11:51 mark. Buddy Boeheim responded with an immediate 3-pointer, ending a feeble rally that turned out to be the Tar Heels' best of the night as Syracuse eventually pushed the margin to 30 late.

CHANGING TOURNEY

The game was the last of four second-rounders Wednesday -- and the last with most fans in attendance.

The ACC has announced it will not allow the general public into tournament games, starting today, amid concerns about the spread of the coronavirus that has become a global pandemic.

UP NEXT

Syracuse: The Orange will meet 15th-ranked Louisville, the tournament's 3-seed, in Thursday's quarterfinals.

NCAA Basketball Tournament

Only essential staff and limited family allowed into events

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Sports Writer

NCAA tournament games will not be open to the general public because of concerns about the spread of coronavirus.

NCAA President Mark Emmert said Wednesday that he made the decision to conduct both the men's and women's tournaments, which begin next week, with only essential staff and limited family in attendance. The decision comes after the NCAA's COVID-19 advisory panel of medical experts recommended against playing sporting events open to the general public.

Emmert told The Associated Press that canceling the tournament was considered.

"The decision was based on a combination of the information provided by national and state officials, by the advisory team that we put together of medical experts from across the country, and looking at what was going to be in the best interest of our student-athletes, of course," Emmert told the AP in an phone interview. "But also the public health implications of all of this. We recognize our tournaments bring people from all around the country together. They're not just regional events.

They're big national events. It's a very, very hard decision for all the obvious reasons."

Emmert said the NCAA also was looking into moving the men's Final Four from Atlanta's Mercedes-Benz Stadium to a smaller arena. The NCAA will consider using smaller venues for regional sites currently scheduled to be played at the Toyota Center in Houston; Madison Square Garden in New York; Staples Center in Los Angeles and Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

The decision applies to more than just men's and women's basketball. All NCAA-sponsored championships in-

cluding hockey's Frozen Four will be affected.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia. The vast majority of people recover from the new virus.

The 68-team field for the men's basketball tournament is scheduled to be announced Sunday and the 64-team women's tournament field is to be unveiled Monday. Games begin Tuesday and Wednesday on the men's side in Dayton, Ohio, where earlier Wednes-

day the governor said he would issue an order to restrict spectator access to indoor sporting events.

The Mid-American Conference on Tuesday announced it was closing its men's and women's basketball tournament games at Cleveland's Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse, home of the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers and scheduled site of the men's NCAA games, to the general public. The women's tournament started Wednesday.

The Big West Conference announced a similar move, not allowing the general public into its basketball tournament games to be played this week at the Honda Center in Anaheim, California.

Junior Bowling

RICH LAMBRECHT topped the 281 Bowl boys after his 684 series on scores of 257-237-190. Michael Grant notched his 649 series after games of 193-259-197, Nick Hinshaw added his 632 series on scores of 226-205-201 and Josh Dobush checked in with his 628 series after games of 211-188-229.

Evan BeCraff totaled 566 on scores of 198-153-215, Riley Van Liew 550 on 149-212-189 and Jeremie Hale Jr. 529 on 171-195-163.

MAKAYLA MILLER led the 281 girls with her 547 series after games of 151-225-171.

Calista Van Epps posted her 429 series on scores of 161-133-135.

MAKAYLA COTTERILL posted the high series at Cortland with her 551 series after games of 201-160-190.

CORT-LANES Junior/Majors

M. Cotterill 201, 160, 190-551, V. Strobeck 154, 159, 199-533, J. Pickett 156, 150, 191-157, A. Cotterill 155, 136, 216-507, P. Pickett 157, 156, 190-503, J. Riccardi 160, 180, K. Keep 133, J. Baker 193, N. Biviano 153, L. Baker 135, B. Lockwood 192, 158, B. Russell 160, M. Hettich 136, T.J. MacNabb 151, 152.

Preps

M. Pitts 136, J. Merihew 98, B. George 67, K. VanSlyke 99, 113-212, J. Greene 103, 104-207, C. Long 69, 60-129.

281 BOWL Majors

Dryden Destroyers 56.5 Bazinga 43.0 Gators 53.0 PhantomStrikers 42.5 T-Mac 50.0 Shilva Chicks 42.0 The Niners 47.5 Strike Stealers 38.5 Pocket Pounders 47.0 Bye 19.0 Bazinga (4), R. VanLiew 212, 189-550; Strike Stealers (0), D. Perry 153. Shealivbemma Chickens (0); Phantom Strikers (4), S. Coudriet 158, 197-483, N. Hinshaw 226, 205, 201-632.

The Niners (0), J. Hale Jr. 171, 195, 163-529, I. Eaton 166; Dryden Destroyers (4), E. BeCraff 198, 153, 215-566, J. Dobush 211, 188, 229-628. Pocket Pounders (4), M. Grant 193, 259, 197-649, K. Fuller 160, 156-485, M. Miller 151, 225, 171-547, R. Lambrecht 257, 237, 190-684; Gators (0), C. VanEpps 161, K. Townsend 150. Bye (4); T-Mac (0), T. Thomas 152, 173-461, C. Smith 158.

Preps

Frosty Acres 42.0 Potato 34.0 Living on Spare 40.5 Incredibowls 14.5 Potato (3); Living on a Spare (0), L. Drake 106, T. Schultz 107, 134-241. Frosty Acres (3), D. DeRusso 109, 113-222; The Incredibowls (0).

Bantams

We Can Do It 29 Pizza Heads 16 DeGraw Farms 28 Lucky Unicorns 15 We Can Do It (0), E. Stage 88; DeGraw Farms (2), C. Foster 68. Lucky Unicorns (2), A. Hoffman 53; The Pizza Heads (0), A. Stannard 68.

National Basketball Association

Randle scores 33, Knicks outlast Hawks in overtime

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Vince Carter knew the end was coming.

Yet it still strange to consider, that he might not get the final month of his long, brilliant career.

In one of the last games before the NBA suspended the season because of the coronavirus — and with no indication when it might resume — Carter came off the bench for the Atlanta Hawks in the closing seconds to sink an uncontested 3-pointer that finished off a 136-131 overtime loss to the New York Knicks on Wednesday night.

For a 43-year-old player in the final season of a record 22-year career, the significance of the moment was both "weird" and a bit overwhelming.

Carter dabbed at his eyes, struggling to contain his emotions.

"If it ended today, this is something I'll always remember," he said. "At least I made my last basket."

Julius Randle scored 33 points, RJ Barrett added 26 and the Knicks held on in overtime after Trae Young led a furious comeback in the fourth quarter.

Afterward, though, no one was talking

about the wild finish to a game between two of the worst teams in the East.

"I couldn't care less about the game," Young said. "The safety of everyone is the most important thing."

Young's heroics came about the time word began circulating that the NBA was halting the season until further notice after Utah's Rudy Gobert fell ill.

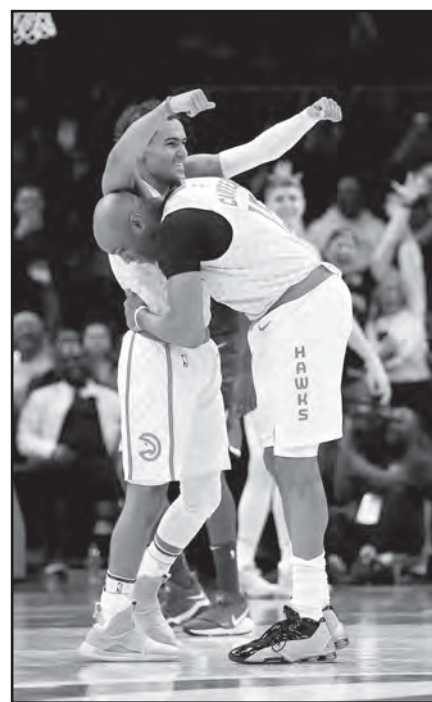
For the Knicks, that was especially sobering news — they played the Jazz just a week ago.

Dr. Lisa Callahan met with the players to address their concerns.

"You think about it," said New York's Wayne Ellington, the only Knicks player to address the media after the game. "Dr. Callahan, our team doctor, has notified us that as long as you're not feeling any symptoms, you don't feel any type of way, the symptoms that come with it, then you're fine."

Knowing the season was about to be halted, Young scored 27 of his 42 points in the final period of regulation to extend it a little bit longer. The game went to overtime tied at 118 after the Hawks trailed by as many as 23.

It was second straight overtime game for the Hawks, who defeated Charlotte in double-overtime two days earlier.



John Bazemore/Associated Press

Hawks guard Vince Carter, right, celebrates with Trae Young after hitting a basket in overtime of Wednesday's game against the Knicks. The Knicks won, 136-131.

'The Hunt' is a clunky swipe at a divided America

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

Fittingly, few films in recent memory arrive with a bigger target on its back than "The Hunt." Our quick advice? Lower your weapons.

The horror-thriller with a healthy side of political commentary was pulled from release last summer following backlash to its trailer depicting a group of wealthy, liberal Americans kidnapping and hunting down red-state stereotypes for fun.

REVIEW

Some commentators — including the president of the United States — were quick to criticize the film in the wake of several mass shootings despite never seeing it, denouncing the notion of elitist Democrats brutally killing so-called "deplorables." And, to be sure, it does depict that. But anyone who actually watches the whole film will clearly be rooting for the deplorables.

It's not the Right but the Left that comes off far worse in "The Hunt." The hunters are smug, NPR-listening, kimono-wearing, caviar-eating, anti-gun killers who seek approval on Twitter from Ava DuVernay and hide their venality in humanitarian causes.

"For the record, climate change is real!" one liberal screams at a prone victim before smashing his head open. Drinking a full sugar soda is anathema for this group, who are finicky and smug. "Who has the hand sanitizer?" one asks while waiting to kill fellow Americans.

Right-wingers are mocked as well, to be sure. One character brings up the "deep state" and is convinced that a group of migrants he encounters includes "crisis babies." Sean Hannity gets name-checked by another.

The script was written by Damon Lindelof, who created "Watchmen" and "The Leftovers," and Nick Cuse, a writ-



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Betty Gilpin in a scene from "The Hunt."

er on both projects. Craig Zobel, who directed the post-apocalyptic survivalist tale "Z for Zachariah," takes the helm. Originally scheduled to be released in September, the film comes out now as political winds are blowing ever stronger. It really isn't sturdy enough not to be ripped to shreds.

The filmmakers have created an uneasy and often awkward mix of murderous violence and social commentary, with one element often stepping on the other. Not many films can combine George Orwell references and a vicious stabbing with a meat thermometer. It's all as subtle as a bear trap.

When the dust settles, "The Hunt" re-

ally stars Betty Gilpin (from Netflix's "GLOW") and Hilary Swank ("Million Dollar Baby"). Each represent opposite sides of the political divide. Both are smart, dangerous and resourceful.

The film starts with a dozen people waking up in what appears to be a central Arkansas clearing, deposited there by ruthless, urban sophisticates. They've been drugged and gagged and soon they are armed, presumably to make the hunt more exciting.

The victims bear all the markings of boilerplate blue-collar red-staters — mom jeans, work boots and vet caps, everyone grizzled and unfashionable. "We need to lean into the stereotype,"

one character says during the movie and the filmmakers have done that in spades.

Most members of the hunted group never learn each other's names and you shouldn't get too attached either. To put it another way, actors Emma Roberts, Justin Hartley, Ike Barinholtz and Sturgill Simpson were probably paid by the hour.

Mayhem ensues as the group is picked off one by one, until Gilpin's character emerges as the film's gutsy heroine and takes the film by the scruff of its neck. "The Hunt" later ham-handedly tries to explain why the dozen victims were selected and then switches to the view-

point of the six hunters, who — thanks to a calm and efficient Gilpin — are becoming the hunted.

The concept of hunting humans for sport has a long history, stretching back to Richard Connell's 1924 short story "The Most Dangerous Game." It's reliable grist for movies exploring the divide between rich and poor, most recently in "The Hunger Games" franchise and last year's "Ready or Not." This time, the divide is exacerbated by the left-right divide the movie itself has added.

A satirical feature film is hard to pull off and the filmmakers here have learned that a trailer for a satirical film is even harder. The balancing act is subtle for both and context is crucial. Jonathan Swift, one of the best at poking fun at society, called satire a tricky mirror where you see what you want: "Satire is a sort of glass, wherein beholders do generally discover everybody's face but their own."

"The Hunt" is not great satire or even a great film. It's an unstylish and heavy-handed horror-thriller that turns into a revenge gore-fest as it mocks everyone with a big clumsy paw. It balks at making any grand conclusions about the state of America or how to heal our divisions, unless there's a message in the red-state character played by Gilpin cauterizing her torso wound with a high-end, blue-state kitchen torch.

Toward the end, "The Hunt" warns us to be careful not to jump to conclusions about others or believe in dark internet conspiracies. That's supremely ironic, given what happened to this film. Anyway, it's too late. These are not healthy days for satire, no matter how clownish.

"The Hunt," a Universal Pictures release, is rated R for strong bloody violence and language throughout. Running time: 90 minutes. Two stars out of four.

Sesame's Count wants to get young children counted in census

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — No age group was undercounted as much during the last once-a-decade census as children under 5, researchers say.

Sesame Street is hoping to use Count von Count to change that.

The Muppet best known as the Count is joining Elmo, Rosita and her mom, Rosa, in public service announcements filmed on the set of the long-running educational television show.

The spots encourage parents of young children to make sure they and their children are counted in the 2020 census.

The public service announcements in English and Spanish started airing Monday.

The head count starts for

most people today.

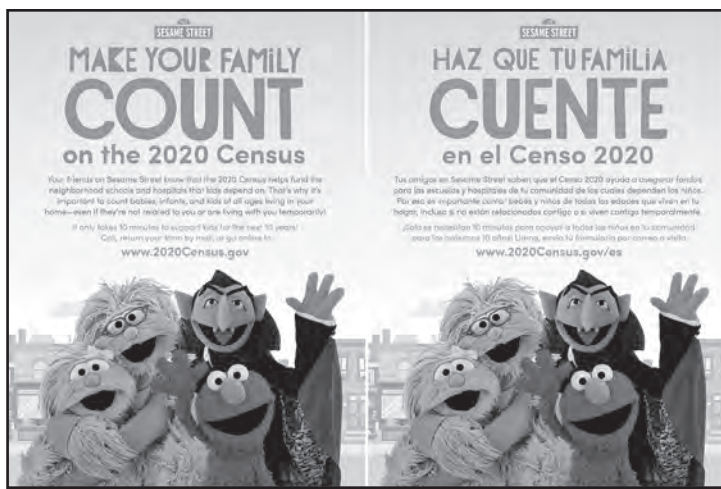
In the ad, the Count plays a census taker. Casting for the spots was purposeful, Sesame Workshop officials said.

"Rosita is a bilingual Muppet. Elmo is popular and connected to young children and families, and the Count is so logical when it comes to being counted," said Jeanette Betancourt, Sesame Workshop's senior vice president of U.S. Social Impact.

The Sesame Street characters join a growing group of celebrities using their influence to encourage people to be counted.

Morgan Freeman made a public service announcement for census outreach efforts in Mississippi. "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda and U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez cut one for New York City.

Sesame Workshop also is of-



This combination of photos shows an English and Spanish poster featuring "Sesame Street" characters promoting the 2020 Census.

fering fliers and information about the census that can be downloaded and distributed from its website.

The television show has promoted the census every decade since 1980, when the character Maria became a census-taker

in the Sesame Street neighborhood.

Demographers estimate that 4.6% percent of children under 5, or 1 million children, weren't counted in the 2010 census.

The under-counting was worst in minority communities, with under-counting for Hispanic children estimated at 7.5% and for black children at 6.3%, according to researchers.

The consequences of overlooking young children in a community can be harmful since the decennial census helps determine the distribution of \$1.5 trillion in federal spending, including money for schools, Head Start and family nutrition programs.

"We are hoping to really make a dent in that this time. I think that's really, really good because certainly the children are

the future," said Stephen Buckner, a senior executive at the U.S. Census Bureau. "Someone entering the first grade is going to be an eleventh grader at the next census. There's a lot that can change in that person's life from grade one to grade 10."

Researchers who have examined the undercount say young children are more likely to be living in multi-generational households, living in foster care, in more than one household because of parental custody arrangements, or living in multi-unit buildings like apartments that are difficult to access.

"Our youngest Americans need and deserve the resources that are vital to get an accurate count," U.S. Rep. Katherine Clark of Massachusetts said last week.

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Coachella music fest postponed

The Associated Press
The uber-popular Coachella music festival has been postponed from its usual two-week-end-run in April to October due to concerns about the growing coronavirus.

The festival's producer Goldenvoice made the announcement Tuesday, also confirming that Stagecoach, a country music festival, will also be postponed. Coachella, held in Southern California, will now take place on Oct. 9-11 and Oct. 16-18, while Stagecoach will take place Oct. 23-25.

"At the direction of the County of Riverside and local health authorities, we must sadly confirm the rescheduling of Coachella and Stagecoach due to COVID-19 concerns. While this decision comes at a time of universal uncertainty, we take the safety and health of our guests, staff and community very seriously. We urge everyone to follow the guidelines and protocols put forth by public health officials," Goldenvoice said in a statement.

The company said all passes for original dates will be honored for the rescheduled shows, and customers will be notified by Friday on how to obtain a refund if they cannot attend.

Rage Against the Machine, Travis Scott and Frank Ocean were originally announced as headliners of Coachella; Goldenvoice didn't say if the performance lineup would change or stay intact.

WEEKENDER & beyond

EVENTS FOR TONIGHT through WEDNESDAY

SPECIAL

Friday
Public Skate, 3 to 4:30 p.m., J.M. McDonald Sports Complex, Fairgrounds Drive, Cortlandville.

Saturday
Nature Walk, 10 a.m., Lime Hollow Nature Center, 338 McLean Road, Cortlandville.

Writer's Workshop, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Phillips Free Library, Main Street, Homer. "No Conflict, No Story!" featuring Nancy DaFoe, Little York writer. Register at the library.

A Nordic Movie + Dessert, 1 p.m., Fayetteville Senior Center, 584 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville. Oslo Lodge, Sons of Norway event. Come at noon for Norwegian language lessons. At 1, special desserts, coffee and tea, followed by WWII movie, "The 12th Man." \$5 at door and reserve at 315-622-7211.

Building a Better Nature, 1 to 3 p.m., Lime Hollow Nature Center, 338 McLean Road, Cortlandville.

Public Skate, 5 to 7 p.m., J.M. McDonald Sports Complex, Fairgrounds Drive, Cortlandville.

Cortland VITA, 1:30 to 5 p.m., Access to Independence of Cortland County, 26 N. Main St., free tax preparation for a taxpayer's family earned less than \$56,000 in 2019, persons with disabilities or are limited English speakers. Doesn't involve a farm business, complicated business or business losses. Make an appointment by calling 211 or 877-211-8667. See Cortland-FreeTaxes.org.

Rock N' Skate, 8 to 9:30 p.m., J.M. McDonald Sports Complex, Fairgrounds Drive, Cortlandville.

Sunday
Adult Open Hockey, 8 to 9:30 p.m., J.M. McDonald Sports Complex, Fairgrounds Drive, Cortlandville.



Daniel Lynch, left, and Natalya Gordinier observe Gracie Pond at Lime Hollow Nature Center in Cortlandville.

Monday
Fun for Tots, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Country Office Building, 60 Central Ave., Cortland. Fee for Cortland Youth Bureau program. Also on Wednesdays through June 3.

Social Knitting, 6 to 7 p.m., Cortland Free Library, open to all levels of knitters 12 and up. Bring yarn and needles or borrow the library's.

March 21
"Alfonso's Miniature Orchestra", 10:30 a.m., Center for the Arts of Homer, 72 S. Main St., Homer. Free puppet show by Lilypad Puppet Theater. Puppet workshop to follow.

Ongoing
Search for pancake eaters at April 18 and 19 CNY Maple Festival in Marathon. The contest will take place at 9 a.m. April 18. Pancake eaters will down pancakes for their favorite not-for-profit organization. To enter, contact Maple Festival Pancake Eating Contest, P.O. Box 291, Marathon,

N.Y. 13803. State the name of the organization, the address and contact person and a phone number. Include the name and address of the pancake eater.

Hike at Lime Hollow Nature Center, 338 McLean Road, Cortlandville. More than 12 miles of trails in 430 acres of forest, glacial valleys, fields and streams. Snow-shoeing and cross-country skiing available weather permitting. Inquire at visitor center.

1890 House Museum, 37 Tompkins St., Cortland. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The Victorian museum was home of industrialist Chester Wickwire.

CNY Living History Center, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Route 11, Cortlandville. See collections of Brockway Truck Museum, Tractors of Yesteryear and Homeville Museum.

Cortland County Historical Society, 25 Homer Ave., Cort-

land. Research center is open 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Suggest House is open for tours 1 and 3 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

MUSIC

Tonight
Open Mic, 7 to 10 p.m., Finger Lakes Tasting & Tap Room, 31 Main St., Cortland.

Friday
Tribal Revival, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Penny's One Cent Saloon, 183 Main St., Cortland. Must be 21.

Karaoke Night, 8 to 11 p.m., Cortland Repertory Theater Downtown, 26 Port Watson St., Cortland. \$5.

Starker Brothers, 7 p.m., Cortland Beer Co., 16 Court St., Cortland.

Doug Houck and Rocco Rich, 5 to 8 p.m., Summerhill Brewing, 14408 Route 90, Summerhill.

Digger Jones, 8 p.m., Bru 64, 64 Main St., Cortland.

Saturday
Karaoke: Ain't a Party Without Artie, 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., Penny's One Cent Saloon, 183 Main St., Cortland. Must be 21.

Tribal Revival Band, 6 to 9 p.m., Trax Pub & Grill at Greek Peak, Route 392, Virgil.

Janet Batch, 6 to 8 p.m., Summerhill Brewing, 14408 Route 90, Summerhill.

Sunday
Loose Change, 2 to 5 p.m., Cortland Country Music Park, Route 13, Cortlandville. \$8.

Arise & Go, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Arts at Grace Concert at Grace and Holy Spirit Church, 13 Court St., Cortland. Free.

Open Mic, 2 to 5 p.m., Summerhill Brewing, 14408 Route 90, Summerhill.

Dana and Susan Robinson, 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 p.m., WVBR Bound for Glory radio show, 93.5 and 105.5 FM.

Monday
Line Dancing, 7 to 9 p.m., Cortland Country Music Park, Route 13, Cortlandville. \$5.

Amadeus, 7 p.m., Symphoria concert, Syracuse Stage, 820 E. Genesee St., Syracuse. Mozart's best-known orchestral and chamber music and dramatic interludes. See www.Experiencesymphoria.org or call 315-299-5598.

Tuesday
Levi Dusseau Irish tunes, 5 to 8 p.m., 2 to 5 p.m., Summerhill Brewing, 14408 Route 90, Summerhill.

March 19
Rogue Sound, 7 to 9 p.m., Bru 64, 64 Main St., Cortland.

EDUCATION

Monday
English as Second Language, 9 a.m. to noon, Cortland Community Center, Pendleton Street and Central Avenue.

Tuesday
Overdose Training, 12:30 to

2:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Cortland County Health Department, Room 107, 60 Central Ave., Cortland. Participants will receive a kit to reverse an opioid/opiate overdose. Free walk-in clinic. Call 607-756-3401.

THEATER

Friday
"Roald Dahl's 'Willy Wonka,'" 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday, Cincinnati Central School Wilbur Auditorium, Cincinnati. Limited tickets at the door. \$8 to free. Contact asteinhoff@cc.cnyric.org with ticket questions.

Sunday
"Catch as Catch Can," through April 4, Kitchen Theatre Co., 417 W. State St., Ithaca. Call 607-272-0570 for tickets.

March 20, 21
"Dead Silent, or Florence of Moravia," 6:30 p.m., Cortland Repertory Theater Downtown, 24 Port Watson St., Cortland. ACME Mystery Co. dinner show. \$50 per person. Performance and meal at 7 p.m. Buffet style dinner with catering by Linani's Catering of Homer. Call 800-427-6160 for tickets.

EXHIBIT

March 19
Keira Luzum Show, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., SikoraArts Gallery, 1010 McLean Road, Cortlandville. First show for 13-year-old McGraw student.

Ongoing
"People," first floor, McNeil Building, 17 Main St., Cortland. Watercolor and oil paintings by prize-winning artists and photos by three photographers. On display through March during open hours of McNeil Development.

Around the region

McCutcheon to perform in Earlville

► Multi-talented folk musician nominated for 7 Grammys

EARLVILLE — The Earlville Opera House hosts folk musician John McCutcheon 7 p.m. March 27 at its historic 1892 stage, 18 E. Main St.

McCutcheon is a master of a dozen different traditional instruments, most notably the hammered dulcimer. His songwriting has been hailed by critics and singers around the globe. His recordings have garnered seven Grammy nominations. He has

produced more than 20 albums for other artists, from traditional fiddlers to contemporary singer-songwriters to educational and documentary works, and just released his 40th album.

Tickets are \$30, \$27 for members, \$10 for youth 17 and under, with college students half off general admission.

Tickets are available at www.earlvilleoperahouse.com or by calling 315-691-3550.



John McCutcheon will bring his music talent to the Earlville Opera House.

'The Earth Laughs in Flowers' coming to Marcellus

MARCELLUS — Baltimore Woods Nature Center will feature the exhibit, "The Earth Laughs in Flowers," focusing on the work of artists Judith Hand and Julie Gratien.

The show will be on exhibit from March 6 through April 24 in the John A. Weeks Interpretive Center at 4007 Bishop Hill Road, Marcellus. The public is invited to attend the reception

2:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

In addition, the show will be available for viewing 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

There are no admission or parking fees, and all artwork will be for sale.

"The Earth Laughs in Flowers" is a phrase borrowed from a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson. It suggests bright color, exuber-

ance, life, energy, joy — all the gifts that the season of spring will bring. These attributes are all present in the depictions of flowers by Hand and Gratien in the forms of paintings and mixed media, respectively.

Ideas for Gratien's work come from both expected and unexpected places — local nature parks, community gardens and even a bush in front of her credit union.

Hand will tell you that flowers are among her favorite subjects. "They provide the artist with an enormous variety of shapes and colors — two of the essential building blocks of design."

Hand has painted flowers in watercolor, for years. Recently, she has created drawings on site, often over a period of days so that she can observe the flowers in their various stages.

'Catch As Catch Can' to open on Sunday

ITHACA — The 2019-2020 season continues Sunday through April 4 at Kitchen Theatre Co. with "Catch As Catch Can," a reinvention of the American family drama by Mia Chung.

The stage is located at 417 W. State St.

Patrons can pay what they want for three preview performances March 15, 17 and 18.

The LaVecchias and the Phelans are working-class New England families and long-time neighbors. Their kids grew up together, and even though the kids are adults now themselves, everyone still gets together for the holidays — filled with reminders of old wounds and a simmering discontent.

Sound like your typical family drama? It is, with one difference: Just three actors play all six parts: two mothers, one father, a daughter and two sons.

The Kitchen Theatre Co. production is led by Zoë Golub-Sass, director of last season's "2.5 Minute Ride."

"I've never encountered another story that so fearlessly investigates the mechanics — the highs, lows, and status quos-of family," Golub-Sass says.

"Catch As Catch Can" will mark the return of Karl Gregory, Lena Kaminsky and Craig Wesley Divino, a Cornell University alum, to Kitchen Theatre Co.

For details, go to kitchentheatre.org.

Yoga, painting, jam sessions scheduled at opera house

EARLVILLE — The Earlville Opera House is pleased to announce a line-up of workshops for March at the 18 E. Main St., stage.

Choose between East Gallery YOGA, 10 to 11 a.m. Fridays with Kirsten Weyer; a special St. Patty's Day "Wine Down Wednesday, Luck of the Irish" painting class with teaching

artist Margaret Fetzko; and a free jam session for acoustic musicians 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Workshops are designed for all levels of experience and materials and instruction are included. Fees vary and class sizes are limited. To register, visit www.earlvilleoperahouse.com or call 315-691-3550.

Aurora library to present two free classic movie musicals

AURORA — The Aurora Free Library will continue its Free Movie Night series with "Musical March," which will showcase two family-friendly musicals.

The first, "Singing in the Rain," is often named as the greatest musical of all time with Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Don-

ald O'Connor. It will be 7 p.m. Saturday in the Morgan Opera House above the Aurora Free Library.

The second, "Wizard of Oz," is another classic, featuring Judy Garland, at 7 p.m. March 28. It helps remind us that sometimes self-doubt keeps us from seeing the good

inside us, and that there is "No place like home."

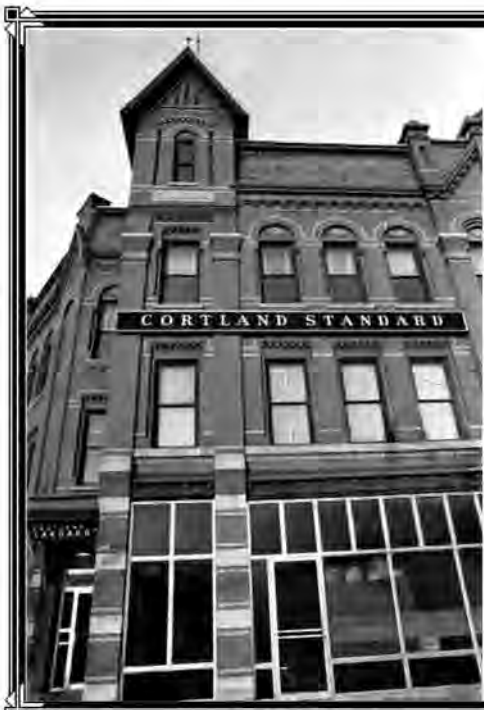
The Aurora Free Library's Morgan Opera House is on the second floor at 370 Main St., Aurora.

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Good players hate guessing situations and do everything they can to avoid them. Whenever possible, they choose a method of play that eliminates guesswork while at the same time assuring the best result.

For example, take this deal where West leads his fourth-best spade against three notrump. Declarer

ducks East's queen as well as the ten continuation. East then leads the nine, on which South plays the ace and West the king.

Declarer now leads a diamond to the ten, losing to the king, and East at this point must choose whether to return a heart or a club. If he guesses wrong, South makes the contract, scoring four clubs, four diamonds and a spade to finish with nine tricks. But if East returns a heart, South goes down one, losing three spades, a diamond and the ace of hearts.

East's problem is not really a matter of guesswork; he should automatically return a heart. He goes back to the play at trick three when West, holding the K-J of spades, played the king rather than the jack.

The king play is a form of suit-preference signal. Since the K-J are equal in value at that point, West signals with the higher card to show that his entry card lies in the higher-ranking of the two remaining suits.

Had West held either the ace or king of clubs instead of the ace of hearts, he would have played the jack at trick three to indicate a preference for clubs.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Human composting could become option in California

By ALEJANDRA MOLINA
Religion News Service via AP

LOS ANGELES — For Sarah Chavez, it's important her death reflect the beliefs and values that guided her in life.

That's why, instead of having her body buried or cremated, Chavez said she would opt to have her remains turned into soil. Death is a natural process, and to Chavez, this would be not only environmentally friendly but also an act of resistance.

"For centuries, women have and still have to fight for control over their bodies in life and in death," Chavez said. "My body and the right to make decisions about it, I feel strongly should belong to me."

But first, at least in California, the human composting process has to become legal. The procedure is seen as a more sustainable alternative to cremation, which requires fossil fuels and releases carbon dioxide that pollutes and contributes to climate change. Proponents say families can use the soil to plant a tree or a garden to honor their loved ones.

The process for composting a body was first introduced by the Seattle-based company Recompose. A dead body is broken down through a process known as Natural Organic Reduction by placing the body in a reusable vessel, covering it with wood chips and aerating it, which creates an environment for microbes and essential bacteria. The body, over a span of about 30 days, is fully transformed into soil.

The company in 2018 sponsored a Washington State University report that found the recomposition process to be a safe way to dispose of human remains. Six human research subjects were re-composed during the five-month study.

Following the report, the state of Washington legalized the procedure in 2019, and that law takes effect in May 2020. Recompose plans to open a center in Seattle in 2021 and, according to its website, will charge about \$5,500 for its services.

The Catholic Church, however, has denounced it as an undignified way to treat the body. And to others, it still seems like an outlandish way to dispose of human remains.

"What I'm seeing in the comments is comparisons to horror and sci-fi movies, like, 'Oh we're going to become Soylent green,'" said Chavez, director



Katrina Spade, the founder and CEO of Recompose, a company that hopes to use composting as an alternative to burying or cremating human remains, poses for a photo April 19, 2019, in a cemetery in Seattle. She is holding a sample of compost material left from the decomposition of a cow using a combination of wood chips, alfalfa and straw.

of The Order of the Good Death, a nonprofit that informs the public about their rights and choices surrounding death.

California Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, a Democrat, in late February introduced a piece of legislation that would give residents the legal option to have their bodies transformed into soil.

"With climate change and sea-level rise as very real threats to our environment, this is an alternative method of final disposition that won't contribute emissions into our atmosphere," Garcia said in a statement.

The bill has yet to have its first hearing, but the California Catholic Conference has come out against the proposed measure.

"We believe that the 'transformation' of the remains would create an emotional distance rather than a reverence for them," said Steve Pehanich, a spokesperson for the California Catholic Conference.

The Vatican, in 2016, released guidelines for the treatment of remains as the use of cremation grew in popularity. It urged Catholics not to scatter the ashes at sea, land or in the air. Instead, the Vatican said, if cremation was chosen, those remains should be kept "in a sacred place," such as a cemetery or in a church area.

"Even with cremated remains, they directed that they remain in a communal place befitting of the dignity inherent in the human body and its connection to the immortal soul," Pehanich said.

Human composting is modeled after green burials, a practice that avoids using metal or concrete containers. In a green or natural burial, the body is not prepared with embalming fluids.

"The goal is complete decomposition of the body and its natural return to the soil," according to the nonprofit Funeral Consumers Alliance.

As noted by the Pew Charitable

Trusts, green burials take many forms, "from no-frills burials in conventional cemeteries to sprawling wilderness conservations operations."

In Tennessee, the Rev. Becca Stevens, an Episcopal priest, helped create Larkspur Conservation, a nonprofit that conserves land and promotes natural burial. The conservation does not accept embalmed remains for burial or allow the use of outer burial containers or burial vaults and instead promotes the usage of biodegradable caskets and shrouds.

As the founder of Thistle Farms — a social enterprise of women who have survived prostitution, trafficking and addiction — Stevens said she encountered poor families struggling and having to borrow money to pay for pricey funeral costs.

This natural burial option, she said, is more affordable, and a percentage of the money that comes in is used to conserve new land.

Stevens said she thought the practice would attract "a lot of resistance, especially in the South." But, she said, people "are hungry for it" and want "meaning, economic sensibility and care for the earth in planning for their funerals and for the funerals of people they love."

David Ponoroff, assistant director of Larkspur Conservation, said the demand for natural burials is constantly growing. He said people sometimes are not aware of all the choices available to them, but once they learn what the body can offer even in death, the natural burial alternative "just makes sense," Ponoroff said.

At Larkspur, the body can feed the trees and wildflowers and also help conserve new land, Ponoroff said.

For Chavez, although a natural burial is a sustainable option, it's not something she would consider, because "decolonization and indigenous rights are really paramount issues for me."

"Burial on colonized land is not an option that I myself am comfortable with," she said.

Chavez finds inspiration in the women who played an influential role in paving the way for cremation to be accepted in the U.S. Women were not only among the first people to be cremated in the earliest crematories in the country but were also advocates of the practice, according to the Cremation Association of North America.

Chavez said women viewed their advocacy for cremation "as their moral duty to uphold public health and safety."

"It was really important to them, considering care for the sick and dying typically fell to women, which honestly not that much has changed," she said.

Through The Order of the Good Death, Chavez said they seek to address disparities in death among black trans women, indigenous women, and people in the LGBTQ+ community. They also advocate for laws and policies that are low cost and environmentally friendly.

"It's meaningful to me to kind of carry on a historical legacy of women advocating for choices in death care," she said.

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