



DEATH SENTENCE

OVERWHELMED
JAILS, JUSTICE SYSTEM UNEQUIPPED
FOR MENTAL ILLNESS, SUICIDES



Record-Eagle/Mike Krebs

Wendy Blodgett's Kingsley home displays dozen of mementos of her daughter Sarah Clark, who died by suicide in Grand Traverse County's jail in February 2008. She holds them especially close this time of year.

Grief-stricken families share pain of loved ones' jail suicides

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TRAVERSE CITY — The door stays shut. The bubblegum pink walls, sun-washed to a dull rose, remain untouched, still coated with a child's messy graffiti — crude hearts, initials and stars. Wendy Blodgett never liked the color. But 12 years after jail guards found her daughter hanging from a noose of tied-together socks, she can't bring herself to paint over it. Sarah Clark's bedroom, like the rest of Blodgett's Kingsley home, lingers in the past. Aged school portraits and hammy

candids alongside her older brother adorn walls. Blodgett's favorite — Sarah's thumbprint-sized driver's license photo — perches on the counter in a heart-shaped silver frame. The mother holds close every memento, every Mother's Day gift and school project, every medical record once so carefully kept. She keeps milk crates and weathered paper boxes of doodled-on diaries, dog-eared year-books and jailhouse letters, held tight by rusted-through paper clips on the basement shelf. They're all Blodgett has left.



'AT LEAST IN JAIL SHE'D BE SAFE'

Grand Traverse County Sheriff's deputies found Sarah shooting up in her car on Feb. 24, 2008. The 21-year-old had parked just minutes down the road from her mother's home. The arrest offered Blodgett a much-needed break — her daughter, plagued by depression and multiple health conditions, would be safe in jail. Safe. So when Sarah's father called Blodgett four days later, panicked about posting bail because Sarah was threatening to hurt herself, she reassured him. The threats were nothing new.

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The story behind the story

BY NATHAN PAYNE
 Record-Eagle editor

It started with two deaths. Two suicides. Reporters working for the Traverse City Record-Eagle followed their training in the wake of the hanging deaths of Alan Bradley Holloway in July 2017 and Marilyn Lucille

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“There are going to be other families like me. And it doesn’t have to be that way.”

Venus Telfor, mother of Marilyn Palmer



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Wendy Blodgett's favorite picture of Sarah remains on display at all times.

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System not ready for influx of mental illness

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But she was safe in a cell under constant supervision.

And Blodgett needed a weekend free of worrying. She cracked open a beer and curled on the couch with the family dog to wind down from work when the knock came that night.

The deputy at the door didn't faze her — Blodgett was used to cops asking after her daughter or the occasional neighbor.

“She’s not here — you’ve got her,” Blodgett told the deputy brusquely, a planted foot barring the door.

But the deputy told Blodgett to get in the car — the sheriff needed to talk to her.

Something was wrong. “First time I ever got to ride in the front seat of a cop car,” Blodgett said wryly, recounting that night from her kitchen table, days before last month’s 12th anniversary.

The deputy wouldn't respond to questions on the near 30-minute drive — the silence amplified what the mother already knew.

Sarah was dead. The quiet left the mother of two with her thoughts. Memories of her lovely but rebellious child,

whose life spiraled from 15 years old after a brutal car wreck. She remembers how pain clung to Sarah through repeated surgeries and regular trips to the emergency room. Pain drove trips to Saginaw to pick up Sarah's painkillers, pain drove meet-ups with dealers for more when the scripts weren't enough to stop Sarah's pleading and tears.

Blodgett blames the pain for the day she found Sarah and a boyfriend in a hotel room, their wrists slashed and automotive antifreeze injected into their veins. She blames the pain for the dark cloud of depression ever-after hanging over Sarah's head.

She blames the pain for Sarah's arrest at 17 years old for driving high and a handful of other run-ins with the law. She blames the pain for Sarah's traumatizing stays in jail, chronicled in frequent let-

ters between mother and daughter on everything from cellmate spats to Blodgett's Oreo obsession.

Pain led to the handcuffs on her daughter's wrists that unseasonably warm February afternoon, less than a mile from Sarah's bubblegum bedroom.

The loud click of a blinker jerked Blodgett back to the cruiser as it wheeled into the parking lot at Munson Medical Center.

A swarm of deputies met her as she reached Sarah's room in the ICU.

“They hovered over me like I was going to fall down. I told them to get the f--- off me,” Blodgett said.

Beeping monitors and tubes surrounded her child, who at 21 seemed so small and pale in her hospital bed.

“I walked in, touched her cheek and kissed her on the forehead,” Blodgett said. “It was a corpse. There was no light in her eyes.”

There were no tears that night.

Those came later — Blodgett remembers the first of them. Her husband stopped her in the living room and asked if she was staying home from work. She isn't sure how long she had been crying, but her blouse was soaked and her face streaked.

“It wasn't because I was keeping it in,” Blodgett said. “It was because she was gone. And I was numb.”

NUMBERS NO ONE KNOWS

There's no way Blodgett could have known in 2008 that she was joining a splintered family of parents, siblings and friends whose loved ones died in Michigan's county jails.

At least 200 inmates died in Michigan's local jails between 2009 and 2018. Over the course of months, the Record-Eagle has obtained information on 183 of them (so far).

Collected documents include a patchwork of local incident reports, outside investigative materials and voluntarily submitted federal forms. No Michigan department or agency is assigned to investigate deaths in local jails. Nor is there a requirement for local jail operators to report deaths to any state agency.

The only other comprehensive data is released by the U.S. Department of Justice, which has a years-long lag in disclosing



Wendy Blodgett flips through medical records of her daughter, Sarah Clark.

its numbers. The federal agency restricts public access to broad statewide data.

Data obtained by the Record-Eagle shows suicide — more than medical problems, neglected illnesses, violence or overdoses — made up the majority of those deaths.

The suicide rate among inmates in Michigan's less populous counties (less than 100,000 residents) was especially high — 48 deaths per 100,000 inmates per year. That rate is nearly 12 percent higher than the DOJ's calculated nationwide rate of suicides in local jails.

It's also about four times the nationwide rate for people not incarcerated.

Jail administrators, court overseers and researchers weren't surprised by the statistics, although none had seen specific, up-to-date numbers from any other source.

That lack of surprise was matched by uniform declarations that local jails both in Michigan and nationwide have become warehouses for Americans who struggle with mental illness and addiction.

Like Sarah Clark, as many as 80 percent of inmates in Michigan jails have some form of mental illness, according to a January report published by the governor's Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration.

They estimate an even higher rate for rural county inmates.

The report also found that 1 in 4 jail inmates is severely mentally ill. Many are incarcerated on low-level charges — driving without a valid license is the third most common reason people end up in Michigan jails, followed by theft, drug charges and probation violations. Between 2016 and 2018, jail stays averaged between 11 and 45 days, according to the task force report.

Inmates who die leave behind devastated family members and lovers, shocked friends and parent-less children.

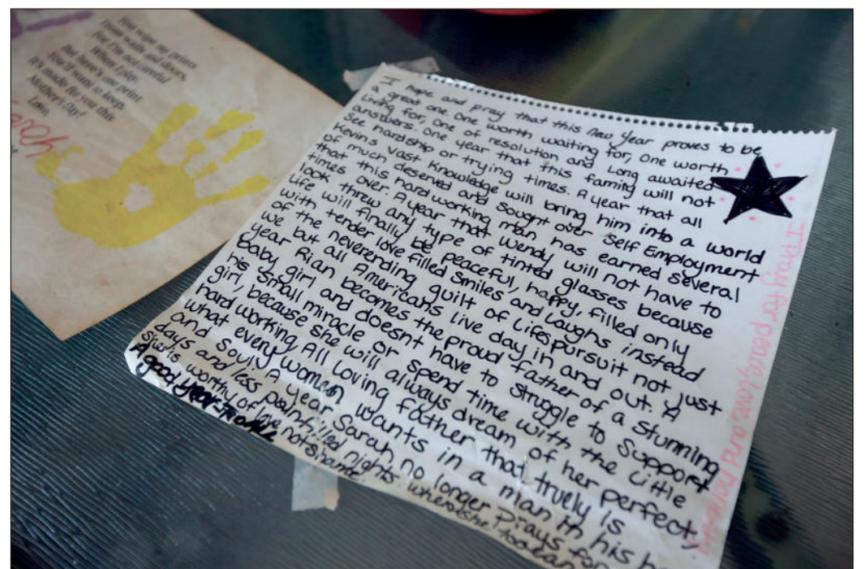
SHARED GRIEF

Blodgett, in what has become an annual wrestling match with grief, often stays home on the anniversary of Sarah's death.

It was during one of those quiet nights — the 10th anniversary — surrounded by her family that Blodgett came to know Venus Telfor in a way no mother would wish upon another.

At about 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 28, 2018, screams from cellmates echoed inside the Grand Traverse County jail, sending corrections officers running to Marilyn Palmer's aid.

She was already gone when they found her hanging in her cell's shower, a Bible lying open by her



Wendy keeps all of Sarah's writings. They remain in pristine condition 12 years after her daughter's death.

side. Surveillance footage shows Marilyn hung lifeless for nearly an hour.

Her suicide came only a few hours after she sent the last of multiple medical requests pleading for prescribed anti-anxiety medication.

Cellmates would later tell Telfor her daughter was overwhelmed by anxiety — at one point climbing bunk beds to breathe through an air vent as she hyperventilated. Marilyn told her mother years earlier that she'd been diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

The 36-year-old was three weeks into a 90-day stay on a felony identity theft conviction, and learned a short time earlier her work release request was denied.

Cellmates said she was devastated over missing Easter and her son's 13th birthday.

The loneliness and anxiety Marilyn struggled against echoed in letters Sarah wrote to her mother during a jail stay 14 years earlier.

“I would do anything in the world to get a hug,” Sarah wrote to Blodgett from her cell bed in 2004.

“Every time the stabbing pains start I think of you. You were the one who was always there when I was in pain. Now, I am laughed at and told to suck it up and to stop faking.”

Marilyn's family was left with less than the milk crates of journals and letters in Blodgett's home.

Her three children, especially then-4-year-old Maddie, hold close a library of videotaped lullabies and storybooks their mother made in preparation for her jail stay.

Telfor sees much of Marilyn in her granddaughter — she's smart, loving and sweet, just like her own little girl was.

“She was so smart,” Telfor said. “She had so many plans.”

Like Blodgett, Telfor isn't sure when her daughter's prescribed painkillers gave way to addiction. Marilyn was also a fre-

quent patient — childhood scoliosis spurred four surgeries, two vertebral fusions and persistent pain.

She, like Sarah, found ways to get more painkillers. Marilyn's first arrest was for stealing pills at her pharmacy job — a conviction that dissolved her plans of attending college and becoming a pharmacist.

She learned soon after she was pregnant.

Marilyn wavered. She tried to stay clean, be a good mother, stay out of jail. But she was never stable, Telfor said.

Like Sarah, she slipped up again.

Marilyn used a friend's identity for a cable subscription, but didn't pay, landing her back in Grand Traverse County's jail.

Her mother was frustrated.

“She wasn't a perfect girl, not at all. But did she deserve what she got in jail? I'm pretty sure not,” Telfor said. “I think that she was entitled to her medications. I think that she was entitled to not have people saying negative, nasty things to her.”

‘THEY GET SICKER’

Mothers like Blodgett and Telfor, although they've never met, share a gnawing trauma, exacerbated by the “what-ifs” and the “whys” that wash in with loss.

They know more now.

The system that failed their daughters fails hundreds of Michigan residents, whose untreated addiction and unaddressed mental health disorders send them toward altercations with law enforcement, petty crimes and the inside of jail cells.

A 2019 Michigan Health Endowment Fund Report shows more than one-third of Michigan's 1.76 million mentally ill don't receive treatment.

Nationally, many only get help after a run-in with the law, according to a 2019 Treatment Advocacy Center report. But even then, they languish in jail for months as they tick closer

to the top of waitlists for mental health beds or competency exams.

“Sometimes, these families who have family members with mental illness don't have the resources to get them help,” said Grand Traverse County Jail Administrator Chris Barsheff. “And because of that lack of resources or an avenue, these people are ending up breaking the law and ending up in jail.”

It means law enforcement officers too often find themselves on the front line.

The Advocacy Center report shows that, despite limited training and lacking expertise, officers are the ones responding to mental health crises and shuttling the mentally ill from one facility to another.

In 2017, more than 20 percent of law enforcement work hours, nationally, were spent responding to or transporting people with mental illness.

The reasons are mixed — lack of access to care proves rampant through Michigan, according to the Health Endowment Fund report, and is even worse in rural counties.

Both Sarah and Marilyn found themselves in that treatment gap jails often fall short of filling.

Through recent decades, Michigan's local jail populations have nearly tripled, according to the governor's jail task force findings.

Paired with scarce resources, crippling understaffing and limited training, jail administrators statewide say they're tasked with housing offenders they're woefully unequipped to handle.

It means the mentally ill remain in jail longer, return to jail more often and cost more to house, a study published by the Urban Institute shows.

And jail's chaotic, stressful, noisy atmosphere only makes things worse, said University of Michigan Professor of Law Margo Schlanger, whose career

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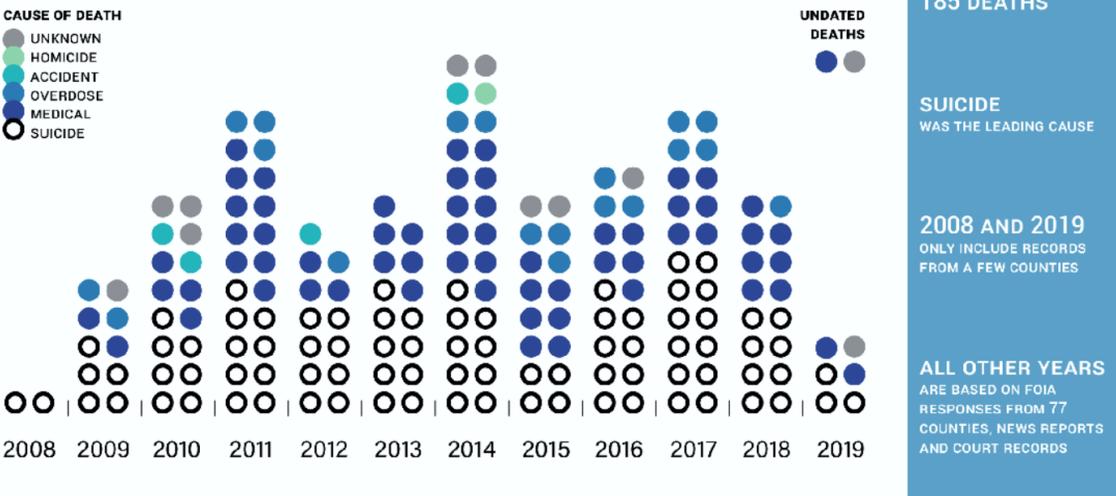
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DATA DEFICIT

Jail oversight fragmented

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TRAVERSE CITY — Who is incarcerated in Michigan’s county jails, their length of sentence, and how many die there is unknown — and it has been that way for decades.

Policymakers say they’re taking steps to fix this broken system, but with little data to go by, responding to the mental health needs of those in county jails is like working in the dark. “There is a lot of data and information that we can collect — and that we should collect — so we can have a more holistic understanding of how people are losing their lives in jail,” said Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist in a phone interview Thursday.

“But it’s not just for people who are losing their lives in jail,” Gilchrist added. “There have been jail systems that are not consistently collecting data on identity, such as race and ethnicity, which made it difficult to have aggregated stats that could be cross-sectioned across the state.”

Gilchrist and state supreme court Chief Justice Bridget McCormack co-chaired the state’s 2019 Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration, formed at the governor’s request to shine a light on the system. After a review of Bureau of Justice Statistics records showed county jail populations have nearly tripled in the state, the 21-member Task Force was created to figure out what was going on and pose solutions.

Recommendations were released in January. One was to standardize criminal justice data collection and reporting across Michigan.

“That feels important to us if we’re ever going to measure whether these proposed reforms, or any other reforms, are succeeding in achieving their goals,” McCormack said. “I think standardized data collection is the precursor to any standardized oversight.”

The state currently has neither. There is no repository of data, maintained over time, of the state’s county jail population. Not even for criminal justice insiders, who say they could use it.

“That was a big problem identified by the Task Force,” said Chris Gautz, spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Corrections. “We don’t have access to any numbers to know who is in jail and who isn’t.”

MDOC just released the state’s 2016-2019 prison

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Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist

recidivism rate — just under 27 percent — which, on paper, shows a big drop from the 40 percent rate a decade ago.

The Department’s Research and Planning division tracked 9,922 prison parolees between 2016 and 2019, crunched the numbers and announced Michigan has one of the lowest recidivism rates in the country.

They were not able to include numbers of parolees who re-offended and were sentenced to jail, not prison, because no one knows what those numbers are.

“We can run a LEIN (a state or national searchable database for law enforcement), and find out, but that would mean running LEINs on 9,000 prisoners and we just don’t do that,” Gautz said.

It isn’t only state-level officials who say they could use better data on jail inmates.

In November, a Record-Eagle reporter asked Grand Traverse County Sheriff Tom Bensley for a representative snapshot of the inmate population in the Grand Traverse County’s jail.

Bensley said jail staff could easily access records for individual inmates, and that he would try to find out more about the overall inmate population.

For example, what percentage of inmates were pre-trial, what percentage were parole violators and what percentage were serving sentences levied by the court.

Bensley was able to obtain the figures, but only for one day, and only after several hours of work by a corrections sergeant.

“We’ve asked the county for an updated system. So far, they have not seen clear to put it in the budget,” Bensley said.

Sheryl Kubiak, dean of the Wayne State University school of social work, has spent her career researching the intersection of criminal justice and health care. She served on the Task Force with Gilchrist and McCormack.

Improving outcomes for inmates, connecting them with services and giving corrections officers the information they need requires an intake system that asks the right questions, Kubiak said.

There are a variety of jail management software programs available

to purchase, with little uniformity from county to county, Kubiak said. The software is expensive and takes training to learn how to use, making it difficult for jail administrators to justify changing even if their current system is not as effective as they’d like.

“In the best case scenario, there would be a uniform system that all the jails would use,” Kubiak said in a telephone interview. “But to require that, the state would have to fund it. And that would be a big ticket item.”

Some jails, such as Kalamazoo County, are paper and pencil, Kubiak said, with no jail management information software at all.

Nor is there a robust oversight mechanism to make sure county jails are operating as they should.

Gautz said the MDOC’s County Jail Services Unit certifies county jails, which means they do things like count smoke detectors, measure the temperature of food in walk-in refrigerators and freezers and make sure emergency exits are well-marked.

Sometimes MDOC staff visits the jail to conduct an audit, and sometimes jails self-report, Gautz said.

MDOC staff does not investigate claims of wrongdoing in jails or train corrections officers.

“It’s not oversight in the sense of, if somebody complains and says my son or daughter is in jail and being mistreated, we don’t investigate that,” Gautz said. “It’s not in our constitutional mandate. What we do is more policy-driven.”

The Task Force met six times between July 2019 and January. In September, members were briefed by the Pew Charitable Trusts on admission and length of stay samples provided by 20 Michigan sheriffs.

Kubiak said her own research and Pew’s presentation made it clear that any form of centralized oversight — whether added to the MDOC’s responsibilities or by some other entity — has inherent obstacles.

“We’ve been working pretty closely with jails in 21 counties and there’s no two that are alike,” Kubiak said. “So it’s very, very difficult to standardize or regulate. It’s not a

one size fits all.” Jails do have one thing in common. They’ve become warehouses for the mentally ill.

“The state made a poor choice to disenfranchise our mental health support structure a generation ago,” Gilchrist said. “The result of that was ballooning our jail population ... we haven’t provided those services at the state level. We have instead put our jail administrators and law enforcement in a terrible position to be those front line health officials.”

Estimates are that by 2014, 10 times more people with a serious mental illness were in the nation’s jails and prisons than in state mental hospitals, according to the Treatment Advocacy Center, a national nonprofit that works to improve access to mental health treatment.

The lack of adequate care for the mentally ill can be traced to the Community Mental Health Act of 1963 that was to replace mental institutions with federally-funded, community-based mental health centers.

The CMHA was put in place to address inhumane treatment of people with mental illnesses in institutions and created a financial incentive for state hospitals to close. But funding for the community centers that were to provide inpatient and outpatient services never fully materialized.

Reforms to commitment laws were later enacted, making it much more difficult to commit someone to an institution. The reforms went a long way in protecting the rights of the mentally ill, but led to more hospital closures.

The Traverse City State Hospital closed in 1989 after several years of declining use.

With its 140-year history, the Michigan Sheriffs Association does not do extensive inmate data collection or oversight of jails, but did support the Task Force and has filled other needs.

The nonprofit organization provides its members with education and training opportunities, staffs a mission team to respond to jail suicide death investigations and offers a members-only Listserv — discussion group — where sheriffs and others in law enforcement can ask their colleagues for confidential advice.

“Jail and mental health is the No. 1 issue right now on that,” said MSA Executive Director Blaine A. Kóóps.

“We had one sheriff who had an inmate waiting for a forensic bed for more than 600 days,” Kóóps said. “That’s not justice. Michigan can do better.”

Record-Eagle reporter Patti Brandt Burgess contributed to this story

STORY

How the series came about

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Palmer in February 2018 inside Grand Traverse County’s jail. They dug in, requested investigative reports and other records, and asked questions.

They sought answers many in the general public wanted, like: How could someone die by suicide inside a facility where most aspects of a person’s life are controlled?

And they asked less obvious questions like: Who oversees Michigan’s local jails? Who is responsible for investigating deaths inside those county facilities? Were Holloway and Palmer’s deaths isolated occurrences, or were they indications of a wider systemic problem?

What they found, or didn’t find, became the foundation for a year-long data collection effort that will result in the most comprehensive database of how and why people die in Michigan’s local jails we could muster.

In all, the effort cost more than \$2,100 in records-related fees and required hundreds of days spent sending requests, pushing back against denials and negotiating steep fee estimates.

It’s an effort to fill a void in publicly available information. There were no records available to indicate whether two suicides inside Grand Traverse County’s jail were an anomaly.

The only agency that compiles comprehensive data on in-custody deaths is the U.S. Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Statistics, but the agency makes infrequent releases of data it collects. It does not allow public access to information more specific than statewide data. And the agency typically takes years to release what information it does disclose. In February, BJS published information compiled from forms it collected in 2016.

Starting in March of 2019, thanks to time

and support provided by an Abrams Nieman Fellowship for Local Investigative Journalism, the Record-Eagle was able to file more than 90 Freedom of Information Act requests seeking records related to in-custody deaths that occurred in Michigan between 2009 and 2019.

Those requests were filed with each of Michigan’s 83 county sheriffs, because the state does not have a central oversight authority for local and county jails.

Responses to those requests varied.

Some counties sent records promptly, and without fees. Others sent invoices for thousands of dollars or estimated long wait times to fulfill requests. Wayne County, the largest jail operator in Michigan, has not yet sent requested documents to the Record-Eagle 110 days after receiving a \$430 deposit.

We will spend the next few weeks publishing our findings. We will make our data and all the documents that contributed to it publicly available on our website. We will encourage other journalists to use the records we collected to report on what is happening in their communities.

This reporting project is an effort to better understand the system that experts and insiders alike say decades ago substituted local jails for mental health treatment in the United States.

So far our findings are unsettling, and the documents often difficult to read. We read them all, every page, in an effort to glean important data that could help explain what is happening inside local jails across Michigan. Thousands of pages of investigative reports and federal forms detail the final days of nearly 200 Michiganders, people who left behind grieving children, parents, spouses and friends.

Many of the people who work inside the system, and those affected by it, have generously spent time with Record-Eagle reporters during the past few months. They helped us, and hopefully you, to understand the system in ways documents and data couldn’t.

About this series

Death Sentence is a Traverse City Record-Eagle data reporting project examining in-custody deaths in Michigan’s local jails through the collection and analysis of 10 years of reports and investigative materials.

Thanks to support from the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University, Record-Eagle Editor Nathan Payne spent most of 2019 and the first months of 2020 filing Freedom of Information Act requests in all 83 Michigan counties. Thousands of pages of records, and the data gleaned from them, will result in the most comprehensive public accounting of how and why people die in Michigan’s local lockup facilities.

Records collected and made public through our reporting process are a direct reflection of Michigan’s inconsistent, oft nonexistent oversight of local jails. In Michigan, no central authority investigates deaths in local jails, and local jail operators often produce no more than internal incident reports in response to in-custody deaths.

The U.S. Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Statistics collects voluntarily submitted data on in-custody deaths from local jails, but publicly releases only general statistics about deaths in each state. The DOJ has denied both a FOIA request and an administrative appeal from the Record-Eagle seeking the forms used to generate the agency’s data. The latest numbers released by the agency cover 2016, and do not include any county-by-county information.

The Record-Eagle’s data and underlying public records will be available on the newspaper’s website searchable by county.

The stories published as part of Death Sentence are the product of a team of journalists including Payne, data journalist Kaye LaFond, and Record-Eagle reporters Patti Brandt Burgess, Brooke Kansier and Mardi Link. Throughout 2020, Record-Eagle reporters will compile and fact-check data, and report the trends and issues related to deaths in Michigan’s local jails.

The numbers behind the project

368 Days since filing of first FOIA request seeking local jail death records	96 The number of FOIA requests sent so far, including one administrative FOIA appeal filed with the U.S. Department of Justice	83 Counties in Michigan	79 Counties fulfilled records requests. Wayne is among the counties that have not yet completed requests	46 Counties had at least one in-custody death between January 2009 and June 2019	1.28 Gigabytes of records collected so far	\$2,189 The cost to fulfill records requests so far	33 Counties had at least one in-custody suicide between January 2009 and June 2019	10 In-custody deaths found in news reports or press releases that weren't disclosed in records	110 Days since Wayne County received payment for records not yet delivered to the Record-Eagle
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JAILS

System not ready for influx of mental illness

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focus has been civil rights issues related to incarceration.

"For some of them, they decompensate," she said. "They get sicker."

The "broken system" has become a public safety crisis, writes Michigan's State Court Administrator Milton Mack.

"The criminal justice system is systematically being used to criminalize mental health and re-institutionalize persons with mental illnesses into jails and prisons," he pens in a 2017 policy report.

Even short jail stays increase the likelihood of future criminal activity — meaning the mentally ill yo-yo back and forth between jails, care facilities and the streets without getting the help they need.

It's a problem decades in the making.

Mental health treatment facilities and asylums closed in droves in the 1960s and '70s to put a stop to inhumane conditions, according to Mack. Community Mental Health organizations popped up to fill the gap — but those too have fallen short.

Often, action only comes spurred by litigation.

Blodgett sued Grand Traverse County after Sarah's death. Telfor's family, after a months-long tug-of-war, reached a \$20,000 settlement with the county in her daughter's death.

The family of Alan Bradley Halloway, who died by suicide in Grand Traverse County's jail in July 2017, agreed to a \$125,000 settlement. They've since set sights on Northern Lakes Community Mental Health for taking Halloway off suicide watch two days before he hanged himself

with a pair of jail-issued socks.

The Record-Eagle's data set is peppered with names that appear in federal and local lawsuits, litigation that costs local governments millions in judgments statewide.

Dozens of cases have been settled, judged or remain pending.

It frustrates Telfor.

"Making do" isn't enough for her, and it wasn't enough for her daughter.

"You don't have that many suicide attempts if it's nice, if it's right," Telfor said. "You don't have people dying that close together and figuring out ways to do it unless something's going on there."

She's tired of fighting, tired of reliving her daughter's death and putting her family through that hell.

She doesn't think anything has changed.

"There are going to be other families like me," Telfor said. "And it doesn't have to be that way."

Records show she isn't wrong, either. Several Michigan jails reported in-custody deaths by suicide since Palmer's death in 2018, including a man who hanged himself in Benzie County's jail in February.

Blodgett has grown weary, too. But she'll tell Sarah's story to anyone she thinks should hear it.

"She was in my belly. She breast-fed off me for almost 2 years. I potty-trained her, cloth diapers. I grew her food, I squished her food. I bathed her," Blodgett said. "I had 21 years with her. Why would I want to forget that?"

Sometimes, she finds the strength to give away some of Sarah's things. Blodgett will head out in the morning with a trunk packed with her daughter's clothes.

She drives around until she spots a girl about Sarah's size and in need of some kindness, and waves her down with an offer to raid the traveling "yard

sale" free of charge.

She clings to the silver linings any mother would in her grief — mostly telling herself that Sarah isn't in pain anymore.

She reassures herself that if not that night in jail, Sarah would've ended her own life some other day, some other place.

PAIN DOESN'T FADE

Blodgett spent the 12th anniversary of Sarah's suicide at home with her husband and son. She played mad libs. They played pool, made dinner, watched a movie.

They don't talk about Sarah.

But Sarah's always there, frozen at 21 in the portraits on the walls.

Blodgett will never add pictures of her grinning daughter in a wedding gown, no shots of her throwing a graduation cap.

No portraits of would-be grandchildren.

She'll never counsel Sarah through the throes of motherhood, offer advice on navigating the terrible-twos or soothing a teething infant.

"She would've been an awesome mother," Blodgett said.

Instead, grief angels adorn her home and yard, and she makes plans for her daughter's ashes. She wants to scatter them to the wind with her family at her side, and save a bit to turn into stained glass gifts for Sarah's closest family members.

She wants to turn Sarah's fuzzy pink "blankies," now matted and dirty in the backseat of the family car, into teddy bears for the great-nieces and nephews Sarah won't meet.

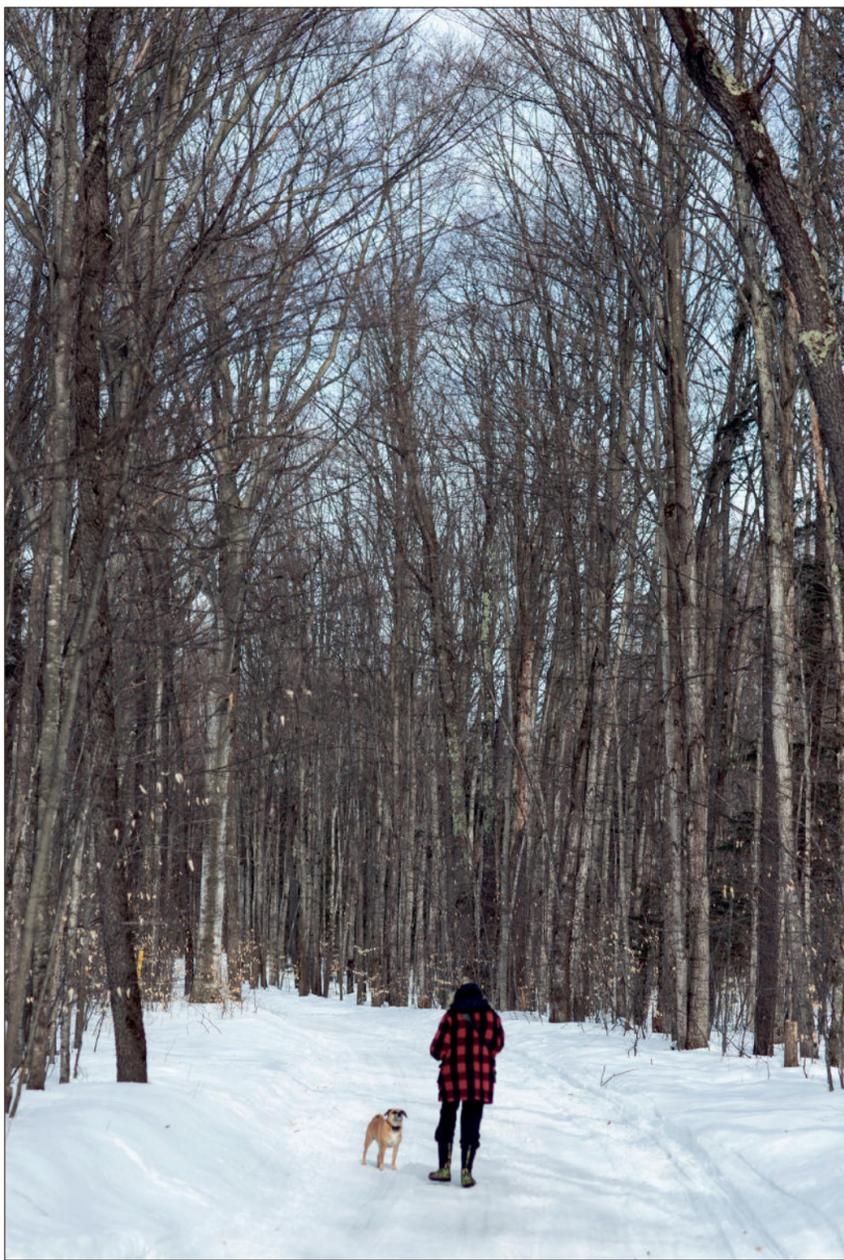
But the blankets are still in the minivan.

Sarah's ashes still tucked away in her urn.

And the walls of her bedroom still a faded bubble-gum pink.

It's still too soon.

Patti Brandt Burgess and Mardi Link contributed this report



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Wendy Blodgett walks the family dog on a dirt road near her Kingsley home.

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Technology help sessions

BELLAIRE — People may bring their devices and questions to Tech Tuesday at Bellaire Public Library. Help sessions begin at 2 p.m. weekly. Contact: 231-533-8814.

Historical women lecture

BENZONIA — Maureen Esther presents “Great Women in History” at 4 p.m. March 12 at Benzie Area Historical Museum. She talks about Mary Todd Lincoln, King Henry VIII’s wives and others. This is part of the Benzon Academy Lecture Series. A \$5 donation is suggested.

Community health event

TRAVERSE CITY — Munson Medical Center and American Cancer Society recognize Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month with a free event from 4:30-7:30 p.m. March 12 at Cowell Family Cancer Center. The “Rollin’ with the Colon” panel discussion covers statistics, risk factors and screening guidelines. Attendees can also gather information from a mini expo. Appetizers are provided.

Representative meets residents

KALKASKA — Rep. Daire Rendon, of Lake City, hosts an office hour at noon March 13 at Kalkaska County Commission on Aging. Contact: 517-373-3817.

GVSU program preview

TRAVERSE CITY — GVSU hosts a preview of its physical assistant studies program from 1-3 p.m. March 13 at NMC University Center Room 7. Prospective students can tour the campus, meet faculty and ask questions. RSVP: nminfo@gvsu.edu; 231-995-1785.

Basic drawing lesson

INTERLOCHEN — Retired art instructor Jane Radcliff leads “Fundamentals of Drawing” at 1:30 p.m. March 19 at Redeemer Lutheran Fellowship Center. Cost is \$50 for Senior Center Network members, \$60 for others. Supplies cost extra, or bring some. Register and pay by March 13. Contact: 231-922-4911; dimikowski@grandtraverse.org.

Heart health presentation

TRAVERSE CITY — Beth Dole, from Fyzical Therapy and Balance Centers, presents “Doling Out Health Information: Heart Health” at 3:30 p.m. March 13 at Traverse City Senior Center. Older adults may learn about heart physiology, exercise, medications and symptoms to watch. Bring questions about pacemakers, valves, stents, bypasses, heart failure and other issues. Registration: 231-922-4911.

Educator nominees sought

TRAVERSE CITY — TBA ISD accepts nominations for its Outstanding Educator Awards. Teachers, administrators and school staff throughout the five-county area are eligible. Nominees need at least five years of experience in education, contribute to students’ academic success and support teaching and learning. Submit letters of support from supervisors, parents, students and others by April 17. More information: 231-922-6222; hjewell@tbaisd.org.

Rotary show tickets available

TRAVERSE CITY — Rotary Club of Traverse City hosts its Traverse City Centennial Rotary Show at 7:30 p.m. April 30 through May 2 at City Opera House. Magician Ben Whiting serves as master of ceremonies. Tickets are \$15. Proceeds support the Good Works Fund. The club plans to award \$50,000 to local nonprofits. Box office: 231-941-8082.

Call for donations

BENZONIA — Grow Benzie seeks auction donations for its annual fundraiser in July. Items can be a weekend getaway at a cabin, a boat and more. Contact: 231-882-9510.

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SPELLING UP



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Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools’s Cecilia Balog exits the stage after winning the 2020 Grand Traverse Regional Spelling Bee at the City Opera House in Traverse City on Saturday.

Balog heads back to D.C. to represent in National Bee

BY ALEXA ZOELLNER
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TRAVERSE CITY — Cecilia Balog is heading to Washington, D.C., for the second time in as many years, set to represent the region in the 93rd Scripps National Bee. The 13-year-old nailed the word “conglomerate” in the 18th round of the Grand Traverse Regional Spelling Bee, claiming first place in the process. “I didn’t really expect that,” Cecilia said of her win. It’s the same thing the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School student — currently in seventh grade — said last year. The list of words was new this year and, unlike in 2019, all 500 weren’t committed to memory, Cecilia said. She was “really nervous” about getting a word wrong. Mom Judy Balog, seated among fellow audience members at the City Opera House, also felt the nerves. Still, it was excit-

ing to see her daughter remain on stage after each round, Judy said. “I’m so proud,” Judy said of Cecilia. “Just as proud as I was last year. She works hard in everything she does.” “Good work. That’s what I say: Good work,” said dad Vince Balog. “(Now there’s) more work to do.” Vince said he believes the key to Cecilia’s success is that she reads a lot. “It’s expanded her vocabulary,” Vince said. As an athlete and musician — Cecilia plays basketball, volleyball, piano and clarinet — she didn’t have time to practice spelling every day, Cecilia said. When it’s time to buckle down, it’s with 200 to 300 words at using the Scripps app, she said. Cecilia will head to Washington, D.C., in late May for the National Bee, where she hopes to once again meet up with previous competitors and do some more sightseeing. The scariest part of the Na-

tional Bee is the preliminary written test, Cecilia said. Cecilia tied for 51st place in the 2019 National Bee — but so did a lot of other people, she said. “It’s really hard,” she said. “I didn’t do very well on that last year, but now that I’ve taken it, I know what to prepare for.” Autumn Reeves, winner of the 2018 regional bee, took second place at Saturday’s event and Grace Broz landed third place. Autumn is an eighth grader at Forest Area Middle/High School in Fife Lake and Grace is a seventh grader at St. Michael Academy in Petoskey. The 2020 regional bee had 45 students from Grand Traverse, Antrim, Leelanau, Kalkaska, Emmet, Charlevoix and Crawford counties. The Record-Eagle sponsors the event and sends the winner on an expense-paid trip to the Scripps National Bee in Washington, D.C. The 93rd annual National Bee is televised and runs May 24-29.

ELECTION

Three file for 101st primary

Freshman rep to face primary challenge; Democrat files

BY JORDAN TRAVIS
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MANISTEE — A Ludington woman wants to make the leap from local GOP member to state representative.

But Carolyn Cater first must face freshman Rep. Jack O’Malley, R-Lake Ann, on the Aug. 4 primary. Another woman, Beth McGill-Rizer, so far is the lone Democrat seeking nomination to run in the Nov. 3 general election, records show.



McGill-Rizer

Cater filed again after unsuccessfully seeking the nomination in 2018 — voters in that primary chose O’Malley, then sent him to Lansing in the general election.



Cater

Cater is a member of the Mason County Republican Party but otherwise hasn’t held elected office before, she said. She’s unhappy with the bills O’Malley sponsored, including one for fuel taxes and another critics have called a threat to commercial fishing. “I’m running on a promise and a pledge, a promise not to do any harm to you or your family in my district, and a pledge to not vote for any tax increases, period,” she said. She’s also an ardent supporter of the Second Amendment sanctuary resolutions making the rounds in counties across the state and wants to see every county in the 101st District adopt one, she said.

McGill-Rizer said she’s filed to run for the state House of Representatives’ 101st District and planned to kick off her campaign Sunday in Manistee, according to a release.

She’s running because she believes the district needs a strong voice in Lansing, and someone who wants to work with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer instead of against her, she said.

“I feel that probably one of the most important issues we have is our infrastructure,” she said. “Everything else builds upon that, whether it’s jobs — we get great-paying jobs when we’re doing road construction, building schools, hospitals, bridges, those are good union paying jobs with benefits.”

McGill-Rizer said rural health care and a shortage of providers is also critical to the district, as are other problems that’ll take long-term planning beyond a single term. She’s never held elected office before but became politically involved after the 2016 election. She’s a Democratic delegate and is involved with other party functions, like serving on the 101st District Leadership Team.

There are no other possible Democratic candidates McGill-Rizer is aware of, she said, although it’s still possible one could file.

The 101st District contains Benzie, Leelanau, Manistee and Mason counties, maps show.

ELECTION

State pushes forward ahead of primary showdown

BY BRENDAN QUEALY
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TRAVERSE CITY — Michigan is the biggest delegate prize of the bunch come Tuesday. Of the six states up for grabs — including Idaho, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota and Washington — Michigan pays out 125 delegates in the Democratic primary, the ninth most in the country. Voting begins at 7 a.m. and runs until 8 p.m., but results of the race might take longer to roll in that years past, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said. The election Tuesday will be the first major voting day since the new rules for absentee voting and same-day registration were passed in 2018. Benson’s office reported absentee ballot requests have jumped 80 percent compared to the 2016 presidential primary. Grand Traverse County Clerk Bonnie Scheele said absentee ballots are “up very high compared to four years ago” and that she is expecting a large turnout of voters Tuesday. “We’re all prepared,” Scheele said. “All the equipment has been tested. Workers have been trained. We’re ready.” President Donald Trump is a virtual lock to receive the Republican nomination as the incumbent, while former Vice Presi-

dent Joe Biden and Sen. Bernie Sanders continue to battle it out for the necessary 1,991 delegates to secure the nomination. Biden holds a 638-563 delegate count lead over Sanders, but the Vermont senator eked out a primary win in Michigan over the favored Hillary Clinton in 2016. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer voiced her support for Biden and endorsed him after he won 10 of the 14 states on Super Tuesday. The Associated Press reported Whitmer said Biden “has our backs.” “He showed up for the people of Michigan when our health care and our auto industry were on the line,” Whitmer said in a statement released last week to the AP. “He helped us pick ourselves up and get back to work. I know he’ll do the same as president.” Newsweek reported the latest statewide poll of likely primary voters found Biden up nearly 7 percent over Sanders, with a 29-22.5 lead. Sanders was seen as an early favorite in Michigan because of his win in 2016, but Biden’s resurgence after a victory in South Carolina has him trending upward. Sanders rallied supporters in Detroit and Grand Rapids on Friday and Sunday, while Biden planned an event in Detroit on Monday. Chris Cracchiolo, chair of the

Grand Traverse Democrats and vice chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, said they don’t take sides during the primary push. “We encourage people to vote and vote for whatever candidate resonates with them,” Cracchiolo said, acknowledging the eye of the country will be on Michigan Tuesday. “A good turnout will be the biggest reflection on us. I think you’ll see the number of votes — the grand total — a record turnout in Michigan.” Haider Kazim, chair of the Grand Traverse County Republican Party, believes Tuesday’s results are basically a moot point. “As far as we are concerned, it doesn’t matter who the Democrat nominee is,” Kazim said. “The policies that the Democrats have decided to run on are policies that are going to turn back the clock on the unprecedented prosperity and success we’ve seen under President Trump.” Tuesday will no doubt have implications on November, Cracchiolo and Kazim agree. Cracchiolo already believes Nov. 3 will be “the most important election of our lifetime.” “I don’t think we realized the impact when votes were cast in 2016,” Cracchiolo said. “We have evidence of what the current administration has done over the last three years, and I think we realize now how important it is to get out and vote.”

Sanders, Biden up attacks as head-to-head race takes shape

DEARBORN (AP) — The Democratic presidential primary is down to two major candidates, and it shows.

Former Vice President Joe Biden and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders are spending their first weekend as their party's last top White House contenders increasingly taking aim at one another. Each wants to show he's the best choice before six more states — Idaho, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota and Washington — vote on Tuesday.

It reflects the new contours of a race that once featured 20-plus Democrats. An increasingly bitter matchup could endure for months as Biden and Sanders compete for the right to face President Donald Trump in November.

"We have a two-person race," Sanders said Saturday in Dearborn, a Detroit suburb with one of the nation's largest Arab American populations. "And all over this country, people are asking themselves which candidate can best defeat Trump. I have zero doubt in my mind that, together, we are the campaign that can beat Trump."

In St. Louis, Biden said he was the one to unite the party and the country, and he would do that by promoting an upbeat message.

"If you want a nominee who'll bring the party together, who will run on a positive progressive vision for the future, not turn this primary into a campaign of negative attacks — because that will only reelect Donald Trump if we go that route — if you want that, join us," Biden said. Winning, he said, "means uniting America, not sowing more division and anger."

Sanders argues that no Democrat will win the presidency "with the same-old, same-old politics of yesteryear." That's ironic given that the 78-year-old Sanders is actually a year older than Biden. But the avowed democratic socialist, who has served in Congress since 1991, says he's bucked the establishment of both parties with decades with unpopular stands that now give him the credibility to lead a political revolution "from the bottom up."

Sanders is pledging to increase Democratic turnout by drawing younger voters, minorities and working class people to the polls even though they tend to vote in lower concentrations than many other Americans. Strong support among Hispanics lifted Sanders to victories in Nevada and California, but Biden trounced him in South Carolina and throughout much of the Deep South that voted during last week's Super Tuesday. Biden especially ran up the score with African Americans.

Some activists are disappointed that a once diverse field of women and minorities has dwindled to two white men in their late 70s. But in Dearborn, Sanders, who is Jewish, said he was inspired by so many Arab Americans backing him. "I see people coming together from so many different backgrounds. It is beautiful," he said.

Top advisers expect Sanders to finish strong in Washington. But he canceled a trip to Mississippi, to focus on Michigan, Tuesday's largest prize. He has three more Michigan events scheduled this weekend while Biden campaigns in Missouri and Mississippi.

Sanders said if he's not the nominee, he will support Biden against Trump but "in the remaining months, I intend to make it clear what my views are and what Joe Biden's are."

Sanders has used many of his Michigan stops to hammer Biden's past support for the North American Free Trade Agreement, arguing that it moved high-paying U.S. jobs to Mexico and China while devastating manufacturing in a state dominated by the auto industry. He's focused on Biden's years in the Senate, when Biden backed not only trade agreements and the U.S.-led war in Iraq, but also a ban on using federal funds to pay for abortions

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TURKEY - GREECE

Tear gas sprayed on migrants

EDIRNE, Turkey (AP) — A group of migrants on Saturday tried to bring down a fence in a desperate attempt to bust through the border into Greece while others hurled rocks at Greek police. Greek authorities responded, firing volleys of tear gas at the youths.

At least two migrants were injured in the latest clash between Greek police and migrants gathered on the Turkish side of a border crossing near the Greek village of Kastanies. As in previous confrontations this week, officers in Greece fired tear gas to impede the crowd and Turkish

police fired tear gas back at their Greek counterparts.

Groups of mostly young men tied ropes onto the fence in an attempt to tear it down. Some shouted "Allah is Great" while others shouted "open the border."

It was not immediately clear what caused the two migrants' injuries. A Greek government official said the tear gas and water cannons were used for "deterrence" purposes.

Thousands of migrants headed for Turkey's land border with Greece after President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government said last week that it would no

longer prevent migrants and refugees from crossing over to European Union territory. Greece deployed riot police and border guards to repel people trying to enter the country from the sea or by land.

Erdogan plans to be in Brussels on Monday for a one-day working visit. A statement from his office did not specify where he would be during his visit or the reason why he's heading to the EU's headquarters.

The announcement came hours after EU foreign ministers meeting in Croatia on Friday criticized Turkey, saying it was using

the migrants' desperation "for political purposes."

In a statement Saturday, the Greek government said that around 600 people, aided by Turkish army and military police, threw tear gas at the Greek side of the border overnight. It also said there were several attempts to breach the border fence, and fires were lit in an attempt to damage the barrier.

"Attempts at illegal entry into Greek territory were prevented by Greek forces, which repaired the fence and used sirens and loudspeakers," the statement read.

Now THIS



The Associated Press

A woman walks down a street lined with debris Friday in Nashville, Tenn.

Tornado clobbers African American North Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — On a frigid Friday morning in North Nashville, Ishvicka Howell stood in her driveway and peered down the street at several utility trucks.

"When I saw those blinking lights, it was like Christmas," she said.

Howell has been without electricity since a tornado tore through her neighborhood shortly after midnight on Tuesday.

"No power. No heat. We pioneering it," Howell said. "Grilling it and boiling water on the grill. We're in survival mode."

The tornado that struck Nashville wrecked several neighborhoods as it hopped across the city, smashing in trendy Germantown and Five Points, where two people died.

But North Nashville's historically African American neighborhoods were already suffering

from decades of redlining and neglect, isolated from more affluent neighborhoods by the interstates that cut through the heart of the city. More recently, they have begun to feel the pressure of gentrification as new residents and short-term renters search out affordable areas near downtown.

And now this. The killer storm devastated whole blocks, tearing off roofs, blowing down walls, uprooting huge trees and toppling electrical poles. While many parts of North Nashville had little storm damage, most residents were still without electricity Friday. No lights. No heat. And no way to store or cook food.

Some are wondering if North Nashville can recover from this latest hit or if its African American families will be permanently displaced.

"We are worried because we

know developers are going to come in," said Cornelius A. Hill, pastor of Ephesian Primitive Baptist Church.

But Hill said he was encouraged by the outpouring of aid. His church, too, is without power. But outside in the parking lot, donations of all sorts have been pouring in to be donated to grateful residents. It was a scene repeated on nearly every corner of the storm-damaged blocks on Friday. Volunteers manned folding tables with free water, batteries, diapers, trash bags, and hot food like barbecue, hot dogs and pizza.

Meanwhile, hundreds of volunteers toting rakes and chainsaws were taking advantage of the daylight. They covered roofs with tarps, sliced away at downed and damaged trees, and piled debris at curbside for public works trucks to cart away.

SCIENCE

SpaceX launches supplies, nails 50th rocket landing

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — SpaceX successfully launched another load of station supplies for NASA late Friday night and nailed its 50th rocket landing.

The Falcon rocket blasted off with 4,300 pounds (1,950 kilograms) of equipment and experiments for the International Space Station. Just minutes later, the spent first-stage booster made a dramatic midnight landing back at Cape Canaveral, its return accompanied by sonic booms.

"And the Falcon has landed for the 50th time in SpaceX history!" SpaceX engineer Jessica Anderson announced amid cheers at Mission Control. "What an amazing live view all the way to touchdown."

The Dragon capsule, meanwhile, hurtled toward a Monday rendezvous with the space sta-

tion. It's the 20th station delivery for SpaceX, which has launched nearly 100,000 pounds (45,360 kilograms) of goods to the orbiting outpost and returned nearly that much back to Earth since it began shipments in 2012. Northrop Grumman is NASA's other commercial shipper.

SpaceX founder and chief executive Elon Musk said it was the windiest conditions ever — 25 mph to 30 mph (40 kph to 48 kph) — for a booster landing at Cape Canaveral, but he wanted to push the envelope. The landing was the 50th successful touchdown of a SpaceX booster following liftoff, either on land or at sea.

"Envelope expanded," Musk tweeted following touchdown.

The company's first booster landing was in 2015, intended as a cost-saving, rocket-recycling



The Associated Press

In a time exposure, a SpaceX Falcon is launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., Friday night with a load of supplies for the International Space Station. Cocoa Beach, Fla., is in the foreground.

move. Both the latest booster and Dragon capsule were recycled from previous flights.

Among the science experiments flying: an analysis of running shoe cushioning in weightlessness by Adidas, a water droplet study by Delta Faucet Co. striving for better shower-head water conservation, 3D models of heart and intestinal tissue, and 320 snippets of grape

vines by Space Cargo Unlimited, the same Luxembourg startup that sent 12 bottles of red wine to the space station last November for a year of high-altitude aging.

The Dragon also contained treats for the two Americans and one Russian at the space station: grapefruit, oranges, apples, tomatoes, Skittles, Hot Tamales and Reese's Pieces.

Sharon J. Kerkhof

Died February 29, 2020

WILLIAMSBURG — Sharon Joyce Kerkhof, of Williamsburg, passed away peacefully and with grace on Feb. 29, 2020 to join our Heavenly Father, at the age of 82.



Mom, Granny or Sharon, as she was known by all those who loved her, was born at home in Northville on Dec. 16, 1937 to John B. Stutzman and Theresa Martoglio Stutzman. Our Mother passed away at her beautiful home surrounded by family while all the time being loved.

She was a graduate of Lakeview Senior High School in St. Clair Shores in 1956. She met her husband of 56 years, Bill, and began their life together before moving to northern Michigan to join his family in 1972.

Sharon was a loving wife, mother, and wonderful Granny, who cared for her family with composure and patience. In addition to the tireless love she showed at home, she carried that energy into her work; her garden; her many hobbies; volunteering at Church; and in the community which she raised her family.

Upon retiring Sharon and her husband traveled extensively with friends around the globe, and spent the winters at their second home in Florida.

Above all else, she loved her family and was the one to instill in all those that knew her the patience, grace and dignity by which she lived her life. Her

smile showed her true self and was warming to all.

Sharon was preceded in death by her mother and father, her husband Bill, as well as her brother Jim and sister-in-law Maryann. She is survived by her caring

daughter Lisa Kerkhof who was by her side day and night, Michele (Mike) Buday, and son John (Karen) Kerkhof and Michael McKillop.

The loves that made her day shine bright were her grandchildren; Cooper William Kerkhof and Cailey Kathleen Kerkhof; they kept her smiling and laughing through their many adventures and stories.

The family is planning a Celebration of Life with visitation at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth St., Traverse City, on March 12, 2020 from 4 to 7 p.m.

A funeral service is scheduled for March 13, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Faith Reformed Church, 1139 E. Front St., Traverse City, with visitation preceding at 10 a.m.

In lieu of donations, please do something kind for someone in need and plant a beautiful flower this Spring to help keep Mom's light shining.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Sharon's family at her tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being cared for by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

FRANKFORT — The heavens are alive with magical music, Nancy Pierce Kasperzak has joined their orchestra. Nancy, born to Frank Reynolds Pierce and Christine Smith Pierce on Oct. 3, 1928 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, died in Frankfort on Friday, Feb. 21, 2020.



Nancy and her older brother Frank, Jr. were raised in Dayton, Ohio, and Birmingham. Having an aptitude for and a love of music, Nancy began playing early in life. When she picked up her first flute, she found her passion. One of the schools she attended was Miami of Ohio, in what is now their College of Fine Arts.

Nancy met Ronald M. Kasperzak, and they were married in 1953. Nancy and Ron had four children, Michael, Joel, Dean and Christine, and they ultimately settled in Eagle Point Colony, Rossford, Ohio, on the Maumee River.

Nancy was the mother who friends wanted to be around. Of course, music was always being played from state of the art systems (there were even speakers in the trees). There was rarely a dull moment.

After Nancy and Ron's divorce, she returned to Birmingham, and Nancy's new life began. She spread her wings and moved to New York City for several years. During that time, she traveled the world making life-long friends.

One of her favorite places to live was Italy, and she returned from there with many architectural ideas to try out. She eventually returned to Frankfort and Crystal Lake, where she owned property and had spent many summers with her children.

Winters were spent in western North Carolina, where she could further pursue her other passion, anything to do with horses. She had already taught her children how to ride, even bareback, on the beaches of Lake Michigan and she participated annually in the Michigan Shore to Shore ride. She was an avid buggy driver and was extremely skilled at trailing a

three horse trailer behind her RV.

After several years of "snowbirding," Nancy permanently settled and found her home in Benzie County with, at one time, a home on Crystal Lake, a horse farm in Honor and Crystal Ridge. This is where she became a true local legend; the lady in the hat!

Over the last three decades plus, Nancy was involved in many organizations and causes, including The LWV, Encore, Lake Township Planning Commission, the Singing Sisters, CCC (The Un Church); she was a "Water Warrior," Benzie Democratic Party, Benzie Area History Project, Benzie Community Band, the NMC Band, Benzie Community Chorus, the Foundation for the Performing Arts and, very proudly, the Benzonian Area Symphony Orchestra, where she was a member playing flute and piccolo through this last season in her 91st year of life.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Frank; daughters-in-law, Becky Kasperzak and Barb Clark; and, by less than a week, her partner, Dr. Susan Breuer.

She is lovingly survived by her children, Mike, of Mountain View, California, Joel (Laura) of Alpharetta, Georgia, Dean (Patrice Spitzer), of Perrysburg, Ohio, Christine, of Holiday, Florida; grandchildren, Keelin, Matthew, Clare, Hannah (Steve Jacobs), Maude (Zachary Wimberly); great grandchildren, Griffin Kasperzak and Bruce Jacobs.

Nancy's family would like to thank her end of life Heartland Hospice Care nurses and the nursing staff of The Maples.

Nancy's love of life, sense of style, sense of humor, bright blue eyes and the love she had for her many, many friends will be celebrated later this Spring.

In Nancy's memory, please consider contributions to The Benzonian Area Symphony Orchestra, FLOW (For the Love of Water) or the charity of the donor's choice.

Stephen C. Holder

Died March 3, 2020

TRAVERSE CITY — Stephen Charles Holder, 79, of Traverse City and Mt. Pleasant, passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at his Traverse City home, surrounded by his loving family.

Steve was born on Oct. 16, 1940 to the late Frederick and Frances (Stephan) Holder in Lockport, New York.

He was a professor of English at Central Michigan University for over 40 years.

Steve is survived by his wife, Tammy; two children; five grandchildren; and extended family.

A graveside service will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 3, 2020 at Mt. Pleasant Memorial

Gardens, Mt. Pleasant.

Memorial contributions honoring Steve may be made to one of his favorite charities: Friends of the Library or to the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Halls Lake Natural Area, both in c/o Mt. Pleasant Community Foundation, P. O. Box 1283, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-1283. Please share your favorite memories of Steve with his family by visiting his online tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being served and cared for by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Richard John "Dick" Kucera Sr.

Died January 11, 2020

TRAVERSE CITY — Traverse City native Richard John "Dick" Kucera Sr. peacefully passed away Jan. 11, 2020 at the Hospice Care in Surprise, Arizona, after a two-year struggle with an incurable autoimmune disorder. He was surrounded by his wife of 38 years, Debbie, and their three children, Joshua, Matthew and Joan. He was 74 years old.



successful independent contractor as a Mechanical Engineer. He worked for several plants across the United States.

He had two children, Richard John Kucera Jr., and Amy Marie Kucera with his first wife, Linda Swanson.

Rich had fond memories of camping, fishing and ski trips with his Dad and sister.

Dick was an adventurer and was in his element outdoors as a sportsman. He loved his younger years in northern Michigan area, waterskiing on Long Lake and as a competent sailor. He loved the road.

Dick's son, Rich, holds many fond memories of adventures and explorations shared with his father and sister in the many cities in which he lived and worked. Dick was said to find great solace in the southwestern desert lands of Arizona.

Dick married his second wife, Deborah Crossland, in San Jose in 1981. They had three children together. They spent many happy years in southern California before relocating to Glendale, Arizona, where he lived out the rest of his days.

Dick is survived by his wife, Deborah, and their three children, Joshua, Matthew and Joan, of Glendale, Arizona. He is also survived by his son, Richard John Kucera Jr.; his grandson, John Kucera; and step-grandchildren, Michael Tran, Megan Tran, and Ellen Tran. Sadly, Dick's daughter, Amy, of Redwood Shores, California, died on Nov. 26, 2009, but she provided Dick with two more grandchildren, Nicole Marie Cross (Morrison), of San Francisco, and Anna Michelle Cross, of Los Angeles. Dick's sister, Sally (Kucera) DeWeese, and brother-in-law, George DeWeese, still reside in Traverse City; and his brother, George Edward "Bud" Kucera Jr., currently lives in Rome, Georgia.

John H. Shimel

Died January 23, 2020

WYOMING — John H. Shimel, 96, formerly of Traverse City, passed away in Grand Rapids January 23, 2020 at Faith Hospice House in Byron Center.



John was born in Manton on October 2, 1923 to the late John B. and Ella (Sutherland) Shimel. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Leo, Walter, Byron and Keith; and sisters, Helen Paddock and Anna McGowan. He was also preceded in death by his first wife and mother of his children, Virginia M. (Malmstrom), in 1992; and his daughter, Linda L. Ide, in 2012.

He is survived by his son, Rick Shimel (Laura Wilson), of Traverse City; son-in-law, Rick Ide, of Williamsburg; and granddaughters, Michelle Ide (Larry Redli), of Traverse City, and Susan Amato-Henderson (Brian), of Houghton. John also had two great-grandchildren, Samantha and Daniel Henderson; in addition to several nieces and nephews.

John is also survived by his wife of 36 years, Marion (Stasiak) Shimel; step-children, Chet (Janis) Stasik and Sharon (Greg) Hoppe; step-grandchildren, Robert Gardner, Stephanie Kippen and Lisa

DeRuiter, all of the Grand Rapids area; as well as several other great-grandchildren.

John moved to Traverse City in 1950 to work at Cone Drive as a tool and die maker. He went on to work for the UAW as an International Representa-

tative until his retirement in 1988. He also spent time in the 1960-70s helping with projects at the Carmelite Monastery of the Infant Prague in Traverse City. He cherished the friendships he formed there, and they lasted a lifetime. He loved the game of golf, and played 18 holes almost every day. He also played tennis, well into his 70s, and enjoyed fishing and hunting. John had a deep passion for learning, and he was involved in the ethics discussion group at the Traverse City Senior Center.

John's family would like to express a sincere and special Thank You to the wonderful people that helped care for and show John the utmost respect in his final days: Gretchen Schumacher N.P., Dr. Barbara Karenko, and nurses Sue Ball and Wendy Walcutt.

A remembrance bench will be placed in Traverse City at a later date.

Cremation has taken place.

Helen J. Matus

Died March 1, 2020

INTERLOCHEN — Helen Julia Matus, of Interlochen, passed away on March 1, 2020; she was 90 years old.



She was born on Nov. 7, 1929 to Louis and Margaret (Sipos) Szagedy, in Flint, and graduated from Northern High School. In 1950, Helen married Alex Matus, and they remained together for the next 64 years.

While Alex worked 12-hour days to provide for his growing family, Helen remained home and made raising six children look easy. She was a loving mother who instilled good values in her children, teaching them right from wrong, respect for others and even found time to be a Girl Scout Den Mother. Helen was a meticulous housekeeper and, regardless of what kid-created chaos presented itself or long shifts Alex was working, everyone knew to be home when dinner hit the table at 5:05 p.m. sharp!

Helen enjoyed sewing, crocheting and working in her flower garden. When her dazzling talents were displayed in her design of the bushes and flowers that adorned the en-

trance to their housing subdivision, her neighbors began to refer to her as "flower lady."

Over the course of her life, Helen would mourn the death of her brother, Eugene; her son, Gary; grandson, Michael; and, of course, her beloved husband of 64 years, Alex.

Those who will cherish her memory are children, Richard, Stephen (Kimberly), Mary (Calvin) Springer, Mark (Vona) and Matthew (Tina); grandchildren, Stephen, Jr., Tamara, Jill, Melissa, Andrew, Jenna and Dylan; great-grandchildren, Stephen III, Kyle, Benjamin, Austin, Erik, Lillian, Jaxin and Cameron; great-great-grandchildren, Roman and October.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, March 14 at 11 a.m., with visitation beginning at 10 a.m., at St. Patrick's Church in Traverse City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Covell Funeral Home, Traverse City.

Nancy Pierce Kasperzak

Died February 21, 2020

Jeannette Weese

Died March 1, 2020

TRAVERSE CITY — Jeannette Weese, 89, of Traverse City, went home to be with the lord on March 1, 2020 at the Grand Traverse Pavilions.



Jeannette was born on Oct. 24, 1930 in Keego Harbor, to the late David and Gladys (Arnold) Bess.

On May 16, 1951 Jeannette married Jasper Weese.

Jeannette was a member of Christ Church. She worked at Witmark for many years until it closed its doors, and then as a courier for Federal Armored. In her free time, Jeannette enjoyed playing euchre, sewing and playing Chinese checkers. She always had a puzzle going and loved her Bunko Club. In her younger years she also liked to dabble in ceramics.

Jeannette was preceded in death by her husband, Jasper; and her siblings, Peggy, Betty Farley, Mary Weitz, Phyllis Russell, Joanne Taft, David Bess and Kyle Bess.

Jeannette is survived by her children, Lynn Starner, of Bridgman, Larry (Pat Blair) Weese, of Traverse City, Sheila (Frank) Pickard, of Traverse City, Brian Weese, of Interlochen, Rick (Jen) Weese, of Bridgman; nine grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Jeannette's family and friends will celebrate her life at a later date. Interment will take place at Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Christ Church, 430 Fair Street, Traverse City, MI 49686; or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Please visit www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to share your memories and condolences with the family.

The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

John T. 'Jack' Kurzava

MONTEREY — John Trainor "Jack" Kurzava, 89, residing in Monterey, California, and formerly of Pacific Grove, California, and Traverse City, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019.



Jack was born June 16, 1930 in Detroit, the second of three sons born to Francis Stephen and Helen (Trainor) Kurzava. He was raised in Ferndale. Jack enjoyed the outdoors, camping and archery, and was a member of Boy Scouts of America, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from University of Detroit Jesuit High School in 1947, and from University of Detroit in 1953.

On May 1, 1954 he married Doris Ann Baumgart, and they raised three sons in Waterford. Family summer vacations were spent on the road with the tent

camper to visit sights and natural wonders in 30 states.

Jack spent most of his career at General Motors Acceptance Corporation, in various positions around southeastern Michigan, including manager of the Southfield

office. In retirement Jack and Doris continued to play bridge and enjoyed boating and travelling throughout Europe, Russia and Alaska. Jack also enjoyed playing golf with friends. The summer months were spent at their home on Higgins Lake and eventually in Traverse City. They spent the winter months in North Port, Florida.

In 2016 he moved from Michigan to Pacific Grove to be close to family members and joined the Canterbury Woods Retirement Community, where he made many friends.

Clayton R. Moers

Died March 2, 2020



CEDAR — Clayton Robert Moers, of Cedar, passed away at his home with his wife at his side on March 2, 2020. He was 88 years old.



came an active member of the VFW, American Legion and AMVETS.

Clayton was born on Aug. 30, 1931 and was raised by his parents, William and Hattie Moers, in Wayne. Clayton married Jo Ann Hersh in 1951, and they would spend the next 68 years together. By 1952, he was a soldier in the U.S. Army, fighting in Korea with the 180th Infantry Regiment. Before being released from active duty, Private Moers was promoted, received a Korean Service Medal with two battle stars, a Bronze Star Medal and earned a combat infantryman's badge.

Clayton spent the next 30 years working with Wayne County as an inspector. He and Jo Ann raised three children, Garry, Terry and Kerry. He be-

years, Clayton enjoyed watching sports and spending time with his grandchildren, Nicolas, Jessica Jo, Sarah, Carrie, Hannah, Clayton Eli; and great-granddaughter, Piper.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Carrie, and his brothers and sisters.

A memorial service celebrating Clayton's life will be held in the spring at a date to be announced. Please check the Covell Funeral Home website for updates.

Memorial contributions may be made in Clayton's honor to the Cedar Fire Department and Hospice of Michigan.

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OUR VIEW

State's incarceration problem begins with data

We can't expect policymakers to fix a problem they can't quantify.

But we also shouldn't continue to tolerate those who would lean on a lack of information to justify inaction.

For years, Traverse City Record-Eagle reporters navigated a relative dearth of data while trying to provide context to communities about what's happening inside their local jails. If a jail administrator complains of overcrowding,

there are no publicly available statistics to show whether the facility's woes are an anomaly or a statewide problem. If a corrections officer cites understaffing as a safety issue, there is no way to verify the problem with data. And if an inmate dies by suicide in a county jail, there is no way to know whether there is a problem with safety in a single facility or a systemic issue with how we treat people struggling with mental illness.

The absence of data or inconsistent information collection has been a refrain from both state and local officials as they discuss problems inside Michigan's local jails. Each county seems to employ its own system for booking and tracking inmates, and there is no statutory requirement that local authorities report to any state authority.

There isn't so much as a requirement local jail operators report in-custody deaths to any state or federal agency.

Yet, experts and officials we spoke with during the past few years all seem to know local jails have become de-facto treatment centers for people struggling with mental illness. They also struggle with a serious suicide problem, one many who work in the system acknowledge, but few discuss publicly.

Faced with that data void, more than a year ago, the Record-Eagle began an effort to do what state overseers haven't. We decided to collect records and data on who lives and who dies in Michigan's jails.

The collection wasn't easy, but it also wasn't impossible.

In fact, it would've been much easier with the authority our state government could muster.

Today, in an effort to provide information others haven't, we made public the records we collected during a county-by-county search. Information contained in many of the documents is difficult to read, but we believe the information they contain is integral to our effort to explain the struggles inmates, corrections officers, mental health professionals and jail administrators face every day.

We also believe the data we derive from those records is an important ingredient to contribute toward the ongoing discussions about how to fix our state's problems with its local jails.

After all, it's easy to blame inaction on a lack of information.

The issue

■ Policymakers point to a lack of data that makes improving local jails difficult

Our view

■ Getting the numbers is difficult, but not impossible. We know, because we did it

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"THAT'S ODD: MY FACEBOOK FRIENDS WHO WERE CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARS JUST A MONTH AGO ARE NOW INFECTIOUS DISEASE EXPERTS..."

YOUR VIEWS

Clergy under stress

Thanks for your article about "Clergy Stress" of Sunday, Feb. 23. You touched some important issues in our contemporary world that effect clergy — less respect for clergy, high expectations from parishioners and the clergy sex abuse scandal — all of which are true.

But in the midst of it all, most clergy I know still feel privileged to serve and excited about their ministry. I have followed young adults who are responding to the call, entering seminary and moving forward with hope for the future. Yes, it is stressful, but most of us still love what we are doing. I am retired now, but if I had it to do all over again, even facing the stresses of the day, I would.

Rev. John E. Harnish
Honor

Election meddling

Few Americans think lying is acceptable, though most admit they do lie occasionally. That's normal. But Donald Trump's lying

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is habitual and constant; fact checkers say he's made more than 16,000 false or misleading statements since assuming office. And that certainly isn't normal.

Emboldened by a compliant Senate and GOP, Trump has accelerated his authoritarian posturing, which may explain why his base tolerates his lies. Rejecting the Christian conviction that bearing false witness is a sin, they accept whatever their leader says, treating even his most obvious lies as fact.

Trump's insistence that Russian meddling in the 2020 election is a "Democratic Hoax" is

perhaps his most dangerous and consequential lie. Proficient, nonpartisan intelligence sources have confirmed that Russia meddled in the 2016 election and continues to meddle in our elections today. Creating distrust in the government and dividing Americans against themselves is a time-tested Russian strategy, and it's being used successfully in this country today.

I ask my fellow citizens to do what they can to strengthen democracy in America. Check your partisanship. Dig for facts. Own your social media behavior. And most of all refuse to be complacent. Remember, apathy is

the biggest threat to the United States.

Brenda Rusch
Traverse City

No to cruise ships

Thank you to Mayor Carruthers and others for pausing to consider the effects of cruise ships coming into the bay on the area's infrastructure and the people who live in this area. There is no doubt that the number of people on a cruise ship will add stress to an environment already stressed with tourists all summer. Cruise ships can cause a great deal of pollution, and other communities who have already experienced cruise ships are struggling to figure out what to do about it.

Development should not come at the expense of preserving our beautiful area and allowing people who live here, work here, pay taxes here, shop here, attend school here and support the parks and conservancies that tourists enjoy an opportunity to continue to enjoy it for years to come.

Dawn Chalker
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Transactions, not impending tragedies

WASHINGTON — “Enlightened statesmen,” wrote James Madison, “will not always be at the helm.” His genius extended to understatement, and until Tuesday it was approaching probable that by midnight of November’s first Tuesday, sensible Americans would be elated and distraught — elated because someone grotesquely unsuited to the presidency would have been denied that office, but distraught because such a person had won it.

Together, Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump would constitute the most repulsive presidential choice in U.S. history. The Democratic Party, however, is not the world’s oldest party because it fecklessly allows its presidential nomination to be grasped by someone who — let us plainly state the most important fact about Sanders — dislikes this nation.

Joe Biden has little to say that is remarkable and he says it in a remarkably meandering manner, but grant his request: Don’t compare him with the Almighty, compare him with the alternative. Florid Bernie Sanders, with his relentless, arm-waving, high-decibel depiction of America’s history and present as a sordid story of injustices, resembles the woman in the Anthony Trollope novel who scolded “frightfully, loudly, scornfully, and worse than all, continually.” Having called this country a “hellhole,” Donald Trump’s first presidential words lamented “American



GEORGE WILL

Syndicated columnist

lionaire would not come close to paying for his Tinkertoy approach to government: Pull apart and reassemble entire sectors of society (e.g., health care’s one-sixth of the economy). Gulliver in his travels met someone like Sanders working on “a project for extracting sunbeams out of cucumbers.” If Sanders is not nominated, his seething core supporters, for whom indignation is as delicious as bacon (or the vegan equivalent), will not use their indoor voices or play nicely with a nominee who won fewer delegates than Sanders won before the convention. Sanders, who is nonjudgmental about Cuba’s “different value system,” has said — stay tuned — it is a high moral imperative that the convention jettison the rule that the nominee must have a majority, not a plurality, of delegates. A second convention ballot would create a second convention by infusing 771 superdelegates — elected officials and other party leaders — into the process. Excluding them from this year’s first ballot advanced the century-old progressive goal of reducing conventions to ratifying rather than deliberative bodies.

The convention will act on something made obvious by Sanders’ most telling shellackings Tuesday, in the swing states Virginia and North Carolina: With Sanders atop every ticket, down-ballot carnage probably would engulf many state legislature candidates in this census year — before 2022, some state legislatures will redraw

Michelangelo could see a statue in a stone. Sanders and Trump, those temperamental twins, see failure in a republic that multitudes risk death to reach. Whether Biden or Trump is inaugurated next Jan. 20 depends on whether or not Democratic primary voters complete the task of using warm patriotism and cold arithmetic to extinguish Sanders’ fantasies.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, who noted Theodore Roosevelt’s “strenuous vagueness,” would have marveled at Sanders’ pixie-dust calculations. Trump’s congressional accomplices will solemnly lecture that Sanders portends fiscal recklessness, but a nation snoozing through trillion-dollar deficits might shrug about Sanders’ indifference to multi-trillion-dollar details about his agenda. “Yeah, but I won’t be here,” was Trump’s response when someone possessing the patience of Job explained to him the unsustainable trajectory of entitlement programs. Sanders’ response probably would be similarly breezy were he informed that *confiscating* every dime of every bil-

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congressional districts — which would enable Republican-controlled legislatures to disadvantage Democratic congressional candidates for a decade.

After Tom Steyer spent about \$400 for each of his 61,048 South Carolina votes, Michael Bloomberg’s approximately \$500 million bought this pearl beyond price: the affection of American Samoa.

These redundant refutations of the theory that money can make vanity candidacies viable should calm those campaign “reformers” whose superstition is that the power of political money is such that government should regulate it (and by doing so stipulate the permissible quantity of political speech it can finance).

Sanders’ prodigious fundraising can keep him campaigning but cannot fend off the failure that certainly awaits him now that Bloomberg, by his withdrawal, has underscored Democrats’ determination to let *nothing* interfere with defeating Trump. So, the country soon can turn to considering this:

Biden has twice experienced an agony that has become relatively rare but until recently in the human story was commonplace, that of a parent burying a child. This might be related to his approach to politics as an arena of transactions, not of ever-impending tragedies. Such emotional maturity is a prerequisite for restoring national equilibrium.

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Roll Call Report

Senate Bill 716, Require legislative authorization for road repair borrowing: Passed 22 to 16 in the Senate. To prohibit a state transportation commission from borrowing more than \$100 million in any fiscal year without first giving the legislature at least 30 days’ notice. The bill would empower the legislature to halt the borrowing with a majority vote in the House and Senate. If this bill were passed and signed by the Governor (unlikely), it would likely lead to suspension of \$3.5 billion in road repair debt that Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordered the commission to approve, which it did on Jan. 30, 2020.

Related, the Senate also passed on a voice-vote a non-binding resolution declaring that it would not vote to appropriate money to pay the increased debt service on that new road borrowing. The resolution has no effect, but a future vote to deny appropriations to repay already-borrowed money could potentially trigger a state government showdown and fiscal crisis.

35	Sen. Curt VanderWall	R - Ludington	Y
36	Sen. Jim Stamas	R - Midland	Y
37	Sen. Wayne Schmidt	R - Traverse City	Y

House Bill 5053, Authorize “clawbacks” to enforce state vendor contracts: Passed 106 to 0 in the House. To authorize “clawbacks” (repayments) from state vendors who breach their contract with the state, and require agencies to use this method to enforce contracts.

101	Rep. Jack O’Malley	R - Lake Ann	Y
102	Rep. Michele Hoytenga	R - Manton	Y
103	Rep. Daire Rendon	R - Lake City	Y
104	Rep. Larry Inman	R - Grand Traverse Co.	Y
105	Rep. Triston Cole	R - Antrim County	Y
106	Rep. Sue Allor	R - Wolverine	Y
107	Rep. Lee Chatfield	R - Levering	Y

House Bill 5333, Revise allowable use of money in state forest development fund: Passed 106 to 0 in the House. To revise the allowable uses of money collected in a state forest development fund. The bill would explicitly prohibit this money from being used to cover administrative expenses at the state Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, or to make “payments in lieu of taxes” to local governments with large amounts of (tax exempt) state property in their jurisdiction. It would allow this money to be used for forest management expenses including those related to state timber sales.

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105	Rep. Triston Cole	R - Antrim County	Y
106	Rep. Sue Allor	R - Wolverine	Y
107	Rep. Lee Chatfield	R - Levering	Y

House Bill 5479, Ban government gun “buybacks”: Passed 58 to 49 in the House. To prohibit local governments from using any public resources for firearm purchase (“buyback”) programs. Governments could only buy guns from licensed dealers for law enforcement purposes.

101	Rep. Jack O’Malley	R - Lake Ann	Y
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O B I T U A R I E S

Helen Myers

Died March 1, 2020



TRAVERSE CITY — Helen Kliewer Wiens Myers, 92, of Hendersonville, Tennessee, and Traverse City, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 1, 2020. She was lovingly known as "Oma" to many people.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Julius Kliewer, of Germany, and Maria Klassen Kliewer, of Buenos Aires; husbands, Peter Wiens and Bill Myers, of Michigan; sister, Wanda Dyck, of Buenos Aires; son-in-law, Ken Westbrook, of Michigan.

She is survived by her daughter, Julie Westbrook, of Davisburg; son, Peter (Melinda) Wiens, of Hendersonville; grandchildren, Sean Westbrook and Ryan Westbrook, Jake (Amanda McDowell) Wiens, Eric (Callie) Wiens; two great-grandchildren, Isla and Mac.

Helen was born in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, on June 20, 1927 in a German Mennonite community. She received her education in the Ukraine, speaking both Russian and German languages. In 1943 during WWII she fled with her family to Poland to escape the advancing Russian front.

When Poland was invaded by the Russians in 1944 they fled to Dresden and Munich, Germany. She lived and worked with her family as farm help and in refugee camps as they

pushed westward to stay ahead of the encroaching Russian front until 1947.

With the help of the Mennonite Central Committee, her father was central in arranging passage for 2,000 Mennonite refugees to settle land in central Paraguay to start new Mennonite colonies.

She met Peter Wiens on the ship Volendam during their month-long passage to Paraguay. They would marry, and Julie and Pete would be born in Asuncion, Paraguay.

In 1958 the family left Asuncion and emigrated to Suttons Bay with the help of her cousin, Frieda Putnam, and her American husband as sponsors.

She lived, worked and raised her family in Traverse City, and married Bill Myers in 1967.

In 1999, she moved to Hendersonville, Tennessee, to be near family.

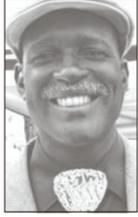
The family would like to thank the staff of White House Health Care for the love and care shown to their "Oma."

Visitation will be Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with a memorial service at 11:30 a.m., at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, Old Hickory, Tennessee Chapel; www.phillipsrobinson.com.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. www.bcrf.org.

Hurbert L. Whittaker

Died February 21, 2020



CHARLEVOIX — Hurbert Lee Whittaker, 55 of Charlevoix, passed away unexpectedly Feb. 21, 2020 in Arizona. Hurbert was born Aug. 23, 1964 in Cambridge, Maryland, to Herbert Whittaker and Mary Thompson (Whittaker) Collins.

Growing up, Hurbert learned early on the importance of hard work, working alongside his parents who were migrant workers, traveling the country mostly between Florida and Michigan. He attended Mt. Dora High School in Mt. Dora, Florida. For many years he was also a CENA in Northport and Traverse City. On Oct. 8, 1990 he married the former Kim Leighton of Northport.

Hurbert was a man of deep faith and was a member of Family of Faith Church in Charlevoix, and formerly Leelanau Community Church. He and his wife, Kim, traveled to fairs and craft shows throughout northern Michigan and Quartzsite, Arizona, with their rock and mineral business; "No Stone Unturned." He had a love for rocks and minerals, especially the petoskey stone, but his true passion was for people. He never met a

stranger; he was an encourager, motivator and had a smile that would light up a room.

He is survived by his wife, Kim; children, Elijah Terrel, Lynelle, Hubert, Marcus, Galen, AJ, Felicia Whittaker and Elijah Shomin. Also surviving is his mother, Mary Collins; siblings, Rose, Herbert, Daron Whittaker, and Yolanda, Crystal and Marshall Collins; and extended family member, Charmaine Geeter. To his many grandchildren, he was fondly known as "Papa Rock!"

He was preceded in death by fathers, Herbert Whittaker and Marshall Collins; sister, Felicia Whittaker; and daughter, Jessica Brinkley.

Funeral services will be held at noon Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City. Visitation will be held at the church beginning at 11 a.m. A spring burial will be held at the Leelanau Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Covell Funeral Home of Traverse City.

DEATHS

NORA LEE (WILSON) JANSSEN, of Traverse City, died Thursday, March 5, 2020.

She was the mother of Ronda Janssen and Robert (Barb) Janssen.

An informal gathering and light food reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Life Story Funeral Home with a funeral service at 4 p.m.

Please visit www.lifestorytc.com to share your thoughts and more.

The family chose Life Story Funeral Home.

BEVERLY ANN MADSEN, 77, of Williamsburg, died March 2, 2020. She is the wife of Hugo Madsen.

Beverly retired from the State of Michigan.

Private services will be held. Please visit www.lifestorytc.com to share your thoughts and more.

The family chose Life Story Funeral Home.

For more obituaries, please see Page 7A.

FESTIVAL

Austin officials cancel South by Southwest

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The organizers of South By Southwest — which draws hundreds of thousands of visitors and some of Hollywood and music's biggest stars — announced Friday they had cancelled the annual arts and technology festival, saying they're "devastated" but recognize it is necessary to prevent a serious threat of contagion.

Mayor Steve Adler announced a local disaster Friday afternoon as a precaution because of the rapidly spreading new coronavirus, effectively cancelling the annual event that had been scheduled for March 13-22. Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhardt, the county's top elected official, signed a companion disaster declaration for the county surrounding Austin. The order banned festival gatherings that would attract people from areas where COVID-19 has been found.

No one in the Austin area has been found to have the virus, Eckhardt said. However, South by Southwest was expected to have drawn an international audience into close quarters, posing a serious threat of the disease spreading.

Festival organizers noted that Austin Public Health had stated as recently as Wednesday that "there's no evidence that closing SXSW or any other gatherings will make the community safer," but that the situation evolved rapidly and they respect officials' decision.

"We are devastated to share this news with you," the organizers said in their statement. "The

show must go on' is in our DNA, and this is the first time in 34 years that the March event will not take place. We are working through the ramifications of this unprecedented situation."

South By Southwest started in 1987 as a small showcase for up-and-coming bands that turned into an international extravaganza, which now includes movie premieres and performances from major artists.

The COVID-19 threat is growing rapidly nationally, said Dr. Mark Escott, interim medical director and health authority for Austin Public Health.

"That threat is growing locally because of what's happening in the rest of the United States and across the world," Escott said.

The U.S. death toll from the coronavirus has climbed to 14, with all but one victim in Washington state, while the number of infections swelled to over 200 scattered across at least 18 states, including at least eight cases in the Houston area.

The announcement comes days after several high-profile companies, including Netflix, tech news outlet Mashable, video-based social media platform TikTok and U.S. chip maker Intel, pulled out of the festival.

More than 50,000 people had signed a petition seeking to get the festival cancelled.

Actor Kumail Nanjiani, who had been scheduled to attend the festival to promote "The Lovebirds," said on Twitter that he was disappointed but that he understood.

Douglas Mark Fadely

Died February 29, 2020

ALDEN -- Douglas Mark Fadely, 60, a 46-year resident of Alden, went to be with his Lord at his parents' home in Glenwood, Georgia, on Feb. 29, 2020. Doug was born on June 19, 1959 in Sandusky, Ohio, and was a graduate of Mancelona High School.

Doug bravely fought a brain tumor for 43 months after diagnosis. He was a plumber in the Alden area during his last 25 years.

He is survived by his parents, Jan and Avis Fadely; his sister,

Jean Fadely Hamelin and her husband, Mike, of Holt; his brothers, Richard, of Cocoa, Florida, and Ben, of Glenwood; brother-in-law, Chuck Nelson, of Suttons Bay; numerous cousins and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Lynn Fadely Nelson; his grandparents; and his uncle, Tony Fadely.

Doug was a generous, kind and caring man, who will be forever missed by his family and friends.

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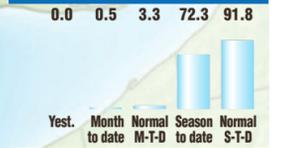
TODAY	
	54 Partly sunny and mild
TONIGHT	
	45 Mostly cloudy
MONDAY	
	52 30 Cloudy and windy; a little afternoon rain
TUESDAY	
	37 26 Low clouds may break; colder
WEDNESDAY	
	41 30 Some morning snow; cloudy
THURSDAY	
	46 32 Breezy in the morning; mostly cloudy

SKI FORECAST

Ski Area	New Snow	Base	Trails Open
Big Powderhorn	3"	30-60"	44
Blackjack Ski	3"	36-36"	26
Boyer Highlands	0"	52-52"	53
Boyer Mountain	0"	42-42"	60
Caberfae Peaks	0"	48-48"	33
Crystal Mountain	0"	38-46"	58
Indianhead Mtn	3"	36-36"	30
Marquette Mtn	0"	18-18"	25
Mont Ripley	0"	48-48"	21
Mount Bohemia	6"	40-40"	105
Mount Holiday	0"	12-12"	6
Norway Mtn	0"	0-0"	0
Nubs Nob Ski	0"	54-54"	53
Pine Mountain	0"	10-120"	34
Shanty Creek	0"	48-48"	42
Ski Brule	0"	48-56"	17
The Homestead	1"	24-45"	13

Source: onthesnow.com

SNOWFALL



ICE FISHING

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Traverse City through 4 p.m. yest.

TEMPERATURE	
High/low	48/16
Normal high/low	36/19
Record high	73 in 2000
Record low	-12 in 1913
PRECIPITATION	
24 hrs through 4 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	0.04"
Normal month to date	0.41"
Year to date	1.67"
Normal year to date	4.78"

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Adrian	57/43/s	58/47/r	Flint	59/45/s	61/46/r	Livonia	58/45/s	60/49/r	Pontiac	57/43/s	58/47/r
Ann Arbor	58/42/s	60/46/r	Grand Rapids	58/45/s	55/40/r	Manistee	51/41/pc	49/28/r	Saginaw	57/42/s	57/40/r
Bay City	57/43/s	56/40/r	Kalamazoo	59/46/s	57/42/r	Midland	57/43/s	56/39/r	Sturgis	59/45/s	57/43/r
Detroit	58/45/s	60/49/r	Lansing	58/44/s	58/43/r	Muskegon	50/43/s	49/33/r	Warren	58/45/s	60/49/r

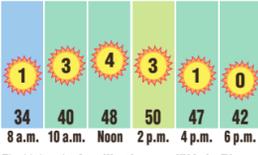
NATIONAL WEATHER

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	59/37/t	62/40/s	Phoenix	73/54/c	77/58/pc	St. Louis	67/52/s	60/43/r	Seattle	48/32/pc	50/32/pc
Anchorage	28/22/sn	29/9/pc	Pittsburgh	60/43/s	67/49/pc	Salt Lake City	54/42/sh	60/39/c	Washington, DC	62/45/s	71/55/s
Atlanta	62/42/s	65/55/pc	Portland, ME	50/33/pc	55/37/c	San Antonio	72/62/c	74/62/c	W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.		
Baltimore	62/40/s	71/52/s	Portland, OR	52/30/pc	55/30/pc	San Diego	66/54/pc	70/62/c			
Billings	46/29/c	49/31/c	Sacramento	61/46/c	62/46/c	San Francisco	61/49/c	66/52/r			
Birmingham	64/46/s	68/56/c									
Bismarck	40/20/c	37/22/pc									
Boise	56/38/c	52/32/sf									
Boston	53/42/s	66/49/pc									
Charlotte	62/37/s	67/52/pc									
Cheyenne	56/30/pc	53/32/pc									
Chicago	65/50/s	56/40/r									
Cincinnati	62/44/s	63/53/r									
Cleveland	59/46/s	62/50/c									
Dallas	67/59/c	76/55/r									
Dayton	62/46/s	62/52/r									
Denver	63/36/pc	60/34/pc									
El Paso	60/46/t	67/47/s									
Fairbanks	18/0/c	10/-8/c									
Fargo	39/12/c	23/8/pc									
Flagstaff	45/25/sh	51/29/pc									
Honolulu	80/67/s	79/67/pc									
Houston	71/61/c	77/62/sh									
Indianapolis	60/47/s	58/50/r									
Kansas City	68/52/s	60/35/r									
Las Vegas	68/49/s	70/54/c									
Little Rock	68/54/s	63/58/r									
Los Angeles	66/53/pc	73/58/c									
Louisville	65/47/s	64/55/r									
Madison	58/46/s	52/31/r									
Memphis	66/53/s	64/59/r									
Miami	74/67/pc	77/69/pc									
Milwaukee	60/47/s	53/35/r									
Minneapolis	61/35/pc	42/26/pc									
New Orleans	71/61/s	76/65/c									
New York City	58/44/s	67/51/s									
Oklahoma City	61/56/sh	72/42/pc									
Omaha	71/42/s	47/28/r									
Orlando	73/58/pc	77/60/pc									
Philadelphia	59/41/s	70/49/s									

WORLD WEATHER

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	52/43/sh	49/44/sh
Athens	67/54/sh	57/51/r
Baghdad	79/53/pc	83/53/pc
Bangkok	99/79/pc	101/79/pc
Beijing	52/43/c	54/29/r
Berlin	51/41/c	50/38/sh
Bogota	70/48/pc	70/48/c
Budapest	52/29/pc	53/34/pc
Buenos Aires	87/72/pc	79/66/pc
Cairo	80/61/pc	88/55/pc
Calgary	22/10/pc	34/14/pc
Caracas	85/73/pc	84/75/pc
Colombo	89/78/pc	90/78/s
Dublin	50/40/sh	52/50/r
Geneva	55/39/c	48/34/sh
Havana	77/62/pc	81/63/s
Hong Kong	76/69/pc	76/66/c
Jakarta	88/77/sh	88/77/t
Jerusalem	68/54/pc	72/51/c
Johannesburg	79/55/pc	82/56/s
Kabul	53/30/pc	52/34/c
Kingston	84/74/sh	84/74/pc
Lagos	91/79/t	92/82/t
London	54/41/sh	53/48/sh
Madrid	65/40/pc	63/39/pc
Manila	93/77/s	93/77/s
Mexico City	78/50/s	80/53/pc
Montevideo	89/68/pc	78/64/pc
Montreal	40/33/c	41/34/pc
Moscow	49/34/sh	48/37/r
Nairobi	80/61/pc	81/63/c
New Delhi	77/54/c	78/55/pc
Panama City	91/72/pc	91/73/pc
Paris	53/42/r	53/45/pc
Rio de Janeiro	82/71/s	83/71/pc
Riyadh	79/55/pc	77/52/pc
Rome	61/38/s	57/41/c
San Jose	85/68/pc	85/67/sh
Santiago	89/58/s	92/58/pc
Singapore	89/78/c	90/78/c
Sydney	72/65/pc	71/64/pc
Tehran	62/43/pc	59/40/pc
Tokyo	54/49/c	63/55/pc
Toronto	51/40/pc	57/47/r
Vienna	50/32/pc	51/40/sh
Warsaw	44/31/pc	48/35/pc

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Special to the Record-Eagle/Jason Schmitt
Gaylord's John Sosa (top) wrestles Greenville's Caden Peterman in the first round of individual wrestling state finals on Friday at Ford Field in Detroit.

Sosa, LaJoie fall in finals

Central's trio places seventh

BY ANDREW ROSENTHAL
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DETROIT — Gaylord's John Henry Sosa and Chayse LaJoie fell in the individual state finals Saturday afternoon at Ford Field.

Each finish the season state runner-ups individually after leading a Blue Devil team to a state runner-up trophy at the Division 2 team finals last Saturday.

Sosa fell in a 9-5 decision to Andrew Hughes of Charlotte in the 125 bracket of Division II. LaJoie lost 4-3 to Austin Boone of Lowell.

Sosa was taken down twice in the first two periods, then another two times in the third. He scored his five points off escapes.

The score of LaJoie's match was tied at two points apiece after both scored on escapes at the end of the second period. LaJoie chose bottom at the second intermission and went up a point on an escape. Boone took down LaJoie with 1:32 in the period to take a one point lead and win.

Rico Brown fell to Dru Wilson of Warren Woods Tower by a 5-3 decision in the 5th place match, finishing 6th in the tournament at 130.

CENTRAL TRIO EARN ALL-STATE NODS

Traverse City Central's trio of state qualifiers each picked up wins in the seventh place match to medal.

Dutch Ballan, Damien Ballan and Remy Cotton each lost their first matches of the day in the third round of the consolation bracket. In the seventh place matches later in the day, each of the three then won.

Dutch Ballan (103) pinned Gauge Schadewald of New Baltimore Anchor Bay seven seconds after the start of the second period; Damien Ballan won by medical forfeit; Cotton won by a 7-4 decision over Ty Wyka of Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Damien Ballan finished with a 50-6 season. Freshmen Dutch Ballan (48-6) and Cotton (42-10) each crossed the 40-win line.

HALSTEAD FALLS IN THIRD PLACE MATCH

Grayling's Max Halstead picked up a win in the consolation semifinals, then fell in the 3rd place match at 152 to Cole Hanson of Gladstone.

Halstead finished fourth in the tournament with all-state honors.

Joe Armstrong and Zach Duncan each reached the seventh place match.

Armstrong majored Noah Harris of Richmond 13-5 to place 7th, Duncan fell to Kyle Andrews of Shepherd 8-5.

MANCELONA'S GROSSER PLACES 8TH

Isaiah Grosser fell in both of his matches Saturday and earned 8th place.

Grosser lost 3-2 to Andrew Quinn of Mason County Central, then 6-0 by Colin McCaffery of Manchester.

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 NASCAR hopes rules changes improve Phoenix drama
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BOWLING

Postseason sweep

Haldaman sweeps postseason for Division 4 singles title

BY ANDREW ROSENTHAL
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LANSING — TC Christian junior Hunter Haldaman has

swept the postseason. Haldaman followed conference and regional titles up with a state championship at the Division 4 individual bowling State Finals at Royal Scot in Lansing.

"I was just trying to get as high as I could in our conference and just kind of see what I could do at the end of the season," Haldaman said. Haldaman placed second

overall in the morning session with a series of 1216 and qualified for bracket play. He defeated Muskegon Western Michigan Christian's senior Gabe Gauthier 412-325 in the first round.

In the elite eight, however, Haldaman found himself in a tough matchup Jake Schultz from Grass Lake.

"I had beat him my first game by 24 pins," Haldaman said.

"He had me by a good amount (by the 10th frame of the second)."

Haldaman needed two strikes in the 10th frame to have a chance at winning. By the time the ball returned the second time, Haldaman had the match won, but he still ended up striking all three rolls to seal the win by eight pins, 409-401.

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ONE GAME SHORT



Record-Eagle/Andrew Rosenthal

TC Central sophomore James Bradfield plays the puck at center ice during a state quarterfinal game against Marquette on Saturday afternoon in Gaylord.

Second period haunts TC Central in state quarterfinal loss

BY ANDREW ROSENTHAL
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Gaylord — Silence loomed in the air behind the Traverse City Central bench as the Trojans made their way out of the locker room.

A four goal second period was enough to lead Marquette over TC Central 5-2 Saturday afternoon at the Otsego County Sportsplex. The Trojans finish their season 22-4-2 with a BNC crown, avenging an first round loss to Petoskey in 2019 with a

regional title and a Division 1 state quarterfinal appearance.

"It doesn't really set in until you lose," TCC senior Charlie Douglass said. "It hurt pretty bad looking around. It's a small group, our seniors, but we're pretty tight."

"It's just tough coming all this way, and one and done. One loss and you're gone. One more win, we're down Plymouth, but it just doesn't work out that way."

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PREP HOCKEY

Gaylord mercied in state quarterfinal loss vs. Calumet

BY JOHN VRANCIC
 Special to the Record-Eagle

MARQUETTE — The Gaylord Blue Devils had an idea what they might be up against for Saturday's Division 3 state quarterfinal hockey game.

Perennial power Calumet quickly turned their fears into reality as they mercied the Blue Devils 11-1 in just two periods at Lakeview Arena.

The victory sends the Copper Kings (22-5-1) to the state semifinals at the USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth where they'll face Detroit Country Day (22-3) or Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett (16-12) Friday at 1:30 p.m.

Gaylord finished 14-13 after making its first quarterfinal appearance in 16 years.

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Gaylord senior Brad Kihn takes the puck up the ice during a game at Petoskey on Feb. 19.

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SOCCER

U.S. Soccer Federation, women's players at odds over equal pay

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. Soccer Federation says it has offered the women's national team equal pay to male counterparts for matches under USSF control but maintains the women want bonuses for tournaments such as the World Cup to match those of the men.

"Since extending this offer, we have made multiple attempts to meet with the WNT to discuss these new options," USSF President Carlos Corderio wrote Saturday night in a letter to federation friends and supporters. "So far, they have repeatedly declined our invitation to meet on the premise that our proposal does not include U.S. Soccer agreeing to make up the difference in future prize money awarded by FIFA for the Men's and Women's World Cups."

Players on the U.S. women's national team are seeking more than \$66 million in damages as part of their gender discrimination lawsuit against the

USSF, which is scheduled for a trial starting May 5 at U.S. District Court in Los Angeles.

"The USSF letter is riddled with falsehoods and issued on the eve of the SheBelieves game, which demonstrates that it is more important to USSF to diminish the women's team than it is to support them on the field," players spokeswoman Molly Levinson said in a statement. "USSF did not and has never offered equal pay to the women players."

FIFA awarded \$400 million in prize money for the 2018 men's World Cup, including \$38 million to champion France, and \$30 million for last year's Women's World Cup, including \$4 million to the U.S. after the Americans won their second straight title. FIFA has increased the total to \$440 million for the 2022 men's World Cup and FIFA President Gianni Infantino has proposed FIFA double the women's prize money to \$60 million for 2023.

SWEEP

Phillips, Ream fall in Sweet 16

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"I didn't even add it up in my head until afterwards," Haldaman. "I knew I could only lose by 24 or less. I was just kind of going in my head that 'this match isn't over.' I was like the 10th frame could change the game, thankfully it did."

In the final four, Haldaman beat Aaron Stephens from Breckinridge 427-391 to move into the Championship game. Hunter wasted no time, rolling a 216 in game one to take a 49 pin lead finished with a 404-373 win.

Haldaman, a junior, said he didn't expect his success Saturday. Perhaps his bigger surprise, however, came late Fri-

day at the dinner table.

Haldaman's brother, who attends Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, flew in to watch him bowl, revealing the surprise at an Old Chicago restaurant in Lansing.

"He came across the country to watch me bowl and that was awesome," Haldaman said. "He bowled at state two years ago and I was there then. That was awesome."

PHILLIPS, REAM SURVIVE QUALIFYING ROUND AND FALL IN SWEET 16

ALLEN PARK — Noelle Phillips of Traverse City Central and Andrea Ream of Traverse City West each moved into the Sweet 16 and fell in the opening round of the Division 1 individual state finals at Thunderbowl in Allen Park.

Phillips fell top Chyenne Washington of Lake Orion 459-417, Ream fell to 403-315 to Anna Bartz of Jenison.

GAYLORD

Gaylord merced in state quarterfinal

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"They're very disciplined and well coached," said Gaylord coach Jamie Voss. "They're not physical, but they have a lot of speed. It seemed like

everytime they shot, they scored. They set up some good opportunities."

It took the Copper Kings just 15 seconds to light the lamp as sophomore forward Riley Jackson scored on a breakaway.

Senior forward Peter Larson scored Calumet's second goal on a one-timer from beyond the right circle at 5:21

The Blue Devils answered just 29 seconds later, shaving their deficit in half when senior de-



Record-Eagle/Andrew Rosenthal

TC Central senior Christopher Usiondek takes the puck up the ice during a state quarterfinal against Marquette on Saturday afternoon.

TCC

Marquette nets three off power play in win

FROM PAGE 1B

The Redmen (24-4) return to the Division 1 frozen four for their second straight year.

"Last year, I think our team was satisfied just getting there, I think this team's a little different," Marquette coach Doug Garrow said after the win. "I think they want to make it further and they want to they want to prove U.P. teams are pretty good."

Grant Neuhardt made sure the first period would end in a stalemate.

Marquette tallied just seven shots as Central's commanded the puck in their own zone most of the period. The Trojans had no issues trying to set up a shot, tallying 14 without any scores.

"Got to that first intermission and sure thought that we're going to be in a

tight one right to the end," TC Central coach Chris Givens said.

Neuhardt, the sophomore goalkeeper made seven saves as the Trojans tallied 14 shots of their own. On one chance, all five Redmen crashed the net as Neuhardt saved it with his pad.

Jacob Peterson gave the puck some air for the Redmen, and Neuhardt didn't get to the other end of the crease in time. Peterson hit the top shelf to score 4:48 into the second period.

It was the start of a stretch where Marquette scored four goals in just over five minutes of game clock.

Owen Dawson went to the box for slashing and Marquette's Jacob Garrow scored the power play goal with 10:03 still on the second period clock. Gaetano Cammarata scored unassisted less than two minutes later. Ethan Phillips found the back of the net through the five hole a minute into the Trojans third penalty of the period, finding themselves in a four goal deficit.

"I thought we just took a couple dumb penalties," Douglass said. "They got in their heads a little bit after they scored the first one. Hockey's a game of momentum, and they took it from us pretty quick."

The Trojans took it back quickly. Nathan Webber took a pass off the following faceoff and scored 20 seconds after Phillips' goal.

Douglass put the Trojans within two 4:57 just after Marquette's Evan Kroll returned to the ice for a tripping call. Kroll raced toward Douglass to break up the shot, but it was too late.

Will Dawson had the assist on Douglass' goal.

"(After the fourth goal) I thought that's when we buckled down," Douglass said. "It's a shame it couldn't have come earlier because we could've really turned the game around."

Central continued to return to the penalty box not long after Douglass' goal.

Phillips scored his second with 6:59 to go in the game and Central couldn't get back on the board with

an empty net the final two minutes of play.

"I think if if we stay out of penalty trouble, maybe it's a different game down the stretch," Givens said. "I'm certainly proud of these guys and how they handled everything this year."

Central finished with 34 shots, Neuhardt with 26 saves.

"Today that certainly wasn't his fault," Givens said of Neuhardt play. "We didn't give him a lot of help and you can't keep putting the team like that in the power play with as talented as they are."

Marquette scored on three of its six power play opportunities.

Douglass, one of the Trojans three seniors along with Chris Usiondek and Nick Sommerfield, said he wouldn't forget the atmosphere from some of the biggest games he's played in.

Saturday's loss will be among them, he said.

"The atmosphere is always good no matter what," Douglass said. "I'll never forget the fans and just like the brotherhood of it all."

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PREP HOOPS

AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT RESULTS

DIVISION 1 at GEOGRAPHIC	
Monday, March 2	
TC West 51, Gaylord 47	Marquette 47, Petoskey 30
Wednesday, March 4	
TC Central 48, TC West 35	Marquette 56, Alpena 31
Friday, March 6	
Marquette 49, TC Central 35	Winner advances to regional at Mt. Pleasant
DIVISION 2 at BOYNE CITY	
Monday, March 2	
Kingsley 62, Cheboygan 32	Sault Ste. Marie 60, Grayling 9
Wednesday, March 4	
Kingsley 61, Kalkaska 22	Sault Ste. Marie 55, Boyne City 26
Friday, March 6	
Sault Ste. Marie 58, Kingsley 43	Winner advances to regional at Gaylord
DIVISION 2 at CADILLAC	
Monday, March 2	
Cadillac 43, Ludington 39	Big Rapids 48, Manistee 29
Wednesday, March 4	
Cadillac 48, Reed City 23	Big Rapids 57, Benzie Central 43
Friday, March 6	
Cadillac 35, Big Rapids 31	Winner advances to regional at Gaylord
DIVISION 3 at LAKE CITY	
Monday, March 2	
Manton 61, Houghton Lake 28	TC Central 48, TC West 35
Wednesday, March 4	
Manton 58, Roscommon 19	Lake City 37, McBain 24
Friday, March 6	
Manton 26, Lake City 17	Winner advances to regional at Grayling
DIVISION 3 at GLEN LAKE	
Monday, March 2	
Glen Lake 66, Elk Rapids 30	TC Central 48, TC West 35
Wednesday, March 4	
Glen Lake 62, Manclona 32	TC St. Francis 59, GT Academy 22
Friday, March 6	
Glen Lake 69, St. Francis 52	Winner advances to regional at Grayling
DIVISION 3 at CHARLEVOIX	
Monday, March 2	
Charlevoix 48, East Jordan 34	TC Central 48, TC West 35
Wednesday, March 4	
Charlevoix 62, Inland Lakes 21	Johannesburg-Lewiston 42, Harbor Springs 37
Friday, March 6	
Charlevoix 55, Joburg 31	Winner advances to regional at Sault Ste. Marie
DIVISION 4 at LELAND	
Monday, March 2	
Leland 55, Buckley 39	TC Central 48, TC West 35
Wednesday, March 4	
Lake Leelanau St. Mary 43, Leland 34	North Bay 43, Forest Area 42
Friday, March 6	
North Bay 45, Lake Leelanau St. Mary 37	Winner advances to regional at TC Central
DIVISION 4 at BOYNE FALLS	
Monday, March 2	
Gaylord St. Mary 77, Boyne Falls 7	Bellaire 48, Central Lake 36
Wednesday, March 4	
Gaylord St. Mary 56, Ellsworth 26	Bellaire 56, Alba 19
Friday, March 6	
Bellaire 44, St. Mary 22	Winner advances to regional at TC Central
DIVISION 4 at ONEKAMA	
Monday, March 2	
Onekama 60, Brethren 13	Frankfort 57, Manistee Catholic 33
Wednesday, March 4	
Onekama 66, Mesick 36	Frankfort 55, Bear Lake 13
Friday, March 6	
Onekama 44, Frankfort 37	Winner advances to regional at TC Central

SATURDAY'S GAMES

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

Cedarville 51, Hillman 37	Grass Lake 64, Vandercook Lake Jackson 27
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW THE MEN'S TOP 25 FARED

Rank	Team	Opponent	Result
1.	Kansas (29-3)	beat Texas Tech 64-62	Next: TBA.
2.	Gonzaga (29-2)	did not play	Next: WCC semifinals, Monday.
3.	Dayton (28-2)	vs. George Washington	Saturday.
4.	Baylor (26-4)	lost to West Virginia 76-64	Next: TBA.
5.	San Diego State (30-2)	lost to Utah State 59-56	Next: TBA.
6.	Kentucky (25-6)	beat Florida 71-70	Next: SCC Tournament, TBA.
7.	Florida State (26-5)	beat Boston College 80-52	Next: ACC Tournament, TBA.
8.	Seton Hall (21-9)	lost to No. 11 Creighton 77-60	Next: TBA.
9.	Maryland (23-7)	did not play	Next: vs. No. 25 Michigan, Sunday.
10.	Louisville (24-7)	lost to Virginia 57-54	Next: TBA.
11.	Creighton (21-9)	lost to No. 8 Seton Hall 77-60	Next: TBA.
12.	Duke (24-6)	vs. North Carolina	Saturday.
13.	Oregon (23-7)	vs. Stanford	Saturday.
14.	Villanova (24-7)	beat Georgetown 70-69	Next: TBA.
15.	BYU (24-7)	did not play	Next: WCC Semifinals, Monday, March 9.
16.	Michigan St. (21-9)	did not play	Next: vs. No. 19 Ohio State, Sunday.
17.	Auburn (25-6)	beat Tennessee 85-63	Next: TBA.
18.	Iowa (20-10)	did not play	Next: at Illinois, Sunday.
19.	Ohio State (21-9)	did not play	Next: vs. No. 16 Michigan State, Sunday.
20.	Penn State (21-10)	lost to Northwestern 80-69	Next: TBA.
21.	Houston (22-8)	did not play	Next: vs. Memphis, Sunday.
22.	Virginia (23-7)	beat No. 10 Louisville 57-54	Next: TBA.
23.	Illinois (20-9)	did not play	Next: vs. No. 18 Iowa, Sunday.
24.	Wisconsin (21-10)	beat Indiana 60-56	Next: TBA.
25.	Michigan (19-11)	did not play	Next: vs. No. 9 Maryland, Sunday.

WOMEN'S TOP 25 FARED

Rank	Team	Opponent	Result
1.	South Carolina (31-1)	beat No. 25 Arkansas 90-64	Next: TBA.
2.	Baylor (28-1)	did not play	Next: Iowa State, Sunday.
3.	Oregon (29-2)	vs. No. 13 Arizona	Saturday.
4.	Louisville (28-4)	lost to Florida State 62-60	Next: TBA.
5.	UCONN (27-3)	beat Temple 91-84	Next: TBA.
6.	Stanford (26-5)	vs. No. 20 Indiana	Saturday.
7.	Marquette (26-5)	vs. No. 8 UCLA	Saturday.
8.	UCLA (26-4)	vs. No. 7 Stanford	Saturday.
9.	Mississippi State (25-5)	vs. No. 16 Kentucky	Saturday.
10.	NC State (27-4)	beat Boston College 82-75	Next: TBA.
11.	Northwestern (26-4)	lost to Michigan 67-59	Next: TBA.
12.	Gonzaga (28-2)	did not play	Next: WCC semifinals, Monday.
13.	Arizona (24-6)	vs. No. 3 Oregon	Saturday.
14.	Oregon St. (23-9)	lost to No. 7 Stanford 68-57	Next: TBA.
15.	Texas A&M (22-8)	lost to No. 25 Arkansas 67-66	Next: TBA.
16.	Kentucky (22-7)	vs. No. 9 Mississippi State	Saturday.
17.	South Dakota (28-2)	beat Omaha 99-40	Next: TBA.
18.	DePaul (26-5)	beat Providence 97-59	Next: TBA.
19.	Iowa (23-7)	lost to Ohio State 67-66	Next: TBA.
20.	Indiana (24-7)	vs. No. 4 Maryland	Saturday.
21.	Princeton (26-1)	beat Cornell 69-50	Next: TBA.
22.	Florida State (24-7)	beat 4 Louisville 62-60	Next: TBA.
23.	Missouri State (26-4)	beat Loyola of Chicago 72-61	Next: TBA.
24.	Arizona State (20-11)	lost to California 71-67	Next: TBA.
25.	Arkansas (24-8)	lost to No. 1 South Carolina 90-64	Next: TBA.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Conference	All Games		
	W	L	Pct
Akron	14	4	.774
Bowling Green	12	6	.667
Buffalo	11	7	.611
Ball St.	11	7	.611
N. Illinois	11	7	.611
Kent St.	9	9	.500
Ohio	8	10	.444
Toledo	8	10	.444
Cent. Michigan	7	11	.389
E. Michigan	6	12	.333
W. Michigan	6	12	.333
Miami (Ohio)	5	13	.278

Friday's Games

Buffalo 88, Bowling Green 84	Akron 79, Kent St. 76
Cent. Michigan 85, W. Michigan 68	Ohio 67, Miami (Ohio) 65
Toledo 79, E. Michigan 57	Ball St. 75, N. Illinois 54

Big Ten Conference

Conference	All Games		
	W	L	Pct
Maryland	13	6	.684
Michigan St.	13	6	.684
Wisconsin	13	6	.684
Illinois	12	7	.632
Ohio St.	11	8	.579
Penn St.	11	8	.579
Iowa	11	8	.579
Michigan	10	9	.526
Rutgers	10	9	.526
Indiana	9	10	.474
Purdue	9	10	.474
Minnesota	7	12	.368
Northwestern	2	17	.105
Nebraska	2	17	.105

Sunday's Games

Michigan at Maryland, Noon	Nebraska at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Ohio St. at Michigan St., 4:30 p.m.	Iowa at Illinois, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

REGIONAL SCHEDULES

DIVISION 1 at MUSKEGON REETHS-PUFFER

Monday, Feb. 24	
Bay Reps & Grand Rapids West Catholic 2	Tuesday, Feb. 25
TC West 9, Grand Rapids Northview 1	Lowell 3, Grand Haven 0
Thursday, Feb. 27	
TC West 2, Lowell 1	Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 3, Bay Reps 2
Wednesday, March 4	
Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 3, TC West 1	DIVISION 2 at TC CENTRAL

DIVISION 2 at TC CENTRAL

Saturday, Feb. 29	
TC Central 7, Petoskey 2	Muskegon Mono Shores 14, Manistee 0
Wednesday, March 4	
TC Central 6, Muskegon Mono Shores 1	DIVISION 3 at ALPENA

DIVISION 3 at ALPENA

Wednesday, Feb. 26	
Alpena 4, Cheboygan 1	Saturday, Feb. 29
Sault Ste. Marie 7, Tawas 4	Gaylord 2, Alpena 0
Wednesday, March 4	
Gaylord 5, Sault Ste. Marie 0	DIVISION 3 at FLINT POWERS

DIVISION 3 at FLINT POWERS

Wednesday, Feb. 26	
Big Rapids 7, Cadillac 0	Freeland 5, Mount Pleasant 0
Saturday, Feb. 29	
Midland Dow 3, Big Rapids 1	Flint Powers 8, Freeland 1
Wednesday, March 4	
Midland Dow 2, Flint Powers 0	

STATE QUARTERFINALS

DIVISION 1 at Gaylord Saturday March 7

Marquette 5, TC Central 2	DIVISION 2 at Marquette Saturday March 7
Columet 11, Gaylord 1 (2)	

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	Atlantic Division			Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L			
Boston	68	43	13	102	222	169
Tampa Bay	67	42	20	5	89	235
Toronto	67	35	25	9	79	236
Florida	67	33	26	8	74	225
Montreal	69	31	29	9	71	209
Buffalo	67	29	30	8	66	191
Ottawa	68	24	32	12	60	185
Detroit	69	16	48	5	37	138

Metropolitan Division

Team	GP			W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L						
Washington	68	41	20	7	89	238	212		
Philadelphia	67	40	20	7	87	229	193		
Pittsburgh	67	39	22	6	84	217	188		
N.Y. Islanders	67	35	23	9	79	188	188		
Columbus	68	32	21	15	79	177	182		
Carolina	66	36	25	5	77	211	189		
N.Y. Rangers	67	36	27	4	76	224	211		
New Jersey	67	27	28	12	66	181	221		

Western Conference

Team	Central Division			Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L			
St. Louis	68	40	18	10	218	189
Colorado	67	40	19	8	229	183
Dallas	68	37	23	8	222	173
Nashville	68	34	26	8	211	215
Winnipeg	69	35	28	6	208	199
Minnesota	68	34	27	7	215	216
Chicago	68	31	29	8	206	214

Pacific Division

Team	GP			W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L						
Vegas	69	37	24	8	82	219	206		
Edmonton	68	36	24	8	80	217	209		
Calgary	69	36	26	7	79	207	210		
Vancouver	67	35	26	6	76	222	211		
Arizona	69	33	28	8	74	193	183		
Anaheim	68	28	32	8	64	176	214		
San Jose	67	29	34	4	62	176	215		
Los Angeles	68	27	35	6	60	172	209		

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Friday's Games

Detroit 2, Chicago 1	Calgary 3, Arizona 2
Anaheim 2, Toronto 1	Vancouver 6, Colorado 3

Saturday's Games

Washington 5, Pittsburgh 2	Carolina 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Nashville 1, Dallas 0	Los Angeles 7, Minnesota 3
Buffalo at Philadelphia, (n)	Montreal at Florida, (n)
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, (n)	Ottawa at San Jose, (n)
Tampa Bay at Boston, (n)	Columbus at Edmonton, (n)

Sunday's Games

Carolina at Pittsburgh, 1:30 p.m.	Tampa Bay at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Vegas at Calgary, 7 p.m.	St. Louis at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 9 p.m.	Colorado at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 10 p.m.	Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Montreal, 7 p.m.	Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7 p.m.	Carolina at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.	N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Ottawa at Anaheim, 10 p.m.	

AUTO RACING

NASCAR hopes changes improve drama

AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) — NASCAR's semifinal race in Phoenix last fall was a bit of a snooze. The racing wasn't very compelling because it was so hard to pass, and it was a big reason the sport decided to shake up its rules package for short tracks in an effort to get a little more excitement.

Phoenix Raceway will be the testing ground for those changes Sunday. Veteran driver Clint Bowyer said it was hard to tell much difference during early runs in the desert, though he wouldn't be surprised if things change in a big way when the race begins.

"Who knows?" Bowyer said. "Maybe there will be some more chaos."

A little more drama would be a welcome development at the mile Phoenix Raceway that also will host the championship-deciding race in November.

The rules package introduced last season was altered during the off-season when NASCAR made changes to the speci-



The Associated Press

Denny Hamlin celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Feb. 17.

fications for short tracks, including a significantly smaller rear spoiler for the cars. NASCAR said the changes mirror similar rules that were used during the 2017 and 2018 seasons. Phoenix is the first stop on the schedule affected by the changes and drivers are interested to see the changes that result.

Chase Elliott and his No.

9 Chevrolet have the pole position. He'll start alongside Kevin Harvick's Ford. Harvick has nine wins in Phoenix.

Daytona 500 winner Denny Hamlin — who qualified third in a Toyota — said drivers who tried the smaller spoiler in simulators said it's a big adjustment.

"I think the guys that run good or win this weekend

are either going to have a setup that they hit on that is really good or they acclimated quicker to this package back to where we were," Hamlin said.

Hamlin is trying to win his second straight race in Phoenix. His win last year race vaulted him into the championship round in Homestead, though the title was won by Kyle Busch.

Hamlin is one of the best current drivers to not win a Cup series championship even though he was close in 2010, 2014 and last season. He's off to a good start once again after his Daytona win and a sixth-place finish last week in Fontana.

But the 39-year-old said he's more worried about consistency than championships. Last week, Hamlin compared a good NASCAR season to a college basketball program that consistently makes Final Four.

"I think that the championship is an easy goal that anyone just throws out — win a championship — but that comes down to one race," Hamlin said. "If you can win a significant amount of races, it shows a bigger picture of your full year."

Part of earning consistent success this year will be mastering Sunday's new rules package, which affects nine of the schedule's 24 tracks. Bowyer said the changes will be hard to simulate until everyone's on the track fight-

ing for the same position. "When we line them up and fan out on restarts, you're going to see a different thing," Bowyer said. "You're not just going to be able to drive that thing in there three-or four-wide comfortably like we could with all that downforce."

BOWMAN'S ENCORE

Alex Bowman is coming off his second Cup Series win last week after holding off Kurt and Kyle Busch in Fontana.

It was a big win for the 27-year-old, who hasn't had a ton of success in 156 career starts and is in the last year of his contract with Hendrick Motorsports. The Arizona native would love to keep the momentum close to home and things are certainly trending in the right direction.

Bowman wasn't sure if the win would help expedite contract negotiations for 2021 and beyond.

"I hope so," Bowman said. "Hopefully we'll get on that soon and not have to worry about it anymore."

GOLF

Hatton, Kang share lead on tough day at Bay Hill

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tyrrell Hatton lost his swing on his back nine without losing his head, a small victory. He battled through a tough test at Bay Hill on Friday and was only surprised by what he saw when he finished.

His tidy short game was strong enough to carry him into a share of the lead with Sung Kang going into the weekend at the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

"I just didn't have a clue where it was going," Hatton said after a 3-under 69 in a wind that came out of the opposite direction. "Just happy to get in the clubhouse with no damage done, really."

Kang birdied four of his last seven holes for a 68.

Rory McIlroy made a mess of No. 8 and felt he made Bay Hill harder than it was — and it was plenty difficult — for a 73 that still left him within two shots of the lead.

Matt Every thought it was awesome that his 65 in the opening round was 20 shots better than his previous round on the PGA Tour. Not so awesome was being 18 shots higher the next day, an 83 that allowed him to join the wrong list in PGA Tour annals by going from the 18-hole lead to the weekend off.

He missed the cut by one shot.

"I really didn't see this coming, to be honest," said Every, who is rarely anything but honest. "But it happens. It kind of happens to me quite a bit."

His last three rounds on the PGA Tour dating to a week ago at the Honda Classic: 85-65-83. He was he first player since Camilo Villegas in the 2013 Honda Classic to go from the first-round lead to a missed cut.

Talor Gooch fared a little better. He followed a 67 with an 80 and made the cut on the number.

Phil Mickelson, who opened with a 77, drilled a 5-iron from 239 yards away over the water to 7 feet for an eagle on the par-5 sixth to get on the cut number with three holes to play. He finished with a double bogey and missed the cut for the fourth time this year.

It's the first time in 25 years Mickelson has missed four cuts before the Masters.

"I thought it was a really hard golf course, and I enjoyed the challenge of trying to play on these type of conditions," Mickelson said. "And I'm a little frustrated that I haven't gotten off to the start his year I would like. I'm not discouraged. I don't feel like I'm that far off."

Henrik Stenson also opened with a 77. He also battled back to give himself a chance to make the cut. And he also took double bogey on his final

hole to miss the cut for only the second time in 12 appearances at Bay Hill.

The average score was 74.08, the highest at Bay Hill since the opening round of 2011.

And it left a 69-man field for the weekend that is up for grabs.

Hatton and Kang were at 7-under 137, the highest score to lead at Bay Hill in 10 years.

Danny Lee had the low round of the day, a 67, that left him one shot behind.

McIlroy, Honda Classic winner Sungjae Im (69) and Harris English (70) two strokes behind at 5 under. Another shot back was a group that included Patrick Reed, who had another 70 in his bid to win his second straight tournament.

Hatton is making up for lost time from an accident in the oddest of places. He was walking in from

the Par 3 Tournament at the Masters three years ago when it was halted by storms and slipped on pine straw, injuring his right wrist as he braced for the fall. He tried cortisone shots to buy time, and he finally felt the only option was surgery after the European Tour ended its season last November.

The Englishman was out longer than he expected, but he returned in Mexico City by tying for sixth in the World Golf Championships, and now he has a share of the 36-hole lead at Bay Hill.

McIlroy was happy to still be in range.

His round looked as though it might come undone when he got caught up in the trees to the right of the eighth fairway and made double bogey, this after a three-putt bogey from long range on the par-3 seventh.

NBA

Wood scores 30, but Pistons can't catch Jazz

DETROIT (AP) — Bojan Bogdanovic scored 32 points and the Utah Jazz withstood two big Detroit rallies to beat the Pistons 111-105 on Saturday night for their fifth straight victory.

Utah led by 22 points in the second quarter, but the Pistons came all the way back to tie it early in the fourth. The Jazz then went on an 18-2 run, but that big lead nearly slipped away as well. It was a one-possession game before Utah's Rudy Gobert made two free throws with 18.5 seconds left to make it 107-102.

The Jazz moved 1 1/2 games ahead of the Houston Rockets for the No. 4 spot in the Western Conference. Donovan Mitchell scored 25 points for Utah.

Christian Wood scored a career-high 30 points for Detroit. The Pistons lost for the 17th time in its last 21 games.

The Pistons trailed 105-102 after Jordan McRae's layup with 42.1 seconds left. Mitchell appeared to slip at the other end, but while he was on the floor, he managed to throw a crosscourt pass to a teammate, and the ball then went inside to Gobert, who was fouled just before the shot clock was going to expire.

He made both free throws, and the Jazz were able to close out the win.

Utah swept a four-game road trip that also included games against the Cavaliers, Knicks and Celtics. The Jazz led Detroit 28-17 after one quarter and 55-39 at halftime.

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Wisconsin clinches share of Big 10 title, beats Indiana

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Brad Davison and a bunch of Wisconsin players jumped around as the buzzer sounded Saturday, celebrating the end of a five-year Big Ten title drought.

They just wished assistant coach Howard Moore could have been there with them.

Ten months after an automobile accident killed his wife, Jen, and 9-year-old daughter, Jaidyn, and left him with severe burns, Moore was first and foremost in the team's thoughts after No. 24 Wisconsin beat Indiana 60-56.

"This whole period, this whole year we've been thinking about him," Davison said. "Not a day goes by that we don't think about him, and obviously this season was dedicated to him. So to go out like this with a regular-season Big Ten championship is crazy."

Moore's 13-year-old son, Jerell, suffered minor injuries in the crash that also killed the wrong-way driver who ran into the family's vehicle. In July, Howard Moore suffered a heart attack and the players haven't seen him since last summer.

The Badgers assured themselves at least a share of the Big Ten title. Losses by ninth-ranked Maryland and No. 15 Michigan State on Sunday would give Wisconsin the outright title.

"As soon as I can, I am going to take that trophy over to see Howard and let him rub it, and kiss it, and hold it," coach Greg Gard said. "I cannot be prouder of these three guys that have been through hell and back in the last nine months that we had to face as a team and personally. They've stuck together. They've been phenomenal. I do not even have words to describe how good they have been."

All season, Wisconsin players have worn warmup shirts with "4 Moore" on the back. Gard took note of that after this win.

"How ironic that the final difference is four points?" Gard said.

The Badgers' achievement this season included a months-long battle with the NCAA over Micah Potter's eligibility and an uncharacteristic 5-5 start. Davison's tiebreaking 3-pointer with 4:05 left gave Wisconsin the lead for good. The Badgers excelled on the other end of the floor, too, holding Indiana to one basket in the final 10 minutes.

Nate Reuvers finished with 17 points and Potter added 14 points and 11 rebounds. Davison made two free throws with 7.1 seconds to seal the win and had 11 points.

Wisconsin (21-10, 14-6) has won eight straight.

Meanwhile, the Hoosiers (19-12, 9-11) lost for the third in four games — and this was one that got away. Indiana broke a 34-34 second-half tie with a 13-5 run and still appeared to be in control after taking a 51-44 lead at the 6:52 mark.

Instead, the Badgers scored 12 straight, forced 12 straight errant shots and never trailed after Davison's 3. Devonte Green scored all 16 of his points in the first half to lead the Hoosiers.

"They did a great job of being able to claw and hang, and then I thought their front court really finished us off," Indiana coach Archie Miller said.

Gard found the closing chapter to be fitting.

"That last seven minutes was kind of a microcosm of what we've gone through, to fight uphill and find a way to battle back," he said. "This has been unbelievable — the guts, the heart, the toughness of this group, how they've matured. They didn't have it in November. They have it in March."

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Joar Lefseth Ulsom runs his team down Fourth Avenue during the ceremonial start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Anchorage, Alaska, in 2019. When 57 mushers line up for the official start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race today, it will be the second-smallest field in the past two decades.

Iditarod looks for relevance

Sled dog race has only 57 mushers this year

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — When 57 mushers line up today for the official start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, it will be the second-smallest field in the past two decades. Only last year's field of 52 was smaller.

Interest in the world's most famous sled dog race has waned in recent years, in part because of smaller cash prizes that make it difficult for mushers to compete in an expensive sport. Animal rights activists also have stepped up pressure on sponsors to drop their support.

Now, Iditarod officials are looking to breathe new life into the competition, joining a global sled-dog racing series that features TV coverage and a GPS tracking platform that they hope will appeal to fans. They're also adding a betting element for the first time this year, and plan to create some type of fantasy application for future races.

"Like many sports," Iditarod CEO Rob Urbach said, "we are in a race for relevance."

The Iditarod held its fan-friendly ceremonial start Saturday in downtown Anchorage. Mushers took selfies with spectators, who also photographed and pet some of the more than 800 dogs in town for the event.

The real race starts Sunday in Willow, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Anchorage.

Nearly 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) of unforgiving terrain, doused in deep snow this year, await them as they cross two mountain ranges, travel on the frozen Yukon River and navigate the treacherous and wind-whipped Bering Sea coast to the old Gold Rush town of Nome. The winner is expected there about 10 or 11 days after the start.

"This year we've had a lot of snow. I won't ever say too much snow, but it's been a challenge to get trail put in," race director Mark Nordman said. "It's been a traditional colder winter like we used to have 10 years ago."

Five former champions are in the race, including four-



Matt Hayashida of Willow, Alaska, drives his team along the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race trail near the Takotna, Alaska, checkpoint in 2009.

time winners Martin Buser and Lance Mackey and three-time champion Mitch Seavey. Jeff King, another four-time winner, was set to run this year's race until he underwent emergency surgery Monday for a hernia and perforated intestine. One of his dog handlers will run the team instead.

Pete Kaiser, who last year became the first Yupik contender to win the Iditarod, is back to defend his title. Kaiser, 32, said a majority of the team that pulled him to victory will be back this year, including his lead dogs, Lucy and Morrow.

The 2018 winner and last year's runner-up by only 12 minutes, Joar Lefseth Ulsom of Norway, is also in the field. Besides Ulsom, two others from Norway are racing, along with five mushers from Canada and one each from Denmark and Italy. Last year's top two female finishers, Jessie Royer in third and Aliy Zirkle in fourth, are also competing.

Kaiser believes the recent decrease in mushers could just be cyclical as mushers can afford to race for only one year and then have to work to build up cash for another race. Smaller purses don't help.

The payout to mushers who place has fallen in the past few years. Seavey pocketed \$71,250 for winning 2017 race; Kaiser collected \$51,299 last year.

For Kaiser, race winnings, combined with a summer job and his kennel, allow him to

compete in the sport he loves.

"If any one of those things isn't in order, then all of a sudden you feel like you're struggling," he said.

Sponsorships are important not only to the mushers but to the Iditarod's overall financial health. Officials deem them so important that during the race's annual meeting for media, they invited representatives from the Iditarod's biggest sponsors — not the mushers — to address reporters. This year, sponsors touted the good dog care mushers provide and tried to blunt criticism by the race's most vocal critic, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

PETA calls the Iditarod cruel to the canine participants, and for years has pressed its main sponsors to bow out.

This week, the organization announced Alaska Airlines is dropping its sponsorship after this year's race, following PETA protests outside its Seattle headquarters and meetings with PETA representatives.

The airline, which got its start in Alaska decades ago, confirmed the decision but said it represents a shift in its corporate giving strategy and had nothing to do with PETA.

"It's a big blow," said Bob Dorfman, a sports branding expert with Baker Street Advertising in San Francisco. "Whether Alaska Airlines will admit it or not, I'm sure it's the pressure from PETA that is causing them to drop the sponsorship."

PETA claims more than 150 dogs have died horrible deaths running the Iditarod since it began in 1973. The Iditarod disputes that number but has declined to provide its own count despite numerous requests by The Associated Press.

PETA also says it will run ads on Anchorage television this week, featuring happy dogs saying they want to go out and play but they then want to come back in when they're done. That's contrasted with footage it says it obtained from people who infiltrated mushers' kennels posing as workers, showing dogs chained to dog houses in outdoor lots with no room to run.

PETA conducted a protest near Saturday's start line, and race supporters planned a counterprotest.

The Iditarod hopes for increased exposure this year by being a crowning race in the inaugural Arctic World Series, which also includes competitions in Minnesota, Finland and Russia. The series, backed by a Norwegian pet food supplement company, is designed to grow the sport's popularity. It includes a platform that allows GPS tracking of mushers.

Another aspect that could help attract fans is the addition of gambling this year. For \$10 a bet, people can predict which musher will win, their time into Nome and how many of dogs they have when the cross the finish line. Mushers traditionally start the race with 14 dogs but can race animals that aren't running well. A musher must cross the finish line with at least five dogs in the harness.

Prize amounts will be determined by the number of entries, with a portion going to the Iditarod.

Other sports have increased their presence if not popularity by adding gambling, but the Iditarod has challenges others don't, Dorfman said.

"It's such an esoteric event," he said. And now that there's negative publicity around the race, "it's really going to be a challenge to somehow get interest in the Lower 48, especially as long as animal cruelty is swirling around it."

"That's not going to help at all," he said.

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Several Cup Series drivers used Sunday's Auto Club 400 to pay tribute to Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna and the seven others who were killed in a helicopter crash five weeks ago. The No. 12 Ford driven by **Ryan Blaney**, who finished 19th, was painted in purple-and-yellow colors. So was the No. 24 Chevrolet driven by William Byron, who finished 15th. Daniel Suarez, driver of the No. 96 Toyota, also wore purple-and-yellow racing gloves; he finished 28th.



Alex Bowman, driver of the #88 Cincinnati Chevrolet, celebrates with a patriotic multi-colored burnout after winning the Cup Series Auto Club 400 at Auto Club Speedway Sunday. STACY REVERE/GETTY IMAGES

DOMINATE IN THE 88

Alex Bowman does Hendrick proud with Auto Club win

When NASCAR fan favorite Dale Earnhardt Jr. retired two years ago, his powerhouse team, Hendrick Motorsports, turned the No. 88 Chevrolet over to the relatively unknown driver Alex Bowman.

Bowman went on to win one Cup Series race, at Chicagoland Speedway last year, but the Tucson, Ariz., native also has struggled at times.

On Sunday, though, Bowman validated Hendrick's decision by driving to a dominant victory at the Auto Club 400 in Fontana and thus stole much of the thunder from NASCAR legend, Jimmie Johnson, who was making perhaps his final start at Auto Club Speedway.

Bowman, 26, won by nine seconds over second-place Kyle Busch, who won the race last year. Bowman, who started third, also led 110 of the race's 200 laps, including the final 35.

Kurt Busch, Kyle's older brother, finished third and Bowman teammate Chase Elliott was fourth.

"We were up front when it counted," said Bowman, who raced quarter-midget race cars in Pomona as a youngster. "I don't think we made a change in the race car from how it came off the truck. That makes my job a heck of a lot easier."

Indeed, Bowman showed his strength immediately after the teams arrived in Fontana by posting the fastest speeds in both practice sessions Friday on the two-mile oval.

Ives, also made the necessary adjustments for the drastic change in weather over the weekend. While practice was held with temperatures in the low 80s, the race was held under threatening skies in the mid-50s.

It was Bowman's first Cup victory at Auto Club Speedway in five career starts.

Johnson, another of Bowman's teammates, was hoping to write a Hollywood ending to his illustrious career at the Fontana track because he plans to retire from full-time racing after this year.

Johnson's six Cup wins there are a record. The El Cajon native's first Cup victory came at Auto Club Speedway in 2002.

Among the tributes to Johnson on Sunday was letting his No.

48 Chevrolet lead the field as the other cars lined up five-wide during the pace laps. In addition, his wife Chandra waved the green flag while their daughters stood next to her in the flag stand above the track.

Johnson, 44, qualified second and his car was strong throughout the race. He led 10 laps and often was in the top three until he fell back in the latter half and finished seventh. When he led his first laps, thousands in the grandstands stood and waved as he passed by the start/finish line.

"We just couldn't adjust this car on the pit stops quite enough" to stay up front, Johnson said. "It was really competitive and racy at the start of a run and then we would fade at the end.

Still, he said "this team is going in the right direction" despite going the last 98 races without a win.

"I want to thank the fans here in California. There have been some great vibes all weekend."

Bowman said his first Cup victory last year "was a really enjoyable experience" and that he and his team "then sucked for six months."

In 2020, however, "we started this year so strong," Bowman said, adding that "I'm doing better" as well. After finishing 24th at the season opener at Daytona, he was in contention to lead at Las Vegas a week ago until an ill-timed pit strategy left him with a 13th-place finish.

As for his future with Hendrick, Bowman was pragmatic. "If somebody doesn't want you driving their race car, you're not going to be there driving it," he said. "Every year is a contract year."

"I'm as motivated as ever, doing everything I can to try to be the best on and off the racetrack as I can be," Bowman said. "Hendrick Motorsports is where I want to be, where I want to stay for the rest of my career."

Ryan Blaney of Team Penske also was in contention for most of the race and he led 54 laps. But a tire problem forced him to pit his No. 12 Ford with only three laps left and he finished 19th.

"It's unfortunate," Blaney said. "It is just the way it goes sometimes."

—James F. Peltz, Los Angeles Times

WINNER'S QUOTE

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Alex Bowman in Victory Lane.

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Xfinity: Burton was certain first win would come

Nineteen-year-old Harrison Burton won his first NASCAR Xfinity Series race Saturday by holding off a charge from teammate Riley Herbst in the closing laps at Auto Club Speedway.

Burton, driving the No. 20 Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing, led by a half-second over Herbst at the finish to capture the Production Alliance Group 300 at the Fontana track, Burton's first win in 12 Xfinity Series starts.

"It feels awesome to win," Burton said, adding that he was "trying to be smart and not put it into the wall" in the final stages. "It's something I've worked so hard for."

Burton, of Huntersville, N.C., comes from a racing family. His father Jeff Burton and uncle Ward Burton are former NASCAR drivers, and Jeff Burton also won a race in NASCAR's second-level Xfinity Series at Fontana in 2007.

This is the first full season for the younger Burton in the Xfinity Series; he made

nine starts last year while also competing in NASCAR's truck series.

Herbst, when asked whether there was any way his No. 18 Toyota could have caught Burton on the two-mile Fontana oval, said "a few more laps" and then added: "I'm really, really proud of Harrison."

Burton started the race second behind pole-sitter Brandon Jones, another Gibbs teammate who led the first 75 laps of the 150-lap race in his No. 19 Toyota.

A series of minor accidents repeatedly brought out the caution flag and shuffled the field, setting the stage for Burton and Herbst to decide the matter in the last 20 laps.

Burton initially led Herbst by two seconds, but Herbst kept closing the gap, which "definitely made it fun at the end, a little too fun," Burton said.

Burton was the third different winner in the first three Xfinity races this season. Noah Gragson won the opener at Daytona

and Chase Briscoe won a week ago at Las Vegas.

Briscoe was in contention again Saturday until he spun in Turn 4 with 25 laps left, and he finished 19th.

Club notes: Rally comes up short for defending champ

Defending Auto Club 400 winner Kyle Busch started Sunday's race 17th in the 38-car field before he reached the leaders late in the race.

But Busch never led a lap and he didn't have nearly enough to overcome race winner Alex Bowman, who finished nine seconds ahead of Busch.

"Slow, we were slow," Busch said. "Just didn't have the speed overall today for some reason. Then, there at the end, [it] felt like the tires were worn out at the last bit of the race."

"Just a frustrating day for us. I just feel like we're kind of missing it a little bit."



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Kyle Busch

Newman update

Roush Fenway Racing president Steve Newmark said there is no timeline for Ryan Newman's return. "Right now, we're just taking it one step at a time. He has expressed unequivocally that this is where he wants to be and he wants to be back in a race car," Newmark said.



Newman

2020 CUP SERIES STANDINGS

Top 30 as of March 1

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Ryan Blaney #12	122	16 Clint Bowyer #14	70
2 Joey Logano #22	111	17 Bubba Wallace #43	69
3 Alex Bowman #88	110	18 Erik Jones #20	67
4 Kevin Harvick #4	110	19 Kyle Busch #18	65
5 Jimmie Johnson #48	106	20 William Byron #24	60
6 Chase Elliott #9	105	21 Kurt Busch #1	59
7 Denny Hamlin #11	94	22 Corey Lajoie #32	58
8 Matt DiBenedetto #21	87	23 Tyler Reddick #8	55
9 Kyle Larson #42	86	24 J.H. Nemechek #38	51
10 Aric Almirola #10	84	25 Ty Dillon #13	46
11 Chris Buescher #17	82	26 Cole Custer #41	44
12 Brad Keselowski #2	82	27 M. McDowell #34	39
13 Martin Truex Jr #19	79	28 Ryan Newman #6	36
14 Austin Dillon #3	76	29 Brennan Poole #15	34
15 Ricky Stenhouse #47	73	30 David Ragan #36	33

2020 XFINITY SERIES STANDINGS

Top 20 as of Feb. 29

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Harrison Burton #20	136	11 Riley Herbst #18	82
2 Chase Briscoe #98	126	12 Alex Labbe #90	72
3 Austin Cindric #22	118	13 Brandon Brown #68	65
4 Ryan Sieg #39	112	14 Ray Black Jr #7	64
5 Justin Haley #11	105	15 Josh Williams #92	62
6 Brandon Jones #19	103	16 Myatt Snider #21	56
7 Ross Chastain #10	100	17 Vinnie Miller #78	54
8 Michael Annett #1	99	18 JJ Yeley #52	52
9 Noah Gragson #9	98	19 Jesse Little #4	50
10 Justin Allgaier #7	98	20 Chad Finchum #13	50

NEXT RACE: LS Tractor 200, Phoenix Raceway, Saturday, 4 p.m. ET (FS1), Kyle Busch ('19 win)

2020 TRUCK SERIES STANDINGS

Top 20 as of Feb. 21

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Austin Hill #16	82	11 Stewart Friesen #52	53
2 Johnny Sauter #13	73	12 Jordan Anderson #3	52
3 Ben Rhodes #99	60	13 Matt Crafton #88	51
4 Brett Moffitt #23	59	14 Tyler Ankrum #26	50
5 Sheldon Creed #2	58	15 Derek Kraus #19	48
6 Zane Smith #21	57	16 Natalie Decker #44	48
7 Grant Enfinger #98	56	17 Tanner Gray #15	44
8 Christian Eckes #18	55	18 Raphael Lessard #4	39
9 Todd Gilliland #38	54	19 Cory Roper #4	34
10 Codie Rorbaugh #9	53	20 Spencer Boyd #20	30

NEXT RACE: Georgia 200, Atlanta, Saturday, March 14, 1:30 p.m. ET (FS1), Kyle Busch ('19 win)

Wait till next year

Several top drivers still have failed to win a Cup race at Auto Club Speedway.

They include Clint Bowyer, Denny Hamlin, Aric Almirola and Joey Logano. All have made a dozen or more starts in the Auto Club 400.

Bowyer started on the pole Sunday but on Lap 93 had a tire go flat in Turn 1 that forced him to the pits. As he made the long, slow ride to pit road, he damaged the front spoiler on his No. 14 Ford. He ultimately finished 23rd.

Almirola, who finished eighth in the No. 10 Ford with Stewart-Haas Racing, said: "I thought we had a top-five car, and we just kept giving away all of our track position. We have to do better."

—James F. Peltz, Los Angeles Times



Bowyer

WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

'It's scary': Virus slams hockey

Championships in Canada have been canceled

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The women's world hockey championships in Canada were canceled Saturday because of public health concerns over the spread of the new coronavirus.

The two-week tournament was set to open March 31, with venues in Halifax and Truro, Nova Scotia.

René Fasel, president of the International Ice Hockey Federation, said in a statement there has been "not enough of an improvement to the coronavirus situation to allow us to safely host a 10-team international tournament within this time frame."

Fasel told The Associated Press by phone the decision was made by conference call. He noted the concerns over the health of players and fans attending the tournament as well as the difficulties in making travel plans for some nations, in particular, Japan, where almost all sports events and large gatherings have been canceled.

"It's scary," he said. Hockey Canada said holding the event in empty arenas with no fans was not an option the IIHF considered. Hockey Canada CEO Tom Renney said abandoning the tournament was determined to be "the best course of action," and made under the recommendation of Nova Scotia's chief medical officer and the IIHF.

"It goes without saying there is a great deal of disappointment with this

decision," Renney said on a media conference call. "We fully support the decision rendered by the IIHF. We have spoken to the players who are now aware of the circumstances, and I'm sure you can appreciate their disappointment."

Scott Smith, Hockey Canada's president and chief operating officer, said the deliberation began after a request from the Japanese national team to arrive early, and subsequent recommendations from Nova Scotia health officials not to hold the tournament were passed on to the IIHF. Renney said the IIHF has assured Hockey Canada that next year's world championships will be in Nova Scotia. Canada's potential players were informed Saturday.

"I do think they were still very shocked and obviously extremely disappointed," said Gina Kingsbury, Hockey Canada's director of women's national teams. "It's been a very difficult and unique year for women's hockey and certainly for our athletes. With that in mind, everyone understands the importance of health and safety and puts that as a priority."

The women's worlds were canceled once before — in Beijing in 2003 because of the SARS outbreak in China. The escalating virus outbreak has played havoc with numerous sports events across Europe and Asia with games being canceled or played without spectators.

Fasel said the status of other international hockey tournaments will be determined in the coming month, starting with the under-18 men's championships in Michigan from April 16-26. Fasel said a decision on

that tournament likely will be made within 10 days.

The IIHF will await until mid-April to determine whether to proceed with the men's world championships set to open May 8 in Switzerland.

"For sure, we are concerned and we are monitoring this," Fasel said.

The Canadian women were seeking a chance to bounce back on home ice after finishing third last year in Finland. The U.S. beat Finland in the championship game to win its fifth consecutive title and ninth overall.

"We fully respect this difficult decision and know it was made with the best interests of everyone involved," USA Hockey spokesman Dave Fischer said. "We're disappointed for our players and staff who have worked so hard in preparing for this event, and for the fans that were looking forward to watching the best athletes in the world compete for a gold medal."

Halifax Mayor Mike Savage posted a note on his Twitter account, saying: "This is tough for players, fans organizers and our local Halifax community. But a sound decision based on public health recommendations. We look forward to hosting when the time is right."

The cancellation comes at a time when women's hockey in North America has already been disrupted. In May, U.S. and Canadian national team members were among more than 200 of the world's top players to vow not to compete professionally in North America this season following the demise of the Canadian Women's Hockey League.



The Associated Press

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman speaks during a recent news conference in Uniondale, NY.

NHL urges players to limit fan contact

TORONTO (AP) — The NHL has sent a memo to teams urging players to limit contact with fans because of the coronavirus outbreak.

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly confirmed the league issued the memo in an email to The Canadian Press on Friday.

The move follows a similar directive this month by the NBA, which has told its players to stop high-fiving fans and strangers, and avoid taking items for autographs.

NHL Commissioner Gary

Bettman said Wednesday at the close of the annual general managers meetings in Florida that he's ordered a halt to all business-related travel outside North America for league employees.

And if an individual ends up in a location affected by the virus on their own, the NHL is mandating a two-week quarantine before that person can return to work.

The Ottawa Senators' road game against the San Jose Sharks on Saturday night remains on schedule despite a recommendation

to cancel large gatherings in the county where the arena is located.

The Sharks encouraged fans to follow another suggestion from the Santa Clara County's Public Health Department, which recommends that "persons at higher risk avoid mass gatherings such as parades, sporting events, and concerts where large numbers of people are within arm's length of one another."

The Sharks announced Friday that all events at SAP Center this weekend will go on as scheduled.

They then formed the Professional Women's Hockey Players' Association to demand the formation of a single league with a sustainable economic model.

The association has been holding barnstorming tours

across North America, with the last stop this weekend in Phoenix.

"This has been a very unique and difficult season," said Gina Kingsbury Hockey Canada's director of women's national teams.

"Turning our attention towards the 2021 world championships, nothing changes in our preparations; we will continue to build our team and focus on competing for a gold medal on home ice next year."

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AMERICAN CUP GYMNASTICS

Hurd wins women's all-around

She jump-starts her rebound from a frustrating 2019 season

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Morgan Hurd is turning the page from a frustrating 2019 season and going for her first Olympic berth.

That new approach is paying early dividends.

The 18-year-old from Middletown, Delaware, won the women's all-around title at the American Cup on Saturday. This marks the second time in three years that Hurd has won the all-around title at the American Cup, the first major international competition leading to the Tokyo Games.

"I guess I just have almost a different mentality," Hurd said. "I'm learning to be calmer and just really telling myself that I'm really just in a practice, (that) I'm not even doing a meet. That's what I kept telling myself all day."

Hurd posted a total score of 55.832 to lead the 12 competitors. Kayla DiCello of the U.S. was second with 55.132. Hitomi Hatakeda of Japan was third with 53.799.

This year's competition didn't include Russia, which announced last week that it wasn't making the trip because of the coronavirus.

The men's competition takes place later Saturday.

Hurd, who won the 2017 all-around world title, failed to make the six-woman world championship team and became a non-traveling alternate instead.

She tried to put the best



The Associated Press

Morgan Hurd of the United States performs on the floor during the America Cup gymnastics competition Saturday in Milwaukee.

light on the situation by figuring it would reduce the pressure on her.

"I felt like I couldn't get any lower," she said, "so the only way to go was up from there."

Hurd said she felt "strangely calm" while competing Saturday. She responded by finishing first in the uneven bars (14.100), second in the floor exercises (13.666) and third in the vault (14.333) and balance beam (13.733).

"This was a watershed for her, really," said Tom Forster, the U.S. national women's team coordinator. "This was her opportunity to state who she is as an athlete, not to be ignored. I think she felt ignored for not making the world team last fall.

"You never know how the athletes are going to handle that. Some get really sad and it kind of crumbles their self-confidence. Others get mad and do something about it. That's what you hope for, and that's exactly what she did. She made a statement."

DiCello also proved a point as the 16-year-old from Boyds, Maryland, begins her move to the senior level. DiCello, who won the all-around title in the junior division at last year's U.S. championships, was competing in her first senior international event.

"I was nervous, but I was also really excited," said DiCello, who finished in the top four in each event. "I just tried to keep my

mind calm and just focus on what I was doing at the time."

Hurd and DiCello weren't the only teenagers to shine.

Jennifer Gadirova, a 15-year-old from Britain, surprised even herself while competing at the senior level for the first time. Gadirova placed first in the floor exercises (13.700) and vault (14.566) and second in the balance beam (13.933).

Gadirova settled for fourth place in the all-around because of a 10th-place finish in the uneven bars, which she acknowledges is typically her weakest event.

"I didn't have much expectation," Gadirova said. "All I was thinking

was just do what I needed to do. Coming in where I came in, it makes me believe in myself more, that I can do stuff now."

Ellie Black, a two-time Olympian from Canada, finished fifth as she continued her comeback after undergoing ankle surgery last fall.

"It's really exciting for me to be back in an all-around competition, even if it's not quite to the exact level I eventually want it to be," Black said.

The 1-2 finish by Hurd and DiCello maintained U.S. domination of this event. The last woman from outside the U.S. to win the American Cup all-around title was Elena Zamolodchikova of Russia in 2001.

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U-M upsets No. 11 N'western

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Naz Hillmon scored 20 points, Hailey Brown added 19 and seventh-seeded Michigan upset second-seeded and 11th-ranked Northwestern 67-59 Friday night in the Big Ten Conference quarterfinals.

A basket by Jordan Hamilton cut Michigan's lead to 62-59 but Brown scored the back-breaker, a 3-pointer from just outside the left corner that kissed off the backboard with 18.6 seconds to go.

She also added two free throws after a Northwestern miss.

Maddie Nolan added 13 points for the Wolverines (21-10), who are making a second-consecutive appearance in the semifinals for the first time since 2001. They will face sixth-seeded Ohio State on Saturday.

Vernonica Burton scored 15 points for the Wildcats (26-4) and Hamilton added 14.

Northwestern, which won a share of its first conference title in 30 years and set a school record for wins, had a nine-game winning streak snapped. The streak included eight- and six-point wins over Michigan. The Wildcats have never made the Big Ten championship game, losing in the semifinals in 2015 and 2018.

Hillmon scored four points and then Nolan and Brown had back-to-back 3-pointers in a 10-2 run that put Michigan on top 45-41 late in the third quarter.

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Local columnist



Can you hear me now? The 'loud' journalist

I can name that media cliché in only 7 words:

Journalists are all loud, rude and obnoxious.

This image of my profession was underscored just the other night as I watched a past episode of one my favorite television shows, "Better Call Saul."

It's a "Breaking Bad" spin-off, in which a mercenary-inclined defense attorney makes his way through life, love and court cases. Except his innate humanity has a way of popping up at the best — or worst — possible moments.

In one scene Saul (played spectacularly by the talented Bob Odenkirk) has hired some actors to play journalists and approach him in a courthouse lobby.

His plan is to use them in order to elevate his importance in front of an opposing prosecutor.

The actors fling themselves into their roles.

They are, you guessed it, loud, rude and obnoxious.

Yelling their questions, elbowing each other out of the way and waving their notebooks in the air like war hammers.

The prosecutor is duly impressed.

You know what I'm talking about, right?

Any screenwriter could take this image and insert it into any movie, television show or play where a journalist character plays even a minor part.

The image is so overused, if you've so much as looked at a screen in the last week, you've likely seen something like it.

What struck me, though, as I watched the scene it unfold in the episode, is how wrong their technique is.

Reporters — and I prefer this term to "journalist," which is a little self-important for my taste — don't get the big story by yelling.

We get the story by listening.

I started work at the Record-Eagle 6 months ago. I was hired to cover county government and to "look into" other topics of interest.

You should see my desk and hear my voicemails.

Gun range plat maps. An explanation of the Cass Road watershed. A letter from an ACLU attorney explaining how cash bail works. A box of Naloxone nasal spray. A county jail intake form. The agenda for the next county commission meeting.

I've written articles on all these topics and many others. So have my colleagues.

I've yet to hear anyone yell questions at a source.

Without knowing how to listen, the news part of the newspaper would be pretty small.

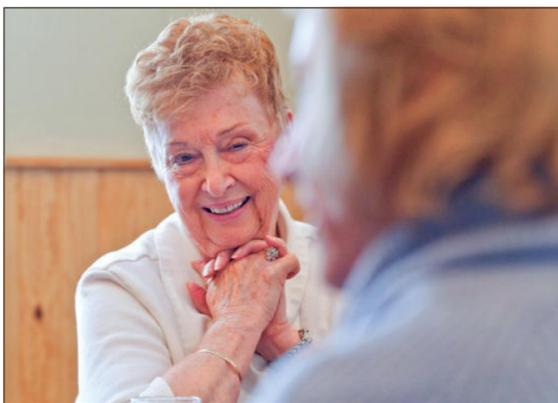
Maybe some screenwriter could put that in their series. Then again, reporters doing their jobs wouldn't make for must-see TV.

Email Reporter Mardi Link at mlink@record-eagle.com.

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Judy Plamondon listens to one of her Traverse City Central High School Class of 1957 classmates.

CLASS OF '57



Record-Eagle photos/Jan-Michael Stump

Members of the Traverse City Central High School Class of 1957 meet for lunch at the Traverse City Elks Lodge.

TC Central classmates' monthly lunches a chance to catch up, reminisce

BY ALEXA ZOELLNER
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TRAVERSE CITY — The jabs flew fast and furious, but never with any spite and nearly always with laughter quick on its heels.

Memories new and old floated through the whirl of conversations taking place among the dozen classmates seated around five small tables at the Traverse City Elks Lodge. The tables were pushed together to form a single, long line for the Feb. 20 gathering, although they'll need more space in the coming months when attendance at least doubles.

They know it will, because lunch at the Elks Lodge the third Thursday of each month became a tradition for the Tra-

If You Go

Traverse City Central High School Class of 1957 meets for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 19 at the Elks Lodge. All area classmates are invited.

verse City Central High School Class of 1957 years ago.

Attendance is lowest in the first few months of the year, Bill Core said. Many of their classmates are snowbirds and down south for the winter.

"Sissies," Carol Long chimed in. "I just stay here and complain. A lot."

Long is in charge of the group, Core said.

It was a sentiment Long quickly refuted, but she was overruled by Core, Caroline

Bagley and Kay Pierce who were sitting close by. Long submits a notice about the lunch to the Record-Eagle each month, sends emails to the group and sets up the class reunions, they said.

The reunions are something they do every five years now, in addition to the monthly lunches, Long noted. A class reunion — the 50th or 55th — was how the lunches began, she said.

No one was sure exactly how many of the 260-something members of the Class of 1957 still are alive — the one who keeps a list lives in Illinois this time of year — but they bring copies of new obituaries each month.

"(Our class size was) a lot smaller than the ones today, which made it easier to be

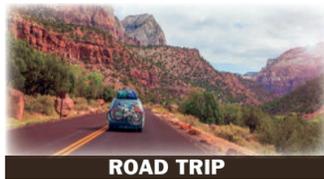
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NORTHERN PEOPLE

Manistee Fire Department gains international attention

Nobody says time-honored quite like the people of the Guinness Book of World Records, who last summer recognized the Manistee Fire Department as the "Oldest Continuously Manned Fire Station" in the world.

After months of exhaustive research by retired firefighter Fred LaPoint, Guinness presented the department with a plaque to honor the 19th century Romansque Revival style building. Thankfully, the old building is still showing its age — its meticulously-kept, spit and polished, age-defying



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From left, Betty Carden, Ilmae Purdy and Joe Morey listen to Cyrilene Ankerson tell a story during a monthly lunch meeting of members of the Traverse City Central High School Class of 1957 at the Traverse City Elks Lodge.



“(Our class size was) a lot smaller than the ones today, which made it easier to be friendly. You might not have run around with everybody, but if you saw them in the hallway, you knew who they were. The kids today, they don’t have that.”

Caroline Bagley

1957 Classmates' monthly lunches chance to catch up

FROM PAGE 1C

friendly,” Bagley said. “You might not have run around with everybody, but if you saw them in the hallway, you knew who they were. The kids today, they don’t have that.”

One of Long’s grandchildren had 1,000 kids in their graduating class.

“I can’t imagine,” she said, shaking her head. “I just can’t imagine.”

Classmates all were pretty friendly in school, Core said. No incidents come to mind — other than Long picking on people, he joked.

The two of them dated back then, at least sort of, Long said. Long said that, in ninth grade, she believed Core was the “great love of my life.”

Core would come to her house, Long said, but spent more time watching baseball games with her dad.

“We never really went any place and I don’t even know whether we held hands,” Long said.

“Well we didn’t have any money, either,” Core objected. “We couldn’t have gone anyplace anyway.”

“No, we didn’t,” Long agreed.

It’s those friendships that keep them coming together, Pierce said. Pat Ross agreed, noting that she enjoys the companionship and getting to talk with people.

Bagley said her favorite part is catching up on everyone’s lives — what they’re up to, how their kids, grandkids and great-grandchildren are. Long gets to check with Judy Plamondon about the best books to read.

At the other end of the table, Betty Carden was telling others about how her car had caught fire while she was driving.

“I was just riding along and all of a sudden there was smoke,” Carden said. “Where there’s smoke, there’s fire.”

It caught everyone’s attention and classmates took turns guessing how she put it out. Guesses started with dropping the car into the bay, but quickly tamed to Carden pouring food on it with theories of chili, soup and beer put forth.

There was beer in a cooler in the back of the car, Carden said. But she used the Coca-Cola she also had because it’s cheaper.

Laughter filled the room, before the brief convergence of conversations into one ended and multiple chats started up again.

When asked how many of the Class of 1957 still are in the area, no one was sure. Some, like Bagley, never left. Others, like Plamondon, were gone for 40 years before returning.

Long recalled moving to

the area half-way through her fifth grade year. She and her mother thought they’d been sent to Siberia and cried for weeks, Long deadpanned.

“In January, you come in off of the big hill south of town and you look down and all you saw was gray and white,” Long said dramatically, drawing more laughs from those around her. “But then came summer. And it was alright.”

The bay used to freeze over every winter back then, Core said.

There was a lot more snow, Bagley added.

The stream of conversation continued to twist and turn, flowing past memories of teachers, classes they took and what it was like in high school in the 1950s.

There were the history teachers Mr. Lynch and Mr. Gerhard. Everyone wanted Gerhard — Lynch started the year by telling students he’d flunk anyone who told him they liked history because he knew it was a lie. There used to be an eligibility card to play sports — every teacher had to sign-off on grades, Pierce said. Today, it’s just grade point averages, so athletes can have some pretty bad grades, she said.

One teacher wanted him to play sports, so always gave him an E+ or a D-, Core said. Apparently that’s all it took, because he never missed a game, Core said.

“I love that building,” Long said of Central. She went through grade school, junior high and high school in the same building.

“I love the smell of that building,” she said. “To this day, when I go in there, ... you walk in there and you just smell the memories.”



Kay Pierce tells a story while Cyrilene Ankerson, left, and Bill Core, right, listen during a monthly lunch of Traverse City Central High School Class of 1957 alumni.

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Mandatory reporters — teachers, therapists, medical personnel, law enforcement, clergy and day care providers — are required by law to report suspected abuse or neglect.

I've made calls, on behalf of others, to the police, Child Protective Services and Michigan Protection Advocacy Services, Inc.. I've requested welfare checks on vulnerable adults. Additionally, I've sought help from managers of businesses and organizations where harm may be taking place. If I'm not heard, I've gone to the owners, board of directors, state regulators and funding sources.

In one situation, my close friend with quadriplegia had been hospitalized in Traverse City for a stroke, tracheotomy and kidney dialysis. He was unable to speak. At 2 a.m., his terrified family member called me. He'd suddenly been transferred by ambulance to another hospital more than two hours away. Upon admission at the new hospital, they wouldn't restart his dialysis. The doctors said the paperwork at both hospitals didn't match-up. His relative knew he would deteriorate rapidly without dialysis.

After exhausting all other options, I called the county sheriff and city police near the hospital. Both departments respectfully listened to me. "Ma'am, is the person experiencing abuse and neglect a child?" "No, a senior citizen".

"Who is the source of the abuse and neglect?" "The hospital." The officers then went to the hospital and said an emergency complaint had been filed. The next thing we knew, my friend's dialysis was restarted.

Another time, my husband, Tom, and I had just come home from a summer camping trip to the Upper Peninsula. Taking that first post-trip hot shower, my left leg ballooned to twice its natural size. Tom immediately took me to the emergency room. Paralyzed from the waist down, I felt no pain. X-rays revealed my leg was broken.

Before the doctor put me in a hip-to-toe plaster cast, the medical staff ushered Tom into another room. New to Traverse City, we didn't know what was going on. Separated, they questioned us as to what had happened. Our explanations matched. As Tom had lifted me out of my wheelchair into our tent, my left tennis shoe had caught the vinyl floor fabric, twisting my leg under me.

Neither of us knew I'd broken it. While camping, I'd felt a bit nauseous, but thought it was the humidity. The hospital staff had a duty to thoroughly question us. Abuse does happen to people with disabilities.

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BODY & SOUL

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"It's very easy to miss medication side effects because they masquerade as all these other symptoms."

Dr. Michael Steinman, geriatrician



The Associated Press

Prescription drugs displayed in a glass flask in Taylorsville, Utah. About 91% of people over 65 take at least one prescription medicine and 41% use five or more — what doctors call polypharmacy.

MEDICATION FOG

As the number of people with Alzheimer's disease rises, doctors are looking at improper medication use that can mimic dementia

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

Claire Dinneen's daughters thought that worsening dementia was causing her growing confusion, but her doctor suspected something else.

Dr. Pei Chen asked them to round up medicines in the 89-year-old woman's home and they returned with a huge haul. There were 28 drugs ordered by various doctors for various ailments, plus over-the-counter medicines. Chen spent a year sorting out which ones were truly needed and trimmed a dozen.

To her daughters' surprise, Dinneen got better, able to remember more things and to offer advice on what to wear and how to raise their kids. Her symptoms were from "medication fog," not her dementia getting worse, Chen told one daughter.

"I was just stunned," Debbie Dinneen said. "No one had taken a look at the big picture" to see if medicines might be adding her mom, who lives near Berkeley, California.

"Unfortunately, it's not unusual," said Chen, a geriatrician at the University of California, San Francisco.

About 91% of people over 65 take at least one prescription medicine and 41% use five or more — what doctors call polypharmacy.

The risk of side effects or interactions rises with the number of pills, and one doctor often is unaware of what others have already prescribed for the same patient. Dinneen, for example, had two prescriptions for the same drug at different doses from different pharmacies.

"It's very easy to miss medication side effects because they masquerade as all these other symptoms," said Dr. Michael Steinman, another UCSF geriatrician.

He recently helped update an American Geriatrics Society list of potentially inappropriate medicines for older adults that

can mimic dementia or make symptoms worse.

"Potentially" is the key word — the drugs on the list don't always pose a problem, and no one should stop using any medicine without first checking with a doctor because that could do serious harm, Steinman stressed.

But some medicines don't have a strong reason to be used and their risks may outweigh their benefits for older people, he and other doctors say. They often "de-prescribe" medicines that may no longer be needed or that once may have been OK but now may be causing problems.

The list includes certain types of muscle relaxants, antihistamines, allergy medicines, stomach acid remedies, antidepressants, anti-anxiety medicines, pain relievers, sleep aids and other common treatments.

Many of these drugs have anticholinergic effects — that is, they reduce or interfere with a chemical messenger that's key to healthy nerve function. That can cause drowsiness, confusion, blurred vision, dizziness and other symptoms that impair thinking skills.

These drugs might be fine for a younger person, but "once someone is having even the tiniest difficulty with thinking and memory, then the effects of these drugs are just huge," said Dr. Andrew Budson of Boston University's Alzheimer's disease center.

Sometimes side effects appear right away but in other cases they only develop or show up with longer use. Patients may not make the connection between a drug they've used for many months and new symptoms. Age itself can be a culprit and make a long-used drug suddenly intolerable.

"The drug hasn't changed, the person has," said Dr. Greg Jicha, a dementia specialist at the University of Kentucky.

Family members will say, "well, she was

on that for 20 years," but her brain, kidney, liver were younger too. She's no longer going to be able to metabolize that drug" like she used to, he said.

Jicha recalled a case last year when he was asked to give a second opinion on a woman recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. He reviewed her medicines and "six jumped right out — these are not good medications for someone over 65" let alone at the higher doses she was receiving, he said. Four turned out to be for problems she no longer had, and he was able to switch some others to safer alternatives.

The woman's score on a 38-point test of thinking skills rose from 18 before the medication changes to 33 after them, putting her at the low end of the normal range.

Now she can drive, which was "an absolute no-no six months earlier," Jicha said. "She clearly no longer meets criteria for dementia."

One of his colleagues, Dr. Daniela Moga, heads a study to see whether optimizing medicines can delay the start of dementia symptoms. At the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Los Angeles in July, she described the federally funded research, which involves people who are 65 or older and taking at least one medicine on the geriatrics society list.

All have normal thinking skills although some showed signs on brain scans of possible dementia developing. Participants are given a sort of cognitive stress test — they take exams for thinking skills while wearing a patch that oozes scopolamine, a motion sickness drug that has anticholinergic effects, and then four weeks later without the patch. If they do worse while on the patch, it means certain medicines might be harmful for them, Moga explained.

"We want to see if we can identify a specific group that might benefit most" by carefully managing medication use and possibly delay the start of dementia symptoms, she said.

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Bus, 1245 E. Hammond Road. Boyne Falls, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 12, Boyne Mountain Resort Event Room, 1 Boyne Mountain Road.

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Houghton Lake, 12:30-5:45 p.m., March 9, St. John Lutheran Church, 2888 W. Houghton Lake Road. Manistee, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., March 20, United Methodist Church, 387 First St.



ROAD Manistee Fire Department gains attention FROM PAGE 1C

year — they welcome visitors to tour their six-level building that once housed a team of horses to pull their pre-automobile brass and wooden fire carts.

“(Once the story came out June 17, 2019, about our Guinness Book of World Records honor) ... we saw a huge influx of people wanting to come in, people from many states, and some international visitors,” said firefighter Daniel Reck.

LaPoint led the years-long charge to gain the building the Guinness distinction.

“History is not something which is obscure, or unimportant,” LaPoint said. “History plays a vital role in our everyday lives. We learn from our past in order to achieve greater influence over our future.”

“The station ... tells the story about the pride, dedication, and commitment of the firefighters who have proudly served your city and county since the fire department’s formation in October of 1869, and the Manistee Fire Station’s opening June 17, 1889.”

The lower level that once held horses, steam engines, hose carts and water tanks — all pulled on wooden wheels — is now home to the department’s medical response vehicles and fire trucks.

The second floor was fitted with eight beds for on-watch firefighters — though just two routinely staff the building today — a kitchen, dining area, desk and study area, and in its early years, a coal storage area and another room that contained horse feed that was dropped down through one of four small trap

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doors to the horses, below. That area now serves as a work-out and weight-lifting room for the firefighters.

Ascending upward into a square, castle-like tower via a series of narrow, steep, winding stairwells is a fourth level where fire hoses are drawn up with ropes and pulleys, and then strung to the ground floor in their 50-foot lengths so they can dry out.

Above the hose-drying loft is another level where a large bell still hangs, a bell that once sounded alarms. And, at the very top of the 88-foot tall tower — above even the bell, itself — is a unique sixth level from where firefighters kept a 360-degree lookout over their city for any sight of smoke or fire during inclement weather and extreme dry conditions.

Captain John Peddie has been with the department for nearly a decade.

“Every time I stop for a minute and look around, it seems I see something unique, something different, something of real historical significance, that I didn’t see before,” Peddie said. “I continue to be amazed at just how solid this building is, how beautiful it is.”

“Of course it’s a wonderful, historic building, but it’s still a reliable, working fire department, too. It continues to serve its intended purpose.”

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IN BRIEF

From wire reports

Group: Outbreak could cost airlines \$113B

SINGAPORE — The International Air Transport Association says the virus outbreak that began in China could cost airlines as much as \$113 billion in lost revenue due to the collapse of air travel.

Representatives of the airline industry group said Thursday after a working meeting in Singapore that the industry urgently needs help from governments in waiving some requirements, taxes and fees to alleviate the burden on struggling carriers.

"The industry remains very fragile," Brian Pearce, the IATA's chief economist, told reporters. "There are lots of airlines that have got relatively narrow profit margins and lots of debt and this could send some into a very difficult situation."

The British regional airline Flybe stopped flying as of Thursday, done in by long-standing financial troubles and the impact of the worldwide blow to travel from the outbreak.

The IATA's estimate reflects a scenario involving a 19% loss in worldwide passenger revenues with extensive spread of the virus in markets that now have 10 or more confirmed cases.

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ON LANGUAGE

News, from Henry, to Walter to now

Henry David Thoreau, with his eyes fixed on universal truths, called all news "gossip."

From a more temporal perspective, Walter Cronkite, dean of early television news anchors, closed his broadcasts saying, "And that's the way it is."

Today, we have 24 hours of "breaking news."

Cronkite was respected as the voice of objective truth. His closing statement employed the simple present tense verb "is." If Walter says it is, it is.

His choice of that verb creates a sense of time stopped in the present moment. His newscast is a snapshot of the day. When next he broadcasts, he will offer another snapshot.

After Cronkite's broadcast, the networks returned to regular programming.

After announcing breaking news, the networks turn to, wait for it, more breaking news, a continuation of what has just broken. Rather than a snapshot, news broadcasts today invite viewers to watch a movie.

The term "breaking news" convinces viewers to keep watching that movie because something exciting is happening at that



STEPHEN LEWIS

Local columnist

very moment. Don't change the station, or even worse, turn off the device, whether a television, a tablet, or a cell phone. If you do, you will miss out on the immediacy of the experience, and your digital friends will share it before you are even aware of it.

This change in viewer expectation is accomplished by moving from "is" to "breaking." The word "breaking" is a verb form transformed into an adjective. All English verbs can be changed this way by adding "ing" to them. These forms are called "present participles." Do not try to figure out why. That is a hopeless endeavor.

These present participles join

with other verb forms to create verb phrases.

But we are not talking about those.

What we are talking about is what these words do when they are associated with a noun. They then become adjectives. And like all adjectives, they modify, that is change or refine, the meaning of the noun, as the adjective "red" tells us the color of noun "car."

Participles as modifiers do the same thing. So, "breaking" changes our understanding of "news." Use the participle in front of "waves" to create "breaking waves" and we can see how that works. The waves have reached the shore where one after another they break against it. They are different than the waves still offshore, which have not yet broken, just as a blue car is not the same as a red car in the example above of regular adjectives.

Participles as adjectives retain their verbal characteristic of expressing action. Regular adjectives do not do this. Red is red. It is what it is. But a present participle working as an adjective, such as "breaking," expresses the sense of action,

of continuity, of moving into the next moment.

And that is exactly what the phrase "breaking news" is intended to do. The phrase says there will be more of this. You don't want to miss what is coming up. The story is not over. Now, in a sense that is always true. Events build on prior circumstances, occur, and then continue on.

Cronkite, though, said let's take a look at the event itself, describe it as accurately as possible, perhaps put it into a factual context.

But the purveyors of "breaking news" want you to hunger for the next part of the story while it is happening, like being hungry for a meal that leaves no time for digestion.

If all of this gives you intellectual indigestion, perhaps you can shut off your devices and dine with Thoreau, sipping a glass of wine while contemplating those universal truths.

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A traveler walks past a sign advertising a Delta Air Lines credit card at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in SeaTac, Wash.

SPRING BREAK ON A CARD?

Survey finds one-third of Americans plan to travel for spring break

BY SAM KEMMIS
NerdWallet

It may be cold outside, but spring is just around the corner. A recent NerdWallet survey found that 33% of Americans plan to travel for spring break vacation this year. If you're in this camp, now's the time to make travel plans (if you haven't already).

The same survey, conducted online by The Harris Poll of over 2,000 U.S. adults, found that those planning to go on a 2020 spring break trip expect to spend \$1,488, on average, on their vacation. But only 33% of those planning to travel for spring break this year plan to use a credit card for some or all of those costs.

Given that many travel credit cards offer 2 points or more per dollar on travel spending, anybody who doesn't charge their spring break expenses to a card like this is missing out on thousands of points.

To put it in perspective: If a third of Americans will spend \$1,488 on spring break travel and only a third of them will pay with a credit card, that amounts to over 200 billion missing points from the other two-thirds. Yes, that's billion with a "b."

Of course, not everybody can or should pay for travel with a credit card. Those with poor credit or who are already carrying credit

card debt shouldn't make their situation worse by adding a big travel bill.

For those in good financial health, here are three reasons to book spring break travel with a credit card:

1. YOU CAN EARN POINTS

This is the most basic reason to book any flights and hotels with a travel card, but it bears repeating.

Cards vary in the number of points or miles awarded per dollar spent, and what qualifies for category bonuses. For example, the Chase Sapphire Reserve offers 3x points on "travel" generally, while The Platinum Card from American Express offers 5x points, but only on airfare booked directly from the airline or prepaid hotels booked through AmEx. Terms apply.

Similarly, airline and hotel cards only offer big spending bonuses for booking on their specific airline or hotel. If you're an advanced credit card wielder, you can book each part of your spring break excursion with the appropriate card, or you can just use a catch-all travel card to cover all your expenses. Either way, you're doing better than 66% of fellow spring breakers who won't be earning points at all.

2. YOUR TRIP COULD BE PROTECTED

Some travel credit cards, especially the premium ones with high annual fees, offer various trip protections for travel purchased through the card.

For example, many American Express cards now offer trip cancellation and delay insurance that can reimburse you in the case of accidents, illnesses or natural disasters. And the Chase Sapphire Reserve offers a whole suite of benefits, including trip cancellation reimbursement, lost bag reimbursements and auto collision insurance.

These benefits generally apply only in case of unforeseen consequences. If you cancel your spring break travel last-minute for personal reasons, they won't help you. But they can help make the difference between a disaster and an inconvenience.

3. YOU CAN AVOID BAG FEES AND IMPROVE YOUR TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Your travel credit card may come with other perks that can help you travel more comfortably or save cash. Here are two:

■ A card with Global Entry or TSA Pre-check perks can make your airport experience less stressful (some cards reimburse at least part of your enrollment fees).

■ Some airline credit cards offer free checked bags, priority boarding and discounts on in-flight purchases.

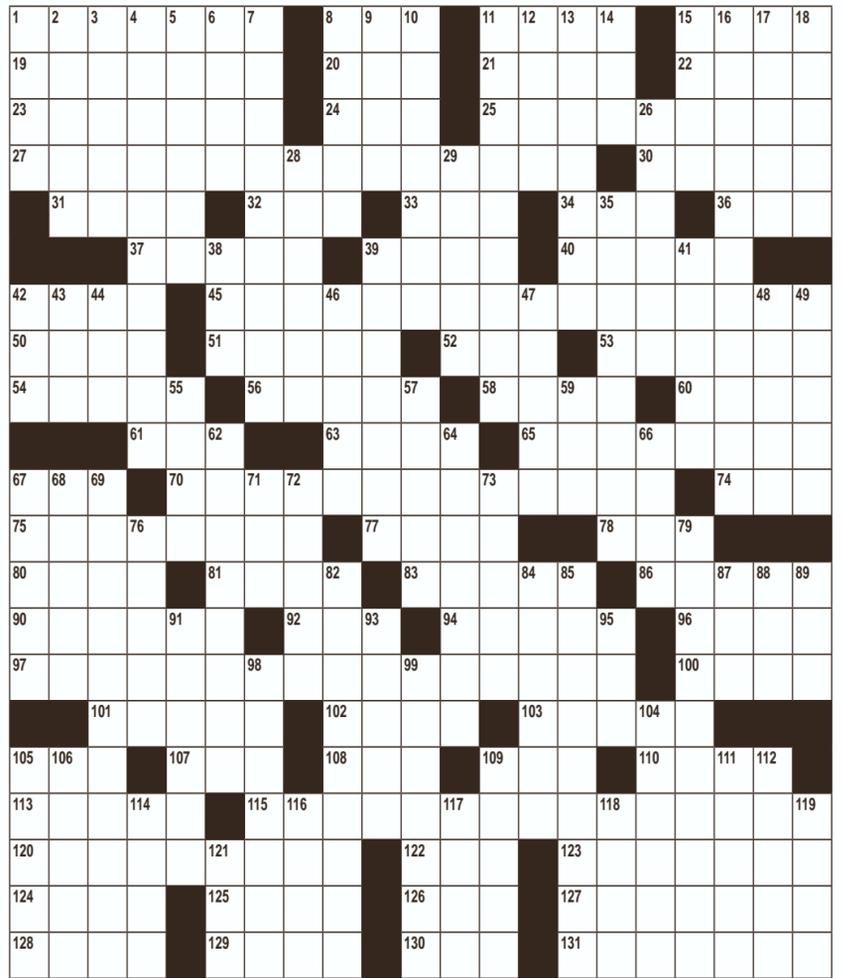
NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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BY SOPHIA AND DAVID MAYMUDES / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Sophia Maymudes is a senior at Carleton College in Minnesota, studying computer science and math. This is her third crossword for The Times. Her father, David Maymudes, is a senior staff software engineer for Google in Seattle. After years of being Sophia's test solver, he decided he wanted to construct, too. They write: "We presume there have been other father/daughter co-constructors, but we were wondering if there have been any others where the daughter was the one who introduced the father to constructing." I can think of just one other father/daughter pair, from 1998. I believe this is the first one in which the daughter is the veteran puzzlemaker. — W.S.

- ACROSS
1 Feeling of hopelessness
8 Julius Erving, to fans
11 Calendar abbr. that's also a French number
15 "Your choice — him —"
19 Early online encyclopedia
20 "___-hoo!"
21 The Powerpuff Girls, e.g.
22 Fantasy author Gaiman
23 Going my way?
24 What's up?
25 Wagner opus
27 "Stop rolling sevens!?"
30 Southeast Asian ethnic group
31 Princess in a galaxy far, far away
32 Lady bird
33 Org. in charge of Tokyo 2020
34 Suffix with expert
36 "Oy ___!"
37 Bay window
39 Home of Mount Rushmore: Abbr.
40 Bobby of the Black Panthers
42 Spew out
45 Build rapport like a presidential candidate?
50 "Livin' la ___ Loca"
51 Celery unit
52 "Hmm, that's odd!"
53 Dance craze of the early 2010s
54 Right on
56 Spot for a laundromat?
58 Color akin to cyan
60 Anger
61 Word with pop or crop
63 Subject of gossip
65 Dance-class garments
67 Matter of survival
70 Hate getting ready to move?
74 ___-di-dah
75 Children's book made into a 2012 3-D animated film
77 Singer Bareilles
78 Grunts
80 Tempo
81 Ran
83 Fancy rides
86 Cy Young Award winner Hernandez
102 Model and TV host Banks
103 Billionaire Carl
105 Trickster
107 Understood
108 Today, to José
109 Train-schedule abbr.
110 Dutch cheese town
113 This may be at the end of one's rope
115 Event planner's post-banquet task?
120 Winter athlete, not a summer one
122 Turnabout
123 Where first tracks are found
124 Wrinkled fruit
125 "To Live and Die ___"
126 Wichita-to-Omaha dir.
127 Christie's event
128 Start of a Guinness record
129 Rough talk?
130 Our sun
131 Cheer on
8 Company that makes products that suck
9 Streaming-media device
10 Thrill-seeker's action
11 Utterly failed
12 Prince in "The Little Mermaid"
13 Like medium-rare steak
14 Dress (up)
15 Ending with pseud- or syn-
16 Young woman to call when your data gets deleted?
17 Pooh creator
18 Formal lament
26 Miser, colloquially
28 Berate
29 Reluctant (to)
35 Baby plant
38 Letters before "gov"
39 Island neighbor of Guadeloupe
41 ___ Ingalls Wilder, author of "Little House on the Prairie"
42 Second person?
43 Be sociable
44 State in both the Mountain and Pacific time zones: abbr.
46 Locke who was called "the Father of the Harlem Renaissance"
47 Brexit exiter
48 Actress Swinton
49 "Ooh, that's bad!"
55 Runner in Pamplona
57 One side of Mount Everest
59 What many Latin plurals end in
62 "Bull's-eye!"
64 Relative of a xylophone
66 End-of-the-week expression
67 For face value
68 Whitney Houston hit "___ Nothing"
69 Places to swim during school?
71 ___ soda
72 Suits
73 Brief glimpse of a star
76 Slow, musically
79 Runner-up
82 Car with faulty brakes, e.g.
84 Study of birds: Abbr.
85 Star of "Your Show of Shows" of 1950s TV
87 Way down
88 Travel stop
89 Deletes, with "out"
91 Canyons
93 "The joke's ___!"
95 Screening org.
98 Subject of the 2006 documentary "When the Levees Broke"
99 Rehearsals
104 Move in the direction of
105 "Overall ..."
106 Home planet of Ming the Merciless
109 Gird (oneself)
111 "Half ___ is better ..."
112 ___ Park, home of Facebook
114 "M*A*S*H" actress Loretta
116 Wrigglers
117 Spanish youngster
118 Neophyte: Var.
119 Visionary
121 Cassis cocktail



Last week's answers



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Passover host realizes she gets no thanks for her effort

Dear Abby: For the last 18 years, I have hosted the Passover Seder in my home. The same people come year after year. My three daughters come and always bring along their friends. It's a lot of work, but I always considered it our special night and was happy to host everyone.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

This year, after spending a week in the hospital following a heart problem, I had a bit of a revelation. I realized that not one of these people who, for years, have sat at my table (some live just down the street) picked up the phone to ask how I am or offer help. I also realized that once they left my house after the Seder, I never heard from any of them, not even in the form of a card.

head prevailed. He said: "You must distinguish between your enjoyment of the Seder and how you have been treated. If you are going to do this, do it for yourself. It doesn't help to hold a grudge. Rather than nurse a grudge, which isn't healthy for you, speak up about your disappointment when you invite them and give them a chance to respond."

not because I am crazy about Texas. I miss her immensely when I'm back in Oregon. Is it wise for parents to make a move based on where their child lives? My parents' generation didn't do that sort of thing. — CONTEMPLATING IT

Dear Contemplating: Because you don't particularly like Texas, I am lukewarm about the idea of you relocating. Do not do it without having more than one frank conversation with your daughter about it and how it will affect her life. (Is she married? Are there grandchildren involved?)

Do you plan to have other social contacts besides her? Have you thought about how you will develop a social life and blend into the community if you are there permanently?

If your daughter will be your only source of companionship, entertainment, etc., it would not be fair to her. Keep in mind, as well, that 26-year-old Robin may relocate elsewhere if other opportunities present themselves.

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HOROSCOPES

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 8).

Accept the praise and celebration heaped on you just long enough to appreciate and enjoy, and then quickly get back to work. Your keen mind and your ability to pinpoint the cause of problems (practically and without blame or judgment) will be a spectacular help to individuals, groups and community, as it allows for progress. Scorpio and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are 40, 22, 19, 38 and 50.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The assumption that others are happy leads to wondering why you're not. Lose the whole idea that there's a baseline for happiness you're not meeting. Seek meaning no matter how you are feeling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Realizing that there's more work to be done can feel like a letdown, though it's actually a sign of progress that leaves room for fine-tuning, improving or going back to the drawing board to ask different questions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Accolades often lead to more opportunities, though being awarded can also bring unwanted pressures. You like it best when the award and the achievement are the same thing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People who travel often are usu-



HOLIDAY MATHS

Syndicated columnist

ally either getting paid to do it or they've made travel a priority in their lives. You want to see new places, and you'll make it happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Part of you is having a personal experience, while simultaneously another part of you is dealing with the personal experience you are having. Your awareness of your own multifaceted nature will calm you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are meaningful victories to be had, and there are also battles unworthy of you. As for the metaphorical war raging on today, it will continue pretty much the same with or without you, your choice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your worries have been essentially the same for years, an indicator that the usual problem-solving

techniques haven't worked and, in fact, might be part of the problem. So, are you ready to get unconventional?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Who should get your time: the one who needs it most? The highest bidder? The one who's the most fun? To vacillate only wastes the moment. You'll decide and go all-in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No one can disentangle pain from a meaningful life. Living purposefully will be complicated at times, simple at others and nuanced with joy, beauty, difficulty and relief.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The timing of things would be silly to argue with. The world isn't running late or early. Go with what's happening. Premium opportunities are there for you as you're present to the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There will be freedom in a pen. Write down all of the things that have been bugging you, exciting you or draining you, and you will become immediately lighter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). However wrong or right you may be about who you think you are, that's the lens through which you see the world. And when you change lenses, you'll see a different world.

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DeYoung 40th

40 years ago, in the Dunning Memorial Chapel on the campus of Alma college, Jay and Cindy (Radtke) DeYoung came together in front of friends and family and solidified their love for each other. On Feb. 29, 2020 they celebrated that anniversary and were in the thoughts of the friends and family who celebrated with them on that day, as well as the new friends they've met along the way and the beautiful family they've created together.

Jay, originally from Alma, and Cindy, from Detroit, met while they were both students at Michigan Technological University in Houghton. The adventure of life soon brought them to the Traverse City region, where they have called home for nearly 35 years. In that time, they have led wonderful lives, raising the two best (if not, humble) children, Tim and Robyn. The kids' childhood years were filled by a mom and dad who did everything they could to make life fun for the family. Hockey games, band concerts, gymnastics meets, soccer games, swim meets, sailing, fishing, and a million other

activities filled their time. Tim is now in the Baltimore, Maryland area, and Robyn, now resides in the Louisville, Kentucky area with her husband, Matt, and their beautiful baby, Aubrey, who lights up her grandparents' lives.

Jay and Cindy continue to take full advantage of what Traverse City has to offer, finding enjoyment in exploring the fantastic multitude of regional beer and wine offerings, and finding ways to enjoy the natural beauty of the area any chance they can. Cindy is an avid gardener, passionate about veggies and butterflies, and is dedicated to her elementary-age students at Grand Traverse Academy. Jay is an engineering manager and he likes to build anything and everything, hunt, and is a great cook.

So please join in and celebrate Jay and Cindy and their wonderful and loving 40-year relationship. May they have many more love-filled years and many more adventures together and with friends and family. Here's to the next decades being just as full of love and happiness. With love, to Jay and Cindy!

Gorbachev's birthday



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In this photo taken last Tuesday, former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev celebrates his 89th birthday in Moscow, Russia.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

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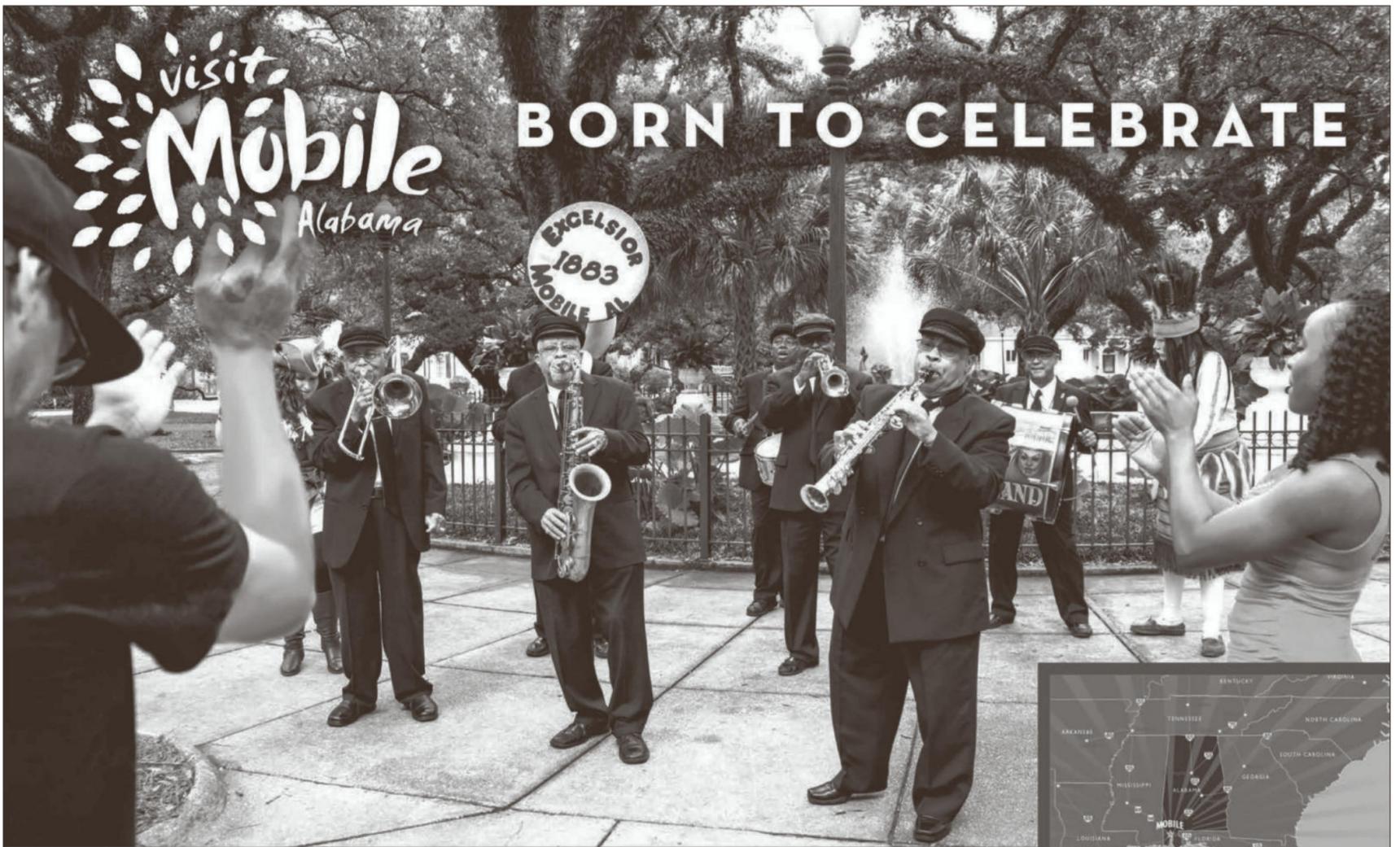
Celebrity birthdays for today:

- Jazz saxophonist George Coleman is 85.
- Actress Sue Ane Langdon is 84.
- Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager is 76.
- Actor-director Micky Dolenz of The Monkees is 75.
- Bassist Randy Meisner (The Eagles, Poco) is 74.
- Singer Peggy March is 72.
- Jazz pianist Billy Childs is 63.
- Singer Gary Numan is 62.
- NBC News anchor Lester Holt is 61.
- Actor Aidan Quinn is 61.
- Guitarist Jimmy Dormire (Confederate Railroad) is 60.

- Actress Camryn Manheim ("The Practice") is 59.
- Actor Leon ("Cool Runnings") is 59.
- Singer Shawn Mullins is 52.
- Actress Andrea Parker ("Less Than Perfect") is 50.
- Actor Boris Kodjoe ("Code Black," "Madea's Family Reunion") is 47.
- Actor Freddie Prinze Jr. is 44.
- Actress Laura Main ("Call the Midwife") is 43.
- Actor James Van Der Beek ("CSI: Cyber," "Dawson's Creek") is 43.
- Singer Kameelah Williams of 702 is 42.
- Actor Nick Zano ("Minority Report," "2 Broke Girls") is 42.
- Singer Tom Chaplin of Keane is 41.
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Do teens love TikTok too much?

BY TALI ARBEL
AP Technology Writer

From the perspective of teens, TikTok is a major new outlet for self-expression, one proudly home to the silly, the loud and the weird.

To others, the Chinese-owned online video service is an unnerving black box that could be sharing information with the Chinese government, facilitating espionage, or just promoting videos and songs some parents consider lewd. (TikTok denies the first two concerns and says it's working on the third.)

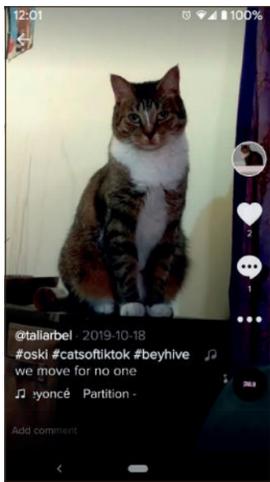
Welcome to the bifurcated world of TikTok, an emerging social-media powerhouse that lets users create and share short videos, many no longer than 15 seconds. "That's where the Gen Z party is," says Kory Marchisotto, chief marketer for e.l.f. Cosmetics. "That's where they're all hanging out."

There's little doubt that TikTok users find it irresistible. But TikTok is also the subject of a U.S. national-security review and a Pentagon ban. U.S. lawmakers are worried about national security and censorship risks posed by TikTok's Chinese ownership.

TikTok draws so much attention because it's the first China-owned social-media service to make serious inroads in the West. It's a smash in the U.S. and other countries, attracting celebrities and companies eager to reach kids and young adults disconnected from traditional media. The NFL has an account. So do Chipotle, Reese Witherspoon, and The Washington Post. The U.S. Army previously used it to recruit soldiers.

People have downloaded TikTok 1.65 billion times, the analysis firm Sensor Tower estimates. In 2019, it was the second-most downloaded app in the Apple and Google app stores, trailing only WhatsApp. Research firm eMarketer estimates that TikTok roughly doubled its U.S. user base to 37.2 million in 2019.

To many users, what's special is TikTok's goofiness and sense of genuine fun. To use, just download the app and start swiping through videos. You don't have to friend anyone or search for anything to watch. If you don't go looking for it, you might not ever come across angry political discussions, much less envy-generating vacation shots from friends. Instead, you'll likely to encounter a barrage of funny,



The Associated Press

This photo shows a Tiktok image from a smart phone in New York.

meme-y videos from total strangers that TikTok spools up for you, personalizing the feed as you go.

Politics, of course, is still there; so is the social-media plague of misinformation. TikTok says it prohibits harmful misinformation.

TikTok makes money from ads, and sometimes the campaigns aren't readily identifiable as ads. Companies can start hashtag-based "challenges" that invite users to participate by posting their own videos, often incorporating a particular

dance or dance move. E.l.f. Cosmetics' "eyeslipsface" campaign, for example, had people wink and purse their lips to go with the lyrics of an original song. Users created 3 million videos, with 4 billion views.

The service has helped launch musical stars like Lil Nas X, whose "Old Town Road" is the longest-running No. 1 song in the history of Billboard's charts. There are pranksters, funny skits, behind-the-scenes of fast-food operations and "glow-ups" — before-and-after shots of someone making themselves look cuter. Some are more random: Kim Kardashian cooking parodies?

Some users say TikTok is more authentic than the self-consciously pretty and polished Instagram. Emilie Richer, a 19-year-old from Simcoe, Ontario, says she uses Instagram for "photos that look nice, or the good things I'm doing" and TikTok to "get loose, make jokes, pull pranks and stuff, dress up weird." A TikTok video of Richer catching a pickle thrown into her mouth went viral in November.

A Chinese startup, ByteDance, launched TikTok internationally over two years ago. It then bought Musical.ly, another Chinese

video service popular with teens in the U.S. and Europe. ByteDance combined the two, but kept TikTok separate from a twin service called Douyin, which it offers only in China. Until recently, Chinese social media services, built in a country hemmed in by censorship, have largely been confined to a domestic audience.

TikTok's rise, fueled in part by ads on Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat, has in turn shaken those U.S. services. The company behind Snapchat started listing TikTok as a competitor in 2019. Facebook, which famously copied features of its rivals, launched a knockoff called Lasso in 2018 and added TikTok-ian video-editing features to Instagram.

Beyond rivalries, concerns range from the sexual nature of some videos to censorship by China's communist government.

India and Indonesia temporarily banned TikTok because of worries about children.

Anastasia Basil, a Los Angeles writer whose children are 10 and 12, says she was upset by the explicit lyrics in songs and "extremes of sexualized content" she saw.

Her 10-year-old's best

friend loves TikTok, she says; she told the friend's mother not to let Basil's daughter use it during sleepovers.

TikTok is working hard to ensure that it's a "safe and positive environment," says Kudzi Chikumbu, the company's head of creator partnerships.

TikTok has fleshed out its community guidelines on what's allowed. It offers a restricted mode for inappropriate content and limited accounts for under-13 users, although it doesn't verify ages. Last year, the company agreed to a \$5.7 million U.S. fine over collecting personal information from kids under 13. The company says it deletes "wrongly created" accounts, such as those of underage users with fake birthdates, when they're reported by other users.

But many security experts worry about the information sucked up by the service. People's social connections, biometric data and interests that would be useful to an advertiser could also assist a hostile government in cultivating spies or tracking dissidents, says John Dermody, a former official with the National Security Council and Department of Homeland Security.

IN BRIEF

From staff reports

Home-school open house

INTERLOCHEN — Home-school Enrichment Network (HEN) hosts an open house from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. March 11 at Interlochen Elementary School.

HEN aims to help northern Michigan home-school students learn in a group environment.

Member families can access newsletters, a community directory, forums and a calendar with activities for all ages. More information: 231-421-3218; miheninfo@gmail.com.

Introduction to technology

KALKASKA — Seniors are invited to an introduction to technology at 1 p.m. March 11 at Kalkaska Commission on Aging.

Get help using phones, laptops, tablets, the internet and more.

This event occurs on the second Wednesday of each month.

Tile game sessions

TRAVERSE CITY — American mahjong sessions go from 1-4 p.m. March 11 and 25 at Peninsula Community Library. Bring a mahjong card, no reproductions.

Registration: 231-223-7700.

Stroke club meeting

TRAVERSE CITY — Grand Traverse Bay Area Stroke Club meets from 2:30-

4:30 p.m. March 11 at the Presbyterian Church. Bill Zimmer, from Disability Network Northern Michigan, discusses how and when to disclose disabilities. More details: 231-935-6380.

Book talk

INTERLOCHEN — Interlochen Public Library's next Morning Book Discussion starts at 10 a.m. March 12.

This month's text is "Becoming Amish" by Jeff Smith.

Men's group gathers

TRAVERSE CITY — A men's group meets at 6:30 p.m. March 12 at Peninsula Community Library. More information: 231-223-7700.

Man of the Year named

ALDEN — Alden Men's Club recently named Bill Esterline Man of the Year for 2019.

Esterline worked during the Rummage Sale in July and coordinated food preparation for the Harvest Dinner in October.

Citizen of the Year award

ALDEN — Alden Men's Club recently received the Citizen of the Year Award from Downtown Alden Business Association.

The group was recognized for helping others in need in 2019, including financially supporting six food pantries in Antrim and Kalkaska counties.

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The investment age of virus

Up 1,000, down 1,000, up 1,000 and then down yet another 1,000. The past week shows the confused state of the stock market. And, that doesn't even count the 4,500-point decline the week before last.

This is the age of coronavirus. And, this too shall eventually pass.

As most people with an opinion should state on this subject, I am not a doctor. I don't intend to share any profound insights on the virus itself. My focus and expertise is on its effect on money and markets.

Having managed portfolios through the financial crisis of 2008, much of the last two weeks has felt reminiscent. To be clear, the proximate cause of the market volatility during those two periods couldn't be more different. However, the commonality begins and ends with the effect that fear has on investors' collective decisions.

Like all forms of panic, fear of the unknown has created a self-reinforcing negative feedback loop. I'm optimistic that once this particular fever breaks, the current negative feedback loop will too. Until then, the pace, breadth and severity of the spread of coronavirus remains largely uncertain. The opinions espoused by medical experts, and the many untrained among us, are built on layers of assumptions. These assumptions relate to both the pathology of the virus and the public policy decisions we'll choose to make to slow its spread.

The sensationalized headlines that feed off the din of opinions in today's noisy world naturally adds to investor uncertainty. Filtering out the hard science from the pure conjecture is admittedly difficult. Regardless, it's highly important to apply a clear filter to your flow of information. This is especially the case if you are trying to make important decisions about your money.

The global economy is slowing. We are more interconnected than ever before and our economy's complex web of supply chains has been severely stressed. Beyond the negative effects of these bottlenecks, we're just now starting to see some impacts closer to home. Many companies and some schools and organizers of large gatherings of people are choosing to push pause on their plans.

It's rational to expect that most business leaders are likely to delay executing on their short- and intermediate-term plans. This entire negative feedback loop has clearly caught the attention of our financial markets and public policymakers.

Here's a simple message for readers of this column. As it was during the recession scare of late 2018, your investment portfolio and your approach to risk management is being stress tested, yet again. My general advice to you is to only move with methodical moderation.

For those who have been excessively conservative, consider taking some baby-steps back into stocks. Use these 1,000-point declines as your friend. And, for those who failed to prudently rebalance during the longest bull market in modern history, consider reducing your risk as this coronavirus fever breaks. Every 1,000-point rebound should be an easy opportunity to do what you've not done before.



Special to the Record-Eagle

Impact 100 Traverse City Board President Jody Trietch speaks during a meeting at City Opera House in Traverse City.

IMPACT 100 TC RAISES RECORD AMOUNT

Group to award three \$105,333 grants on Sept. 22

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TRAVERSE CITY — A Traverse City women's group continues to impact nonprofit organizations in the region.

Impact 100 raised a record \$316,000 at its membership meeting Wednesday at the City Opera House. The group will fund three grants of \$105,333 later this year as a result of their efforts.

Impact 100 has raised \$1,122,000 in the organization's four years.

Group members contribute \$1,000 annually to join the organization. The member donations are given to nonprofits from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska

Impact 100 key dates

April 10: Transformational grant application deadline at 6 p.m.

July 22: Five finalists in focus areas of arts & culture, education, environment & recreation, family and health & wellness announced

Sept. 22: Three grant recipients of \$105,333 determined by membership vote

and Leelanau counties in five focus areas: Arts & culture, education, environment & recreation, family and health & wellness.

Nonprofits interested in applying for a 2020 grant may submit an application. Deadline is April 10 at 6 p.m.

Finalists in each of the five focus areas will be vetted and selected by membership committees. Finalists will be announced on July 22.

The three transformational grant winners will be selected by a vote of members on Sept. 22.

To apply for a grant or for more information on the organization, visit www.impactTC.org.

According to the release, the "organization's ultimate goal" is to have 500 members, which would provide a \$100,000 grant annually in each focus area.

Impact 100 has more than 50 chapters in the United States and Australia. The organization said it has awarded nearly \$80 million to nonprofits since 2002.

RETAIL

Spreading virus could deal big blow to malls

NEW YORK (AP) — The growing fear over a new virus has transformed busy streets and shopping centers into ghost towns in parts of China, Japan and Italy.

Now, with the virus spreading in the U.S., it could deal a major blow to the country's over 1,000 malls at time when many are already struggling with a slew of retail bankruptcies. New diagnoses of the disease in several U.S. states have raised the tally of cases to more than 100. Nine people have died, all in Washington state.

Big malls like American Dream and Mall of America and mall owner Taubman Centers Inc. say they're adding hand sanitizer stations, and they've also stepped up disinfecting high-touch areas like doors and handrails. The International

Council of Shopping Centers said its members are following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Shopping centers may have to take more extreme precautions, such as temporary closures, said Coye Nokes, a partner at OC&C Strategy Consultants' consumer and retail practice.

"While the brands and retailers can attempt to mitigate the impact via other channels like e-commerce, malls themselves will struggle with traffic under any extended virus scenario," she said.

The first casualty was North Star Mall in San Antonio, Texas, which closed for 24 hours this week after local health officials notified it that a patient who tested positive for the new virus visited over the weekend. A spokeswoman at the mall's



The Associated Press

A woman wearing a face mask and gloves rides an escalator at a mostly empty shopping mall in Beijing. The growing fear over a new virus has transformed busy streets and shopping centers into ghost towns in parts of China, Japan and Italy.

owner, Brookfield Properties, said in an email to The Associated Press that the mall has been cleaned several times using products recommended by the CDC and there is a "low risk to the public."

Target, Walmart and other discounters and pharmacy chains have reported big crowds of

customers stocking up on basics like hand sanitizers and canned goods. But shoppers could get scared and stay home. A new survey by Coresight Research, a global research firm, hints at troubles ahead for shopping malls as the virus spreads.

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ENERGY

Exxon to cut activity in Basin

NEW YORK (AP) — Exxon Mobil plans to reduce the number of oil rigs operating in an oil-rich region in the Southwest and may cut planned capital expenditures as the spreading coronavirus saps energy demand.

The price of a barrel of oil has fallen more than 20% since the start of the year, and 8% in the last month, with energy demand expected to shrink as the outbreak drags on the global economy.

Oil prices were already under pressure due to signs of a slowing economy at home and abroad. Energy

demand dropped dramatically as flights to and from China were halted and factories slowed production.

Exxon will reduce the number of rigs in the Permian basin, a region that stretches across the border of New Mexico and Texas.

“We all know today, oversupply, driven by industry investments in some of these growth markets, have exceeded demand, and we’ve got a very challenging short-term margin environment which is now being compounded by the growing economic impact of the coronavirus that we’re seeing around the

world,” CEO Darren Woods said Thursday at the New York Stock Exchange. “And that is creating a lot of uncertainty, particularly in the near term, and I would say particularly here in Wall Street. However, the longer term horizon is clear, and today our focus is on that horizon, and the future.”

Exxon expects \$30-35 billion in capital expenditures this year, but likely toward the bottom half of that range. The company had previously expected to be in the top half of that range, Woods said.

Capital expenditures

include expenses such as drilling and completing wells. The heaviest spending cuts will come within the Delaware Basin, which is contained within the Permian Basin.

“We anticipate reducing the number of rigs in 2020 by more than 20% this year versus where we are today,” said Neil Chapman, senior vice president, said of spending in the Delaware Basin.

Exxon expects to produce 360,000 of oil per day in the Permian Basin this year, which is down from its previous estimate of 380,000 barrels per day.

RETAIL

Spreading virus could deal big blow to malls

FROM PAGE 9C

U.S. internet users aged 18 and older surveyed in late February by CoreSight Research said they were cutting back on visits to malls, workplaces and entertainment venues or changing their travel arrangements. Nearly 60% said they’re likely to take similar actions if the virus outbreak worsens.

Among those who have already changed habits, more than four in 10 say they’re limiting visits to shopping centers and malls or avoiding them entirely, and more than three in 10 avoid shops in general. A worsening of the outbreak would hit malls disproportionately, the research suggests. Among those likely to change habits if the outbreak worsens, around three-quarters expect to



The Associated Press

In this Nov. 29, 2019, file photo, shoppers check out Black Friday sales at a mall in Roanoke, Va.

avoid shopping complexes, making this the most-avoided type of location.

The rising fear comes at a time when malls are dealing with a wide gap between top quality malls and low-end malls. While vacancies at top malls have remained excep-

tionally tight, at 2.2%, the bottom rung of malls are struggling with an average vacancy rate of 7.5%, according to Kevin Cody, senior consultant at retail research firm CoStar Group.

The new virus’ impact on overall spending is

unknown. But if it persists beyond April it could be significant. Craig Johnson, president of consumer consultancy Customer Growth Partners, says in that scenario he’d cut his annual retail sales growth forecast by nearly half to 2.2% from 4.1%.

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CAR TALK

Slow and steady wins the Prius race

Dear Car Talk:

Do Prius owners really think they need to set the (slow) pace for everyone else?

Very often, at the head of a line of slow-moving vehicles is a Prius, or one will pull out in front of another car and slow down every car behind it.

Is it because the car cannot accelerate, or is it because the owners of that particular car feel the need to control others? — Susan

I don't think it's either one, Susan.

We know a famous researcher named Dr. David Giovannoni. We call him Dr. Joe Baloney. He once explained to us that humans (and organizations) achieve what they measure.

So, for instance, if you want to lose weight, what would you do? Well, you might cut out sweets, drink water instead of soda and maybe start to exercise (Note: we're talking about you, not me).

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CLICK & CLACK

By Ray Magliozzi

That makes them feel good.

So they learn to feather that gas pedal and take 25 seconds to get from 0-60 while you're cursing at them through your windshield.

It's not that the Prius can't accelerate. It will accelerate like pretty much any other car if you put your foot down.

And it's not that they feel a need to be controlling.

They're just pursuing their personal goal of maximizing their mileage — because they care about it, and they're constantly measuring it.

Likewise, if you measured your blood pressure, Susan, you'd probably find that it goes up when you're stuck behind a Prius.

If you took a few deep breaths and said to yourself, "How nice, there's a person who cares about the planet and is making the world a better place by wasting less fuel," you'd see your blood pressure go down.

Then you'd throw the blood pressure monitor out the window and pass the Prius with a few choice hand gestures.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Singaporean to head agency

GENEVA (AP) — A Singaporean official defeated a candidate from China in a leadership contest for the U.N.'s intellectual property body, which was swept into a rift between Washington and Beijing over claims of Chinese theft of technological know-how.

Daren Tang, 47, the CEO of Singapore's intellectual property office, won a crucial nomination to become the next director-general of the World Intellectual Property Organization over China's Wang Binyang, a veteran at the agency.

The "coordination committee" handed a 55-28 victory to Tang in a final round of voting that began Wednesday with five candidates vying to replace the agency's outgoing chief, Francis Gurry of Australia.

The fight over the post pit the United States against Wang, prompting the Chinese ambassador to criticize an "attack" against a "competent" civil servant. She would have become the agency's first woman chief at a time when the U.N. is promoting gender parity in high office.

WIPO's general assembly has final say in May, but it has never rejected a committee nominee since the 192-country

agency was created in 1967.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo offered congratulations to Tang, calling him "an effective advocate for protecting intellectual property."

"We look forward to working closely with him during his tenure as Director General to advance WIPO's core mission of safeguarding intellectual property as a means of driving innovation, investment, and economic opportunity," Pompeo said in a statement.

Top U.S. officials including White House trade adviser Peter Navarro had spoken out against Wang, accusing Beijing of stealing intellectual property and arguing that China's choice would reflect badly on an agency devoted to protecting it.

The stakes are high: WIPO is said to be the only U.N. specialized agency that consistently brings in a surplus, mainly through hits patent- and trademark-filing process that costs companies money to help protect their intellectual property overseas.

The United States and other Western allies have long expressed concern about China's

approach to intellectual property, which has involved requiring companies that want to operate in its large, fast-growing market to share their technical savvy with local partners.

The standoff to replace Director-General Gurry, who was not standing for re-election, comes as China has been flexing its intellectual and diplomatic muscle in recent years. By WIPO's

own count late last year, China alone accounted for nearly half of all patent filings worldwide.

China's ambassador in Geneva, Chen Xu, insisted Wednesday's result was "not a defeat."

"The whole process, I think, is a very strong indication of China's readiness to make more contributions to the international community," he said. "We tried our best."

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