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## Coronavirus hits homeless population



David Samson / The Forum  
Brady McClaffin serves up the noon meal on Monday, April 20, at Churches United in Moorhead.

### F-M shelters see first confirmed COVID-19 cases

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Executive Director Sue Koesterman said a person became ill Monday night and the results came back Tuesday morning, April 21, with a positive diagnosis.

The person was among the 112 homeless guests at the Micah's Mission shelter along First Avenue

**Moorhead**  
The Fargo-Moorhead area's homeless shelters have seen their first confirmed cases of COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus. Churches United

### COVID-19 IN OUR REGION

**North Dakota totals**  
Positive cases: 644 (+17 on 4/21)  
Hospitalizations: 54 (+1)  
Deaths: 13 (+0)  
**Cass County totals**  
Positive cases: 255 (+9)  
Deaths: 6 (+0)

**Minnesota totals**  
Positive cases: 2,567 (+97)  
Hospitalizations: 627 (+27)  
Deaths: 160 (+17)  
**Clay County totals**  
Positive cases: 68 (+6)  
Deaths: 3 (+0)

Note: As of 9 p.m. last night. For the most timely information, see InForum.com

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North in Moorhead. The facilities also have 30 staff members.

Koesterman said they were working with Clay

County Public Health and the Minnesota Department of Health on

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Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension agents and others searched through trash Tuesday, April 21, at the Clay County Landfill southwest of Hawley.

### Landfill searched for evidence in teen's killing

By April Baumgarten  
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**HAWLEY, Minn.** — State and local investigators searched for evidence Tuesday, April 21, at the Clay County landfill southwest of Hawley a day after a Moorhead man was accused of killing a teenager, dismembering her body and putting her remains in dumpsters, police told The Forum.



Broad

Ethan Martin Broad, 27, was charged Monday with second-degree murder after allegedly telling police he was responsible for the death of 19-year-old Dystynee Avery.

**Moorhead Police Capt. Deric Swenson** confirmed that police, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Clay County Sheriff's Office were at the landfill, which is about 20 miles east of Moorhead. Swenson declined to say what officers were looking for, but he said the search there was related to the investigation into Avery's disappearance.



Avery

Whether investigators found any evidence at the landfill Tuesday was unclear. Her family has told The Forum her body has not been found. Agents in BCA jackets

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File photo / Forum News Service  
Sanford Medical Center in southwest Fargo.

## Fargo COVID-19 patient receives experimental plasma treatment

By Jeremy Fugleberg  
Forum News Service

**SIoux FALLS, S.D.** — Sanford Health has given a patient critically ill with COVID-19 an infusion of plasma from someone who has recovered from the virus, the first use of the novel treatment by the health system.

The experimental treatment of a patient in Fargo is part of a national clinical trial to test the effect of antibody rich blood plasma in treating the illness caused by the coronavirus.

Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., is leading the trial.

The blood plasma used in the treatment was obtained from the New York Blood Center, Sanford Health announced Monday, April 20. The Sioux Falls, S.D.-based health system is participating in the program at multiple sites and will use the therapy with more patients as needed in the coming weeks, it said.

The Sioux Falls-based health system has 44 medical centers and near-

ly 500 clinics in the Upper Midwest, including major hospitals in Sioux Falls, Fargo and Bemidji, Minn.

The treatment is for hospitalized patients with severe cases of COVID-19, Sanford Health said.

"This is another step forward in our efforts to find effective treatments for this virus," said Dr. Allison Suttle, Sanford Health chief medical officer, in a news release.

"It's still early, but we are optimistic that the disease-fighting antibod-

ies found in plasma could potentially slow the progression of the disease in our sickest patients."

The experimental program is being administered under the Expanded Access Program led by Mayo Clinic. The Food and Drug Administration designated Mayo as the lead institution on the study after granting emergency approval for compassionate use of the treatment.

Mayo is working with a

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## Visa backlog poses threat to medical care

By Patrick Springer  
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**FARGO** — The coronavirus pandemic is exacerbating a backlog in processing visa renewals for health care professionals — a bureaucratic snarl that could hinder access to care, particularly in rural areas.

Sen. Kevin Cramer, R-N.D., is asking

Trump administration officials to provide "greater certainty" that health workers' visas will be renewed so they don't have to live under the cloud of deportation during the pandemic.

"North Dakota's health care workers need stability and peace of mind about their legal status during this crisis,"

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Police forced a DAPL protester to walk with broken hip, lawsuit alleges

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**BISMARCK** — An Oklahoma man whose pelvis was broken when he was tackled by a police officer while protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline in February 2017 has brought an excessive force lawsuit against North Dakota law enforcement officials.

In the lawsuit filed in North Dakota U.S. District Court, activist Eric Poemoceah claims police forced him to walk about 200 feet after he requested an ambulance and mocked him when he complained of his injuries.

Poemoceah, a member of the Comanche Nation in Oklahoma, was injured at the tail end of the months-long protests aimed at preventing construction of a portion of the Dakota Access Pipeline that would carry oil across the Missouri River near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

The suit, brought by the Civil Liberties Defense Center in Eugene, Ore., alleges the officers' indifference to Poemoceah's injuries was in part retaliation for his involvement in the pipeline protests. It also claims officers lacked appropriate training in handling large-scale demonstrations.

Poemoceah is seeking in excess of \$75,000 in damages for lasting extreme pain in his left hip, lower back and leg that resulted from the incident, as well as mental distress.

The complaint names Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier, and Bismarck police officer Benjamin Swenson, the officer who tackled Poemoceah, as defendants. The Morton County Sheriff's Office, which had deputized Swenson during the protests, said it is reviewing the lawsuit and did not immediately offer comment Tuesday,



Cairns Film / Special to The Forum  
Eric Poemoceah is tackled by an officer, named in a lawsuit as Bismarck police officer Benjamin Swenson, as law enforcement charged a group of Dakota Access Pipeline protesters in February 2017. Montana-based production company Cairns Film, which filmed the charge, synchronized its video with audio from Poemoceah's livestream of the incident.

April 21.

Then-Cass County Sheriff Paul Laney is also named in the complaint for his role in Poemoceah's arrest and in managing law enforcement's response to the protests. Two unnamed Fargo police officers and a sheriff's deputy from an unnamed agency are also listed as John Doe defendants. Laney could not immediately be reached Tuesday.

Video of the incident shows Poemoceah standing on a road in front of a group of about 30 riot equipment-clad officers. According to the lawsuit, Poemoceah, who was livestreaming the incident, was trying to negotiate a "peaceful process" for elders to leave the Water Protector encampment before the officers charged at the protesters.

Poemoceah and a group of protesters standing behind him turned and ran when police made their charge, video shows. An officer can then be seen tackling Poemoceah from behind, sending both off the road and onto the downward slope of a hill.

Four officers then restrained Poemoceah, who can be heard in a recording screaming "It hurts! You broke my hip!" The activist requested an ambulance but was

instead forced by officers to walk more than 200 feet to a van, according to the complaint.

Poemoceah was brought to a Bismarck hospital about two and a half hours after the incident and then booked in the Burleigh County Jail on an obstructing a government function charge, a Class A misdemeanor. It was later confirmed that part of his hip was broken, the complaint said.

Charges against Poemoceah and at least eight others present during the police charge were later dropped because police never filed written statements about essential facts outlining the offense, the complaint said.

Poemoceah's lawsuit is the latest legal action brought against North Dakota law enforcement officials in connection to the Dakota Access Pipeline protests. In 2016 activists sued the city of Mandan and the sheriffs of Morton and Stutsman counties for alleged use of excessive force.

In July 2019, a Navajo tribe member from Arizona brought a similar excessive force lawsuit against Morton County. Attorneys from the county and the city of Bismarck asked U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland to dismiss the complaint.

## Golf season begins



Michael Vosburg / Forum Photo Editor  
Golfers are interspersed Tuesday, April 21, shortly after The Meadows golf course opened in Moorhead.

## Minnesota senators seek protections for food workers

By Sarah Mearhoff  
Forum News Service

**ST. PAUL** — Minnesota's U.S. Sens Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, along with 34 other colleagues, have signed a letter to Trump Administration officials after a wave of COVID-19 infections has swept through Midwestern food processing facilities.

In a Monday, April 20, letter, the senators asked how officials in the White House, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration, Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Homeland Security are responding to the outbreaks in order to protect essential workers in farms, processing facilities and grocery stores, as well as the country's food supply chain. They wrote that many workers are risking their wellbeing, some feeling scared but pressured to work, and COVID-related closures of facilities threaten the country's supply chain.

Further exacerbating these issues is the country's persistent shortages of coronavirus testing and personal protective equipment (often dubbed PPE) for essential workers. The



Jeremy Fugleberg / Forum News Service  
The Smithfield Foods pork processing plant in Sioux Falls, S.D., on April 16.

lessor PPE available, the more essential workers may fall ill and further strain the supply chain and economy, they wrote. Monday's letter comes as positive COVID-19 cases have forced two meatpacking facilities in Minnesota, JBS USA in Worthington and Comfrey Farm Prime Pork in Windom, to temporarily shutter. The Smithfield Pork Plant in Sioux Falls, S.D., also had to close as its number of factory-linked cases soared to nearly 900,

making the facility one of the nation's largest coronavirus hotspots.

The senators asked the cabinet officials a series of seven questions on their plans to address food worker safety issues, such as collaboration with local governments and the private sector, increasing testing capacity and PPE availability and ensuring workers are communicated health and sanitation best practices.

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**COMING UP ON WDAY TV**  
Tonight on WDAY 6 News: She was one of the first cases of COVID-19 connected to an area nursing home. Now this nurse is sharing her recovery from the virus with WDAY's Kevin Wallevand.

BRIEF

Vote-by-mail applications going out statewide in ND

FARGO — North Dakota residents this week will receive a letter from North Dakota Secretary of State Al Jaeger including an application for an absentee ballot with one's name and address already filled in, per a Tuesday press release from Cass County.

The application will have yellow boxes for information that voters will need to complete to get an absentee ballot for the June 9 election. No voting locations will be open for the election to comply with social distancing goals.

Voters are instructed to sign and mail

completed applications in the enclosed postage paid envelope to the county auditor of one's respective county. After applications are received, a ballot will be mailed out in early May.

Lane closure on University Drive begins today

FARGO — Starting Wednesday, April 22, University Drive North will be reduced to one lane between Ninth and 10th Avenues North to permanently repair a previous patch in the roadway.

The closure is expected to be in place for one week. Find a complete list of road closures online at [www.FargoStreets.com](http://www.FargoStreets.com).

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high-power alliance of regulators, scientists and commercial partners to deliver the treatment to patients across the country.

The plasma treatment is considered to be perhaps the best known tool

for treating COVID-19, as the medical community and researchers rush other treatments through testing and also work on a vaccine for the virus expected to be available sometime next year.

Studies suggest injecting plasma donated by a patient who has recovered from COVID-19 may shorten the length of the illness

or lessen its severity.

The method, infusing blood plasma that is rich in antibodies, is not a new one. But its efficacy against coronavirus is still yet to be determined.

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Cramer wrote in a letter to Ken Cuccinelli, acting deputy secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. "We need them focused on providing the important, high quality care they are capable of, not worrying about the threat of deportation."

The backlog in processing means some visas set to expire this summer will not be renewed in time, Cramer said.

At least 75 physicians worked in North Dakota on a visa program, or 4.7% of the state's medical doctors, according to 2017 figures cited by Cramer's office.

Homeland security officials have said they will use their existing authority to provide flexibility for those going through the renewal process, but Cramer is working with the department to issue official guidelines to provide certainty to immigrant health care workers.

A major concern is the

administration's suspension of what is called premium visa processing, which allows employers to pay a higher fee for expedited processing for certain visas, said Courtney Koebele, executive director of the North Dakota Medical Association, which represents physicians.

"During this pandemic, this action has the potential to impact patient access to medical care for North Dakota residents, particularly in rural areas," she said Tuesday, April 21.

Cramer is advocating for the resumption of premium visa application processing as well as a waiver of restrictions that tie a doctor to the place of employment at the time a work-related visa was granted, allowing greater flexibility.

Sanford Health supports efforts to clear the visa backlog for physicians.

"We are supportive of current efforts to ease visa processing for health care workers," a statement released by Sanford spokeswoman Erika

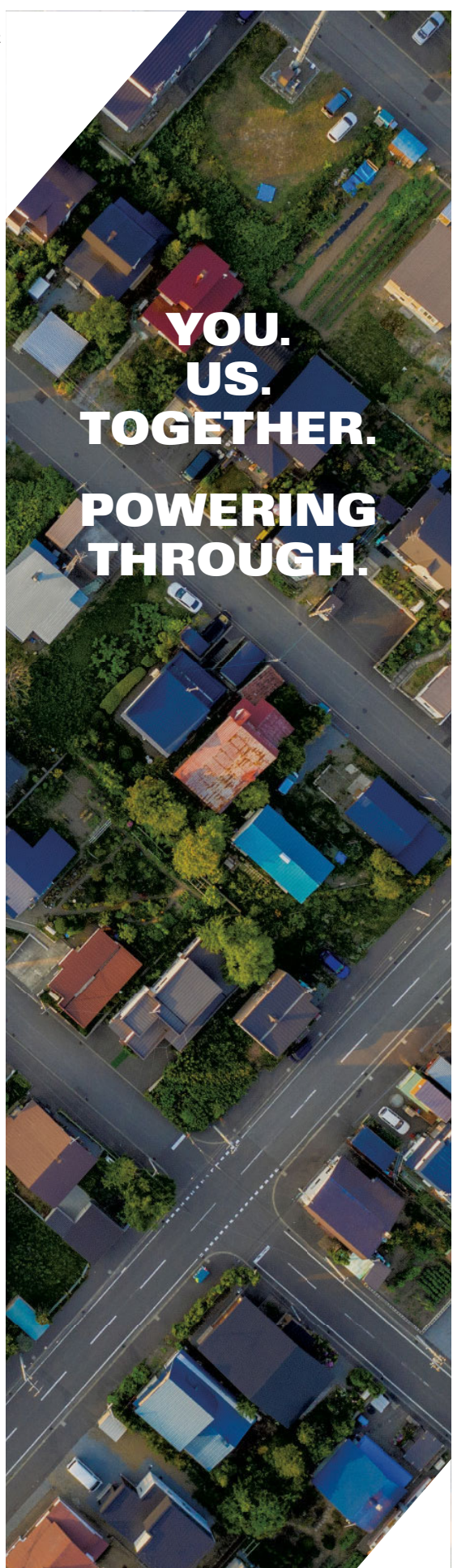
Batcheller said. "This is an unprecedented time and health care workers are on the frontlines in the fight against COVID-19. Without changes to the bureaucracy around visa renewal, we could face a risk of provider shortages in some areas."

Essentia Health said it was unable to provide comment on the issue.

Meanwhile, health care workers reportedly will be exempt from the immigration ban President Donald Trump has announced that he will impose to try to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. Migrant farm workers also will be exempted, according to news reports.


Trump will issue an executive order suspending issuance of green cards, which grant permanent residency, for 60 days. Pausing immigration, the president said, will help ensure that unemployed citizens are first in line for jobs.

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Submitted photos

Left to right: Stacy Kennedy, Tanya Boehland Mack, Kendall Kehres are shown.

'IT'S OVERWHELMING' Labor statistics reveal women face job loss, unemployment claims in record numbers

By Ryan Stotts
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A job loss due to the coronavirus threaten more North Dakotans every week, filing an unemployment insurance claim is generating more questions than answers, especially for one particular group.

she said. She was thankful, but also didn't really understand the unemployment system. "And not really understanding they weren't quite ready for us," Kennedy said. Kennedy is organized: She'd already done her taxes, and she had all the documentation required to file for unemployment.

"I work at a bar twice a month, if that." She spent weeks calling into the automated system to find out why, always waiting for long periods, and sometimes getting hung up on. She wouldn't give up. "Every day, I'd set my alarm for 7:45 a.m., and I'd start calling," she said.

Kennedy — endless hold times, being hung up on, the vigilant checking, and the juggling of multiple programs. "It's overwhelming," Boehland Mack said. She had eight hours to close down her business, which her clients were shocked to find out wasn't considered essential.

Employment data released April 3 by the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics revealed that 60% of job losses were incurred by women. In every job sector, according to the data, women have sustained more losses. Three Fargo women shared their experiences navigating the often confusing state unemployment system during a pandemic.

"Crossing my fingers" "Luckily, I'm married and my husband still has his job," Stacy Kennedy said, "so we've been able to get by with his income." Her business, Stacy Kennedy Photography, 4950 13th Ave. S., effectively closed the same day Gov. Doug Burgum ordered all schools to be closed, March 16.

"I work closely with my clients," Kennedy said. That wasn't possible any longer. "It was the first time the professional photographer ever had to file for unemployment, and it came as something of a surprise because she's self-employed. "I followed the news, so somehow I knew right away that self-employed were going to have the opportunity to file,"

Denied unemployment benefits when she applied in late March, she was told she didn't earn enough wages, or meet minimum qualifications, to receive them. "I feel like I'm a relatively intelligent woman," she said. "I've had seven years of college. But, I can't make heads or tails of this." She persisted, and, in the end, she thought she'd finally get some help in the form of a PPP loan.

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West Acres again extends closure, but hasn't set reopening date

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FARGO — The operators of the West Acres Mall have decided to once again extend the temporary closure of the mall — but haven't set a reopening date. The announcement came in a Facebook post and on the mall's website on Tuesday, April 21. In a note addressed to the community, mall operators said, "As COVID-

19 continues to progress through our community, we have made the decision to extend the temporary closure of West Acres. We feel this is the best, and only, way to continue to protect the health and safety of our community, customers and staff." The Facebook notice said. "Currently, we are not prepared to set a new reopening date, however we are hopeful that day will come sooner than later,"

the notice said. "We are working diligently behind the scenes to make steps towards our opening. We want to ensure that when the time comes, we are prepared with the proper protocols and safety measures in place." The mall first closed its doors at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 19, and the length of the closure has been extended a couple of times as the spread of COVID-19 continued.

The mall closure was made in response to North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum's recommendation to close community gathering spaces to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus. Before the governor's recommendation, the mall had initially closed food court seating and changed its hours in response to the pandemic. Reader can reach Forum reporter Helmut Schmidt at (701) 241-5466

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## BRIEFS

### Pandemic sends England and Wales death toll to record high

The U.K. reported its highest number of deaths in a week on record, with fatalities in care homes more than quadrupling in seven days, dampening hopes that the coronavirus will soon be under control.

There were 18,516 deaths registered in the week ending April 10, 76% more than the average figure for the same week over the previous five years, the Office For National Statistics said on Tuesday. Of the 8,000 excess deaths, more than 6,200 were linked to the coronavirus, according to the ONS.

Unlike the daily numbers reported by the government, the ONS includes deaths in care homes and hospices as well as cases where covid-19 is only listed as a contributory factor on death certificates. According to Health Secretary Matt Hancock, the statistics lag the daily figures because collecting the information is more time consuming.

There is a difference of 1,700 between the additional deaths relative to the average weekly figure and those the ONS attributed to the coronavirus. Some covid-19 linked deaths may be being missed while the pressure the pandemic has put on medical resources may also be causing fatalities, according to research by the Continuous Mortality Investigation.

—Bloomberg

### At least 7 in Wisconsin contract coronavirus during election

Milwaukee health officials said they have identified at least seven people who contracted the coronavirus from participating in Election Day on April 7, which was held despite a stay-at-home order issued throughout Wisconsin.

The seven people were the first identified by Milwaukee officials, who contend that the number may be higher as they are still conducting testing. Other cities have not reported any cases tied to voting yet.

The officials, in a statement issued Tuesday, did not say how they traced the new coronavirus cases to in-person voting. Six of the cases they identified were Milwaukee voters. The seventh was a poll worker.

Polling places opened across Wisconsin after the state's Republican-controlled Legislature refused to take action to postpone the election or expand vote by mail. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services said they would also be studying any voters or election workers who contracted the virus from voting. They have not reported any cases yet.

"Please note that we only have 30% of the data back from new cases as of 4/7 and on," Jeanette Kowalik, the Milwaukee health commissioner, said in the statement.

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### FDA approves 1st in-home test for coronavirus

The Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday said it had granted emergency approval to the first in-home test for the coronavirus, a nasal swab kit that will be sold by LabCorp.

The agency said that LabCorp had submitted data showing the home test is as safe and accurate as a sample collection at a doctor's office, hospital or other testing site.

Patients will swab their own

nose using a testing kit sent by the company and will mail it in an insulated package back to the company. The test, called the Pixel, will be available to consumers in most states, with a doctor's order, the agency said.

LabCorp said that it would first make the tests available to health care workers and emergency workers who may have been exposed to COVID-19 or be symptomatic, and that it would be making the self-collection kits available to consumers "in the coming weeks."

The company said the test will cost \$119. Consumers will have to pay out of pocket for the test, a company spokesman said, and see if their insurer will reimburse them.

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### CDC director warns 2nd wave of coronavirus will likely be worse

Even as states move ahead with plans to reopen their economies, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned Tuesday that a second wave of the novel coronavirus will be far more deadly because it is likely to coincide with the start of flu season.

"There's a possibility that the assault of the virus on our nation next winter will actually be even more difficult than the one we just went through," CDC Director Robert Redfield said in an interview with The Washington Post. "And when I've said this to others, they kind of put their head back, they don't understand what I mean."

Having two simultaneous respiratory outbreaks would put unimaginable strain on the health-care system, he said. The first wave of covid-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, has already killed more than 42,000 people across the country. It has already overwhelmed hospitals and revealed gaping shortages in test kits, ventilators and protective equipment for health-care workers.

In a wide-ranging interview, Redfield said federal and state officials need to use the coming months to prepare for what lies ahead.

—The Washington Post

### Senate committee endorses spy agencies' finding

The Senate Intelligence Committee has unanimously endorsed the U.S. intelligence community's conclusion that Russia conducted a sweeping and unprecedented campaign to interfere in the 2016 presidential election.

The heavily-redacted report, based on a three-year investigation, builds on a committee finding nearly two years ago that the January 2017 intelligence community assessment (ICA) on Russia was sound. The spy agencies also found that Russia sought to shake faith in American democracy, denigrate then-candidate Hillary Clinton and boost her rival Donald Trump.

The report, while not unexpected, is nonetheless a milestone — the first extensive bipartisan congressional affirmation of the intelligence agencies' conclusion, which continues to be at odds with President Trump's oft-stated doubts about Russia's role in the 2016 race.

"The committee found no reason to dispute the intelligence community's conclusions," Chairman Richard Burr, R-N.C., said in a statement.

—The Washington Post

# Oil industry sheds 51,000 jobs in March

By Ari Natter  
Bloomberg

The oil and gas industry shed nearly 51,000 drilling and refining jobs in March, a 9% reduction that is likely to get worse as futures prices fell into negative territory Monday.

March's job losses rise by 15,000 when ancillary jobs such as construction, manufacturing of drilling equipment and shipping are included, according to BW Research Partnership, a research consultancy, which analyzed Department of Labor data combined with the firm's own survey data of about 30,000 energy companies.

"We're looking at anywhere

between five and seven years of job growth wiped out in a month," Philip Jordan, the company's vice president said in an interview. "What makes it sort of scary is this really is just the beginning. April is not looking good for oil and gas."

The price on the futures contract for West Texas crude that is due to expire Tuesday fell into negative territory — minus \$37.63 a barrel — with the pandemic bringing the economy to a standstill and American energy companies running out of room to store oil. The price on the futures contract due a month later settled at \$20.43 per barrel.

An unprecedented output deal by OPEC and allied mem-

bers a week ago to curb supply is proving too little too late in the face a one-third collapse in global demand. With no end in sight, and producers around the world continuing to pump, that's causing a fire-sale among traders who don't have access to storage.

BW Research projects oil and gas jobs could decline by as much as 30% in the first quarter of 2020.

The industry has faced the twin shocks of the coronavirus crippling demand with stay-at-home orders coupled with an oil-price war between Russia and Saudi Arabia that led to a glut and sent the price of oil spiraling to historic lows, leading U.S. companies to idle drilling rigs.



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President Donald Trump speaks during a coronavirus briefing at the White House in Washington, April 20.

# Trump plans to suspend immigration to the US

By Katie Rogers,  
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President Donald Trump said Monday evening that he intended to close the United States to people trying to immigrate to the country to live and work, a drastic move that he said would protect American workers from foreign competition once the nation's economy began to recover from the shutdown caused by the coronavirus outbreak.

"In light of the attack from the Invisible Enemy, as well as the need to protect the jobs of our GREAT American Citizens," Trump wrote on Twitter, "I will be signing an Executive Order to temporarily suspend immigration into the United States!"

In recent weeks, the Trump administration has used health concerns to justify aggressively restricting immigration. Even before the tweet, it had expanded travel restrictions, slowed visa processing and moved to swiftly bar asylum-seekers and unauthorized immigrants from entering the country, alarming immigration advocates who have said that Trump and his advisers are using a global pandemic to further hard-line immigration policies.

But the president's late-night announcement Monday signals his most wide-ranging attempt yet to seal the country off from the rest of the world. A formal order temporarily barring the provision of new green cards and work visas could come as early as the next few days,

according to several people familiar with the plan.

Under such an executive order, the Trump administration would no longer approve any applications from foreigners to live and work in the United States for an undetermined period of time, effectively shutting down the legal immigration system in the same way the president has long advocated closing the borders to illegal immigration. It was not immediately clear what legal basis Trump would claim to justify shutting down most immigration.

The number of visas issued to foreigners abroad looking to immigrate to the United States has declined by about 25%, to 462,422 in the 2019 fiscal year from 617,752 in 2016.

# As COVID-19 spreads, poison hotlines see rise in accidents

By David Waldstein  
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As awareness of the coronavirus pandemic has spread throughout the United States, doctors who monitor activity at poison call centers have noticed an alarming trend: a significant increase in accidental exposures to household cleaners and disinfectants.

A study released Monday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that calls to poison hotlines this year for cases involving cleaners and

disinfectants rose significantly compared with the same period over the previous two years, and charts a dramatic spike in March for both categories.

Some of the physicians who collaborated on the research with the CDC had discussed their observations with one another last month.

Others saw the same trend and wondered if the accidental poisonings were an insidious, secondary result of the coronavirus's spread. The group initiated the study to determine

if there was a possible link between the rise in exposures and the recommendations from public health agencies to clean and disinfect as much as possible.

From January through March, poison centers received 45,550 exposure calls related to cleaners (28,158) and disinfectants (17,392), the report said, representing overall increases of 20.4% compared with the same period in 2019 and 16.4% more than 2018.

The authors warned that the

actual number of exposures was likely even higher because the data only came from reported calls for help, and some people who were exposed probably did not report their cases to the hotlines.

The call centers also did not record information about the reasons for an exposure — whether, for instance, it was because of a direct concern over the coronavirus. But the authors indicated that a connection was likely because the timing corresponded to the increase in

media coverage of the coronavirus, as well as stay-at-home orders and other instructions from public health officials.

"There appears to be a clear temporal association with increased use of these products," the authors wrote.

Among the concerns in the report were the access that children have to dangerous products that are now in many more homes, and mixing substances that accidentally create dangerous chemical compounds and gasses.

**Claire McDonald**



Claire McDonald, 79, of Holly Hill, FL (formerly of West Fargo, ND), passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 19, 2020.

She was born on April 17, 1941 in Gardner, ND to Daro and Neva Thibideau Prichard. Claire was united in marriage to Hal B. McDonald on August 22, 1959 in Sisseton, SD. They lived in Gardner before moving to Fargo in 1960. In 1963 they moved to West Fargo. They lived in several locations, including Seattle, WA and Phoenix, AZ before moving back to North Dakota in 1974. Hal and Claire spent many years enjoying their time with several lifetime friends at Star Lake, MN. Claire worked at Sandy's Doughnuts in West Fargo for several years and during this time cherished being part of the Sandy's family.

Claire is survived by her son, Daniel (Stacy) McDonald of Holly Hill, FL; her daughter, Tammy (Mike) Kretschmer, of Knoxville, TN; two brothers, Pete (Judy) Prichard of La Mesa, CA, and Bert (April) Prichard of OceanSide, CA; two grandsons Brian McDonald of Winchester, VA and Steven McDonald of Holly Hill, FL. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two sons, Scott and Russell McDonald, and her great grandson Hayden McDonald.

A celebration of life will be held in North Dakota at a later date. In lieu of flowers at this time, please join the family this summer.

Arrangements are being made by Lohman Funeral Home, 733 West Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach, FL.

**Pauline "Polly" Lane**



Pauline Faye Lane, Harwood, ND, passed away in her home surrounded by loved ones under the amazing care of Hospice of the Red River Valley.

"Polly" is survived by her husband Dale Lane, daughter Melodie Lane of Big Torch Key, FL, daughter Tanya Reis of West Fargo, ND, Grandchildren Brittany Gaughan, Dylan Reis, Hannah Reis, Sophia Reis (Robert Baskerville), Max Reis, great-grandson Renley Dale Reis aka "Sully" to Great Grandmother Polly, and her beloved pets. She was preceded in death by her parents William and Audrey Schroeder, brother William Schroeder, sister Jeanne Johnson, infant daughter Wendy Rae, and son Ross Lane.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking memorials be sent to Hospice of the Red River Valley and Cats Cradle.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.hansonrunsvold.com](http://www.hansonrunsvold.com).

Arrangements by Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home Fargo, ND.

**Joanne H. Geist**



Joanne Geist, 75, of Fargo, ND passed away on April 17, 2020 at Bethany Retirement Living in Fargo. Private funeral services will be held at 10:00AM CST at Boulger Funeral Home in Fargo. The service will be livestreamed on the Boulger website along with a recording to be available post-service.

Joanne Helen Jacobsen was born on October 1, 1944 in Pringhar, IA to Hans and Helen (Ewald) Jacobsen. Growing up her family farmed and moved between Iowa and South Dakota before settling in Montana. She graduated from High School in Hamilton, MT in 1962 and went on to graduate from the Modern Business College in Missoula, MT. On November 14th, 1964 she was united in marriage to Leroy Geist. Leroy's career took them from Montana to Idaho and eventually to Fargo where they raised two daughters; Lisa and Nikki. In 1990 Joanne retired from an accounting career and they moved to Long Lake just outside of Detroit Lakes, MN. An avid golfer and bridge player Joanne enjoyed her time with her friends and family in MN. Leroy passed away in May 1998 and shortly after she moved back to Fargo to be able to spend more time with her grandchildren; girl/boy twins Madison and Hunter Lucas and Abby Loney. Joanne loved to golf, play cards, do crafts and travel. Active in Hospice and her Faith (Bible Study, Stewardship and Church Council) kept her busy for many years. Diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Memory Disorder in 2006, Joanne slowly succumbed to Alzheimer's over the past years.

Joanne is survived by her daughters, Lisa (Mike) Lucas and Nikki (Jason) Loney of Fargo; two grandchildren, Madison and Hunter Lucas and Abby Loney all of Fargo; four brothers, Roger (Christine) Jacobsen of Rock Springs, WY, Jim (Debra) Jacobsen of Livingston, MT, Gary (Cynde) Jacobsen of Fairbanks, AK and Jake (Peggy) Jacobsen of Livingston, MT; two sisters, Lois (Darryl) Anderson of Meridian, ID and Betty Lower of Belgrade, MT; numerous nieces and nephews; and special companion of over a decade LeRoy Babolian of Glyndon, MN. Joanne was preceded in death by her husband Leroy Geist and her parents and grandparents.

The family would like to thank all of Joanne's family and friends for their visits and thoughts of encouragement throughout the years. We would also like to thank her doctors at Essentia and Sanford and care-giving staff at Touchmark, Eilm and Bethany in Fargo.

In lieu of flowers designated memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or to a local organization, in your area, to help those in need at this time.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Boulger Funeral Home and Celebration of Life Center, Fargo. To sign the online guestbook and view the service, visit [www.boulgerfuneralhome.com](http://www.boulgerfuneralhome.com)

**Mariann Avis Jacobson**



Mariann Avis Jacobson, 86, Fargo, ND (formerly of LaMoure, ND) passed away on April 19, 2020 at Eventide Fargo Care Center.

Mariann was born on February 3, 1934 in a tar paper shack near Grenora, ND. Her parents were Carl and Hilda (Folwig) Haugen. She graduated high school from Williston High School. She was united in marriage on July 12, 1952 to Albert Oliver Jacobson. Together they raised four children on the family farm. Mariann and Albert farmed near Fullerton, ND from 1958 to 1984. They built a home in LaMoure and lived there starting in 1978. Albert passed away in 1984. She married Robert Juelke on January 4, 1993 and they moved to Fargo in 2006.

Mariann enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, sewing, card playing and church activities. She also enjoyed socializing, dancing and visiting in person or on the phone with friends. She was a member of St. Ansgar Lutheran Church since moving to the farm in 1958. Mariann worked at Rickdoffs Department store in LaMoure, and later as secretary and bookkeeper at the LaMoure school.

Mariann was a wonderful mother and wife. She was devoted to her family and this was the focus of her life. Her children and grandchildren enjoyed all the special foods and holiday meals that she would prepare. She also deeply cared about her friends and neighbors. Mariann was always very well dressed - a beautiful outfit, matching jewelry, hair and makeup always perfect!

Mariann was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Jacobson, her husband Robert Juelke, her parents Hilda and Carl Haugen, her sisters Cora Hagen, Loretta Perry, brother Carlton Haugen.

She is survived by her children: Kevin (Donna) Oakes, ND; Alan (Susan) Bismarck, ND; Denley (Beverly) Fargo, ND, and Renee Jacobson (Alan Evans). Grandchildren include Kevin (Cory) Jacobson, Kim (Vance) Jirava, Nick (Cody) Jacobson, Tonya (Josh) Wald, Bethany (Michael) Kok, Mark Jacobson, Philip Jacobson, Eric (Jill) Jacobson, Silka (Michael) Houghton, Kyra Jacobson- Evans, Torrey- Jacobson Evans. Great grandchildren include Jacob Carroll, Julia Jacobson, Reed Jirava, Colton Jirava, Ivy Jacobson, Tate Jacobson, Creghton Jacobson, Ayden Jacobson, Blaine Wald, Bylen Wald, Carter Wald, Alice Kok, Albert Houghton, and baby boy Jacobson due in May. Survivors also include her sisters: Jan Nelson, Silka, AK; Shirley Smith, Denver, CO, as well as numerous other nieces, nephews and friends.

Due to COVID-19, the family will hold a private graveside service and burial at Rosehill Cemetery in LaMoure, ND. Video of the funeral service will be made available at [www.boulgerfuneralhome.com](http://www.boulgerfuneralhome.com).

Many thanks to the staff of Eventide Care Center and Ethos Hospice for their kind, compassionate care in these difficult times.

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**Ronald Langdahl**



Ronald Lee Langdahl, 67, Page, ND died on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at the Sanford Hillsboro Care Center in Hillsboro, ND.

Ron was born on August 22, 1952 to Allen and Janice (Thielman) Langdahl. Ron spent his childhood growing up in the Page area. He graduated from Page High School and was a confirmed and lifelong member of Our Savior Lutheran church in Page.

Ron helped his Dad and Uncle Larry with the farming and was often seen on the lawn mower keeping the yard looking picture perfect. In 1978 Ron took a job with EEE Inc. of Page. He was the receptionist and would answer the phone. He got so used to answering it EEE Inc., that there were times he would answer his own phone at home that way. He worked for them until 2014 when health issues were making it harder for him. He loved that job, especially the kids that would stop over to visit him. He had a treat stash and the kids knew it.

Ron was very active in the community. He was president of the Jaycees for several years, he helped with the theater as the best popcorn popper there was. He was known for driving around on his scooter and collecting bags of pop cans from people to recycle them and donate the money raised to several causes within the community. He went through many can crushers. Ron also was in charge of running the concessions for roller skating that was held during the winter months. Ron never felt of himself as disabled. Nothing was going to stop him from doing what he wanted to, not even the snow. Ron never married or had children of his own, but many kids were treated by him, as if they were his own.

Ron is survived by Terry and friend Tina, Kim Long, Diane (Lee) Wade all of Page, Robert and friend Judy, Deb (Jim) Himmelspatt both of Fargo, Cindy (Dirk) Pilgrim of Klamath Falls OR and Jeanne (Gayle) Bergeron of Thompson ND. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; sister Julie Long; nephews Michael Long and baby Jayme Michael.

The family would love to thank the wonderful staff at the nursing home in Hillsboro for loving him and taking such good care of him. It became his second home.

Services will be held at a later date with burial in the Page Cemetery in Page, ND.

Condolences and memories can be shared at [www.bakerfuneral.com](http://www.bakerfuneral.com) (Baker Funeral Home, Mayville, ND)

**Donna Bigger**

**Douglas Jack Fields**

Dec. 16, 1934 - April 18, 2020  
DETROIT LAKES, Minn. - Donna Bigger, 85, Detroit Lakes, Minn., died Saturday, April 18, in her home.

Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by David-Donehower Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes.

March 29, 1965 - April 20, 2020  
FARGO, N.D. - Douglas Jack Fields, 55, Detroit Lakes, Minn., died Monday, April 20, in Essentia Health.

Arrangements by Boulger Funeral Home and Celebration of Life Center in Fargo.

**Joanne Friedsam**

**Lynn Marie Rolstad**

July 9, 1959 - April 16, 2020  
WEST FARGO, N.D. - Lynn Marie Rolstad, 60, West Fargo, N.D., died Thursday, April 16, in her home.

Services are pending with Boulger Funeral Home and Celebration of Life Center in Fargo, ND.

Feb. 2, 1938 - April 20, 2020  
ANOKA, Minn. - Joanne Friedsam, 82, Anoka, Minn., died Monday, April 20, in Ark on the River.

A memorial Mass will be held at a later date at St. Lawrence Catholic Church near Perham, Minn.

Arrangements by Schoenberger Funeral & Cremation Service.

**Vicki Schwanke**

Feb. 11, 1954 - April 20, 2020  
PUPOSKY, Minn. - Vicki Schwanke, 66, Perham, Minn., died Monday, April 20, in her friend's home from natural causes.

A private funeral will be held at Schoenberger Funeral Home in Perham. Pastor Andrew Ratcliff will officiate. Burial will be in Spruce Grove Union Cemetery near Butler, Minn.

Arrangements by Schoenberger Funeral & Cremation Service.

**Irene Saylor**

May 20, 1929 - April 18, 2020  
PLYMOUTH, Minn. - Irene Saylor, 90, Plymouth, Minn., died Saturday, April 18, in Plymouth.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 24, at Boulger Funeral Home in Fargo. A service will be streamed at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, on the funeral home website.

Arrangements by Boulger Funeral Home and Celebration of Life Center.

**Donald Bernhardt**

April 7, 1950 - April 19, 2020  
EDGELEY, ND - Donald Bernhardt, 70, Edgeley, N.D., died Sunday, April 19, in his home.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Williams Funeral Home.

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# OPINION

## Saving MSUM theater programs

By Drew Miller  
St. Paul

Let's be honest — no one should be surprised by the proposal to eliminate Minnesota State University Moorhead theater programs.

The university administration is making some very difficult budget decisions. Enrollment at MSUM is down 24% compared to 10 years ago, in line with the trend in Minnesota and nationally. State funding has declined, with no indication that that approach will change. Expenses are increasing. And these were the challenges before the COVID-19 pandemic.

The efforts to save the theater department and The Straw Hat Players are understandable, but they appear to be too little, too late. Simply sparing these programs today doesn't address any of the many changes and deficiencies that have led to this point, nor does it provide the funding to maintain them.

It's been close to 20 years since the theater department and The Straw Hat Players have had the strong institutional support and commitment that they enjoyed during their first three decades. The theater program has not grown significantly, and The Straw Hat Players seasons and attendance are a sickly shadow of what they were in the company's heyday.

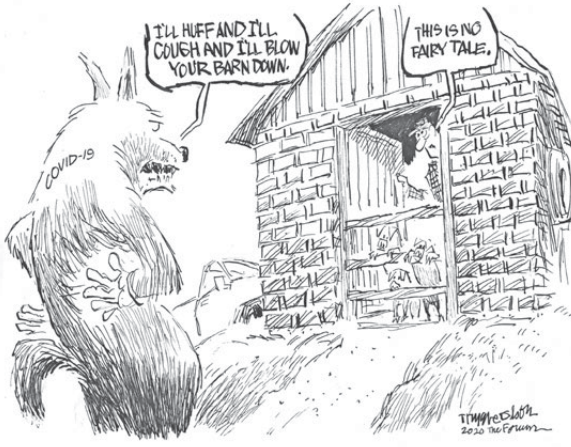
As an example: In the face of the pandemic, I can't help but think that Del Hansen would have partnered with the School of Media Arts & Design and other departments in the School of Performing Arts to present a digital season of The Straw Hat Players. Play readings, musical reviews, and monologues from works in the public domain; individually, remotely filmed roles; graphic components; and digital editing — all coming together as high-quality theatrical presentations. Challenging? Certainly. Hard work? Definitely. Exciting as all get out? You betcha.

But instead of doing something creative, something out-of-the-box, the 2020 Straw Hat season was simply cancelled. It's unfortunate that department, college and university leaders proved unable or unwilling to recognize and address the obvious threats that led to today. Had they, it might have been possible — with structural change, recruiting, significant philanthropy, and the luxury of time — to avoid the situation faced today.

If they feel they can save the programs, supporters of MSUM theater need to do more than offer personal stories. They need to address the changes, capital investment, and leadership needed to make these programs successful for the long term. They should identify other areas within the MSUM budget (if not their head on the cutting block, whose? And why?) that can take the necessary budget cuts. And if their proposal relies on philanthropy, it must have a solid endowment that does not significantly rely on future pledges.

The administration's decision is understandable, but they should provide more context for decisions to eliminate these and other programs. Accurate numbers and trends for program and university enrollment, detailed budgets and proposals (made available online), plans to increase enrollment in other programs, and a detailed explanation for not eliminating non-academic programs first would be a good place to start.

I feel quite sad about the end of The Straw Hat Players and theater department. But that sense of loss is, largely, for students whose lives are already disrupted and the theater programs at their high point.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Teach kids to look both ways before crossing the street

By Paul Stalcup  
Fargo

I grew up across the street north of Horace Mann Elementary School in Fargo. We spent a lot of time playing baseball, football, basketball, kickball, etc., on the open field. We were taught by our parents at an early age to look to the right, then to the left, and again to the right before crossing the street.

Unfortunately, despite the warnings, we had a terrible accident involving a neighborhood boy chasing

a ball into the street. He suffered a significant head injury.

In the last couple of weeks, I witnessed two incidents that could have ended up in an accident.

The first, I was driving in a neighborhood and could clearly see from a distance three children playing in their yard and one across the street. I was prepared to stop and let the boy cross the street. He took off without looking. Scary.

The second, several children were playing

hockey in their driveway on rollerblades. Again, I could clearly see the activity and slowed down. Two of the children skated into the street, again without looking. In both cases I reminded the children what could have happened.

Let's remind our children to look left, right, and again to the left before crossing the street. Drivers, slow down and keep your eyes on the road. A minor distraction could cause a significant injury.

#### For Earth Day, consider watching climate change documentary

By John Benson  
Moorhead

This Wednesday, April 22, is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. I would like to let you know that Prairie Public Television will be airing the film, "Climate Change—The Facts."

While COVID-19 may be the issue that is most on our mind this Earth Day, climate change is the one that we will be confronting far after the threat of this pandemic leaves us. This film, produced by the BBC and narrated by David Attenborough, presents

key issues within climate change and what we might do to prevent severe climate disruptions in the years ahead.

I would urge you to consider watching this important film at 7 p.m. on Prairie Public TV, KFME, Channel 13.

#### A perspective on long unemployment lines

By Norman Gronwald  
Norcross, Minn.

We have all heard about the long lines of the unemployed during the Great Depression. Last week, it was announced that 22 million people have applied for unemployment benefits in the past four

weeks. If 22 million people were standing in a line about six feet apart, the line would be 132,000,000 feet long. If you were to drive by this line of people at a speed of 60 mph, it would take 416 hours to get to the last person. You

would be driving 10 hours a day at 60 mph for almost 42 days. You would have traveled 25,000 miles, a distance that is equal to the circumference of the earth.

This is a human tragedy of historic proportion, and the line will get longer, possibly much longer.

#### What we can learn from Norway about healthy living

By Mark A. Strand  
Fargo

One of the reasons the country of Norway consistently ranks as one of the world's healthiest is the longstanding tradition of *friluftsliv*, or "open air living." Perhaps during this time of COVID-19-imposed social distancing and restricted gathering, now is the time to enjoy some *friluftsliv*.

What do Norwegians

mean by "open air living?" Beyond the requirement of being in an outdoor setting, the concept has four elements:

First, the purpose is not sports competition, but just enjoying the outdoors. Sports competition is no replacement for *friluftsliv*.

Second, one must enjoy green and blue spaces (grass, trees and water), so it requires getting away from streets and buildings.

Third, it requires a

change of setting. So, if you already live on an open acreage, you need to find a place that is different from your daily setting, to refresh your perspective.

Finally, you need to use your own engine — walking, biking, paddle-boarding, etc. — no motors are allowed. In the face of the COVID-19 epidemic, let's guard our health, and refresh our perspective, by laying hold of *friluftsliv*.

#### Concern for those falling through the cracks

By Tasha Joern  
Fargo

With regards to people who have lost their jobs because stores and restaurants have closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, officials shouldn't concentrate on how long a person has lived in the state when they file for unemployment.

My son had recently moved back home for a period and wanted to work. He was very

busy at a restaurant. That restaurant closed completely for the time being, leaving my son without a job. My son filed for unemployment and was denied because he hadn't lived in North Dakota long enough. Doesn't it say something that a person was clearly just working?

There are many people out in the world that do not work and receive all kinds of benefits. But in this crisis, a young person

who suffers from anxiety and depression who was working very steady hours went to not working at all. That's not to mention the kind of stress that puts on a person.

This is coming from a concerned mother who deals a lot with children calling depressed or in an anxiety situation.

During this crisis, I feel things could be looked at a lot better than how they have been.

## Get that scalpel out, Gov. Burgum

Minot, N.D.

Gov. Doug Burgum has done a tremendous job, so far, leading North Dakota through the COVID-19 pandemic. Our state has more tough times ahead.

Oil prices are tanking. We've undoubtedly already lost hundreds, perhaps thousands, of small businesses across the state.

Big businesses like chain stores and restaurants, many of which are still open now anyway, have the resources and economies of scale to weather this sort of storm.

Their smaller competitors do not.

Many of those businesses probably aren't coming back.

Protesters gathered in Bismarck this week to demand Burgum re-open our state's economy.

Burgum is resisting those calls, as well he should.

We're not ready for that yet.

The last thing we want is a wide scale reopening that turns North Dakota from a place where the virus has had a light impact to a place with outbreaks all over the map.

Where would our state's economy be then?

Still, Burgum needs to show us progress toward re-opening, for a couple of reasons.

First and foremost, we need to start getting back to work the people who can get back to work.

Second, there is an upper limit on how much of this the public is going to take.

We were, for the most part, accepting of the quarantine orders early on in this crisis. That patience is wearing thin, and without signs of progress, we may well reach a point where large swaths of the public disregard the orders.

Our governor has broad executive powers in times of crisis, but that power is predicated on the consent of the governed. If the governed stop consenting, what are we going to do?

Send cops and National Guard members into homes and businesses across the state?

Earlier this month, I credited Burgum with using a scalpel instead of a sledgehammer during this crisis. He seems to have liked the turn of phrase because he used it in a subsequent press conference.

Gov. Burgum, it's time to get the scalpel out again.

We have many businesses in this state — mostly grocery and various retail stores — which have been operating during the pandemic mainly without incident. Certainly without the sort of outbreaks we've seen at the manufacturing plant in Grand Forks or the meatpacking plant in South Dakota.

What can we learn from those businesses that can be used to let some other types of businesses open?

If we can let dozens, sometimes even hundreds, of people roam retail stores across the state, why can't we let some smaller businesses operate? Particularly businesses that could serve their customers in small groups by appointment.

Again, we're not ready for a wide scale reopening. That would be a sledgehammer move.

The empirical evidence suggests, however, that we are ready for some scalpel moves that would let at least some North Dakotans begin the process of getting back to work.

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Several people watch heavy machinery scrape away layers of trash Tuesday, April 21, at the Clay County Landfill southwest of Hawley, Minn.

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could be seen Tuesday morning with others at the landfill as an excavator and other heavy machinery dug into piles of trash. It appeared people helping with the search were looking through garbage bags.

Avery was last seen April 3. Police believe Broad dragged her body from his apartment at 1310 28th Ave. S. to his garage, according to court documents. He then used several saws to dismember her, put her into garbage bags and placed her into dumpsters at the apartment, court documents said.

Broad, Avery's mother and others reported the teenager missing in early April. Police have declined to say whether Avery's remains have been recovered, but court documents said investigators found blood stains in Broad's apartment and on blue bins.

Broad initially told investigators someone else hit Avery over the

head with a lead pipe and cut her throat, according to court documents.

Broad also claimed others helped him drag her body to the garage. Camera footage shows Broad dragging a blue tote from his apartment to his garage, but no one else was seen with him, court documents said.

He later claimed he killed Avery in self-defense, court documents stated.

Avery, who moved to Moorhead from Devers, Texas, about a year and a half ago to be with her boyfriend, lived with Broad for a short time before she went missing, according to court documents. Broad and Avery were not dating, but her family described the two as close friends.

Avery met Broad through mutual friends shortly after she arrived in Moorhead, her sister Valerie Parker said. The teenager trusted anyone she met, which is why she moved in with Broad, Parker said.

They lived together on and off after first meeting, Parker said. That's what makes it so difficult

to understand why Broad would kill Avery, she said.

The timeline of events, including when Broad allegedly killed Avery and put her remains in the dumpsters, has not been disclosed to the public. Garbage from his apartment is collected on Fridays, the city of Moorhead said.

Broad was booked into the Clay County Jail on Friday, April 17. He is being held on a \$1 million bond.

Kenneth Kludt has been appointed to serve as Broad's attorney. Kludt did not return a message left Tuesday by The Forum. Broad faces up to 40 years in prison if convicted.

Clay County Sheriff Mark Empting and a Salvation Army truck that typically provides food and drinks during disaster relief efforts also were spotted at the landfill on Tuesday. Empting declined to comment for this story and referred questions to Moorhead police.

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HOMELESS

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testing likely ahead for the 141 others.

Cheryl Sapp, infectious disease nurse for Clay County, said she couldn't verify the positive report, but that they were consulting with the state.

Minnesota has a plan for homeless residents to take shelter, in an undisclosed location if they test positive or are in quarantine, she said. The location isn't disclosed due to data privacy laws and because some are fleeing domestic abuse.

Contact tracing is also done following positive test results, Sapp said.

In Fargo, test results reported Tuesday night from a targeted, proactive North Dakota Department of Health testing site at the Gladys Ray Shelter & Veterans Drop-In late last week found that of 70 tests administered, there were three positive results among the guests and staff.

The report from Fargo Cass Public Health didn't specify if the positive cases were among the homeless or staff. The facility holds up to 35 beds for men and women. The phone call to the shelter seeking comment wasn't answered.

At the other homeless shelter in Fargo, New Life Center Director Rob Swiers said they haven't had any positive cases.

The shelter that houses 100 men each night has taken several steps to prevent spreading the virus, he said, including moving the most vulnerable guests to a special dormitory. Those feeling ill are moved to a separate area.

Swiers said the temperatures of the men

are taken twice a day, and any new guests are thoroughly screened. Although some men go to work, he said most are sheltering in place and cooperating pretty well.

"I think the men understand they are at risk and are serious about following the rules," he said. "There's a lot of stress, though."

Both Swiers and Koesterman said that the homeless are among the most vulnerable in this pandemic, with underlying health conditions, addictions, mental health issues and poor health care.

The National Low-income Housing Coalition reports on its website that the homeless are twice as likely or more to be hospitalized or require critical care.

Adding to concerns are the close quarters at shelters, making social distancing difficult.

Mitch's Mission and the New Life Center usually shut down overflow beds after the cold weather passes, but during the pandemic they are keeping them available.

At Mitch's Mission, Koesterman said they usually have 85 to 90 beds available instead of the 112.

Koesterman said they have a waiting list of 250 people, too, with those remaining unsheltered living in their vehicles or doubling up with family

or friends. She and Swiers strongly believe the homeless are much better off in the shelters because they offer access to medical care, security and nutrition.

Federal and state programs and aid are available in both states, with the most important effort being the extra, private shelter spots for those who test positive to keep away from others.

In North Dakota, the program operated by the Department of Human Services is also available to those showing symptoms and awaiting test results or those who need to be in quarantine because of recent travel to or from another state.

As of late last week, 12 North Dakotans were in the program, with isolation facilities available in eight cities across the state. Those in the separate shelters must be referred to the program.

The two shelter directors, though, wouldn't mind extra funding for their operations. Koesterman said she would most like extra staffing.

"We want to serve the people we have here already in a dignified, safe manner," she said.

Swier said New Life hasn't received any direct aid.

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# SPORTS

## REPORTS: TE GRONKOWSKI RETURNS, TRADED TO BUCCANEERS

Former New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski has come out of retirement and been traded to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to reunite with QB Tom Brady, multiple outlets reported Tuesday. The Bucs will reportedly send a fourth-round pick to the Patriots, who will send back a seventh-rounder with Gronkowski, who must pass a physical.

NFL Network reported Gronkowski has been putting on weight for a return to football. Gronkowski had one year and \$10 million remaining on his contract when he retired, so the Patriots still held his rights.

Field Level Media

# 'It's totally disappointing'

## American Legion baseball season in North Dakota again canceled

By Eric Peterson  
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**Fargo**  
The American Legion Department of North Dakota has decided to cancel the upcoming baseball season, alerting the teams across the state Tuesday, April 21, via email.

"It's totally disappointing," said Todd Rheault, the vice president of West Fargo Baseball, which also includes the West Fargo Patriots Legion team. "It's a decision that didn't need to be made now."

North Dakota's Department Executive Committee initially canceled the season in early April, but then decided to revisit that decision April 20. The DEC

again decided to cancel the season.

Kenny Wiederholt, Department Commander for North Dakota American Legion, sent out the following statement:

"North Dakota American Legion Baseball Chair Russ Kroschus gave a very informational update regarding the baseball committee's thoughts on the legion's baseball season and some of the actions taking place to prepare for it. The DEC then held a lengthy discussion, with the main focus concerning safety. The final decision to suspend the 2020 baseball season was a unanimous decision by all seven of the voting members on the Department Executive Committee. Although this decision is regrettable,

it was made solely to preserve the safety and health of everyone associated with this program. The department and I applaud the many people who have worked endlessly to shape this great program over the years into that which we know it today. We also wish to thank those who continue to mentor these young athletes. In this time where the government urges wearing masks anywhere in public, I ask that we all remain responsible and keep the health of those around us first and foremost."

Rheault said he's talked to Legion programs from around the state and most share the same sentiment: They want to play baseball if and when it is safe.

"Why these seven members felt that they needed to make this decision at this time is truthfully totally wrong," Rheault said.

Rheault said programs are willing to start the season as late as July 1. He added playing is dependent on getting the go-ahead from North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum.

"Why make a decision on April 21 when we could start a season on July 1?" Rheault said.

If deemed safe to play, Rheault said teams want to have baseball this summer. He added Class 2A and 1A teams have already talked about a potential Plan B.

"We have had some preliminary discussions that we will have some sort of baseball," Rheault said. "We just won't be doing it under the Legion



Forum file photo

Jack Williams Stadium, home of the Fargo Post 2 American Legion baseball team, will not host any Legion games this summer after North Dakota's Department Executive Committee made a decision to cancel the upcoming Legion baseball season Monday, April 20.

be as flexible as we can." Thompson said there is an end date in August before fall sports begin and players move on to college.

"The weekend before will be the state tournament and we'll work back from there," he said. "We've talked to all the schools and they all share the same opinion. We'll look to the governor when this timeline can start."

Forum reporter Eric Peterson can be reached at 701-241-5531

### BRIEFS

#### Spuds announce new boys basketball coach Ellingson

**MOORHEAD** — Matt Ellingson has been hired as the new Moorhead Spuds head boys basketball coach, the team announced Tuesday via Twitter.

Ellingson is a 2012 Moorhead graduate who has been an assistant coach for the Spuds boys team and a physical education teacher at Ellen Hopkins Elementary School the past four years.

Ellingson takes over for Tyler Bormann, who was hired as the new head men's basketball coach at Concordia earlier this month.

Bormann guided the Spuds to 21-win campaigns in 2018-19 and 2019-20, marking the first time in school history the boys team won at least 20 games in back-to-back seasons.

#### Gov. Walz says it's unlikely spring sports in Minn. will return

**ST. PAUL** — Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz is not optimistic about the prospect of spring sports returning this high school season in Minnesota amid the coronavirus pandemic. "I think it's unlikely," Walz said when asked about the possibility of schools reopening and high school activities resuming this spring during his daily news conference Monday, April 20.

The state's schools will remain closed until May 4. Consequently, the Minnesota State High School League has suspended spring sports through that same date.

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- Talk Hot Mic' with Dom Izzo, 9 a.m., 970-AM, 93.1-FM
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# American Association baseball postpones season opener, targets early July start

By Eric Peterson  
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**FARGO** — The American Association Baseball Board of Directors has decided to postpone the start of the upcoming season, the league office announced Tuesday, April 21.

The season was scheduled to start May 19, but now has been targeted for a potential early July start date. The league plans for a season that would last 80 games and extend into late September.

"The American Association looks forward to the day when we can safely re-open our stadiums to our fans and provide entertainment and social interaction," American Association commissioner Josh Schaub said in a news release. "However, we will not jeopardize the safety of our fans, staff, players, umpires or vendors and will abide by all national and local restrictions when determining if we can open in early July."

The Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks put single-game ticket sales on hold, team general manager Matt Rau said. Single-game tickets for games that were postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak can be exchanged for home games, once a new schedule is released. The RedHawks also announced they would contact season ticket holders, groups and corporate partners in the coming days.

"It's disappointing to

have the season start late, but the safety of the fans, players, staff is the most important factor in all these decisions," Rau said.

Promotions and giveaways are also set to be rescheduled once a new schedule is released. Newman Outdoor Field and the RedHawks front office will remain closed until further notice.

"We're not going to do anything until we can get the all clear from federal, state and local officials to

ensure the safety of everyone involved," Rau said. Schaub said he will continue to have weekly meetings with league officials to analyze the potential early July start date.

"This thing is so fluid, a lot of things could change," Schaub said. "We will revisit it on a weekly basis and we'll probably make a final decision in late May because that will be the lead up to whether we can start in July."

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# Mixed message or not, anglers will be tempted to get out and try Minnesota's land of sky-blue waters

Now comes the hard part: Minnesota. Gov. Tim Walz has a shelter-in-place order effective, for now, until May 4 to help stop the spread of the coronavirus. Meanwhile, spring is hitting like a freight train with temperatures this week forecast in the 60s and 70s.

Staying indoors is easy when it's 15 degrees. It's much harder, some might say impossible, when spring arrives in full force.

For anglers, numbering more than three-quarters of a million in the land of 10,000 Lakes, it is a particularly tempting time. Ice is disappearing from lakes, plump and willing crappies will soon be gathering in small bays and the state's famed walleye opener is three weeks away on May 9.

In a normal year, more than 500,000 fishermen take to the waters on the walleye opener.

How many will do so this year, when things are nothing near normal?

Also up for question: How many will travel great distances away from home to fish? And how many will socially distance while doing so?

Interesting puzzlers all, given the strong pull of lakes country combined



MIKE McFEELY  
The Forum

with Walz's latest executive order signed into effect last Friday.

In it, Walz specifically said outdoors activities like fishing, hunting, trapping, boating, hiking, biking, golfing and picnicking are exempt from shelter-in-place orders. Not only exempt, one might say, but encouraged.

The order also allows bait shops, marinas and dock- and lift-installation businesses to open. "That is a move toward normalcy."

"There will be a fishing opener. It is on. No question. We have no intention of closing that," said Minnesota Department of Natural Resources spokeswoman Kim Pleticha.

But before you think the governor is encouraging people from Fargo, Moorhead, Grand Forks, Duluth or the Twin Cities to load up their boats and head to lakes country, think again. Walz's order also specifically, and in strong language, discourages Minnesotans

from traveling long distances to enjoy the outdoors.

That includes, but is not limited to, visiting lake cabins or resorts.

"Minnesotans should stay close to home and are strongly discouraged from unnecessary travel, including long-distance travel to engage in outdoor recreational activities and travel to and from cabins, commercial lodging, and vacation homes or rentals," the order reads.

Go fishing, unless you don't live close to the lakes. In that case, stay home.

That leaves tens of thousands of usually rules-abiding anglers in a conundrum. If you live in Fargo-Moorhead, for example, and want to fish near Pelican Rapids or Detroit Lakes, does 50 miles count as close to home? Wouldn't seem like it.

"I can't give you a mile marker. I don't have a specific definition of 'close to home,'" Pleticha said. "For further guidance on that, I'd refer you to the governor's office."

A Walz spokesman did not immediately respond to an email seeking clarification.

It might be moot anyway. Once the ice begins clearing from

northern and western lakes, thousands of anglers with boats in tow will be headed to the public accesses.

Whether they'll practice safe angling is still a matter up for debate.

"It's very clear the order says this is an exemption for certain outdoors activities, but that people are urged to stay close to home. We'd ask that people abide by the spirit of the order," Pleticha said. "It's really about people's best judgment and common sense."

Things are not off to a strong start in that department. Minnesota's trout stream opener was last weekend and reports had fly fishermen standing shoulder-to-shoulder at some streams, social distancing be darned.

Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners Chairman Lee Rogness said the county knows it'll be increasingly tempting for fishermen and cabin owners to drive to the lakes now that the weather is warming, but asked that they abide by the governor's order.

"At the same time, we're not going to have anybody posted at the county border telling people to turn around and go home," Rogness said. "We're not going to be

checking licenses plate or anything like that."

Pelican Rapids Mayor Brent Frazier sees the coming of fishing season as a good thing, particularly from a mental-health standpoint.

"I believe it will be a stress reliever for many people who have been staying at home more than usual and now can get their thoughts on something other than COVID-19," he said. Fergus Falls Mayor Ben Schierler.

"The governor's order makes it clear that folks are encouraged to enjoy the outdoors but to do so close to home. I don't think the latest order changes anything as far as travel is concerned," Schierler said. "Enjoy your local lakes and recreation until public health officials advise that it is safe to do otherwise."

It's likely thousands of fishermen will drive great distances to their favorite lakes in the upcoming weeks, directly in defiance of Walz's wishes.

That will be impossible to stop. It's up to the anglers, then, to be responsible from there. Readers can reach Forum columnist Mike McFeely at (701) 451-5555

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# LIFE



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Sarah's Turkey Taco Meat Mix is served on grilled tortillas with shredded cabbage, avocado, tomato, cilantro and sour cream.

## Keep daughter from toxic household

**D**ear Annie: I know of a situation that I think needs to be addressed but I'm not sure how. My 15-year-old daughter has a friend, "Dawn."



Lucy is much younger.

Lucy talks to my daughter about how they use Reba. All they have to do is ask for something or imply they want something, and they know that Reba will get it, because if Reba even thinks about denying them, they completely shut her out and none of the family will speak to her for days. What my daughter understands is Reba is now in a position where she cannot move out because she put all of her money into the house they bought. Dawn says her mom will not even consider selling the house to give Reba her money back. Maybe Dawn's moms will read this and know that people know what is going on. I would appreciate your take on this and any suggestions.

**Dear Concerned:** Stop letting your daughter spend time at that house, as she shouldn't learn from that kind of example. Continue to let Dawn come to your house, so that hopefully she can learn from yours. All the rest is the family's business, for better or worse. Leave it be.

**Dear Annie:** I am writing in response to the letter from "Grateful Grandma," the relatively young grandson who is raising her grandson. She described her frustration of being treated differently than the other sports moms. She pleaded with parents to invite her grandson over, be patient with him and "understand that he's a bit high strung" due to his circumstances (neither parent is involved in his life).

As a school psychologist, I see many children who are being raised by other family members, including grandparents, and I applaud them for giving these children loving homes. I also see that parents can be defensive about a child who is struggling in one way or another, understandably, and may not see that the child needs intervention of some sort to be socially successful. Maybe this is part of what is going on, may be not, but I suggest that Grandma ask the boy's teachers, current and past, how his social skills are at school. If they have already shared concerns, don't brush them off, because they get to see your grandson in a social atmosphere all day. Talk to coaches as well.

If he is having difficulties with self-regulation, impulsivity, getting along with peers, etc., the other parents may be hearing that from their children and are reluctant to reach out to him. Family counseling, behavior therapy and other options may help. I'm sure the school could provide her with some referrals for support if this does turn out to be a factor.

**Dear Another Perspective:** I value your expertise and appreciate this letter. Perhaps it will shed some additional light on the situation for "Grateful Grandma."

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

# TURKEY TIME

These tacos are so good, no one will miss the beef

As a lifelong North Dakotan, I have a built-in soft spot when it comes to beef. Whether it's hamburgers, meatballs or a big, juicy steak, beef has always reigned supreme for me when it comes to cooking and eating meat.

In fact, for years I eschewed any suggestion that a burger could be made with any meat other than ground beef. Thankfully, as I've matured, I've come to see the wisdom in having a diet filled with a variety of lean proteins, and much to my surprise ground turkey has emerged in recent years as a real contender when it comes to meaty comfort foods.

Some of my favorite recipes from the past seven years of this column feature ground turkey, like our Southwestern Turkey Burger and Hearty Turkey Bow Tie Pasta. This week's new recipe showcases ground turkey in a savory Turkey Taco Meat Mix that is so good and juicy, you won't even think to ask, "Where's the beef?"

Ground turkey is a leaner protein than most ground beef, especially if you use ground turkey breast, which has the least amount of fat. Because of its low fat content, ground turkey can often be dry when it's cooked, so the trick is to know how to build the lost moisture back into the dish. For this recipe, a variety of ingredients are used for this purpose, including yellow onion, chicken stock or water, canola oil, tomato paste and a touch of sour cream.

Several ingredients are included to make this turkey taco meat as flavorful as possible. The mix begins with a blend of chopped onion,



**TONY AND SARAH NASELLO**  
Home with the Lost Italian

**ABOVE:** Sarah's Turkey Taco Meat Mix is a savory blend of ground turkey, spices and liquids for a juicy and flavorful low-fat protein alternative.

left to simmer over medium-low heat for about 10 minutes. For the best flavor, I always use chicken, or even beef, stock in lieu of water in my taco meat mixes.

Sour cream is a wonderful component in ground meat dishes, especially spicy specialties, and I add an optional tablespoon or so just at the end of the cooking process. Not only does the sour cream moisten up the turkey meat mix, but it also brings a rich and creamy tang that may temper any spices that turn out a bit hotter than expected.

Once the taco meat is ready, you can enjoy it however you like — on hard or soft tortilla shells, over nachos or even in a salad. This Turkey Taco Meat Mix is easy to make, full of flavor and a delicious, healthy twist to a classic comfort food.

"Home with the Lost Italian" is a weekly column written by Sarah Nasello featuring recipes by her husband, Tony Nasello. The couple owned Sarelli's in Moorhead and lives in Fargo with their son, Giovanni. Readers can reach them at [sarahnasello@gmail.com](mailto:sarahnasello@gmail.com).



Enjoy a healthy taco alternative featuring Sarah's Turkey Taco Meat Mix.

### Sarah's Turkey Taco Meat Mix

Serves: 2 to 4

#### Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- ½ cup yellow onion, small diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ jalapeno, seeded and minced (about 2 teaspoons), or ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 ½ teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper (add more for spicier mixture)
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 cup chicken stock or water (or combination of both); may also use beef broth/stock
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 to 2 tablespoons sour cream (optional)
- 1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper

#### Directions:

Heat the oil in a large saucpan over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until translucent, stirring occasionally, about 4 to 5 minutes. Add the garlic and jalapeno and continue cooking over medium heat for 1 minute, stirring often.

Add the ground turkey and cook until the meat is cooked through and opaque, about 4 to 5 minutes. Use a wooden spoon or rubber spatula to break up the meat into small pieces. Stir in the chili powder, cumin, paprika, cayenne pepper and oregano until combined and cook for 1 minute. Taste and adjust spice as desired, using more cayenne and chili powder for extra heat.

Add the chicken stock, tomato paste and vinegar and stir to combine. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer gently until the liquid becomes thick and clings to the meat, about 8 to 10 minutes. If the mixture isn't as thick as you'd like it after 8 minutes, stir in the sour cream until well combined, then then add the seasonings, taste and adjust as desired.

Serve immediately with your favorite taco trimmings.

**To store:** Store the turkey taco mix in an airtight container and refrigerate for up to 5 days or freeze for up to 2 months.

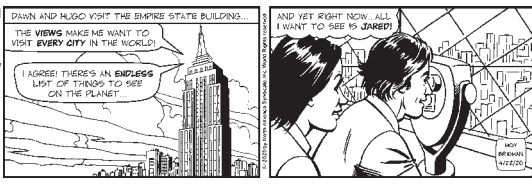
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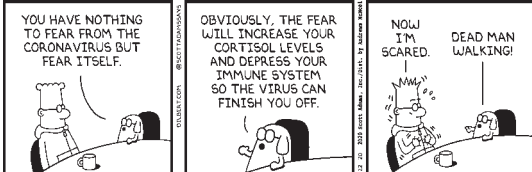
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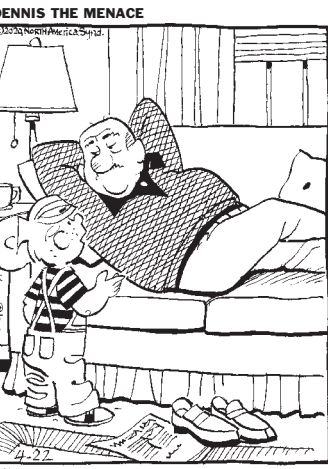
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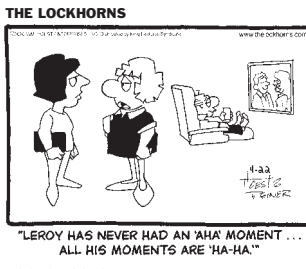
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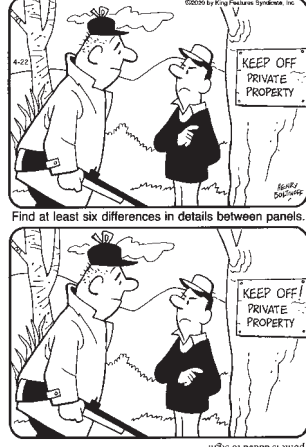
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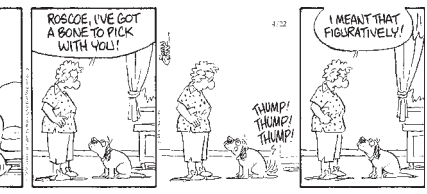
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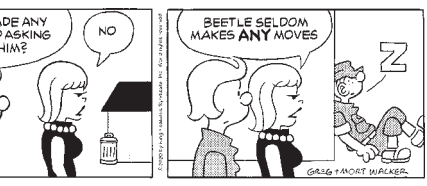
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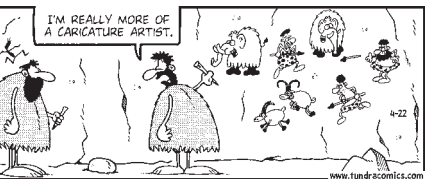
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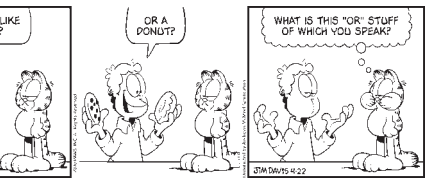
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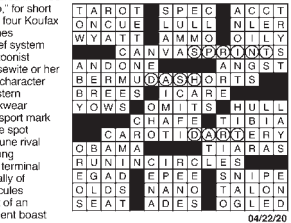


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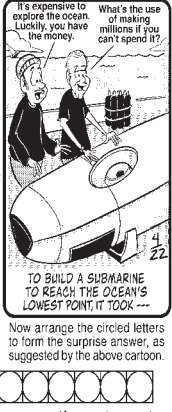
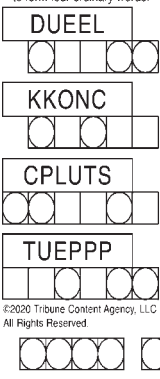
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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JUMBLE PUZZLE

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



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is lower; 2. Mountain is different; 3. Nose is

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Each letter stands for another. If you think X=O, for example, it would equal O throughout the puzzle.

Today's clue: F = N

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Yesterday's answer: When the group of ham actors part company, one of them will often say "Until we emote again."

Yesterday's Jumbles: MOTTO SIXTH FIGULA CAMERA  
 Answer: When he said his favorite old T-shirt still fit him, it was a — BIT OF A STRETCH

(Answers tomorrow)

04/22/20

# Cases continue to rise at ND nursing homes

Widespread testing scheduled for Fargo facility

**Fargo**  
Another nursing home here has joined others in the state in reporting the presence of COVID-19, the illness caused by a highly contagious novel coronavirus.



for people who are elderly, have underlying health conditions or are immunocompromised.

Villa Maria at 3102 S. University Drive was added Tuesday, April 21, to the North Dakota Department of Health's list of long-term care facilities with confirmed cases. It's reported to have one COVID-19 case.

With that announcement, a total of 10 long-term care facilities in Fargo-Moorhead are dealing with the infection.

Maple View Memory Care in Grand Forks and the Good Samaritan Society of Lakota were also added to the list, with each reporting one case.

Rosewood on Broadway in Fargo reported one additional case, bringing its total to 15 of residents and staff members who've been infected.

COVID-19 is particularly worrisome

Shawn Stuhaug, president and CEO of Bethany Retirement Living, said the state health department will conduct testing Wednesday, April 22, on all skilled care and assisted living residents, along with staff members, at Bethany on 42nd.

"This is great news since accessing testing supplies has been a challenge in most other states," Stuhaug said in a statement posted to its website.

Testing of residents will occur in their rooms at 4255 30th Ave. S. over about a 12-hour span.

Employees will be tested while in their vehicles, and those who fail to complete testing will be removed from the schedule, Stuhaug said.

Results are anticipated within 24 to 48 hours. Stuhaug urged residents, family members, and others to monitor the Bethany Retirement Living website for updates related to COVID-19.

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## Spring snow



Michael Vosburg / Forum Photo Editor

A light dusting of snow adorns an evergreen shrub Tuesday, April 21, in south Fargo. Wednesday is expected to be sunny with a high near 60 degrees.

## Ann Sullivan, a Fargo native and animator of Disney hits, dies at 91

By Daniel E. Slotnik  
© 2020 The New York Times  
Ann Sullivan, who applied her refined brush and palette as an animator to latter-day Disney classics like "The Little Mermaid," "The Lion King" and "Lilo & Stitch," died April 13 at the Motion Picture and Television Fund retirement home in Woodland Hills, California. She was 91.

Pan" (1953) before giving up her job to care for her children.

She returned to animation in 1973, first working for Hanna-Barbera, and later rejoined Disney. She worked on Disney films like "Oliver & Company" (1988), "Pocahontas" (1995) and "Hercules" (1997) as well as films released by other studios, like "Cool World" (1992) and "The Pagemaster" (1994).

Disney soon after graduation, at first in the studio's vast paint lab.

She married Kevin Sullivan in the early 1950s; they divorced in the 1970s.

In addition to her daughter Shannon, she is survived by another daughter, Liz McCrary; two sons, Joe and Tom; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Sullivan, an avid painter, taught art to neighborhood children near the family's home in La Mirada, in Los Angeles County, her daughter Shannon recalled.

Among the subjects Sullivan tackled were landscapes of the California coastline, portraits of family members and Jimi Hendrix, and a semiabstract rendition of the Disney characters Daisy Duck and Goofy, which hung in her bedroom.

Her daughter Shannon Jay said the cause was COVID-19.

Sullivan was the third of four people at the home who have died from the coronavirus, according to a fund representative. More than 7,000 people have died of the disease in care facilities around the United States.

Sullivan began bringing cartoons to life at Walt Disney's animation studios in the 1950s, working on films like "Peter

Sara Ann McNeese was born April 10, 1929, in Fargo to Thomas and Helen (Kossick) McNeese.

Her father was an accountant, and her mother was a stenographer. Ann graduated from Catholic school and attended North Dakota State University before moving to California, where she studied at what is now the ArtCenter College of Design in Pasadena.

She started working for

## No charges for North Dakota commerce officials after audit

By Jeremy Turley  
Forum News Service

BISMARCK — Officials from the North Dakota Department of Commerce will not face criminal charges related to an audit that accused the department of mismanaging public money.



Gallion

Kommer

Several lawmakers on the committee, including Bismarck Republican Rep. Mike Nathe, criticized Gallion, saying he had made too much out of the supposed violations and acted outside of his role in determining that they were potential criminal acts.

Gallion, also a Republican, said at the time his office does not levy criminal accusations and it was his legal obligation to refer any possible violations to the attorney general.

Gov. Doug Burgum, who appointed Kommer to the cabinet position in 2018, said Tuesday "hyped-up allegations" have "created an environment of fear" for state employees. Burgum added that he hoped the state Legislature would clarify laws in 2021 so that the committee, rather than the attorney general, could decide if violations found in audits should become the sources of criminal investigations.

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State Auditor Josh Gallion published an audit of the department last fall that asserted it charged more than \$850,000 to the wrong two-year budget cycle and improperly classified workers on the state's re-branding effort and new "Be Legendary" logo as independent contractors instead of temporary employees.

As required by state law, the possible violations became the subject of an investigation by Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, however Stenehjem asked a third-party investigator from the South Dakota Bureau of Investigation to take on the task.

After reviewing South Dakota's investigation, Burleigh County State's

Attorney Julie Lawyer wrote in a letter to Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem on Monday, April 21, that no criminal charges should be filed against department officials.

Commerce Commissioner Michelle Kommer said at a November meeting of the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee that the audit's findings and ensuing investigation had put undue stress on her and other employees of the department. She said the department made "an honest mistake" in charging funds to the wrong biennium but that it should not rise to the level of criminality. Kommer said then she had hired a personal lawyer in case charges were filed.

## Klobuchar, Rounds ask VA to protect at-risk veterans from coronavirus

By Sarah Mearhoff  
Forum News Service

ST. PAUL — U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., and Mike Rounds, R-S.D., are urging the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs to take particular care of at-risk veterans amid the coronavirus pandemic.

In a Tuesday, April 21 letter to VA Secretary Robert Wilkie, Klobuchar and Rounds said many servicemembers are exposed to toxins and burn pits while serving, leading to higher rates of asthma, emphysema and other chronic lung illnesses that make them particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, the respiratory illness caused by coronavirus. Patients who contract COVID-19 with underlying conditions and lung disorders face a greater risk of complications, severe illness, hospitalization and death.

According to the senators, the VA estimates that over 3.5 million veterans have been exposed to burn pits, and 200,000 are on the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit registry. They also cited VA representatives who have estimated that one in five veterans could require coronavirus medical care.

"Given the significant number of at-risk veterans, it is critical that the VA prioritizes efforts to ensure that these brave men and women are able to safely receive care during the current public health crisis," the senators wrote.

Klobuchar and Rounds requested that the VA equip service providers with telehealth capabilities so veterans can access services like counseling remotely, as well as make sure that VA health facilities have adequate personal protective equip-

ment to limit transmission of COVID-19 and protect health care workers.

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**Robert Turner, Sr**

Robert Turner, Sr., age 88, of Fargo, ND, died Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Essentia Health in Fargo.

Robert Sidney Turner was born on March 12, 1932 in Ada, MN to Samuel and Nellie (Johnson) Turner. As a child, he and his family moved to America, ND and he attended school there, graduating from high school.

He was united in marriage to Margaret Grindberg on October 15, 1954 in Moorhead, MN, and they lived in Fargo. Robert began working for Industrial Builders, Inc. in 1957 and retired as Senior Vice President of Construction in 2000. He enjoyed hunting, being at the lake, yard work, traveling, and woodworking.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; children, Jacquelin Nerby, Greg Turner, Sandy (Doug) Owens, Scott (Donna) Turner, Susie Turner, and Robbie (Vicky) Turner; grandchildren, Rhianna Nerby, Megan Nerby, Mickelle Owens, Sydney Owens, Damon Schwan, Dustin Owens, Samantha Turner, Colton Turner, Arnie Herk, Michele Klein, Sabrina Kluth, Tim Newgren, and Bri Breitbarth; 18 great-grandchildren; siblings, Jack (Donna) Turner, Betty Erichsen; brother-in-law, Lowell Albert; and Robert's dog, Tiny.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Nellie Turner; siblings, Luverne Tjosvold, LeRoy Turner, Lois Albert, and Russel Turner, and a son-in-law, Darrell Nerby.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Elim Lutheran Church, 321 9th St N, Fargo, ND 58102. Private Funeral Service: Friday, April 24, 2020 at West Funeral Home Chapel, West Fargo. A recording of the service will be available on the West Funeral Home website, [www.westfuneralhome.com](http://www.westfuneralhome.com), following his service.

Burial: Mapleton Cemetery, Mapleton, ND West Funeral Home & Life Tribute Center [westfuneralhome.com](http://westfuneralhome.com)



**Catherine "Kate" Christensen**

Catherine "Kate" Christensen, 92, of Fargo, ND, formerly of Detroit Lakes, MN and Sioux Falls, SD, passed away Saturday April 18th, 2020 at Eventide Sheyenne Crossings in West Fargo, ND, while under the care of Ethos Hospice.

Kate was born June 18th, 1927 in Minneapolis, MN to Harold and Marguerite Fox. She attended high school in Sioux City, IA and graduated college from University of South Dakota, Vermillion. In 1950 she was united in marriage to Gordon "Chris" Christensen. They spent the majority of their years in Sioux Falls, SD where their two children, Julie and Stephen were raised.

In 1974 they purchased the cabin at Lake Melissa, Detroit Lakes, MN, where they spent their retirement years with their beloved lake friends and family.

Kate enjoyed golfing, walking, biking, playing cards and sitting in the sun on the dock.

Kate is survived by her daughter, Julie Adams, and son Stephen (Joann) Christensen, all of Fargo. Grandchildren, Melissa (Jeff) Adams Gohl, Rochester, MN, LeighAnn (Jamie) Knopp, Fargo, ND, Carly (Dan) Buchman, Ham Lake, MN, and David (special friend Olivia) West Fargo, ND. And seven great-grand children, Avery Schatz, Anastacia and Ruby Gohl, Lucas Knopp, and Kevin, Mason and Harrison Buchman.

Kate was preceded in death by her husband Chris, her parents, baby sister Mary Jane, and grand daughter Selina Kay.

There will be a family funeral service at a later date, with final resting place next to Chris at Holy Rosary Cemetery in Detroit Lakes.

Cremation services by Boulger Funeral Home. Any memorials preferred to Ethos Home Care and Hospice of Fargo, ND.



**Marjorie Hazel Francis**

Jan. 22, 1921 - April 18, 2020  
OAK PARK HEIGHTS, Minn. - Marjorie Hazel Francis, 99, Oak Park Heights, Minn., died Saturday, April 18, in Oak Park Senior Living. Arrangements are pending with Jones-Pearson Funeral Home.

**Gretchen Ryan**

Feb. 3, 1935 - April 19, 2020  
GRAND FORKS, N.D. - Gretchen Ryan, 85, Grand Forks, N.D., died Sunday, April 19, in her home. Memorial services will be at a later date at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Forks, N.D. Arrangements by Amundson Funeral Home in Grand Forks.

**David Stearns**

Aug. 25, 1951 - April 20, 2020  
FARGO, N.D. - David Stearns, 68, Rochert, Minn., died Monday, April 20, in Sanford Medical Center. A celebration of life will be at a later date. Arrangements by David-Donhower Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

**Lorraine Pusc**

June 3, 1926 - April 15, 2020  
LITTLE FALLS, Minn. - Lorraine Pusc, 93, Little Falls, Minn., died Wednesday, April 15, in St. Otto's Care Center. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls. Arrangements by Karvonen Funeral Home.

**Walter Christensen**

Feb. 17, 1936 - April 8, 2020  
DETROIT LAKES, Minn. - Walter Christensen, 84, Detroit Lakes, Minn., died Wednesday, April 8, in his home. Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by David-Donhower Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes.

**Herbert "Bill" Biemdiek**

March 31, 1942 - April 16, 2020  
FARGO, N.D. - Herbert "Bill" Biemdiek, 78, Park Rapids, Minn., died Thursday, April 16, in Bethany Retirement Living. Private services will be held. Arrangements by Cease Family Funeral Home in Park Rapids.

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Wednesday



62 / 41

Mostly sunny and mild.

Wind (mph): LightNW 10-15 mph

Thursday



58 / 42

Scattered rain showers.

Wind (mph): NNE 5-10 mph

Friday



56 / 40

Scattered rain showers.

Wind (mph): NNE 5-10 mph

Saturday



60 / 38

Partly cloudy. Coolish.

Sunday



61 / 43

Partly cloudy.

Monday



62 / 45

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.

Tuesday



62 / 42

A few scattered showers.

Which is windier, 'breezy' or 'windy'?

A WDAY television news viewer wrote recently asking for clarification regarding the difference in meaning between the words "windy" and "breezy." Both refer to the same thing — air that is moving noticeably. However, there is no certain wind speed which would qualify either of these words into a category over the other.

WEATHER TALK

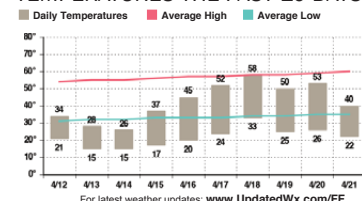
Juxtaposing the two, it is likely that "windy" means more wind than "breezy," but even that is unclear. The word "wind" is ancient, predating Old English and Old German in the Proto-Germanic word "windan," which meant "to wind," as well as the Latin "viare," meaning "twist" or "weave." "Breezy" likely comes from the Old Spanish "briza," referring to a cold, northeast wind.

-John Wheeler

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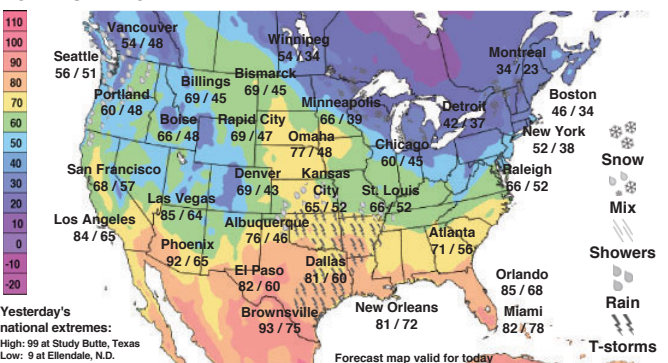
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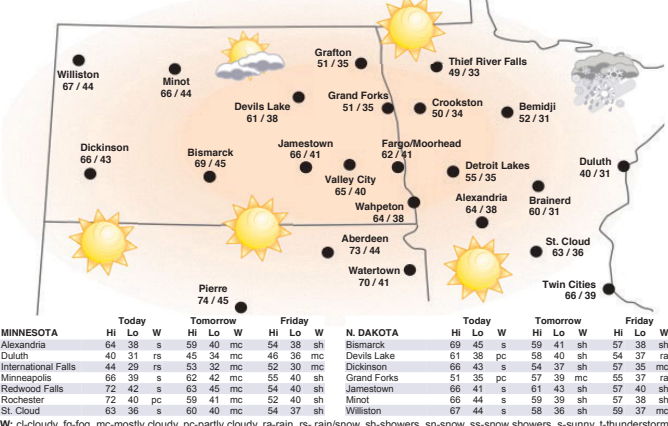
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TODAY'S NATIONAL WEATHER



Yesterday's national extremes: High: 99 at Study Butte, Texas Low: 9 at Ellendale, N.D.

TODAY'S REGIONAL FORECAST MAP



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Table with 12 columns representing stations and 12 columns representing time slots, listing program titles and channel numbers.

BRIDGE

Easier seen than done? "Are you still going to that fitness center you joined?" I asked Cy the Cynic, who constantly battles his weight.

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SUDOKU grid with numbers and empty cells for solving.

Yesterday's answer grid with numbers and empty cells for solving.