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DAILY BRIEFS

Detroit drops ticket against abortion protester during virus

DETROIT (AP) — The city of Detroit has agreed to drop a misdemeanor ticket against a man who was accused of violating Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-home order while protesting outside an abortion clinic.

Detroit and the governor agree that Andrew Belanger's conduct was not illegal, according to a settlement approved Tuesday by a federal judge.

Belanger was ticketed on March 31 while protesting outside Scotsdale Women's Center in Detroit. His lawsuit stated that eight police cars and 15 officers were at the scene.

Belanger and anti-abortion allies filed a lawsuit, saying their First Amendment rights were violated.

On April 7, Whitmer issued guidance about her stay-home rules during the coronavirus outbreak. She said "expressive activities protected by the First Amendment" are allowed, although people must stay at least 6 feet away from others.

MDHHS, local health departments contacting COVID-19 positive cases and contacts

During the COVID-19 pandemic in Michigan, local health departments and staff from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) are reaching out to Michiganders who have tested positive as well as to the contacts of those individuals. These public health staff are calling to check on health status, provide information about COVID-19 and actions people should be taking, help locate needed services and track the spread of the infection in the community.

"We recognize many people do not like to answer the phone if they don't recognize the number, but during this time this call could be someone offering you important information regarding your health," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health.

Calls may be from area codes where residents typically do not receive calls from, including the 517 area code. To keep each person's information private and to provide residents with information they need, it is important for health department staff to speak directly with impacted Michiganders.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel recently issued a reminder to residents to be on alert for scammers spoofing numbers from local health departments. Spoofing allows it to appear as if the caller is dialing from a recognizable number to encourage you to pick up the phone. MDHHS wants residents to be aware of how to determine a scam call from a legitimate call from the health department.

Local health departments and MDHHS will not:

- Offer medication for treatment or prevention of COVID-19;
- Ask for Medicaid or other insurance information for billing purposes;
- Request personal financial information such as a social security number or driver's license number;

Legitimate questions that will be asked include current health status, symptoms they may be experiencing, individuals they have been in contact with, places they have been in recent days and other health-related questions.

If you are concerned about a call you received from a local health department or MDHHS, please contact the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136. The line is available seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Sudden impact

Judge, attorneys adjust to world of law in COVID-19 era

By Kurt Anthony Krug
Legal News

Ever since Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared her "Stay Home, Stay Safe" executive order last month — an order that has since been extended until the end of April — due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it's had an effect on all businesses.

And the legal field is no exception.

It's significantly impacted the way Judge Mariam Bazzi hears court cases at the 3rd Circuit Court in Wayne County, located in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. Bazzi, the second Arab-American woman in Wayne County to be appointed to the bench, oversees criminal cases.

"Right now, we're handling only emergency and in-custody matters — arraignments, sentencing for in-custody defendants, emergency bond motions, probation violation warrants. If someone's bonded out, they won't have to go to court until the situation changes. The situation is always changing; it's so fluid," said Bazzi, an alumna of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Wayne State University Law School, and the Harvard Young American Leaders Program.

There are 58 judges in 3rd Circuit Court, according to Bazzi. Only a handful of judges will appear in their courtrooms one to two days per week in order for the rest of the courtrooms to be appropriately cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis to limit exposure of the coronavirus to the public and the court staff.

When Bazzi appears in court, the only area people present in her courtroom are her clerk and the court reporter — all of whom comply with the social distancing protocols. The attorneys



Judge Mariam Bazzi



Danielle Mayoras



Annette Benson

and the defendants are brought in via Zoom, a teleconference software that has become especially prevalent in the last month alone.

"The defendant is represented by counsel. Everyone is still present, just over Zoom technology. We are going to continue to certainly balance safety of the community, the people who work in our courts, and the safety of litigants who come into our courts," said Bazzi. "Teleconferencing isn't new. Defendants have entered their pleas from the county jail (before this pandemic)."

According to Bazzi, the pandemic has had a major impact on how judges are now looking at bond issues in criminal cases.

"When addressing bond, a judge will always have to set a bond that will ensure the safety of the community and the defendant's appearance in court," she explained. "But now, with the pandemic, if too many people are in custody, there is a significantly increased health and

safety risk to both the incarcerated individuals and the law enforcement professionals who work at the facilities. So now, I have to also balance that very real safety risk when assessing what would be a fair and equitable bond on cases that come before me."

For attorney Danielle Mayoras — who hosts REELZ's "Fortune Fights" with her husband and fellow attorney Andy and is a shareholder in the Troy-based law firm of Barron, Rosenberg, Mayoras & Mayoras, P.C. — she and her partners chose to close down their office prior to the governor's order in an effort to protect both employees and clients alike.

"Because we work with a lot of elderly individuals, it was paramount that we do what we could to keep them safe. I've had almost daily communication with my fellow shareholders in the last few weeks via phone and text, of course. There have been countless decisions to

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THE CONVERSATION

By Hannah L. Schacter
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Isolating Together is Challenging



(THE CONVERSATION) — In the wake of COVID-19 social distancing and stay-at-home orders, young couples may find themselves spending more time with each other than ever before.

As a developmental psychologist who conducts research on adolescent and young adult relationships, I'm interested in understanding how young people's everyday social interactions contribute to their health. Past research shows that people who have higher-quality friendships and romantic relationships during their teens and 20s typically have lower risk for illness and disease during adulthood, whereas individuals with early relationships characterized by conflict or violence experience heightened risk for negative health outcomes. Why might this be the case?

Can matters of the heart affect your heart?

My colleagues and I wondered whether young people's everyday, seemingly mundane, interactions with their dating partners might have acute effects on their physiological func-

tioning. These direct connections between social functioning and physiology could accumulate over time in ways that ultimately affect long-term health.

We conducted a study to examine whether young dating couples' everyday romantic experiences were related to their physiology. We specifically investigated if couples' feelings towards one another during the day predicted changes in their heart rate while they slept.

We focused on overnight heart rate because our research shows that having chronically elevated heart rate can hamper the essential restorative effects of sleep and increase risk for later cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States.

To test our question, we used participants from a larger, ongoing study in our lab at the University of Southern California to capture a "day in the life" of young dating couples. The couples, most of whom were in their early 20s and had been dating for 1-2 years, were recruited from the Los Angeles area.

24 hours together

They were asked to choose a day they were planning to spend most of their time together and, on that chosen day, couples came into our

Relationship stresses can affect biological functioning.

lab first thing in the morning. They were equipped with a wireless chest-strap heart monitor and lent a mobile phone that sent surveys every hour until they went to bed. When participants left the lab, they were told to go about their day as they normally would.

Our study focused on 63 heterosexual couples who had valid 24-hour heart rate data (some participants took the monitors off when they slept or reattached them incorrectly after showering).

Every hour during the day, participants rated two things: how annoyed and irritated they felt with their dating partner, and how close and connected they felt to their dating partner. Participants also reported on their hourly behaviors to make sure we knew about anything else that could affect their overnight heart rate — like whether they drank alcohol, exercised or took medication. For 24 hours, the

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Detroit to see layoffs, pay cuts due to virus-caused deficit

By Corey Williams, David Eggert and Ed White
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — The city of Detroit will begin some layoffs, cut back hours to other employees and reduce services to meet a projected \$44 million deficit due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Mayor Mike Duggan laid out the plan Tuesday night to city employees and residents. On Tuesday morning, the city's health department reported 7,020 confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus and 424 deaths.

A state-ordered shutdown of non-essential businesses has left Detroit without millions of dollars in casino taxes, income tax, sales tax and fees revenue.

Duggan said the city is expected to lose \$348 million in revenue through June 30, 2021 but will make up 80% of that through budget surpluses, money in a rainy-day fund, blight removal funds and cutbacks to capital projects.

"We were saving this money for a rainy day we thought might be coming," he said of the \$50 million in the rainy-day fund. "If it isn't raining now, I don't know what is."

THE LATEST

Michigan will offer relief to struggling bars and restaurants by buying back their unopened booze during the coronavirus pandemic.

Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed an order in a flurry of moves late Monday.

She also delayed the expiration of valid driver's licenses and state ID cards to June 30. Whitmer extended the ban on sit-down meals at restaurants and continued the closure of many places of public accommodation through April 30.

BOOZE BUY-BACK

More than 8,000 businesses will have until Friday to request that the Liquor Control Commission buy back spirits purchased before March 16. The bottles will stay in place for now to limit the risk of spreading the virus.

The liquor can be purchased again after emergency rules end. Whitmer said the program will help bars and restaurants "weather the storm through this challenging time in our history."

THE DATA

The state health department loosened testing criteria Tuesday by allowing people with mild symptoms to get a nasal swab.

"Expanded testing is needed to learn more about how COVID-19 is spreading in our state," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive.

BAD MASKS

Michigan Medicine at the University of Michigan got a batch of bad masks from the federal stockpile of protective gear.

About 2,000 ear-loop-style masks were distributed last week but they had "durability issues," spokeswoman Mary Masson said. She didn't elaborate.

The balance of the 22,000-mask shipment won't be used. Michigan Medicine has more than 200 COVID-19 patients.

WHITE HOUSE VISIT

President Donald Trump met with people who have recovered from the coronavirus, including state Rep. Karen Whitsett, See **DETROIT**, Page 5

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How Churchill taught the British people 'the art of being fearless'

The Splendid and the Vile
By Erik Larson
Published by Crown, New York
601 pages

It was Marcel Proust who said that the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new lands but in seeing with new eyes. Perspective changes everything. The COVID-19 lockdown doesn't appear to be that onerous of a sacrifice (save for the unfortunate ones who have lost a loved one) when one reads about the plight of Londoners during the German aerial assault of 1940-41. How on earth did they endure, night after night, fifty-seven consecutive nights of bombing, followed by a series of horrific nighttime raids over the next six months? Despite the proverbial stiff upper lip of the Brits, it is one thing to say "Keep Calm, and Carry On," but quite another to do so. Erik Larson shows us how. In cinematic detail, Larson shows us how Winston Churchill taught the British people "the art of being fearless." He also shows us how during these years "Churchill became Churchill, the cigar-smoking bulldog we all think we know, when he made his greatest speeches and showed the world what courage and leadership looked like."



For Londoners, the doom was visible on the horizon. The man in the street was warned that "there is no power on earth that can protect him from being bombed" and that "whatever people may tell him, the bomber will always get through." A gloom of despair was overcast with prophecies that the bombing raids would cause such terror that millions would go insane and London "will be one vast raving bedlam." And when the day came, it brought the worst fears true. The sky was full of hundreds of planes dropping incendiaries and bombs on the hapless citizens below. As bombs detonated, "buildings erupted, thunderheads of pulverized brick, stone, plaster, and mortar billowed from eaves and attics, roofs and chimney, hearths and furnaces—dust from the age of Cromwell, Dickens, and Victoria." The novelist Graham Greene observed "the purgatorial throng of men and women in dusty torn pajamas with little blood splashes standing in doorways."

But if it was a time for despair, it was also a time for courage, heroism, and leadership. Churchill quickly revealed himself to be a very different kind of leader than what Britain was used to. Where Neville Chamberlain was staid and deliberate, Churchill was flamboyant, electric, and unpredictable.

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Money Matters

LIZ WESTON, NERDWALLET

How to raid your retirement funds in a crisis

In an ideal world, your retirement accounts would be left alone for retirement. You've probably noticed that we're not living in an ideal world.

Early withdrawals can have serious repercussions, including big tax bills today and potential shortfalls in the future. Please look for other solutions first. You might:

- Halt ongoing retirement contributions to free up cash.
- Trim expenses.
- Tap other savings and non-retirement investment accounts.
- Sell unneeded possessions.
- Ask lenders for concessions on debt payments.

• Seek government or charitable help if you can't pay your bills.

If you must raid your retirement funds, there may be ways to reduce the financial impact. If you're unlikely to pay the money back, your best option may be to take money from a Roth IRA.

If you can pay it back, using the new "coronavirus hardship withdrawal" contained in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act may be your best bet. Here are more details on those options, plus a few more.

TAKE A CORONAVIRUS HARDSHIP WITHDRAWAL

Savers impacted by the pandemic can take up to \$100,000 from their 401(k)s and IRAs as part of the recently enacted economic stimulus package. The withdrawal is not penalized and there's no mandatory withholding. You also have longer to pay the resulting taxes, since the income can be spread evenly over tax years 2020, 2021 and 2022. And if you can pay back the amount you took out within three years, you can claim a refund on those taxes.

These distributions are allowed if you, a spouse or dependent has been diagnosed with COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus. They're also allowed if you've experienced adverse financial consequences from coronavirus-related issues, such as having your hours reduced; being quarantined, laid off or furloughed; not having child care that would allow you to work; owning a business that's closed or reduced its hours; or "other factors as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury," according to the text of the CARES Act.

WITHDRAW YOUR ROTH CONTRIBUTIONS

You can always withdraw the amount you contributed to your Roth IRA tax- and penalty-free. It's only when you start taking out investment earnings that you can incur taxes and penalties. If you've converted a traditional retirement account to a Roth, withdrawals of the converted

money won't be taxable but can be penalized if the conversion is less than five years old.

TAKE A SHORT-TERM LOAN FROM YOUR IRA

Long-term IRA loans aren't allowed, but if you have a temporary cash crunch — you have to pay a bill while waiting for your tax refund, for example — the 60-day rule may help. Money taken from a regular, rollover or Roth IRA isn't taxed or penalized if it's re-deposited within 60 days. You're allowed to do this only once in any 12-month period.

BORROW FROM YOUR 401(k)

You can now borrow up to 100% of your vested balance in a current employer's workplace retirement plan, up to a maximum of \$100,000. Generally such loans are repaid over five years, but the stimulus package allows borrowers to delay payments owed in 2020 for up to one year.

The danger of any retirement plan loan is that you won't be able to pay the money back. That triggers income taxes as well as penalties if you're under 59 1/2.

WITHDRAW FROM YOUR IRA

If you don't qualify for a coronavirus-related hardship withdrawal, you can still take money from traditional and rollover IRAs. Distributions are generally taxable, and you can be penalized if you're under 59 1/2.

ASK FOR A HARDSHIP WITHDRAWAL

If you don't qualify for a coronavirus-related hardship withdrawal, you may still be able to get a regular hardship withdrawal from your 401(k) or other workplace retirement plan if you can prove an immediate and heavy financial need that requires the distribution. Examples include medical expenses, tuition, a home purchase, funeral expenses and payments to prevent eviction or foreclosure. Hardship distributions are taxable, with a mandatory 20% withholding, and often are subject to 10% early withdrawal penalties.

Each of these options has too many specific rules and exceptions to cover here. Your employer's human resources department may help you with the details, or you can talk to a tax pro.

Also, talk to a bankruptcy attorney before using retirement money to pay credit cards, medical bills or other debt that could be erased in bankruptcy. Retirement money typically is protected from creditors. It would be a shame to drain your retirement accounts only to wind up in bankruptcy court anyway.

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ECONOMY

U.S. governors grapple with relaxing virus restrictions

Widespread testing and tracing procedures needed to gauge infection spread

By JULIE CARR SMYTH
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — After a month of draconian steps to minimize deaths and prevent hospital overload from the coronavirus pandemic, governors now face a new challenge: Deciding when and how to begin easing restrictions on businesses and social gatherings.

Many of the states' chief executives say they don't want to move too quickly and risk a public health crisis, despite pressure from Republican lawmakers, business leaders, professional sports leagues and some parents.

"We all want to open up tomorrow, but people will die if we do that without having things in place," Democratic Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz said Monday.

Governors have consistently said that before they can loosen social restrictions, they need to know where their states are in terms of infections. To do that, they need widespread testing and tracing procedures.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert, said Tuesday that the country is "not there yet."

"Let's not make the mistake of pulling the plug too early, as much as we all want to," California Gov. Gavin Newsom said

Tuesday as he announced a series of steps, including testing, needed to help the nation's most populous state "transition from surge to suppression."

No one is questioning the devastating effects the statewide shutdowns and busi-

ness closures have had on the nation's economy. Nearly 17 million Americans filed for unemployment in three weeks' time, a record; state and local government tax revenue is plummeting, and businesses large and small are warning of imminent ruin.

restrictions. Seven states in the Northeast, including New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, have done the same — even as President Donald Trump asserted on Monday that he, not the governors, had the power to reopen the nation's economy.

Trump abruptly reversed course on Tuesday, saying he would leave it to governors to determine the right time and manner to reopen activity in their states.

Most have said it will be slow going. Besides testing and tracking, several have said they will consider the need to protect the people most at risk and ensure hospitals can handle a surge. They also have said they need to be able to reinstate stay-at-home orders if needed. A poorly planned rollback of restrictions would only deepen the economic pain, they said.

"We've got to make sure that we avoid a second wave at all costs," said Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat and possible vice presidential contender. "That would be devastating for our economy. So

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“We've got to make sure that we avoid a second wave at all costs. That would be devastating for our economy. So we're going to make decisions based on science and having a real strategic phase-in of our economy when it's appropriate and safe to do so.”

— Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

"There's not a debate here about whether we need to get the economy open again," Walz said. "Of course we do."

California, Oregon and Washington have agreed to coordinate how the West Coast states will begin lifting their shelter-in-place

ANALYSIS

Plummeting tax revenues will put governors in tough budget situations

By RAYMOND SCHEPPACH
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(THE CONVERSATION) — "Governors Have the Best Political Jobs in America" is the name of one of my lectures in a leadership course I occasionally teach at the University of Virginia.

In that class, I describe how governors have huge appointment powers for their personal staff, agency directors and even boards and commissions.

Governors dominate state legislatures, which are often part-time with few staff. They have substantial say over state budgets, which in 2019 ran from US\$6.1 billion for a small state like New Hampshire to \$311.3 billion for California.

When former governors Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush later became president and had to work with the U.S. Congress, they wished they still had the line-item veto powers they had as governors, which allowed them to cut individual items in the budget passed by the legislature.

Today, as governors continue to provide leadership on the coronavirus crisis they are about to confront a second crisis, as their state's fiscal positions will rapidly deteriorate. In my view, it will be as bad as the Great Recession of 2008 to 2009 and its aftermath.

I might call that lecture now "Governor, why did you want that job anyway?" The magnitude of the fiscal crisis that governors and their states will have to face is just starting to emerge. And that crisis will affect states' abilities to do everything from paying teachers to paving roads to providing social services.

Money in, money out

Total state spending in 2019 was about \$2.1 trillion. In national summary figures, the largest state program is Medicaid, which is about 28.9% of total spending, substantially above the 19.5% for elementary and secondary education and the 10.1% for higher education. The other major spending is for transportation, which is about 8.1%.

The remaining 33.4% is for a catch-all category of smaller programs like the environment and economic development.

On the revenue side of the equation, which is also about \$2.1 trillion, the three major taxes on sales, personal income and corporate income make up 40.8% of the total. Special fees and other taxes represent 28.5%. The federal government, through grants and contracts, contributes 30.7%.

There are five key components in understanding the seriousness of the challenge to states and their governors. They reflect the complex interplay between the federal and state levels of government, commercial activity and a state's need for money to operate and provide services:

1. Rainy day funds will quickly evaporate

Before the pandemic hit, states collectively had built-up rainy day and other surpluses of \$113.2 billion — an all-time high — amounting to 13% of their general fund spending in 2019. Governors thought they were prepared for the next economic downturn.

Unfortunately, these pots of money will likely be empty by the end of June 2020. This is because sales tax revenues began crashing as early as March.

That crash is continuing through the second quarter of the year, as people stop purchasing goods because restaurants, stores and bars are closed and as individuals practice social distancing. Once the revenue from sales taxes dries, states will be forced to turn to — and ultimately deplete — their rainy day funds.

2. Revenues will collapse

The Congressional Budget Office recently released its forecast that included the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. It indicated that economic activity will drop at least 7% in the second quarter and unemployment will exceed 10%.

Others are far more pessimistic. James Bullard, the President of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, said unemployment could reach 30% in the second quarter.

Masses of people no longer getting paychecks means a big drop in income tax

revenue to states.

The three main state taxes on sales, personal and corporate income totaled \$718.9 billion in revenues in 2019. During the Great Recession, the Pew Charitable Trusts estimates that states were denied about \$283 billion in tax revenue they would normally receive between 2008 and 2013.

How much states will fail to collect in projected tax revenues this time will depend on the depth and length of the downturn. But it clearly will be deeper than the previous downturn.

3. Medicaid spending will explode

As mentioned earlier, Medicaid, a health-care program for low income individuals paid for by both federal and state governments, represents about 28.9% of total state spending.

Thirty-six states have already expanded eligibility of this program up to 140% of poverty (annual income of \$17,486 for one person; \$36,050 for a family of four) under the Affordable Care Act.

Now, as unemployment skyrockets, many people will have lost their employer-paid health insurance and will qualify for Medicaid if they are under the income threshold. That is an echo of what happened during the Great Recession, when an additional 6 million people — a 14% increase — came on to the Medicaid rolls.

In 2019 states spent \$234 billion of their own revenues on Medicaid so another 14% increase in the case load could cost over \$30 billion per year extra. Far more people will come on the rolls this time, because the unemployment rate will be higher than the peak of 10.5% in the last downturn and the states have substantially expanded eligibility.

4. Governors will cut spending and increase taxes

State governments can't spend more money than they bring in: 49 of the 50 states have some type of balanced budget requirement in law or in the state's constitution. Sometimes that simply means that the governor has to submit a balanced budget. Other state mandates require balance to be maintained during the year.

You can already see governors taking

action to meet this requirement. Gov. Steve Sisolak of Nevada just asked his state agencies to prepare for up to \$687 million in budget cuts to his \$14.7 billion budget. Gov. Jay Inslee of Washington is in the process of cutting his state's \$48.5 billion budget by \$445 million.

States have not yet begun to raise taxes or fees but, in my view, that will come later.

5. Federal action will be required

The budget cuts and tax and fee increases that governors will be forced to make will weaken aggregate demand and the economy and make the economic downturn deeper and longer.

In the recently enacted Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act the federal government made \$150 billion available for state and local governments.

But only the \$30 billion in the Education Stabilization Fund created by the act will be to replenish state coffers by offsetting state revenue losses. The rest goes to local governments and to states for additional non-Medicaid health care and hospital costs incurred in the fight against the coronavirus.

States are looking to the federal government to include in its fourth relief package both a major increase in the federal contribution for Medicaid as well as a stabilization fund of \$250 billion to assist states in filling the budget gap and buoy the economy.

Because the economy is so much larger now, that would be a contribution similar to the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which provided states with \$147 billion in Medicaid and education funds.

The people's judgment

The economic and public health crises facing states and their governors will have an impact in another realm: politics. In November, 2020 there will be 11 gubernatorial elections, with nine incumbents likely to be running for re-election.

The real test of leadership during these twin crises will be reflected in the results of those elections.

PERSONAL FINANCE

How to seek car payment relief during the pandemic

By RONALD MONTVOA
Edmunds

A record 16.7 million Americans have filed for unemployment benefits in the past few weeks as the coronavirus pandemic took hold in the U.S. and shut down business on a large scale. When people are struggling to keep up with their bills, they often prioritize their basic needs and move their car payment to the bottom of the list.

Yet it's important to not lose sight of the long-term effects that skipping payments may have on your credit. Eventually, you will want to have your credit in good shape to apply for a place to live, a loan, another vehicle or even a job. But how can you do that when times are tough?

Edmunds' experts offer their advice on what to do if you're unable to make your car payments. Above all, don't forget to call your lender. Others are in the

same predicament, and lenders may be able to offer reduced payments or give you an extension. This communication is important to show that you are committed to paying the loan and keeping the account in good standing.

DEFERRED PAYMENTS FROM AUTOMAKERS FINANCE ARMS

Many lenders, especially the captive finance companies owned by the automakers, have enacted policies specifically for people who have lost their jobs because of the coronavirus pandemic. Loan deferral is the most common relief option.

Loan deferrals are an agreement between the lender and the customer that allows the customer to delay his or her car payments for a specified period of time. The skipped month or months are then added to the end of the loan, effectively increasing the length of your loan. For example, if you

have a 60-month loan and defer your payments for three months, you'll actually finish paying off your loan after the 63rd month.

The length of time you can defer a car loan depends on your situation and your lender's deferral policies. Also keep in mind that interest will typically continue to accrue during the deferral period, so you will generally pay more in interest over the length of the loan.

Automakers' finance arms from BMW and Mini, Ford and Lincoln, General Motors, Fiat Chrysler, Mazda, Nissan and Infiniti, and Toyota and Lexus prefer to handle the requests on a case-by-case basis, so their benefits are a little unclear in terms of the specifics. We recommend that you contact your lender directly and explain your situation.

Other auto lenders are more specific in their options and deferral limits. Acura and Honda are offering up to 60 days of defer-

ment. Kia and Maserati are offering 90 days. Mitsubishi is offering 120 days. And if you happened to buy a Hyundai or Genesis vehicle between March 14 and April 30, the automakers are offering up to six months of payment relief. We don't have room to go into all the brands' policies, so if yours is not mentioned here, make sure to reach out to your lender.

Also make sure your lender approves a loan deferral before you stop making payments. Deferral is not the same as delinquency, and your credit will not be affected so long as you and your lender are on the same page. Some lenders will also require proof of job loss, such as unemployment insurance documentation.

LEASE OPTIONS

If you're leasing, you may still be eligible for a payment deferral. Check with your lender to see if it's willing to do this. And if you're locked in a particularly good low

monthly rate and your lease is ending soon, ask for a lease extension, which may buy you some time until you're back on your feet.

Another option might be to take a look at peer-to-peer lease exchange websites such as Swapalease or LeaseTrader. The premise is simple: A person who needs to get out of a lease posts his or her vehicle on the site. If a shopper sees your listed vehicle and likes the terms, that shopper can take over the lease provided that the bank allows it and the shopper qualifies. Not all lenders will allow a lease exchange, but if you can unload your car this way, you'll be off the hook for future payments.

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These are difficult times, but it's important to keep up with your bills to prevent long-term damage to your credit. Don't be afraid to reach out to your lender and discuss your situation and what options might be available.

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Staying connected with your law firm team during COVID-19

ROCHESTER, NY — Your entire law firm is suddenly and unexpectedly working remotely. Now what? How do you ensure that your entire staff is able to communicate and collaborate effectively while working from their homes?

If you're wondering what to do next, rest assured, you're not alone. Remote work is uncharted territory for most law firms. Fortunately, by creating a remote working plan and establishing remote working procedures, you can create a supportive structure for your remote law firm that will streamline communications and encourage productivity.

Here are some steps to take when creating your law firm's remote working plan that will help you get your virtual law office up and running as quickly as possible:

Secure and take stock of your office hardware assets by inventorying your firm's hardware and distributing it as needed to all staff who will be working remotely.

Similarly, determine which files you'll need access to and ensure that you have a way to electronically access them. For many law firms, the easiest way to accomplish this is to use cloud-based law practice management software.

Ensure that you've put necessary technology tools in place to promote remote work and facilitate collaboration and ongoing communication.

Establish a communication plan that includes multiple ways to communicate both within your firm and externally. In addition to using the communication tools and portals built into your chosen law practice management software, you'll likely also need to set up VOIP phone systems, an electronic fax tool, and a video conferencing tool.

Make sure that you're able to access all of the client data that you need in order to work remotely on pending matters.

Have a plan in place for receiving online payments from clients and for payroll; that way clients can continue to pay their bills and your employees will continue to get paid.

Protect law firm data, and ensure that everyone working remotely understands client confidentiality issues and uses the software you've chosen for all client matters.

It's also important to support your remote team during this crisis. Transitioning from working in an office to working from home is difficult enough and the chaos and confusion surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic only adds to your team members' stress. That's why short daily

check-ins with your team to see how they're doing can make such a big difference. During this brief check-in, make sure to acknowledge the disruption they're experiencing and find out how it is impacting them.

It's also helpful to set aside time for occasional 1-on-1s with key team members to check in regarding their personal well-being and to find out if they have questions about ongoing projects or need anything from you.

Other steps to consider taking that will help to support your team and improve its morale during these challenging times include: 1) planning a weekly video conference lunch with your team, 2) providing your team with regular, detailed updates regarding how your law firm is responding to the crisis, 3) sending out a short video or email at the beginning of each week during which you set priorities for the week, provide remote working or productivity tips, and encourage a sense of team unity, and 4) sending out an end-of-the week video or email to your employees that summarizes projects completed, celebrates successes, and provides encouragement.

It's incredibly important to provide your team with the tools and supportive environment they need to get the job done. By taking the time to thoughtfully incorporate some of these ideas into your regular routine, you'll help your law firm team transition smoothly to working remotely in the midst of never-before-seen challenges. Your effort and up-front planning will undoubtedly pay off in the long run, since as we all know, effective teamwork and collaboration is always important; but during a crisis, it can make all the difference.

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WASHINGTON

Justice Department takes church's side in 1st Amendment suit

Federal involvement adds rising tension over reconciling religious freedom with public health restrictions

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department took the rare step on Tuesday of weighing in on the side of a Mississippi Christian church where local officials had tried to stop Holy Week services broadcast to congregants sitting in their cars in the parking lot.

As the coronavirus pandemic spread, leaders at Temple Baptist Church in Greenville began holding drive-in services for their congregation on a short-wave radio frequency from inside an empty church save for the preacher.

Arthur Scott, the 82-year-old pastor, said Tuesday that it was a good compromise for his group, a "wonderful way to preach the gospel and still it's like they are there, but you can't go out and see them, but you know they're there."

The federal involvement adds to the rising tension over reconciling religious freedom with public health restrictions designed to fight the pandemic, disputes that are playing out along the same partisan lines that mark the nation's overall divide.

Greenville city leaders argue the services violate stay-at-home orders and could have put people's lives in jeopardy. Church officials believe they have been singled out for their religion, especially after eight police officers were sent last week to ticket the faithful, \$500 apiece, for attending services, including the pastor's wife.

"We haven't missed one Sunday in 45

years," Scott said. "We love our people. This is a way we can preach to them. We're afraid of the coronavirus as much as anybody else. And if we thought we were putting our people in danger at all, we wouldn't do this."

Even after the mayor said Monday they would not have to pay the fines, the church is pursuing a lawsuit saying their First Amendment religious freedoms were violated. The Justice Department sided with the church.

With federal prosecutors now weighing in, the national debate over how far coronavirus gathering limits can go to restrict religion could get even louder. President Donald Trump's reelection appeal to devout conservative voters rests in part on his vocal advocacy for religious freedom, making the issue a politically potent one for his administration to take up.

The Kansas Supreme Court upheld Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly's move to limit faith gatherings to 10 people, while a federal judge in Kentucky sided with a church that challenged the Louisville mayor's restrictions on drive-in Easter services.

The church has been in Greenville for more than 65 years. Scott said his congregants, about 125 in all, are mostly older and on fixed incomes, and aren't tech savvy, so the radio broadcast was a way to keep them connected.

Greenville Mayor Errick D. Simmons, a Democrat, said Tuesday that city officials had received calls about people at drive-in church services getting out of their cars.

Simmons said the ban on such gatherings remains in place to try to save lives as the highly contagious virus continues to spread. He has also called on Republican Gov. Tate Reeves to issue clear statewide guidance on whether people are allowed to congregate for worship during the governor's statewide stay-at-home order that remains in effect until April 20.

The governor's order tells people not to gather in groups of 10 or more. Reeves has said he would prefer that churches not hold services in sanctuaries or parking lots. But he has also said the government does not have the right to ban worship.

On Tuesday, Reeves tweeted a thanks to Attorney General William Barr "for this strong stand in support of religious liberty. The government cannot shut down churches."

Attorney Ryan Tucker of the Alliance Defending Freedom, which represents the church, says there's a Sonic Drive-In restaurant about 200 yards (180 meters) from the church where patrons are still allowed to roll down their windows and talk.

He said they will continue the lawsuit seeking a restraining order because the mayor's order remains in place.

"The threat is still present," he said. "They mayor did not say he's rescinding the order."

There are at least 3,000 cases of coronavirus in Mississippi and more than 100 deaths for the state's 3 million people. The U.S. has more than 590,000 cases and more than 27,000 deaths.

The Justice Department argued in the filing that the city appeared to be targeting religious conduct by singling churches out as the only essential service (as designated by the state of Mississippi) that may not operate despite following all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state

recommendations regarding social distancing.

"The facts alleged in the complaint strongly suggest that the city's actions target religious conduct," the filing says. "If proven, these facts establish a free exercise violation unless the city demonstrates that its actions are neutral and apply generally to nonreligious and religious institutions or satisfies the demanding strict scrutiny standard."

Barr said that he believes there is a sufficient basis for social distancing rules that have been put in place, but that the restrictions must be applied evenly and not single out religious institutions.

"But even in times of emergency, when reasonable and temporary restrictions are placed on rights, the First Amendment and federal statutory law prohibit discrimination against religious institutions and religious believers," Barr said in a statement. "Thus, government may not impose special restrictions on religious activity that do not also apply to similar nonreligious activity."

The Justice Department has made similar filings in other religious liberty cases, including one in February in support of a Kentucky wedding photographer who is challenging a city ordinance banning businesses from discriminating against gay customers by arguing it would violate her religious beliefs. In June 2019, the department filed a statement of interest in a case in Maine, arguing that a law that banned religious schools from the state's tuition program was unconstitutional.

In previous administrations, such involvement was highly unusual.

"A free society depends on a vibrant religious life by the people," Barr said in an interview with Fox News last week. He said he would "hate to see restrictions on religion continue longer than they are strictly necessary."

NEW MEXICO

State Supreme Court sticks with in-person voting June 2

Justices rule sending ballots to all registered voters violates a state statute

BY MORGAN LEE
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — The New Mexico Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered state and local election authorities to distribute absentee ballot applications to all registered voters while rejecting a petition to scale back in-person voting in response to the coronavirus.

The court ruled unanimously in rejecting a petition from a majority of county clerks to send ballots without request to nearly all registered voters and scuttle traditional in-person voting in the June 2 primary.

The pace of coronavirus infections in New Mexico is expected to peak in late May under recent modeling presented by state health officials. That puts the pandemic on a collision course with New Mexico's primary, amid a state-by-state partisan legal fight over how voters can safely cast their ballots if the coronavirus outbreak persists into the November election.

The rejected proposal, supported by Democratic Secretary of

State Maggie Toulouse Oliver and the state Democratic Party, would have provided so-called voting service centers in about 170 locations for registered voters to turn in absentee ballots by hand, fill out replacement and provisional ballots and seek other assistance.

The Republican Party and affiliated state lawmakers intervened in the case to insist that state law allows for the distribution of absentee ballots by request only. Attorney Carter Harrison, representing the GOP, said the practice of distributing ballots directly to all verified addresses for registered voters is limited by law to special elections involving ballot initiatives and that the Supreme Court would overstep its authority by ordering that procedure, infringing on the authority of lawmakers.

"No one can deny the devastating effect that this virus has had and continues to have on our community," Chief Justice Judith Nakamura said from the courtroom via videoconference. "However the relief that is requested is specifically prohibited by New Mexico statute ... which says that

a mail ballot shall not be delivered by the county clerk to any person other than the applicant for the ballot."

Nakamura is the only justice who joined the five-member court as a Republican. Two justices running for election this year as Democrats recused themselves from Tuesday's decision and were substituted by longtime Democrats.

In-person voting and early voting must comply with the governor's executive orders and Health Department orders relating to the pandemic, the court ruled. A stay-at-home order that bans public gathering of more than five people expires on April 30 but is likely to be extended, according to Matthew Garcia, an attorney for Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

Toulouse Oliver, the state's top election regulator, acknowledged in a statement that her voting proposal had been rejected and said "voters will still have everything they need to make their voices heard on June 2." She highlighted the state's May 5 registration deadline for the primary.

Lujan Grisham said in a state-

ment that in-person voting "poses a grave threat of heightened transmission of the virus" and that she is confident the primary can be conducted almost entirely through mail.

Wisconsin experienced a major jump in mail-in voting in its election last week — from 12% of votes cast last year to 72% — amid widespread allegations that Republicans were seeking to suppress votes by forging ahead with a chaotic election.

The Democrat-led Legislature shied away from convening a special or extraordinary session to rewrite voting regulations, citing the risk of transmitting the virus by meeting at the Statehouse along with legal uncertainties surrounding remote videoconferencing — concerns shared by the governor in her court briefing.

Announcing the court's decision, Nakamura described a "very difficult case, which is evidenced

by the fact that the other branches of government have chosen not to act and have come to this court for relief."

Republicans including state party Chairman Steve Pearce viewed the case as precedent-setting for future elections as they advocated for absentee mail-in balloting by request only.

The state's Democratic primary is likely to decide who succeeds U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan in the Democrat-dominated 3rd Congressional District in northern New Mexico. Lujan is the presumed Democratic nominee to succeed retiring Sen. Tom Udall.

Republican primary voters are deciding between two contenders who hope to retake a congressional swing district seat held by U.S. Rep. Xochitl Torres Small in southern New Mexico. The entire Legislature is up for elections this year, with an upswing in primary-election challenges.

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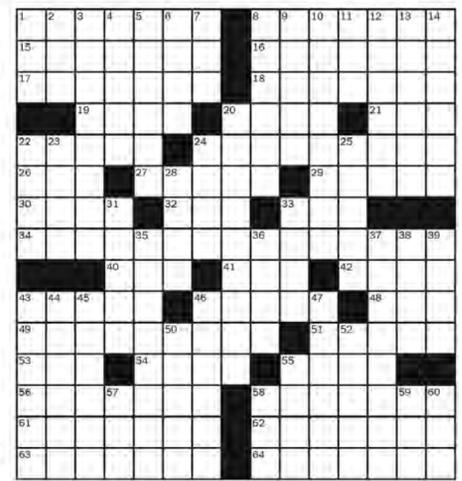
- 1 Card game with melds
- 8 Divulged
- 15 Scrubbed
- 16 Wonder Woman, for one
- 17 Part 1 of a story attributed to 34-Across
- 18 Elevate, redundantly
- 19 Bed of roses?
- 20 Fortitude
- 21 Sellout abbr.
- 22 Institution founded by Benjamin Franklin, in brief
- 24 Part 2 of the story
- 26 It adds punch to punch
- 27 Goes back and forth (with)
- 29 Nast of publishing

- 30 Foie _____
- 32 "_____ better be good!"
- 33 Barnyard bleat
- 34 Author of the concise yet evocative story told in this puzzle
- 40 Unwelcoming
- 41 Show of approval
- 42 Subject of a 1960 expedition by Sir Edmund Hillary
- 43 Yoga pose
- 46 Sainted 11th-century pope
- 48 Feeling of a frosty wind
- 49 End of the story
- 51 Montana mining city
- 53 Mister, abroad

- 54 One of the only remaining "people's republics"
- 55 A whole bunch
- 56 Sneaky critters
- 58 Like this puzzle's story, in length
- 61 Dub, say
- 62 One being dubbed
- 63 Confirm, as an email address
- 64 "No making changes now"

DOWN

- 1 Shortening in a coffee order
- 2 _____ group (hospital classification)
- 3 Leif Ericson, for one
- 4 Burning desire?
- 5 Sullies
- 6 Let the cat out of the bag
- 7 Gator's tail?
- 8 Alternative to a fence
- 9 Like some smoky Scotch
- 10 Biometric ID method
- 11 Article in El Mundo
- 12 Surmounts
- 13 Accustomed
- 14 Oust
- 20 People found in rows
- 22 Push
- 23 Sign of cat love
- 24 Cat hate



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- 25 "Stardust" composer Carmichael
- 28 _____ party
- 31 It flows to the harbor of Le Havre
- 33 The south of France, with "le"
- 35 1991 sequel to "Gone With the Wind"
- 36 Part of the DreamWorks logo
- 37 Struck out on one's own
- 38 Squabbling
- 39 Cry of pain
- 43 Echo, e.g.
- 44 Unfazed
- 45 Do loop-the-loops, maybe
- 46 Not so fast?
- 47 Popular new holidays gifts of 2001
- 50 Hit 2008 Pixar film
- 52 Single
- 55 Limo window feature
- 57 Opposite of purity
- 58 Take to the hills?
- 59 Kylo _____ of "Star Wars"
- 60 "Dr." with the 2011 hit "I Need a Doctor"

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IMPACT:*Sense of unity 'is a good thing'*

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make, and we are in constant communication," explained Mayoras, an alumna of the University of Michigan Law School. "The biggest change is that we went from working together in a physical office to working virtually out of our homes. We are still able to communicate with each other and with clients, but now everything is done remotely."

Mayoras also has utilized Zoom. "(It's) definitely a different type of interaction than in-person, so that has been an adjustment," she said. "I feel like I am constantly on my phone communicating with my partners and staff. I learned Zoom and now have a Zoom account, which is something that I hadn't needed before the quarantine. Normally, I do a fair amount of TV interviews, but my most recent TV interview was by Zoom, which was a first!"

Annette Benson, founder of Annette Benson Law in Bingham Farms, also has used Zoom to communicate with clients and the court.

"For me, it feels more personal not only because we are communicating from our homes, but because emotionally we are connected through our common concern of this pandemic — this sense of unity is a good thing," said Benson, an alumna of Michigan State University and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. "The pandemic has not really changed how I practice law, but it has forced positive change among many of my colleagues (since) courts are now being more selective in what cases they will hear, attorneys are forced to work together to problem-solve."

Before the pandemic erupted, Benson's assistant transformed her office to be fully digital. Working remotely from home with full

access to her office has not been an adjustment for her. However, the change in her routine has been an adjustment, she admitted.

"Working from home full time made my daily routine feel like a familiar version of what I knew — only like seeing my reflection in a carnival mirror," said Benson.

As scary and frustrating as this pandemic has been for many, Benson is looking at the positives. She's also taking the time to reassess and re-evaluate everything.

"Like many, I have lived most of my adult life in fast-forward, constant motion to tackle the never-ending to-do lists. Along the way of this marathon, I have celebrated accomplishments, enjoyed the fruits of my labor, and appreciated my family, friends, and beautiful surroundings — or so I thought," explained Benson. "Turning 50 last summer was the impetus to re-evaluating and re-prioritizing my goals and dreams for the future. The reality that life is fragile and that we are mortal suddenly became a daily reminder, leading me to slow down — to be more present — to appreciate more than the results. To appreciate the gift of simply being."

While everyone is homebound, restless, and anxious, Benson stated this is an opportunity to re-evaluate and re-prioritize who we are, what we want, and what we truly need.

"It is usually a traumatic event like a death, divorce, or a larger scale event like a terrorist attack, natural disaster, or this COVID-19 monster, that creates opportunity for reflection... allows us time to be able to think, to feel, to effectuate long overdue change," she said. "I hope that others will recognize that and take advantage of this opportunity to slow down, look around, and appreciate what you see, so you can then look inward and find peace with yourself."

GOVERNORS:*'...weigh benefit versus risk'*

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we're going to make decisions based on science and having a real strategic phase-in of our economy when it's appropriate and safe to do so."

Whitmer's decision to maintain a statewide shutdown despite calls to reopen some rural areas and businesses has drawn the ire of Republicans, even those who backed her moves initially.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey took to Facebook to accuse Whitmer of "DESTROYING OUR HEALTH BY KILLING OUR LIVELIHOODS!"

The state Republican Party in New Mexico is pressuring Democratic Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham to ease up on her restrictions so small businesses can reopen.

In Ohio, the shouts of protesters punctuate Republican Gov. Mike DeWine's daily briefings, and lawmakers of his own party are beginning to criticize his once widely praised aggressive approach to containing the virus, decrying the effects on businesses and communities.

DeWine has been unfazed by the protests so far. He calls the COVID-19 disease a "monster" that is waiting to "pick members of our society off." On Tuesday, he gave a sobering assessment for those wanting a return to normal amid the pandemic.

"As we reopen Ohio, people

will have to be very, very careful. ... You'll have to weigh benefit versus risk," he said. "You will have to make sure you're wearing a mask when you go out, continue social distancing, etc. COVID-19 is not going away until we get a vaccine."

Even Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, a Republican who was lieutenant governor under Vice President Mike Pence, has said he does not want the state to "relax at the wrong time" and see another wave of virus illnesses.

Holcomb issued a statewide stay-at-home order that took effect March 25. In addition to other concerns, Holcomb said he wanted to see the state build up its own stockpile of protective supplies and hospital equipment.

"Should there be a second wave come fall, like some suggest there could be, we need to be in a better position than when we first went into this storm," Holcomb said.

Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott says he won't reopen businesses all at once.

Abbott has issued what is effectively a stay-at-home order through the end of April in Texas, where officials in some of the state's largest cities say they don't expect the number of COVID-19 cases to peak until May.

"This isn't going to be a rushing the gates, everyone is able to suddenly reopen all at once," Abbott said Monday.

Political Scene

WASHINGTON

Military sees no quick exit from 'new world' of coronavirus

Navy's top doctor says virus wields a 'secret power' that military must take into account

By **ROBERT BURNS**
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military is bracing for a months-long struggle against the coronavirus, looking for novel ways to maintain a defensive crouch that sustains troops' health without breaking their morale — while still protecting the nation.

Unlike talk in the Trump administration of possibly reopening the country as early as May, military leaders are suggesting that this summer may be the best-case scenario of tiptoeing toward a return to normal activities. Even that is uncertain, and for now the focus is on adjusting as the pandemic's threat evolves.

"We are going to need to change and adapt, because even over the coming months the virus isn't going to go away. We're going to have to be able to operate in a COVID environment," Deputy Defense Secretary David Norquist said recently, referring to the disease caused by the novel coronavirus.

Officials have frozen most forces in place overseas, stopped troops and their families from moving to new assignments, and cut back access to the Pentagon. The military services have halted or restricted recruit training, canceled major exercises, and isolated troops in the most sensitive

units. The new Space Force has delayed a satellite launch, and the Navy this week postponed the return of the USS Harry S. Truman, keeping the aircraft carrier at sea to shield its crew from virus exposure at home.

These steps to protect the force have parallels in civilian society, but a far-flung military can't function by staying at home.

"This will be a new way of doing business that we have to focus on," says Air Force Gen. John Hyten, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "We're adjusting to that new world as we speak today."

The notion of "normal" in the military may never be the same.

"We've all deployed and fought enemies abroad, however, today's enemy is here in our communities," said Lt. Gen. Brad Webb, commander of the Air Force's training and education command. "We don't know what 'new normal' will look like until we get to the other side."

Defense Secretary Mark Esper has been consistent in saying it will take time to determine when to begin lifting restrictions on the military, and he has faced little public pressure — from military families or the White House — to rush things. In civilian society, there is an open split between those like President Donald Trump who want the country

reopened soon to mitigate economic damage and those, including many state governors, who fear reopening prematurely will undermine progress against the virus.

Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the pandemic has spread so far and wide, potentially creating instability in some countries, that the U.S. military cannot return to business as usual.

"We have got to take a hard look at how we as a military, we as a Department of Defense, conduct operations in the future," he said.

In a further sign of uncertainty, Esper said Tuesday that he will extend a "stop movement" order halting what are called permanent change-of-station moves by troops and their families. He did not say how long he will extend the order, aimed at protecting troops and originally set to expire May 11. If it continues into the summer, military members with children could face serious hardship, since they need time to settle and enroll their children in new schools.

Coronavirus has been less deadly in the military than in the rest of American society, but the number of confirmed cases is still rising. As of Tuesday the total exceeded 2,600, up from 1,521 a week earlier. Two troops have died of the disease — a National

Guard member in March and a Navy sailor on Monday.

Even after the number of the military's coronavirus cases crests, a degree of uncertainty about restoring normalcy will linger. The Navy's top doctor, Rear Adm. Bruce Gillingham, says the virus wields a "secret power" that the

the virus."

Webb, the Air Force training commander, said his service is doing about 99% of its recruiting online rather than with traditional in-person pitches. And while the way ahead isn't clear, he said, "I think we have the opportunity now to never go back to old ways."

For the Army, a major priority is keeping combat brigades healthy but also ready for war. Prior to the coronavirus crisis, more than half of the brigades were at high readiness levels, but in the past month training has significantly slowed down.

"We're in good shape but you've got to be able to turn it back on," said Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy. He says that increased coronavirus testing capabilities will allow the Army to test units and then send them out for large battalion and company-sized exercises where they can remain in a bubble.

"We're going to have to do that, and that's where you're going to have to manage the risk until there's a vaccine," he said. "We're preparing ourselves to do just that."

Even as they take precautions, defense officials are eager to bat down any idea that they are so focused on protecting troops' health that the force has been weakened or is unable to fight if needed.

"I don't want anyone out there in the world to think that somehow the U.S. military's readiness is significantly degraded. It is not," Milley said last week.

JOSHI:*Churchill showed us leaders are expected to give truthful, sobering accounts*

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And the effect was immediate and galvanic. Government's workload increased to unimaginable levels—led by Churchill who spared none, including himself. No detail was too small to draw his attention, and often, ire. While bombs fell and guns blazed, Churchill raged at misspellings and nonsensical phrases, which he attributed to sloth. He insisted that ministers compose memoranda with brevity and limit their length to one page or less. Churchill's own communiqués "tumbled forth daily, by the dozens, invariably brief and always written in precise English." On the whole, the effect of Churchill's wartime premiership was "like the beam of a searchlight ceaselessly swinging round and penetrating into the remote recesses of the administration—so that everyone, however humble his rank or his function, felt that one day the beam might rest on him and light up what he was doing."

But it wasn't all work; the man also knew the value of play. Larson masterfully recounts stories of dinner soirees at Churchill's home where he would gather the country's movers and shakers—industry captains, ministers, private secretaries, military leaders, artists, advisors—together with his family members and over cigars, champagne, and brandy, recite poems, share stories, and "discussed the war with an animation that verged

on delight." And he loved to sing! One popular song chanted by Churchill was:

"Bang, bang, bang, bang goes the farmer's gun,
Run rabbit, run rabbit, run, run, run, run."

The song became wildly popular later in the war when the word "rabbit" was substituted by "Adolf." Another strength of Churchill was his sense of perspective, which gave him the ability "to place discrete events into boxes, so that bad humor could in a heartbeat turn to mirth." Snarling at a newspaper boy on the street to stop whistling (which he hated), Churchill was stunned and angered by the boy's retort, "Well, you can shut your ears, can't you?" But the anger quickly gave way to a smile and ultimately laughter as Churchill, walking on, kept on repeating the boy's feisty rejoinder under his breath.

He was a tough leader but was never afraid to express his emotion, at times weeping openly. Larson narrates how Churchill, in touring the bombed sites, was overcome by the devastation and the resilience of the British people and wept openly: "In one hand he held a large white handkerchief, with which he mopped his eyes; in his other he grasped the handle of his walking stick." The crowds adored him and shouted at him: "Good old Winnie! We thought you'd come and see us. We can take it. Give it 'em back!"

While he spoke with confident,

bulldogged aggression, vowing to achieve victory, Churchill was also "a realist who understood the black terrain in which Britain now lay." He never shied away from speaking the solemn and somber truth. To the British people, Churchill's speeches offered a sober appraisal of facts, tempered with reason for optimism. "It would be foolish to disguise the gravity of the hour," he said, adding, "it would be still more foolish to lose heart and courage." One sentence that has gained immortality from Churchill's speeches: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

Larson reveals a Dickensian knack at creating flesh-and-blood characters that transport us back to the days and times of an era gone by. One of the delights of the book is to read about Churchill's friendship (and on occasions, friction) with Max Aitken, aka Lord Beaverbrook. On his first day as prime minister, Churchill created an entirely new ministry devoted solely to increase the production of fighters and bombers. And to run it, he picked his longtime friend, Lord Beaverbrook—a man who had made his fortune in newspa-

pers, knew nothing about running factories that manufactured aircraft, and "who drew controversy the way steeples draw lightning." But what Churchill asked, Beaverbrook delivered. He was a maverick who upset the old ways of doing things, hated committees—"I am the cat that walks alone"—and created enemies all around. An American general stationed in London called him "a violent, passionate, malicious and dangerous little goblin." Lord Halifax nicknamed him "the Toad." He was always "wildly entertaining"—a trait Churchill loved and needed. And despite everyone's aversion towards Beaverbrook, Churchill stuck with him. He saw their relationship in succinct terms: "Some take drugs, I take Max." But it wasn't a relationship without skirmishes. And the battle between the two men was fought with the pen: "Both men took a certain delight in dictating letters to each other. To both it was like acting—Churchill strutting about in his gold-dragon nightclothes and jabbing the air with a dead cigar, savoring the sound and feel of words; Beaverbrook like a knife thrower at a carnival, hurling

whatever cutlery came to hand."

Larson's book is an inspiring read of Churchill's leadership during a war. The man's splendor is magnified, in multiples, when compared to the vileness of our times and our current self-declared "wartime president." In war, Churchill showed us how leaders are expected to give truthful and sobering accounts of the battle. Not to proclaim, falsely and blithely, "we have it under control. It's going to be just fine." He showed us how true leaders take responsibility; I lament at ours who takes no "responsibility at all." Churchill's words united the British people in collective purpose and shared sacrifice; Trump divides the nation with his petty, trash-talking tweets. The book left me with an emotion that can aptly be summarized by borrowing words used by Oliver Cromwell in 1653: "You have sat too long here for any good you have been doing! Depart, I say, and let us have done with you! In the name of God, go!"

Ashish Joshi is with Joshi: Attorneys + Counselors in Ann Arbor.

SCHACTER:*Women more likely to express their feelings*

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heart rate monitor tracked couples' heartbeats per minute, an indicator of physiological activity.

From feelings to physiology

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overnight heart rates were about 2 to 4 beats per minute slower in couples where women expressed more closeness. On the other hand, men's heart rates were about 1.5 to 3 beats per minute faster if women expressed greater annoyance.

Interestingly, we found that women's annoyance did not predict increases in men's heart rate, if women also felt close to their partners throughout the day. In other words, the negative effects of annoyance got diluted if some closeness was also in the mix.

There were actually no effects of men's annoyance or closeness on women's overnight heart rates — men's cardiovascular responses appeared to be uniquely sensitive to women's daytime relationship feelings. Other research has

found similar gender differences. One possibility is that women are more likely to express their feelings of closeness or annoyance, whereas men may feel less comfortable engaging in such communication.

Of course, every relationship has its natural ups and downs, and our study only captures a snapshot of young dating couples' lives together. However, the findings suggest the way romantic partners feel about one another, even within a single day, can have acute effects on their biological functioning during sleep.

These seemingly trivial, everyday experiences could build up over time and help explain why relationships wind up affecting people's health — for better or for worse.

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Living Trust uad March 22, 2017. Donna Jean Cook, Grantor. Date of Birth: July 3, 1952

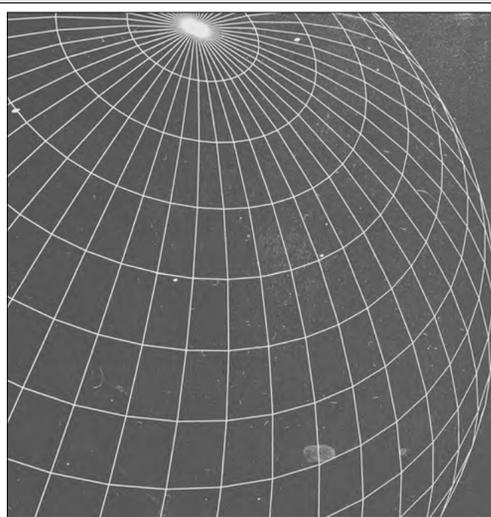
TO ALL CREDITORS:
The Grantor, Donna Jean Cook, who lived at 33160 Ravburn, Livonia, Michigan 48154, died on March 29, 2020. There is no personal representative of the Grantor's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Donna Cook Living Trust uad March 22, 2017, will be forever barred unless presented to Penny Oliverio, Successor Trustee, within four months of the date of publication of this notice.

April 14, 2020
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stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Wayne County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on May 21, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tykey Homes Solutions LLC, original mortgagor, to LendingHome Funding Corporation, dated March 1, 2018, and recorded March 19, 2018 in L: 54268 P: 1472, Instrument 2018061045, in Wayne County records, Michigan, and assigned to Christiana Trust, a Division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual Capacity but as Trustee for Victoria Capital Trust, recorded on August 30, 2019 in L:55246, P:500, Instrument 2019253772, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$180,783.11 (One Hundred Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Three and 11/100) Said premises are Land situated in the City of Livonia, County of Wayne, and state of Michigan, and described as follows:
Lots 378 and 379 also West 1/2 adjacent vacated alley, SCHANHITES MARQUETTE MANOR SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 61 of Plats, Page 63, Wayne County Records.
Property Address: 11610 Cardwell St., Livonia, MI 48150
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STATE OF MICHIGAN - PROBATE COURT - COUNTY OF WAYNE
Estate of CIERRA MONIQUE BARGAINEER, Decedent. Date of Birth: 12/08/1993

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, CIERRA MONIQUE BARGAINEER, died 02/28/2018. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gail Bargaineer, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1305 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Gail Bargaineer
Personal Representative
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
STATE OF MICHIGAN - COUNTY OF WAYNE
In the Matter of The Slaga Trust, dated September 6, 2012, as amended.
Date of Birth: August 20, 1941

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Patricia Louise Slaga, who lived at 525 Ravenscrest Lane, Westland, Michigan 48186, died February 7, 2020. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Thomas K. Slaga and Laura A. Guzowski, named Successor Co-Trustees, c/o Mary T. Schmitt Smith, Esq., within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: April 13, 2020
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Thomas K. Slaga and Laura A. Guzowski
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FILE NO. 2018-840304-DA B
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
STATE OF MICHIGAN - PROBATE COURT - COUNTY OF WAYNE
Estate of RAPHAEL HALL SR., Decedent. Date of Birth: 10/27/1957

TO ALL CREDITORS:
Gail Bargaineer and Raphael Hall, Jr.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, RAPHAEL HALL SR., died 02/26/2018. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gail Bargaineer, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1305 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Wayne County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM on MAY 28, 2020. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Scarborough and Cheneada Rayford, as Joint Tenants, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 2002 and recorded March 14, 2002 in Liber 35770, Page 229 and Modification Agreement recorded on March 28, 2011, in Liber 49073, Page 1226, Wayne County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Capital I Inc. Trust 2002-NC2, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Seven and 42/100 Dollars (\$72,437.42).

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Lot 100 and E 9 feet of adjacent vacant alley, S.C. Hadley's Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 68, Page 63 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
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Dated: April 16, 2020
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Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns
Date of mortgage: June 9, 2003
Recorded on September 17, 2003, Liber 39058, on Page 1323.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Six and 85/100 Dollars (\$61,296.85)
Mortgaged premises: Situated in Wayne County, and described as:
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If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN - PROBATE COURT - WAYNE COUNTY - CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION
In the matter of David Winning, an Individual with Alleged Development Disability

Service of Petition for Appointment of Guardian, an Individual with Alleged Development Disability, Report to Accompany Petition to Appoint, Modify or Discharge Guardian of an Individual with Development Disability, Informed Consent Board Recommendations, Social Skills Evaluation and Notice of Hearing cannot be made on Fred Myers, William T. Singleton, Jr., Karen K. Penix and Patti J. Salyers.

I intend to publish notice of this individual because his/her address or whereabouts are unknown. I have made the following diligent efforts to ascertain his/her address or whereabouts: Researched obituaries and researched via Google Search

I declare under the penalties of perjury that this petition has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Date: 4-14-2020
Estate Planning & Elder Law Services
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(4-16)

FILE NO. 2018-840303-DE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
STATE OF MICHIGAN - PROBATE COURT - COUNTY OF WAYNE
Estate of CIERRA MONIQUE BARGAINEER, Decedent. Date of Birth: 12/08/1993

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, CIERRA MONIQUE BARGAINEER, died 02/28/2018. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gail Bargaineer, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1305 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: 03/16/2020
Charlene Glover-Hogan P41298
20700 Civic Center Drive, Ste. 105
Southfield, Michigan 48076
248-355-0903
Gail Bargaineer
Personal Representative
15322 West Parkway
Detroit, Michigan 48223
313-808-2180

(4-16)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number

(A) Go ask your mother.
(B) Because I said so.
(C) We'll see.

There are no perfect answers in parenting.

AdoptUSKids.org

Mortgages Recorded

Bernard J. youngblood
register of Deeds
As recorded in the office of the
register of Deeds
*The mortgage lender
(i.e. ABN AMRO MTG GROUP)
is indicated by capital letters.*
December 23-27, 2019

Chadd R Woods 20421
Woodmont St Harper Woods
48225-1870 TCF NATIONAL
BANK \$72,000

Erik C Williams 2494 Iro-
quois St Detroit 48214-1871
TCF NATIONAL BANK
\$396,000

Christopher Moyer 304
Rivard Blvd Grosse Pointe
48230-1671 TCF NATIONAL
BANK \$261,000

Daniel Clay TCF NATIONAL
BANK \$320,000

Taylor Rodger 16587 Free-
land St Detroit 48235-4058
TCF NATIONAL BANK \$64,000

Kenneth L Thon 14530 Bal-
sam St Southgate 48195-2029
TOTAL COMMUNITY CREDIT
UNION \$110,000

Deangelo Daniels 568
Mayflower Ave Lincoln Park
48146-3040 TOTAL COMMUNI-
TY CREDIT UNION \$70,000

Nicholas M Dmitruchina Jr
8084 Dudley St Taylor 48180-
2585 TOTAL COMMUNITY
CREDIT UNION \$55,000

Andrea D Peters 6486 West-
point St Taylor 48180-1711
TOTAL COMMUNITY CREDIT
UNION \$23,000

Jeffery A Arm 6230 Michael
St Taylor 48180-1286 TOWNE
MORTGAGE CO \$97,000

Andrew J Cutshall 36431
Grove St Livonia 48154-1619
TRIUMPH MORTGAGE \$270,000

Joseph Dominick 32341
Windsor St Garden City 48135-
1767 U S BANK \$111,000

Ferdous Mohamed 6230
Barrie St Dearborn 48126-2034
UIF CORP \$115,000

Nicholas L Cone 22133 S
Chipmunk Trl Woodhaven
48183-1510 UNION HOME
MORTGAGE \$190,000

Leon A Parker 17524 Park-
side St Detroit 48221-2717
UNION HOME MORTGAGE
\$236,000

Kyle R Brace 19805 Inkster
Rd Livonia 48152-2521 UNION
HOME MORTGAGE \$67,000

Alexis R Rickle 15073 Regi-
na Ave Allen Park 48101-1824
UNION HOME MORTGAGE
\$146,000

Lynda L Lopez 1841 River-
bank St Lincoln Park 48146-
3841 UNITED FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION \$25,000

Raja Johns 2759 Calloway
Ct Canton 48188-6307 UNITED
WHOLESALE MORTGAGE
\$160,000

Chidimma Onwuegbuchu
11748 Heatherwood Cir Taylor
48180-4188 SUNWEST MORT-
GAGE CORP \$157,000

Tareq Khattab 7267 N
Lafayette St Dearborn Heights
48127-1757 SUPREME LEND-
ING \$95,000

Amra Hadzic 18540 Valade
St Riverview 48193-4513
SUPREME LENDING \$176,000

Robert Nayh 10115 Bassett
St Livonia 48150-4547
SUPREME LENDING \$148,000

Kari Thomas 2850 Park-
wood St Trenton 48183-3657
SUPREME LENDING \$175,000

Tudor Chiorean 18994 Irv-
ing St Livonia 48152-3045
SUPREME LENDING \$210,000

Robert Kozup Jr 13246 Ivy
St Gibraltar 48173-9523
SUPREME LENDING \$125,000

Curt Stankovic 16124
Jupiter Hills Dr Northville
48168-8628 TCF NATIONAL
BANK \$650,000

Daniel N Roma 181 Country
Club Dr Grosse Pointe Farms
48236-2901 TCF NATIONAL
BANK \$648,000

Daniel N Roma 181 Country
Club Dr Grosse Pointe Farms
48236-2901 TCF NATIONAL
BANK \$81,000

Zalulhum Fetteh 4925
Ogden St # 27 Detroit 48210-
2068 UNITED WHOLESALE
MORTGAGE \$53,000

Margaret Rodriguez 12300
Ryznar Dr Belleville 48111-
2278 UNITED WHOLESALE
MORTGAGE \$234,000

Leslie F Henriques 1198
Brys Dr Grosse Pointe Woods
48236-1275 UNITED WHOLE-
SALE MORTGAGE \$162,000

Kanella Tsilimingras 565
Shelden Dr Grosse Pointe
Shores 48236-2624 UNITED
WHOLESALE MORTGAGE
\$553,000

Jasjit S Takhar 6769 Tiffany
Cir Canton 48187-5260 UNIT-
ED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE
\$316,000

Pranesh Selvendiran 7743
E Claymore Ct Canton 48187-
1810 UNITED WHOLESALE
MORTGAGE \$181,000

Ramadevi Shanigarapu
4762 Sherwood Cir Canton
48188-2207 UNITED WHOLE-
SALE MORTGAGE \$229,000

Mohammad Jaber 27294 W
Pleasant Ridge St Dearborn
Heights 48127-1618 UNITED
WHOLESALE MORTGAGE
\$120,000

Joseph Walkup 29571 Puri-
tan St Livonia 48154-3246
UNITED WHOLESALE MORT-
GAGE \$231,000

Wendy Martin 14761 Arcola
St Livonia 48154-3925 UNITED
WHOLESALE MORTGAGE
\$170,000

Ahmed Harajli 26807
Simone St Dearborn Heights
48127-3385 UNITED WHOLE-
SALE MORTGAGE \$274,000

Robert E Jordan 26501 Lau-
rie Ct Woodhaven 48183-4407
UNITED WHOLESALE MORT-
GAGE \$146,000

Masura Didar 9479 Charest
St Hamtramck 48212-3563
UNITED WHOLESALE MORT-
GAGE \$136,000

Fanning Jin 1734 Christo-
pher Dr Canton 48188-1772
UNITED WHOLESALE MORT-
GAGE \$113,000

Donato Naurato 18800
Valencia St Northville 48168-
1823 UNITED WHOLESALE
MORTGAGE \$484,000

Bogdan Tarasov 19275
Woodston Rd Detroit 48203-
1422 UNITED WHOLESALE
MORTGAGE \$400,000

Charles B Chevoor 42096
Crestview Cir Northville
48168-2233 UNITED WHOLE-
SALE MORTGAGE \$212,000

David Fisk 43533 Stuart Ct
Canton 48187-3178 UNITED
WHOLESALE MORTGAGE
\$166,000

Carol Barrett 50285 Jeffers-
on St Canton 48188-3433
UNITED WHOLESALE MORT-
GAGE \$360,000

Jared C Maynard 2031
Academy St Dearborn 48124-
2530 UNITED WHOLESALE
MORTGAGE \$146,000

William S Scola 35133 Rich-
land St Livonia 48150-2654
UNITED WHOLESALE MORT-
GAGE \$171,000

Mini C Mathew 19238 Bain-
bridge Ave Livonia 48152-1763
UNITED WHOLESALE MORT-
GAGE \$145,000

Amer Qaqish 886 Lothrop
Rd Detroit 48202-2736 UNITED
WHOLESALE MORTGAGE
\$178,000

Jessica Fesing 30605 7 Mile
Rd Livonia 48152-3378 UNIT-
ED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE
\$162,000

Nazma Begum 11384 Gal-
lagher St Hamtramck 48212-
3150 UNITED WHOLESALE
MORTGAGE \$119,000

Adam Izer 9412 Merrick St
Taylor 48180-3845 UNITED
WHOLESALE MORTGAGE
\$90,000

Jermaine Gist 17466 Sunny
Crest Dr Brownstown Town-
ship 48174-5928 UNITED WHOLE-
SALE MORTGAGE \$194,000

Lalitha Gade 44296 Wilm-
ington Dr Canton 48188-5027
UNITED WHOLESALE MORT-
GAGE \$339,000

Stephen Sullivan 34983
Andrea Ct Livonia 48154-1945
UNITED WHOLESALE MORT-
GAGE \$283,000

Douglas Moat 18440 Wak-
enden Redford 48240-1839
UNITED WHOLESALE MORT-
GAGE \$189,000

Nancy T Morsello 3301 Bid-
dle Ave Wyandotte 48192-6261
UNIVERSAL LENDING CORP
\$176,000

Jesse B Kincer 41515 Ham-
lin St Belleville 48111-1465
UNIVERSITY LENDING
GROUP \$137,000

Jesse M Vonbroda UNIVERSI-
TY LENDING GROUP \$142,000

Courtney Tefend 13345 Addi-
son St Gibraltar 48173-9522
UNIVERSITY LENDING GROUP
\$128,000

Gonzalez Franci Palomino
724 Lincoln Ave Lincoln Park
48146-2822 UNIVERSITY
LENDING GROUP \$121,000

Warren Mangulabnan 28720
Bayberry Ct W Livonia 48154-
3867 UNIVERSITY LENDING
GROUP \$180,000

Kermit B Thornton 26616 5
Mile Rd Redford 48239-3142
UNIVERSITY LENDING GROUP
\$117,000

Matthew Neihengen 369
Daisy Square Pkwy Plymouth
48170-2165 USAA FEDERAL
SAVINGS BANK \$329,000

Tanisha Baranek 720 Merri-
mac Rd Canton 48188-1593
USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS
BANK \$231,000

Alexandria Fletcher 7718
Randy Dr Westland 48185-5570
VETERANS UNITED HOME
LOANS \$159,000

James Conner 6774 Merrick
St Taylor 48180-1809 VETER-
ANS UNITED HOME LOANS
\$115,000

Tyrone Frazier 1868 Fleet-
wood Dr Grosse Pointe Woods
48236-1645 VETERANS UNIT-
ED HOME LOANS \$166,000

Bradley Bagozzi 32261
Windsor St Garden City
48135-1767 VETERANS UNIT-
ED HOME LOANS \$128,000

John L Poremba 30588
Grandon St Livonia 48150-3947
VIBE CREDIT UNION \$150,000

Patricia Brookins 26730 Joy
Rd Apt C2 Redford 48239-1939
VIBE CREDIT UNION \$32,000

Thomas P James 14267
Barbara St Livonia 48154-5329
VIBE CREDIT UNION \$130,000

Gina Martin 30952 Somers-
et St Westland 48186-9006 WAYNE
WESTLAND FCU \$50,000

Eleanora J Allen 7161 Cam-
bridge Dr Romulus 48174-6345
WELLS FARGO BANK \$247,000

Catrice L Taylor 38352 Saint
Joe Dr Westland 48186-3852
WELLS FARGO BANK \$138,000

Robert A Pettibone 6760
Emily Ct Westland 48185-2813
WELLS FARGO BANK \$130,000

John M Sirko 48760 Beaver
Creek Dr Plymouth 48170-3378
WELLS FARGO BANK \$226,000

Felix Gonzalez 4100 Guil-
ford St Detroit 48224-2244
WELLS FARGO BANK \$83,000

Andrew J Sebok 682 Cherry
Stone Dr Canton 48188-5297
WELLS FARGO BANK \$81,000

Jared Karner 22452 South-
point St Woodhaven 48183-
1427 WELLS FARGO BANK
\$164,000

Ronald J Finch 18420 Pen-
nington Dr Detroit 48221-2144
WINTRUST MORTGAGE \$79,000

Rebecca Fortuna 4687 Pare
Ln Trenton 48183-4531 WIN-
TRUST MORTGAGE \$160,000

Jon Moriarty 14695 Bradner
Ave Plymouth 48170-2552
WYNDHAM CAPITAL MORT-
GAGE \$250,000

Steven P Ellison 1876 Chur-
chill Ave Trenton 48183-1795
ZEAL CREDIT UNION \$91,000

Shawn Filkins 17556 Mat-
thews St Riverview 48193-
4729 ZEAL CREDIT UNION
\$101,000

Clarice Lizear 14628 West-
more St Livonia 48154-3540
ZEAL CREDIT UNION \$30,000

Scott M Bernhardt 32660
Marquette St Garden City
48135-1232 ZEAL CREDIT
UNION \$112,000

David Zynda 31562 Grove
Dr Livonia 48154-3102 ZEAL
CREDIT UNION \$194,000

Ronnie R Lizear 31558
Perth St Livonia 48154-4231
ZEAL CREDIT UNION \$184,000

WAYNE COUNTY
MORTGAGES RECORDED
December 30, 2019-
January 3, 2020

Nawal Alkayal 5642 Gulley
Dearborn Heights AAYH
INVESTMENTS LLC \$90,000

Jonathan Dumas Sr 22210
Donnelly Ave Brownstown
Township 48193-8223 ACAD-
EMY MORTGAGE CORP \$170,000

David Bartnick 32922
Brookside Cir Livonia 48152-
1419 ACADEMY MORTGAGE
CORP \$225,000

Jordan Gumm 109 Astor
Blvd Belleville 48111-2972
ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORP
\$50,000

Ruth L Wilkins 25248 West-
field Redford 48239-1513
ADVANTAGE ONE CREDIT
UNION \$98,000

Philip Roscoe 36857 Perry
St Romulus 48174-3933
ADVANTAGE ONE CREDIT
UNION \$66,000

Nicholas A Schmitter 6335
John Daly St Taylor 48180-
1059 ADVANTAGE ONE CRED-
IT UNION \$57,000

Samuel Hart 238 Oak St
Wyandotte 48192-5127 ADVAN-
TAGE ONE CREDIT UNION
\$30,000

James R Luff 17202 Buck-
eye Ln Brownstown Township
48174-5922 ADVANTAGE ONE
CREDIT UNION \$100,000

Rebecca A Anderson 36553
Sherwood St Livonia 48154-
1938 ADVISORS CAPITAL INC
\$174,000

Nathan C Rock 16585 Muir-
land St Detroit 48221-3012
ADVISORS CAPITAL INC
\$98,000

John Snyder 19118 Theresa
Blvd Brownstown Township
48173-8632 AFI FINANCIAL
INC \$213,000

Megan J Rauch 417 Shana
St Canton 48187-3935 AFI
FINANCIAL INC \$190,000

Ahmed M Saeed 14202
Robertson St Dearborn 48126-
3527 ALL WESTERN MORT-
GAGE \$167,000

Ken Ciantar 13705 Irene St
Southgate 48195-1835 ALLI-
ANCE CATHOLIC CREDIT
UNION \$88,000

Andrew Fecho 17717
Robert St Melvindale 48122-
1065 ALLIANCE CATHOLIC
CREDIT UNION \$50,000

Jean Fraser 1621 Robindale
Ave Dearborn 48128-1080
ALLIANCE CATHOLIC CREDIT
UNION \$36,000

Martha A Bush 9300
Garfield Redford 48239-1511
ALLIANCE CATHOLIC CREDIT
UNION \$50,000

Robert H Auth 9820 Ingram

St Livonia 48150-2818 AMERI-
CAN ADVISORS GROUP
\$360,000

Dorothy M Ward 48646 Sully
Dr Belleville 48111-9764
AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP
\$207,000

Omar Alabdullah 7351 N
Gulley Rd Dearborn Heights
48127-3808 AMERICAN FINAN-
CIAL NETWORK INC \$199,000

Kelly R Huizdos 1041 S
Renaud Rd Grosse Pointe
Woods 48236-1737 ASSOCIAT-
ED BANK \$282,000

Lolita M Mclglory 14147
Cardwell St Livonia 48154-
4651 AUTO CLUB TRUST
\$178,000

Jeffery Kavanaugh Dear-
born Heights BANK OF AMER-
ICA \$25,000

Leo G Sut Stevenson 18603
Parke Ln Grosse Ile 48138-
1074 BANK OF AMERICA
\$1,000,000

Mark Bonnett 35298 W
Chicago St Livonia 48150-2517
BANK OF AMERICA \$50,000

Terrance Siwicki 29587 Rush
St Garden City 48135-2049
BANK OF AMERICA \$58,000

Craig R Hanson 36544 6
Mile Rd Livonia 48152-2750
BANK OF AMERICA \$206,000

Matthew F Scherkenbach
34253 Parkgrove Dr Westland
48185-1457 BANK OF AMERI-
CA \$302,000

Gregory A Bersano 6466
Elm St Taylor 48180-1764
BANK OF AMERICA \$50,000

Larry J Wozniak 32788
Liparoto Dr Rockwood 48173-
9667 BANK OF AMERICA
\$205,000

John Macdonald 20500
Woodruff Rd Brownstown
Township 48173-9791 BANK
OF AMERICA \$100,000

Katherine G Purkiss 18947
Deering St Livonia 48152-3734
BANK OF AMERICA \$25,000

Kerry F Campise 26724
Bridgewater Way Brownstown
Township 48134-8042 BANK
OF AMERICA \$243,000

Frank Eupizi 18121 Shag-
bark Dr Northville BANK OF
AMERICA \$717,000

Kadhim Fahad Al 18310
Colgate St Dearborn Heights
48125-3318 BANK OF AMERI-
CA \$96,000

Alexander M Tassopoulos
45 De Patrie Way Grosse
Pointe Farms 48236-3701
BANK OF AMERICA \$713,000

Caelin A Adams 697 Merri-
mac Rd Canton 48188-1544
BANK OF ANN ARBOR
\$211,000

Kanwal S Narsinghia 49840
Parkside Dr Northville 48168-
6824 BANK OF ANN ARBOR
\$50,000

Courtney E Stewart 39571
Winesap St Plymouth 48170-
4551 BANK OF ENGLAND
\$213,000

Erika D McClain 28343 Pem-
broke St Livonia 48152-2025
BANK OF ENGLAND \$176,000

Dennis Patterson 1941
Orleans St Detroit 48207-2753
BANK OF ENGLAND \$37,000

Gending Ji 1926 S Pennfield
Ln Canton 48188-2560 BEST
FINANCIAL CORP \$392,000

Patrick J Southward 29839
E River Rd Grosse Ile 48138-
1935 BETTER MORTGAGE
CORP \$296,000

Jennifer L Butterfield 20567
Woodbend Dr Northville
48167-3024 BETTER MORT-
GAGE CORP \$377,000

Cassie M Poe 5271 Drexel
St Detroit 48213-6744 BRUCE
MILLER \$10,000

Mark A Sanchez 46328 N
Valley Dr Northville 48167-1767
CALIBER FUNDING \$351,000

Jennifer Mclaud 30048 Puri-
tan St Livonia 48154-3249
CALIBER FUNDING \$196,000

Karen Gharbie 20728 Chris-
tine Ct Grosse Pointe Woods
48236-1405 CALIBER FUND-
ING \$232,000

Green Ashley J Seay 17316
Pennington Dr Detroit 48221-
2615 CALIBER FUNDING
\$135,000

Adam Walentowicz 24377
Curt Dr Brownstown Town-
ship 48183-5454 CALIBER FUND-
ING \$257,000

Warranty Deeds

Bernard J. Youngblood
register of Deeds
As recorded in the office of the
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WAYNE COUNTY HOME SALES RECORDED JANUARY 6 - 10, 2020

ALLEN PARK

17118 Anne Ave \$170,000
5846 Balfour Ave \$145,000
6345 Balfour Ave \$130,000
9854 Chatham Ave \$229,000
9877 Hubert Ave \$105,000
9972 Manor Ave \$145,000
15911 Moore Ave \$153,000
8985 Reeck Rd \$138,000
9699 Seavitt Dr \$130,000
4021 Wall Ave \$160,000

BELLEVILLE

13554 Christina Ln \$195,000
20090 Clark Rd \$153,000
9535 Dalton Dr \$270,000
11475 Dewitt Rd \$177,000
44467 Greenbriar Ct \$207,000
8838 Hardwood Dr \$152,000
40825 Harris Rd \$260,000
42730 Mansfield Ct \$270,000
548 N Liberty St \$442,000
13248 Stamford \$330,000
28428 Sully \$124,000
48699 Wear Rd \$230,000
47076 Willis Rd \$210,000

BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP

27564 Winchester Ter \$214,000
28480 Apple Blossom Dr
\$282,000
38800 Ash Rd \$300,000
27560 Cardinal Ct \$265,000
23880 Carter Rd \$117,000
24355 Curt Dr \$263,000
25920 Frances Ln \$570,000
23938 Manistee Ln \$253,000
27151 Manistee Ln \$284,000
21973 Rust Rd \$280,000
20356 Sagebrush Dr \$40,000
20863 Seneca Ave \$175,000
26485 Sibley Rd \$283,000
23507 Stacey Dr \$229,000
23600 Trail Ridge Dr \$135,000
28000 W Huron River Dr
\$380,000
26725 Whispering Willows Dr
\$470,000
18451 Winwood Ave \$138,000

CANTON

50243 Amberwood \$480,000
6915 Ardsley Dr \$208,000
47285 Bayview Ct \$300,000
4029 Brookside \$361,000
4402 Brookside \$402,000
4430 Brookside \$403,000
39689 Cather St \$190,000
403 Cherry Orchard Rd
\$245,000
1683 Christopher Dr \$140,000
1734 Christopher Dr \$145,000
8567 Elmont Cir \$696,000
49909 Harding St \$400,000
49967 Harding St \$360,000
45428 Holmes Dr \$242,000
4231 Hunters Cir W \$163,000
4514 Hunters Cir W \$165,000
39615 Kirkland Dr \$217,000
42523 Lilley Pointe Dr \$121,000
46650 Maidstone Rd \$290,000
8694 Mannington Rd \$255,000
50719 Maywood Dr \$435,000
697 Merrimac Rd \$223,000
271 N Willard Rd \$209,000
50008 Norfolk \$419,000
41144 Northwind Dr \$85,000
3878 Norwich Dr \$158,000
1232 Orchid Cir \$288,000
1240 Orchid Cir \$302,000
1248 Orchid Cir \$307,000
8498 Orhan St \$200,000
50192 Paine \$406,000
50200 Paine \$415,000
50288 Paine \$419,000
356 Province Ln \$401,000
45663 Radnor Rd \$353,000
794 Revere \$391,000
50847 Scarborough Rd
\$430,000
49606 Seagrass \$467,000
49632 Seagrass \$457,000
41474 Simcoe Dr \$208,000
41375 Southwind Dr \$122,000
41422 Strawberry Ct \$272,000
45023 Tillotson Dr \$302,000
43509 W Arbor Way Dr \$117,000
371 N Canford Park \$426,000
5882 Wedgewood Rd \$245,000
45039 Weymouth Dr \$377,000
41776 Wild Turkey Ln \$197,000
6390 Willow Creek Dr \$275,000

DEARBORN

22364 Abbey Ln \$195,000
2743 Bailey St \$93,000

1409 Beaver St \$300,000
1517 Belmont St \$865,000
22500 Cherry Hill St \$118,000
24817 Cherry St \$72,000
2037 Chestnut St \$210,000
24725 Fairmount Dr \$400,000
1 Gleneagles Ct \$655,000
221 Highview St \$285,000
636 Kensington St \$220,000
6147 Middlesex St \$160,000
22175 Morley Ave \$155,000
1640 N Franklin St \$193,000
24738 New York St \$72,000
21135 Outer Dr \$138,000
24160 Oxford St \$95,000
23175 Park St \$110,000
15322 Payne Ct \$150,000
3555 Polk St \$156,000
421 Robindale Ave \$125,000
154 S Denwood St \$227,000
4311 Schaefer Rd \$145,000
22756 Sheridan St \$171,000
4801 Walwit St \$152,000
22931 Wellington St \$190,000
4844 Westland St \$170,000

DEARBORN HEIGHTS

20048 Annapolis St \$137,000
25290 Colgate St \$110,000
6936 Colonial St \$126,000
7512 Colonial St \$138,000
4449 Croissant St \$53,000
3907 Detroit St \$70,000
27335 Doxtator St \$150,000
26944 Ford Rd \$155,000
26954 Ford Rd \$120,000
4120 Huron St \$137,000
27132 Kingswood Dr \$270,000
6570 N Lafayette St \$131,000
27046 Rochelle St \$255,000
5510 S Gully Rd \$117,000
24692 Stanford St \$76,000

DETROIT

4009 16th St \$63,000
3822 28th St \$55,000
3878 28th St \$55,000
276 Alfred St \$634,000
280 Alfred St \$867,000
5021 Anatole St \$34,000
2439 Atkinson St \$220,000
20520 Avon Ave \$89,000
16854 Baylis St \$150,000
94444 Beaconsfield \$31,000
8218 Beaverland \$52,000
18265 Birwood St \$52,000
6200 Bluehill St \$76,000
17341 Bradford St \$49,000
4825 Brandon St \$45,000
16434 Bringard Dr \$33,000
136 Calvert St \$220,000
2494 Canton St \$110,000
2337 Carson St \$30,000
434 Chalmers St \$54,000
577 Chalmers St \$128,000
643 Chalmers St \$215,000
9649 Chatham \$93,000
4714 Chatsworth St \$73,000
18650 Coddling St \$72,000
6556 Devereaux St \$60,000
5922 Drexel St \$25,000
2900 E Jefferson Ave \$267,000
14100 Edmore Dr \$34,000
104 Edmund Pl \$368,000
4469 Field St \$46,000
14817 Forrer St \$72,000
18600 Forrer St \$55,000
18490 Freeland St \$89,000
3855 Gilbert St \$45,000
15725 Gilchrist St \$48,000
16156 Glastonbury Rd \$275,000
4219 Grayton St \$60,000
4219 Grayton St \$145,000
6898 Greenview Ave \$70,000
17593 Greenview Ave \$53,000
9788 Grinnell St \$150,000
18412 Harlow St \$120,000
5164 Hereford St \$47,000
17209 Indiana St \$134,000
3148 John R St \$335,000
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MASSACHUSETTS Judge rejects appeal of ex- officer convicted of child porn

ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP) — An appeal filed by a former Massachusetts police sergeant who pleaded guilty to child pornography charges was rejected.

Attleboro Sgt. Richard Woodhead's request for his conviction to be thrown out was denied after a federal magistrate said it had no merit and missed the deadline. The Sun Chronicle reported Monday.

Woodhead, 57, also failed to show that his lawyers were ineffective, U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Patricia Sullivan wrote in a 21-page report.

The former sergeant filed the appeal in January, citing that federal prosecutors entrapped him and that he was only engaging in a fantasy.

He pleaded guilty in August 2017 in federal court in Providence and received a five-year sentence.

A previous appeal was denied in September 2019 because it was also not filed in a timely fashion.

He pleaded guilty to communicating with a federal agent posing as an 8-year-old girl's stepfather in an attempt to get nude photos of the girl.

GEORGIA Suit challenges halt in carry license issuance due to virus

ATLANTA (AP) — A gun rights group is suing over what it says is an improper suspension of the processing of gun carry licenses resulting from an emergency response to the coronavirus outbreak.

The chief judge of the Georgia Supreme Court last month declared a judicial emergency and instructed courts statewide to "suspend all but essential court functions" to help stem the spread of the virus. Among the resulting limitations listed on the Fulton County Probate Court's website was a suspension of the acceptance of applications for weapons carry licenses until further notice.

GeorgiaCarry.Org and Fulton County resident Sara Carter on Thursday filed a federal lawsuit against Fulton County Probate Judge Pinkie Toomer and Gov. Brian Kemp.

Georgia law says gun owners don't need a carry license to have weapons in their homes, cars and places of business. But if they want to carry a weapon elsewhere, they must have a carry license.

The lawsuit asks a federal judge to order Toomer to accept Carter's weapons license application and to prohibit Toomer from refusing to accept weapons carry license applications. The lawsuit says other probate judges across the state have also concluded that issuing carry licenses "is not an essential function."

Toomer did not respond to an email Monday seeking comment on the lawsuit. The notification on her court's website says the court isn't accepting carry license applications because area police departments had indefinitely suspended fingerprinting for the licenses.

The lawsuit also asks a judge to prohibit Kemp from allowing the state's carry law to be enforced if it's not possible to obtain a carry license.

The lawsuit says GeorgiaCarry.Org also wrote Kemp a letter last month asking him to use his emergency powers he has in a public health emergency to suspend enforcement of the carry law.

U.S. District Judge Steve Jones planned to hold a hearing Wednesday on the requests in the lawsuit.

The lawsuit notes that the U.S. Supreme Court has held that the Second Amendment "guarantees an enumerated, fundamental, individual right to keep and carry arms in case of confrontation." It also says the Georgia Supreme Court has determined that "any

law that purports to ban the open carry of firearms is unconstitutional and void" and that "the right to keep and bear arms is a civil right."

By requiring a carry license to exercise a fundamental constitutional right but making it impossible to get a carry license and by effectively preventing her from carrying a gun outside her home, vehicle and place of business, Toomer and Kemp are violating Carter's rights, the lawsuit argues.

GEORGIA Ex-NSA contractor seeks prison release because of virus

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — A former National Security Agency contractor sentenced to federal prison for leaking classified government information is asking for a compassionate release due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Reality Leigh Winner has pre-existing conditions that make her more susceptible to being infected with COVID-19, defense attorney Joe Whitley said in a motion filed Friday in federal court in Augusta, Georgia, the Augusta Chronicle reported.

The motion says Winner has a history of respiratory illness and an eating disorder. The new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough, but also milder cases of pneumonia that sometimes requires hospitalization.

Winner, 28, is serving a sentence of five years and three months at Federal Medical Center, Carswell in Fort Worth, Texas, for a single count of transmitting national security information when she worked at a National Security Agency office in Georgia.

The prison is a "petri dish" for the new coronavirus that's run out of hand sanitizer and has no way to carry out proper social distancing or self-isolation, Whitley said.

The Bureau of Prison said two inmates at the prison tested positive for the new coronavirus, the Chronicle reported.

Earlier this year, Winner sought clemency from President Donald Trump. Her attorney, Allison Grinter Allen, announced in February an application with the Justice Department for early release that included about 4,500 letters of support.

FLORIDA Inmate released early due to COVID-19 accused of killing man

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A Florida inmate who was among those released last month in an effort to contain the coronavirus has been arrested on a murder charge, sheriff's officials said.

Joseph Edward Williams, 26, was arrested Monday on a second-degree murder charge in connection with a fatal shooting March 20, according to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. He's also charged with resisting an officer, being a felon in possession of a firearm and possession of heroin, records show.

Williams was among a group of inmates released from the jail in an effort to prevent the spread of the coronavirus throughout the facility. The Tampa Bay Times reports Williams is the only known inmate released early in the county who has been re-arrested for committing another crime.

On March 19, Hillsborough County Sheriff Chad Chronister said in a news release that 164 county jail inmates accused of low level crimes had been released. They included a housekeeper charged with drugs and a student facing burglary and petty theft charges. Williams, who had been arrested March 13 for possession of less than four grams of heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia, was among those released.

The next night, deputies received 911 calls about gunshots in a neighborhood. When they arrived, they found a man who had been fatally shot, sheriff's officials said.

Would you give up health or location data to return to work?

New systems have been created to track who is infected, who isn't and where they are

By CHRISTINA LARSON
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cameron Karosis usually strives to protect his personal information. But a scary bout of COVID-19 that began last month with headaches and fevers, progressed to breathing problems and led to a hospital visit has now left him eager to disclose as much as possible to help halt the virus' spread.

Karosis has already shared personal details with Massachusetts health investigators. And if he was asked to comply with a disease-tracking phone app that monitored his whereabouts but didn't publicly reveal his name and Cambridge street address, he said he'd do that, too.

"I'm sick and I'm under a quarantine — hold me accountable for it," the 27-year-old software salesman said. "You have the potential to kill other people."

As countries around the world edge toward ending lockdowns and restarting their economies and societies, citizens are being more closely monitored, in nations rich and poor, authoritarian and free.

New systems to track who is infected and who isn't, and where they've been, have been created or extended in China, South Korea and Singapore. And a range of other surveillance systems — some utilizing GPS location data, some gathering medical data — have been debated or piloted in Israel, Germany, the U.K., Italy and elsewhere.

The challenge: achieving the tricky balance between limiting the spread of disease and allowing people freedom to move outside

their homes.

Whether the prospect on the table is "immunity passports" or cellphone-based tracking apps, the aim is to protect public health. But experts say it's also important to avoid a slippery-slope scenario where data collected to minimize the spread of disease is stored indefinitely, available without limits to law enforcement or susceptible to hackers.

"We need to build necessary guardrails for civil liberties," said Jake Laperruque, a lawyer at the nonprofit Project on Government Oversight in Washington. "If new data is being collected for public health purposes, it should only be used for public health purposes."

Right now, there is no single official plan for reopening the United States, where the constitutional system gives states responsibility for maintaining public safety and where deaths from COVID-19 continue to rise steeply.

Scientists believe that the hundreds of thousands of people who already have recovered from the virus worldwide are likely to have some immunity to future infection, but they aren't sure for how long. To ensure new cases don't overwhelm hospital capacity, any plans to relax lockdowns will include provisions to track infections.

"The virus is not going away — if we all just come out on a certain date, it will spread widely again," said Dr. Tom Frieden, an infectious disease expert and former director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "That means we need to think carefully about how and when we come out."

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the White

House's top disease expert, said the administration has looked at the idea of issuing certificates of immunity to people whose blood tests reveal they have developed antibodies to fight the virus, among other possible plans. Yet they haven't concluded that approach would be effective, he told the Associated Press on Tuesday.

Experts say data collected to minimize the spread of disease should not be stored indefinitely, available without limits to law enforcement or susceptible to hackers.

"I know people are anxious to say, 'Well, we'll give you a passport that says you're antibody-positive, you can go to work and you're protected.' The worst possibility that would happen is if we're actually wrong about that" and those people get infected.

Meanwhile, public health agencies from Massachusetts to the city of San Francisco have hired a surge of people to run "contact tracing" teams. Their mission is to identify anyone who has recently been in contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, then encourage those people to get tested and perhaps isolate themselves. These meetings can be sensitive and require training, and support, to pull off effectively.

Aiming to take the tracing approach to a new scale are tech giants Apple and Google, which are jointly working to build smart-

phone technology that alerts users if they shared a park bench or grocery store aisle with a stranger later found to be infected with the virus.

Unlike the more invasive location-tracking methods attempted by some governments, the Apple-Google approach uses Bluetooth beacons to detect physical proximity and encrypted keys to maintain people's anonymity. The companies say they're building the software for public health departments only, on the condition that

they won't make use of them mandatory.

In addition to developing the technology, experts warn that the implications of deploying such devices need to be carefully considered. Who will collect and verify the data? How long will it be held? Will enough people use a voluntary app for it to be helpful?

"We know from history that 'emergency measures' too often last long beyond their initial expiry date," said Deborah Brown, a senior researcher at Human Rights Watch.

She also noted that systems that monitor cell-phone location or GPS data reveal more than just where someone has recently been. "Your contacts and associations can be gleaned, potentially your religious or political beliefs," she said -- for instance, if you've visited a church or mosque.

Susan Landau, a cybersecurity

professor at Tufts University, said she has doubts about the effectiveness of relying on smartphone-based approaches, even if the apps are carefully designed to protect individual privacy.

"My real concern about the whole thing is I think it's being oversold," she said. "Does it reduce spread? I don't doubt that. Does it enable us to eliminate social distancing? No, not as long as there's a high portion of people who are asymptomatic."

Collecting data should complement, but not substitute for, well-managed public health interventions, said Deborah Seligsohn, a political scientist at Villanova University.

It's one thing to merely send a phone alert that someone exposed to a COVID-19 case should self-isolate for 14 days. It's another to have government workers bring them groceries or other essentials to make that quarantine period possible if someone would otherwise have trouble complying, she said.

After the various lockdowns lift, it's not clear how readily Americans will submit to tracking efforts.

Cameron Karosis had his mind changed by contracting the virus, but many others are still wrestling with the prospect of how far they'd be willing to go.

"Personally, I would not be thrilled to be forced into downloading an app, mostly because I don't love the idea of Silicon Valley knowing even more about me than they already do," said Maura Cunningham, a writer in Ann Arbor, Michigan. "But I'd probably give in on that pretty quickly if it were made a widespread prerequisite for getting back to normal activity at some point in the future. I'd definitely resist a blood test — that just feels too intrusive."

WASHINGTON

State sues Greyhound over immigration searches

ACLU expressed concern bus company singled out passengers for questioning

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The state of Washington sued Greyhound Lines Inc. for letting U.S. immigration agents board buses in Spokane, Washington, in search of people who are in the U.S. illegally.

Attorney General Bob Ferguson filed the lawsuit Monday in Spokane County Superior Court. It seeks to stop the company from allowing U.S. Customs & Border Protection agents to board its buses and conduct immigration sweeps.

ACLU chapters in 10 states — California, Washington, Vermont, New York, New Hampshire, Michigan, Florida, Maine, Texas and Arizona — wrote to Greyhound in 2018 to express their concern with passengers being

pulled off buses and arrested. In several cases, they said, it appeared passengers had been singled out and questioned based on having dark skin or foreign accents.

The lawsuit in Washington state contends Greyhound's practices violate the state Consumer Protection Act and the Washington Law Against Discrimination. Greyhound wrongly suggests on its website that the company has no choice but to allow the practices, Ferguson said.

"Greyhound must reform its practices, and warn customers of the risk they face of being interrogated by immigration agents without cause," Ferguson said Tuesday. "Greyhound's customers have suffered for far too long because of the company's indifference."

The lawsuit seeks a court order prohibiting the checks and penal-

ties to hold the company accountable for its past conduct.

Greyhound said Tuesday it had told the federal government that the company does not consent to the search of its buses. It said the Spokane bus terminal is operated by the city, and Greyhound does not have control over it.

Greyhound also blamed the coronavirus pandemic for the delay of some of the company's corrective actions. It said it had informed the state by letter about actions it had taken in early March but received no response.

"Greyhound is disappointed that the state of Washington would use public resources to sue Greyhound in the midst of a global pandemic as requests were voluntarily implemented by Greyhound and communicated to the state," the company said.

Greyhound buses departing from Spokane, located less than 100 miles (160 kilometers) from Canada, run east and west and do not cross the Canadian border.

Ferguson contended the sweeps focus on passengers of color who, regardless of their immigration status, are questioned at length and often required to get off the bus.

For instance, Portland, Oregon, resident Mohanad Elshieky was removed from a Greyhound bus in Spokane in early 2019, detained and questioned by CBP agents who accused him of being in the country unlawfully, even though he was lawfully present in the U.S.

Elshieky, a comedian who fled Libya's civil war, was granted asylum in the United States and is in the process of applying for permanent residency. His attorneys have

sued the government for false arrest.

Ferguson's office began urging Greyhound to change its practice a year ago. But the company failed to provide adequate notice to its customers of the possibility of immigration sweeps on its buses, Ferguson said.

The lawsuit also says Greyhound refused to implement a corporate policy that it would deny CBP agents permission to board its buses without warrants or reasonable suspicion. It also refused to provide training to its drivers and agents on the same topic, Ferguson said.

Arrests at the bus depot in Spokane rose from 35 in 2017 to 84 last year, according to data obtained by the University of Washington's Center for Human Rights.

MARYLAND

ACLU seeks to block aerial surveillance as unconstitutional

Baltimore police plan would have planes recording footage of activity citywide

By STEVE LASH
BridgeTower Media Newswire

BALTIMORE, MD — A civil rights group is seeking a federal court order to block the Baltimore Police Department's planned aerial surveillance of the city, saying the crime-fighting tactic would violate Baltimoreans' constitutional right to free association and protection against unreasonable searches.

The ACLU of Maryland's filing last week followed the Baltimore Board of Estimates' approval of the BPD's pending Aerial Investigation Research program.

"The AIR program would put into place the most wide-ranging surveillance dragnet ever employed in an American city, giving the BPD a virtual, visual time machine whose grasp no per-

son can escape," David R. Rocah, ACLU of Maryland's senior staff attorney, wrote in the complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Baltimore. "And though the program's objectives to reduce crime and violence are laudable, the Constitution dictates that this all-seeing and ever-present 'eye in the sky' is not an available solution."

Acting Baltimore Solicitor Dana P. Moore, the city's chief lawyer, stated in an email that she has received the ACLU of Maryland's complaint.

"We are reviewing the submission, in full, and will respond after our review is complete," Moore said.

Under the plan, three planes will fly over the city during daylight hours to record footage of activity citywide. The trial program — which will run for up to

180 days — will focus on compiling data and assisting investigations into murders, shootings, armed robberies and carjackings.

The planes will be operated by Ohio-based Persistent Surveillance Systems, which conducted aerial surveillance over Baltimore in 2016 in partnership with the police department. The project is funded by Texas philanthropists John and Laura Arnold.

Police Commissioner Michael Harrison told the board before its 3-2 vote April 1 that he has no expectation the program will be successful but that he is open to trying it to see if it reduces violent crime.

The American Civil Liberties Union's Maryland chapter filed the complaint on behalf of the black advocacy group Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle and Balti-

more activists Erricka Bridgeford and Kevin James, who advocate for gun control, school funding, housing rights and immigrants.

Their advocacy requires them to visit high-crime and other areas in the city, leaving their private movements and confidential meetings vulnerable to the overhead surveillance, Rocah stated in the complaint. Such warrantless spying would violate their First Amendment right to association and Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable search, Rocah wrote.

"Unlike lawful forms of aerial surveillance, the warrantless AIR program subjects plaintiffs and virtually all of Baltimore's 600,000 residents to long-term, wide-area, and indiscriminate surveillance that will capture the whole of an individual's move-

ments and thereby reveal their privacies of life," Rocah wrote.

"The surveillance is inescapable, and revelation of private information to the AIR program is involuntary: short of never leaving home when the planes are in the air, there is no way to avoid defendants' surveillance system," Rocah added. "But even one's home is not entirely safe from the surveillance, as the AIR program will also inevitably capture movements in the curtilage surrounding homes, including driveways and yards. The data collected through the AIR program will amount to a comprehensive record of the movements of plaintiffs and nearly everyone in Baltimore — facilitating an unprecedented police power to engage in retrospective location tracking."

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What policing during the pandemic can tell us about crime rates and arrests

(THE CONVERSATION) — Social distancing orders in place across the U.S. have added to the long list of low-level offenses that police are charged with enforcing as a routine part of their job.

There are about 18,000 law enforcement agencies in the United States, with close to 800,000 police officers. To date most appear to be exercising judgment and restraint in taking action against those occupying public spaces during the current pandemic. But then, of course, there are the exceptions.

I was a Boston police officer for 27 years before becoming an academic. My career on the force began with the large-scale unrest that accompanied Boston's school desegregation and busing crisis of

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the 1970s and ended with the massive redeployment of police resources for the city's hosting of the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

So I know firsthand how rapidly shifting priorities can determine the way law enforcement carries out its mandate. And as the author of a book on policing in marginalized communities, I also know that when officers "overpolice," especially communities of color, it can undermine trust and increase tensions.

Taking a close look at how policing is done during the coronavirus pandemic can shed light on both of these issues: how policing adapts in times of crisis and what happens when police take a more hands-off approach to enforcement.

Softly, softly

Police in New York City, Nashville, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Chicago have reportedly scaled back significantly on routine enforcement operations. Even when it comes to the policing of new social distancing orders, officers in departments across the U.S. are being encouraged to tread lightly. "If we see large groups, we'll go and talk to them, educate them about it and try and get compliance," explained Chief Terence Monahan of the New York Police Department.

Such a strategy is particularly prudent given how officer numbers have been depleted due to the coronavirus outbreak. In early April, almost 20% of NYPD officers were out sick. And New York is far from being the only city whose police have been hit by illness. Chicago has seen hundreds of officers call out sick and in Detroit, the city's police chief came down with COVID-19 alongside many rank-and-file officers.

This has coincided with a significant decrease in arrests in U.S. cities during the pandemic. The Boston Globe reported that arrests for January through April 2020 were down almost 60% compared to the same period in 2019. This sharp drop-off has not been accompanied by an increase in reports of crimes. In fact, in Boston, the rates of serious crimes remain nearly identical, dipping by just 1% over the same time frame.

Drop in crime

Other cities have seen slight drops in crime. New York City, for example, has seen an overall 4.2% decrease in serious crime in the last month when compared to the same period in 2019 "with the steepest declines realized amid the citywide coronavirus protections of the last two weeks," according to the NYPD.

It is not known to what extent the crime figures have been affected by fewer people going out during the lockdown, leading to fewer potential victims. The data on that do not appear conclusive, with some major cities, like Washington D.C., reporting murder rates as flat, but shootings up.

Such large drops in arrest rates suggests that low-level misdemeanors and so-called quality-of-life offenses like drinking from an open container in public are not being targeted by police in the same way as they were before the public health crisis. The fact that serious crime figures have remained comparatively static, or have fallen in some cities, calls into question the notion that arrests of lower-level offenses can prevent the commission of serious crimes — the so-called "broken windows" theory of policing that still has its adherents despite coming under heavy criticism in recent years.

Go slows

The coronavirus pandemic is an unprecedented event and its long-term impact on arrests and crime rates is not known. But research into what happens when police tread lightly may give us an insight as to what is going on now.

The current operational scaling back of routine law enforcement is reminiscent of police slowdowns or stoppages of the past. Often taking place at the beat officer level, these have occurred during disputes between rank-and-file officers and police management. Other suspensions of "policing as usual" have been observed amid tensions related to brutality allegations and punitive actions against officers.

In a study published in 2017, Louisiana State University professor Christopher Sullivan and Zachary O'Keefe, a Ph.D. student at University of Michigan found that scaling back so-called proactive policing — high rates of stop and frisk detentions, court summonses and arrests for misdemeanor offenses — after the police-related death of unarmed New York resident Eric Garner coincided with a reduction in violent crimes. They found that reports of murder, rape, robbery, felony assault, burglary, grand larceny and grand theft auto declined by between 3% and 6% during the halt on proactive policing.

Sullivan and O'Keefe concluded that the results challenged the "conventional wisdom on authority and legal compliance" and imply that "aggressively enforcing minor legal statutes incites more severe criminal acts."

In a 2016 study examining police work slowdowns, law professor Andrea Cann Chandrasekhar found that despite the dramatic fall in arrests "the effects on public safety may be limited" and "mostly concentrated in the area of minor criminal disorder" rather than serious offenses.

Likewise a NYPD work slowdown of 2015, following the shooting deaths of officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, saw a dramatic fall in low-level arrests but no rise in crime.

Arresting developments

After the coronavirus pandemic, it may be time to rethink policing practices that rely on enforcement, such as stop and frisk and the overzealous use of arrest and ticketing for trivial offenses such as jaywalking, panhandling, turnstile jumping and marijuana possession. This imperative to reimagine the role of police in our cities is supported by research indicating that broken windows policing has not worked in keeping communities safer. Moreover, such "overpolicing" may actually exacerbate violent crime rates in affected communities.

I see the less invasive model of policing seemingly being employed during the coronavirus pandemic as a prudent and timely undertaking. But it also provides an opportunity that may not present itself again in the near term: to reimagine policing without arrests being seen as the main tool against crime.

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Nessel announces PPE donation to Wayne County Sheriff's Office

LANSING — The Wayne County Sheriff's Office is receiving much-needed personal protective equipment (PPE) through a donation from two law firms, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced today. The PPE will help protect first responders on the front lines in the fight to slow the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Chicago-based Edelson PC and Saxena White PA of Boca Raton, Florida, arranged for the donation of 3,500 face masks, 3,000 plastic face shields and hundreds of individual pocket-sized hand sanitizers after learning of the need for the PPE in southeast Michigan through Nessel.

"With the help from the Attorney General's office, Homeland Security and other entities donating to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, we are able to move forward with confidence that both our deputies and inmates are protected in alignment with the procedures and protocols being followed by the CDC," said P.B. Atterberry, director of communications at the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

The PPE was produced by Petra & Holum, a Chicago packaging company that transformed its facility to make PPE through a donation from Edelson PC. The hand sanitizers were sourced through Saxena White's current vendors who were able to secure the necessary materials. Edelson then purchased the PPE goods directly from the facility to be donated to hospitals and first responders. The two law firms have worked together on a number of important initiatives.

With the help of Nessel, the first shipment of 500 masks were overnighted and arrived on Saturday. The remainder of masks were scheduled to arrive today. The face shields and sanitizers are in production and will begin to ship within a week.

"Wayne County is one of the hardest hit regions in the state when it comes to



Photo courtesy of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office
Wayne County sheriff's office personnel are pictured with personal protective equipment donated by two law firms in partnership with Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel.

COVID-19 cases," Nessel said. "I am incredibly grateful to those first responders who put their lives on the line during this pandemic, and this very generous donation made to Wayne County Sheriff's Office personnel will go a long way."

Kathryn Weidner, an attorney with Saxena White, said: "We recognize and appreciate the sacrifice that first responders, like the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, make

each and every day and are so glad we are able to help them in this time of need."

Edelson Partners David Mindell and Ari Scharg worked at the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and in the metro Detroit area and are proud to be involved.

"Many of our attorneys are from Michigan or went to school there, with family and friends remaining in the area, so we felt compelled to get involved," said Eve-Lynn

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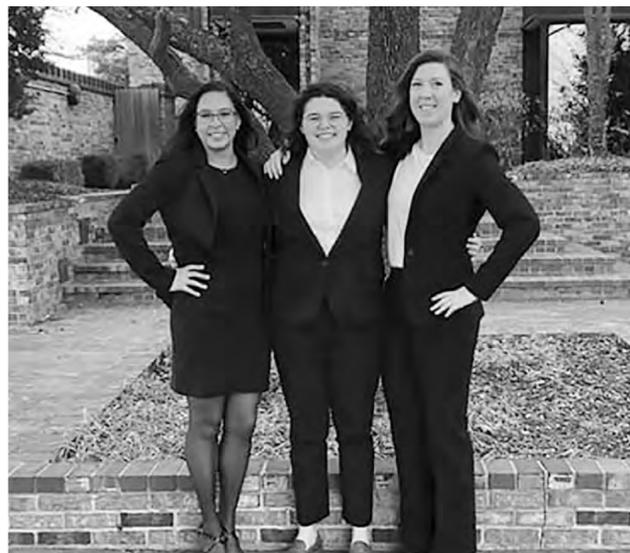
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For Edelson PC, this donation comes as part of widespread community outreach efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, which include partnering with local businesses making hand sanitizer and PPE for first responders, working with local courts to donate computers and Wi-Fi to children for distance learning, and pairing local restaurants with local organizations to feed people in need, among others. For Saxena White, their community support efforts include the provision of food and supplies to essential workers, and in-home meal delivery services to active-duty police officers and their families quarantined after testing positive for COVID-19. The Wayne County Sheriff's Office is one of the many police and fire departments the firm has coordinated PPE donations with.

Michigan has more than 25,600 positive cases of COVID-19, with more than 11,600 of those being in Wayne County, according to the latest figures. The county also has 760 COVID-19 deaths, which is about 47 percent of the roughly 1,600 total deaths statewide.

MSU Law tests its mettle, shows its prowess



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Team wins first place at Transactional Law Competition

Tariq Akeel and Meg Bauer joined forces for the Jaffe Transactional Law Competition and successfully combined their unique strengths to receive first place as buyer's counsel.

In MSU Law's first appearance at the competition hosted by Wayne State University Law School and the firm of Jaffe Raitt Heuer and Weiss, the team was faced with the additional challenge of competing virtually due to COVID-19 health and safety advisories.

While the idea of a virtual competition caused initial concern for the team of Akeel and Bauer, they adapted quickly and, to their surprise, the format worked better than anticipated.

"I was pretty apprehensive about negotiating virtually because I thought it would hamstring us: being in the room, being able to observe body language, being able to control how you position the room or where you position yourself in the room, and being able to read each other and play off each other. I was pretty anxious about how we were going to do that, but I thought it worked really well, for the most part," Bauer explained. "It was harder to convey body language, but it could still be done."

The competition was carried out via a Zoom video conference with both teams representing the buyer's and seller's counsel able to see and converse with one another. Meanwhile, the judges were present, but they were muted and without video.

"The competition's goal was to emulate the real-world experience, which is that a client would come into your office and say 'I'm interested in this sale,' ask you to write up a letter of intent, you'd draft that letter and then send it over to the other side," Bauer said. "They look at that letter and make modifications to look the way they want and then they send it back to you to negotiate the terms."

As a new team competing together for the first time, Akeel, a dual JD-MBA student, and Bauer navigated the competition by relying on, and learning from, each other's individual skills.

"We were a good team together. We played off each other's strengths. Meg's really good at negotiation tactics and connecting with people and I understand a lot of the business aspects of the transaction and the structure, and she does as well, but our personalities kind of balance each other," Akeel said. "At different times during the negotiations, I would lean on her or she would lean on me, and it really played well together."

With all the sudden change and adjustments, Akeel and Bauer maneuvered the situation with characteristic calm, and they're grateful for the experience and its unexpected lessons.

"Honestly, one of the biggest things that I took out of this is to have a little faith in myself. I had absolute faith in Tariq, but it was a good reminder that, yeah, we do know how to do this," Bauer said. "We can do this pretty well, actually. I'll remember that."



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Team takes second at virtual Patent Drafting Competition

Brianna Loder, George Sang and Lawrence Arsanos competed together for the first time as a team at the Midwest Regional for the National Patent Application Drafting Competition on March 14.

Months of preparation led up to the event but just a few days shy of the competition in Detroit, everything changed.

Amidst health concerns and travel restrictions caused by COVID-19, the competition was moved online, and the team was forced to adapt.

Navigating a virtual competition with just days to prepare proved to be a challenge but the team wasn't alone in taking it on. With support from MSU Law, including the team's faculty advisor, Professor Jeff Carter-Johnson; their MSU Law alum coaches, Caitlyn Silverblatt and Cassandra Green; and the IT staff, the team was set up with a conference room in the law building and all the resources they needed to be able to compete.

Despite best efforts, technical difficulties were not unexpected. During their first-round presentation, the team was unable to see the judges on the other end, but they kept going.

"One of the biggest adaptations was having to sit down and talk to a phone, especially in the first round because we didn't have the judges on screen. I looked at the phone like it was a person," Arsanos explained. "We had our coach in the background saying, 'Lawrence, look up, look up.' I had to remember that I had to stare into the camera and look at them."

Arsanos was the only member of the team who had previously competed at the event. "The competition tries to keep itself as close to how a patent prosecution would go," he explained. "We start with a search, finding pieces of prior art, and based on what we can find, we narrow in on what we couldn't find in our searches and build around that as our point of novelty and start drafting around that with some feedback from our coaches."

While the competition may not have been in the format they expected and prepared for, the students, all of whom hope to work in patent prosecution beyond law school, said the experience taught them a lot about the patent process, and the unprecedented circumstances also taught them about who they are as professionals.

"It's very practical hands-on knowledge that you don't necessarily get at this point in your career," Loder said. "Depending on where you work, you may not get to work with an invention right from the start and mold the application the way you want it to be, so it's really great to be able to go to an employer and say we worked as a team, did this application, and were successful."

"It helped show us we're adaptive," Arsanos added.

At the end of the day, the team was awarded second place at the Midwest Regional, impressing the judges with prior art they found to support their presentation. While unable to take a team-winning photo with their trophy at this time, the 3L students who will graduate this year have agreed that they will return to the Law College to share the moment together one day.