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Viability of ballot request forms on the line

The Johnson County District Court will hold a hearing Wednesday for a lawsuit filed by the Trump campaign that could potentially invalidate thousands of ballot-request forms.

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Today the Johnson County District Court will hear a case regarding the county auditor's decision to send out ballot-request forms with pre-filled information — the last of the three Iowa counties the Trump campaign has sued.

District Court judges in Linn and Woodbury Counties ruled in favor of the Trump campaign in August, which means thousands of ballot-request forms with pre-filled information sent out by county auditors will be invalidated.

If the Johnson County District Court rules in favor of the Trump campaign, 25,000 ballot-request forms turned in by Johnson County voters will no longer be valid, and those voters will have to fill out another ballot request on a form that does not include any pre-filled information.

The lawsuit documents filed by the Trump campaign against Linn, Woodbury, and Johnson Counties say the mailings are illegal because they directly oppose the directive of the Iowa Secretary of State that requires auditors to send blank ballot requests. Plaintiffs in the lawsuit argue that the pre-filled ballot requests interfere with the integrity of the election, because ballots can be intercepted or mailed to the wrong address.

Johnson County Auditor Travis Weipert said he sent out the pre-filled requests to make voting as simple as possible for Johnson County voters. By sending out ballot request forms with information — such as name, age, address, and voter PIN — already filled in, the process is more efficient, Weipert said, because registered voters have less steps to take when their information is filled in for them.

"Mail-in voting is incredibly safe," Weipert said. "There are plenty of checks and balances in the system. Voters should not be worried about whether or not their vote will properly count."

An existing Iowa law amended by the Legislature on June 10 prohibits auditors from using a voter registration database to fill out missing or incomplete information on an absentee ballot re-



Illustration by Maxwell Johnson

quest form. In 2016, 693,709 Iowans requested absentee ballots for the general election. In Johnson County, 53 percent of voters who cast ballots in 2016 voted early or by absentee — the second highest in the state. This year, 420,389 Iowans voted by absentee ballot in the June primaries. As of Sept. 4, 25,000 Johnson County voters;

17,900 Democrats, 3,059 Republicans, 4,001 independents, 46 Libertarians, and 24 Green Party voters have sought absentee ballots for the 2020 general election, Weipert said.

Karen Fesler, secretary of the social commit-

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Iowa City Police Log to become coffee table book

The Iowa City Police Log, a Twitter account holding over 12,000 followers, will soon become a coffee table book for readers to better understand Iowa City.



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Chris Patton, the man behind the ICPD police log, standing in front of the Alder Journalism Building.

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For more than five years, Iowa City resident and UI graduate Chris Patton has logged over 15,000 excerpts from the Iowa City Police Log on a Twitter account with (currently) over 12,000 followers. Patton would spend between seven and 10 hours a week sifting through logs of police calls on the Iowa City website. Now, he's publishing a 200-page coffee table book with 10,000 entries that are "often ridiculous, sometimes enraging, occasionally touching, always entirely unique."

The book, "The Iowa City Police Log: Life and Strife in a Midwestern College Town," is currently on pre-sale with Little Village magazine, and will be delivered in October. Publisher Matt Steele said that

the, "police log was a genius way of forcing the town to reckon with itself."

Little Village, Steele said, is "keeping a watchful eye" and making sure the posts within the book are meaningful.

It's an interesting project because you don't want to be taking anything lightly," Steele said. "There's people that have had traumatic experiences with law enforcement."

There were a few instances involving race or identifying individuals as "riding around" or "looking suspicious," Patton said. He said he always tried to publish what displayed a clear depiction of Iowa City, both humorous and on a more serious note. Profits from the book will be donated to the Neighborhood

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Local organizations support homeless amid COVID-19

Shelter House and Catholic Worker House are among local organizations continuing to provide services for homeless and poor populations during COVID-19

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Despite months of pandemic-mitigation measures stemming from COVID-19, local organizations such as Shelter House and the Catholic Worker House continue to serve homeless and poor residents of Iowa City in accordance with state and federal guidelines. Though operations have shifted, the range of services they provide remain largely intact.

Shelter House is a nonprofit organization focused on providing housing and related services to the Iowa City community. Since it opened in 1983, Shelter House has grown from a single home capable of hosting 29 people to a total of four homes, an emergency shelter with 70 beds, and a housing complex offering 47 permanent housing spaces, according to the organization's website.

Shelter House Director of Development Christine Ralston said the biggest change in day-to-day operations came in the form of a decreased number of people in the facilities. The emergency shelter that could normally accommodate 70 people can now only accommodate 45, she said.

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RAINY DAYS AHEAD



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Statues on the pedmall downtown get wet as a wet and rainy day looms over Iowa City on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020.

Iowa City schools denied temporary injunction on school reopening

Shelter House and Catholic Worker House are among local organizations continuing to provide services for homeless and poor populations during COVID-19

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The Iowa City Community School District and the Iowa State Education Association were denied the temporary injunction in the lawsuit filed against the state, arguing that school districts should control when schools reopen during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The district filed a lawsuit with the Iowa State Education Association on Aug. 19, requesting local control

of school reopenings.

Judge Mary Chicchelly denied the ISEA and ICCSDs request for a temporary injunction, writing in the order that the situation did not warrant an injunction.

"While COVID-19 certainly presents the risk of harm to Petitioners' members, staff, and students, there also are risks to students that may result from school closures, as described in Dr. Pedati's affidavit," Chicchelly wrote. "The risks are compelling and equal

on both sides of this argument, and Petitioners cannot show that the harms of which they complain outweigh those of the experiences that students might have if schools are permitted to shut down indefinitely and without oversight from Respondents."

Gov. Kim Reynolds announced July 17 that Iowa schools would need to hold at least 50 percent of classes in-person.

In counties with over a 20-percent 14-day positivity

rate, schools can request to move online for two weeks.

The current 14-day average positivity rate in Johnson County is 22.2 percent.

In a message to families sent Tuesday afternoon, ICCSD Interim Superintendent Matt Denger said the district had prepared for the possibility of the request being denied.

"We will review our options and determine the best way to move forward," Denger said in the email. "In the meantime, we will

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continue to monitor the COVID-19 positivity rates in Johnson County and we will seek permission from the State to conduct off-site learning when the conditions dictate.

ICCSD received permission from the state on Aug. 26 to begin the first two weeks of the school year online.

A similar lawsuit from the Des Moines Public School District was also denied a request for a temporary injunction by a judge Tuesday.

Tuesday was the first day of online class for the district. The ICCSD board of directors will meet Tuesday night.

SHELTER
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Ralston said that for those in the emergency shelter displaced by the decrease in drop-in availability, Shelter House uses a Rapid Rehousing program to get people into an apartment instead.

"Our Rapid Rehousing program is something that exists all the time," Ralston said. "It is always helping to transition people from homelessness in-

to a permanent residence with an apartment of some sort depending on what their family's needs are, and that assists with down payment assistance and early months' rent."

Aside from changes in providing housing, Ralston said fundraising looks much different this year because they can't host in-person events, where usually one of every \$4 is fundraised from an in-person event.

"We've done a little bit of everything," Ralston said. "We've had some

virtual events where we normally would have done them in-person ... we had to just completely cancel the book sale which typically brings in \$25,000 in just two days."

The Catholic Worker House, another local organization that offers similar services like housing and free grab-and-go lunches for its guests, differs from Shelter House in that it has only one location and primarily provides housing for immigrants and refugees who are new to the Iowa City communi-

ty, said co-founder David Goodner.

Goodner said the Catholic Worker House has significantly cut down on how many people are allowed in the house at a time, outside of the eight residents that stay there regularly.

He said volunteer hours have doubled to better support the community through the instability caused by COVID-19.

Goodner said, though the Catholic Worker House can no longer hold mass in the house without

exceeding COVID-19 safety guidelines, the house is still open for people to come do laundry and take showers in limited capacities.

"We're an all-volunteer-led, intentional, faith-based community," Goodner said. "We serve meals four times a week when no other places are open for very poor and homeless people that come in off the streets and get a bite to eat, take a shower if they need to, and do some laundry."

Emily Sinnwell, who

co-founded the Catholic Worker House with Goodner, said the organization has seen fewer volunteers, as well as a shift in how those who remain help provide the services.

"Every weekend we serve meals and usually the meal provider would stay, but a lot of our volunteers are older and probably have health conditions, and so there are other ways to help," Sinnwell said. "We're also kind of limiting our volunteers just because of COVID."



The entrance to Shelter House is seen on Wednesday, July 15 2020 in Iowa City.

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The Iowa City Shelter House is seen in Iowa City on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2020.

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— Emily Sinnwell, Co-founder of Catholic Worker House

Centers of Johnson County, United Action for Youth, and the Shelter House.

Daniel Frana, a comedian and friend of Patton's, has worked with and known Patton for more than five years. The two participated in the Floodwater Comedy Festival, an annual festival in downtown Iowa City. Frana said one of his best memories with Patton is watching him read from the police log for people to laugh. He even said Patton had someone dress as a raccoon to recreate a log from the book.

"He always had a great turnout," Frana said.

Patton said he hasn't fully decided what will come after the book is on the market, but all profits from the book will go to Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County, Shelter House, and United Action for Youth. The book is available on the Little Village website.

"I pulled everything that I found to be interesting," Patton said. "There's humorous content, more serious content as well — it paints a picture of life in Iowa City."

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Iowa City going for the gold in bike rating

Iowa City resident Bob Oppliger wrote to the city council in support of the creation of a Bicycle Advocacy Committee which would merge two existing committees to better serve Iowa City cyclists.

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Iowa City resident Bob Oppliger is advocating for the creation of a bike advocacy committee for Iowa City to more effectively represent the interests of all ranges of cyclists in future city development and policymaking.

Oppliger is a member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization of Johnson County's Regional Trails and Bicycling Committee and a board member of the League of American Bicyclists, a nonprofit organization promoting bicycle education and bicycle-friendly urban development in cities across the nation.

Iowa City also has an internal Bicycle Advisory Committee that Oppliger is not on, he wrote in a letter to the City Council. He wrote that the Regional Trails and Bicycling Committee and the Bicycle Advisory Committee should merge into a single, more effective committee.

Iowa City was designated a Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Community by the

League of American Bicyclists in 2013, a title the city still holds seven years later.

The League plans to re-evaluate Iowa City in 2021 to renew its Silver Level standing or give the community a new ranking based on how well the city represents what the League calls the six "E's": Engineering, Education, Equity, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation.

Oppliger said the creation of a more cohesive bike advocacy committee could help Iowa City reach the League of American Bicyclists Gold-Level distinction.

He said Iowa City implemented a comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan in 2017 to set the framework for becoming a Gold-Level in the future, which lays out detailed maps of relevant bike data and objectives for fulfilling each of the League of American Bicyclists six "E's".

In his letter to the City Council, Oppliger said the pursuit of a friendlier biking environment has additional benefits for the larger community, beyond those directly impacting cyclists.

"Finally, it should be noted that a growing body of evidence suggests that bike friendliness has economic value," Oppliger wrote. "In a study published by the American Institute of Economic Research, 32 of 40 communities that they identified as the 'hottest' job markets were Bike Friendly Communities."

MPOJC Executive Director Kent Ralston wrote in response to Oppliger's proposal and said that even though the two committees Oppliger wishes to merge both work to promote a bike friendly community, they are each unique in how they approach that goal and should remain separated.

He said while the Regional Trails and Bicycling Committee hosts public meetings and posts its agendas, the Bicycle Advisory Committee is more of an internal group focused on addressing the specifics of the Bicycle Master Plan.

"Iowa City holds their own Bicycle Advisory Committee and is frankly very happy with it and it was even recommended in the Iowa City bike master



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City council member John Thomas poses for a portrait in front of his home in Iowa City on Sept. 8th, 2020. John along with several other city council members and citizens are in the process of creating a bike advocacy committee to help Iowa City reach "gold" tier in bike friendly cities.

plan to continue," Ralston wrote. "Then we've got this whole other group which is the metropolitan planning group which really needs to exist as it does because it really is more focused on how to spend federal money. They're kind of two different things."

City Councilor John Thomas spoke with Oppliger on Friday and said he thinks the ultimate goal of advancing bicycle culture in Iowa City is a worthwhile effort.

"The idea of a coalition between interests that support alternative means of

getting around town other than driving I think is important," Thomas said. "And it's something I've been trying to advocate for for some time, so I'm always interested when someone like Bob [Oppliger] comes forth and shows interest in trying to advance that as well."

As California fires rage, UI students look to home

University of Iowa faculty and students from California reflect on past and present wildfires

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University of Iowa faculty and students from California are remembering their personal experiences with wildfires as fires continue to blaze in northern and southern part of the state.

As of Sept. 8, CNN reports that more than 2.2 million acres of land have been burned by California wildfires in 2020 alone, making it one of California's highest one-year number of burned acres in recorded history.

With at least 22 large fires spreading throughout the state, these fires have continued to burn due to dry and windy weather conditions and scorching hot temperatures, according to CNN. There were several fires that were caused by lightning strikes. One of the most recent fires was caused by a pyrotechnic device used at a gender-reveal party in San Bernardino County.

UI sophomore Katie Perkins, who is originally from the Los Angeles area, said she has many friends who evacuated their homes because of the wildfires in 2018, and as a result of the wildfires currently occurring throughout the state.

Rather than having snow days or other events where students would get a day

off school due to inclement weather, Perkins said that California had fire days for students.

"We don't have snow days obviously in Southern California," Perkins said. "We would have fire days if the ash was too bad or the air quality was too bad. We wouldn't go to school because our schools are totally outside — we don't have cafeterias and stuff."

UI lecturer in the Department of Rhetoric Stephanie Tsank said she is originally from San Diego, where she grew up and attended college at the University of California San Diego.

Tsank said while she was in college, there was an instance where a wildfire caused such a decline in air quality levels near the campus that the university made the decision to send students home for a week.

Tsank said she felt anxious and uncertain about what effects the fires would have back in 2008 — a feeling she said is relative to what many are experiencing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I definitely remember feeling very anxious about it and concerned, not dissimilar to what I think we're experiencing right now, with the constant feeling of being in flux and just worried about what's going on

around us," Tsank said.

Also from southern California near the Santa Clarita area, UI lecturer in the Department of Rhetoric Bevin O'Connor said she believes the wildfires grew increasingly worse in the mid-to-late 2000s, while she was in high school.

"At one point between 2004 and 2008, Santa Clarita was encircled by wildfires," O'Connor said. "There were just fires surrounding the valley, which was scary and definitely new — there hadn't been anything like that before."

O'Connor said she had always lived through a fire season in southern California, but there were never multiple devastating fires occurring at once in different areas.

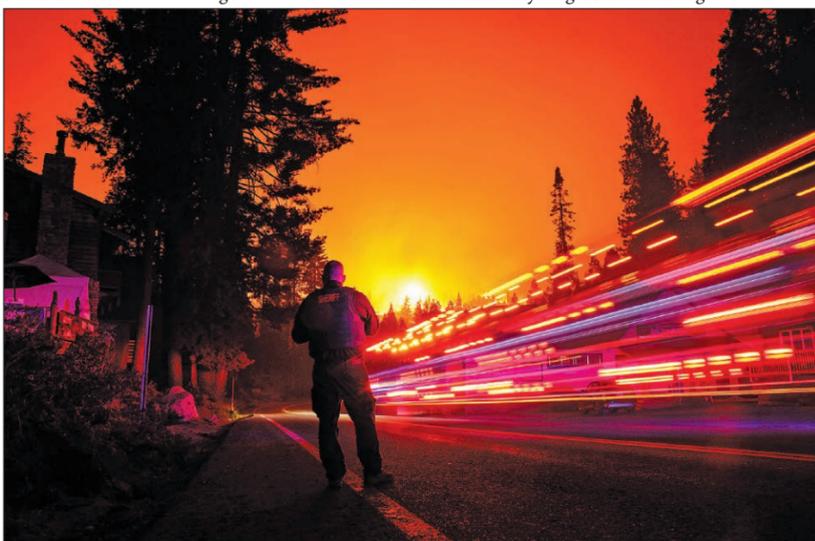
"When comparing my time in high school to how the fires have developed, every fire season there used to be one bad fire, and the next year one bad fire, and now it seems like there are multiple fires at once, all really bad, that are just popping up every fire season, and some places get hit more than once," O'Connor said.

O'Connor said she feels as though climate change is mostly to blame for the recent surge of wildfires -- something that she feels needs to be more widely addressed.

"I think that the most important thing is that there needs to be much more serious action at the gov-

ernment level regarding climate change," O'Connor said, "... and that these factors need to be taken very

seriously because California is on fire, and I think that that is a direct result of global warming."



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A vehicle streaks by in a long exposure as Fresno County Sheriff Deputy Jeffery Shipman stands along CA-168 as the Creek Fire creeps closer to town on Sept. 6 in Shaver Lake, California.

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Small restaurants need help

With COVID-19 still on the rampage, we need to help local businesses get through the pandemic instead of large chains.

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While I have always enjoyed a home-cooked meal, sometimes a restaurant has just what I need.

When COVID-19 hit Iowa City and local restaurants closed for an undetermined time, I knew that people were affected on many different levels. From the selfish level of not being able to go to my favorite pizza place, to the level of people's livelihoods taking a financial hit and possibly losing everything.

Four months after leaving Iowa City, I have seen how various restaurants around Madison, where I'm taking classes online, and Iowa City have taken the blow of having to close down for certain amounts of time. Some have managed to keep afloat, and some have actually thrived during this time. But, unfortunately, there are many that never opened back up.

We all know of the government stimulus packages for restaurants. But did you know that various large companies and chain restaurants earned small-business stimulus instead of actual local restaurants? A study from the Bank of

America found that spending at small chains and independent restaurants fell behind large chains by about 20 percent nationwide.

As I watched this chaos from afar and listened to how the government tried to help restaurants stay open with stricter rules to keep everyone safe, I kept wondering — how is this going to end? Are government officials actually helping restaurants, or keeping them at a lower level of being able to function?

Madison laid down more rules for restaurants recently — down to 25 percent capacity, patrons can only sit with their family, and the groups must be six or less.

Meanwhile, there have been a few cases of restaurants not following precautions. Should they be receiving more money from customers because they do not care to follow precautions? What about those that follow the rules religiously yet struggle to stay afloat?

However, there have been repercussions to those restaurants who do not follow mask mandates. A restaurant in Middleton, Wisconsin, is facing backlash over their decision to not have masks

worn by their workers or patrons.

The owner stated in his GoFundMe page, "the city-county order requiring face coverings in all indoor spaces outside the home is unlawful and should be opposed in court." Reported on Aug. 21 by the Madison State Journal, the restaurant "has lost its lease in Middleton and will be closing on Aug. 31."

As I watch the community of independent restaurants raise their hackles at each other, contrary to a time before COVID-19 when they backed each other up, I wonder how they can go back to the way things were, post-pandemic.

I cannot help them, other than providing business for them, promoting them to my friends, and buying gift cards for a future visit. As of now, those are the best ways to help. Keep independent restaurants in business by dining local, while still keeping yourself safe.

Do not go to restaurants not taking precautions; do not help them at the expense of your own health. Ignore those who bash facts about COVID-19 and instead help those who are trying to stay afloat with the new regulations. They need us more than ever right now.



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The Mill building is seen on Thursday, Sept. 3.

COLUMN

School choice doesn't solve segregation

Although school choice does permit more students to take advantage of more and better educational resources, we cannot ignore systemic barriers students and families face in underprivileged minority schools.

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From the outside, giving underprivileged, minority students the opportunity to be bused to better-funded and resourced schools appears to be a good idea — however, the problem at hand remains. Even with the opening of new school districts, underprivileged

minority students will be left behind and forgotten with little resources and opportunities to help them grow. The biggest issue leading to the opportunity gap for these kids is school segregation.

Brown v. Board of Education racially desegregated America's schools in the 50s, yet we are seeing the same, if not worse, issues arising today. Underprivileged mi-

nority students are often ostracized from the resources their white counterparts receive, even within the same school districts. A lot of this issue comes down to school funding.

School funding comes largely from property taxes thus, more impoverished areas receive less school funding. According to Nikole Hannah-Jones, in The New York Times' "The Daily" podcast, states try to cover what property taxes don't in underprivileged districts, however, state efforts tend to fall short and leave many minority students behind.

According to a study published by a nonprofit organization called EdBuild in 2019, white school districts receive \$23 billion more in funding than their non-white peers, despite accommodating the same number of students.

Cities in Iowa unmistakably demonstrate modern-day school

segregation. According to a 2018 article from *The Waterloo Courier*, Waterloo and Cedar Falls, Iowa, are incredibly segregated towns with huge socioeconomic gaps between the Black and white populations.

The unemployment rate for whites was around four percent, whereas the Black unemployment rate was around 24 percent, with the vast majority of the Black population residing in Waterloo. These statistics then translate to the unequal funding and segregation of schools in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls community school districts.

Furthermore, we can see how funding plays a tangible role in students' performance. According to data taken from The Nations Report Card, the average reading score for white 4th graders in Iowa was 221, which is three points above the national average reading scores for public-school students. In contrast, the average 4th-grade reading

score for Black students in Iowa was 192 in 2019, 29 points below the national average.

It is clear underprivileged minority students are being left behind with much less resources and funding compared to their white counterparts. One solution that has been consistently brought up is opening school districts and giving students the opportunity to be bused to better-funded schools.

Success in school choice requires the implication that underprivileged minority students have better-funded and -resourced schools within reasonable distance, according to a study published in *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, requiring a means of transportation to these schools. Additionally, school choice relies on parents' knowledge of what schools have better resources for their kids.

On top of the barriers that students face getting to or having ac-

cess to better schools, there is not a definitive correlation between school choice and student success. A 2018 study posted in the *American Economic Journal* came to the conclusion that "the expansion of school choice can reduce student achievement," including the lowering of mean test scores and increased chances of failing subjects like math, reading, science, and social studies.

There are countless other systemic barriers underprivileged minority students face outside of the classroom that affect classroom performance like neighborhood crime rates, their parents' education level, housing challenges, and more.

School choice does not meaningfully address these issues. Instead it punishes students who need assistance the most for not having the resources to take advantage of opportunities in front of them.



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GUEST OPINION

Be mindful about the present

Despite the whirlwind of life's stressors, focusing on the present by practicing mindfulness can help you have a calmer and more collective mind.

The current pandemic has taken a toll on everybody's health: physically, socially, and mentally. For many undergraduates, the thought of the unpre-

dictable future brings with it unwelcome, yet, justifiable, feelings of hopelessness and anxiety. Naturally, our brains react by asking more questions rather

than suggesting solutions. Questions such as: "What will my life look like after this is over?" or "Who would take care of me if I get infected?" These points are valid, however, constantly questioning ourselves about the uncertain future can quickly become unproductive and garner unnecessary levels of stress and anxiety.

Now forget all of this for a few seconds. Close your eyes, and breathe deeply a few times, in-and-out. Feel your lungs expand and contract against your ribcage. If you find your mind wandering, notice it (it's OK!) accept it, and refocus on your breathing. Try this exercise for 3-4 minutes.

What you just did was a bare-

bones example of mindfulness. Mindfulness is about being aware of your thoughts and feelings in the present that can help you mentally slow down. You can practice mindfulness with any activity you do. For example, the next time you brush your teeth, try to pay attention to your five senses while brushing. Hear the sounds of the bristles on your teeth, feel the sensation of water, the flavor and smell of toothpaste, and gaze upon your reflection in the mirror and observe your surroundings. We brush our teeth every day, so why does this activity sound so bizarre? It is because we rarely stop to observe the small details, and appreciate the present. Usually we

are thinking about what we'll be eating for lunch or how that exam next week is going to go. If you think you're alone in doing this, you're not. A 2010 study on mind-wandering published in *Science* collected real time data on the thoughts, feelings, and actions of 2,250 participants. Researchers showed that people spent 46.9% of their waking hours thinking about something other than what they were doing, leading to greater levels of unhappiness. By practicing mindfulness in just one to two activities a day, we can increase our present-moment awareness, giving us a sense of peace.

Practicing mindfulness sounds easy, but it can be challenging to practice and imple-

ment in our daily lives. After all, it is hard to tell our minds what not to think. Luckily, there are apps available on the consumer market for Android and iOS that can guide listeners in 4-5 minute mindfulness sessions. Apps like Aura, Calm, Headspace, and Insight Timer are just a few popular ones that are free, or have an extended free trial period.

So, the next time you feel your mind wandering; try to take some deep breaths, focus on the present, and see how you feel after. You would be surprised how comforting the present can be, even amid such an unpredictable time.

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tee for the Johnson County Republicans, said that most Republicans are not in agreement with mailing out ballots to everyone in the area who is registered to vote without them being requested. She said voters need to request the ballot ahead of time.

Fesler said that sending out pre-filled ballot request forms when the Iowa Legislature passed a bill that prohibits them from doing so, was wrong on Johnson County's part. She said that anyone could pick up that form, sign it, and turn it in, so people need to fill out their own ballot request.

"Pre-filled ballots are a security problem. There is a lot of personal information on that form that could get into the wrong hands," Fesler said. "Sending these ballot requests just did not follow the directive laid out by the state."

According to court documents, the Iowa Republican Party and the other plaintiffs argued that the Johnson County Auditor violated a July 17 order made by the Iowa Secretary of State, stating that every Iowa voter must be mailed an absentee ballot-request form that is blank except for the election date and type.

According to a brief filed by the Trump campaign, "Iowa voters may participate in an election through traditional in-person voting or by casting an absentee ballot before election day. In both circumstances, Iowa law requires the voter to provide information that the voter is who he or she claims to be before election officials permit the voter to cast a ballot."

According to the brief, which was filed on Aug. 10, voters who wish to cast an absentee ballot must make a written request to the local county auditor to receive an

absentee ballot. The Johnson County auditor's actions similarly threaten the integrity of the upcoming general election, the brief filed by the Trump Campaign said.

"Iowa law requires a voter to provide certain identifying information on an Absentee Ballot Request form. The defendant has willfully defeated this election integrity measure and increased the resources the plaintiffs will be required to expend to prevent and detect fraud in the upcoming election," the court document said.

While the lawsuits in Woodbury and Linn Counties have heard ruling regarding their pre-filled ballot requests, the hearing in Johnson County is scheduled for Wednesday, Sep. 9.

Weipert said he could not share his thoughts about the legitimacy of the Trump campaign's lawsuit while there is still pending litigation.

The hearings for Linn

County and Woodbury County, which took place on Aug. 27 and 28, declared that over 60,000 ballot-request forms that voters returned in these counties will not be viable. These voters will have to resubmit ballot requests on standard forms.

Trump has continuously discouraged mail-in voting throughout his re-election campaign. On June 22 the president said in a tweet that due to mail-in ballots, the 2020 election will be the most rigged in history and that they are using COVID-19 as an excuse to cheat through mail-in voting, it was not clear who "they" was in his tweet.

"Absentee Ballots are fine. A person has to go through a process to get and use them. Mail-In Voting, on the other hand, will lead to the most corrupt Election is USA history. Bad things happen with Mail-Ins," Trump said in another tweet.

On Sept. 5, Trump, who has

publicly discouraged mail-in voting throughout his re-election campaign, suggested to supporters in North Carolina to vote in-person after sending in their mail-in vote to — a felony in North Carolina. Trump said that if their mail-in ballot arrives after they have cast their vote, it won't count because their vote has already been cast.

"Mail-in voting is horrible, I think it's corrupt. I think mail-in voting is a terrible thing, I think if you vote you should go in — even the concept of early voting is not the greatest, a lot of things happen, but it's OK — but you should go in and you should vote," Trump said in an April press conference.

The Trump Campaign has filed lawsuits in five states over matters relating to mail-in voting.

In August, the Trump Campaign filed a lawsuit in Nevada to oppose the governor's plan to send ballots to every active registered voter

in the state, and in New Jersey to oppose the governor's executive order to administer the 2020 election almost exclusively by mail. Montana Gov. Steve Bullock was sued by the Trump campaign on Sept. 2 over Bullock's plan to allow counties to decide if they want to administer ballots exclusively by mail.

On Sept. 3, the Trump campaign filed legal action against six Navajo Nation residents who sued the state of Arizona, arguing that election officials count ballots sent by Navajo Nation members that are postmarked on or before Election Day and received within 10 days of the election.

Ed Cranston, Johnson County Democratic Party chair, said that voters have

no reason to worry about the legitimacy of this year's election.

Depending on results from today's hearing, Johnson County voters may have to resubmit their absentee ballot request forms. If the judge rules the forms to be invalid, those who had already turned in their forms must resubmit with an originally blank form.

"Put the pandemic into the situation, and with the high numbers of [COVID-19] locally, it makes sense for people to request an absentee ballot," Cranston said. "Many people should not be out and waiting to vote. Mail-in voting provides more people access, especially those with mobility issues."

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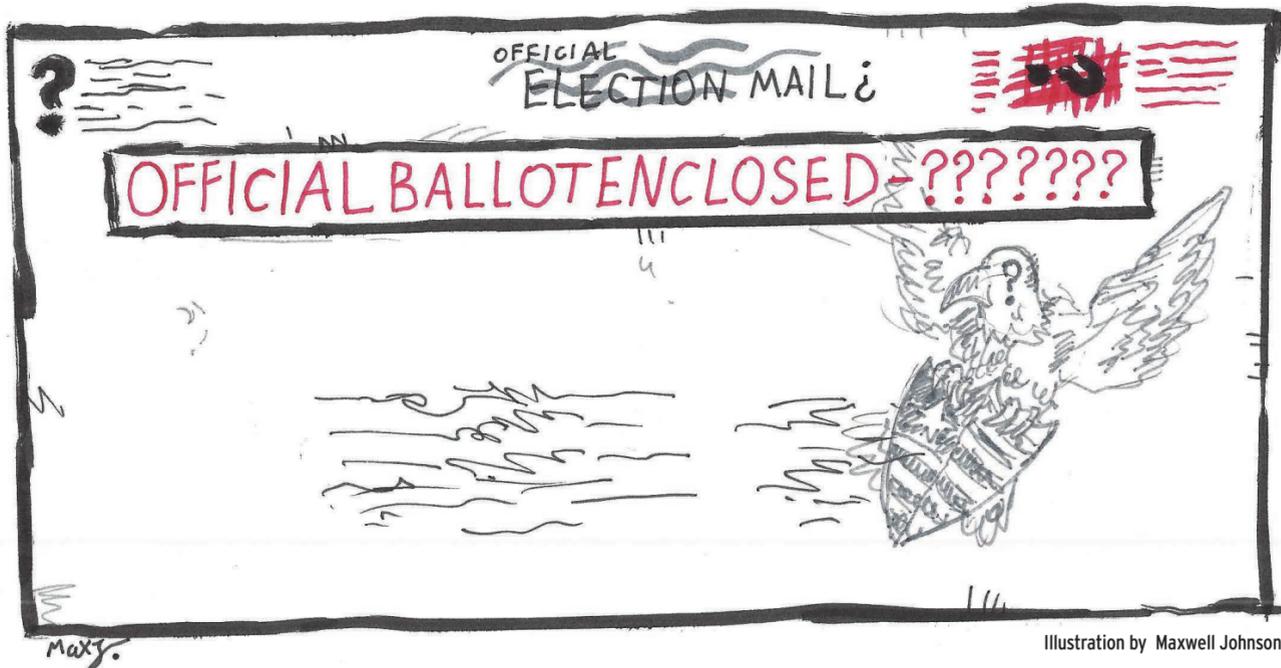


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President Donald Trump speaks at the Iowa GOP's America First Dinner at the Ron Pearson Center in West Des Moines on June 11, 2019.

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Backordered textbooks cause students problems in first weeks of classes

While classes started in-person and online, some students were left without textbooks because of issues with production during COVID-19— which the Hawk Shop and Iowa Book felt the brunt of.

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As students returned to a virtual campus this fall from all over the U.S. and out of the country, ordering textbooks for classes became more complicated in Iowa City and beyond.

For the fall semester, the University of Iowa's Hawk Shop decided to make some changes to the way students purchase and receive their books in or-

der to maintain social distancing, Interim Director of the Hawk Shop Kirk Peters wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. This decision limited the Hawk Shop to deliveries by mail and curbside pickup, he said.

"Over the summer, our team made the decision to expand online ordering and delivery services and close textbook aisles," Peters said. "This was an effort to prevent overcrowding and long lines, which are fre-

quently present in the beginning of each semester."

Textbook manager at Iowa Book Virgil "Scooter" Hare said Iowa Book opted to continue in-person pick-up alongside options such as delivery and curbside pickup.

"In most cases, we strongly recommended the pickup in-store option and the vast majority of students have done that because very few people are in the text area at one time," he said. "We had arrows and signs to ensure social distancing and all...The one issue was people calling after they ordered a book because they tested positive for COVID and they had to change their pickup plans."

UI freshman Jillian Lang, who is studying neuroscience and anthropology, said another issue that plagued the textbook-buying process was backordered books. After purchasing a textbook for her anthropology class before school, Lang said she was not told the book would be backordered until after she purchased it.

"When I went to pick up my textbooks from the Hawk Shop,

one was missing," she said. "The receipt in the box said it was on backorder. It was a bit annoying...a couple days later my [text]book showed up and the Hawk Shop charged me for it when I had already bought it through Amazon, since I didn't know if or when the book would show up."

At the Hawk Shop, this happened in a few cases after COVID-19 shut down certain facilities that make books, but Peters said it happens every year regardless.

"[Backordered books are] unfortunately not uncommon each semester; it feels amplified this semester due to the online order requirement," he said. "Additionally, we have found that some publishers and wholesalers are seeing disruptions in service and delivery due to the ongoing COVID pandemic."

At Iowa Book, Hare said this has happened for a few classes, but it hasn't been a major issue. Iowa Book had to ask some publishers for books to be printed, which doesn't take long, he said.

"A few publishers were doing print on demand which delays a book being delivered," he said. "It was only for a few, small classes. For those, we just had to reorder them, but everything else has been somewhat normal...When we reordered [publishers] just needed to print books or books with an online element needed to be assembled, which was our only delay."

Lang said it was a hassle to find the textbook after she thought the Hawk Shop would deliver it to her before classes. She said this experience has impacted her decision on whether or not to purchase from the Hawk Shop again.

"It was super difficult to get a replacement, because there was one left on Amazon and it was expensive," she said. "If I hadn't bought the book elsewhere, I would've been a week behind in that class...I think I would use the Hawk Shop [to buy books] again if it was in-person, but I don't think the online option went very smoothly so I would order from Iowa Book or somewhere online instead."



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Stacked textbooks for the 2020 school year. Textbooks from the Hawk Shop have been put on backorder due to manufacturers being closed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Faith-based student orgs adjust to new semester, new guidelines

With COVID-19 cases continuing to rise on campus, University of Iowa faith-based student groups are making different adjustments to practice their faith and build community during the fall semester.

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With COVID-19 cases continuing to rise across campus, faith-based student groups and organizations at the University of Iowa are adapting to new university guidelines for the fall semester.

As a first-year student entering the UI, Kennedy Albertson said she was looking to get involved with a community to practice her faith with.

Growing up, Albertson said she attended church regularly and was always involved with youth groups such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Albertson said she wanted to continue practicing her faith with a community at the college level.

Despite COVID-19 mitigation measures impeding the ordinary freshman experience, she said the pandemic didn't inhibit her from finding that community with the SALT Company.

Albertson said she joined a group chat for the organization from the freshman Facebook page, where events, meetings and locations were posted.

"They also told us that they're not actually an official student organization this year so that way they're able to still meet and do different things together and have events," Albertson said. "So that's really nice to be able to actually meet with people and get to know people that way, and just feel like I'm surrounded by a lot of good people."

This semester, all in-person events held by UI student organizations must follow public health and UI guidelines, and gatherings of more than 10 people are being directed online by the UI.

Albertson said since SALT has disaffiliated from the UI, there's no limit to the number of people at the SALT Co. events, the first of which were held at Hubbard Park and Veritas Church.

"Social distancing isn't too much of a concern just because everyone is wearing their masks and I think people are more concerned about just what's going on and focusing on growing in their relationship with God and being surrounded by so many great people," Albertson said. "At this point it's like, 'it's OK, we're in his hands,' so it doesn't matter if we get sick, everything's going to be okay as long as we're doing what we're supposed to be doing."

Social media chair for the UI Muslim Student Association Fatma Elmaleh said the organization will be operating entirely online this semester.

The organization had to cancel their biggest event of the year, the Eid Dinner, which normally takes

place at Hancher Auditorium or the IMU ballroom during the first week of the semester, Elmaleh said.

She said the association had their first virtual event, a Halaqua discussion about racism and Islam last week. The organization is planning on doing more online socials and games, and that they are still adapting to the virtual format.

"To me honestly, I feel as a Muslim in America, having the atmosphere and actually getting to connect with everyone in person, it gives you kind of a sense of belonging," Elmaleh said. "You have people that you can relate to, and just not seeing them as often in real life is kind of sad."

Although it's difficult to maintain a sense of community virtually, Elmaleh said the association never considered disaffiliation from the university.

"One of the things that our prophet said [is], 'if there's a plague in your city, don't travel somewhere else because you might transfer it,'" Elmaleh said. "So, even though we want to see each other, we were taught not to do that."

Secretary for the Muslim Student Association Sauda Abdullahi said the organization will continue recruiting throughout the semester.

"The first thing I did when I came to the university was try and find other Muslims," Abdullahi said. "Just because we have [similar] practices and values and things like that, and so every time we got together it was like a nice sense of community. So not having that face-to-face time kind of sucks," Abdullahi said.

Rabbi for the Chabad Jewish Student Association at the University of Iowa and Lubavitch of Iowa City Avremel Blesofsky said recruiting new members has been a challenge for the recognized Jewish student group.

Blesofsky said that ordinarily, the group holds social activities, educational classes, and one-on-one conversation, but since the pandemic, that has come to a halt.

Now most events are held electronically via Zoom, Blesofsky said. The student branch has not considered disaffiliation from the university, but students do have the option to join the community branch, Lubavitch of Iowa City, which offers additional services, he said.

"Maybe two months ago we had a social distance service...we had a small crowd that came," Blesofsky said. "I think even within the community people are...playing it really cautious."

With Jewish new year Rosh Hashanah coming up, Blesofsky said the organization will be scaling back the larger event they normally have, but will be offering a socially

distanced Shofar at the River service on Sept. 20 behind the IMU.

"People thrive on social interaction," he said. "As humans I think we all want it, we need it, I think

people are really missing that. I've been contacting members and students one-on-one, and there's a more personal connection that is developing through the pandemic.

They're looking for that guidance or even just that connection. So I want to say that a bit of a silver lining— is that people are looking to connect."

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the start of conference play on Sept. 26.

This season will also mark the first time the Notre Dame Fighting Irish football team will play within a conference. With the Big Ten and PAC-12 postponing play, and the ACC and SEC going almost exclusively conference-only, Notre Dame was left with no choice. The Fighting Irish elected to join the ACC for this season and return to their independent status at the conclusion of the 2020-21 academic year.

That means Notre Dame's traditional matchups with USC, Navy, and Stanford won't happen this year. Instead, the Fighting Irish will take on formidable ACC foes like Clemson, North Carolina, and Louisville.

The Fighting Irish will kick off their season against Duke on Sept. 12 at 2:30 p.m. on NBC.

Another interesting storyline developing in the ACC this fall is surprisingly coming from Chapel Hill, North Carolina. After finishing the 2019 season with a 7-6 overall record following a win over Temple in the Military Bowl,



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Iowa State quarterback Brok Purdy throws a pass during a football game between Iowa and Iowa State at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Sept. 14, 2019. The Hawkeyes retained the Cy-Hawk Trophy for the fifth consecutive year, downing the Cyclones, 18-17.

the Tar Heels are looking to take the next step in 2020.

Former Texas head coach Mack Brown is returning for his second season as head coach of the Tar Heels. His impact on the program can't be exaggerated. Prior to Brown's arrival, North Carolina hadn't produced a win-

ning season since 2016.

Also returning to the program is quarterback Sam Howell, who many experts consider to be a dark horse candidate for the Heisman Trophy. In 2019, Howell ranked 14th in the nation in total passing yards, throwing for 3,641 yards. Howell's

38 passing touchdowns were also good for the FBS true freshman passing touchdowns record.

Howell, Brown, and the Tar Heels kick off their season against Syracuse at 11:00 a.m. on the ACC Network.

The Big 12 will certainly yield some interesting sto-

rylines in 2020 as well. Three teams are ranked in the AP Top 25 to start the season: Iowa State, Texas, and Oklahoma.

Oklahoma will take on Missouri State, Texas will meet with UTEP, and Iowa State will host the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns in Week 1.

Iowa State is an 11.5-point favorite in that game. The Cyclones will also be the only Division I football team to play in the state of Iowa this fall as Northern Iowa's Missouri Valley Conference also postponed its fall football season.

TENNIS
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But the spring season was cut short because of the COVID-19 pandemic. On Aug. 21, the men's tennis team learned that it would be cut from the athletics department after this academic year, along with three other programs.

Iowa Athletic Director Gary Barta said the athletics department is anticipating \$100 million in lost revenue and an

overall deficit of between \$60-75 million this fiscal year. Barta noted that cutting the four teams will save the athletics department more than \$5 million annually.

For men's tennis, the discontinuation will halt the program's steady rise for the past eight years, including missing out on the 2019 NCAA tournament by one spot.

"[Last year] the vision was we were six weeks away from being in the Feller Club Room [inside of Carver-Hawkeye Arena] finding out that we

made the NCAA tournament for the first time, and then it got stripped away," redshirt senior Jason Kerst said. "So, the decision was instantaneous for me that I was coming back [for another year of eligibility] because that dream was still alive. At this point, I don't know if that dream is still possible."

The program's improvements wouldn't have stopped after simply reaching the NCAA tournament. Wilson had laid the foundation with the current team for the Iowa

men's tennis program to be successful for a long time, especially with the reach he has established overseas.

"We've had players in this program from over 20 countries who would've never come to the University of Iowa unless they had the opportunity to play men's tennis here," Wilson said. "I go to England and work hard for seven years to get Iowa a good name there and to bring awareness to the university and it's a great name."

Being a part of the men's

tennis program and building a winning culture was not just about on-the-court success or recruiting good players, but also establishing a close-knit bond off the court. Building a team that can withstand hardships.

"The biggest thing is how you lean on others and how others lean on you," Kerst said. "The importance of encouraging others, supporting others, reaching out when you're the person who's struggling and needs help."

If indeed the last men's ten-

nis match has already been played at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center, the team has shown grit, fight, and passion on and off the court and certainly left its mark at Iowa.

If it hasn't and the group gets one more go around this spring, expect something special.

"It would be like the movie 300," redshirt senior Kareem Allaf said. "We're going to war. We're going to put everything out there."

SOCCER
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Riley Whitaker, Monica Wilhelm, Jenny Cape, and Sam Cary are all part of a leadership group that has been entrusted with helping steer the team along and help create a great environment.

Most players recognized the group on the team as being important leaders for the young squad. It is an honor for these players to be seen as leaders by the rest of the squad, Rydberg said.

"It's awesome that they think of me as someone they can go to, and it's really nice knowing we have that core group of players on the team," Rydberg said.

The group has had to stay tough and demonstrate sol-

id leadership during this time. Keeping the team on track and motivated while navigating so many unknowns is vital, as the extra work being done now could give the team a much-needed boost whenever the season kicks off.

Another important part of leadership is helping guide the incoming class. The transition is always a difficult one, but with all the extra baggage of this semester, the leaders know it is their job to step up and show the younger players the ropes.

"I've just been telling them it's a process and just to focus on the process and take every moment that we're given and take advantage of that," Whitaker said.

The freshmen have done just that so far, and shown a



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Iowa midfielder Hailey Rydberg makes a pass during a women's soccer match between Iowa and Maryland at the Iowa Soccer Complex on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019. The Hawkeyes shut out the Terrapins, 4-0.

good attitude in training as the team continues to mesh

together. "It's been nice to see them

come to practice every day, wanting to get better and

working harder," Rydberg said.

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Wirfs to start for Tampa Bay



The 13th overall pick in the 2020 NFL Draft, former Hawkeye tackle Tristan Wirfs, was announced as a starter for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Monday.

According to 24/7 sports, Wirfs will start at right tackle, and Tom Brady will be his starting quarterback.

As a junior at Iowa last season, Wirfs was named the Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year and gave up only two quarterback hits.

One of his teammates, linebacker Shaq Barrett, had some high praise for Wirfs.

"Tristan is the real deal," Barrett told 24/7 sports. "He's going to be a problem out there for a lot of other teams."

Also, according to 24/7 sports, Wirfs has received national praise, coming from Undisputed's Skip Bayless.

"I'm going to give [Tampa Bay General Manager] Jason Licht an A+ for this because this was the sweetest move of the night to go from 14 to 13 to get a Tristan Wirfs, who by many projections, would have been a top-five pick, the first of the four stud linemen to go," Bayless said. "Remember, he was the first freshman to start for Kirk Ferentz at Iowa, he ran a 4.8 40-yard dash at the combine and did 24 reps on the bench. That's freakish."

On Sunday, Wirfs should be playing in his first NFL game against the New Orleans Saints. There were no preseason games this season in the NFL, so there's been no indication of how Wirfs will look against NFL talent. Last season, the Saints were the fourth-best team in the NFL in stopping the rush.



Jewell regains starting job

According to KUSA, the NBC-affiliated station out of Denver, former Hawkeye linebacker Josey Jewell got his starting job back on the Denver Broncos.

The Decorah, Iowa, native was the starting inside linebacker at the beginning of last season but lost it for the rest of the season after he injured his hamstring early in the season.

The Broncos released Todd Davis on Friday, clearing the way Jewell according to KUSA.

"You never want to see a guy - one of your better friends - get cut or anything like that," Jewell told KUSA. "If it does happen, you want to step up to the plate and you want to be able to do the best you can."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We're going to war. We're going to put everything out there."



Iowa men's tennis senior Kareem Allaf on how his team will play in its final season.

STAT OF THE DAY

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players on the Iowa men's tennis team are from the state of Iowa.

Football returns to Power Five this weekend

Without the Big Ten, Pac-12, and SEC playing, this week's slate of games within the Power Five conferences will be thin, but interesting nonetheless.



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Iowa State quarterback Brock Purdy looks to pass during a football game between Iowa and Iowa State at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019. The Hawkeyes retained the Cy-Hawk Trophy for the fifth consecutive year, downing the Cyclones, 18-17.

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It's time to rejoice, because college football officially returns to the Power Five conferences this weekend - sort of.

With Big Ten and PAC-12 conferences electing to postpone their respective football seasons until the winter or spring, only three members of the Power Five stand to play this fall.

The herd is even thinner with regard to this weekend's slate of games. Only the ACC and Big 12 will kick off their football seasons this weekend as the SEC will wait until Sept. 26 to start play.

Fortunately, even with only two of the Power Five constituents playing, there is still plenty to get excited about this weekend.

College football fans' mornings will start with a familiar sight as ESPN's College Gameday will still be traveling and putting on a show this year.

The nation's premier college football pregame show will travel to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, ahead of Wake Forest's opening game against Clemson.

The ACC will be playing a 10-game conference schedule this year along with one additional non-conference game. Meanwhile, the Big 12 will allow its teams to play nonconference games ahead of

SEE FOOTBALL, 7A

Men's tennis players, coaches reflect on careers at Iowa

Players and coaches from the men's tennis team - one of the four sports to be discontinued beginning next year - reflect on their past in the Black and Gold.



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Iowa's Kareem Allaf celebrates a point during a men's tennis match between Iowa and Western Michigan at the HTRC on Jan. 18. The Hawkeyes defeated the Broncos, 4-3.

BY CHRIS WERNER
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After starting last spring season at 12-2 through the first 14 matches and defeating a top-20 opponent at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center on March 8, Iowa men's tennis was set up for its best season in program history.

In head coach Ross Wilson's eighth season at the helm, his efforts to build the program from the ground up were finally producing the on-court results that he had been waiting for.

"It's not just the dream anymore," Wilson said. "It's not just talk. You've stacked good days on top of good days, on top of good days, on top of good days for years and now you're seeing the success."

SEE TENNIS, 7A

Soccer ushers in new leadership group

After graduating 13 seniors last year, the Hawkeyes have had several leaders step up during the transition to the fall season.

BY BEN PALYA
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Normally, graduating 13 seniors is a large enough challenge for any team. However, with a short spring season and strange summer and fall schedules, new leaders on the Iowa soccer team are facing plenty of obstacles as they adjust to their new roles on the team.

What makes things even more interesting is how there is only one senior for the upcoming season, Diane Senkowski. Senkowski played in six games last year, tallying 106 minutes, including three games against Big Ten opposition.

Senkowski hasn't always been a focal point on the field for the team, but her dedication and effort shown in practice may elevate her to a bigger role this season.

"Senkowski does a great job leading in a different way," head coach Dave DiIanni said. "It's unique having only one senior and understanding what she does in her own regard in how she leads."

With that in mind, some of the juniors are having to step up for the upcoming season and become the main leaders of the team. With such a strong senior class last season, the current juniors have been given the proper tools to succeed.

"We've had a group that we've been working with for the last year that have learned, listened and followed the group that left," DiIanni said.

When talking to the players and coaches, it became clear that some of the players stood out among their peers in the locker room and on the pitch. Sara Wheaton, Hailey Rydberg,

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A REVIVAL ON WHEELS:

roller skating



PHOTOS BY MEGAN CONROY
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Roller skating quickly became a trend during the early months of COVID-19, gaining popularity on social media such as TikTok. But for those who lace up and skate, it's far more than a trend.

BY MEGAN CONROY
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Sunshine poured onto the pavement as Ellie Zupancic whirred past skateboarders on her slightly faded, white roller skates. She dropped into the graffiti-laden concrete bowl of the Iowa City Skatepark, wind whipping her blonde hair behind her as she glided effortlessly over the smooth stone.

Inspired by people she saw roller skating on TikTok, the University of Iowa senior decided to pursue the trend and buy a pair of her own skates. That was in April, and she has yet to favor a normal pair of shoes over ones with wheels.

Zupancic bought her skates on a whim, — as she does with many of her purchases — but this buy, in particular, has become part of her daily life. She said she considers herself one of the lucky ones who bought her skates just before they started selling out en masse online.

Having taught herself how to roller skate on the hardwood floors of her living room, the skater now frequents the Iowa City and Oskaloosa skate parks at night when it's cooler outside.

Due to the increase in demand for skates in the spring of 2020, online stores such as Moxi and Impala very quickly sold out in May and are frequently still sold out in September.

During the spring and summer, roller-skating erupted on TikTok as the hottest pandemic trend. Thousands of videos — many featuring young women like 29-year-old Ana Coto, who has amassed 2 million followers on the app — gracefully gliding down the street on skates with upbeat music in the background dominated “For You” pages across the nation.

On social media, professional roller skaters and dancers like Oumi Janta have gained thousands of followers on Instagram and furthered the trend's influence.

The trend marks a revival in the activity's popularity, which also previously exploded both in Amer-

ica's disco age and the 80s.

Iowa City then was also no exception. A July 1986 edition of *The Daily Iowan* details a revival of roller skating, when Iowa City Recreation Center offered skating and music from six to eight o'clock on Saturday nights free of charge. Similar to the revival of 2020, skaters were picking up the hobby in the 80s to get out and explore in the summer weather.

“The warmer temperatures are leading some pleasure seekers to glide their time away on roller-skates — an activity that one local merchant claims has been “revived” in Iowa City,” wrote then *DI* staff

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MUSIC

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• SUMMER OF THE ARTS FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES, DAVE ZOLLO, 7 P.M., ONLINE EVENT

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• DOWNTOWN FALL SIDEWALK SALES, 10 A.M., 220 E WASHINGTON STREET

SATURDAY 09.12

MISC

• SATURDAYS AT THE STANLEY: "FOLLOW HER LEAD," 2 P.M., ONLINE EVENT

• DOWNTOWN FALL SIDEWALK SALES, 10 A.M., 220 E WASHINGTON STREET

SUNDAY 09.13

MUSIC

• CRUMBS, 4 P.M., ONLINE EVENT

• DOWNTOWN FALL SIDEWALK SALES, 10 A.M., 220 E WASHINGTON STREET

YOUR WEEKEND PLAYLIST



Autumn Ambience



SONG	ARTIST	ALBUM
Like Real People Do	Hozier	Hozier
Back to Autumn	Tall Heights	Holding On, Holding Out
Changes	Langhorne Slim, The Law	The Spirit Moves
Harvest Moon	Widowspeak (cover)	Single
Old Pine	Ben Howard	Every Kingdom
Sweater Weather	The Neighbourhood	I Love You.
No Woman	Whitney	Light Upon the Lake
Best Part (feat. H.E.R.)	Daniel Caesar, H.E.R.	Freudian
Slow Dancing in a Burning Room	John Mayer	Continuum
Banana Pancakes	Jack Johnson	In Between Dreams
Claudia	FINNEAS	Single
Strawberries & Cigarettes	Troye Sivan	Single
Paris in the Rain	Lauv	I met you when I was 18. (the playlist)
Budapest	George Ezra	Wanted on Voyage
Cough Syrup	Young the Giant	Young The Giant (Special Edition)
Past Lives	BØRNS	dopamine
Life Itself	Glass Animals	How To Be A Human Being
Sent from My Toyota Tacoma	Hospital Bracelet	Neutrality Acoustic
Caring is Creepy	The Shins	Oh, Inverted World
Bambina	Vampire Weekend	Father of the Bride
New Slang	The Shins	Oh, Inverted World

THIS WEEK IN STREAMING



Raised by Wolves

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The end of life on Earth has always been a hot topic for artists to write and theorize about. HBO Max's original TV series *Raised by Wolves* tackles this idea with a new twist: What if androids were the sole reason for human survival on a new planet? That the human race could survive on a new planet? That is exactly what the HBO Max original TV series, *Raised by Wolves*, which debuted on Sept. 3, explores.

The show takes us far away from an Earth previously obliterated during a war between atheists and believers. Two androids and a small array of human children born on the new planet are the last hope for the survival of the human race. While the world is challenging the group makes do — that is until an unknown spaceship makes its way into the atmosphere.

Not only do the writers handle

heavy topics — like the end of the world — but they also take on writing about the long battle between belief systems. Both of these topics are uniquely handled in the show and seem to bring new light onto what could happen if humans went to an extreme while battling between different belief systems.

The show is also packed with action and tension — caused by the ever-present notion that a spaceship is rapidly nearing the planet. The viewer is stuck not knowing just who the real antagonists are in the show, and the shows are written to keep them on their toes, constantly.

There would be nothing more terrifying than living on a planet and not knowing what can inhabit it. That is certainly the case in *Raised by Wolves*, when the creatures inhabiting the new planet start to target the children at night.

The androids are the heart of the mission to save the human race, but is the viewer going to side with the androids or against them?

THIS WEEK IN REVIEW: Lucifer

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Some people fear going to Hell, but in this Netflix show, others prefer Hell over Los Angeles.

Lucifer tells the fictional story of the Devil (played by Tom Ellis), who lives as a club-owning British man in Los Angeles. Lucifer works for the Los Angeles Police Department as a consultant to Detective Chloe Decker (Lauren German), which intertwines their lives.

The first four seasons take viewers through a plot filled with deities, crime-solving, and romance. Although season five's production was cut short in March by the COVID-19 pandemic, eight episodes were still able to

be released onto Netflix on Aug. 28. Although short, it definitely measured up to the greatness of previous seasons.

Season five opens with Lucifer — or what appears to be Lucifer — returning from Hell. Early in the season, however, Chloe realizes the stranger is actually Lucifer's twin, Michael, who wants to steal his brother's life while Lucifer babysits the souls in Hell.

Although *Lucifer* is a show about deities and immortality, the characters all deal with human feelings and situations in season five. Lucifer, cocky as he is, is troubled with self-loathing and intimacy issues. Angel Amenadiel (D.B. Woodside) struggles with feeling inadequate when it

comes to protecting his son Charlie. Demon Mazikeen (Lesley-Ann Brandt) deals with abandonment issues from her mother and ex-girlfriend.

Season five's emotional turmoil is weaved seamlessly within LAPD homicide cases solved by Chloe, forensics expert Ella (Aimee Garcia), and Lucifer. Contrary to other seasons, Lucifer does actual police work in season five — and quite well. This season deals a serial killer called the Whisper Killer, but also a thread of murders on the set of a TV show based on Lucifer's life, called 'El Diablo.'

The most intricate, and arguably the best episode of the season is the fourth, "It Never Ends Well for the Chicken." The episode trav-

els back to 1946 New York City where Lucifer visits his old friend Lily Rose (also played by Brandt), Mazikeen's mother. When Lucifer tells Chloe's daughter Trixie (Scarlett Estevez) a story, the noir narrative about Lucifer's first investigation when Lily Rose's ring is stolen unfolds.

Each regular universe character plays a 1946 character. The complex storyline details how Mazikeen's mother gave up her immortality, which Trixie tells Mazikeen for a small fee. The secret drives a wedge between Lucifer and Mazikeen, which plays out until the last episode.

Season five ends on a cliffhanger with an epic battle between Mazikeen and Michael vs. Lucifer and

Amenadiel. Episode eight ends abruptly when the viewer comes face-to-face with Lucifer's dad — God (Dennis Haysbert) who ceases the battle.

The rest of season five is aimed to be in production at the end of September, but there's no secure date for when the rest of the tale will be streaming on Netflix.



TOM ELLIS AS LUCIFER

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SKATE

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writer Susan Stoga.

While the pandemic caused many to learn or re-learn the activity, many newer skaters have also used the trend as an opportunity to inform, especially during a particularly prominent summer in the fight for racial justice.

Many newer skaters like 22-year-old Sam Urlis of Iowa City are quick to speak about roller-skating's bleaker history and the sport's prevalence in Black culture long before TikTok. Information spread quickly on the platform and other social media that many roller rinks nationwide were segregated in the 50s and 60s, despite the activity being majorly embedded in Black culture throughout history. Even later on, many rinks still enforced rules that specifically targeted Black skaters.

Urlis has been skating for a few years, but in the past few months picked it back up again. She only recently discovered the history of roller skating in Black culture and hopes that more people will look into it so the cultural importance is not erased.

"It's good to know the origins of the popularity of [skating], so that white people aren't just running around like, 'Look at this cool thing I made trendy' when they're not the first," Urlis said.

Iowa City lacks indoor rinks, but local

skaters still buy their skates and take to the open spaces around town, like the skate park, parking lots, or Terry Trueblood Recreation Park.

Third year UI student Lisa Gachara often takes her bright white-and-pink skates out for a spin along the Iowa River and around trails in City Park, where she likes to practice tricks — like skating backwards — in a more private setting.

Gachara and her cousin each bought a pair of roller skates together back in April at a sporting goods store in California. The two were home at the time due to the pandemic's closures of schools and universities across the country.

While Gachara has been skating since elementary school, she said picking the hobby back up again during a time when most people were encouraged to stay indoors allowed her to get out and exercise in a way that also allowed her to de-stress. Whether out on her own with a pair of headphones or skating alongside her cousin down the streets in California, she said it was a great way for her to relax.

"I really like the fact that it gets me moving," she said. "I'm able to be outside for long periods of time, but I'm also just enjoying the scenery and de-stressing from whatever the day may hold. When I was back at home, it was kind of away for my cousin and I to bond after a long day."

With the sounds of R&B or Kenyan afro-pop band Sauti Sol in her ears, some of Gachara's favorite things about skating

now around Iowa City is seeing the increase of new skaters out on the sidewalks.

"It's so fun to pass by people on the street who are also skating and just have that mutual sense of, 'Oh my goodness, we're both out here doing this. I really admire you for that, you're really cool,'" she said. "And to just like, look at each other and say all those things with one look, and then just continue on is really fun."

Gachara may still be learning every day, but she said the activity gives her a moment to herself to get away. Even with scrapes on her knees, elbows, and chin from taking some skatepark spills, Zupanic has found a sense of freedom in roller-skating with the breeze blowing over her, whether it's down the road or in the park. She said that when she puts her skates on, all thoughts about the stressors in her life disappear until she goes home.

Zupanic encourages anyone who wants to buy skates, as there is an excellent community in it.

"A huge part of [skating for me] is the community of people. It's mostly skateboarders for me because that's mostly who comes to the skate park besides nine years on scooters, but it's a little family of people I would have never anticipated. Everyone is so supportive, helping, and hyping each other up. We've got each others' backs," she said.

Josie Fischels contributed to this story.



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COLUMN

Big Six Film Studios must make new releases streamable

Major film studios are complicit in the spread of COVID-19 by not releasing their films for streaming.

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As far as cinematic releases go, the film industry has returned to business as usual despite COVID-19 cases rising nationwide. Major film studios have generally been opposed to releasing their new films to streaming services, so this comes as no surprise to cinephiles.

It's also no secret that studios that have chosen to release their films exclusively to theaters are doing so to increase profits. Tickets are set at a per-person cost, which studios get a cut of, while streamed films are rented or purchased at a flat rate and can be viewed by multiple people.

Movies currently only available in theaters include *The New Mutants*, *Unhinged*, *Tenet*, and more.

The Big Six Studios — Sony, 20th Century Fox, Warner Bros., Universal Studios, Disney, and Paramount — are all estimated to be worth billions. According to *The Observer*, box office sales are predicted to fall by 70 percent, which will amount to a loss of about \$3.5 billion in ticket sales for the industry. However, each of the Big Six are worth well over that much money, so the losses are far from ruining them.

While I acknowledge that movie theaters themselves are in need of funding after taking a hit from COVID-19, the major studios are not financially struggling. The portion of ticket sales that goes to theaters isn't a selfless choice out of the goodness of studios' hearts.

It's well within their budget to make their newest films available on streaming services upon release

without threatening their ability to produce films. Any of these studios refusing to do so puts profit before safety and punishes movie lovers who put their health or the health of their loved ones first.

In addition to ostracizing movie lovers, the decision to only release films to theaters has also affected film critics. Currently, the most notorious example of this was film critics' refusal to review *The New Mutants*, Disney's most recent cinematic release.

Critics said only being offered public viewings, opposed to socially distanced private screenings or digital screenings, is a risk to their health that they aren't willing to take.

Ultimately, these for-profit decisions are bad for everyone, studios included. Viewers should not be asked to pick between their health or entertainment, especially when entertainment is needed now more than ever. Critics should not be asked to put their health on the line to do their jobs.

Additionally, I believe that bad press and losing the opportunity to gain a streaming audience during a pandemic is going to hurt studios more than help them. Their actions won't go unnoticed by audiences.

These studios need to offer virtual viewing options upon release. If not for the safety of their audience, they should do it for their reputations.

It's easy to push the blame onto those who chose to see movies in-person, because they are partially at fault, but these studios have the opportunity to make communities a safer place by releasing films for streaming. They should take it.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Graphic designer creates powerful T-shirts

UI senior Noah Neal designs his own graphic T-shirts and sells them online and at a local Iowa City business and donates many of the proceeds to charities.

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Inspired by peers and the variety of art mediums around

him, University of Iowa art and creative writing major Noah Neal found himself enrolling in multiple art classes in high school, determined to

get an “easy A” and have a few more credits under his belt.

Neal had no idea that these classes would allow him to discover a lifelong passion,

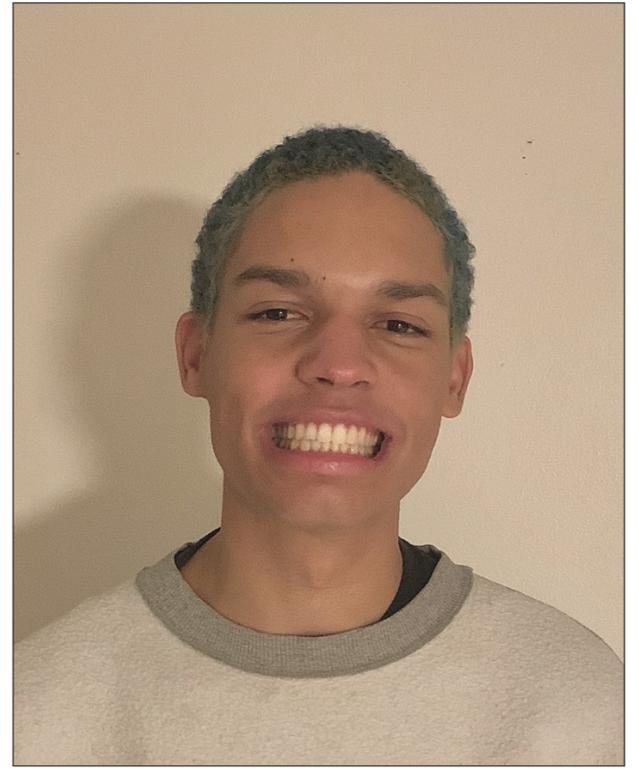
and eventually lead him to start a local business in his own residence based on his major’s emphasis — graphic design.

During his senior year, Neal began working with Adobe’s graphic software and learned how to screen print. He then started working with other artists’ designs and recreated them online, which led him to design an array of posters, album covers, and T-shirts, and eventually starting up his own business.

The artist described his design style as “colorful, vivid, collaborative-driven, and inherently political.” His primary focus has been on his graphically designed T-shirts. The pieces he creates are also inspired by current events.

Neal said printing is a time-consuming and meticulous process. The designer and his friend Logan Speer (@loganisleaving) do it all themselves — screen printing each design by hand.

He described the process as “a game of telephone.” First, the designer digitizes the physical artwork, adding his own stylistic flair to the previously physical design. Then, the design is printed on clear paper to create a film positive. This film positive is



Portrait of Noah Neal

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transparent and allows for the digital design to transfer to the T-shirt. The design is then printed onto the shirt using a screen-printing machine.

“Screen printing is so interesting ... it is stretched, twisted and manipulated so much that [the] final product is so satisfying to me,” Neal said.

The artist’s most recent work is an “anti-fed” collection in collaboration with Speer and artist Casey Gartlan (@caseygrtln). The shirts deliver powerful messages against police forces. The idea was sparked a year ago for the trio, but recent events involving significant racial inequities pushed them to release the collection in August.

Local Iowa City boutique White Rabbit Gallery sold many of Noah’s shirts from this collection, along with his previous graphic designs and prints.

“[White Rabbit] is super community-oriented and so supportive of local artists,” Ne-

al said. “I am mainly to thank Casey for getting me connected with their business.”

Neal said that he hopes to continue partnering with White Rabbit and releasing future work.

Neal added that he donates his proceeds to causes he believes in. For his anti-fed collection, he donated 40 percent of the proceeds to the Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition and another 40 percent to the Okra Project. Both charities help people of color who are in need and provide them with valuable resources.

With every collection he has released, Neal has found different charities and organizations to donate to, like the Minneapolis Freedom Fund after George Floyd’s murder.

“I think it’s extremely important to donate both globally and locally,” he said. “... I find organizations who want to better serve their communities, especially when it

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FACT 1

For most people, the immediate risk of becoming seriously ill from the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low.

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19.

As with other viral respiratory infections, the risk for people with HIV getting very sick is greatest in:

- People with a low CD4 cell count
- People not on HIV treatment (antiretroviral therapy or ART)

FEVER



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There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Insure that you refill and take all of your medications as prescribed
- Stay home as much as possible

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You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms.

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

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