



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Stay-at-home order to go on

Gov. Pritzker extends nonessential business and school closings till April's end

NATION

US tops China in grim stat: Deaths

Trump tells public to brace for 'rough two-week period'

BY COLLEEN LONG, KAREN MATTHEWS AND DAVID RISING
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — The U.S. death toll from the coronavirus climbed past 3,800 Tuesday, eclipsing China's official count, as hard-hit New York City rushed to bring in more medical professionals and ambulances and parked refrigerated morgue trucks on the streets to collect the dead.

The crisis hit close to home for Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who reported teary-eyed that his brother, CNN anchor Chris Cuomo, was infected.

The governor pronounced the disaster unlike any other the city has weathered: "This is ongoing and the duration itself is debilitating and exhausting and depressing."

According to a tally kept by Johns Hopkins University, the United States had more than 188,000 infections, with more dead than China's official toll of about 3,300. More than 6,000 people in the U.S. have recovered from the illness.

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Cadets are sworn in at a Chicago Fire Department ceremony to graduate 34 paramedics ahead of schedule on Tuesday.

Deaths and economic pain rise, but state hasn't 'seen the peak'

BY DAN PETRELLA AND JAMIE MUNKS

April is canceled too, Illinois.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Tuesday he's extending his stay-at-home order through April 30 as part of the state's effort to slow the spread of the new coronavirus, bringing Illinois in line with the federal government's latest recommendations. The govern-

nor's order will also keep schools closed until the end of the month.

A little more than a week into a new world of safe distancing and keeping up with family and friends through Zoom and FaceTime, Pritzker's announcement drives home the reality that the crisis likely will only intensify before any sense of normalcy returns.

Acknowledging the missed paychecks and lost

jobs that have resulted from his decision to close down "nonessential" businesses, Pritzker said he's been guided by the advice of experts in his actions to slow the spread of COVID-19.

"Each step we have been forced to take by this pandemic has made things more challenging for our residents," Pritzker said at his daily news conference. "The cascading conse-

quences of these steps weigh on me every minute of every day.

"But as I've said since the beginning, my priority through each and every one of these decisions has been and continues to be saving as many lives as possible. That's the one goal that I will put above all others, every time."

On Tuesday, officials reported 937 known new cases and 26 deaths. That's

the highest number of daily deaths reported since the outbreak began. There now have been 5,994 known infections and 99 deaths statewide since the start of the outbreak. Cases have been confirmed in more than half of Illinois' 102 counties.

Pritzker said he intends to sign an extension of the stay-at-home order

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EDUCATION

Digital divide hurts students at home

It's 'a poverty issue, pure and simple'

BY JENNIFER SMITH RICHARDS, JODI S. COHEN AND HARU CORYNE

This story is a collaboration between the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois.

To encourage learning while schools are shut down, Illinois education officials have gathered online tools for educators and promoted the hashtag #keeplearning.

Some students in Illinois, however, won't be able to watch their teacher conduct live science experiments or download a story time video. They don't have a computer or high-speed internet at home, or a cellphone data plan that would support it.

A Chicago Tribune-ProPublica Illinois analysis found digital inequities across the state, the effects of which will be exacerbated as families are isolated

inside their homes during the coronavirus pandemic. In more than 500 of the state's roughly 3,100 census tracts, there were fewer than 600 quality connections per 1,000 residents, accounting for a significant portion of Illinois geography. At least 54 census tracts had even lower rates of connectivity as of the end of 2017, the analysis showed.

The Federal Communications Commission surveys the nation's fixed internet service availability by collecting data through internet service providers twice a year. It defines fixed high-speed internet connections as those with adequate bandwidth to upload or download.

So if a provider offers service at least that fast for at least one household on a census-defined block, the entire area is considered

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A pedestrian walks by a rent strike sign last Wednesday near a Metra stop in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood.

City can't enact a rent freeze

Many Chicagoans are joining a growing call for a rent strike. The state's ban on rent regulations means the mayor doesn't have the authority to enact a rent freeze. **Page 6**

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HUMAN TOLL

A life together and death hours apart

Virus claims Skokie couple in their 80s

BY CHRISTY GUTOWSKI

A Skokie couple who emigrated decades ago from Ukraine to begin a new life together in America have died, just hours apart, both infected by the coronavirus.

Feliks Ogorodnik, 88, and his wife, Luiza, 84, died Saturday at Glenbrook Hospital in Glenview.

They are the first married couple in Illinois whom authorities publicly identified to have died during the pandemic from causes related to the disease. They came to the United States from Ukraine more than 20 years ago after one of their daughters met and fell in love with an American. Both became citizens and worked hard to learn English and experience the



FAMILY PHOTO

Feliks Ogorodnik, 88, and his wife, Luiza, 84, of Skokie, came to the US decades ago from Ukraine.

LIVES LOST: COVID-19 already has claimed the lives of dozens across Illinois. Behind the grim statistics, many of those lost were people who called the Chicago area home: members of local families caught up in a global pandemic. The Tribune is attempting to gather as many of their stories as possible, compiled by reporters from across the newsroom. **Obituaries in Business**, Page 5

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The winners in our contest were to be announced April 1. But announcing those winners seems so beside the point during the shutdown, when you can't go out to enjoy them fully. So we have decided to postpone that announcement until after the area's restaurants and bars can open again. In the meantime, please consider supporting your local restaurants and bars by ordering delivery and pickup (our database lists more than 1,300 at chicagotribune.com/dining), and the fundraisers launched by many of them.

— Joe Gray, Food & Dining Editor

"He Had It Coming: Four Murderous Women and the Reporter Who Immortalized Their Stories"

"Chicago The Musical" has played on Broadway for more than 9,600 performances since it premiered on Nov. 14, 1996, yet not many people know the characters of Roxie Hart, Velma Kelly and others are inspired by real women. Their stories were captured by Tribune reporters including Maurine Watkins, who worked at the newspaper for just eight months in 1924. Watkins drew on her access to women accused of murder inside Cook County Jail to write a three-act play that later became "Chicago." For the first time in almost a century, see photos of these real women that were discovered by Tribune photo department. This new book also includes original newspaper clippings, Watkins' stories and new analysis written by Tribune reporter Kori Rumore, film critic Michael Phillips, theater critic Chris Jones and columnists Heidi Stevens and Rick Kogan.

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Crown Fountain, at Millennium Park and Michigan Avenue in Chicago, is devoid of activity on March 24.



JOHN KASS

Emptiness makes for pandemic's lasting image

When terrorists strike, or a natural disaster rushes up on us, there are images we remember, photos we recognize. Our minds wrap easily around them and we say, yes, this is what that is. We know what this is.

Cops standing in the street near a body, mothers weeping, tells of murder. The all-too-familiar impromptu shrines of balloons and teddy bears in a parkway after yet another child is murdered in the gang wars, and we know, instantly. Or, after a tornado, a photo of torn lumber in a yard where a house once stood. In the rubble, a child's toy. And you know.

The remains of a house washed away in a hurricane. The agony of human suffering in one of the endless wars. After terrorists strike, there come images of smoke, people running, police lights in the darkness. These are not abstractions.

But as we sit in our homes waiting out the coronavirus, staying in place so as not to infect others or ourselves, we become isolated and live our virtual lives, on our screens. And there is no iconic image, as yet, that brings with it a thousand words of understanding that says: This is coronavirus.

For weeks now, the images we receive on our screens in our isolation are abstract: The empty spaces of the great cities; graphs of numbers of infected and dead; politicians holding briefings and discussing their plans.

And, as always, we see images of people in masks keeping their distance, furtive and anonymous.

News videos of the hauntingly empty spaces in the great cities are particularly eerie. The best of these, I think, comes from Chicago Tribune photographer Zbigniew Bzdak. A true artist, Bzdak guided a camera-equipped drone above the city, showing us the vast negative space that defines Chicago without people.

But creating art that sears your soul isn't merely a technical feat of flying a drone and snapping photos. It's the choices Bzdak makes that burn through. He gives us the empty

streets, yes, but he also offers up the lonely Crown Fountain in Chicago's Millennium Park, designed by the Catalan artist Jaume Plensa.

The fountain is a black granite reflecting pool separating two 50-foot towers made of glass bricks. The towers present digital video of human faces. That fountain is always crowded.

Yet now, the large faces on the glass bricks look at nothing. And no one looks at them.

Without people, the fountain fits neatly into an apocalyptic story of some great and failed civilization, the video faces on the towers unable to tell us who gathered there, what kind of beings they'd been, why they disappeared.

While memorable, it may not be concrete enough to become a universal image for the pandemic. It is the lack of a common, iconic image that makes processing the coronavirus so difficult for many of us.

The deaths in the hospitals aren't abstract. But we don't see them. These are isolated, private deaths, so private that their loved ones can't be near. The victims of coronavirus die surrounded by gloved and masked strangers, not even a priest to hear a confession at the end, and without the last touch of flesh.

And later, from some other place, a public official offers dry pro forma condolences and reads out the numbers of the dead and infected.

But now there is something that isn't abstract, something you can put your brain around. I noticed it in a news photo.

It was of a truck. The truck was parked outside a hospital in New York, a refrigeration truck, the back doors of it open as if it were a wide mouth waiting to be fed. Will this be the iconic image of the coronavirus?

Unfortunately, I think so. I had hoped that the iconic image of the pandemic would be something uplifting, a candle lit against the darkness, an Easter lily, or daffodils and

winter crocuses pushing through to the light.

As Christians now in the period of Lent approach Easter, many aren't merely fasting or avoiding a luxury like chocolate or whiskey. They're deep in the process of weighing and scraping down their souls.

And so, thinking this column through, I took a long walk with my dog, Zeus, on empty streets as a light rain fell in the morning. I listened to the oldest songs I know, Greek Orthodox chants of the lamentations that are sung on Holy Friday.

And I thought about those trucks outside hospitals.

You don't need to see the cargo. You already know what's in there, wrapped in cloth and plastic, irrevocably still.

They're sending refrigeration trucks to New York, and I'm sure they'll send them to Chicago. They'll be ready if they're needed.

If you were in Chicago during the heat wave of 1995, you saw trucks just like the one outside the New York hospital. The heat came so hard, so fast, that the elderly living alone had no chance. City Hall was unprepared, but then, all governments are unprepared when something like this hits them.

The elderly had been afraid to leave their homes. They kept their windows locked or had them nailed shut, as many poor people do in crime-ridden neighborhoods. Their homes became like ovens. And the trucks filled up.

There is nothing abstract about a refrigeration truck. It does not exist in some negative space. It is heavy, dense, real. We know what it is, and we know what it says to us: This is coronavirus.

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A pandemic, a professor and a duck's sweet tale



MARY SCHMICH

Honey returned to the Botany Pond at the University of Chicago in the first week of March, shortly before the coronavirus pandemic chased almost everyone off campus.

From his lab in a 19th century building overlooking the water, Jerry Coyne could see her, a female mallard with unique black mottling on her orange bill, and he was elated. This would be his fourth year of feeding and nurturing Honey as she nested and gave birth, a task that kindled a feeling in him that he calls "maternal."

But almost as soon as Honey came back, a rumor spread: To guard against the new coronavirus, everyone but essential researchers would be sent home. Coyne, professor emeritus in the Department of Ecology & Evolution, was unlikely to qualify. What if he lost access to the pond? To Honey?

"I started feeling very anxious," Coyne says. "I decided, I gotta go to the top."

That night, in bed with his laptop, he wrote a letter to the university's president and provost. With apologies for bothering them with a trivial request in the midst of a crisis, he typed:

"What I would like to ask is whether, if the campus closes and I am not considered an essential research worker, I would still be allowed to visit the pond at least twice a day to feed the ducks. This is a solitary activity and nobody helps me, nor would I stand near anybody else."

A few plaintive sentences later, he pushed "Send."

"I couldn't sleep that night," he says, "I was so worried they would say no."

The Botany Pond is a small body of water nestled at the foot of two neo-Gothic buildings, a quiet spot set off the sidewalk, shady in spring and summer once the trees are in leaf and bloom. It has attracted migratory ducks for more than a century. It has attracted Honey since at least 2017, which was when Coyne noticed her and her four babies from his window.

"Why don't I feed them?" he thought, and so he bought some high-grade duck chow, and took it down to the pond a couple of times a day.

Over the next few weeks, Honey became so tame she'd eat out of his hand and answer his special whistle. He made sure her babies were protected from predators. He thrilled to watch them grow into teenagers



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jerry Coyne, an emeritus professor at the University of Chicago, feeds migratory ducks on Botany Pond on the campus in Hyde Park.

— "scruffy and ugly" — and learn to fly.

"I swore that no duck would die," he says, "and none of them did."

When breeding season was over that year, Honey and her kids disappeared to who knew where. Coyne guesses they hit the Mississippi Flyway, the bird migration route that extends from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada, and he figured he'd never see Honey — named for her color — again. She might get shot by hunters or die of old age and, really, it was too much to hope that she'd find her way back to a little pond in Chicago.

But the next year, as miraculous and reliable as spring itself, Honey returned. Coyne was sure it was her because of her distinct bill, which he has photographed extensively, and because she heeded his whistle.

Once again, he fed her and watched out for her as she nested on a high window ledge. When her eggs hatched he helped care for her ducklings, tiny creatures that seemed to him as light as potato chips.

That year, two of the ducklings died — one in his hands — but eight made it. And once again, when they were strong enough,

they disappeared into the sky. And once again, the following spring, Honey came back.

"It was like seeing an old friend again — or rather, a family member — who has gone on a long and perilous journey," he says.

At the pond, Coyne became a minor celebrity, the eager and talkative guy who explained ducks to passing school kids and handed them good duck chow so they could feed the ducks something better than Cheetos and Doritos. Taking care of the ducks, in his view, was a community affair.

That's the case he made a few days ago in his late-night letter to the president and provost.

"There is an old Jewish saying that goes, 'If you have saved one life it is as if you saved the world,'" he wrote. "Some of my colleagues say, 'Well, they're just ducks,' but their lives are important to themselves, to me, and, I think, to our University community."

After a fitful night's sleep, he woke up to a reply from President Robert Zimmer:

"I fully sympathize with the view that they are not 'just ducks'. Please take care of

them, 'our ducks', as you have been. We are appreciative of this.

Stay well, and with best wishes, Bob"

So three times a day during this pandemic, Coyne goes to the pond to feed the ducks. As it turns out, the campus, though quiet, isn't fully locked down. People wander by occasionally to look at Honey, who is there this year with a male escort and another mallard — Coyne calls her Dorothy — who may be Honey's daughter.

Coyne keeps his distance from the other duck-watchers. At 70, he is, in his words, "officially old" and officially at high risk from the virus, but he worries more about going to the grocery store than to the pond.

Yes, he knows ducks are not people. But he also knows that people and ducks are more connected, and more alike, than it may seem, and that in a time of fear and death, it's important to do whatever we can, each in our own way, to help and celebrate life.

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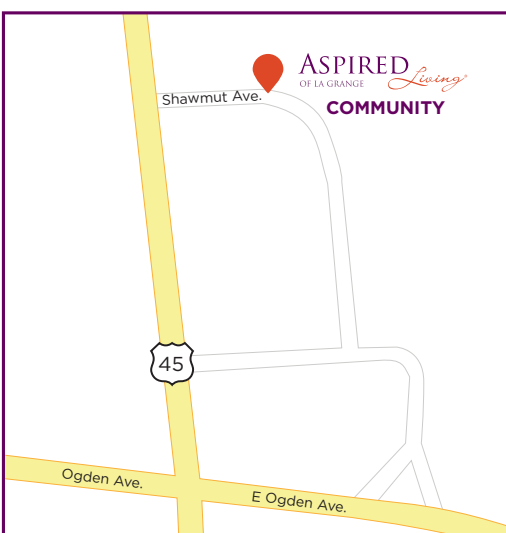
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Face it. We're all a little afraid of Lori Lightfoot



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Mayor Lori Lightfoot seems to be everywhere. When she's not being interviewed on CNN, she is popping up in places where she's least expected — like watching over the city from the Navy Pier Ferris wheel or hovering over us atop the Willis Tower.

The memes poking fun at our mayor have made us laugh at time when little seems funny anymore. She's getting a kick out of humor too. She released a video Tuesday mocking herself playing the guitar and baking, urging Chicagoans to stay at home.

That says a lot about the kind of mayor she is.

In her debut as a big city politician, Lightfoot has exhibited an unwavering sense of authority during the coronavirus pandemic, while refusing to take herself too seriously. In the process, she has shown that she is as imperfect as we are, which actually makes her seem more human.

Even with her wealth of political power, she has made it clear that she cannot save us from the virus — unless we are

Yes, Lightfoot is tough, blunt and sometimes unforgiving. But she's also fair.

committed to saving ourselves.

Lightfoot is just the person we need at our city's helm at this moment. When she speaks, we listen because frankly, we're a little afraid not to.

She warned us that if we didn't stay at home, she'd shut down the lakefront. And when some of people chose to test her resolve, that's exactly what she did.

There is a sternness to her that lets us know that despite her small stature, she is someone to be reckoned with. She has no tolerance for nonsense, and we have seen her "lose it" when someone under her command misbehaves.

Remember how she abruptly fired police Superintendent Eddie Johnson because he lied to her? She just walked up to the lectern one day and, with no emotion in her voice, announced that he was terminated, effective immediately.

When city Treasurer Melissa Conyers-Ervin insisted that she needed a security detail, Lightfoot told her to call 911 if she or someone on her staff felt threatened.

In her inauguration speech, Lightfoot charged that aldermanic privilege "breeds corruption." Ald. Ray Lopez later called her combative style "petty and vindictive" and claimed she had "mean-mugged" all of them as being corrupt and evil.

Yes, Lightfoot is tough, blunt and sometimes unforgiving. But she's also fair. When necessary, she has the unique ability to balance firmness with compas-

sion. She doesn't smile a lot, but her actions show that there is a kindness there.

During this crisis, she hasn't forgotten the immigrants who are living in the city without documentation. Along with other residents who have lost their jobs, they will be eligible for the \$1,000 city grants to help with rent and mortgage payments.

The mayor worked with the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago to provide shelter for homeless people living on the streets. The city is also providing hotel rooms for police officers, paramedics and firefighters so that these first responders won't risk infecting their family members at home.

She created a new provision in the city budget that allowed her to consolidate coronavirus expenses and move money around without City Council approval. With a different type of mayor, such a move would be questionable. While we must monitor what happens with the money, we trust that she will do the right thing.

With no political footprint, Lightfoot doesn't have the excess baggage that longtime politicians carry. She isn't beholden to any special interest group, so it's easier to presume that her decisions are made in the best interest of the city.

Though we might not agree with everything she does, we know that she's smart.

That doesn't mean she knows everything or that she doesn't sometimes get things wrong. But when she's stuck, she consults with people who have the answers.

Lightfoot was reluctant to close Chicago Public Schools, fearing that so many of our children would miss out on education and the support services the system provides.

That was a mistake. As this pandemic goes on, she will likely make others.

Watching her these past few weeks reminded me of my mother. It's not that we need a mayor who mothers us, but we do need someone who isn't afraid to trade off likability in order to do what is right, though it might seem unreasonable at the time.

Several years ago, while visiting my parents for Christmas, my friend and I parked in front of their house after a date. It was past midnight, and we were sitting in the car talking when the front porch light flashed on, revealing my elderly mother standing in the doorway in her nightgown.

"You can either come in this house right now, or don't bother to come in at all," she shouted. My friend and I looked at each other and chuckled. Though I was in my late 20s, I promptly got out of the car and went inside. Otherwise, my mother was going to lock me out.

Having a mother who is a little bit "crazy" tends to keep you on the straight and narrow because you never know how far she might go. She was extremely sweet, but she had no qualms about embarrassing me.

Nor does our mayor. And because of those memes, we know she's watching us from every nook and cranny in the city.

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Scrap cars are hoisted and processed in early February at General Iron Industries recycling plant in Chicago.

Neighbors fear pollution from N. Side shredder

They worry staying at home makes them only raises their exposure

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

Much of Chicago is shut down during the COVID-19 pandemic, but a North Side company with a long history of pollution problems is still shredding flattened cars, twisted rebar and used appliances every day.

Neighbors are livid.

They have been complaining for years about metallic odors from General Iron Industries, a scrap yard sandwiched between the densely populated Bucktown and Lincoln Park neighborhoods. With Chicagoans under orders to stay home until April 30, many are worried their exposure to air pollution could make people more susceptible to a dangerous coronavirus that attacks the lungs and upper-respiratory tract.

"This operation is putting those most vulnerable in our community in jeopardy," said Lara Compton, a Lincoln Park resident and organizer of a community group called Clean The North Branch, which began encouraging neighbors last week to email complaints to Gov. J.B. Pritzker and state lawmakers.

Heightened concerns about the scrap shredder come as the Trump administration relaxes enforcement of environmental laws in response to the pandemic, a move that allows industries nationwide to determine for themselves if they are able to monitor and report the release of hazardous air pollution.

General Iron, which has been targeted by federal environmental regulators three times since the 1990s, is allowed to continue operating under recycling and solid waste exemptions from Pritzker's order forcing nonessential businesses to remain closed to help prevent coronavirus infections.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's administration agrees that scrap yards can stay open, even though the city has cited General Iron with health code violations seven times since December.

The facility's new owner warned last week of "dire consequences" if General Iron stopped shredding scrap metal, including a surge of appliances piled up in

alleys and the lack of a market for low-income peddlers who line up daily next to semitrailers carrying wrecked vehicles.

"GII's products are necessary raw materials used by steel manufacturers and iron and nonferrous foundries in the production of all manner of metal goods," Steve Joseph, the chief executive of Ohio-based Reserve Management Group, wrote in a March 24 letter to the city's assistant health commissioner. "Limiting the supply of raw materials will result in a corresponding reduction of overall manufacturing capacity."

The scrap yard is one of the last industries on a stretch of the Chicago River that during the last century was dominated by steel mills and leather tanneries. It now stands out in a strip of riverfront parcels acquired by Chicago-based Sterling Bay for the Lincoln Yards mixed-use redevelopment.

Like the facility's neighbors, a city health inspector has cataloged "untreated emissions" escaping General Iron's pair of riverfront scrap shredders near Clybourn Avenue and Cortland Street.

During seven days in December and January, the inspector described smelling "the pungent odor of sweet metal that burns my nostrils." She also documented residue from the scrap yard littering sidewalks outside General Iron, including shards of metal, glass and plastic that by law should be dumped in a landfill.

Each of the inspection reports suggested that recently installed equipment required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is failing to properly control noxious emissions from the scrap shredders.

The findings concern Serap Erdal, a University of Illinois at Chicago researcher who found high levels of lung-damaging particulate matter downwind from General Iron during 2017. She cited studies revealing how exposure to air pollution can trigger breathing problems and make it more difficult for people to fight off viruses and other infections.

"As a precautionary measure," Erdal said, "we should be doing everything we can to reduce pollution in areas where it already poses a risk. It would be an appropriate response to the pandemic."

Company officials have attempted to raise doubts about

Erdal's pilot study of air quality near General Iron, which relied on EPA-certified monitoring equipment and was intended to persuade regulators to conduct more extensive testing.

Echoing comments from the Labkon family that owned the scrap yard through four generations, Joseph last week called General Iron the cleanest shredding operation in the Midwest. Testing observed by EPA officials in June 2018 and last November proves the facility operates safely, Joseph said.

"Unfortunately ... a few individuals on social media have used the COVID-19 crisis to question the essential operations of GII," Joseph wrote in his letter to David Graham, assistant commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health.

"Regrettably, these individuals are continuing to misrepresent GII's potential impact on the health and safety of our neighbors, when, in fact, GII is doing more to protect the environment and public health than any other metal shredding facility in the city or area," Joseph wrote.

At the same time, General Iron is lobbying against a proposed city ordinance that would require around-the-clock monitoring of air quality near every scrap shredder in Chicago.

The company has pledged to move away from the wealthy, predominantly white North Side by the end of the year. It is seeking permits to move to a low-income, mostly Latino neighborhood on the Southeast Side already burdened by toxic waste and other environmental maladies.

Four other scrap companies affiliated with Reserve Management Group are located on the site of the former Republic Steel mill. The Chicago Tribune reported in February that the companies have been operating without the proper permits for at least four years. The companies also failed to file annual pollution reports that could have flagged violations of environmental regulations.

Absent additional federal action, one of the North Side's elected representatives, Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, is urging Lightfoot to overrule her aides and shut down General Iron.

"It shouldn't even be a point of discussion given what we already know," Hopkins said.

Crime continues to drop in Chicago during COVID-19 crisis

BY JEREMY GORNER

Chicago continued to see significant decreases in major crimes during the first full week of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's statewide stay-at-home order amid the coronavirus pandemic.

From March 23 through Sunday, the city saw a 23% single-week dip in its seven major crime categories, including homicides, burglaries and major thefts, compared with the same stretch in 2019, official city data shows.

Last week's major crime numbers were also down by about 7% from the previous week, March 16 through March 22. During that week, Pritzker closed schools across Illinois, bars and restaurants were shuttered, and his stay-at-home directive went into

effect March 21.

It has only been a few weeks since the spread of COVID-19 led many Chicagoans to adhere to social distancing restrictions and avoid large gatherings — all the more reason for crime experts to caution against reading too much into the lowered numbers over such a short time frame.

Violence continued to persist last week, though at a slightly lower level than the same week in 2019. Only three homicides were reported in Chicago from March 23 through Sunday, 10 fewer than the same week last year, the data shows. There were, however, 41 total shootings, just one below the same week in 2019.

Last week's 41 shootings were also a 64% jump from the previous week, when there were 25 such

incidents, according to records. Part of last week's increase was caused by a violent March 25 that saw 12 people shot, with all of them wounded outdoors.

So far in 2020, Chicago has logged 93 homicides, compared with 80 during the same period last year, a 16% increase, according to the official data through Sunday. Shootings were also up by 23% over the year-earlier period, from 336 to 414.

Chicago officials have not directly attributed the city's recent crime drop to the pandemic but acknowledged last week it has coincided with COVID-19 taking hold across the area.

"We can't specifically say that the crime rate is affected by coronavirus," Mayor Lori Lightfoot said March 25 at a City Hall

news conference. "But obviously what we know going back many, many years and looking at data is that when large congregations of people are outside in neighborhoods where gun violence is prevalent, that increases the risk."

Other major U.S. cities affected by the coronavirus outbreak continued to see big dips in major crime last week.

In New York, where hundreds have died from COVID-19, major crimes dropped by more than 36% over the same week in 2019, according to official NYPD statistics. This includes double-digit percentage drops in reported rape, robbery and grand larceny.

When compared with the previous week, March 16 through March 22, major crime in New

York was down by 22%, the NYPD statistics show.

In Philadelphia, total violent crimes and property crimes were down by 11% and 18%, respectively, from March 2 to Sunday, compared with the previous 28-day period, according to that city's crime statistics.

Last week's crime statistics for Los Angeles, another city hit hard by COVID-19, weren't immediately available. But from Feb. 23 to March 21, the city saw an 18% drop in total property crimes, which include major thefts and burglaries, compared with the previous 28-day period, according to official LAPD statistics.

Pritzker on Tuesday extended the state's stay-at-home order through April 30.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Illinois might have 19K virus cases in week

Experts say it could have been worse without measures

BY LISA SCHENCKER AND JOE MAHR

The number of COVID-19 cases in Illinois could exceed 19,000 a little more than a week from now, according to a new analysis by experts at Rush — but that's far less than the 147,000 cases the state could have seen by then if residents had not retreated to their homes.

The projections from Rush — related to a new forecasting tool being offered to hospital officials — add to efforts by academics and experts across the country to estimate how bad the outbreak might get and how best to prepare. The White House discussed several models at a briefing Tuesday, including one that projected 100,000 to 200,000 deaths nationally if mitigation measures are in place to slow the transmission of the illness.

Illinois officials have not publicly released predictions about the number of cases in coming days and weeks, other than saying that they expect cases to peak in April and that the state would have run out of hospital beds by now without the governor's stay-at-home order. As of Tuesday, Illinois had 5,994 confirmed cases statewide.

Dr. Bala Hota, vice president and chief analytics



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Emergency room nurses familiarize themselves with a special isolation bay set up at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago on March 11.

officer at Rush, noted that because many sick people likely aren't being tested, it can be difficult to determine how many actually have COVID-19 in Illinois, which complicates efforts to project future growth.

Health leaders can look at how many people are requiring hospital care to get a sense. But that method is also imperfect because it can take nearly two weeks for an infected person to develop symptoms serious enough for hospitalization.

State officials have not publicly stated the number of coronavirus patients hospitalized across Illinois. But Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Tuesday that COVID-19 patients are occupying 35% of the state's intensive care beds

and that 24% of ventilators are being used by such patients.

The Rush calculator, which includes four growth models, projects how the number of Illinois cases might increase over the next week or so, depending on how fast the illness spreads. It also includes forecasts as far as 30 days out, but Hota said those more distant forecasts are far less reliable.

According to the calculator, Illinois could have expected to see 146,581 cases by April 9 if cases had continued growing at the fast pace seen earlier in March.

In the earlier stages of the illness's spread, Rush University Medical Center saw

a doubling of cases every two to three days, Hota said. But the growth rate in new cases has slowed, and the medical center is now seeing a doubling every five to six days.

It's possible that change happened because Pritzker ordered all schools closed and issued a stay-at-home order, Hota said. It's also possible, however, that a lot of sick people simply aren't being tested amid a nationwide shortage of tests, he said.

"There may be some beginning signs we're flattening the curve, but it might be too early to say, and there are too many variables," Hota said.

If the number of new cases continues to grow at a

slower rate, Illinois might see 19,621 cases by April 9, according to the analysis.

That's based on a model that takes into account the number of people susceptible to catching the illness and the number of people exposed, infected and recovered. It also assumes that Illinois residents continue to stay away from one another.

Cases "are going up, but it could be much worse," Hota said.

Data analysts at Rush disclosed these numbers in recent days as they presented a new online calculator that hospital leaders can use to figure out how many beds, ventilators and supplies they will need in coming weeks. Rush presented the calculator to the Illinois Health and Hospital Association last week and has shared it with the American Hospital Association.

Though the calculator is meant to be used by hospitals, it also includes insights into how the illness might spread in Illinois as a whole. It's available free at covid19forecast.rush.edu.

Rush's projections join others made by researchers across the country who are trying to predict how the illness might spread and when the "wave" of cases will crest.

Research by the University of Washington, released Thursday, predicted the peak will hit Illinois around April 16. Another team of scientists, who advocate for social distancing

under the name CovidActNow, have forecast that a wave may not hit until at least May 14, and as late as May 26, depending on how well people avoid spreading the virus. The better residents are at social distancing, the longer it will take for the wave to hit and the milder the wave will be, according to the forecast.

A third model, from researchers at Columbia University, predicted that, for Cook County, the wave would hit in mid-May at the earliest, with no containment efforts. If extreme social distancing is used, it projected that the wave could be flattened to crest as far out as the end of July.

Like all the other models, the work has its limitations, said Jeffrey Shaman, a Columbia professor of environmental health sciences who led the research. Among them: There's no precise data about how quickly the illness is spreading right now, given the lag time between exposure and a positive test result.

"This makes the projections very uncertain," Shaman said. "When we see confirmed cases we're, in truth, getting a view into the past. What we'd really like to know is what's happening with transmission right now, but we don't get that."

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City: Rent freeze not possible amid order

Chicagoans join growing call for national strike

BY ARIEL CHEUNG

Wednesday is a looming deadline for many who have found themselves out of work due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Rent will be due for thousands of Chicagoans, the first major test of their finances since Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued a statewide stay-at-home order that left many unable to work, and others forced to choose between making a living and avoiding exposure by staying home.

Theodore Bourget, 23, lost both of his jobs, at a bar and a University of Chicago performance venue, because of the outbreak. Now without any source of income, he and his partner are struggling to afford their Hyde Park apartment.

"It was beyond stressful," Bourget said. "We were just operating at a level where panic wasn't even an option anymore."

Chicagoans like Bourget are joining a growing call for a rent strike, both locally and nationwide. From Andersonville to Beverly, from Hyde Park to Humboldt Park, residents are working together to pressure rental companies and landlords into forgoing rent charges or evictions until things return to normal. They've posted signs, shared the #rentstrike hashtag and displayed white sheets from windows in a show of solidarity.

Others, including landlords with portfolios big and small, prefer more balanced measures in the hopes of weathering the crisis. And while politicians are searching for a solution, they acknowledge it could take time to work its way through clogged bureaucratic channels.

As of Tuesday, an online petition had gathered more than 15,000 signatures calling on Mayor Lori Lightfoot to issue an indefinite freeze on rent, mortgages and utility payments across the city of Chicago. It also asks the Cook County Circuit Court to ban new filings for eviction or foreclosure.

On Friday, Lightfoot announced a city grant program that will give \$1,000 payments to 2,000 Chi-



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Zak Witus, who is helping to organize a rent strike due to instability created by the coronavirus, stands outside his apartment in Hyde Park.



State Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, is supporting the call for a rent freeze in Chicago.



Ald. Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez, 33rd, said relief efforts should focus on working-class people.

agoans "who have lost their jobs or otherwise been impacted by the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic."

The state's ban on rent regulations means Lightfoot doesn't have the authority to enact a rent freeze, said Don Terry, spokesman for the Chicago Department of Housing. While Pritzker expressed support for repealing the state's 1997 Rent Control Preemption Act during his gubernatorial campaign, the ban remains intact. His office did not immediately respond to a request for comment Monday.

The Autonomous Tenants Union-created petition is endorsed by Chicago housing advocacy groups, along with public officials including Aids. Rossana

Rodriguez Sanchez, 33rd, and Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, and state Reps. Will Guzzardi and Delia Ramirez, both D-Chicago.

"The moratorium we're calling for, yes, it is an extraordinary policy intervention," Guzzardi said. "But this is an extraordinary moment."

But as COVID-19's impact worsens, the government is straining to solve a flood of problems, making it difficult to get every issue addressed in a timely manner.

"We're trying to elevate these concerns to the governor's team," Guzzardi said. "I feel housing hasn't risen quite to the forefront of their response, because they have so many other aspects of this crisis to focus on."

But for many, time is almost up.

As Bourget and his partner got in touch with fellow tenants of the 100 buildings in Hyde Park owned by Mac Properties, they found others who were frustrated by a lack of response from the company, he said.

"We've been receiving sort of radio silence from Mac Properties," he said. "They said they were talking about what to do, but they never came back to us with a plan. They just sent us our invoices."

Zak Witus, 26, said it was the company's "callous response" that prompted talks of a rent strike among its tenants, even those who can afford it. Despite attention from news outlets like the Hyde Park Herald and Block Club Chicago, their concerns went unheeded.

"Tenants were calling to ask for a little bit of compassion in the midst of this crisis," Witus said. "There are people who could probably get the money together if they had to for April, but (a collective rent strike) would be in solidarity with those who absolutely cannot pay because of a loss of income."

They sought advice from Tenants United Hyde Park Woodlawn, which launched two years ago to connect South Side renters.

The group has become a rallying point for rent strike supporters, and it has heard from renters across the city — and as far as Jerusalem — who want to organize.

Some, like Bourget, are prepared to pay rent Wednesday to avoid retaliation. But come May 1, they may be out of money and out of options.

Over a rapidly shifting two weeks, Mac Properties assessed the situation, waiting to see how government bodies would respond to the pandemic, said Peter Cassel, director of community development.

"Our answer in mid-March and up through much of this week was, 'Let's see what the federal government does, let's see what the local governments do, and then we can make some decisions,'" Cassel said.

As the situation became increasingly dire, "we've come to an understanding," he said. "For any of our residents who are under financial pressure because of the pandemic, we encourage them to call us, and we will come together to a solution."

Arpan Shah owns a condo in suburban Niles and a three-flat in Rogers Park. While he was able to offer one couple a \$300

discount for April, his pockets only go so deep.

"If I get some kind of relief, I'm happy to pass it on," he said. "But if they're asking it of me, they'll be straining me in a few months."

Shah, who also works as a home lending adviser, said he hopes Illinois will work out a deal with major banks like in California, where lenders have agreed to provide mortgage relief. He encouraged fellow landlords to contact lenders and see if payments can be deferred.

Rodriguez Sanchez, a freshman alderman representing parts of Avondale, Irving Park, Albany Park and Ravenswood Manor, said the city is already grappling with how to help homeless residents find shelter during the pandemic. Evictions would only further the problem, even after the stay-at-home order is lifted, she said.

"We have to make sure we are not putting people at risk of being evicted down the line," she said Friday. "We're not talking about one or two families; we're talking about hundreds of people that would end up in the street. It would be a disaster."

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Mariners increasing levels of precaution

Along Great Lakes, shipping season gets underway

BY TONY BRISCOE

As the coronavirus pandemic locked down countries and disrupted global supply chains, the Great Lakes shipping season got underway last week.

American and foreign freighters are expected to transport cargo throughout the more than 100 ports of call in the region, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and industry leaders.

But the sailors aboard these fleets are adhering to new protocols and precautionary measures to prevent contraction and spread of the virus.

The Coast Guard will be checking for cargo vessels — American or foreign — that have recently traveled to an area impacted by a coronavirus outbreak within the last 14 days.

These ships will be allowed to enter U.S. ports so long as they do not have a sick crew member, according to Petty Officer Brian McCrum, spokesman for the Coast Guard's 9th District, which oversees the Great Lakes region. Once docked, crew members will be required to stay aboard these vessels, except for essential activities such as loading or unloading cargo and gathering provisions.

Chicago is a hub for national and international freight. More tonnage of cargo moves through the Illinois International Port District than any other port in the Great Lakes. Based at Calumet Harbor, the port district handles goods hauled by ocean-faring freighters through the St.



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Freighters are expected to transport cargo through more than 100 region ports of call.

Lawrence Seaway and also ships traveling through the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico.

The shipping industry is implementing a number of safeguards, according to James Weakley, president of the Lake Carriers Association, an organization that represents 46 American vessels that move 90 million tons of cargo annually across the Great Lakes.

Companies are screening sailors before they report to work, inquiring about recent travel and contact with others. Many crews have been ordered to sanitize work stations with bleach solution and even stagger times to eat meals to maintain distance from fellow crew members.

Sailors have been warned to limit physical contact with dockworkers and other personnel.

"We're enforcing hygiene guidelines and social distancing aboard the ships as if it was a safety rule," Weakley said. "So anybody who violates some of those guidelines is violating a safety rule. Not only are there formal ramifications, but there is a very informal peer pressure among our sailors that will keep people from doing anything that is unsafe and potentially cause spread."

"The upside is, once

we're underway and sailing, and everyone is healthy, these ships could be potentially the safest places in the world."

While U.S. and Canadian ships began hauling materials through Great Lakes locks on Wednesday, the international shipping season has been delayed due to flooding on Lake Ontario. Officials who regulate the dam are releasing as much water as possible through the St. Lawrence River to alleviate flooding, which will make for potentially perilous currents for incoming ships.

Foreign vessels will be allowed to enter the St. Lawrence starting April 1.

The outbreak will also require adjustments by international fleets, according to Stuart Theis, executive director of the United States Great Lakes Shipping Association, a group representing foreign vessels. Not only have infections been reported in at least 175 countries and territories, but the virus has gripped many Great Lakes states, including New York, Illinois and Michigan.

"You've got guys from Poland or wherever, who, as soon as they get to a U.S. port, they want to go to Kmart or Walmart to buy jeans and do all kinds of touristy stuff," Theis said.

"And there's got to be a lot of limitations put on these guys — and maybe for their own good — in terms of exposure to the virus."

But supplies carried by fleets are essential to economies and daily life, including iron ore for steelmaking, cement for construction, coal for power plants, among many other raw materials.

Many companies that rely on Great Lakes shipping typically receive stockpiles before ice forms in the winter. By the spring, these businesses need to replenish supplies. Transportation of these commodities is considered essential travel and allowed.

Some shipping experts worry that an economic downturn could lead to less shipping this season. So far, it's too early to tell.

"The cargoes that are coming in have been booked for so long that, they've decided to run the ships and see what happens. Then, the answers will come later in the season, when the realities are what they are, in terms of how much they can keep the crews healthy and keep them on the boat, and keep them away from the domestic problem, here."

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State looking to thin its prison population

Pritzker: To ease potential hot spots, cases under review

BY MEGAN CREPEAU AND ANNIE SWEENEY

The state has made a concerted effort to release prison inmates early to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 behind bars, Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Tuesday, pointing to an Illinois' prison population that sits at its lowest count since the 1990s.

In his daily coronavirus press briefing the same day a Tribune story raised questions about the Illinois Department of Corrections' response to the virus, Pritzker said nearly 300 more inmates have recently been released and the state is continuing to review case files to potentially send more out of harm's way.

"We're working hard to balance the need to free up as much space in our prisons as possible with making sure we're not releasing those who may pose a risk to their communities," Pritzker said at his news conference.

Jails and prisons — where effective "social distancing" is nearly impossible — have the potential to become hot spots for the virus' spread.

There are 32 inmates in state prisons who have tested positive for COVID-19, and 18 staff members with confirmed infections, Pritzker announced. One of the state's 99 confirmed COVID-19 fatalities was an inmate at Stateville prison in Joliet.

The Department of Corrections is examining case files of "as many low-risk offenders as possible" to determine if they are eligible for early release, Pritzker said.

Pritzker's announce-

ment came after the Tribune reported advocates for the incarcerated and inmates themselves have called for the state to speed up its consideration of releases and be more aggressive in preventing people from being exposed to the virus in the prison system. IDOC has been unclear about its process and parameters for considering which inmates can leave early to join the general public in sheltering at home.

Meanwhile, 17 local doctors and public health experts delivered a letter to Pritzker on Monday urging him to immediately commute the sentences of elderly inmates, people with underlying health conditions and anyone with less than a year left on their sentences.

"Facilities combine the worst aspects of cruise ships and nursing homes when dealing with COVID-19, as they contain high concentrations of people in close proximity and are breeding grounds for the uncontrolled transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19," the letter states.

The governor on Tuesday said those released are being vetted to ensure they do not have a history of violence and have an appropriate place to live upon release — which is particularly challenging amid a pandemic, Pritzker said.

Hospitals near prison facilities will receive whatever assistance they need to handle inmates with the disease, and Pritzker warned of harsh penalties if any clinics or doctors refused to care for incarcerated patients.

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Eric Race collects several 3D printed headbands for use as face shields at his home.

'I realized ... I have the exact skill that people are calling out for'

Teachers, students create protective gear in virus battle

BY KAREN ANN CULLOTTA

Troubled by a shortage of protective gear for essential workers, several Chicago-area educators are stepping up this week to create face shields for those on the front lines of the coronavirus battle.

Career and Technical Education teachers from Buffalo Grove and Wheeling high schools spent their recent spring break designing a prototype for a protective face shield that they began producing this week in their homes with 3D printers, said David Schuler, superintendent at Arlington Heights-based Township High School District 214.

The manager of Harper College's Makerspace and Entrepreneur Center, Jeff Moy, will assist the effort using his lab's laser cutters.

"These teachers are stepping up to save lives and flatten the curve," Schuler said. "In all of my years as an educator, nothing has made me more



Race, a career technical teacher at Wheeling High School, wears a headband portion of a face shield.

proud. ... They are contributing to the health and safety of the community."

Employees at a suburban nursing home, a local grocery store and Mount Prospect-based River Trails School District 26 on Monday phoned Schuler requesting the face shields, which will be distributed free of charge, locally and across the state, with assistance from the Illinois Manufacturers' Association.

Schuler said the district's teachers produced several different versions of the face shield, which were then reviewed by local first responders who are familiar with personal protective equipment, or PPE,

and who made the final decision on the design.

In addition to partnering with Harper College, Schuler reached out to state Sen. Ann Gillespie, D-Arlington Heights, and officials with the manufacturers' association, who assisted in securing additional 3D printers and other needed supplies.

Despite a scarcity of protective masks, in particular the N95 masks, the teachers opted to make face shields, which would not require packaging, nor federal or local certification, which is required for PPE used in medical settings, like hospitals and the new drive-up COVID-19 testing stations.

"It is our belief that by the end of next week, we will be in full production, producing hundreds of face shields each day," Schuler said.

Of the nearly 600,000 employees in manufacturing jobs across the state, one half are expected to retire in the next 10 to 15 years, prompting a demand for skilled workers that career education programs like those at District 214 and Harper can help fulfill, said Mark Denzler, IMA president and CEO, and the co-chairman of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's new Essential Equipment Task Force.

The recent critical shortages of everything from N95 masks to ventilators underscores the importance of industrial technology programs that can prepare students for jobs that offer competitive salaries, and ensure the U.S. has a manufacturing sector workforce that is ready to assist during times of crisis, Denzler said.

"For years there was this increasing push for everyone to go to a four-year college, but District 214 has been on the cutting edge, educating students who are hired for great jobs in

manufacturing as soon as they graduate from high school," Denzler said.

Columbia College Chicago's fashion studies students are also answering the call for PPE with the recent launch of #ColumbiaMakesMasks, which aims to create 2,000 cotton covers for N95 masks "to prolong the usable life of personal protective equipment for healthcare providers responding to the COVID-19 crisis," according to a statement on the college's website.

The initiative was started by student Maria Varela, a fashion studies major, after she heard that frontline health care workers were having to reuse N95 masks for up to a week due to shortages.

In a statement on the website, Varela said that after talking to a friend whose sister is working with coronavirus patients at a Chicago hospital, "I realized it's this one weird time in the world where I have the exact skill that people are calling out for — a skill that people need."

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Lightfoot launches humorous 'stay home, save lives' messages

BY GREGORY PRATT

The city of Chicago has launched a series of light-hearted public service announcements starring Mayor Lori Lightfoot to encourage residents to stay home amid the coronavirus crisis.

The videos are running days after Lightfoot shut down the Lakefront Trail and admonished Chicago residents who flouted Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order. City officials are launching the videos as the number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Illinois climbed to more than 5,000 on Monday, with 73 reported deaths.

In total, the ads feature

12 separate segments with Lightfoot at home. In one, the mayor traces the words "stay home" onto a tray of baking powder. In another, Lightfoot strums a guitar and sings, "Stay home, save lives."

Lightfoot takes a phone call from her daughter, Vivian, in another ad, where Vivian shouts, "Mom! I'm bored!"

"You're not bored!" Lightfoot responds. "You're saving lives."

Lightfoot, an avid sports fan with White Sox season tickets, watches the final out of the 2005 World Series and makes a bet with the viewer.

"Tell you what, if my White Sox win, you've got

to stay home," she says, and as Juan Uribe throws to Paul Konerko for the final out, she pumps her arms in celebration.

In another, she admonishes friends on the phone: "Getting your roots done is not essential! Your dog doesn't need to see its friends. You can work on your jump shot inside."

Not all the ads are funny. In the darkest clip, Lightfoot looks into the camera and says, "The truth is, 40,000 hospitalizations will break our health care system."

The PSAs were produced for free by Havas, a Chicago advertising firm, Lightfoot's office said.

On Monday, Lightfoot



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In a series of videos, Mayor Lori Lightfoot is advising Chicagoans to "stay home, save lives."

also commented on the internet memes that depict her enforcing the state's stay-at-home order and clearing citizens from the public way, which she said she loves.

Last week, Lightfoot also told the Tribune she's a fan of a viral video showing

Italian mayors yelling at citizens for not obeying public health orders, including one who threatens to send police to crash graduation parties with a flamethrower.

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Freedom for some detainees urged

Advocates say ICE sites a 'ticking time bomb' for virus

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

Members of Congress, along with advocates for immigrants, called on the federal government Tuesday to release "low-risk detainees" from detention centers across the country in order to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

Rep. Jesús "Chuy" García, a Chicago Democrat, noted four confirmed cases of COVID-19 among people detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in New Jersey, as well as five workers at detention facilities in New Jersey and other states.

The ICE employees worked at facilities in Colorado, New Jersey and Texas. In addition, 28 other ICE workers not assigned to detention facilities have also tested positive for COVID-19, according to the agency.

García, during a conference call with other members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, said he and others who have visited detention centers are concerned the conditions will only worsen the spread of the virus.

"There is evidence that medical care is substandard under normal circumstances," he said. "The Trump administration must release thousands of low-risk detainees currently in ICE custody."

ICE did not immediately have a comment.

Tania Linares García, a senior attorney at the Chicago-based National Immigrant Justice Center, said the center has filed dozens of requests for immigrants in detention to be released, but only a handful were granted. Being an undocumented immigrant is a civil offense, not a criminal offense.

Attorneys are also hearing from detained immigrants that they have to buy their own soap and aren't being given supplies to sanitize their cells, she said.

"We can only imagine how bad things are going to get when the virus spreads," she said. "Even for folks who are not at higher risk, the anxiety and knowing that you are at risk of infection has put such a toll on our clients' mental health."

Rep. Sylvia Garcia, a Democrat from Texas, said she doesn't think the federal agency is equipped to monitor and detect symptoms among those detained. "That's why it's a ticking time bomb," she said. "This is going to get worse before it gets better."

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Couple

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traditions and culture of their new home, the family said.

"They were a beautiful couple," their son-in-law, Ed Greenwald, said Monday. "Very loving and wonderful grandparents and very integral to our family."

He said the family is not certain how they became infected.

The couple has two daughters, Irina Greenwald and Janina Schnaper, who

lives in Germany, four grandchildren and other extended relatives. They worshipped at Beth Emet Synagogue in Evanston, where Irina Greenwald's family members are congregants.

"They were very loving and kind," said Rabbi Andrea London, who recalled seeing the elderly couple in mid-February at a grandson's bar mitzvah. "They were so proud. (They) still struggled with English but (the grandmother) got up and spoke. They were very intelligent people."

Relatives said Luiza

Ogorodnik worked as a physician in Ukraine. She had a lifelong passion for learning and enjoyed reading and the theater. In an online obituary, her family described her as a "very energetic woman, full of optimism and life."

The tribute continued, "She loved people and always sought to help those around her."

Her husband, Feliks Ogorodnik, was a construction company supply manager in Ukraine. His family was everything to him, relatives said. He also loved gardening, often sharing his harvest with family and

neighbors.

Feliks Ogorodnik died minutes before 5 p.m. Saturday, about 4½ hours after his wife and in the same hospital, according to the medical examiner's office. Both had underlying health problems that contributed to their deaths.

The family held a private funeral Tuesday. A larger memorial service will be planned at a later date.

David Jacobson, founder of Chicago Jewish Funerals, which handled the couple's service, said livestreamed funerals, recordings and other special accommoda-

tions are being offered during the pandemic to restrict attendance and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

"Here's what we're learning: People need community more than ever," Jacobson said. "This is really showing us how much people need each other."

The family's rabbi said a virtual shiva would be held, as well. Despite their heartbreak, Ed Greenwald said they know they are not alone in their grief.

"It's a difficult time for our family and all of Chicago and the world," he said.

"We're going through extraordinary times."

Another Chicago-area family suffered a double loss recently when two siblings died nine days apart. The sisters, both in their 60s, attended church services together and were part of a tight-knit family, relatives said. Patricia Frieson, 61, a retired nurse, was the first person in Illinois to die of COVID-19-related causes and her sister Wanda Bailey died a little more than week later.

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Wednesday, while also extending his statewide disaster declaration. Under action taken last week by Pritzker and the Illinois State Board of Education, school districts on Tuesday were required to begin offering remote learning for their students.

"Remote learning will look different for every district and maybe even for every school," Pritzker said. "School districts will create plans based upon their local resources and their needs."

The State Board of Education is recommending that grades given during this period serve as feedback "and not as an instrument for compliance," he said.

Districts are asked to track student attendance to help identify those who could use extra support, state Superintendent Carmen Ayala told colleagues in a letter late Tuesday.

Ayala also encouraged eligible schools and districts to consider what funds they can use for remote learning through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. The Department of Education will funnel some of the money to ISBE, which in turn will distribute it to schools based on need, Ayala said. However, that money may not be available in the immediate future. The Department of Education has several weeks to release an application needed for states to access the CARES Act funds.

Pritzker's initial order went into effect March 21 and requires people to stay at home as much as possible, although there are a number of exceptions that include going to work at jobs deemed essential, running errands to grocery stores or pharmacies or exercising. The order was set to expire after April 7. The new order will push back the expiration date but



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Members of the military walk between buildings Tuesday amid construction of a field hospital at McCormick Place during the coronavirus pandemic.

"Each step we have been forced to take by this pandemic has made things more challenging for our residents. The cascading consequences of these steps weigh on me every minute of every day."

— Gov. J.B. Pritzker

leave the other provisions unchanged, a spokeswoman said.

Illinois was among the first states to institute such far-reaching statewide restrictions ordering residents to stay home. Since then, more than half of the nation's states have issued some sort of stay-home decree, with differing lengths and varying rules.

While the extension brings Illinois in line with the most recent social distancing guidelines, some states have orders that don't expire until later. Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam on Monday issued a stay-at-home order that extends until June 10.

Pritzker left open the possibility that his stay-at-

home order could be extended even longer, or that it could be shortened, depending on whether the measures already in place prove effective in slowing the virus's spread.

"We have to see the peak here," he said. "We haven't seen the peak."

Indeed, Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike once again cautioned that the case count and death toll will continue to grow for the foreseeable future. While stark, the increasing numbers can be viewed as a good thing insofar as they indicate increased early testing, particularly among those most vulnerable to the respiratory disease, Ezike said.

"We also know that all

the illness is not reflected in these numbers because of the limits of testing," she said.

While the majority of people who contract COVID-19 won't require hospitalization, Ezike said, continuing the stay-at-home order should help ensure the number of severe cases doesn't overwhelm the health care system, even as the state reopens closed facilities and works with the National Guard and Army Corps of Engineers to set up a 3,000-bed field hospital at McCormick Place.

"The concern is that our medical resources will be stretched to their limits," Ezike said. "And so that's why staying at home will help us save the health care capacity we need."

Pritzker said his administration also is working to increase the ranks of health care workers. In addition to previously announced efforts to allow former health care workers to reactive their licenses and encouraging health professionals to sign up for a statewide emergency alert system, the governor said attorneys in his office are working with the Illinois Depart-

ment of Financial and Professional Regulation on ways to issue temporary licenses to nursing and medical students who are close to completing their required education.

"We need health care workers, and we need to add to our workforce in every and any way we can," Pritzker said.

Earlier in the day, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot spoke at a ceremony honoring 34 newly minted paramedics, which was held at the Fire Department's headquarters and not in its normal place in the ballroom of Navy Pier.

In her remarks, Lightfoot noted that, in light of the pandemic, the new paramedics graduated ahead of schedule. Their classes in the academy were conducted in small groups, and their coursework was "intentionally accelerated."

Joining the governor at his daily briefing, Lightfoot offered her support for "the governor's bold and necessary extension of the stay-at-home order."

"This may not be what residents want, but it is what we need," Lightfoot said.

The mayor said her order shutting down the city's Lakefront Trail, The 606 and other popular outdoor spaces will remain in place for the duration.

"We'll do it consistent with the stay-at-home order, but also we're going to be guided, as we all are, by whatever the data and the science tells us," said Lightfoot, who issued the order after pleasant spring weather brought people out in droves.

Pritzker's order doesn't prevent people from exercising outdoors or walking their pets, but officials have urged people to follow social distancing guidance and stay 6 feet away from others.

Asked last week whether he was considering statewide action on park closures, Pritzker said he was leaving those moves up to local jurisdictions. State parks were closed to the public earlier in March.

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served. The most recent data about individual connections is from the end of 2017 and was released last year; providers may have improved speeds and access since then.

The Tribune-ProPublica Illinois analysis of FCC data, combined with estimates of households per census tract, showed that in a high-poverty tract of St. Clair County, about 250 miles southwest of Chicago, there were fewer than 200 quality internet connections per 1,000 households. It was among the most underserved downstate areas, according to the analysis.

So, too, was Edgar County, in the central part of the state along the Indiana border. In three of the five census tracts there, there were fewer than 600 broadband connections per 1,000 households. In contrast, the census tracts served by the Maercker School District 60 in DuPage County all show close to one decent connection for every household.

Trico District 176, which straddles pieces of Jackson, Randolph and Perry counties in southwestern Illinois, draws students from seven census tracts. Only two of the tracts have what the FCC considers wide broadband internet coverage. In the rest of the area, fewer than 600 connections per 1,000 households are available in each tract, suggesting that hundreds of households lack basic service, the analysis shows.

Trico Superintendent Larry Lovel called the technology gap “a poverty issue, pure and simple.” He said he filled out a recent Illinois State Board of Education survey that asked for districts’ technology needs, but said he’s previously responded to many surveys like it. He said providing technology to close the gaps should be part of a consistent funding source, not



Larry Lovel, superintendent of Trico District 176, works from his dining table at home, as Illinois schools remain closed during the coronavirus pandemic.

one-time grants.

“I don’t want to sound crass,” he said, “but I don’t see it coming to light that a truck will end up driving up with 500 devices and 500 hot spots for the Trico district.”

Illinois has 852 public school districts, plus special education cooperatives and hundreds of private schools. All were ordered by Gov. J.B. Pritzker closed from March 17 to April 7 to try to slow the spread of COVID-19. Chicago Public Schools have already extended the closure until April 20, and others may as well.

Schools aren’t required to educate students during the closure, but they are encouraged to provide “educational opportunities.” Recent state guidance

said districts that can provide virtual learning should do so.

That creates concern for rural districts in areas throughout the state without strong fixed broadband. In southeastern Illinois, the Carmi-White County district enrolls about 1,400 students who live within 240 square miles, much of it rural.

Carmi-White County school officials are surveying families this week to find out who has reliable internet service and who doesn’t. Analysis of the FCC and census data shows that the majority of households in the areas served by the district do not have adequate fixed internet connections.

“It is a concern of ours. That’s why we’re hoping

that we’re not mandated to do e-learning necessarily. ... But hopefully we can provide some hybrid opportunities,” Superintendent Brad Lee said. “There’s some areas that just don’t have very good service. So hopefully in those, we can provide hard copies of curriculum and learning opportunities for our kids.”

When it became clear that schools would likely be affected by virus-related closures, ISBE posted a survey asking superintendents to weigh in on their technology needs — both physical devices and the internet capabilities of students at home. The agency said it would work with the governor’s office and philanthropic community to “ensure that every public school has the technology needed to provide e-learning to all students in the immediate future.”

That survey showed that 433 districts — or 71% of all those that responded — said there were obstacles to teaching students remotely, ISBE spokeswoman Jackie Matthews said.

ISBE followed up with another survey that collected about 600 districts’ responses through March 25 to ask: Are you providing video lessons? Mobile applications? Requiring book reports?

An initial analysis of districts’ answers show that fewer than 10% of districts — 56 of them — are providing education solely online. Another 52 districts, or about 9%, were using paper-and-pencil methods only. And about 82% were trying to teach students using both online and analog methods.

Of the more than 600 respondents, a third said they’re delivering materials to students through bus routes or the mail. And a little more than half said educators had actually led video lessons.

Matthews said the state assembled an advisory group that “will explore what is possible and what is reasonable under these unprecedented circumstances, always recognizing the incredible diversity and varying capacity of Illinois’ 852 school districts.”

Six school districts responded to the survey that they had no plan in place to offer remote learning.

Some districts are finding creative ways to get digital access to students who don’t have it. Near St. Louis, the Belleville Township High School District has repurposed four school buses as Wi-Fi hot spots. The district already owned the buses, which are Wi-Fi equipped and used for field trips and academic, athletic and band activities.

“We thought, well, rather than have them sit ... we’ve identified four parks each day within our boundaries and they sit in the park,” Assistant Superintendent Brian Mentzer said. “People pull up — they can be within about 300 feet of the bus — log in, download the information they need and then they have the opportunity to get their work if they don’t have connectivity at home.”

About two weeks ago, Mentzer said, the district surveyed families about their digital capabilities. Although the area for the most part has strong broadband internet access, not everyone had Wi-Fi or enough devices to go around. The school bus Wi-Fi is strong

enough to let several cars at once download school-work, he said.

“It worked out great. Someone had a great idea, and we made it work,” Mentzer said.

The digital divide, also referred to as the “homework gap,” is wider for teens who live in low-income households — those that earn less than \$30,000 a year — with 1 in 5 lacking access to a computer or reliable internet, according to analysis by the Pew Research Center that relies on 2015 census data. It’s wider still for black and Hispanic teens from low-income homes, Pew found.

State Superintendent Carmen Ayala, in a letter to superintendents last week, said, “ISBE strongly encourages all school districts to provide learning opportunities to all students during these Act of God Days through whatever means possible.” The state school code says those types of emergency days don’t have to be made up.

Elgin District 46, one of the largest in the state, recently began giving Chromebooks to students from fifth through 12th grade, aided by a surge of new state funding intended to narrow the gap in resources between schools. By August of last school year, all of the district’s 14,000 high school students had a device they could take home. The district has about 26,000 Chromebooks, and more are being shipped this week; it has cost about \$9 million so far.

With the need now more immediate, district officials are distributing Chromebooks from the schools to remaining students who don’t have one at home. Students in kindergarten through fourth grade are getting them this week.

“If this virus had struck three years ago, we would not be able to provide any sort of distance learning,” U-46 Superintendent Tony Sanders said. “We should be able to provide a device for every family to make sure their students can learn.”

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2 Chicago hospitals take part in global anti-viral drug trial

Northwestern and U of I testing the safety of remdesivir

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

Two Chicago hospitals are participating in a global trial of an experimental anti-viral drug to treat coronavirus.

Northwestern Memorial Hospital and University of Illinois Hospital are testing the safety and efficacy of remdesivir, which has been found to have anti-viral activity against coronaviruses in the lab and in animals, officials said Tuesday.

An 89-year-old man in intensive care was the first patient at Northwestern Medicine to participate, and his family was very excited about it, according to a news release.

Four patients have quickly enrolled at University of Illinois since Thursday, with possibly as

many as 30 to be enrolled, said Dr. Richard Novak, chief of infectious diseases.

To qualify, patients must be hospitalized with moderate to severe disease and be receiving oxygen or be on a ventilator, have pneumonia, or have been diagnosed with lung abnormalities, Novak said.

The study is a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial, meaning that patients will either get the drug or a nonactive substitute.

Even though the patients are very ill and desperate for treatment, Novak said, the trial has to be done this way to prevent bias by the patient or medical workers, and ensure accurate results.

The drug was promising when used against the Ebola virus, and has worked well with minor side effects in laboratories and in animals, including monkeys, Novak said. It works by blocking the virus from re-

producing itself, so if it works it should also help patients be less infectious to others.

“There’s every reason to believe it should work in people, but you never know until you do the study,” Novak said. “Hopefully, people’s symptoms will resolve a lot quicker, they’ll feel better quicker, have a better survival rate, and reduce their shedding (of the virus) to have an impact on public health as well.”

High demand for remdesivir developed after President Donald Trump called the drug “promising” in a news conference in mid-March. Another drug the president called a “game-changer,” the anti-malarial hydroxychloroquine, has also not yet been proved in such a clinical trial.

In the new study, remdesivir is administered daily intravenously, and patients undergo blood tests and swabs to see if it’s working, Novak said.

The study should take a couple of months, but could be ended sooner if the drug proves to work or causes problems. This treatment is far different from a preventive vaccine, which would take much longer to test, in part because any vaccine would be new and might be used on millions of healthy people.

Before the trial, remdesivir was used to treat a handful of patients on a compassionate access basis, meaning they were granted use of the unproven drug because they had a potentially life-threatening condition.

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Pritzker, Lightfoot leading charge to aid state's arts scene

Emergency funds to target variety of cultural workers

BY CHRIS JONES

In an attempt to boost the battered arts and cultural communities in the Land of Lincoln, the state of Illinois and the city of Chicago will join with philanthropies to create a new emergency fund. Dubbed Arts for Illinois, the fast-tracked initiative will be seeded with at least \$4.5 million in unrestricted support for artists and artisans, many of whom now find themselves out of work. It will also support nonprofit cultural organizations across the state, most of which are now bereft of income, with some staring total ruin in the face.

"We want artists to know that they have a broad base of support in Illinois," said Gov. J.B. Pritzker in a telephone interview on Tuesday.

"As you know, my wife and I are great supporters of our cultural life in this city," said Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, also in a Tuesday interview. "Artists are suffering. Music venues are closed. Galleries are closed. Theaters are closed."

By taking time to discuss the new fund personally, despite the demands on their time, the two political leaders both said they wanted to signal the crucial importance of the arts community to the city and state — as well as their understanding that with theaters, concert halls, clubs and retail outlets all closed indefinitely, the sector has been brought to its knees.

"The arts are crucial," Pritzker said, shortly before he extended his stay-at-home order through April 30. "We know that people are experiencing anxiety

because they have to stay inside so much, but I promise you we will come together again in public. I just ask that people pay attention to when the data says that our current problem will peak, and also to when we will come off that peak. That way, they might be able to see their way toward the other side of this. I see it. And making sure that artists are still producing and creating is going to be vitally important as this great state and this great country recovers."

Those intimately involved in the creation of the fund, which also is aimed at such backstage cultural workers as ushers, ticketing employees and production hands, include Illinois first lady M.K. Pritzker and Chicago first lady Amy Eshleman. Nora Daley, the daughter of former Mayor Richard M. Daley and a longtime arts supporter, was also part of the foundational group, which motivated other institutional funders.

Arts for Illinois will, in essence, have two administrators. The Illinois Arts Alliance, a statewide advocacy group, will administer funds for nonprofit organizations, with the Chicago-based 3Arts group administering funds for individual artists, also throughout Illinois. "The intent," Pritzker said, "is to help artists who are sole proprietors of their own businesses and often forgotten in terms of other benefits."

Some individual artists, such as musicians and actors, will also be able to access help from the CARES federal stimulus legislation, which, following intense lobbying by arts unions and advocacy groups, extends unemployment benefits beyond the traditionally employed.

Claire Rice, the executive director of the Illinois Arts

Alliance, said her group has been hurriedly collecting data on the economic carnage afflicting the arts in Illinois. Even using just a small sample, she said, she already knew of \$100 million in lost box office revenue, with lost jobs in the arts, both contracted and full-time, adding up to tens if not hundreds of thousands of Illinoisians.

"This sector needs to be heard and seen," she said, "and it will be a critical part of how we put our communities back together."

Rice also said the intent was to cut red tape and get the money out to the places where it most was needed, with as few restrictions as possible.

In addition, the city and state jointly created a new one-stop website, artsforillinois.org, launching Wednesday night. The idea is that quarantined Illinoisians, including the state's students, will be able to access free rotating cultural content from multiple Illinois providers, including the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Rockford Symphony Orchestra and Chicago Children's Theatre, that can be enjoyed while complying with the official edict.

One feature of the new site includes visual artwork by Illinoisians, as created at home, much of it in response to the coronavirus crisis. The site will also feature streamed concerts and comedy, as well as poetry, curated by the Springfield Area Arts Council.

The final size of the fund, and the details of how it will be distributed, remained fluid Tuesday, although applications will open Wednesday.

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3 finalists named in Chicago police superintendent search

CPD deputy chief, Aurora's top cop among the choices

BY JEREMY GORNER

The Chicago Police Board has chosen three finalists to potentially lead the city's police force, sources familiar with the process said, setting up a pivotal choice for Mayor Lori Lightfoot as the department works to reduce gun violence while trying to implement reforms from within as part of a federally mandated consent decree.

The names on the board's list given to Lightfoot for consideration are Ernest Cato, a Chicago Police Department deputy chief; Kristen Ziman, chief of police in west suburban Aurora; and David Brown, an ex-Dallas police chief.

Lightfoot has said she expects to make her choice from among those on the board's list. The finalists are expected to be formally announced at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The nine-member board compiled a five-page job application that listed more than a dozen requirements for the job, including ensuring the 13,000-strong Chicago Police Department is compliant in a timely manner with its federally mandated consent decree aimed at improving training, supervision and other policing practices, and overseeing policies that address the mental health of officers.

Candidates were asked to submit answers to essay questions, but they were also required to talk about themselves in a video presentation, outlining their law enforcement experience and why they are best suited to be Chicago's next top cop.

The finalists were chosen from a pool of 25 applicants. Eleven of them either currently work for CPD or "spent a significant amount of their career" in the department, the Police

Board has said. The other 14 applicants were from outside of Chicago.

Chicago Police Board President Ghian Foreman has said that 21 of the applicants were men and four were women. He also said 13 applicants were white, 11 were African American and one was Latino. The board opened the application process Nov. 21 after then-Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson announced plans to retire by the end of the year. Lightfoot announced his temporary successor would be former Los Angeles police Chief Charlie Beck.

But that all changed in early December when Lightfoot abruptly fired Johnson, saying he had intentionally misled her about his conduct after a late week-night out in October when he was found asleep in his running vehicle near his South Side home. Beck started his job as interim superintendent on Dec. 2.

In an interview with the Tribune a few weeks after she fired Johnson, Lightfoot said she was looking for an energetic and dynamic leader "who can rally the troops" and has experience with "a large, complex, urban" police department.

"Somebody who sees the consent decree as an opportunity and not an obstacle," Lightfoot said. "You've got to have impeccable management skills and the full range of being able to be a leader but also being willing to hold people accountable. And somebody who recognizes that ... the fight ... has to be done with partners, community partners, partners in other parts of city government."

Ziman, 46, was in the

national spotlight last year as Aurora's police chief when the west suburb was reeling following a mass shooting that claimed the lives of five employees of the Henry Pratt Co. warehouse, and left injured another employee and five Aurora police officers. The gunman was killed in an exchange of gunfire with police.

Ziman grew up in the Aurora Police Department, joining the force as a cadet at 17 and working her way through the ranks to become, in her mid-30s, its first female commander. She was back in the news recently when it was disclosed she had tested positive for COVID-19.

Brown, 59, was a veteran of the Dallas Police Department for more than 30 years, retiring as its chief in 2016. That year, five police officers were killed, and several others wounded, in an ambush-style rifle attack in downtown Dallas. Brown also found himself in the national spotlight when officers under his direction killed the suspect by deploying near him a remote-controlled robot carrying an explosive and detonating it.

Cato, 54, is a Chicago police deputy chief in charge of three patrol districts — Austin, Harrison and Ogden — primarily on the West Side, which comprise some of the most violent parts of the city. He has been viewed as a rising star in the department, in part due to his willingness to work with community organizations that offer mediation on gang conflicts and help with social services and jobs.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Early divisions as Congress mulls more aid

Dems brainstorm ideas; GOP wants to assess situation

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The bipartisan partnership that propelled a \$2.2 trillion economic rescue package through Congress just days ago is already showing signs of strain, raising questions about how quickly calls for massive follow-up legislation may bear fruit.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and fellow Democrats are collecting ideas for the next stab at stabilizing an economy knocked into free fall by the coronavirus outbreak.

Their proposals include money for extended unemployment benefits, state and local governments, hospitals and a job-creating infrastructure program, plus expanded job protections and benefits for workers.

"It's a wonderful opportunity," Pelosi told reporters this week, "because I think our country is united in wanting to not only address the immediate needs of the emergency and mitigation for the assault on our lives and livelihood, but also how we recover in a very positive way."

Congress' top Republicans say not so fast. They want lawmakers to gauge how well the huge, newly minted bailout programs are working and how the economy is behaving.

And they're accusing Pelosi of planning to use the next bill to win Democratic priorities like environmental requirements and moving the country toward ballot by mail elections.



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and others in Congress are outlining elements of another relief package to add to the federal response, days after passing a \$2.2 trillion package.

"Let's see how things are going and respond accordingly," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Tuesday on Hugh Hewitt's talk radio show. He said that could take weeks and added, "I would think any kind of bill coming out of the House I would look at like (President Ronald) Reagan suggested we look at the Russians — trust, but verify."

"I'm not sure we need a fourth package," House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said on Fox News' "Sunday Morning

Futures."

Throwing another wild card into the mix, President Donald Trump on Tuesday blindsided congressional Republicans and embraced using the next round for a massive infrastructure package. Many in both parties have supported such a program before, but some Republicans have opposed it as too costly and there have long been crippling disagreements over how to pay for it.

"It should be VERY BIG & BOLD, Two Trillion Dollars, and be focused solely

on jobs and rebuilding the once great infrastructure of our Country! Phase 4," Trump tweeted.

There seems little doubt that if the economy remains near its current morbid state, the major question facing lawmakers will be what the next bill should look like, not whether to have one. Growing numbers of business close by the day, consumer spending is plummeting and millions are losing jobs as much of the country shelters at home, a devil's brew that could be lethal for politi-

cians to ignore before November's presidential and congressional elections.

"I think there's a deal to be had this time" on infrastructure, said Rep. Greg Walden of Oregon, top Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Still, he said reaching agreement on another expensive package could be harder after last week's \$2.2 trillion bill.

"We've already broken apart our grandkids' piggy bank, we're now getting into the great-grandkids' piggy banks, so let's be

thoughtful on this," he said.

Stephen Moore, a former Trump senior adviser now with the conservative pro-business Committee to Unleash Prosperity, said he envisioned major problems for Congress in reaching an agreement.

He said while the economy will likely need another large cash infusion to recover, Democrats pushing more spending will clash with Republicans eager to use tax cuts instead, such as suspending employers' payroll tax like Trump has proposed.

"This will be World War 4," he said.

Clearly the size, contents and timing of the next bill are in play. And the Trump administration, lawmakers, lobbying and ideological groups are all pushing ideas.

Discussions within the White House have been limited. Trump has publicly suggested he'd support extra money for state and local governments and for some type of hazard pay for front-line medical workers.

Former Vice President Joe Biden, Trump's likely Democratic presidential opponent, has said he wants additional direct payments to people beyond the one-time \$1,200 amounts many adults will get.

He also wants increased Social Security benefits and some student loan forgiveness.

Pelosi's proposals include easing limits on federal deductions for state and local taxes, a curb the GOP-controlled Congress enacted in 2017 that's hit high-income, Democratic-leaning states the hardest.

Her suggestion has run into opposition from both parties.



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A man in protective gear carries out disinfection work Tuesday on a street in northwestern Spain during a national lockdown to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

UN chief says COVID-19 worst crisis since WWII

By EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned Tuesday that the world faces the most challenging crisis since World War II, confronting a pandemic threatening people in every country, one that will bring a recession "that probably has no parallel in the recent past."

There is also a risk that the combination of the disease and its economic impact will contribute to "enhanced instability, enhanced unrest, and enhanced conflict," the U.N. chief said at the launch of a report on the socioeconomic impacts of COVID-19.

Guterres called for a much stronger and more effective global response to the coronavirus pandemic and to the social and economic devastation that COVID-19 is causing.

He stressed that this will only be possible "if everybody comes together and if we forget political games and understand that it is humankind that is at stake."

"We are facing a global health crisis unlike any in the 75-year history of the

United Nations — one that is killing people, spreading human suffering, and upending people's lives," the report said. "But this is much more than a health crisis. It is a human crisis. The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is attacking societies at their core."

Worldwide, more than 850,000 people have been infected and more than 42,000 have died, according to a tally kept by Johns Hopkins University. Italy and Spain accounted for half the deaths. Nearly 178,000 people have recovered.

Meanwhile, Mexico has started taking tougher measures against the coronavirus after weeks of its president hugging followers and saying religious medals would protect him. Some experts warn the sprawling country of 129 million is acting too late and testing too little to prevent the type of crisis unfolding across the border in the United States.

Last week Mexico banned nonessential government work as confirmed cases climbed, but took until late Monday to extend that to other business sectors and to bar gatherings of more than 50

people.

By Tuesday, Mexico had reported more than 1,000 confirmed cases and at least 28 deaths.

Experts say those figures greatly understate the true number of infections. Mexico has done far less testing than many other countries — fewer than 10,000 tests. New York state alone had performed more than 205,000 tests by Tuesday. There were also signs the disease may be far more advanced in Mexico than the limited testing shows — three state governors have already tested positive for coronavirus.

In Russia, lawmakers approved harsher punishments, including prison sentences of several years, for violating quarantine rules and spreading misinformation. The chief doctor at Moscow's top hospital for coronavirus patients said he tested positive, a week after shaking hands with President Vladimir Putin.

Spain reported more than 840 new deaths, pushing the toll above 8,400 and forcing Madrid to open a second temporary morgue after an ice rink pressed into service last week became overwhelmed.

'Officers are scared out there': Coronavirus hits US police

By JAKE BLEIBERG
AND COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

WEST BLOOMFIELD, Mich. — More than a fifth of Detroit's police force is quarantined; two officers have died from coronavirus and dozens have tested positive, including the chief of police.

For the 2,200-person department, that has meant officers working doubles and swapping between units to fill patrols. And everyone has their temperature checked before they start work.

An increasing number of police departments are watching their ranks get sick as the number of coronavirus cases explodes across the country. The growing tally raises questions about how laws can and should be enforced during the pandemic, and about how departments will hold up as the virus spreads among those whose work puts them at increased risk of infection.

"I don't think it's too far to say that officers are scared out there," said Sgt. Manny Ramirez, president of Fort Worth Police Officers Association.

Hundreds of officers and civilian employees at police departments and sheriff's offices around the country have tested positive for COVID-19, according to an Associated Press survey of more than 40 law enforcement agencies, mostly in major cities. The number of those in isolation as they await test results is far higher in many places.

Anticipating shortages, police academies are accelerating coursework to provide reinforcements. Masks, gloves and huge volumes of hand sanitizer have been distributed. Roll call and staff meetings are happening outside, over the phone or online. Precinct offices, squad cars and equipment get deep cleaned in keeping with Centers for



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

An NYPD officer maintains order along a line to enter a COVID-19 testing site last week in New York.

Disease Control and Prevention guidance.

Yet, many are worried it's not enough.

Last week, groups representing American police and fire chiefs, sheriffs, mayors and county leaders asked President Donald Trump in a letter to use the Korean War-era Defense Production Act to ensure they have enough protective gear.

"We're in war footing against an invisible enemy and we are on the verge of running out" of protective supplies, said Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo, president of the Major Cities Chiefs Association. "We've got hospitals calling police departments, police departments calling each other, and it's time to nationalize in terms of our response."

Police are accustomed to meeting staffing crunches by canceling vacations and leave, putting officers on 12-hour on, 12-hour off schedules and, by shifting detectives and other specialized personnel to patrol.

And officers are used to risk. It's part of the job. But at a time when Americans are being advised to stay 6 feet from each other to combat an insidious virus that can live on surfaces for days, the perils and anxieties are new.

This crisis is unlike any American police forces have dealt with before, said

former Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis.

"We're in unprecedented territory here," said Davis, who led the police department when the Boston Marathon bombing happened in 2013.

Streets are less crowded as people hunker in their homes. But police must prepare for the possibility of civil unrest among people who become anxious or unhappy about government orders or hospitals that get overrun with patients, he said.

In New York, which has rapidly become the American epicenter of the pandemic, more than 500 NYPD personnel have come down with COVID-19, including 442 officers. Two NYPD employees have died. On Friday, 4,111 uniformed officers called in sick, more than 10% of the force and more than three times the daily average.

Many officers are worried about whether they'll be able to draw workers' compensation benefits if they get sick, since the coronavirus is not spelled out in the list of covered conditions.

"Unfortunately, we have to be out there," said Robert Jenkins, president of the Florida State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police union, which covers 22,000 officers. "We don't have a choice."

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

How you'll benefit from aid package

Law is in place to provide checks for most Americans

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER, ALEXANDRA OLSON AND SARAH SELL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress has approved an unprecedented \$2.2 trillion economic rescue package that will provide one-time checks for most Americans and significant enhancements to unemployment benefits. Both will provide much-needed help to those recently laid-off and to financially stressed households as the coronavirus shuts down much of the economy.

Here are some questions and answers about how the legislation can help most Americans:

Who is getting a check?

Everyone earning up to \$75,000 in adjusted gross income — the income on your tax return — and who has a Social Security number will receive a \$1,200 payment. The payment steadily declines for those who make more, and phases out for those who earn more than \$99,000. For married couples, both adults receive \$1,200, with the phase-out starting at \$150,000 of income and falling to zero for couples who earn \$198,000. Each child will also get \$500. For heads of household with one child, the benefit starts to decline at \$112,500 and falls to zero at \$146,500.

What do I have to do to get one?

For most people, nothing. The U.S. Treasury will direct deposit the money in your bank if they have that information from this year's tax return or last year's. For everyone else, they will mail a check. If you didn't file a tax return for 2018 or 2019, your check could be de-



The Capitol is framed through a Russell Senate Office Building window as lawmakers negotiate the coronavirus bill last month in Washington. It was signed into law Friday.

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layed. The government can use your Social Security benefit statement as well.

When will I get the payment?

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has said repeatedly that it should arrive in three weeks. Even if it arrives electronically, you should receive a written notice within 15 days after the payment that specifies how much you received and how it was delivered.

Is there help in the bill for the unemployed?

The bill adds \$600 a week, for a period of four

months, to standard unemployment benefits, which vary by state. The measure adds 13 weeks of coverage for people who have exhausted their existing jobless benefits. It also provides funding for states to let people collect their payments immediately, eliminating a one-week waiting period.

What if I only work part time?

Some states do provide partial unemployment for people who work part time or whose hours have been reduced. And the emergency legislation provides

incentives for states to set up so-called "short time compensation" programs, which provide benefits to offset lost pay through reduction of work hours. Those programs are intended to provide companies an alternative to cutting jobs.

For example, the rescue bill would pay half the cost of providing benefits to those with reduced hours through the end of the year to states that launch such programs.

I am a gig worker, can I qualify?

Yes. The bill would create a temporary Pandemic Un-

employment Assistance program to cover many workers not traditionally eligible for unemployment benefits, including self-employed people, contractors and those with limited work history. That program will last through Dec. 31.

How much might I receive?

The total amount of unemployment insurance depends on what each state provides. Economists at Goldman Sachs calculate that for the average worker who earns about \$1,200 a week, the enhanced weekly benefit should fully replace their lost wages. For lower-income employees of restaurants and hospitals, it should provide more than their usual salaries.

Has the government done anything for housing payments?

Yes. Government-backed mortgage buyers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have said that they will suspend all foreclosure sales and evictions of borrowers in single-family homes owned by their companies.

They have also expanded their forbearance program, offering more borrowers relief for up to one year and suspending late charges and penalties.

Together they guarantee about half of the U.S. home market.

Also, the federal government suspended foreclosures and evictions for mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

If you're worried about missing a mortgage payment, contact your lender immediately.

Numerous banks have said they are willing to work with distressed borrowers, including potentially suspending or reducing mortgage payments for a stretch.

What about renters?

Renters' fates depend on

where they live and who they rent from. Reach out to your landlord or property management company to ask for leniency.

Several cities have halted evictions due to the coronavirus. Fannie and Freddie are also offering owners of multifamily properties forbearance relief on their mortgages, on condition they suspend all evictions of renters unable to pay because of the virus.

What about student loans?

Student loan borrowers have a few options.

If you have a federal student loan, you can apply for a deferment or a forbearance at any time. Both of these postpone payments temporarily but interest still accrues on some loans with deferment and all with forbearance. Now, federal loan borrowers can seek an emergency administrative forbearance, which would allow them to postpone payments for up to 60 days. Borrowers must contact a servicer to apply. The postponement is automatically applied for borrowers more than 31 days late on payments. Interest will not be added to the balance at the end of the forbearance period.

Switching to an income-driven repayment plan may be a good option, said Mark Kantrowitz, a student loan expert and publisher at Savingforcollege.com. If you've been laid off or your hours were greatly reduced, the payment can be lowered to zero.

The federal government also lowered the interest rate on all federally held student loans to 0% for an indefinite period. However, that will not lower the size of the monthly payment; instead it will apply the payment entirely to the principle of the loan. If you have private student loans, contact your servicer for their options.

Blissful ignorance? Likely the truth for submariners

Many on missions might be unaware of coronavirus

By JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

LE PECQ, France — Of a world in coronavirus turmoil, they may know little or nothing.

Submariners stealthily cruising the ocean depths, purposefully shielded from worldly worries to encourage undivided focus on their top-secret missions of nuclear deterrence, may be among the last pockets of people anywhere who are still blissfully unaware of how the pandemic is turning life upside down.

Mariners aboard ballistic submarines are habitually spared bad news while underwater to avoid undermining their morale, say current and former officers who served aboard France's nuclear-armed subs. So any crews that left port before the virus spread around the globe are likely being kept in the dark about the extent of the rapidly unfurling crisis by their commanders until their return, they say.

"They won't know," said retired Adm. Dominique Salles, who commanded the

French ballistic submarine squadron from 2003-2006. "The boys need to be completely available for their mission."

Speaking exclusively to The Associated Press, Salles said he believes submariners will likely only be told of the pandemic as they head back to port, in the final two days of their mission.

"Those who are at sea don't need this information," said Salles, who also commanded the nuclear-armed French submarine L'Inflexible. "The commander, I think, is doubtless informed about what is happening. I don't think he'll have all the details."

The French navy won't divulge what has or hasn't been said to submarine crews. Nor will it say whether any of the four French ballistic submarines, laden with 16 missiles that each can carry six nuclear warheads, left harbor before France instituted a nationwide lockdown on March 17.

"Because the deterrent is wrapped in a bubble of protection and confidentiality, it is impossible to know whether the crews are informed of this situation," French navy

spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Olivier Ribard said.

French submarine missions last 60 to 70 days, with about 110 crew members aboard. So a crew that left at the end of February wouldn't be expected back before the end of April.

On March 1, France had just 130 confirmed COVID-19 cases and two deaths. In a month, those numbers have surged past 3,500 dead and more than 50,000 sickened.

For submariners, the return to land could be a shock.

"They won't have experienced the crisis as we did, with a bit of fear (and) the lockdown, so it will be quite a surprise," said a serving officer who was the doctor on the ballistic submarine Le Triomphant for four years. He spoke to the AP on condition that he be identified only by his first name and rank, in accordance with the rules of his branch of the French military.

"All events that could affect or change the morale of the crew members are kept from them," said the officer, Chief Doctor Gabriel. "Since there is no internet, no radio and no television on board, the only news you get comes from



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French navy Commander Axel Roche views screens in the operations center of the nuclear-powered submarine Suffren. Submariners aren't told of disasters while at sea.

messages received by the commander. And the commander filters the messages to not give all of the information to everyone."

The doctor was underwater in 2012 when an Islamic extremist killed three French paratroopers and later killed a rabbi, his two young sons and grabbed an 8-year-old girl and shot her in the head. Only later did the officer learn of the attacks.

"The only place where you are really cut off from all information is underwater because even on a vessel in space there is still the radio, television, the

internet," he said.

When bombings hit Madrid in 2004, Salles didn't inform submariners who were at sea for the ballistic flotilla that was then under his command.

Salles said the situation now will be toughest for any crews that leave harbor in the weeks ahead because they'll know they are leaving loved ones in the midst of the pandemic and, possibly, still living in lockdown. The French government has already extended its stay-home orders once, to April 15, and said it could do so again.

Salles said he believes

those crews will get regular coronavirus updates but won't be told of any family deaths until they are returning to the Ile Longue submarine base near Brest in Brittany.

Salles was at sea in a sub when his father died. The news was kept from him until he had finished his 60-day mission.

"No matter how serious an event is, there is nothing a submariner can do about it," Salles said. "And since he cannot do anything, better that he know nothing."

"They know that they won't know and accept it. It's part of our deal."



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There are 43,000 minors in U.S. detention facilities. Above, shoes of offenders outside confinement rooms in Florida.

Virus a looming threat at juvenile facilities

By ROBIN McDOWELL AND MARGIE MASON
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — For the tens of thousands of kids locked up in juvenile detention centers and other correctional facilities across America, experts have issued a gloomy warning: The coronavirus is coming.

Already this week, Louisiana confirmed that a staff member and three children in state custody had contracted the virus, including one living in a group home

in Baton Rouge. Connecticut, Minnesota, New York and Texas also have reported positive tests among youth or staff.

Worried about the virus' spread in crowded facilities, more than 30 correctional administrators and children's rights advocates called Tuesday for the release of vulnerable youths and for the stoppage of all new admissions. They also want a clear safety plan for those who remain inside, including access to adequate cleaning supplies and

contact with loved ones.

"Even though these kids are hidden from view, they are still part of our community and their health affects the health of all of us, as we affect them," said Renee Slajda, of the nonprofit Louisiana Center for Children's Rights.

When adults are counted, there are more than 2.2 million people behind bars nationwide, more than any other country in the world. Prisons and jails are considered possible incubators for the virus, with

cases multiplying quickly once entering a facility.

But little attention has been paid to the 43,000 minors in detention centers and correctional facilities, said Marc Schindler of the advocacy group Justice Policy Institute.

He noted that kids may be silent carriers of the virus that causes COVID-19, and those who are locked up may be at higher risk because they have more health problems than those of the same age in the general public.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Coronavirus widens partisan divide

Not even pandemic can bring cure for national tribalism

By STEVE PEOPLES
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In Los Angeles, Mayor Eric Garcetti has instituted a shutdown on a city of nearly 4 million people and threatened uncooperative business owners with power shut-offs and arrest.

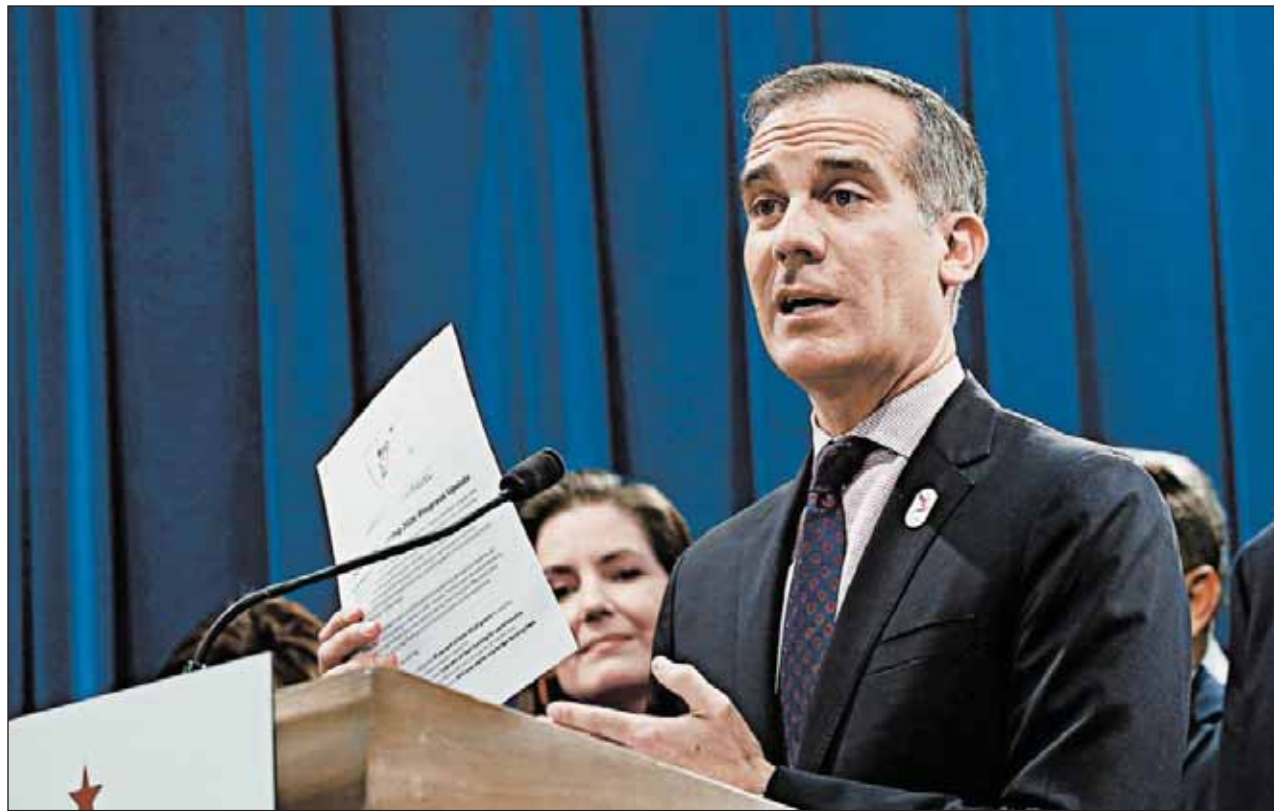
In Mississippi, home to nearly 3 million people, Gov. Tate Reeves has allowed most businesses to stay open — even restaurants, so long as they serve no more than 10 people at a time.

The divergent approaches are evidence that not even a global pandemic can bridge the gaping political divisions of the Trump era. The fierce tribalism that has characterized debates over immigration, taxes and health care is now coloring policymaking during a coronavirus outbreak that threatens countless lives and local economies across the nation.

Republican leaders have been far more likely to resist the most aggressive social distancing measures, emboldened by President Donald Trump's initial rosy outlook and a smaller early caseload in their more rural communities across middle America. But in the more crowded population centers on the East and West coasts where the disease first appeared, the Democrats in charge have been more willing to embrace strict steps such as curfews, sweeping business closures and law enforcement assistance.

"This epidemic has been a window into our politics," said Larry Levitt, who leads health policy for the Kaiser Family Foundation, which has been tracking responses. "Particularly over the past couple of weeks, a political divide has emerged."

It is an election year



Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti instituted a city shutdown and threatened businesses with power shutoffs and arrests.

divide that could have deadly consequences.

As his campaign struggles for attention, leading Democratic presidential contender Joe Biden has called for a nationwide lockdown to replace the patchwork of local responses, which have varied even among neighboring communities in the same states. Trump, meanwhile, is largely allowing local officials to choose their own course and has encouraged them to compete for scant federal resources.

Politically, the strategy may be working for the first-term Republican president. With the election seven months away, Trump's favorable ratings are ticking up, even if his numbers have fallen short of past presidents during times of crisis. Yet the GOP's loyalty will almost certainly be tested in the weeks ahead as the virus spreads from the blue-state coastal communities deeper into red-state middle America.

Democrats such as Garcetti fear the politics that are shaping conflicting pandemic responses will have real-world consequences far more important than the next election.

"I do worry that making this a partisan issue will kill more people in redder states," the Los Angeles mayor said. "There is no way to keep this out of your city."

In Mississippi, Reeves has adopted many social distancing measures such as limiting groups to 10 people, even if he's resisted some of the most aggressive steps. Late last week, the Republican governor reiterated his opposition to a stay-at-home order, adding that he's heeding the guidance of state health officials and Vice President Mike Pence, who told him directly during a recent conversation that the Trump administration is not recommending a blanket shutdown.

Reeves dismissed those

who think he's not doing enough as enemies of Trump who "don't like the fact that I'm a conservative and I'm willing to pray."

He warned that extended social distancing orders could cause a more dangerous fallout than the pandemic by destroying the nation's economy.

"I don't think there's any doubt that if the United States found themselves in a severe depression with 20% to 30% unemployment that the abject poverty that could create could lead to more health problems than this particular virus is causing," Reeves said. "One size doesn't fit all in this country."

No nation has more documented cases of the deadly virus than the United States. Yet Trump's coronavirus task force coordinator, Dr. Deborah Birx, reported Monday that the nation has seen roughly just 1% or 2% of the total number of deaths expected in a best-case scenario.

"If we do things together well, almost perfectly, we could get in the range of 100,000 to 200,000 fatalities," Birx said Monday on NBC's "Today." But she warned that every part of the country isn't perfectly responding "in a uniform way to protect one another." "Cities that don't social distance, that don't stay at home, that believe you can have social interactions, that believe you can have gatherings at homes of 20 and 10 people even, that is going to spread the virus even if everyone looks well," Birx said.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican, has split with Trump over when normal life might resume. Ohio's Republican governor, Mike DeWine, has been one of the most aggressive leaders in either party, banning spectators from sporting events the first week of March. He was among the first governors in the nation to close public schools.

Aggressive steps by

DeWine and others have been complicated by Trump's inconsistent rhetoric. After downplaying the threat at first, the Republican president adopted a more serious tone before suddenly suggesting last week that the worst could be over by Easter, which is April 12. He has reversed that view, calling it an "aspiration," with the extension of the social distancing guidelines through April.

Trump has engaged in a war of words with Democratic governors in key states, such as Michigan and New York, where elected officials have openly complained about the lack of federal assistance to stem a dangerous shortage of coronavirus tests and medical equipment.

Many conservatives have cheered Trump's response, particularly his reluctance to encourage a nationwide stay-at-home order.

"They have no right to tell me I need to stay in my house. They cannot impose a travel ban on me. They can't. It's unconstitutional," said Texas-based activist Mark Meckler, a co-founder of the Tea Party Patriots who now leads the Convention of States Project.

Meckler began conversations in recent days with other grassroots conservatives leaders to explore the possibility of filing lawsuits to block some of the more aggressive social distancing measures. In the meantime, he's encouraging like-minded conservatives to embrace "peaceful resistance."

"I'm not going along with it," Meckler said. "It doesn't mean we won't be smart, but we don't want to be sheep."

Garcetti offered a dire message to Republicans who have resisted: "In the projections, you could see this taking tens of thousands of lives in America or millions. You chose. But I don't think anybody wants the second to be on their hands."



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The captain of the USS Roosevelt told Navy officials that he has 100 sailors infected with coronavirus aboard the aircraft carrier's cramped quarters. The ship is docked in Guam.

Navy captain seeks crew isolation as virus spreads

By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF AND HELENE COOPER
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The captain of a U.S. aircraft carrier deployed to the Pacific Ocean has pleaded with the Pentagon for more help as a coronavirus outbreak aboard his ship continues to spread, officials said Tuesday. Military officials said dozens of sailors have been infected.

In a four-page letter dated Monday, first reported by The San Francisco Chronicle on Tuesday, Capt. Brett Crozier of the USS Theodore Roosevelt laid out the dire situation aboard the warship, with more than 4,000 crew members, and what he said were the Navy's failures to provide him with the proper resources to combat the virus by moving sailors off the vessel.

"We are not at war," Crozier wrote. "Sailors do not need to die. If we do not act now, we are failing to properly take care of our most trusted asset — our sailors."

The carrier is docked in Guam.

The plea highlights a central dilemma facing the military: Top officials, who

have spent years placing readiness to fight the next war as a top priority, are now finding that maintaining that readiness during a pandemic can endanger the health, and even the lives, of service members. At the same time that Americans are being told to stay at home and practice "social distancing" in public, many service members are instead being told to continue doing their jobs.

The mixed messages have emerged across the armed services. Last week, the Army ordered a halt to most training, exercises and nonessential activities that require troops to be in close contact, but abruptly reversed itself days later, even as the infection rate within the U.S. military rose.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper has insisted that the armed forces find a way to both protect troops from the rampaging virus while performing the military's essential operations.

Crozier recommended offloading his crew, and then quarantining and testing them while the ship was professionally cleaned. But that proposal raised a series of issues, especially as housing more than 4,000 people while also isolating

them would be difficult on the island.

The crisis aboard the Roosevelt played out like a slow-moving disaster and highlights the dangers to the Pentagon if the coronavirus manages to infiltrate some of its most important assets, such as bomber fleets, elite Special Operations units and the talisman of U.S. military power, aircraft carriers.

In a statement, a Navy official said that the commanding officer of the Roosevelt "alerted leadership in the Pacific Fleet on Sunday evening of continuing challenges in isolating the virus."

"The ship's commanding officer advocated for housing more members of the crew in facilities that allow for better isolation," the statement said. "Navy leadership is moving quickly to take all necessary measures to ensure the health and safety of the crew of USS Theodore Roosevelt, and is pursuing options to address the concerns raised by the commanding officer."

In his letter, Crozier outlined the challenge.

"None of the berthing aboard a warship is appropriate for quarantine or isolation," he wrote.

Deaths

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At the daily White House briefing, the administration on Tuesday projected 100,000 to 240,000 deaths in the U.S. from the coronavirus pandemic if current social distancing guidelines are maintained. President Donald Trump called American efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus "a matter of life and death" and urged the public to heed his administration's social distancing guidelines.

Trump called on Americans to brace themselves for a "rough two-week period."

"I want every American to be prepared for the hard days that lie ahead," Trump said. "We're going to go through a very tough two weeks."

The comments came after Trump announced Sunday that he was extending to April 30 the social distancing guidelines that urged Americans to cease social gatherings, work from home, suspend onsite learning at schools and more in a nationwide effort to stem the spread of the virus.

New York was the nation's deadliest hot spot, with about 1,550 deaths statewide, most of them in New York City, which braced for things to get much worse in the coming weeks.

A 1,000-bed emergency hospital set up at the mammoth Javits Convention Center began taking non-coronavirus patients to help relieve the city's overwhelmed health system. A Navy hospital ship with 1,000 beds that arrived Monday was expected to begin accepting patients Tuesday.

The indoor tennis center that is the site of the U.S. Open tournament is being turned into a hospital as well.

The city has also worked



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Medical staffers chat Tuesday outside the virus testing facility at Elmhurst Hospital in New York City.

to bring in 250 out-of-town ambulances and 500 paramedics to deal with a crush of emergency calls. The fire commissioner said ambulances are responding to double their normal daily total of 3,000 calls to 911.

In addition, New York authorities sought to bring on more volunteer health care professionals and hoped to have them on board by Thursday. Nearly 80,000 former nurses, doctors and others are said to be stepping forward, and the governor said officials are doing background checks for disciplinary actions and otherwise making sure they are fit for duty.

Around the city, workers in protective gear have been seen putting bodies of victims into refrigerated trailers. At some hospitals, like Lenox Hill in Manhattan, the trucks are parked on city streets, along sidewalks and in front of apartments. Cars and buses passed by as corpses were loaded by forklift at Brooklyn Hospital Center. People captured some of the scenes by cellphone.

As for Chris Cuomo, the TV newsman tweeted that he has suffered from fever, chills and shortness of breath and will be doing his shows from his basement, where he has quarantined himself.

"Luckily we caught it early enough," the governor said. "But it's my family, it's your family, it's all of our families. But this virus is that insidious, and we must keep that all in mind."

In the smoldering hot spot of Louisiana, the death toll climbed to 239.

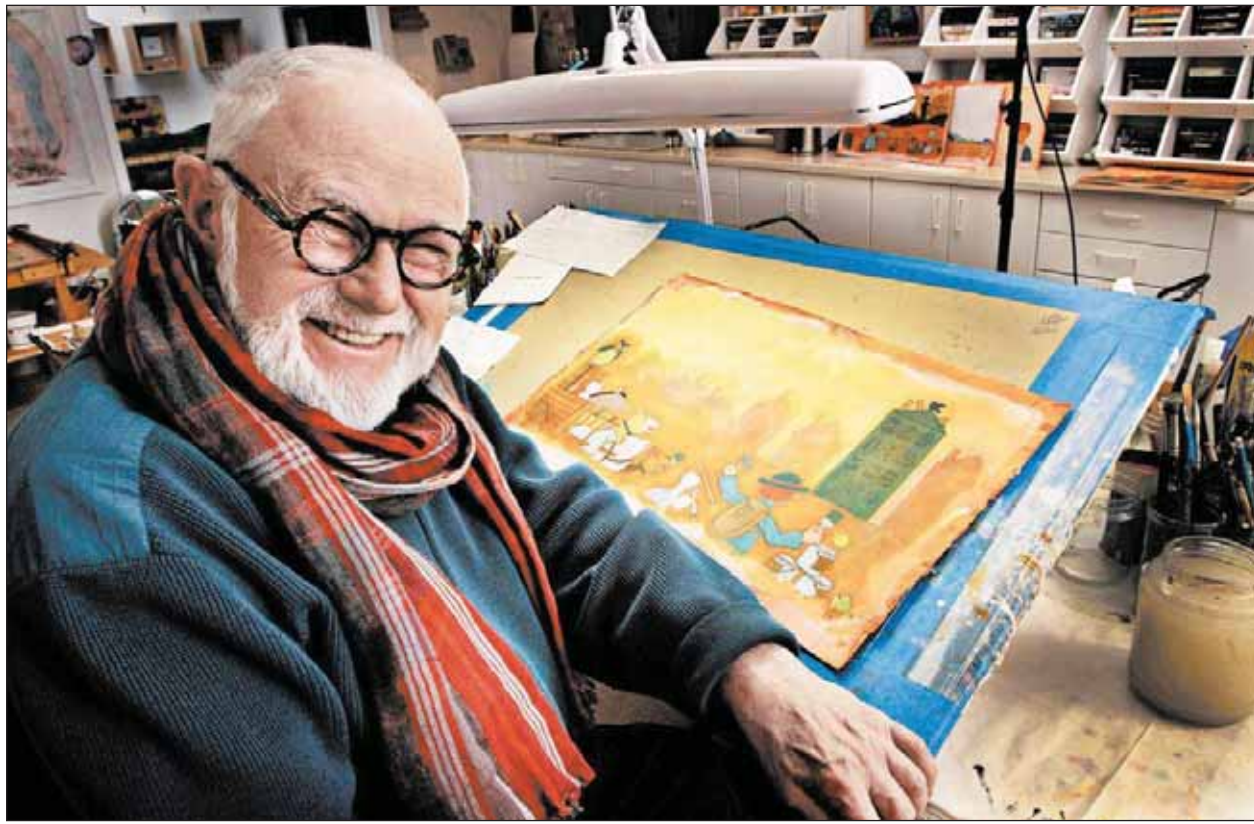
And Tony Spell, a pastor charged with a misdemeanor for holding six church services in violation of the governor's ban on public gatherings, said he would continue to defy the law "because the Lord told us to."

Louisiana and Michigan were running out of ventilators, despite promises by the White House of more equipment.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said the hard-hit New Orleans region is set to run out of breathing machines by the weekend and hospital beds a week later. The Trump administration has committed to sending 150 ventilators from the national stockpile, but the state hasn't received an arrival date. Michigan said it needs 5,000 to 10,000 more.

Meanwhile, a senior military general said the Pentagon has not yet delivered any of the 2,000 ventilators it offered to the Department of Health and Human Services two weeks ago because HHS has asked it to wait while the agency determines where the devices should go.

TOMIE dePAOLA 1934-2020



JIM COLE/AP 2013

Celebrated author and illustrator Tomie dePaola died Monday from surgery complications after taking a fall.

Author, illustrator of more than 270 children's books

BY ILIANA MAGRA
The New York Times

Tomie dePaola, the celebrated author and illustrator of scores of beloved children's books including the "Strega Nona" series, whose heartwarming stories nurtured and delighted many young generations, has died. He was 85.

He died Monday at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire, because of complications from a surgery he had after a fall, Doug Whiteman, his literary agent, told The Associated Press.

DePaola stirred imaginations by writing or illustrating more than 270 books. The ones that resonated most with children, he told The New York Times in 1999, were inspired by his own life.

His grandmother and great-grandmother formed the basis for the characters in "Nana Upstairs and Nana Downstairs," one of his most famous books, which dealt with the death of each woman. And "Oliver Button Is a Sissy," a book about a young boy who is bullied

by his peers for preferring dancing and reading to doing sports, was inspired by his own experiences as a child.

Like Oliver Button, dePaola was a tap dancer when he was young, and he insisted on dangling his tap shoes from his shoulder to the chagrin of his father, he said in the 1999 interview. But after he started performing, he added, his father took pride in his abilities.

Like dePaola, Oliver Button was rescued by an unknown helper who crossed out the word "sissy," scribbled on a wall, and replaced it with another S-word: "star."

"I was called sissy in my young life," he said in the 1999 profile, "but instead of internalizing these painful experiences, I externalize them in my work."

DePaola was born in Meriden, Connecticut, in 1934. He studied at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, which named him "one of the top 125 Pratt icons of all time" in 2012, according to his website, and at the California College of Arts in Oakland, California; and

Lone Mountain College in San Francisco. He later taught in the art and theater departments of colleges in California, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

A renowned artist, dePaola received multiple awards, including the Smithsonian Medal from the Smithsonian Institution and the Kerlan Award from the University of Minnesota. He won the 2011 Children's Literature Legacy Award for his "substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children," according to his website.

Despite almost universal admiration for dePaola's books, some were briefly banned, including "Oliver Button Is a Sissy," which was prohibited by a school in Minneapolis for being "anti-sport"; and "Strega Nona," about a kindly, older witch, which was banned by American libraries for painting magic in a positive light.

Gov. Chris Sununu of New Hampshire, where dePaola lived and worked, wrote on Twitter on Monday, describing him as "a man who brought a smile to

thousands of Granite State children who read his books, cherishing them for their brilliant illustrations."

DePaola had known he would be an artist since he was 4, he recalled in an interview in 2002.

"Oh, I know what I'm going to be when I grow up," he recounted telling his family. "Yes, I'm going to be an artist, and I'm going to write stories and draw pictures for books, and I'm going to sing and tap dance on the stage," he said.

"And I've managed to do all those things."

DePaola received many letters through the years from children with questions about his life and books, and he often took the time to chat with them at book signings and other events. It was always important to him to keep that voice active.

"I just keep the inner critic," he said. "Don't let the little 4-year-old get jaded. I listen to him. He stands beside me and says, 'No, I don't like that.'"

Associated Press contributed.

Watchdog finds fault in how FBI sought wiretaps

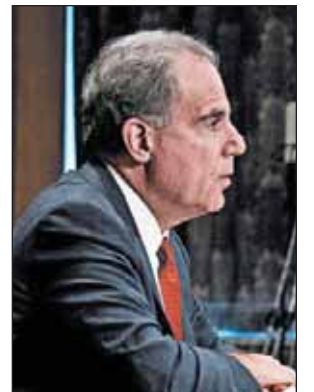
BY CHARLIE SAVAGE
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — An inspector general uncovered pervasive problems in the FBI's preparation of wiretap applications, according to a memo released Tuesday about an audit that grew out of a damning report last year about errors and omissions in applications to target a former Trump campaign adviser during the Russia investigation.

The follow-up audit of unrelated cases by the Justice Department's independent watchdog, Michael Horowitz, revealed a broader pattern of sloppiness by the FBI in seeking permission to use powerful tools to eavesdrop on American soil in national-security cases. It comes at a time when Congress is debating new limits on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

But the findings of systemic failures also help the FBI politically because they undercut the narrative fostered by President Donald Trump that the bureau's botching of applications to surveil Carter Page shows that the broader Russia investigation was motivated by political bias.

Horowitz's investigators reviewed so-called Woods files, where the FBI is supposed to catalog sup-



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Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz found pervasive problems with FBI wiretap applications.

porting documentation for factual claims in a FISA application, in a random sample of 29 requests to wiretap someone as part of a terrorism or espionage investigation. They found problems with all 29.

"We do not have confidence that the FBI has executed its Woods Procedures in compliance with FBI policy," the report said.

Testing the FISA applications against their underlying evidence "identified apparent errors or inadequately supported facts in all of the 25 applications we reviewed," the report said.

The other four could not be scrutinized at all because the FBI could not even locate the required Woods file.

Supreme Court won't hear vouchers challenge

BY GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE — The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to hear a challenge to Seattle's first-in-the-nation "democracy voucher" program for public financing of political campaigns.

The high court issued its denial Monday in a challenge brought by two local property owners who said the program forces them — through their tax dollars — to support candidates they don't like, in violation of the First Amendment.

Seattle voters decided in 2015 to tax themselves \$3 million a year; in exchange, each receives four \$25 vouchers that they can donate to participating candidates in city elections.

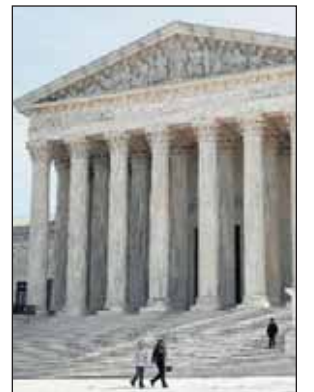
Supporters say the program has boosted participation in city politics, especially among lower-income residents who previously were less likely to donate to campaigns.

"Seattle's innovative program loosens the stranglehold that large donors have had over the terms of political debate by giving a more diverse pool of people an opportunity to have their voices heard in politics," said Paul Smith, vice president at the Washington, D.C.-based Campaign Legal Center, which supports the city's program.

"Our victory in this case protects campaign finance reform efforts around the country and helps uphold the constitutional principle of self-governance."

During last year's campaign for City Council seats, voters gave more than 98,000 vouchers totaling \$2.5 million to candidates.

However, fearing they would be rapidly outspent, many candidates asked to



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

The justices may have other opportunities to review such programs as other cities work on ideas.

be excused from the program's spending limits after internet retailing giant Amazon spent about \$1.5 million to back a slate of candidates it saw as business-friendly. The Washington state Supreme Court unanimously upheld the voucher program last year.

The U.S. Supreme Court has generally upheld the public financing of campaigns, within the limits of the First Amendment, saying that "public financing as a means of eliminating the improper influence of large private contributions furthers a significant governmental interest" — helping to eliminate corruption.

"Public access to elections matters, and Democracy Vouchers help give voice to those who might otherwise go unheard," Seattle City Attorney Pete Holmes said in an emailed statement.

Ethan Blevins, an attorney with the libertarian-leaning Pacific Legal Foundation, which challenged the program, said he did not believe the U.S. Supreme Court's decision not to review the Seattle case would be the final word on the subject.

US outlines its proposal for Venezuela transition

BY JOSHUA GOODMAN
Associated Press

MIAMI — The Trump administration is prepared to lift crippling sanctions on Venezuela in support of a new proposal to form a transitional government requiring both Nicolas Maduro and opposition leader Juan Guaidó to step aside in favor of a five-person governing council, U.S. officials said.

The one-page "Democratic Transition Framework for Venezuela" was presented Tuesday by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. It echoes a proposal made over the weekend by Guaidó that shows how growing concerns about the coronavirus, which threatens to overwhelm the South American country's already collapsed health system and economy, are reviving U.S. attempts to pull the military apart from Maduro.

"This framework can provide a path that ends the suffering and opens the path to a brighter future for Venezuela," Pompeo said in Washington.

Under the plan, both Maduro and Guaidó, who some 60 countries recognize as Venezuela's rightful leader, would step aside and cede power to a five-member council of state to govern the country until presidential and parliamentary elections can be held within 6-12 months. The military high command — the traditional arbiter of political disputes in Venezuela and a key plank of support for Maduro — would remain in place for the duration of the transitional government.

Four of the members would be appointed by the opposition-controlled National Assembly that Guaidó heads. To draw buy-in from the ruling socialist party, a two-thirds majority would be required. The fifth member, who would serve as interim president until elections are held, would be named by the other council members. Neither Maduro nor Guaidó would be on the council but Pompeo said Guaidó would be free to run for president.

"The hope is that this

setup promotes the selection of people who are very broadly respected and known as people who can work with the other side," U.S. Special Representative for Venezuela Elliott Abrams told the AP in a preview of the plan. "Even people in the regime look at this and realize Maduro has to go, but the rest of us are being treated well and fairly."

The plan also outlines for the first time U.S. requirements for lifting sanctions against Maduro officials and the oil industry — the source of nearly all of Venezuela's foreign income.

While those accused of grave human rights abuses and drug trafficking are not eligible for sanctions relief, individuals who are blacklisted because of the position they hold inside the Maduro government — such as members of the supreme court, electoral council and the rubber-stamp constitutional assembly — would benefit.

But for sanctions to vanish, Abrams said the council would need to be function-

ing and all foreign military forces — from Cuba or Russia — would need to exit.

Maduro's Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza all but rejected the call for dialogue, saying Maduro "never will betray the vote of confidence that the people gave him."

For months, the U.S. has relied on economic and diplomatic pressure to try and break the military's support for Maduro and last week U.S. prosecutors indicted Maduro and key stakeholders — including his defense minister and head of the supreme court — on drug trafficking and money laundering charges.

Still, any power-sharing arrangement is unlikely to win Maduro's support unless the thorny issue of his future is addressed and he's protected from the U.S. justice system, said David Smilde, a senior fellow at the Washington Office on Latin America.

"It's a little hard to see how this is going to be convincing to the major players in the government," Smilde said.



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Big Cat Rescue CEO Carole Baskin, of Tampa, Florida, has been the target of accusations in a Netflix documentary.

Florida sheriff seeks tips in 'Tiger King' mystery

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — It might be the biggest diversion from the pandemic: binge-watching the luridly fascinating Netflix documentary "Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness."

Now a Florida sheriff is asking the public for tips regarding one of the lingering mysteries raised in the show: What happened to Carole Baskin's husband?

For those who aren't up to speed, here's a primer: Carole Baskin is the owner

of Big Cat Rescue in Tampa. "Tiger King," the documentary, is about Joseph Maldonado-Passage, also known as "Joe Exotic," a former Oklahoma zookeeper who loves guns, younger men and big cats.

Earlier this year, he was sentenced to 22 years in prison for his role in a murder-for-hire plot. He was convicted of trying to hire someone to kill Baskin, who had tried to shut him down, accusing the Oklahoma zoo of abusing animals and selling big cat cubs.

In retaliation, Maldonado-Passage raised questions about Baskin's former husband, Jack "Don" Lewis, who disappeared in 1997. His often violent and explosive-filled rants about Baskin were not only broadcast on his web TV show, but also in the documentary. Since the show was released, speculation about Baskin and Lewis has run rampant — and Hillsborough County Sheriff Chad Chronister wants to take advantage.

"Everyone's home. They're watching Netflix,"

Chronister said Tuesday, adding that Lewis' case remains open and that he's assigned a detective supervisor to handle new leads.

The documentary extensively covered Maldonado-Passage's repeated accusations that Baskin killed her husband and possibly fed him to her tigers.

"We hope the Sheriff's plea for leads will result in new information about what happened to Don Lewis," said Susan Bass, Big Cat Rescue's spokeswoman, in an email.

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Canada-US oil pipeline work to start this month, firm says

BILLINGS, Mont. — A Canadian company said Tuesday it plans to start construction of the disputed Keystone XL oil sands pipeline through the U.S. Midwest in April, after lining up customers and money for a proposal that is opposed by environmentalists and some American Indian tribes. Construction would begin at the pipeline's border crossing in Montana, said TC Energy spokesman Terry Cunha.

The announcement came after the company secured \$1.1 billion in financing from the Canadian provincial government of Alberta to cover construction through 2020 and agreements for the transport of 575,000 barrels of oil daily. Alberta Premier Jason Kenney said the province's resource-dependent economy could not afford for Keystone XL to be delayed until after the pandemic had passed.

FDA changes boost alcohol for sanitizer from ethanol makers

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Food and Drug Administration has relaxed regulations on the types of alcohol that can be used to make hand sanitizers during the shortage caused by the coronavirus pandemic, expanding the market to potentially millions of gallons made by ethanol producers. Hospitals and nursing homes are desperately searching for hand sanitizer, and ethanol plants

that can make large batches of its main ingredient, alcohol, have offered to help. The FDA has stringent production standards designed to protect the quality of medicines, food ingredients and dietary supplements, and the agency prohibited many ethanol plants from using their alcohol that didn't meet high quality specifications for use in drugs or beverages.

Taliban team arrives in Kabul to monitor prisoner release

KABUL, Afghanistan — A three-member Taliban technical team arrived Tuesday in the Afghan capital to monitor the release of their prisoners as part of a peace deal signed by the Taliban and the U.S., a spokesman for the insurgent group said. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed the team's arrival in a tweet. It marked the first time a Taliban delegation has

been in Kabul since the group was driven out by the U.S.-led coalition in November 2001. On Monday, Jawed Faisal, spokesman for the Afghan National Security Adviser's office, said Afghan officials and the Taliban agreed during a video conference that the insurgent group should send a technical team to Kabul for face-to-face discussions on the release of Taliban prisoners.



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Mountain goats roam the streets Tuesday in Llandudno, Wales. The goats live on the Great Orme but are occasional visitors to the seaside town. A local official told the BBC that the herd was drawn this time by the lack of people due to the virus outbreak.

Rollback of mileage standards slows climate change effort

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration's rollback of mileage standards Tuesday marks a win for Americans who like their SUVs and pickup trucks, but the government's own estimates show big costs, too — more Americans dying from air pollution, more climate-damaging tailpipe exhaust and more expense for drivers at the gas pumps. The administration's final rule relaxes future mileage standards for years to come, gutting tougher Obama-era standards that were the U.S. government's single most forceful initia-

and other states opposed to the rollback. "Great news! American families will now be able to buy safer, more affordable, and environmentally friendly cars with our new SAFE VEHICLES RULE," President Donald Trump declared in a tweet. "Get rid of those old, unsafe clunkers. Build better and safer American cars and create American jobs. Buy American!" But Democratic lawmakers and environmental groups condemn the rollback, and years of legal battles are expected, including from California

and other states opposed to the rollback. The rollback drew rare public criticism from former President Barack Obama, who has remained silent as his successor targets public health, environment and climate regulations from Obama's time. "We've seen all too terribly the consequences of those who denied warnings of a pandemic. We can't afford any more consequences of climate denial," Obama tweeted after Trump's transportation and Environmental Protection Agency heads made the final rule public.

Mother gets 7 months in college admissions scam

BOSTON — A California woman was sentenced Tuesday to seven months in prison for paying bribes to rig her two daughters' college admissions exams and get one of them into Georgetown University as a fake tennis recruit. In a hearing via video-conference due to the co-

ronavirus pandemic, the judge rejected Elizabeth Henriquez's bid to avoid prison because of the public health crisis but is allowing her to remain free until at least June 30 in the hopes that the outbreak will have diminished. "I have every hope that the coronavirus crisis will

abate in a matter of months and that Ms. Henriquez will be able to serve her sentence safely and rebuild her life," U.S. District Judge Nathaniel Gorton said. Henriquez and her husband were charged with paying \$400,000 in bribes to get their oldest daughter into Georgetown.

US finds large cross-border tunnel used to smuggle drugs

SAN DIEGO — A large haul of drugs, including opioids, methamphetamine and cocaine, being smuggled from Mexico to California was seized from a cross-border tunnel equipped with ventilation, lighting and an underground rail system, authorities said Tuesday. The tunnel connected warehouses in Tijuana and San Diego, extending 2,000 feet with an average depth of 31 feet and width of 3 feet, according to the San Diego Tunnel Task Force, an investigative team made up of several federal agencies. Authorities seized more than two tons of a variety of drugs. The tunnel was built near a vaunted double-layered border wall constructed under President Donald Trump's watch, illustrating the limitations of such barriers against sophisticated drug smuggling organizations.

In Syria: Syrian air defenses opened fire Tuesday night on missiles launched from Israeli warplanes on the central province of Homs, shooting down some of them, state media said. State TV said the warplanes fired the missiles while flying in Lebanese airspace. The outlet said the warplanes targeted a Syrian army position without saying where exactly. It added that some of the missiles were shot down. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition war monitor, said Israeli warplanes fired eight missiles at the Shayrat air base in Homs province. Residents in Beirut heard the warplanes in the air shortly before the airstrikes were reported.

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EDITORIALS

Abbott Labs' breakthrough and the national race to defeat coronavirus

No magic wand exists to end the coronavirus pandemic, but as of this week there is a portable diagnostic test from Abbott Laboratories to detect COVID-19 within minutes. We're impressed, not surprised. America will get through this crisis only in an intense national effort that combines commitment and creativity.

So much dedication is on display, beginning with the brave work of doctors, nurses and first responders caring for highly contagious patients. Then there are the hospital, office and public cleaning crews risking their health to fight COVID-19. What also catches our eye is the aggressive burst of energy from American medical companies pursuing coronavirus tests, treatments, vaccines and cures.

Two months ago, COVID-19 was a mystery ailment that had infected hundreds of people in central China. On Monday, Johnson & Johnson said it would begin human testing of a vaccine in



MANDEL NGAN/GETTY-AFP
President Donald Trump with the new test for COVID-19 from Abbott Laboratories at the White House on Monday.

September that could be ready for emergency use in early 2021.

Two weeks ago, General Motors was idling its Kokomo, Indiana, plant as part of the broad shutdown of U.S. industry to fend off the virus. GM is now working 24/7 to turn the Kokomo facility that manufactures electrical parts for cars into a ventilator assembly line in collaboration with Ventec

Life Systems, a medical instrument company. Ventec normally makes 200 toaster-sized ventilators a month. With GM's manufacturing and supply chain know-how, executives think they can ramp up to 20,000 units a month, according to a New York Times report. That's ingenuity for which GM says it seeks only to recoup costs.

Not that there's anything wrong with profits. Medical companies such as Abbott, based in the Chicago area, are built to discover cures and treatments. They take the financial risks and when their investments pan out, they stand to earn the reward.

Abbott is ramping up production of its COVID-19 test to 50,000 units a day to be allocated first to front-line workers. But that's just the start. "We have multiple R&D teams at work" on a variety of different coronavirus tests, including a version that can operate like a pregnancy test, Abbott CEO Miles White told

CNBC. "All of those are a matter of weeks to a couple of months away."

Government leaders and health officials carry the primary responsibility for combating COVID-19 in Illinois. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot closed the lakefront to enforce social distancing rules. Gov. J.B. Pritzker initiated the conversion of a backup field hospital at McCormick Place. These are extraordinary efforts.

What has been more challenging for Pritzker and other governors is obtaining enough disposable masks, gloves and other privately manufactured hospital gear to treat patients. The Tribune's David Heinzmann reported that supply chains have been severely disrupted by the virus: Production of equipment has plummeted while demand has reached unprecedented levels. Understandably, this has led to purchasing scrambles.

Pritzker and others have called

on President Donald Trump to use his power under the federal Defense Production Act to require numerous companies to supply governments with gear. Perhaps that will become necessary, but as of now we're not aware of widespread resistance from manufacturers. Quite the opposite. When Trump said last week that he had ordered GM to work on ventilators, the company responded that it already had been working around the clock for a week.

The coronavirus pandemic is a fast-evolving crisis. The federal government has an important role to play in purchasing and distributing equipment, but so do the states. Illinois officials know best what this state needs and should be working the problem as hard as they can alongside the feds — and so far they have — in cooperation with the private sector because it has the expertise.

That will be the only way to defeat COVID-19 — a total effort by all.

Think the stay-home restrictions are tough now? They could get tougher.

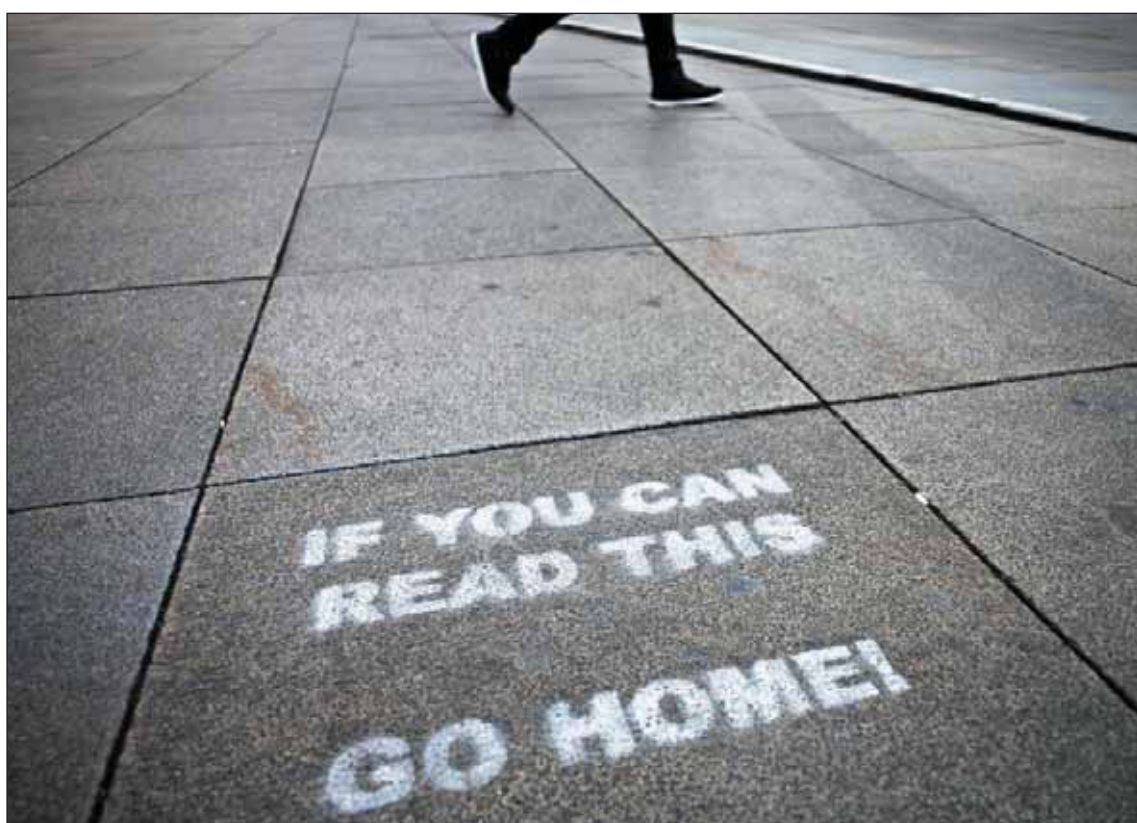
If you're wondering what next steps might become necessary to enforce stay-home orders in Chicago and Illinois, some European countries offer clues.

While many countries outside the United States are dealing with similar coronavirus crises — how to handle outbreaks within prisons and nursing homes, how to balance social distancing and civil liberties, and how to sustain local economies — some regions are a step ahead in enforcement measures.

Insistent you need to sneak into the hair salon for a touch-up? Yes, we're hearing about underground group beauty treatments in Chicago. Think again. The rules could get stricter.

In Germany, for example, police are cracking down on all gatherings of more than two people. Grocery stores weeks ago began installing plastic barriers to protect clerks and insisting that customers bag their own items and use plastic cards instead of cash.

Some cities are now handing out face masks to every supermarket patron — not medical grade, but masks that must be worn to protect produce and other items in the store. Public transit users, too, are being urged to wear a mask or, if one isn't



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available, to cover mouths and noses with scarves or towels.

In some parts of Europe, social distancing is strictly enforced, which means a "bouncer" stands

outside a store or pharmacy to allow only a small group inside at a time. And at one grocer in Germany, a little robot named Pepper stands at the checkout lanes to

remind customers to stay 6 feet apart.

Without strict adherence to government mandates here in Chicago and Illinois, it's possible

those next steps will be thrust upon us too. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot in a series of public service announcements this week reminded residents to stay home and that no, it's not a good time to touch up your hair or nails.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle recently closed select forest preserve facilities — and the list is growing — after too many people began congregating for hikes and exercise. Tsk tsk, Swallow Cliff stair climbers. You blew it. That popular exercise spot is now closed, along with all forest preserve bathrooms and buildings.

The stay-home restrictions are going to get harder, not easier, on all of us, especially with Gov. J.B. Pritzker extending the stay-at-home order through the end of April. It's "Groundhog Day," the movie, at many homes across Illinois. Wake up. Work. Clean. Watch TV. Dig in the freezer. But we're still allowed to go to the store and pick up fresh produce without mandatory face coverings, and we're still allowed to be outside and exercise at certain parks, social distancing guidelines in place.

Those rules could tighten, though, if protocols keep getting broken. Stay the course, Chicago. Stay home.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Through plague eyes I realize there's an important distinction between social connection and social solidarity. Social connection means feeling empathetic toward others and being kind to them. That's fine in normal times.

Social solidarity is more tenacious. It's an active commitment to the common good — the kind of thing needed in times like now. ...

All those burn-it-down/destroy-the-system/anti-establishment tirades ring a little hollow too. It's not the angry outsiders who are protecting us right now, it's the establishment.

The whole culture of autonomy seems immature too: I'm free to be myself! The people who are out there doing their own thing (like the partiers) at spring break threaten the lives of the most vulnerable around them.

We'll need a great reset when this is all over. We need to start planning a great social festival and ask the obvious questions:

Why did we tolerate so much social division before?

Why didn't we cultivate stronger social bonds when we had the chance?

David Brooks, The New York Times

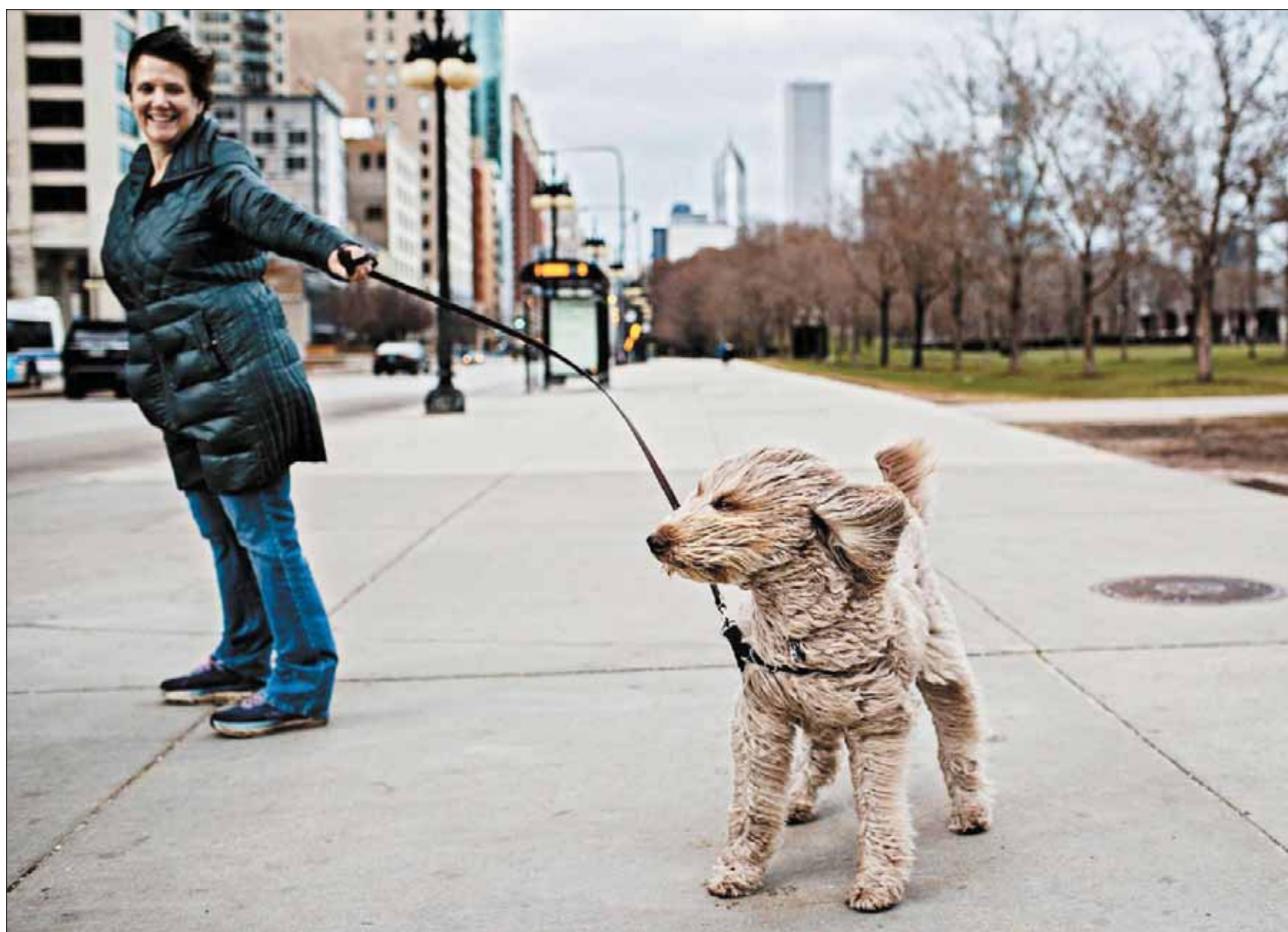
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Karen Bump walks her 12-year-old labradoodle, Gracie, in the South Loop on Sunday. "Our dogs have never been happier," said a reader on Facebook.

The small pleasures of being cooped up during a pandemic



ERIC ZORN

Yes, this is horrible. More than 3,000 Americans are already dead of COVID-19, with the daily number of fatalities projected to continue to grow for at least another two weeks. To try to curb the spread of the coronavirus, many of us are following stay-at-home directives that feel indefinite and are crippling businesses and draining bank accounts.

But life is not altogether horrible. In our house, our college-age twins are finishing their final years at home, and we're having more good hang-out time with them than we've had since they were little. We're also bonding with the boy's girlfriend from school, who is sheltering with us for the duration, and getting to know the cat they adopted. Sunday we cleaned out and painted a closet whose decrepit interior we'd been ignoring for nearly 30 years.

A lot of you are also making the best of this bad situation. On Twitter I've been reading #LockdownSilverLining, a collection of posts from people sharing the compensatory pleasures of what we're informally calling a quarantine.

Here, lightly edited in places, are some of the contributions:

"My father-in-law in England is a math professor and offered to give my kids a lesson over Skype today. They spent over an hour doing problems, asking questions and telling jokes — quality time they normally wouldn't have spent with their grandpa overseas." — @GloriaFallon123

"Bikini season is postponed."

— @thaliaevans

"No mass shootings."

— @KittenWritten

"I love how, collectively, we're cutting people slack. Kids loud in the background on work calls? Whatever. Nobody is dragging themselves to work sick. There's no pressure to be perfect on any front. I hope this part never goes back." — @lisaclombardi

"I'm home with a 3-year-old and my Go Fish game has never been stronger." — @cbyam1

"I underestimated the joy of leggings and a lovely cup of tea, of having some time to figure out what is truly important and what I would love to do in life, and, finally, of seeing how the good in people always shines through in hard times." — @Optimist_Eeyore

"Having tons of time to reflect, think and learn. I have so many ideas that I am super excited about. It's really stoked my enthusiasm for life."

— @GraciousEel

"I finally cleaned out my inbox!"

— @HannerRix

"My kids have definitely developed a true friendship with each other."

— @misswinkle

"It got me out of hosting a baby

shower at my house."

— @MrNiceGuyHaHa

"I stopped fighting with my older sister. She was always busy at work before and hadn't any time to spend with me. But now we have plenty of time to watch movies, play games and garden together."

— @MadushikaJeewal

"After two weeks without wearing makeup, my skin is looking better than ever." — @alleyezontea

"Our boys are 19 and 20 and usually very busy. We've never really taught them how to cook. Now they're learning family recipes and picking out new things to make." — @NateshaKazakoff

"I learned where we keep the cleaning supplies." — @lisaclombardi

"Not having to battle a commute every day, my husband is visibly less stressed. We're holding hands every night, sitting next to each other, binge-watching 'Warehouse 13.'"

— @FalpalRepublic

"I talked to old friends on Zoom, which reinforced how much I missed and appreciated them."

— @WeirdWorkaholic

"With almost everything being canceled at the moment, there's no more fear of missing out. I actually do enjoy just logging off the internet and reading a book without missing anything." — @Ghost_7

"Having breakfast and dinner together everyday as a family."

— @CourtneyFulle09

"No out-of-date food at the supermarket." — @BKSaltman

"My 25th class reunion probably will be postponed, leaving more time to lose weight and become successful!"

— @FarmerMJ

Here are some the responses I got when I asked for similar thoughts on Facebook:

"We celebrated our 18th wedding anniversary by cooking dinner with our 13-year-old daughter, who made dessert. Then we introduced her to Cary Grant and 'My Favorite Wife.'" — Eric Anderson

"Getting to know our neighbors much better via daily porch happy hours, everyone on their own porches spaced well apart." — Thad Rueter

"No Trump rallies." — Matt Rogina

"Our dogs have never been happier."

— Patrick Burke

"No need to wear that underwire bra." — Laura Mills

"We own more than 400 board games, but many had gone unplayed for years. In the last two weeks I've reacquainted myself with old favorites and taught my eager, game-playing 6-year-old several games I would never have guessed he'd like or understand. That has been fantastic."

— Mick Cullen

On the other hand, there's actress Anna Kendrick, who spoke for many of us Monday when she posted to Twitter, "I guess I'll never be able to lie to myself again about all the (stuff) I would do if I just had the time."

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Paying rent during a pandemic — banks, landlords must be flexible

BY MATT MARTIN
AND HARRY OSTERMAN

We've reached the start of April, which means it's the first time for many that rent is due since Chicago's COVID-19 crisis began.

Even in non-pandemic times, Chicagoans suffer from a lack of affordable housing. Half of all households who rent are rent-burdened, meaning that they spend more than 30% of their income on housing, and many thousands of Chicagoans are homeless. The novel coronavirus pandemic has worsened this untenable situation, leaving residents across the city reeling from reduced wages and wondering how they will be able to keep a roof over their heads.

State and local leaders are working to provide the necessary resources, but their revenues are falling and the Trump administration has failed to take bold action.

Accordingly, landlords and banks must step up to provide the clarity and compassion that this housing crisis demands.

In the coming months, landlords who are financially able — especially those who have paid off their mortgages — should commit to reducing or eliminating entirely

the rents for tenants who have been financially devastated by COVID-19. Those landlords who are unable to take this step can still help by adopting payment plans, waiving late fees, extending grace periods and forgoing rent increases.

Whichever category applies to a landlord, they should let their tenants know proactively, rather than waiting for tenants to broach what for most will be a sensitive and stressful subject. And for landlords who fear that they alone will be left holding the bag, the city of Chicago's recently announced Housing Assistance Grant Program and Small Business Resiliency Fund, along with direct cash payments and additional unemployment benefits from the federal stimulus, will help tenants pay what they can.

But for less financially stable landlords

In the coming months, landlords who are financially able — especially those who have paid off their mortgages — should commit to reducing or eliminating entirely the rents for tenants who have been financially devastated by COVID-19.

— the owner-occupiers of two- and three-flats come to mind — these government programs may not be enough. They need banks to act quickly and aggressively in modifying their required mortgage payments. Several lenders have begun tiptoeing in the right direction by offering mortgage forbearance — deferring a borrower's monthly mortgage payments for as many as 90 days. But a balloon payment at the end of this relatively short window hardly represents the bold action we need.

Banks should reduce or extinguish entirely the debt that accumulates during this forbearance period, or at least offer every affected borrower the opportunity to shift that amount to the end of their loan. Banks should also stop charging interest during the forbearance period, a break they are already offering student loan holders. And

perhaps most importantly, banks should speak in a single voice when declaring publicly which policies they will adopt, so as to minimize confusion among borrowers as to which banks will do what under which circumstances.

The banking industry should be up to the task, given the Federal Reserve's planned purchasing of mortgage-backed securities and corporate bonds. And in the wake of the Great Recession — and the taxpayer-funded bailout of which numerous banks availed themselves — banks are better capitalized than before.

The widespread instability that COVID-19 has wrought is unlike anything Chicagoans have seen in generations. To overcome this challenge, which we will, we need everyone to contribute what they can. For some, that's a friendly check-in call to a neighbor. For others, it's a donation of food or other goods. And for landlords and banks, it should be leniency regarding rent and mortgage payments so that housing is one less thing Chicagoans have to worry about.

Matt Martin is alderman of Chicago's 47th Ward. Harry Osterman is alderman of the 48th Ward.

PERSPECTIVE



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President Donald Trump has been holding a daily news briefing during the coronavirus pandemic.

Would removing Trump's live coronavirus briefings make him worse?



CLARENCE PAGE

More than 3,000 Americans had died in the coronavirus pandemic as of Tuesday, but President Donald Trump appeared to have his eyes glued to another set of numbers: his television audience ratings.

"Because the 'Ratings' of my News Conferences etc. are so high, 'Bachelor finale, Monday Night Football type numbers' according to the @nytimes, the Lamestream Media is going CRAZY," Trump tweeted.

He also quoted The New York Times story in three other tweets and a CBS News poll that found Republicans have far more faith in Trump than the news media.

(As if that was news. Media criticism has been a hallmark of conservatives at least since conservative Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater's disastrous campaign against President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964. Blaming the messenger for unpleasant news, regardless of party, goes back much further than that.)

But Trump's tweet conspicuously left out how some journalists and public health experts say that his ratings achievement could be a frivolous or dangerous — take your pick — thing.

Team Trump, you may recall, did away with daily press briefings last year because they called for a level of accountability with which this president would not put up.

But after the coronavirus pandemic took away the president's favorite medium, live rallies in front of his supporters, Trump discovered the value of daily virus updates.

Trouble is, he doesn't follow the valuable advice that my wife once gave me before speaking to a college graduation ceremony: "Remember, all of these people didn't come here just to hear you."

Even Dr. Anthony Fauci, the popular straight-talking immunologist on Trump's task force, knows that people are tuning in to get crucial information about the international crisis that we and our families need.

But the president has an unhelpful habit of putting himself in the middle of the story even at times like this. CNN, I noticed, cut away from the briefing Monday near its beginning when the president introduced Mike Lindell, CEO and popular TV ad face of MyPillow, who was followed by several other corporate execs.

Worse, you never know when this president is going to respond to reporters' questions with unreliable information or explode into a tirade against "fake news" — which still, as ever, tends to be any news that he doesn't like.

On Sunday, for example, he barked at PBS "NewsHour" reporter Yamiche Alcindor after she questioned a claim he had made to Sean Hannity on Fox News that governors don't really need all of the equipment they were requesting to fight the pandemic.

First, he tried repeatedly to deny saying that, although he had said it.

"I don't believe you need 40,000 or 30,000 ventilators," the president told Hannity. "You go into major hospitals sometimes, and they'll have two ventilators. And now, all of a sudden, they're saying, 'Can we order 30,000 ventilators?'"

But with Alcindor the president shifted into a tirade against "you people," you blankety-blank reporters, and a lecture on being "nice." "Be nice," he said with maximum condescension and shushing. "Don't be threatening. Be nice."

You can see in the exchange a Sparta-

cus-like move by CNN reporter Jeremy Diamond, who handed the microphone back to Alcindor so she could ask a second question that the president had interrupted.

Since Alcindor also is a black woman, the admonition to "Be nice" and "Don't be threatening" carries a history and message fraught with insult. But white guys get the Trump-dump treatment too.

After ABC's Jonathan Karl asked twice whether every state and hospital that needs a ventilator will get one, the president responded as if he'd been insulted. "Look, don't be a cutie pie. OK?" Trump said. "Nobody's ever done what we've done. Nobody's done anything like we've been able to do."

When NBC's Peter Alexander recently asked whether the president's attempts to put a positive spin on things might be giving people a false impression, Trump exploded, "You're a terrible reporter," and "That's a nasty question" when the American people are looking for hope.

"Nasty" question? We have a couple of old sayings in journalism that sound appropriate here.

One is that a failure to ask questions isn't journalism, it's stenography.

The other is that there are no "stupid questions," but there are plenty of stupid answers.

As a public service, I think broadcasters should reserve the right to broadcast the president live or on tape. Ultimately, as our ratings-conscious president knows, it is best to have you, the audience, decide where you think you are being served best — and, in my experience, you have not been shy about letting us know.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Decision-making in time of crisis

As we all watch frightening scenes as COVID-19 moves from overseas to U.S. cities, we worry: What will happen in Chicago?

Uncomfortable terms like "rationing" and "triage" suggest distressing unknowns as this pandemic wreaks havoc on medicine's supply and demand. To prevent new cases, people are practicing social distancing by sheltering in place. Medical visits and procedures are postponed. These efforts reduce the burden on the finite supply of health care providers, hospital beds and ventilators available to care for COVID-19 patients.

If rapid spread creates demands with which we cannot keep up, bigger sacrifices may be necessary. New York hospitals consider triage if they do not have enough ventilators or hospital beds. Medical journals solicit ideas for conserving protective equipment. Illinoisans grow concerned about local preparedness.

As physicians and bioethicists in the Chicago area, we understand and share your fears about how difficult questions of distributing limited resources will be answered.

In 2012, the Institute of Medicine released a report describing how crisis situations require a shift from thinking solely about health care for individual patients to considering the community. Guiding values for community care include: solidarity (supporting the community's collective moral value), fairness (avoiding discrimination), duty to care for (not abandon) patients, duty to conserve resources, and openness about difficult choices.

These values and many years of community input shaped the Illinois Catastrophic Response Plan, which some of us helped develop. We are using this plan and considering other states' protocols, hospitals and health care systems to create consistent and fair approaches to these difficult questions.

Yes, this crisis is unprecedented, making health care adjust to rapidly changing circumstances. But now more than ever, health care goals remain unchanged: improving health and decreasing suffering when a cure is no longer possible with the means available.

Responding to COVID-19 is not something one person, one hospital or one community can do alone. We must be united. For health care professionals, this means working daily to provide the best care possible with available resources. For public health, this means tracking the disease and enacting protective policies. For bioethicists, it means working alongside health care professionals to find fair and equitable approaches for difficult problems. For industry, it means supplying masks and ventilators. For the public, it means being united in spirit while remaining physically isolated (and hand-washing!) For us all, it means standing in solidarity.

Please stay safe. And know that we stand with you.

— Dr. Dalia Feltman, NorthShore University HealthSystem; Craig Klugman, professor, DePaul University; Dr. Erin Talati Paquette and Dr. Angira Patel, Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago; Dr. Rupali Gandhi, Advocate Children's Hospital

Tributes to 'ordinary' people

After being so consumed this week by all of the COVID-19 chaos that continues to wreak havoc on our community, I stumbled upon a page of tributes to victims of this horrendous illness published by Christy Gutowski ("Remembering the lives of those in Illinois who died from coronavirus," March 30). I cried as I scrolled through each one.

The media can sometimes seem as if they only highlight well-known public figures, celebrities, etc., who have contracted this virus, been tested for this virus and so on. It brought joy to me — which of course, still comes with grief and sorrow — when I came across these tributes where I learned about what some may refer to as "ordinary" people of our Chicagoland community, who were truly extraordinary to the people who knew them and those they have touched in their lifetime — be it a long, fulfilled life or one cut far too short by this pandemic.

It is humbling to read these stories and know how many amazing members of our community have walked among us for years. You never know someone's story, and many are too humble to tell it themselves. You never know the hardships they may have faced, the American dream they fought to give their family, the business they spent their entire life building from the bottom up, and the ways they poured their heart and soul into giving back.

Thank you for writing these stories. Our community is incredible, and these stories deserve to be told. Please keep honoring the lives of those we are losing in this tragic time that is so difficult to navigate.

— Ryan Brandt, Tinley Park

Coronavirus has created a long, global Lent: A time to remember what we're missing

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

In the middle of March, when we first got a sense of how much would change because of the coronavirus, a friend joked, "I didn't plan on giving up this much for Lent."

It was a good line, but I didn't smile because things were getting depressing. No concerts. No parties. No going to bars and restaurants. No school. Small businesses were worried about their sales.

The "no" list kept getting longer. No beach. No bike trails. No haircuts. No zoo. No museums — so much for the "El Greco" exhibit at the Art Institute. No spring break trip to see friends in St. Louis. No visits of any kind. Growing unemployment and shrinking 401(k)s.

We know why — we must try to contain the virus. We have to flatten the curve. We have to keep as many of us well for as long as possible, so there will be enough medical care to go around. Things are getting worse, and it's no time to complain about trivialities.

I know this but can't help feeling grouchy and deprived of common pleasures. I feel like I'm 9 years old again, kicking the table leg in frustration because it's raining and I can't play softball. Every day and on and on.

For me, it really got bad when the Archdiocese of Chicago canceled Holy Week and Easter services. I'm a church musician — cantor and choir member — and we've been rehearsing for Holy Week since January. It's such beautiful music — "Pange Lingua Gloriosi" and "Were You There?" — pieces we sing just once a year.

I'll also miss so many other things about

Easter time, which is better than Christmas because it's spring and you don't have to stress about presents. We'll miss braiding palm branches and bringing the Easter basket to church for a Holy Saturday blessing, a Polish tradition. I remember as a kid competing with my siblings over who could decorate the prettiest eggs that would be good enough to go in the basket, along with the rye bread, horseradish, a ring of kielbasa and the butter molded into the shape of a lamb, all covered with my grandmother's embroidered cloth. Then there would be a giant family party on Easter with an egg hunt and lamb cakes. Not this year.

I know there are worse things. People are suffering and dying by the thousands around the world. Health care workers are going without necessary equipment and getting sick themselves.

But you never know what's going to trip your own emotional wire, and losing Easter was the first thing in these past few weird weeks that made me cry and cry.

Eventually, you have to stop crying and figure out what to do next. So I decided to think about the pandemic lockdown as a giant, extended version of Lent. A solemn, global Sabbath. A cosmic boot in our collective pants.

Lent, which started Feb. 26 for non-Orthodox Christians, is 40 days of contemplation, penance and fasting, a slowing down of ordinary life. Catholics and followers of some other Christian traditions give up meat on Fridays and let go of some personal pleasure. Over the years, I've given up chocolate, Facebook, salt, coffee and reading fiction. I remember one year, my friends all gave up alcohol at the same

time, and we had a sober late March birthday party, grimly drinking O'Doul's.

Many religious traditions have some kind of fasting ritual, whether it's Lent or Yom Kippur or Ramadan. While the types of fast differ, the sacrifice serves as a reminder both of the presence of God and of all our blessings. Seeing a dish of candy, and not taking one, is a spiritual pinprick, a way to both recall the transcendent and the sufferings of the poor.

This is what's happening with everyone now, religious and non-religious, all over the world. By not being able to get together with our friends and family, we are reminded of how much we love them and how much we may have taken them for granted. If we are sick, we are reminded of how good it is to be well. Unable to go where we like, we remember how precious that freedom is.

I also find myself grateful for what I do have now — the walks around the neighborhood with my daughter, spotting bears and rainbows in windows. I'm grateful for the phone and Zoom chats with family, and that a friend with the virus is out of the hospital and getting better. I'm grateful for the chilly spring sunshine, my house, my job, water, heat, enough toilet paper and my own health. Touch wood. So far.

I'm hoping for those of us who come out of this, when coronavirus-Lent is over, we'll value what we have a little more. Perhaps summer will be sweeter, because spring was so long and sad.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

VRBO customers: 'Our vacation was stolen'

Family fumes over refunds on trip dashed by coronavirus outbreak

BY LORI RACKL

When Erin Haughton planned her family's spring break getaway to Mexico earlier this year, she booked a place to stay with VRBO, a popular vacation home rental site she'd used in the past.

The Frankfort woman is supposed to be on that trip in Playa del Carmen right now, enjoying a sunny week with her husband and three kids.

Like other would-be travelers, the coronavirus pandemic means she's stuck at home. And like other VRBO customers, she's fighting a bitter battle to get her money back.

"I feel like our vacation was stolen from us," Haughton said. "The governor has ordered us to



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Oak Lawn resident Pat Mitchell and his girlfriend, Elizabeth Cook, rented a home in the Florida Keys through VRBO.

stay home. The borders to Mexico have been closed to nonessential travel. This is a global pandemic. Customers aren't able to get the service they paid for. They need to refund the money."

Expedia Group's VRBO is

hardly the only travel company dealing with incensed customers as a result of COVID-19 and the chaotic swirl of closures and cancellations trailing in the new coronavirus' wake. But compared with rival platform Airbnb, which

mandated the option of cash refunds for a wide swath of customers, VRBO's approach has been more hands-off, ultimately leaving it up to guests and hosts to work out the details of compensating for dashed travel plans.

"The real culprit here is VRBO, which is pitting working people against one another," said John McDermott, a River Forest native now living in L.A.

He and a group of friends from the Chicago area booked a sprawling house in Key West, Florida, for a bachelor party that would have taken place when the local government closed the Keys to visitors.

Confronted with stay-at-home orders and mounting concerns about the health implications of travel, McDermott's group called off the trip a few days before its start. Now they're out roughly \$6,000, he said, because the property owner would only refund

\$3,000 of the \$9,000 they paid to VRBO.

"We're being punished for doing the responsible thing," he said.

COVID-19 has created a tough situation for people on both sides of the equation, VRBO spokeswoman Alison Kwong responded via email. In the vast majority of cases, she said, "our partners are rising to the occasion and giving credits or refunds to travelers given these extreme circumstances."

That hasn't stopped the backlash on social media, where VRBO's Facebook page includes thousands of comments posted by irate consumers. The hashtag #boycottvrbo on Twitter turns up a litany of grievances, from guests being ghosted by hosts to getting paltry refunds — or no refund — from property owners who insist

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Customers at The Herbal Care Center, on Chicago's Near West Side, keep their distance as they wait in line Tuesday.

DACA worker renewals a concern

With offices closed during pandemic, feds to change system

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

From his Gage Park home, 24-year-old Francisco Rafael Peralta-Cerda is busy developing lesson plans and coursework to keep his middle school students focused on daily assignments amid a public health crisis sweeping the nation.

In addition to the stresses of teaching remotely, Peralta-Cerda, who immigrated with his parents from Mexico more than two decades ago, also is worried about his ability to keep working in the country.

Peralta-Cerda is among the more than 32,000 immigrants in the Chicago area who are enrolled in Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that shields young immigrants brought to the U.S. as children from deportation. Because the future of the program is uncertain — the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule in the coming weeks on whether the Trump administration can end it — immigrants like Peralta-Cerda are anxious to keep their work permits up date and maintain their jobs.

But with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services offices closed because of the new coronavirus, work permit renewals have been a concern in the immigrant community. The agency, which processes work permits, requires individuals pursuing renewals to appear in person for fingerprinting and a photograph, something that's been impossible with offices closed.

On Monday, the agency announced it would process DACA work permit renewals reusing prior fingerprints and photographs the agency has on file.

The announcement comes as a relief for Peralta-Cerda, who teaches at Chicago's Marquette Elementary School, and who has a work permit that expires May 13.

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Being forced to adapt

Delayed dispensary openings, curbside pickup changing how the marijuana industry operates

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Employees at Illinois marijuana dispensaries worked tirelessly during the first weeks of recreational weed sales, attempting to meet insatiable demand for the newly legal product.

Three weeks ago, everything changed.

As the new coronavirus pandemic spread and Illinoisans were ordered to stay home, dispensaries — which are deemed essential by the state and allowed to stay open — suddenly had to figure out how to enforce social distancing in their stores. Protecting medical marijuana patients, many of whom have compromised

immune systems, became a pressing concern. And plans to open new dispensaries were put on the back burner as city approvals for new sites ground to a halt.

"We had to literally change the entire way we operate overnight," said Paul Lee, general manager for Dispensary33, which shut down recreational weed sales and is asking medical patients to preorder. "It's like reinventing the wheel all the time here. We just got our feet under us."

Like many businesses, the marijuana industry is trying to pivot and adapt as coronavirus reshapes the landscape. But unlike some other industries, dispensaries are regulated by the

state, which means they can't make operational changes without first getting approval. Even allowing medical patients to pick up their orders curbside, an industry effort to facilitate social distancing, required approval by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Dispensaries also were instructed by the agency to keep customers 6 feet apart.

Coronavirus has meant a swift turn for an industry that, in the first two months after recreational sales launched on Jan. 1, was focused on serving long lines of customers as quickly as possible.

The intersection on the Near West Side where The Herbal Care Center is located is too busy for curbside pickup, said general manager Michael Mander. However, without recreational customers, the waiting room and

show room floor are large enough to keep customers at a safe distance from each other.

"We've essentially cut our showroom in half in order to abide by these 6-foot rules," he said.

The dispensary is also taking people's temperatures as they enter, and encouraging pre-ordering through an online system to limit the number of customers in the shop at once.

Others have done the same. Some dispensaries have instituted reservations, or are taking orders via phone. And many are doing it all with skeleton crews, as staff members not feeling well or worried about exposure to COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, work remotely.

On top of the operational shake-ups, many dispensaries

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Walmart to check temperatures, offer workers masks and gloves

Measures come with employees growing increasingly worried

BY MARIA HALKIAS
The Dallas Morning News

Walmart said Tuesday it will begin temperature checks for all employees before they start their shifts.

The world's largest retailer is also making masks and gloves available for employees who want to wear them. The new steps come as grocery workers increasingly become worried about being at the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Retail workers are being asked to do heroic work to keep America fed," said Dan Bartlett, Walmart executive vice president on a call

with reporters Tuesday. "The strain put on retail is not normal."

Walmart is also considering one-way aisles to promote social distancing by customers and said it's started that in the U.K. and Canada. There are no plans to begin checking temperatures of customers, Bartlett said, adding, "that would require clear guidelines from the government."

Grocery stores and pharmacies stay open when local and state officials declare shelter-in-place orders. On Monday, some employees of an Amazon fulfillment center in New York walked out after an employee tested positive. Instacart employees have also become vocal about their safety as they fill online grocery orders.

At Walmart, the additional steps come as the retailer has shortened store hours to allow for a deeper



MATT ROURKE/AP

Walmart is making masks and gloves available for employees who want to wear them, as well as beginning temperature checks.

cleaning of stores overnight, hired more people, offered coronavirus leave policy and started adding sneeze guards at checkouts. Walmart has hired 50,000 new workers since March 19 when it made

its announcement.

In addition to taking temperatures, Walmart said it will ask workers some basic health screening questions.

It's in the process of sending

infrared thermometers to all it locations which it said could take up to three weeks to reach its 5,355 Walmart, Neighborhood Market and Sam's Clubs in the U.S. It employs 1.4 million people.

Masks and gloves will arrive in 1-2 weeks, Walmart said. While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other health officials don't recommend masks and gloves for healthy people who don't already use them for their jobs, Walmart said it will make them available "as supplies permit" for employees who want to wear them.

Bartlett said the additional steps will start in states with more hot spots and distribution centers will be the first to receive thermometers.

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22nd Century Media folds amid coronavirus ad drought

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Days after suspending print publication of its suburban Chicago newspaper chain, 22nd Century Media ceased operations Tuesday amid a coronavirus-spawned advertising drought.

The end was sudden and the downfall swift, as businesses closed shop and advertising dried up, cutting off the key revenue stream for the weekly newspapers, Joe Coughlin, 22nd Century's publisher, said Tuesday.

"We were having a great year, and then ... March," Coughlin said. "Advertising

and revenue collection just stopped."

The decision ends a 15-year run for the hyperlocal publisher, whose 14 Chicago-area weeklies ranged from the north suburban Highland Park Landmark and Northbrook Tower to the Orland Park Prairie and Lockport Legend in the southwest suburbs.

The newspaper chain had about 50 employees. A handful will stay on to help wind down operations over the next few weeks, Coughlin said. The rest were laid off Tuesday.

The state has been under a stay-at-home order since March 21, which has closed

many businesses and reduced consumer spending as Illinois residents hunker down to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Companies large and small have struggled during the health crisis, including the already challenged legacy newspaper business.

The Tampa Bay Times announced Monday it was suspending all but two days of print publication, while Gannett, the nation's largest newspaper chain, announced furloughs and pay cuts across the chain in the wake of coronavirus-related advertising declines.

On Friday, Coughlin posted a message to readers

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— Joe Coughlin, 22nd Century's publisher

saying print publication would be suspended, but the online versions of the newspapers would continue. He also said print subscribers would be converted to digital subscriptions, and made a plea for new subscribers to help support the local journalism 22nd Century Media provided.

By Monday night, it be-

came clear to Coughlin that the advertising-supported business was unsustainable under the current conditions. The company told its staffers of the decision to cease operations Tuesday.

"We are refunding subscribers, both print and digital," Coughlin, 37, said Tuesday, adding he didn't know yet whether the company was capable of re-

funding all subscribers.

Jack Ryan, the former investment banker and Republican U.S. Senate candidate who ran against Barack Obama in 2004, founded 22nd Century media the following year. The portfolio grew from one local newspaper — the Homer Horizon — to 15 titles.

In addition to the suburban Chicago weeklies, 22nd Century acquired the Malibu Surfside News in California in 2015. That newspaper will continue as an online publication only, Coughlin said.

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Permits

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But another concern looms for Peralta-Cerda and thousands of other "Dreamers."

The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in November over the future of DACA, and legal experts say a ruling could be handed down at any time. If the court allows the Trump administration to end the program, and if the administration moves to take that step, deportations are possible.

"I love the kids I'm

teaching... It's really scary. I'm nervous what they will decide. I feel like I'm in a state of limbo," Peralta-Cerda said.

Worries about the ruling have deepened in the health care community as the nation battles COVID-19. In a letter sent to the Supreme Court Friday, 27,000 health care workers who are also "Dreamers," including medical students, physician assistants and doctors, asked the court not to end the program during the coronavirus pandemic.

"Termination of DACA during this national emergency would be cata-

strophic," the letter states.

Jonathan Lopez of Little Village, a communication manager for Partnership for College Completion, a nonprofit that advocates for equity in higher education, has been helping friends renew their work permits. Lopez, a DACA recipient, has also seen firsthand the role immigrants are playing in the coronavirus response.

"I've helped out a lot of schoolteachers and nurses, some of them work at hospitals. They are taking care of people," said Lopez.

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set to open in Chicago and other parts of the state are facing delays.

The 55 stores operating when recreational marijuana went on sale Jan. 1 were allowed a second location, and many in Chicago were in a mad dash to open those shops. But as the city's activities ground to a halt because of the coronavirus, so too has the race to open.

PharmaCann, which already operates four dispensaries in the state, has plans to open two more in Chicago — one each in the Near North and Logan Square neighborhoods. But one potential location needs the City Council to approve a zoning change, and both need approval from the city's Zoning Board of Appeals to move forward.

Both governmental bodies have rescheduled meetings because of coronavirus, delaying PharmaCann's progress on the two shops.

"There's nothing we can really do," said Jeremy Unruh, director of public and regulatory affairs for PharmaCann. "It sets us back probably the same amount that the city has been delayed."

Cresco Labs is facing similar issues with dispen-

saries it wants to open in the Gold Coast neighborhood and in Schaumburg, a northwestern suburb that also has delayed meetings because of the virus.

Cresco already operates five dispensaries in the state and plans to open five more. Construction at planned shops in South Beloit and Danville also have been delayed because of supply chain issues caused by the pandemic, said spokesman Jason Erkes.

The delays and operational limitations are coming at an inopportune time for the cannabis industry. April 20, or 4/20, is three weeks away. The day is treated as a marijuana holiday of sorts, and some operators have likened it to the industry's Black Friday.

"We were going to try to be open for 4/20," said Gorgi Naumovski, principal officer at Thrive dispensaries, speaking of a third location the company is planning in Mount Vernon. "We're not going to be open ... I don't see having a big fanfare this year."

Thrive's existing dispensaries in Anna and Harrisburg have seen a 30% to 50% drop in customers over the past two weeks, as Illinoisans have hunkered down and followed Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order. Those that do venture to the dispensary some-

times lose patience with the slow pace the dispensary is operating at now, Naumovski said.

"You only have two to three people at a time coming in, so it does make for a slower transaction," Naumovski said. "Some people can't wait and abandon their orders. It's just part of the game right now."

In early March, marijuana sales around the state spiked, as people stocked up on products heading into the state shutdown. The average sale through March 25 was up 13% over February, according to New Frontier Data, which tracks sales at more than 40 Illinois dispensaries.

Though that rush has dropped off for some dispensaries, like Thrive, others have continued to see high purchase volumes.

On Friday, Mission South Shore dispensary had its highest revenue day since Jan. 1.

The South Chicago dispensary now uses an appointment system to limit the number of people in the store, said Kris Krane, president and co-founder of 4Front Ventures, which owns the dispensary. But it also removed buying limits it had in place since Jan. 1.

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Walmart

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An employee with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will be sent home and will be paid for reporting to work, then asked to seek medical treatment in necessary. Employees can't return to work until they are fever-free for at least three days, Walmart said.

Walmart said many employees have already been taking their temperatures at home. It's also asking them to look out for other

symptoms of the virus such as "coughing, feeling achy, difficulty breathing and never come to work when they don't feel well."

Bartlett stressed that masks and gloves are voluntary and said CDC guidelines still don't recommend them for the general public.

To keep employees in masks, Walmart needs 7 million a week. The program wasn't put in place sooner, he said, because masks can create "a false sense of security." Social distancing and hand-washing are recommended in-

stead, he said. Also, Walmart wanted to be sure it could access a supply of masks without putting pressure on the needs of health care workers, he said.

A blog post announcing the new steps by Walmart U.S. CEO John Furner and CEO of Sam's Club posted Tuesday said employees are also being asked to remember three numbers: 6, 20 and 100. Six feet of space between others. Take 20 seconds to wash hands with soap and water. A temperature of 100 degrees means stay home.



VRBO

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on sticking to their cancellation policies.

The Better Business Bureau has logged more than 200 complaints against VRBO in the past 30 days. That compares with about a dozen filed in March 2019, according to Erin Dufner of the BBB office in Austin, Texas, where VRBO is based. The bulk of the complaints revolve around refund disputes related to COVID-19, she said.

Haughton, the mother of three from Frankfort, paid \$1,953 for her Playa del Carmen rental, plus an additional VRBO fee of nearly \$200, which VRBO promised to give back. The company said it's automatically refunding its service fees for reservations booked before March 13 for stays that include at least one night between March 13 and April 30 under its COVID-19 emergency policy.

That policy also urges hosts to set aside their regular cancellation terms for bookings within that time frame and offer guests a full credit for a future stay within the next year. If that's not an option, hosts are "strongly encouraged" to refund at least 50% of what guests have paid. The more generous hosts are being with refunds and credits, the more VRBO promises to reward them with better visibility for their properties on the site.

Haughton said she tried to work with the U.S.-based property owner to reschedule her trip to Mexico over Christmas break, when her kids would be out of school. That's a more expensive, high-demand period, the host responded, so she wouldn't make the swap, according to messages the two exchanged on the VRBO app. The host suggested summer instead. But that's when Haughton's youngest child, Andrew, 10, is having surgery related to his brain cancer.

The unpredictability of Andrew's health is why

Haughton, an insurance agent, said she always buys travel insurance. But her policy, like many, doesn't cover pandemics.

The host eventually agreed to refund 50% of Haughton's money, but only if Haughton would put in writing that she was satisfied with the resolution and wouldn't be "lawyering up or coming after me for more," the host wrote.

Haughton refused because she's hoping to get all of her money back, either through legal means or with the help of VRBO.

"If VRBO decides to do what Airbnb did, we want our 100%," she said.

The Better Business Bureau's Dufner said that "at the end of the day, it's up to the individual property owner how they want to handle it, and each case is likely going to be different."

Giving 100% refunds for all canceled vacation rental travel has downstream effects, noted VRBO's Kwong.

"Property managers must take the interests of their guests, owners whose homes they manage, and employees into account," she emailed. "Expecting owners and property managers to assume the full financial burden of refunds could lead to layoffs, missing payroll, defaulting on mortgages and foreclosures."

Airbnb rankled many of its property listers in mid-March when it invoked its extenuating circumstances policy and instituted blanket refunds — regardless of hosts' cancellation terms — for stays between March 14 and April 14.

"The hosts were very divided: They either believed Airbnb did the right thing or the wrong thing," said Meighan Depke, who moderates a 16,000-member private Facebook group called Airbnb's Finest Hosts.

Depke lists the first floor of her Logan Square two-flat on both rental platforms but gets most of her business through Airbnb. Some years she makes more renting her unit for \$115 to \$250 a night than she's paid as a self-employed graphic de-

signer. Even though guest rental money is a major part of her income, Depke said refunds are the right thing to do given the circumstances. But plenty of people in her Facebook group disagree.

"A lot of hosts believe Airbnb should have issued credits," she said. "There's talk of class action lawsuits and leaving the platform and going to VRBO."

Airbnb on Monday extended its window for refunds on reservations affected by COVID-19 through the end of May. It also pledged \$250 million to help offset some of the hosts' cancellation costs.

"They're going above and beyond the call, while VRBO is over here screwing everybody over," said Pat Mitchell, who booked a house in the Florida Keys through VRBO. His group planned to stay there for four nights in March before the trip was scuttled by the coronavirus.

The host said he'd switch the dates but Mitchell was traveling with eight other people, including a pregnant woman and two nurses who've been on the front lines of COVID-19. They weren't able to align their work schedules and vacation days for the foreseeable future. They want their money back instead.

Several phones calls to VRBO, lots of time on hold and repeated emails so far have resulted in a returned security deposit and VRBO's service fee.

"We got \$800 back while \$3,000 sits in the pocket of this guy who provided no service," Mitchell said. "I just think the whole thing is gross."

For Haughton, what makes it worse is that she used to be a fan of VRBO, saying nothing but good things about the platform to family and friends.

"That they're failing me this way, it hurts my heart," she said. "Customers have a long memory. I will remember how they treated my family. And I'll be telling everybody I know."

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Wall Street logs worst quarter since 2008 crisis

S&P drop brings its loss for first 3 months of year to 20%

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NEW YORK — Stocks fell Tuesday to close out Wall Street's worst quarter since the most harrowing days of the 2008 financial crisis.

The S&P 500 dropped a final 1.6%, bringing its loss for the first three months of the year to 20% as predictions for the looming recession caused by the coronavirus outbreak got even more dire. Stocks haven't had this bad a quarter since the last time economists were talking about the worst downturn since the Great Depression, when the S&P 500 lost 22.6% at the end of 2008.

The surge of coronavirus cases around the world has sent markets to breathtaking drops since mid-February, undercutting what had been a good start to the year.

The big question is if markets will get worse. At this point, no one knows.

"People are trying to digest the length and magnitude of what the coronavirus impact is going to be," said George Rusnak,

managing director of investment strategy at Wells Fargo Private Bank.

The steep drops from Tokyo to Toronto in recent weeks reflect investors' understanding that the economy and corporate profits are in for a sudden, debilitating drop-off. Economies around the world are grinding to near standstills as businesses close their doors and people hunker down at home in hopes of slowing the spread of the virus.

Whether markets have found a bottom or whether investors have become too optimistic about the economic rebound coming after the viral outbreak peaks is impossible to say without knowing when the number of new infections will hit its peak.

"We're kind of on this little milestone journey with markets," said Brent Schutte, chief investment strategist at Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management Co. "First, we get the economic plan in place, then we have to start to see some of the containment actions pay off. At some point it's going to be how do we get back to work."

Among the next milestones for investors is Friday's jobs report, which is expected to show a sharp drop in payrolls. Companies will also be reporting their earnings results for the first quarter in upcoming weeks, and analysts are looking for the steepest drop in profits since the start of 2016, according to FactSet.

The numbers may get even worse in the following quarter.

Goldman Sachs economists said Tuesday that they expect the U.S. economy to shrink 34% in the second quarter, but they expect growth to rebound in the third quarter.

The S&P 500 fell 42.06 points to 2,584.59.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 410.32, or 1.8%, to 21,917.16, and the Nasdaq was off 74.05, or 1%, to 7,700.10.

"We're still not even close to peak coronavirus in the U.S., which has already reported more cases than any other country and will sadly likely see a huge spike in the number of deaths," said Craig Erlam, senior market analyst at OANDA Europe. "Huge challenges still lie ahead."

Fed steps in again to try to aid other key banks

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve is intervening once again to try to smooth out the world's lending markets, this time by lending dollars to other central banks in exchange for Treasuries.

The Fed's move Tuesday marks its latest aggressive effort to keep borrowing rates down and ensure that financial markets can still function in the face of the coronavirus outbreak. The virus has caused a near-shutdown of economic activity in the United States and abroad and made it harder for some banks and companies to borrow. The Fed is trying to facilitate lending and boost confidence that it will do all it can to support the global financial system.

The new lending program will allow other central banks to access dollars without having to sell Treasury securities. Excessive selling of Treasuries typically causes their interest rates, or yields, to rise, and that makes borrowing more expensive. The Fed is trying to prevent this.

"This facility should help support the smooth functioning of the U.S. Treasury market by providing an alternative temporary source of U.S. dollars other than sales of securities in the open market," it said in a statement.

Foreign central banks typically lend dollars to banks in their countries, which conduct much of their business in dollars.

The Fed has already expanded dollar "swap lines" with 14 central banks to exchange dollars for an equal amount of foreign currency. The new program will let central banks sell Treasuries to the Fed, with an agreement to buy them back the next day — a trade known as a "repurchase agreement" or repo. The central banks pay a small interest rate on what is essentially an overnight loan, which can be repeated.

The program starts April 6 and will continue for at least six months.



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

A postal worker wears a mask and gloves as she delivers the mail March 26 in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

Handling mail amid outbreak

Experts: Risk low that virus on envelopes, but wash hands to stay safe

BY LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

Kathy Payne has a routine: She wipes down the trays holding the mail she's about to deliver. She puts on gloves to sort the letters and packages, then a new pair when she climbs into her vehicle.

As she fills people's mailboxes throughout the day, she constantly cleans her steering wheel, fearing the coronavirus.

"We don't know where they come from, who's touched them," she said of the envelopes. "It's scary not knowing."

Payne, a postal carrier for 30 years in Rockwood, Tennessee, is among those making deliveries who are trying to protect themselves from the virus, whether it's no longer requiring signatures for packages or knocking on doors instead of ringing the doorbell.

Health experts say the risks are very low that COVID-19 will remain on envelopes or packages and infect anyone who handles them. They say, however, to avoid touching your face and wash your hands after handling any deliveries, which have

become more important as Americans stay home to reduce the spread of the virus.

Payne, who delivers to more than 800 mailboxes a day in a town about 70 miles north of Chattanooga, said her post office constantly wipes down door handles and has provided plenty of gloves.

But "our biggest thing is the post office can't get hand sanitizer, can't get any supplies," she said.

That sent one co-worker to a Walmart to stock up on 12 canisters of sanitizing wipes, Payne said. Without the Postal Service providing much disinfectant, Payne brings a can of Lysol to spray down the surfaces she touches.

Tests led by U.S. government scientists found that the virus can live on cardboard for up to a day, but that was in a controlled lab situation and does not reflect what might happen in daily life or with other materials, such as envelopes, said Julie Fischer, a microbiologist at Georgetown University's global health security research center.

In the real world, packages and envelopes face varying weather conditions that affect how long the virus can live on them, she said. Even if the virus was on the mail, it would need to make its way to your mouth or nose to cause infection.

"As long as you wash your hands thoroughly and regularly after opening it

and don't touch your nose and mouth, that mail itself, that package, poses very little risk," Fischer said.

But "postal workers are at risk because they are coming into contact with each other and the public," she said. "The biggest risk is still exposure to an infected person."

The U.S. Postal Service is keeping post offices open but ensuring customers stay at least 6 feet apart. It also is requiring appointments for passport applications. The agency said it is following guidance from public health experts, although there is no indication that COVID-19 is being spread through the mail.

Shipping giants FedEx and United Parcel Service have stopped requiring signatures for packages.

The National Association of Letter Carriers has advised its union members to avoid ringing doorbells and instead knock on doors — avoiding areas likely to have been touched by someone else — and to practice social distancing.

In hard-hit Italy, the postal service has scaled back services that require face-to-face interaction with customers but continues to deliver mail during the country's lockdown. Many post offices have reduced their opening hours or shut down temporarily to reduce the risk of the virus spreading among customers and staff.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Marriott: Breach affects 5M guests

Marriott says guests' names, loyalty account information and other personal details may have been accessed in the second major data breach to hit the company in less than two years.

Marriott said Tuesday 5.2 million guests worldwide may have been affected. The information taken may have included names, addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, loyalty information for linked companies like airlines and room preferences. Marriott said it doesn't believe credit card information, passport numbers or driver's license information was accessed.

Marriott said it noticed guest information was accessed at the end of February using the login credentials of two employees at a franchised property.

Treasury: Airlines must repay loans

DALLAS — The Treasury Department wants airlines to say how they will compensate the government for \$25 billion in grants used to keep employees on the payroll during the coronavirus outbreak.

The economic relief bill signed into law last week gives the Treasury secretary the power to take an equity stake in airlines that get taxpayer help. The law provides money for grants and another \$25 billion in loans or loan guarantees for passenger airlines hurt by the drop in travel from the outbreak.

The number of people going through security checkpoints at U.S. airports has plunged more than 90% from a year ago.

The Treasury Department warned airlines Monday to apply for aid by late Friday or face delays in processing.

Amazon fires worker who staged NY walkout

BY ALEXANDRA OLSON AND MAE ANDERSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Amazon fired a worker who organized a walkout at a New York warehouse to demand greater protection against the new coronavirus, saying the employee himself flouted distancing rules and put others at risk.

The decision prompted a rebuke from New York Attorney General Letitia James, who called on the National Labor Relations Board to investigate. James said her office is also considering legal options, saying the right to organize is protected in New York.

"It is disgraceful that Amazon would terminate an employee who bravely stood

up to protect himself and his colleagues," James said in a statement.

But Amazon said Christian Smalls had received several warnings for violating social distancing guidelines. Amazon said Smalls showed up at the protest at the Staten Island warehouse Monday despite an order to remain home for 14 days because he had come into contact with a co-worker who had been diagnosed with the virus. The company said Smalls was put on paid leave during the 14-day isolation period.

Several Amazon workers walked out of the warehouse, demanding the facility be shut and cleaned during a paid time off after the co-worker tested positive for the virus. About 100 workers were expected to attend the rally, but Amazon said the actual number was much lower.

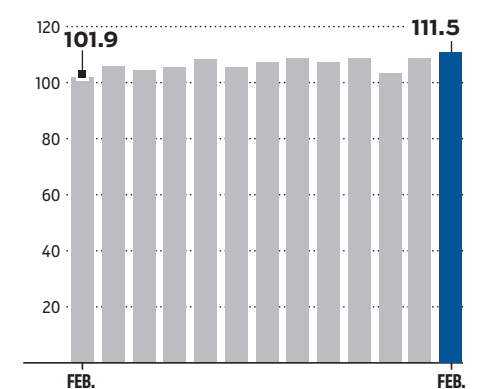
The Seattle-based company said it has taken aggressive steps to protect its employees from the virus, including cleaning and distancing measures. Amazon is checking the temperature of anyone entering the Staten Island warehouse, a step the company said would be implemented in other facilities.

The company said it consults with local and federal health authorities on how to handle building closures if an employee tests positive, including evaluating the worker's interactions with others.

Several protests have drawn attention to fear and discontent among low-wage workers on the front lines of the pandemic, particularly those packing and delivering groceries and other essentials for millions of people hunkering down at home.

Pending home sales rise

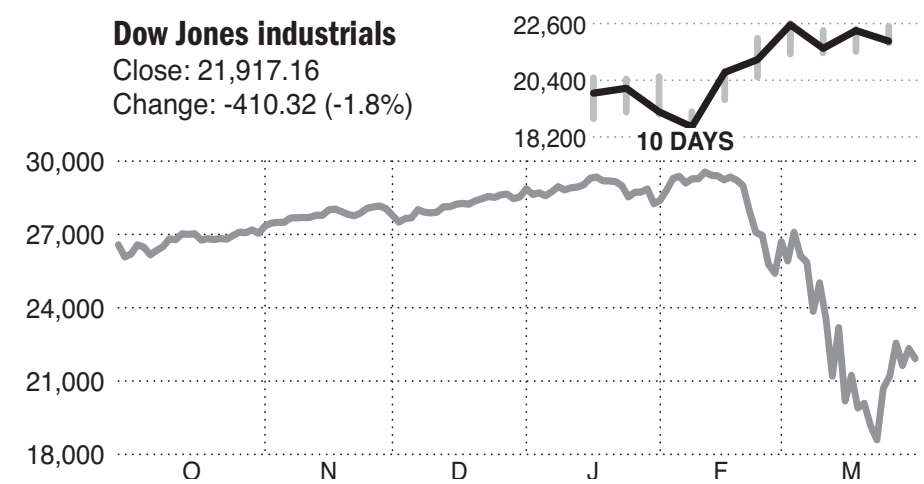
The Pending Home Sales Index, a measure of housing contract activity, rose 2.4 percent to 111.5 in February 2020.



SOURCE: National Association of Realtors

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 22,480.37 Low: 21,852.08 Previous: 22,327.48



Nasdaq -74.05 (-0.95%)	S&P 500 -42.06 (-1.60%)	Russell 2000 -5.22 (-0.45%)
Close 7,700.10 High 7,880.31 Low 7,642.86 Previous 7,774.15	Close 2,584.59 High 2,641.39 Low 2,571.15 Previous 2,626.65	Close 1,153.10 High 1,164.63 Low 1,130.34 Previous 1,158.32
10-yr T-note +0.03 to .70%	Gold futures -38.60 to \$1,583.40	Yen -13 to 107.63/\$1
Euro +0.0082 to .9077/\$1	Crude Oil +0.39 to \$20.48	

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+5.85	+3.80	+5.61	-15.43	-11.33	-13.94	-16.28	-1.89	-9.86

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	569.75	575.25	564.25	568.75	-.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	341.75	344.75	333.50	340.75	-.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	882.50	887.50	875.75	886	+.4
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	26.86	27.15	26.68	27.01	+0.14
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	326.00	326.90	320.30	321.50	-4.00
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	May 20	20.23	21.89	20.01	20.48	+0.39
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 20	1.702	1.731	1.636	1.640	-0.50
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 20	.5966	.6187	.5478	.5517	-0.0338

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	78.91	-.43	Dover Corp	N	83.94	-1.70	Littelfuse Inc	O	133.42	+0.95
AbbVie Inc	N	76.19	+0.95	Envestnet Inc	N	53.78	-5.01	McDonalds Corp	N	165.35	-2.78
Allstate Corp	N	91.73	-2.91	Equity Commonw	N	31.71	-.62	Middleby Corp	O	56.88	-1.12
Anixter Intl	N	87.87	-1.04	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	57.48	+0.88	Mondelez Intl	O	50.08	-1.05
Aptargroup Inc	N	99.54	-.94	Equity Residential	N	61.71	-.87	Morningstar Inc	O	116.25	-1.07
Arch Dan Mid	N	35.18	-.65	Exelon Corp	O	36.81	-1.42	Motorola Solutions	N	132.92	-.45
Baxter Intl	N	81.19	-1.00	First Indl RT	N	33.23	-.26	NiSource Inc	N	24.97	-1.11
Boeing Co	N	149.14	-3.14	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	43.25	-1.26	Nthn Trust Cp	O	75.46	-.33
Brunswick Corp	N	35.37	-.57	Gallagher AJ	N	81.51	-1.71	Old Republic	N	15.25	-1.15
CBOE Global Markets	N	89.25	-3.78	Grainger WW	N	248.50	-6.64	Packaging Corp Am	N	86.83	-3.93
CDK Global Inc	O	32.85	-1.30	GrubHub Inc	N	40.73	+1.18	Payload Hldg	O	88.32	-2.93
CDW Corp	O	93.27	-3.64	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	100.60	-.98	RLI Corp	N	87.93	-1.58
CF Industries	N	27.20	+0.58	IAA Inc	N	29.96	-1.97	Stericycle Inc	O	48.58	+0.01
CME Group	O	172.91	-1.08	IDEX Corp	N	138.11	+1.23	TransUnion	N	66.18	-2.00
CNA Financial	N	31.04	-1.94	ITW	N	142.12	-.23	US Foods Holding	N	17.71	-.54
Cabot Microelect	O	114.14	-.58	Ingredion Inc	N	75.50	-1.78	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	175.70	+4.01
Caterpillar Inc	N	116.04	+4.33	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	100.98	-6.46	United Airlines Hldg	O	31.55	-1.39
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.34	+1.11	Kemper Corp	N	74.37	+1.17	Ventas Inc	O	26.80	-1.20
Deere Co	N	138.16	-3.07	Kraft Heinz Co	O	24.74	-.43	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	45.75	+5.59
Discover Fin Svcs	N	35.67	-1.92	LKQ Corporation	O	20.51	-.49	Zebra Tech	O	183.60	-4.75

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ford Motor	4.83	-.20
Gen Electric	7.94	+0.05
Carnival Corp	13.17	+3.37
Bank of America	21.23	-.81
AT&T Inc	29.15	-1.08
Chesapk Engy	.17	+0.01
MFA Financial	1.55	+0.03
Marathon Oil	3.29	+0.05
Uber Technologies	27.92	+0.09
Energy Transfer L.P.	4.60	+0.07
Exxon Mobil Corp	37.97	+0.48
Petrobras	5.50	+2.27
Wells Fargo & Co	28.70	-1.22
Gerdau SA	1.91	+0.04
Macy's Inc	4.91	-.46
Freepport McMoran	6.75	+5.11
Occid Petl	11.58	+5.57
Norwegian Cruise Ln	10.96	+2.28
Halliburton	6.85	+4.48
Vale SA	8.29	+2.25
Teva Pharm	8.98	+4.47
US Steel Corp	6.31	+4.49
Snap Inc A	11.89	+0.04
Annyal Capital Mgmt	5.07	-.60

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	194.48	+3.21
Alphabet Inc C	1162.81	+15.99
Alphabet Inc A	1161.95	+15.64
Amazon.com Inc	1949.72	-14.23
Apple Inc	254.29	-.52
Berkshire Hath B	182.83	-.35
Facebook Inc	166.80	+0.85
HSBC Holdings prA	25.03	-1.11
Intel Corp	54.12	-1.37
JPMorgan Chase	90.03	-3.47
Johnson & Johnson	131.13	-1.88
MasterCard Inc	241.56	-11.69
Microsoft Corp	157.71	-2.52
Procter & Gamble	110.00	-5.00
Taiwan Semicon	47.79	-0.03
Unitedhealth Group	249.38	-1.90
Verizon Comm	53.73	-1.04
Visa Inc	161.12	-4.45
WalMart Strs	113.62	-1.57

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	25.08	-15	-2.4
American Funds CptWldGrInca	m41.40	-14	-11.1
American Funds CptInclBldra	m 52.99	-07	-8.3
American Funds FdmtInvsA m	48.86	-47	-9.9
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	43.41	-31	-4.4
American Funds InvAmrcA m	19.31	-10	-7.5
American Funds IncAmrcA m	31.85	-27	-9.5
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	38.62	-24	-6.7
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	37.56	-59	-10.7
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.80	+09	+5.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	30.30	+09	-22.3
Dodge & Cox Stk	134.55	-204	-19.8
DoubleLine TTRetBdl x	10.44	...	+2.4
Fidelity 500dxInPrm	90.07	-145	-7.0
Fidelity Contrafund	11.76	-15	-2.0
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.53	+04	+6.3
Fidelity TlMktIdxInPrm	71.59	-110	-9.3
Fidelity USBdlxInPrm	12.27	+02	+9.2
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	1.94	-01	-11.4
Metropolitan West TTRetBdl	11.12	...	+8.1
PIMCO Incl2	10.93	...	-3.6
PIMCO InclStk	10.93	...	-3.5
PIMCO TTRetIns	10.49	...	+7.6
Schwab SP500Idx	43.41	...	-5.3
T. Rowe Price BCGR	108.00	-85	-2.1
T. Rowe Price GrStk	62.60	-53	-2.9
Vanguard 500dxAdmrl	238.56	-386	-7.0
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	34.40	-30	-1.7
Vanguard DivGrInv	25.25	-55	-4.9
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	80.74	-109	+1.3
Vanguard HCAadmrl	75.98	+04	+1.5
Vanguard InTrngAdm x	9.87	+01	+5.7
Vanguard InTRTEAdmrl	14.31	-07	+3.6
Vanguard InslIdxIns	230.53	-372	-7.0
Vanguard InslIdxInsPlus	230.54	-372	-7.0
Vanguard InsTSMInPls	53.68	-82	-9.2
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	86.84	+09	-3.3
Vanguard MdCpldxAdmrl	163.09	-362	-16.6
Vanguard PmCpldxAdmrl	115.11	-84	-7.8
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.50	+04	+2.0
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	55.31	-61	-23.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	29.03	-16	-2.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	17.27	-11	-4.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	31.07	-23	-5.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	18.80	-16	-7.2
Vanguard TlBdIdxAdmrl	11.34	+02	+9.1
Vanguard TlBdIdxIns	11.34	+02	+9.1
Vanguard TtInBdIdxAdmrl x	22.60	-05	+4.8
Vanguard TtInBdIdxAdmrl	33.91	-08	+4.8
Vanguard TtInBdIdxInv x	11.30	-03	+4.7
Vanguard TtInSdIdxAdmrl	22.55	-11	-16.6
Vanguard TtInSdIdxIns	90.19	-42	-16.5
Vanguard TtInSdIdxInsPlus	90.21	-42	-16.5
Vanguard TtInSdIdxInv	13.48	-07	-16.6
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	62.75	-96	-9.2
Vanguard TtSMIdxIns	62.76	-96	-9.2
Vanguard TtSMIdxInv	62.73	-96	-9.3
Vanguard WlghtnAdmrl	64.05	-52	-2.7
Vanguard WlslyncAdmrl	60.77	-23	+1.0
Vanguard WndrslAdmrl	48.67	-68	-13.1

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
TOP Ships Inc	.25	-.29
Amarin Corp	4.00	-9.58
Adv Micro Dev	45.48	-2.38
Microsoft Corp	157.71	-2.52
Vivus Inc	3.60	+2.65
Taronis Technologies	.16	-.06
Seanergy Maritime	.15	-.18
Apple Inc	254.29	-.52
Intel Corp	54.12	-1.37
American Airlines Gp	12.19	-.06
Micron Tech	42.06	-2.46
Caesars Entertain	6.76	+3.34
China Recycling Engy	.32	+0.09
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	4.94	+1.13
Comcast Corp A	34.38	-.88
Tilray Inc	6.88	+2.27
Cisco Syst	39.31	-1.01
Vislink Technolg	.18	+0.02
ToughBuilt Inc	.15	-.03
Nvidia Corporation	263.60	-1.99
Facebook Inc	166.80	+0.85
Oasis Petroleum	.35	+0.05
SG Blocks Inc	9.30	+7.24
Bionano Genomics Inc	.46	+0.03

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	320.06	+5.2/+1.7
Stoxx600	18917.01	-168.0/-0.9
Nikkei	1558.48	+9.0/+0.6
MSCI-EAFE	73019.80	-1619.7/-2.2
Bovespa	5671.96	+108.2/+2.0
FTSE 100	4396.12	+17.6/+4.0

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	0.10	0.08
6-month disc	0.13	0.10
2-year	0.21	0.21
10-year	0.70	0.67
30-year	1.35	1.28

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1583.40	\$1622.00
Silver	\$14,098	\$14,074
Platinum	\$724.40	\$723.90

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	3.25
Discount Rate Primary	0.75
Fed Funds Target	0.00-0.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.34

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...

Argentina (Peso)	64.3998
Australia (Dollar)	1.6290
Australia (Dollar)	1.6290
Brazil (Real)	5.1892
Britain (Pound)	.8040
Canada (Dollar)	1.4090
China (Yuan)	7.0824
Euro	.9077
India (Rupee)	75.401
Israel (Shekel)	3.5373
Japan (Yen)	107.63
Mexico (Peso)	23.5963
Poland (Zloty)	4.14
So. Korea (Won)	1218.05
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.25
Thailand (Baht)	32.75

d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee.
m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee.
Source: Morningstar.

OBITUARIES

REMEMBERING THE LIVES OF THOSE IN ILLINOIS WHO DIED FROM CORONAVIRUS

COVID-19 already has claimed the lives of dozens across Illinois. Behind the grim statistics, many of those lost were people who called the Chicago area home: members of local families caught up in a global pandemic. The Tribune is attempting to gather as many of their stories as possible, compiled by reporters from across the newsroom.

CARL REDD, 62

From Chicago. Died March 21.



DELLIAH REDD

When he was in good health, Carl Redd often rose early to drive his oldest daughter to work and drop off his 9-year-old grandson at school. Redd, 62, insisted on squeezing in every moment he

could with this only grandchild, Dylan, whom he adored.

A lifelong Chicagoan who relatives say was the king of the backyard barbecue, good-natured and funny, died late March 21 at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center.

He died of respiratory failure due to non-traumatic brain injury, authorities said. A COVID-19 infection, chronic pulmonary disease and other preexisting health conditions were contributing factors.

His firstborn daughter, Delliah Redd, said her father never fully recovered from a severe asthma attack he suffered in their Auburn Gresham home in late October. He collapsed "in my arms," she said, but paramedics worked to resuscitate and stabilize him. He was treated at various hospitals.

Redd said her father finally returned home in February for a short time but was hospitalized again after getting a fever.

"We kind of figured it was getting close to the end," she said.

Still, relatives say they are stunned and in disbelief that he may have been infected with the new coronavirus while hospitalized.

Delliah Redd said her father previously tested negative after arriving at the VA hospital mid-February. A hospital spokeswoman did not immediately respond to the Tribune's request for comment.

His daughter said the family last saw him March 17 because the hospital began restricting visitors due to safety precautions. His wife, Lillian, donning a gown, face mask and gloves, was able to be at his side, spoon-feeding pureed food to her husband of 35 years.

Their daughter, watching from the hospital room doorway, witnessed the final moments of a man and woman who met decades earlier as employees of the long-closed Spiegel store in the city.

He could barely speak, Delliah Redd said. "I asked him, 'Do you know who I am?'" she said. "He said, 'my oldest.' When I asked him if he was OK, he just nodded his head yes."

She said his heart stopped March 21 while his doctor was in the room, giving his wife an update on the phone about his condition.

Redd, a retired HVAC repairman, enlisted in the Army in 1978 and served about six years before being honorably discharged, according to his military records. He was raised in a Christian family on the city's West Side. He loved rock 'n' roll music and comedian Richard Pryor.

"His most outstanding feature was his larger-than-life smile," a younger sister, Pamela Redd, said.

Besides his wife, daughter, sister and grandson, he is survived by two other daughters, two siblings and his mother, Pauline, who recently turned 83.

Carl Redd will be buried at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois. Though authorities have temporarily suspended military honors, he will be laid to rest with other veterans who served their country, Delliah Redd said.

— Christy Gutowski

LUIS JUAREZ, 54

Transportation company employee, Romeoville. Died March 18.

Luis Juarez died March 18 after being hospitalized for what he thought was pneumonia, according to one of his sons, who asked that his name not be used to protect the family now in quarantine.

The Romeoville resident worked for a transportation company and traveled often in the United States and Mexico. He returned from his final Mexico trip Feb. 28. According to his son, one of three in the family, Juarez attended a quinceanera celebration in Elgin the following day. He had no symptoms at the time.

Over the next several days, what appeared to be a common cold turned worse. On March 12, Juarez was hospitalized, according to the son, and prescribed antibiotics for what doctors diagnosed as pneumonia. By March 15, Juarez's condition had turned critical.

"We didn't know he had been tested," the son said of his father testing positive for the coronavirus.

Even with the onset of COVID-19 fatalities nationwide, the son said, the Juarez family — like millions across the world — disregarded the pandemic's spread at first.

"Most times, we tend to stay quiet and go along with the jokes and the memes," the son said. "That ignorance and silence is killing many. My dad was one of them."

Travel bans are interfering with the family's wishes to bury Juarez in his native Mexico.

"That was his dream," the son said.

— Laura Rodriguez and Michael Phillips

MICHAEL MIKA, 73

From Chicago. Died March 19.

He was their hero, mentor and a dad who never let them down.

A Vietnam veteran, Michael Mika of Chicago died March 19, five days after he had been admitted to Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

The 73-year-old Northwest Side man died of pneumonia due to COVID-19, officials said. Contributing factors included heart disease and diabetes.

Married for 51 years, he is survived by his wife, Josephine, three adult sons and grandchildren.

Though too distraught to talk publicly about their loss, a daughter-in-law took to Facebook to urge others to heed public health safety protocols. The family granted the Tribune's request to publish her words, which garnered more than 400 shares, likes and comments offering sympathy and prayers.

"As people of all ages are complaining about the inconveniences they are facing due to shutdowns and (stay-in-place) orders, let me help you grasp the magnitude of the situation," Kelly Mika wrote March 21.

Kelly Mika described the family's heartbreak of not being able to be with their quarantined patriarch in the hospital, impatiently waiting for updates from his medical team.

"In the end, he was alone," she wrote.

Under normal circumstances, the Catholic family would be planning visitation services and a funeral Mass. But, Kelly Mika said, they have learned "funeral homes are extremely limited on visitation services and churches are closed," so their grieving process will be extended until a later service can be held to "honor our Vietnam vet the way he deserves to be honored."

— Christy Gutowski

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON APRIL 1 ...

In 1789, in New York City, the U.S. House of Representatives held its first full meeting, at which it elected Frederick Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania the first speaker of the House.

In 1933, Nazi Germany be-

gan persecuting Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1945, American forces invaded Okinawa during World War II.

In 1970, President Richard Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertis-

ing on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

In 1987, in his first major speech on the AIDS epidemic, President Ronald Reagan told doctors in Philadelphia, "We've declared AIDS public health enemy No. 1."

In 1998, U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright dismissed Paula Jones' lawsuit against President Bill Clinton, saying her claims of sexual harassment fell "far short" of being worthy of trial.

In 2003, U.S. troops entered a hospital in Nasiriyah, Iraq, and rescued Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who had been held prisoner since her unit was ambushed March 23.

In 2014, President Barack Obama announced that 71 million Americans signed up for health plans under the Affordable Care Act, topping the administration's goal.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
March 31
Mega Millions
08 17 51 57 70 / 02
Mega Millions jackpot: \$113M
Pick 3 midday 812 / 0
Pick 4 midday 4338 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto midday
06 14 23 27 30

March 31
Pick 3 evening 148 / 7
Pick 4 evening 4431 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto evening
04 05 06 37 43

April 1 Powerball: \$170M
April 2 Lotto: \$7.25M

WISCONSIN
March 31
Pick 3 193
Pick 4 8344
Badger 5 02 06 18 27 31
SuperCash 08 10 12 26 32 39

INDIANA
March 31
Daily 3 midday 944 / 9
Daily 4 midday 9916 / 9
Daily 3 evening 878 / 5
Daily 4 evening 4826 / 5
Cash 5 02 08 27 42 44

MICHIGAN
March 31
Daily 3 midday 462
Daily 4 midday 0032
Daily 3 evening 624
Daily 4 evening 3568
Fantasy 5 01 26 29 36 37
Keno 02 03 06 08 09 12
14 24 25 30 37 44 50 51
57 59 60 65 66 77 79 80

More winning numbers at
chicagotribune.com/lottery

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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In Memoriam

Bernard Avello

God took you 17 years ago. I never stopped loving you. Wait for me.

Maryann

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ELAINE J. DAHL

January 7, 1937- April 1, 2019. On the one year anniversary of your passing. I remember all the joy you brought me and the boys. You were an amazing wife, lover, and mother. Our lives were blessed with your presence. Every day that goes by reminds us how much we miss you. You will live forever in our hearts and memories. Love always, Oscar, Larry, Dean, Tom.

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Death Notices

Anderson, Marcia

Marcia Anderson, nee Clausius, 90, of Alsip, passed away on March 30, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Donald Anderson; Sister of Mitzi Monroe, the late Betty Walton, June Loskill, and George Clausius, Jr.; Cherished aunt of Bill (Carol) Johnson, Kathy (Bruce) Hansen, John (Yeanette) Johnson, Judy (Danny) Arriola, Harry (Sandra) Loskill, Jr., and the late Tom Loskill; Great aunt of nine, and friend of all the kids in the neighborhood. Services private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, 426 W Northwest Hwy, Mt Prospect, IL 60056.



Andrew J. McGann & Son
FUNERAL HOME

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Bann, Sister Mary, SSND

Sister Mary Bann SSND, 79. Born in Belvidere, IL on June 21, 1940. Died on March 28, 2020 at Resurrection Life Center in Chicago, IL. Member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame for 60 years. Served in Illinois and Missouri as a Grade School Teacher, Student, Postulant Director, Assistant Director of Religious Education, Community Service at Marian Village in Home Glen, IL then Minister of Prayer and Presence at Marian Village and finally at Resurrection Life Center for 3 years. Beloved daughter of the late W. George Bann and the late Mary (nee Marshall). Dear sister of the late Robert (Rita) Bann. Loving aunt to Craig, Kevin and Jody and 3 great-nieces and 1 great-nephew. Faithful, loyal and loving friend to countless people. Private interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Alsip, IL. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Memorials made to the SSND Retirement Fund 345 Belden Hill Rd., Wilton, CT. 06807 would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to O'Donnell-Bartz-Schultz Funeral Home. For info (773) 233-0551 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com

O'Donnell-Bartz-Schultz
Funeral Home, Ltd.

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Campbell, Robert J.

Robert J. Campbell, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Beloved Husband of Sandra (nee Troike) Campbell. Loving Father of Lisa (Nick) Rodriguez, James (Kristine) Campbell, and Scott Campbell. Proud Grandfather of Ariana Rodriguez, Gabrielle Rodriguez, Emily Rodriguez, and Joseph (fiancée Bryana) and Great- Grandfather of Samuel James. Cherished Brother of Judy (late George) Sijpera. Robert will be missed by his Niece and Nephews and many friends. Robert worked for the Chicago Tribune Newspaper for 45 years Local #7 G.I.U. Due to the COVID-19 virus, Robert's family is planning a Memorial Service in Celebration of his life at a later date. Condolences may be sent to Robert's family on his personal tribute website at www.foranfuneralhome.com. For information 708-458-0208

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Crawley nee Cahill, Josephine

Josephine Crawley passed away peacefully at home in Celbridge, Co. Kildare, Ireland March 29, 2020. Loving wife of the late Brendan, mother of John, Ann, Irene and Alice. Will be sadly missed by her brother and sister, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors. Funeral private. May she rest in Peace

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Damato, Ann P.

Ann P. Damato nee: Bajkowski, July 24, 1925-March 29, 2020; Beloved wife of the late Joseph Damato; Devoted mother of Joanne Kadlubowski; Loving Nani of Michelle (Tomas) Jonsson, Jeffrey (Niki) Kadlubowski; Great Nani of Michael and Alexander. Former, Longtime resident of River Grove. Services Private. Entombment St. Adalbert Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations to Ann's favorite charity, The River Grove Food Pantry c/o Village of River Grove, 2621 N. Thatcher, River Grove, IL 60171 appreciated. Arrangement by Salerno's Galewood Chapels. For Info 773-889-1700.

Salerno's
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Dote, Donald Paul 'Don'

Donald Paul Dote, 59, of New Lenox, formerly of Ingleside, died Saturday, March 28, 2020. Husband of the late Colette (nee Grisko); dad of Katelyn (Frank) Renteria; son of Joan Dote (nee Marino); brother of Karen (Paul) Reaber and Laura (Jeff) Kutterer; son-in-law of Conrad and the late Carol Grisko; brother-in-law of Cathleen Grisko; uncle of Stephanie and Anthony Reaber, Allyson, Ashley, and Zack Kutterer; and Patrick and Kelly McSweeney. Private burial Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville. A public celebration of Don's life will be held at a future date. Memorials to the American Cancer Society, www.Cancer.org, appreciated. Online condolences, www.HamsherLakeside.com, or for information, 847-587-2100.

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Grgurich, Joseph

Joseph Grgurich, age 79, of Skokie. Beloved husband of Patricia, nee Matovac; dear father of Mike (Kathy) and the late Paul; loving grandfather of Matthew (Alexia), Rebecca, and Scott; cherished brother of Ana (Charlie) Sopcic, John (Kathy) Grgurich, Mary (Lou), Dragica (Steve), and Barbara (Frank) Sopcic; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral services are private. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to leave condolence message in the guestbook.

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Griffiths, Kent

Kent Griffiths, 70, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2020. He was born September 25, 1949 in Chicago at Ravenswood Hospital. He was a true son of Chicago, although he hated the democratic machine that has improperly managed a great city. Kent had been living in Lincolnshire for the past 3 years. He initially attended the University of Chicago and was a graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he received his bachelor's degree. Kent was a US Army Veteran, having served during the Vietnam war at the underground pentagon as a MP. He was a retired Sales Consultant and ran a successful printing company called Publishing Point Graphics. He was a director of the Sheffield Neighborhood Association for quite some time and broke many revenue records. He was on the board at St. Josaphat Church and was able to bring the school from the brink of closing to being a beacon of success. He was on the board of directors for the Prairie State 2000 Authority.

Kent enjoyed Traveling, researching family history, the Republican party, and most of all spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his significant other, Suzanne Davis; son, Clark, daughter-in law, Kimberly and 2 grandchildren, Gavin and Payton. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth & Corinne Griffiths and his brothers, Keith and Kraig Griffiths.

A celebration of life will be held in the future with interment at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. Arrangements are being made by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville, IL. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com

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Hickey, Dennis W.

Dennis W. Hickey, age 71. A long time Oak Park and Addison resident, peacefully passed away on March 29. Cherished son of the late James and Lillian nee Salvato. Dearest brother of Patrick (Barbara) Hickey. A friend of many. Visitation and funeral services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers donations to The American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Modell Funeral Home 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Hickey, Virginia C. "Ginny"



Virginia C. "Ginny" Hickey, 94, died after a heroic struggle with the Coronavirus on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at Palos Community Hospital. Ginny was born on September 9, 1925 to the late Frank and Marge Donahue of Chicago. Loving sister to the late James Donahue, the late Mary Lou (Red) Gunkel, the late Lester (Jane) Donahue, Margie Dineen and John F (Linda) Donahue. Virginia married the late Patrick E. Hickey of the very large Hickey family of Little Flower Parish in 1950. Pat and Ginny Hickey had three children, Patrick (the late Mary), Kevin Hickey and Joan (Lawrence) De Matteo and were grandparents to Nora (Tom) Rhein, Conor (Kelli) Hickey, Clare Hickey and Kevin and Jack De Matteo. Ginny was the proud Grand-Nana of Lily and Ella Rhein. A devout Roman Catholic and member of St. Julie Billiart Parish in Tinley Park, IL, and a dedicated White Sox and Blackhawks fan, Ginny Hickey will be memorialized through Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home at a later date due to the current health crisis. Donations to Pat Mac's Pack, dedicated to combating childhood brain tumors at <https://patmacspack.org/> will be greatly appreciated. Services and interment private. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Johnsen, Lee D.

JOHNSEN Lee David of Huntley, IL peacefully passed away on March 28th, 2020 in Chicago, IL. He was born in Geneva, IL on September 21, 1951.

Beloved and devoted husband of Deborah Johnsen. Loving father of Wendy (Martin) Bales DeWitt, Sherry (Eric) Dearing, loving step-father of Lindsay Hartsock

and Bryan (Jessica) Hartsock. Devoted grandfather (PawPaw) of Odessa Johnsen-Dearing, Noah Bales, Remington Dearing and Scarlet Bales. Loving son of the late Joyce Johnsen (Rislow) and the late Lyle Johnsen, Sr. Dear brother of Lyle (Karen) Johnsen, Danny (Julie) Johnsen, Diane Kratzner, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews and friends.

Graduated from West Chicago H.S. in 1969. Attended the University of Illinois, graduating in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science in management sciences and operational research. He received his masters degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio in Finance and Information systems in 1993. In 1998 he was ordained as a Universal Life Minister and in 2011 became a duly ordained minister from American Marriage Ministries.

Lee had a passion and love for the sport of baseball and especially the N.Y. Yankees and the Chicago Cubs. He also enjoyed golfing, bowling, taking long walks and traveling to the Hawaii islands with Deborah. Lee got tremendous joy in spending time with his close family. Lee loved reading all he could about WWII history and collecting books, pictures, scrap books and videos on the subject. Lee was a very spiritual, understanding and loving man who always believed in our Lord, Jesus Christ, in living by the 10 commandments and set an example for us all who knew him. Our family has been blessed to have had Lee in our lives. His loving spirit will live on in our hearts forever.

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Konkolewski, Florence I.

Florence I. Konkolewski, nee Gotto, age 95, of Elmhurst; beloved wife of the late Thomas; loving mother of Thomas (Carol) Konkol, Eileen (Robert) Rogacki and the late Karolyn Philippi; proud grandmother of Michael and Anthony Rogacki, Jeremy (Becky) Philippi, Sarah (Rob) Loureiro, Ashley Philippi and the late Kenneth Konkol; cherished great-grandmother of Katelyn and Nicholas Rogacki and Lily and Lucas Loureiro; dear sister-in-law of Sylvian (the late Edward) Konkolewski. Services and Interment Private. Arrangements handled by Gibbons Funeral Home, Elmhurst. 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Mulcrone, Jr., Michael "Mickey"
Age 70, of Beverly, passed away on March 27. He was a loving husband and supportive father, and treated everyone like a member of his own family. His intelligence, humility and genuine concern for others was apparent to everyone he met. Mickey traveled the world throughout his career, and always looked forward to the next adventure. He was a proud graduate of St. Patrick's High School and Northern Illinois University, but you could often catch him cheering for Gonzaga, Iowa or Notre Dame. He will be remembered for his kindness and humor. Funeral services will be held privately at **Curley Funeral Home**, followed by interment at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. A memorial mass will be held at a later date. Mickey is survived by his wife, Mary "Bunny"; his children, Michael (Emily), Thomas (Amanda), and Mary (Brian); his siblings, Patrick (Loretta) and Mary Catherine; and many loving cousins, nieces and nephews. Preceding him to Heaven are his parents, Michael and Catherine; and his brother, John (Denise). For Info www.curleyfuneralhome.com, or 708-422-2700

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Peters-Panagiotaros, Elpida
Elpida Peters, nee Sideris, age 89. Beloved wife of the late Paul; loving mother of Paul (Cynthia) Peters, Betty (Ronald) Rous and Argioroula Selles; proud Yia Yia of Melissa, Rocco, Paul, William, Hope, Brianna and Gianna; great-grandmother of Solie, Stella, Owen, Nicholas, Anthony, Raquel, Jasleen, Gia Bella and Rocco Tony IV; dear sister of Harilaos, the late Stathoula, Katina, Panagoula and John.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, funeral services are private. A Memorial Service will be scheduled for a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Chris J. Balodimas, Funeral Director. For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



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RAPPAPORT, Gerald
Gerald Louis Rappaport, 58. Loving husband of Nancy (nee Cerovski) beloved father of Kayleigh (Alex) Tick and Emily (partner Jack Rabenn) Rappaport. Devoted son of Edward and Evelyn Rappaport, cherished brother of Trudy (Stephen) Sirkis, Fern (Manny) Katz, and Sol (Bella) Rappaport. Treasured cousin to Steven (Craig Sigel) Marton, Mindy (Chris) Grall and Gary (Kim) Marton. Caring uncle of numerous nieces and nephews and great friend to many. Private burial in Milwaukee.

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Rocca, Suellen
Suellen Rocca, nee Krupp, age 76, artist, educator, and curator, passed away on March 26, 2020; loving mother of Paul Rocca and Lia (Ron) Plonka; adored grandmother of Jordyn, Mitchell, and Jacob; devoted daughter of the late Philip and Mildred Krupp; loyal friend to many. Suellen dedicated her life to art through her infinite love and passion. A private graveside service will be held Friday, April 3rd. A celebration of her life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation.

Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621



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Rodig, Albert F.
Albert F. Rodig, 95, of Countryside & formerly of Willowbrook; proud WWII Army Air Corps Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Helen; loving father of David and the late Ann Marie (John) Walls; dear grandfather of Noel Graham Smith; also survived by many nieces, nephews, and local & distant friends. Graveside inurnment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery & Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Al was a member of the Clock & Watch Club, an avid stamp and coin collector, and enjoyed going to estate and garage sales. In lieu of flowers, donations to Dennis DeVivo Aviation Scholarship, c/o Dillon Flying Service, 2400 Airport Rd., Dillon, MT 59725 are appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Shlifka, Mildred 'Millie'
Mildred "Millie" Shlifka, nee Bloom, 88, beloved wife of the late Ron for over 58 wonderful years; loving and devoted mother of Jay (Denise) Shlifka and Debbie (Bruce) Bentcover; adored grandmother of Aric Shlifka, Lee (Lisa) Shlifka, Erin (David) Kohn and Jeff Bentcover; treasured and beloved great grandmother of Ayden, Brody, Stella, Billie, Harper and Ari; cherished sister of Estelle Adler; dear sister in law, aunt, cousin and great friend to many. Special thank you to Brookdale "The Hallmark" where she resided for the past of couple of years and to her dedicated caregiver, Windy. As much as we would love to honor her wonderful life with family and friends, we would never want to put anyone's health at risk during this global health crisis. For that reason, we made the difficult decision to have a private graveside service and will not be holding shiva at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Jewish Federation of Chicago (JUF.org). For Information: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Stanish, Katharyn "Kat"
1991-2020
Due to present day health concerns, all services are private. There will be a memorial service scheduled at a later date upon cancellation of state and local restrictions. ragobrothersfuneralhome.com
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Steinberg, Allan R.
Allan R. Steinberg, 89; a devoted family man, attorney and friend. His favorite role was as husband to his wife Jill of 60 years; he was a loving father to his daughters, Lisa (Eddie) Yastrow and Jodi Steinberg; adored Papa of Jackie, Robbie, Alex (Ilysa) and Maggie and great-grandfather of Avery. He attended U of I at the age of 16 and then graduated Northwestern Law School in 1954. Allan enjoyed a successful legal career for over 60 years. He served as Chairman of the Board of Forkosh Memorial Hospital and as a Trustee of Highland Park Hospital and currently served as President of the FMH Foundation. Allan had been active in numerous professional and community organizations. He was a talented piano player and a skilled athlete. He was an active and beloved member of Bryn Mawr, Northmoor and Tamarisk Country Clubs. Allan was loved by all and will be dearly missed by all. Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our family and friends, services and shiva will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. For information and to leave condolences: **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Treacy, Geri
Geri Treacy, nee Leoni; Devoted wife of the late Thomas; loving mother of Robert (Maureen), Judy (Ken) Gonsch, Kathy (Gerald) Scolire, Marianne Treacy, and Janet (Bud) McManus; Proud grandma of Michael, Patrick (Lauren), Christopher (Tara), Michael (Lexy), Tara, and Nicole; Dear great-grandma of Max, Cruz, Etta Mae, Emilia, and Thomas; Preceded in death by her siblings, Bob Leoni, and Joan Each; Beloved sister-in-law, aunt, and friend to many; Geri's family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to all the staff at Smith Crossing, in Orland Park, for their love and care for their mom; All Funeral Services are Private, and a Memorial Mass, in honor of Geri, will take place at a later date; In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org, would be appreciated; Arrangements entrusted to Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge, IL; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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Turner, Michael J. 'Mike'
Michael (Mike) J. Turner, 37, passed away suddenly on March 28, 2020. Adored son of Kathleen (nee Kosick) and the late Frederick Turner. Cherished brother of Kelli (Nicholas) Lussow, Thomas (Caroline), and Stephen Turner, and beloved lifetime friend to Patrick Clifford. Dear uncle to Kaelyn, Tyler, Ryan, and Emma. Dog-dad to Bandit. Fond nephew, cousin, neighbor, and friend to many. Michael was known for his empathy and kindness. He made every encounter he had meaningful and was valued beyond measure. He will be greatly missed. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, visitation and interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Make-A-Wish Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is appreciated. Information call 847-255-7800 or go to www.friedrichsfh.com to leave a condolence message.

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Underwood, Margarette
Margarette Underwood (nee Kaczmarek) 95, of Libertyville was born June 5, 1924 and passed away Sunday March 29, 2020 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was a member of St. Joseph Parish in Libertyville for many years. Margarette enjoyed cooking and collecting cookbooks. In her younger years she enjoyed traveling with her family within the United States. She is survived by her son Scott Underwood and her brother Thomas Kaczmarek. Margarette was preceded in death by her husband Arthur, her brother Raymond (the late Shirley) Kaczmarek and her sister in-law Ruth Kaczmarek. Visitation is 4-8 PM Friday at the Kristan Funeral Home PC 219 West Maple Ave. (2 blocks west of Rt. 45 on Rt. 176) Mundelein. Funeral service and committal service are private. A memorial mass will be celebrated at a later date. For information visit www.kristanfuneralhome.com or call 847-566-8020.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION 1900 CAPITAL TRUST III, BY U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS CERTIFICATE TRUSTEE Plaintiff, v. HANY N. ELREGBDAR, AKA HANY ELREGBADAWY Defendants 17 CH 11780 1165 APRICOT STREET HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 10, 2020, an agent for the Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 11, 2020, at the Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: LOT 1 IN BLOCK 4 IN HOFFMAN ESTATES I, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THAT PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 AND THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 10, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING NORTH OF HIGGINS ROAD, TOGETHER WITH THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 10, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING NORTH OF HIGGINS ROAD ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF REGISTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TITLES OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON AUGUST 5, 1955, AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 1612242, IN AND TO THE COUNTY OF COOK, ILLINOIS, known as 1165 APRICOT STREET, HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169 Property Index No. 07-15-203-001-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$311,866.97. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to the Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is included on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee when the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and with recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after completion of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, which is included as part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(2) and (g)(4) in addition to the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into the building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where the Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60563 (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit www.AnselmoLindberg.com. Please refer to file number F19040077. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-4400 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit the Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120 NAPERVILLE IL, 60563 630-453-6960 E-Mail: info@anselmolindberg.com Attorney File No. F19040077 Attorney ARDC No. 3126232 Attorney Contact: 58852 Case Number: 17 CH 11780 TJSC#: 40-908 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 17 CH 11780 4/1, 4/8, 4/15/2020 6645629

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TO: Lydia Lewis; Occupant of Unit SRU-4, 421 W. Huron; Huron Pointe Condominium Association, c/o Todd Cour; First Service Residential; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000795 FILED: March 12, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. F56576 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2006-2014) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: Unit SRU4 at Condominium at 421 W Huron Street, in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-09-124-020-1213 Vol. 500 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 23, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 23, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on August 7, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 23, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 INVALOT HOLDINGS, LLC, purchaser or assignee Dated: March 23, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 3/31, 4/1, 4/2/2020 6639884

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff, v. DOHARDMONEY, COM, INC., A UTAH CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; CHRISTIE HOWARD-WILLIAMS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EARL WILLIAMS II, DECEASED; GERALD NORDGREEN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR EARL WILLIAMS, II, DECEASED, Defendants, Case No. 2019CH09077 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Christie Howard-Williams, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Earl Williams II, deceased, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: The South 30 feet of the North 59 feet of the Northeast 1/2 of Block 21 of Jones Subdivision of the West 1/2 of the Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 38 North, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County Illinois. 7604 South Bishop Street, Chicago, IL 60620 20-29-305-01-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Christie Howard-Williams, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Earl Williams II, deceased, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before April 17, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court. Alan S. Kaufman (6289893) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 3/18, 3/25, 4/1/2020 6635365

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TO: 1712 S. Michigan Development Corporation, c/o LP Agents LLC; Occupant of Unit S-4, 1720 S. Michigan Ave.; Community Specialists, Inc. (Management of 1720 S. Michigan Condominiums); c/o Ron Hickman, registered agent; 1720 S. Michigan Condominium Association, c/o David Sugar; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000794 FILED: March 12, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0009764 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2010-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: Unit S4 in Condominium at 1720 S. Michigan Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-03-301-079-1030 Vol. 496 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 23, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 23, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on August 7, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 23, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 INVALOT HOLDINGS, LLC, purchaser or assignee Dated: March 23, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 3/31, 4/1, 4/2/2020 6639880

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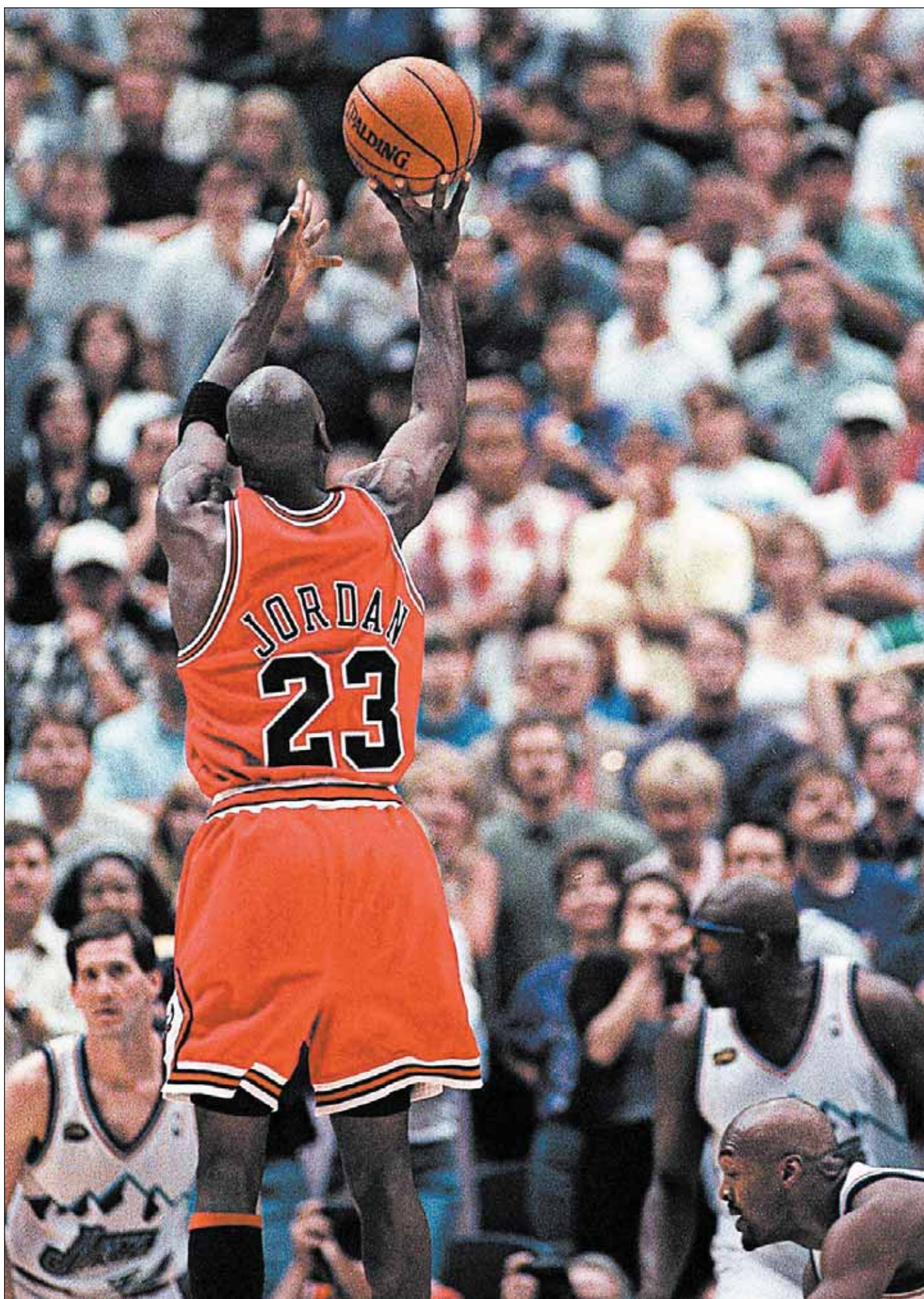
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TO: Jason Kangas; Occupant of Unit M6, 1620 S. Michigan Ave., Unit M6; Occupant of Unit M7, 1620 S. Michigan Ave., Unit M7; 1620 S. Michigan Avenue Condominium Association, c/o Marc Ben-Rubin; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000796 FILED: March 12, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate Nos. 175-0009762 and 175-0009763 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2009-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD

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Chicago's best sports section, as judged by the Associated Press Sports Editors



CHICAGO TRIBUNE

An early arrival

ESPN responds to fans' calls to move up the release date of 'The Last Dance,' the 10-part documentary on MJ and the Bulls' pursuit of a sixth NBA title. The first two episodes will premiere April 19.

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

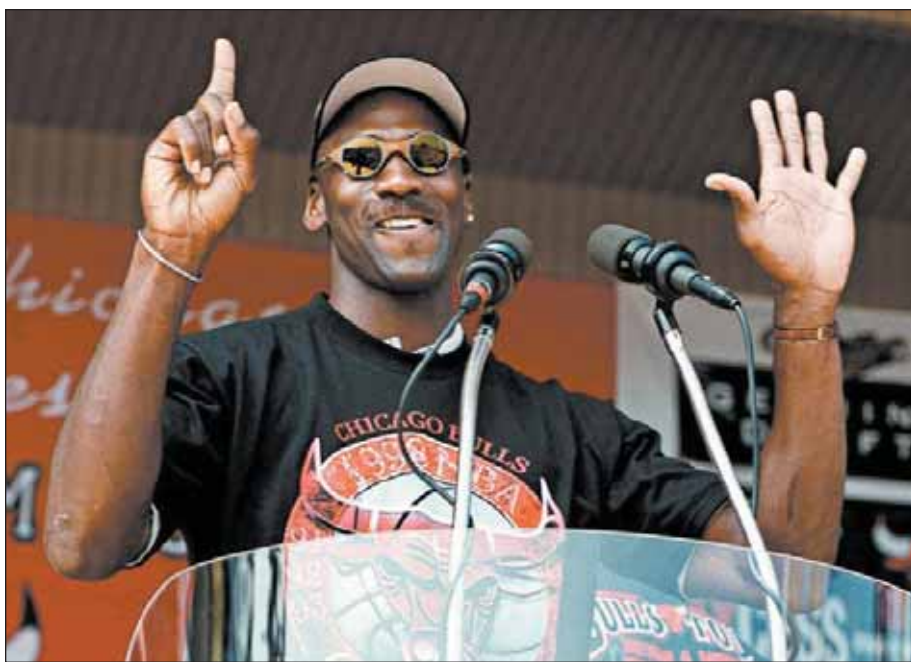
Like Michael Jordan and the 1997-98 Bulls, ESPN's "The Last Dance" apparently cannot be held back.

Years in the making and originally scheduled to launch in June in conjunction with the NBA Finals, the long-awaited 10-part documentary about the Jordan-led team's pursuit of its sixth and final championship instead will run on five successive Sunday nights beginning April 19, ESPN announced Tuesday.

One-hour episodes will debut in pairs weekly, beginning at 8 p.m. Central time, through May 17.

"As society navigates this time without live sports, viewers are still looking to the sports world to escape and enjoy a collective experience," ESPN said in a statement. "We've heard the calls from fans asking us to move up the release date for this series, and we're happy to announce that we've been able to accelerate the production schedule to do just that."

Turn to **Jordan**, Page 2



Michael Jordan, seen at top hitting a title-clinching basket, holds up six fingers for each Bulls championship as he addresses the crowd at Grant Park during a rally in June 1998.

United Center put to new — and valuable — use

Home of Bulls, Hawks now housing food during crisis

BY JAMAL COLLIER

Rows of brown boxes are stacked and across the floor of the United Center, about 16 truckloads with more to come, dropped off Monday by the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Each box weighs about 20 to 30 pounds and is filled with nonperishable food items such as canned fruits and vegetables, rice, beans, pasta, cereal, peanut butter

and other basic foods to help people in the Chicago area just beginning to feel the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

Initially, the United Center was scheduled to host the Blackhawks home finale Tuesday night, but with most of the sports and entertainment world on pause to combat the spread of COVID-19, the arena announced last week it would be turned into a logistics hub for emergency relief.

And now it's starting to be put to use. "Hopefully we'll get to a point where it'll be converted back to host sporting events and concerts," said Guy Chipparoni, president of Res Publica Group,

which represents the United Center. "But until that day comes the United Center is here to be a part of the community and helping the community."

Those efforts began Sunday, when the home of the Bulls and Hawks hosted a Personal Protective Equipment drive in one of its large parking lots for Project C.U.R.E., an organization that usually focuses on delivering supplies to under-resourced hospitals around the world but has shifted its focus locally during the pandemic.

Turn to **United Center**, Page 2

WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:



BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY

NHL extends self-quarantine

The NHL extended its guideline for players and staff to self-quarantine until April 15, and it's possible the coronavirus pandemic could push that back even further.

Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly confirmed the extension to the Associated Press in an email Tuesday. It adds an extra 11 days to the previous guidance of April 4, which Daly last week acknowledged was "a meaningless date" because of the rapidly changing situation.

"As we get closer to the date, we're going to have to make decisions as to what to do then," Daly said. "We're biting this off in chunks."

The NHL put its season on pause March 12 with 189 regular-season games left. Commissioner Gary Bettman, above, said then he was optimistic of resuming the season and awarding the Stanley Cup.

The timeline for doing that still isn't clear. The NHL has asked teams for arena availability dates through August, so it wouldn't be inconceivable to see hockey last deep into the summer.

"Depending on how the country, the world handles the virus, I think there is a possibility of playing end of June, July, August," Capitals GM Brian MacLellan said Monday.

President Donald Trump extended U.S. social distancing guidelines through the end of April, and the NHL said it will also evaluate the situation 45 days into the CDC's eight-week recommendation against gatherings of 50-plus people that runs until mid-May.

So far, four NHL players have tested positive for COVID-19.

— Associated Press

THE QUOTE

"April 19th can't come fast enough. I CAN NOT WAIT!!"

— Lakers star LeBron James' tweet upon hearing that ESPN and Netflix moved up the release of the long-awaited documentary "The Last Dance," which looks at Michael Jordan's last championship season with the Bulls. It will run Sundays from April 19–May 17.

THE NUMBER

0 Tommy John procedures being performed by prominent orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews, who has temporarily stopped the surgeries at his Florida medical center in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Some have questioned whether a reconstructive elbow surgery for a ballplayer is an essential procedure at this time. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis issued an executive order earlier in March that bars "any medically unnecessary, non-urgent or non-emergency procedure or surgery" that wouldn't put a patient at risk if delayed.



NBA
Season suspended indefinitely



NHL
Season suspended indefinitely



MLB
Opening day delayed until at least mid-May



MLS
Season suspended until at least May 10



NFL
Draft set for April 23-25; OTAs canceled



NCAA
Spring sports schedule canceled

Others: PGA Tour suspended through the PGA Championship. NASCAR suspended until at least May 9. WTA, ATP suspended through at least June 7.

SPORTS

A GOOD TIME TO LOOK BACK

We're all missing sports these days. So with the games on hold, we're offering a daily dose of memorable moments as chronicled through sports history:

A truly super 'Nova

(APRIL 1, 1985)

This article was published when Villanova stunned No. 1 Georgetown in the NCAA Tournament title game, shooting almost 79 percent from the field, a tourney record.

BY ROBERT MARKUS
Chicago Tribune

With 52 seconds to play Monday night, Villanova's Gary McLain winked at a reporter at courtside and said, "We got it."

Villanova got the big one Monday night. Move over, Rocky, another club fighter from Philadelphia has just knocked off the champion.

Villanova took Georgetown's NCAA championship away with a stunning 66-64 upset in one of the great title games in college basketball history.

The Wildcats shot with uncanny accuracy from the field and foul line, and withstood the withering Georgetown press to knock off a team that was being measured for a place in history.

"Everybody wrote us off," Villanova coach Rollie Massimino exclaimed.

"Nobody gave us even a chance to win."

Who could know the scrappy Wildcats would shoot nearly 79 percent from the field, an all-time NCAA tournament record?

In the second half, when Georgetown never led by more than a point, Villanova made 9 of 10 shots. The only miss was a shot by Dwayne McClain that Patrick Ewing blocked.

Ewing, the 7-foot merchant of menace, finished his Georgetown career by being outplayed by Villanova's Ed Pinckney, a willowy 6-10 senior who refused to back down to the glowering Hoya.

Pinckney, voted the outstanding player of the tournament, had 16 points and six rebounds to Ewing's 14 points and five rebounds. Pinckney also dished off five assists.

Pinckney wasn't alone. So many heroes haven't gathered in one place since the Alamo.

There was McClain, whose 17 points helped take the Wildcats on an express ride to glory.

There was Harold Jensen, a reserve guard



GARY LANDERS/AP

Villanova's Ed Pinckney (54) celebrates after the Wildcats defeated Georgetown 66-64 to win the national championship on April 1, 1985, in Lexington, Ky.

with the most accurate shot seen in these parts since the Hatfields exchanged fire with the McCoys. Jensen hit all five of his shots, two at critical junctures in the game.

And there was McLain, the little point guard whose statistics don't begin to tell the story of his contribution.

"He's probably the most unsung player in this whole tournament," Massimino said. "He had two turnovers tonight and seven for the whole tournament playing against the very best guards in the United States. Without him, there is absolutely no way we

were going to win this game."

"The guards held it together," Pinckney said. "Against Georgetown, you're not going to have a game where there's no turnovers. Their pressure is relentless and they're always there."

"Gary played so much to his capabilities it's mind-boggling," Massimino said.

The very idea of Villanova knocking off the haughty Hoyas was mind-boggling, but not to a Villanova team that already had knocked off an honor roll of America's elite.

Before the game, Massimino said, he told

OTHER APRIL 1 MOMENTS

1938: Joe Louis knocks out Harry Thomas in the fifth round in Chicago to retain his world heavyweight title.

1972: The first collective players' strike in major league history begins. It lasts 12 days and cancels 86 games.

1991: Duke ends years of frustration with a 72-65 victory over Kansas for its first national title in five championship-game appearances and nine trips to the Final Four.

1992: A week before the Stanley Cup playoffs are to begin, the NHL players strike for the first time in the league's 75-year history.

his players to seek the quiet of their rooms and reflect on the challenge ahead.

"One of the things that came to mind," McLain said, "was that we were capable of playing Georgetown. The most important thing was you had to believe, and I've been believing in us since we started this tournament. Our beliefs took us to this point."

Their incredible accuracy didn't hurt. Villanova knew it would have to play an almost perfect game to win, and Georgetown coach John Thompson said:

"Just look at those percentages. You couldn't get much better, could you?"

No one ever has in an NCAA tournament game, and Villanova did it against a team that had allowed opponents to shoot only 39 percent. The Wildcats hit 22 of 28 shots, 78.6 percent. From the foul line, they made 22 of 27, 81.5 percent.

They broke the championship game record of 674 percent (31 of 46) set by Ohio State in 1960 against California. They also broke Northeastern's tournament record of 75 percent (33 of 44), set against Virginia Commonwealth in the first round last season.

Yet there was a time in the first half when Villanova had knocked down seven of eight shots but still trailed.

The Wildcats made 13 of 18 for the half and led 29-28 only because Harold Pressley got one of their two offensive rebounds in the game and knocked it down with 4 seconds remaining.

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 - 21 Make right
 - 22 Monopoly player's purchase
 - 24 Tease
 - 25 Fly
 - 27 Population count
 - 30 Indianapolis team
 - 31 Forest clearing
 - 33 Slap cuffs on
 - 35 "___ the night before Christmas..."
 - 36 Sudden attacks
 - 37 Salami shop
 - 38 Adjust, as a watch
 - 39 House cleaners
 - 40 Kept for later
 - 41 Leave high and dry
 - 43 Hug
 - 44 "___ Miss"; southern univ.
 - 45 Bra wearers
 - 46 Furniture wood
 - 49 "Here comes the ___"
 - 51 ___ T; exactly
 - 54 Honest
 - 56 Saucers in the air
 - 57 Toulouse dad
 - 58 Cherub
 - 59 Baby dogs
 - 60 Huguenots' city
 - 61 Awaken
 - 62 Capp & Hirt
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- 1 Cuts blades
 - 2 Destroy completely
 - 3 ___-man; toady
 - 4 Rest peacefully
 - 5 Sidestep
 - 6 Concern
 - 7 Picnic spoilers
 - 8 Letter before omega
 - 9 All ___; clumsy
 - 10 Donut's center
 - 11 As comfortable ___ old shoe
 - 12 Bookish fellow
 - 13 Featherly scarf
 - 18 Actor Michael
 - 20 ___ off; severs
 - 23 Cereal grains

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- 25 ___ up;
- 26 Made a solemn promise
- 27 Two-timing jerks
- 28 Like a trip neither great nor lousy
- 29 Business deals
- 31 Trot or canter
- 32 Trash barrel top
- 34 eBay offers
- 36 Infrequent
- 37 "How ___ you!"; cry of outrage
- 39 Free-for-all
- 40 Identical
- 42 Does math problems
- 43 Indulge; pamper
- 45 Electrician's supply
- 46 Geographical diagrams
- 47 As busy as ___
- 48 X-rated material
- 49 Sonny, for one
- 50 Spaghetti topper
- 52 Butterfingers' cry
- 53 Long-eared critter
- 55 Forbid entry to
- 56 "___ Lazy River"

Jordan

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"This project celebrates one of the greatest players and dynasties ever, and we hope it can serve as a unifying entertainment experience to fill the role that sports often play in our lives, telling a story that will captivate everyone, not just sports fans."

The scheduling change, which fans lobbied for via social media, comes as the coronavirus pandemic has millions of people homebound and looking to TV for diversion in the absence of live sports.

Promos for the series had changed earlier in March to say "The Last Dance" was "coming soon" rather than "coming in June," despite ESPN publicly downplaying expectations.

This naturally stoked speculation ESPN would expedite the documentary series combining behind-the-scenes video and interviews with not only Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman, Steve Kerr, Phil Jackson and other principals, but also other NBA stars and peripheral figures such as former President Barack Obama.

ESPN indicated in mid-March that such a move would be far easier said than done.

For one thing, ESPN has multiple partners on the project, including Jordan's Jump 23, NBA Entertainment and Mandalay Sports Media, along with Netflix, which will distribute the series internationally beginning April 20. Also, the miniseries wasn't finished.

"Overall, any original content project that we can conceivably move up, we are obviously considering that," said Burke Magnus, ESPN's executive vice president of programming, acquisitions and scheduling.

"I know some have asked about 'The Last Dance,' and the reality is that the production of that film has not yet been completed, so we are limited there at the moment."

"The Last Dance" is directed by Jason Hehir, whose well-received documentaries include "Andre the Giant," "The '85 Bears" and "The Fab Five."

"Michael Jordan and the '90s Bulls weren't just sports superstars, they were a global phenomenon," Hehir said in a statement. "Making 'The Last Dance' was an incredible opportunity to explore the extraordinary impact of one man and one team."

"For nearly three years, we searched far and wide to present the definitive story of an era-defining dynasty and to present these sports heroes as humans. I hope viewers enjoy watching our series as much as we enjoyed the opportunity to make it."

United Center

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The drive brought in about 13 palates full of critical supplies in shortage for health care workers, including sterile and non-sterile gloves, bleach wipes and bottles, hand sanitizer, clear face shields, respirator masks and masks with a tie/ear loop. The first shipments to local nursing homes, first responders and large hospitals were sent out Monday and Tuesday, within a week after the first contact between Project C.U.R.E. and the United Center about setting up an event.

"That is kind of the silver lining of the situation that we're in: to really see the community come together," said Beth Rottman, executive director of Project C.U.R.E. "I've received so many calls from so many people, different people who are in unrelated industries, doing anything they can to help, offering whatever services they have to really rally together."

The Greater Chicago Food Depository — which acts as a hub for more than 700 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters — has been preparing for an increase in food demand not seen since the Great Recession of 2008.

In response, it has had volunteer sessions five days per week, upping the number of volunteers from about 60 per session to 140 per two-a-day session. And because of the need to spread people out to respect social distancing, it needed more room in its warehouse.

"Many people are already in really challenging situations."

— Greg Trotter, senior manager at the Greater Chicago Food Depository

The food depository already has dropped off more than 460,000 pounds of food at the United Center, freeing up space to hold volunteers and continue preparing for the demand that seems certain to skyrocket soon.

Some of the food boxes that were part of the early coronavirus response were packed during NBA All-Star weekend in February, long before the virus upended so much of life around the globe. NBA stars such as Anthony Davis, Donovan Mitchell and Dwight Howard and former players such as Dikembe Mutombo volunteered their efforts.

A few Chicago athletes have contributed to the food bank in the past few weeks, including Cubs outfielder Jason Heyward, who donated \$100,000, and Bears wide receiver Allen Robinson, who made a \$12,000 donation that coach Matt Nagy matched.

"Many people are already in really challenging situations because of this," said Greg Trotter, senior manager for public relations at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. "We really think it's going to get much worse the longer it goes on for people who financially may be sort of living on the edge or already in a tough financial situation."

"So it's truly inspiring to see people and organizations, nonprofits and businesses, kind of step into the breach and come together. We're grateful. This is an example of that."

SPORTS

Day 21

Since the sports world went mainly dark



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The prestigious men's and women's tournament in Indian Wells, California was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Net losses? Tennis events facing battle for survival

BY CHRISTOPHER CLAREY
The New York Times

The moment Bob Moran received word that the professional tennis tournament he runs in Charleston, South Carolina, was being called off because of the coronavirus pandemic, he halted construction on the grandstands being erected just outside his office.

"They had put the first layer in place, and then that same day they were taking it right back down again," said Moran, the tournament director for the Volvo Car Open, a women's clay-court event that was scheduled to begin April 4. "Everything counts."

With professional tennis on hold until at least June — and perhaps much longer — the sport's administrators and players are scrambling to cut their losses as tournaments are postponed or canceled en masse.

Looming over those adjustments, there's a threat — that some events, particularly those on the lower rungs of the men's and women's tours, will not survive.

"This is real," said Steve Simon, the chief executive of the WTA. "The events are taking significant hits by not operating."

The size of the hit for each tournament depends on numerous factors, including the timing of a postponement, the operating budget, sponsorship agreements and the agreement with the venue.

Insurance largely will not help. Wimbledon, which is considering cancellation, is one of the only tournaments that has some coverage for a pandemic. The vast majority of tour events have none. In fact, many WTA and ATP events have skipped full cancellation insurance altogether, with annual fees that can range from \$200,000 to \$700,000, depending on a tournament's revenue.

"We have insurance against an earthquake or an act of terrorism and stuff like that, but no tournament I know of has insurance against this specific virus, so the insurance is gone," said Edwin Weindorfer, whose company operates grass-court events in the German cities of Berlin and Stuttgart as well as Mallorca, Spain.

All three events are at risk of being canceled in June.

Without insurance relief, tournaments will have to absorb losses on their own unless the tours or national tennis federations choose to offer financial assistance.

"The tournaments are taking tremendous hits, and obviously the players will take a tremendous hit because they are not having the opportunity to compete for multiple weeks," Simon said. "I think that's one of the challenges everyone is working on. How do we balance the significant losses all members are taking as well as the losses the tour is going to take?"

Gerard Tsobanian, the chief executive and president of the Madrid Open, a men's and women's clay-court event scheduled for May, does not believe the tours can provide broad relief.

"I don't think they have enough funds to help players and tournaments together," he said. "No chance."

The losses will depend on how long the sport is widely shut down. The professional game has halted all play until June 8, when the traditional grass-court season is scheduled. But with Britain on lockdown, Wimbledon leaders are meeting this week to make a decision about the tournament scheduled for June 29 to July 12.

"If Wimbledon would cancel, I think we will follow very fast with canceling our grass-court tournaments," Weindorfer said.

Because of the particularities of the playing surface, grass-court tournaments



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are less likely than others to be rescheduled later in the season, if and when the tour resumes regular play.

The men's and women's tours have made broader contingency plans to play their seasons later in the year, packing their schedules and continuing into late December while skipping what would have been their offseasons.

"The players will have to create their own spacing in the calendar, but for the tournaments' and players' sake you have got to utilize all the weeks in the calendar that are available," said Jim Courier, a former top-ranked men's player.

The French Open, the Grand Slam tournament that precedes Wimbledon, already announced that it would push its dates back to Sept. 20 to Oct. 4 from its scheduled May 24 start. The move has generated widespread anger in the sport because the French Open leaders announced their plans publicly without discussing them with others.

The backlash could lead to more shifts for the French Open to account for other scheduled tournaments, compensatory payments to tournaments that would be disadvantaged or even to a punitive reduction in ranking points allotted to the French Open by the tours.

The uproar is the latest demonstration of the deep divisions in tennis, a sport with multiple governing bodies and agendas.

"This was a golden opportunity at a difficult time to show our small tennis community is not that fragmented and that the leaders can make decision together and cooperate. And we ended up showing a very selfish image of who we are," said Tsobanian, whose Madrid event was postponed with no guarantee of finding another date in 2020.

Some in the game view the extreme situation presented by the coronavirus pandemic as an opportunity for the tours to streamline a cluttered calendar by finding ways to buy out dates from small, struggling events and focusing more on larger events that are more likely to attract top players and television viewers.

"Maybe we have to come to chaos so a new order comes about," Tsobanian said of the tennis calendar. "But for now, every-

body is afraid."

The profit margins for the lowest-level men's tour events are often slim, even during more normal socioeconomic times. The tournaments, known as ATP 250 events because of the 250 rankings points awarded to the singles champion, make up a majority of the tour — 38 of 68 events. The higher ATP tournament categories are ATP 500 and ATP Masters 1000.

Bill Oakes, a former tournament director of the Winston-Salem Open and the chairman of the group representing the ATP 250 tournaments, said the average net profit was "about \$125,000" for such events, with average operating budgets at about \$4 million.

The margins are similar at that level on the women's tour, said Moran, who runs the women's tournament in South Carolina.

Oakes said profits averaged about \$1.1 million for ATP 500s and \$6 million for Masters 1000s.

"The average 250 is one medium-sized sponsor from being in the red," Oakes said. "I think every tournament needs to be very concerned about what is going to happen."

Any tournaments facing financial ruin could be forced to sell their ability to host an event sanctioned by the tours — tennis's version of a franchise fee — in order to salvage some value. The sanctions, as they are called in the sport, vary widely in value depending on the week on the calendar and geography, but can be worth anywhere from about \$1 million to more than \$10 million for ATP 250 events.

"They can make quite a bit of money when they sell their sanction to other cities, that's kind of where the value comes as opposed to year over year cash flow," Courier said. "They are scarce in the way real estate is scarce."

Timing is a major factor for all tournaments, including the BNP Paribas Open, the prestigious men's and women's event in Indian Wells, California. It was called off on the eve of qualifying at great cost with its infrastructure and most of its staff already in place. The tournament's leadership, which includes billionaire owner Larry Ellison, declined to comment on the economic impact, but there is still hope it can be rescheduled in 2020.

ROUNDUP

NFL owners OK playoff expansion

Unanimous vote approves 2 more wild-card teams

News services

The NFL is gearing up for a normal season and playoffs — with two additional wild-card teams in the Super Bowl chase.

NFL team owners voted Tuesday to expand the playoffs by one team in each conference for a total of 14 next season as they continue to plan for the 2020 season to begin on time.

During a conference call to discuss league business after the annual meetings were canceled due to the new coronavirus, the owners also awarded one of those extra games to CBS and one to NBC. Three-fourths of the 32 owners needed to approve the change, and the vote was unanimous, football operations chief Troy Vincent said.

As for opening the season Sept. 10 as scheduled, NFL lead counsel Jeff Pash said: "All of our focus has been on a normal traditional season, starting on time, playing before fans in our stadiums and going through our full 16-game regular season and a full playoffs."

Contingencies are being discussed for all potential interruptions caused by the coronavirus.

Baseball: The AP reported that veteran major leaguers will receive \$4,775 per day in advance pay for the first 60 days of the MLB season during the stoppage caused by the new coronavirus, a total of \$286,500. Less veteran players receive smaller amounts specified in the agreement: \$16,500, \$30,000 or \$60,000, depending on the contract. Under the terms of a deal between the league and the players union, teams are combining to give \$170 million in advance pay to players on 40-man rosters, injured lists and outright assignments to the minor leagues. The payments will be made in equal installments on the normal payroll schedule and do not have to be repaid if the season is scrapped. They cover from March 26, the original opening day, through May 24 or whenever the season starts, whichever is earlier. Money is being split into four classes based on contract status. ... MLB announced it was extending its \$400 weekly allowances through May for players with minor league deals.

Basketball: Two weeks after two unnamed Lakers players tested positive for COVID-19, the team announced that all of its players are currently symptom-free. The Lakers had to wait two days for test results, and then all of their players were placed in a 14-day home isolation prescribed by the team. ... The NBA, National Basketball Players Association and 2K have partnered to produce an NBA 2K tournament that will air on ESPN and ESPN2 starting Friday. The NBA 2K20 Player Tournament will run through April 11. Sixteen NBA players will compete, including Kevin Durant, Trae Young, Hassan Whiteside, Donovan Mitchell, Devin Booker and others. The winner of the event will receive \$100,000 to give to a charity in support of the coronavirus relief efforts.

Soccer: As the economic consequences of the coronavirus pandemic ripple across world football, FIFA sees a "duty" to offer a lifeline from its vast cash reserves. Talks are underway about how the governing body's support fund will be distributed, with the global players' union appealing for cash to be targeted at the smaller markets, rather than the elite end of the game. FIFA said it has amassed reserves it last reported at \$2.745 billion, to help soccer when it is most in need.

ON THE CLOCK

22 Days until the NFL draft, which is still scheduled for April 23-25.

The top 5



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| 5. Dolphins | 16. Falcons | 27. Seahawks |
| 6. Chargers | 17. Cowboys | 28. Ravens |
| 7. Panthers | 18. Dolphins | 29. Titans |
| 8. Cardinals | 19. Raiders | 30. Packers |
| 9. Jaguars | 20. Jaguars | 31. 49ers |
| 10. Browns | 21. Eagles | 32. Chiefs |
| 11. Jets | 22. Vikings | |

OLYMPICS



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Countdown starts again

Even with 1-year delay, lots of hurdles remain in way of Tokyo Games

By **STEPHEN WADE**
Associated Press

TOKYO — The countdown clocks have been reset and are ticking again for the Tokyo Olympics.

The model outside Tokyo Station, and others across the Japanese capital, were switched on almost immediately after organizers announced the new dates — July 23 to Aug. 8, 2021.

The clocks read 479 days to go. That seems a long way away, but also small and insignificant compared with the worldwide fallout from the coronavirus.

Then again, it's not much time to reassemble the first Olympics to be postponed since the modern games began 124 years ago; not for 11,000 Olympic athletes and 4,400 Paralympic athletes, and not for sponsors, broadcasters, the fans that have already bought tickets and Japanese organizers and taxpayers who have spent billions and will have to come up with billions more to pay for the setback.

"I believe that these Olympics are going to have great historical significance," Yoshiro Mori, the president of the Tokyo organizing committee, said after confirming the new dates.

Mori, an 82-year-old former Japanese prime minister, also recalled there's no guarantee that the coronavirus pandemic will be under control a year from now. That includes the new dates for the Paralympics now set for Aug. 24-Sept. 5.

"This is a prayer that we have and I do believe that someone is going to listen to our prayers," Mori said.

After cursory talk about an Olympics in the spring, the new summer dates overlap perfectly with the same time slot that was picked for 2020. Organizers are hoping to overlay the old plans with new plans, keeping venues in place, securing thousands of rooms in the Athletes Village, deploying the same volunteers, and letting people who bought tickets keep them.

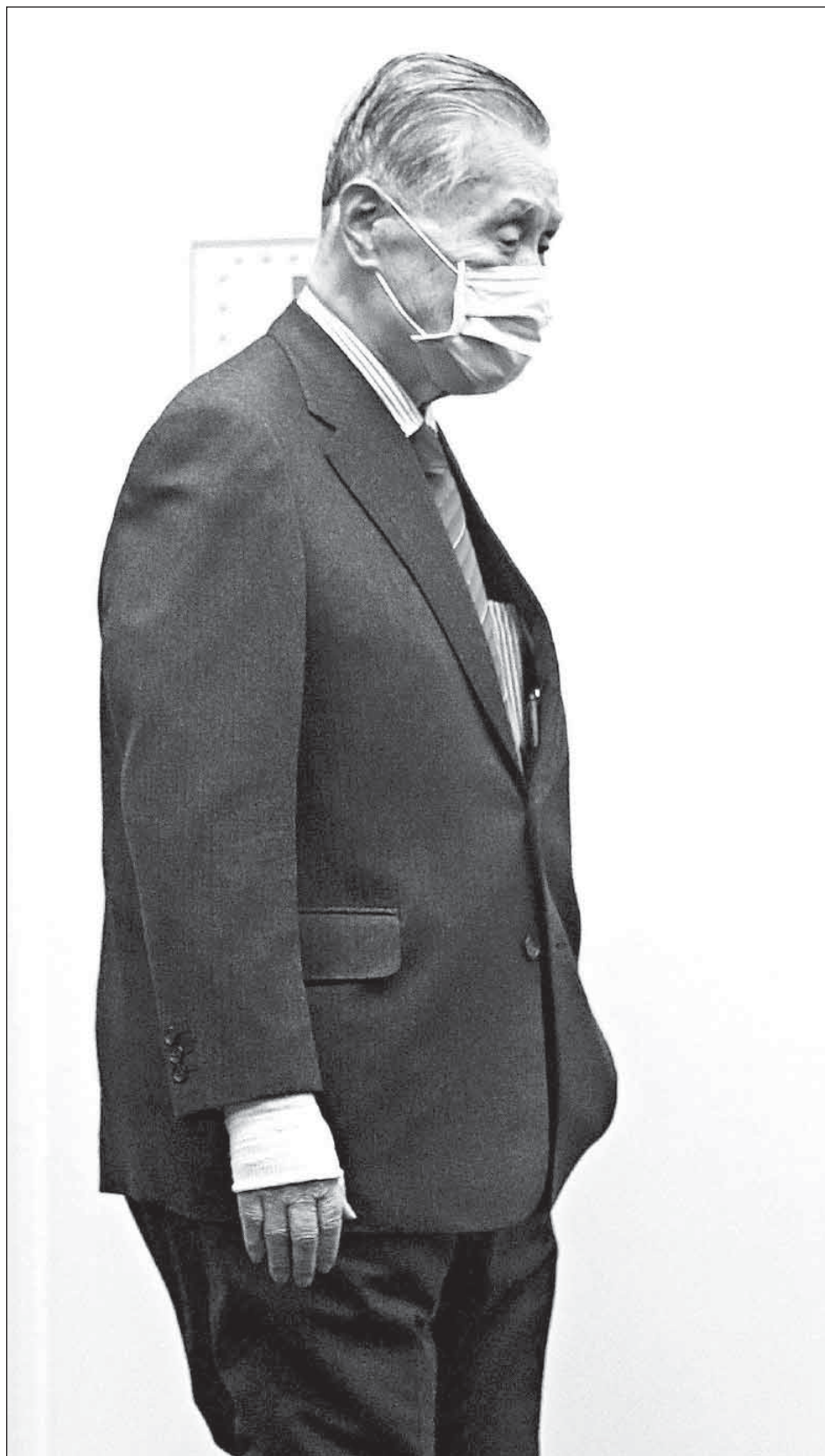
The summer date also avoids conflicts with the crowded North American and European sports schedules. But summer in Tokyo also means grappling with intense heat and humidity, the major worry for games organizers before the pandemic.

"Obviously in the summer there might be typhoons and the heat problems," Mori said. "However, this situation is the same. We always had those problems so we will be prepared for those issues."

Though the international sports federations went along with the new dates, some of them, like the International Triathlon Union, preferred the cooler spring during Japan's cherry blossom season. But that was overridden by the easiest route to lining up venues.

"We are having discussions with all the venues at the moment," said Toshiro Muto, the CEO of the organizing committee. "At this point we don't have a final decision. However, some problems have already become apparent."

Muto said organizers haven't yet heard from any venues saying the rescheduled Olympic events can't be staged there next year.



"There are a lot of venues that can't make a decision yet. So we have to negotiate with them," he said. "If we have to make a change to the venues, then we might have to change the competition schedule as well."

"I personally don't think there are going to be many major changes to the (competition) schedule," he added. "But our discussions haven't gone that far yet."

David Wallechinsky, the president of the International Society of Olympic Historians, said the Olympics in 2021 — they will still be officially called the 2020 Olympics — could become a symbol for a world pulling together after the pandemic.

"I see this postponement as more of an

opportunity for the Olympic Movement, rather than a setback," he said in an email to The Associated Press.

He said an outright cancellation, rather than postponement, probably was not feasible.

"From a financial point of view, cancellation was not a viable option," he said. "The repercussions would have been complex and widespread."

The Olympic flame, which arrived from Greece on March 12, will stay temporarily in the northeastern prefecture of Fukushima. The Olympics were supposed to focus on that area's struggles from the earthquake, tsunami and the meltdown of three nuclear

reactors in 2011. But the flame's symbolism next year is likely to shift to recovery from the pandemic.

Mori and Muto have both acknowledged rejiggering the Olympics will incur "massive costs." Estimates range between an added \$2 billion-\$6 billion. And Japanese taxpayers will pick up most of the bills, as they have for most of the preparations so far.

Muto promised transparency in calculating the costs, and testing times deciding how they are divided up.

"There will be costs and we will need to consider them one by one," Muto said. "I think that will be the tougher process."

Japan is officially spending \$12.6 billion to organize the Olympics. However, an audit bureau of the Japanese government says the costs are already twice that much. When it won the bid in 2013, Tokyo said the Olympics could cost \$7.3 billion.

All of the spending is public money except for \$5.6 billion from a privately funded operating budget. About \$3.3 billion in that budget has been raised from local sponsorship deals driven by Dentsu Inc., Japan's giant advertising and public relations company.

That sponsorship amount is almost three times more than any previous Olympics. "The current sponsor contracts will expire this year," Muto said. "And since the games will be extended until next year, we would like to ask them for extensions. I'm not hearing they have any specific objections to this. And whether we would like to ask them for more contributions — nothing has been decided."

The Switzerland-based International Olympic Committee is contributing \$1.3 billion to the Tokyo Olympics, according to organizing committee documents. The IOC's contribution goes into the operating budget.

The IOC had income in the latest four-year Olympic cycle of \$5.7 billion, and 73% was from selling broadcast rights with 18% from long-term sponsor revenue. American broadcaster NBC makes up half of the IOC's broadcast revenue and pays more than \$1 billion for the rights to each Olympics.

The IOC also has almost \$2 billion in reserve funds and insurance to cover emergency situations.

"NBC, in particular, has a lot to say," Wallechinsky said. "That's why the games are scheduled for the summer, which is not ideal for athletes competing in outdoors sports. The 1964 Tokyo Olympics took place in October, when the weather was more favorable."

The Olympics planned for 1940 in Tokyo were canceled because of Japan's war with China. The Olympics in 1916 and 1944 were also canceled because of wars. And these Olympics have had a bumpy time, which included the resignation last year of the president of the Japanese Olympic Committee amid a bribery scandal.

"Even the 1940 Tokyo Olympics were planned for September-October," Wallechinsky said. "For 2020-2021, you see the power of television."

SPORTS

BLACKHAWKS

Captain: We're on the cusp

Hawks close to contending, says Toews, plus other insights

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Since the NHL started hosting video news conferences with various players, some commonalities have emerged.

Players miss the games and fans, they face various challenges while trying to keep in playing shape and some have gone stir-crazy — along with their families — while they wait out the league's lockdown during the coronavirus pandemic.

It was pretty much the same for Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews, Blues defenseman Alex Pietrangolo and Predators defenseman Roman Josi, who spoke to reporters Tuesday via teleconference. Each shared what he has been doing during the break and his hopes for the league and his team.

Here are five things we learned about Toews from the interview.

1. Jonathan Toews believes the Hawks are on the cusp on contending.

Earlier this month, Hawks Chairman Rocky Wirtz said on NBC Sports Chicago's "Blackhawks Talk" podcast that he plans to keep management intact.

"You're looking at salaries, you're looking at free agents, you're looking at signing college players (and) free agents in Europe," Wirtz said.

"The nice thing is, (President) John McDonough and his crew and (general manager) Stan Bowman, in my humble opinion, we have a good organization. They will figure it out."

Asked about management's direction, Toews pivoted.

"Regardless of what's going on in the organization, your job as a captain and a player ... it's just the focus on getting the most out of ourselves, getting the most out of our group," Toews said. "We went through quite a few serious injuries to key players, guys that have experience in the playoffs ... (and) brought that character and leadership in the room, so that definitely hurt us."

"But on the other hand, we've got some young players who are learning and getting better really quickly. And we showed some signs this year, even if we're not sitting in a playoff spot right now, (that) we're right on the edge."



SCOTT STRAZZANTE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jonathan Toews and the Blues' Alex Pietrangolo are fierce rivals who respect one another.

2. If the Blackhawks and Blues weren't such bitter rivals, 'Tazer and Petro' might be a thing.

It was only a brief glimpse of how NHL peers interact off the ice, but Toews and Pietrangolo appeared to have bromance-level chemistry.

From the start, Toews poked fun at Pietrangolo being stuck at home with a big family.

"I'm just here in Chicago with my girlfriend, a little Yorkie and that's about it," Toews said. "So it's pretty quiet compared to Petro's house, it sounds like."

Pietrangolo admitted: "It's a little loud over here — three kids, two dogs, (a) wife. ... I tell you what, the kids can do some damage in the house in a two-week span when you keep them inside too long."

When Pietrangolo added that he has spent chunks of his time cleaning or watching cartoons with the kids, Toews joked, "I'm really starting to feel bad for Petro over here."

Pietrangolo chuckled when Toews mentioned games in which the Hawks led the Blues in St. Louis, "but we blow it."

They also shared a mutual respect. "Jonny's just a pain in the ass to play — pardon my language," Pietrangolo said.

Toews recalled being teammates with Pietrangolo for Team Canada during the 2016 World Cup of Hockey in Toronto, "and I was standing in front of the net one time,

he's letting one rip and I thought it was aimed right at my chin, but somehow (he) whistled it right by my shoulder, top shelf. So it was kind of (interesting) to be on that side for once."

"We've had some great playoff series against each other, where there's been some hatred," Toews said. "But that's what the game's all about."

Josi wasn't left out of the ribbing either. When the Predators star talked up Netflix's bizarre "Tiger King" docuseries, Toews shook his head in hilarious disapproval.

For what it's worth, with the time off, Toews said he has gotten into Season 3 of "Ozark."

3. If Toews and Pietrangolo are frenemies, Toews and Patrick Kane are, well, frenemies.

NHL moderator John Dellapina asked each player about his best and worst choices for a quarantine roommate.

Toews picked "easygoing" goaltender Corey Crawford as his best.

And his worst? Well, Toews and Kane were roommates on road trips for five years, and apparently that was more than enough.

"Least (favorite)?" Toews said. "Since I roomed with him for so long, I'd have to say Kaner. There are some ups and downs through that relationship there."

Dellapina chimed in, "You stopped talking, so I guess you don't want to be more specific." Toews laughed. "Definitely would not."

4. Toews hopes to see young fan Declan Dassie if play resumes.

Because of the shutdown, Junior Ice-Hogs skater Dassie missed out on plans to celebrate his seventh birthday at a Hawks game this month. But Toews gave him a special shout-out during an appearance on NBC's "Today."

"I guess at some point we'll see our little buddy Declan there," Toews said during Tuesday's teleconference. "The sign that he held up on one of our postgame shows I think said something like, 'I'll never give up.' It's great to see we have some little fans out there sticking with us through thick and thin."

"So I sent him a little message since they were going to highlight that whole thing on the 'Today' show."

"Today" host Hoda Kotb stumbled on Toews' name, pronouncing it "TAY-vitz."

"I thought I heard all the different pronunciations of my name, but ... that was a new one," Toews said. "It was pretty funny."

In addition to his video message, Toews donated \$100,000 to the Chicago Community COVID-19 Response Fund, and Dassie thanked him for both gestures.

"Thank you for donating the money for the virus, and I'll see you at the United Center soon," Dassie said.

5. Toews has a message for fans: 'Come together!'

All three players expressed eagerness to learn when play might resume.

"The season turned on a dime," Toews said.

He admitted he didn't have much motivation to exercise for the first four or five days after the shutdown, but he has since started riding his bike to stay in shape.

"I'm thinking, hey, at some point this has to wrap up. We've got to go back to our normal lives," Toews said. "Just not sure when that is. Hopefully it's sooner rather than later."

Still, Toews preached patience, as much to himself as to fellow players and fans.

"No matter what your background, what your political views are, I think we're all kind of coming together on this, and that's the biggest thing," he said.

Toews compared the situation to the solidarity a winning team displays, saying it will take that kind of fortitude from the community to "wait this thing out."

"We've got to do what we've got to do, and we'll get through it," he said.

FRANK MALONEY 1940-2020

Longtime Cubs ticket director was football coach at Syracuse

BY MARK GONZALES

Frank Maloney's 29 seasons in the Cubs ticket office capped a life in sports that evolved at Mount Carmel High School and blossomed into a football coaching career in which he worked for and taught some of the game's most successful coaches.

Maloney, who served as the Cubs director of ticket operations from 1987 until his retirement after the 2010 season, died Monday at his Chicago home from complications of metastatic brain cancer, according to Syracuse.com. He was 79.

"Among the difficulties we're all facing today, the passing of Frank Maloney is a particularly tough moment for the Cubs organization," Crane Kenney, the Cubs president of business operations, said in a statement Tuesday. "If you had any relationship with the Cubs during Tribune's ownership era, you knew Frank Maloney."

"His big voice, commanding demeanor and commitment to excellence were certainly honed during his time as a college football coach. But those closest to Frank knew behind the tough exterior was a soft heart who loved his colleagues and more than anything else loved his wife, Kathy, his three children and grandchildren."

Maloney played guard at Michigan and served as an assistant coach for the

Wolverines under Bo Schembechler from 1969 to 1973. In between he was head coach at Mount Carmel for six seasons, leading the Caravan to the 1967 Prep Bowl title.

Syracuse hired Maloney as head coach before the 1974 season, and the Orangemen posted a 32-46 record in his seven seasons. Their best season under Maloney was 1979, when they went 7-5 and won the Independence Bowl with future NFL standouts Joe Morris, Art Monk and Craig Wolfley despite playing all games off campus during construction of the Carrier Dome, which opened in Maloney's final season.

Among the coaches who worked under Maloney at Syracuse were Nick Saban, Tom Coughlin, George O'Leary and Jerry Angelo.

Maloney served as a scout for the Cowboys in 1981 before joining the Cubs, according to Syracuse.com. The lure of returning home and spending more time with his wife and kids was one of the perks.

With the Cubs, Maloney oversaw the entire ticket department — a colossal task considering the popularity of the team and Wrigley Field and requests from celebrities.

"He led the team to its first 2 million fan season in 1984, its first 3 million fan season in 2004 and set a record for seven consecutive seasons with more than 3 million in attendance from 2004-2010," Kenney said.

MEDIA

Fox-32 sports reporter Santos leaving for position in Phoenix

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Sports reporter Siera Santos is leaving Chicago's Fox-32 for the Fox station in Phoenix, her hometown.

Santos posted a video Monday night on social media bidding Chicago farewell and thanking viewers, but she did not say where she was headed or why.

A Fox spokeswoman confirmed Tuesday that Santos, an Arizona State alumna, is set to start April 6 as a reporter and co-anchor for KSAZ's "Fox 10 Sports Night."

"I want to say thank you, Chicago," Santos said in her video. "Thank you for accepting me and making me feel right at home when I moved here four years ago."

"Thank you for being the most passionate, knowledgeable sports fans I've ever covered in my career. I have learned so much about myself here. I have grown personally and professionally."

Santos is the second female sportscaster

to leave Fox-32 this year.

Shae Pepler, who was part of the station's Bears postgame show, among other responsibilities, said in January she was leaving Fox-32 to join husband and fellow broadcaster Jordan Cornette in Connecticut. Last week she announced she joined SiriusXM as an NFL Radio host.

Santos joined Fox-32 in September 2018 shortly after leaving NBC Sports Chicago, where for three years she worked in multiple capacities, including, for a time, as reporter on White Sox telecasts.

Before coming to Chicago in 2015, Santos was a sports anchor and reporter for the CBS Los Angeles TV duopoly of KCBS and KCAL and hosted KCAL's Sunday "Sports Central" and web segments for CBSLA.com.

She also previously worked at CBS affiliate KWTN in Oklahoma City, NBC affiliate KOAA in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Fox Sports Arizona.

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That's the word that has the Bears optimistic about what Foles can bring to the offense — and the QB competition



DAN WIEDERER
On the Bears

Nick Foles knew the competitive nerves would be there.

"You get the butterflies for sure," he said. "Any game you ever play in, you get that excitement because it's a big stage. There's a lot going on. But once you get on the field, you just play ball. You live in the moment, and there's something that comes out of you where you go out there and just play."

At the start of Foles' improbable run to becoming a Super Bowl MVP, seven Sundays before "Philly Special" and a memorable upset of the Patriots, there was a routine first step against the Giants at MetLife Stadium.

In Foles' first start for the 2017 Eagles, he let his natural composure take over. He threw four touchdown passes to four different receivers. Each came inside the red zone. And all of them, when put together, exemplified the veteran quarterback's command and comfort in the offense.

A 3-yard scoring dart to Alshon Jeffery.

A 10-yard "faith throw" to Zach Ertz.

A backyard easy-breezy 13-yard toss to Trey Burton.

And a 10-yard bullet to Nelson Agholor.

The Eagles rallied out of a 13-point deficit to seize a 34-29 road win in Week 15 against the Giants, a triumph that proved both comforting and energizing to the city of Philadelphia. A week after the Eagles lost MVP candidate Carson Wentz to a season-ending torn anterior cruciate ligament, Foles showed that the city's Super Bowl hopes were very much alive and in good hands.

The Eagles improved to 12-2 with their No. 2 quarterback showing he was composed and in full control of what he was asked to do.

A few days later, in detailing all four scoring passes for the Eagles website, quarterbacks coach John DeFilippo walked through the logistics that made each pass possible.

On the toss to Jeffery, for example, Foles used a "peel motion" from Ertz before the snap to diagnose zone coverage, then calmly went through his progressions — left to right — getting to his fourth read and making a precise throw behind cornerback Ross Cockrell.

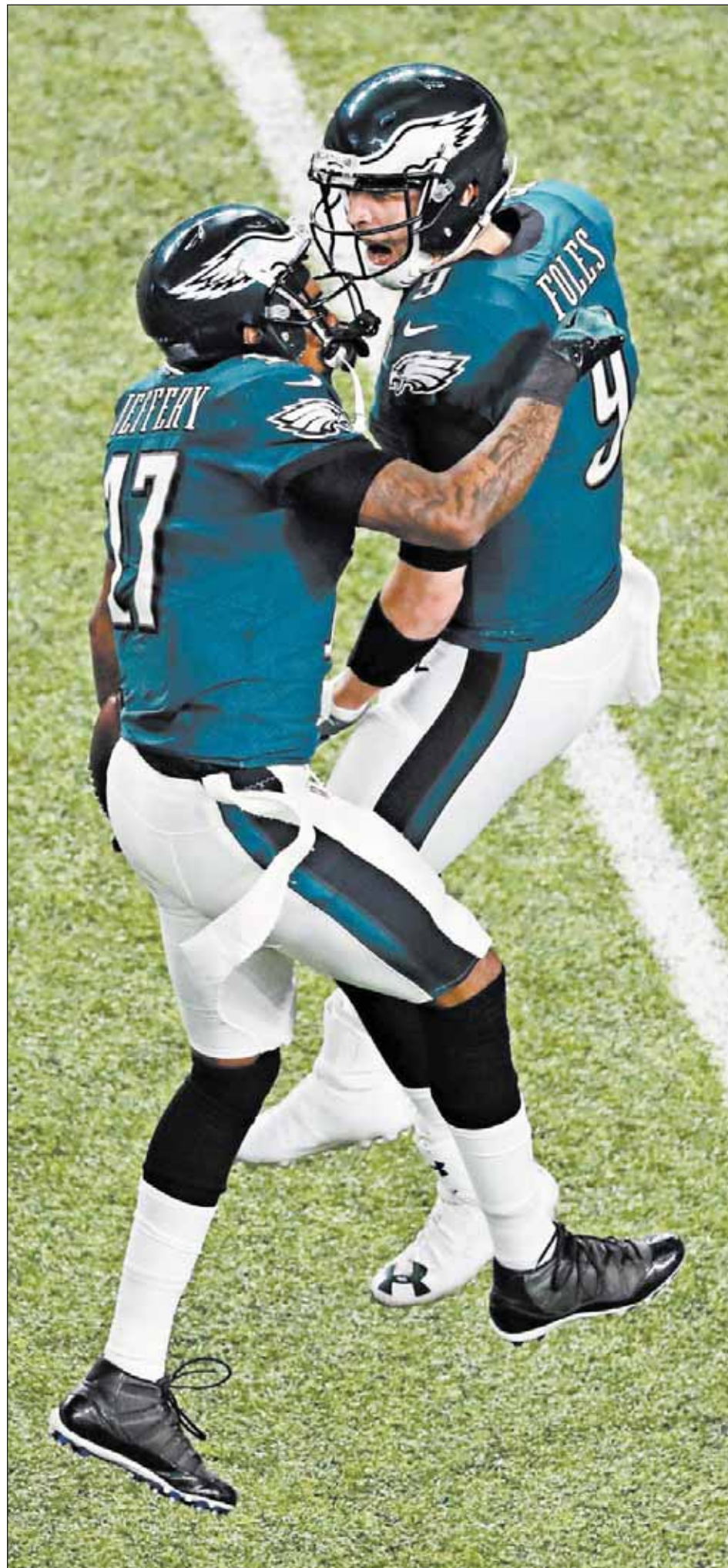
Foles trusted the play design and trusted Jeffery to be where he needed him. Six points.

The throw to Ertz, on a corner post route, came against an all-out blitz and required both anticipation and faith that Ertz would break in front of defensive back Andrew Adams near the goal line.

On time. On target. Six more points.

The touchdown to Burton was as easy a throw as Foles will ever have in the NFL, with the Eagles' route combination confusing cornerbacks Eli Apple and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and leaving Burton totally uncovered. It was a third-down conversion and another end-zone celebration.

Finally, against another Cover-0 look late in the third quarter, Foles made a quick read and shrewd throw to Agholor, noticing cornerback Darryl Morris' back turned in



Nick Foles, right, and Alshon Jeffery celebrate an Eagles touchdown during Super Bowl LII in February 2018.

CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY

in sync with the timing of the plays.

"We know Nick's a great player," DeFilippo told the Eagles website a few days later. "Because we know he's going to go in and do his job the best of his ability. And he's prepared. So we have all the faith in the world in Nick."

In short, Foles trusted his offense. He trusted his teammates. He trusted his own abilities. In turn, Foles earned greater trust from his coaches and supporting cast.

Circle that word, Bears fans: trust. That is what has the folks at Halas Hall so optimistic about what Foles can bring to the Bears.

DeFilippo is now the Bears quarterbacks coach, again united in a symbiotic relationship with Foles after previous stops together in Philadelphia and Jacksonville.

Offensive coordinator Bill Lazor worked with Foles as the Eagles quarterbacks coach in 2013.

Bears coach Matt Nagy spent two previous seasons with Foles: 2012 in Philadelphia and 2016 in Kansas City.

All three coaches have built-in trust with Foles and a speak-from-experience confidence that the 31-year-old quarterback will know the offense inside and out, able to execute at a winning level if he is called on.

There has been no public decree from Halas Hall about Foles' role as his Bears career begins. When Nagy and general manager Ryan Pace last spoke at the combine — three weeks before the trade with the Jaguars for Foles — they continued to emphasize that Mitch Trubisky would remain the starting quarterback but would face real competition to retain that role.

Thus all of this remains fluid, especially with the ongoing coronavirus shutdown threatening the Bears' offseason schedule for meetings, organized team activities and minicamp. The uncertainty could linger through June.

Still, what Nagy wants so badly — and struggled to maintain at times in 2019 — is trust in his quarterback. And in that regard Foles might be able to gain the inside track on the starting job given Nagy's straightforward criticism in December that Trubisky hadn't yet become "a master at understanding coverages"; that he was struggling too often to trust the pocket; that his footwork needed refinement; and that his ability to play with a touchdown-to-checkdown mentality wasn't sharp enough.

The Bears will push Trubisky to make noticeable developmental leaps this offseason, still clinging to hope they can get his career back on track. But they also can't waste much time in 2020 hoping a breakthrough is coming. They'll have to see it to believe it.

And when the season begins, Nagy wants to put his foot on the accelerator and peel out from the starting line without having to tap the brakes.

Back in 2017, the Eagles' Super Bowl journey seemed headed for a detour when Wentz went down. But internally, the trust in Foles allowed the Eagles to keep cruising — through the end of the regular season, into the playoffs and all the way to an unforgettable win in Super Bowl LII.

Foles trusted his offense. He trusted his teammates. He trusted himself. He lived in the moment and just played.

man coverage and giving his receiver a chance to make a play.

With trust in the route combination of Agholor and Torrey Smith and belief in Agholor's ability to make a contested catch, the Eagles finished a 59-yard scoring drive to build a 31-23 lead, their final touchdown

in an important win.

It was all there.

In one snapshot from one seemingly routine December game, Foles showed his command, vision and understanding of progressions. He distributed the ball wisely with a flurry of accurate throws that came

WHAT WE LEARNED

Foles chats with Daniel on webcast about everything but Bears

BY COLLEEN KANE

Former Bears backup quarterback Chase Daniel began a new webcast called "Chase Chats" on social media Monday night, and his first guest was the player who will replace him in the Bears quarterback room.

Daniel talked for more than 30 minutes with eight-year NFL veteran Nick Foles, whom the Bears acquired from the Jaguars this month.

They didn't get into the state of the Bears offense or Foles' role alongside Mitch Trubisky on his new team.

Daniel, who signed with the Lions, hinted the two quarterbacks were keeping their teams' media relations officials happy by refraining from such talk. The Bears did not announce the trade for Foles until Tuesday afternoon and haven't held an introductory news conference. Official announcements of free-agent signings and trades have been slowed this year by restrictions on physicals due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Instead, the pair talked about how Foles is spending his offseason, how he's dealing with the coronavirus quarantine, his work off the field and their shared love of coffee.

Here are three things we learned.

1. Nick Foles is fascinated by Ironman triathlons, and he modeled his early offseason workouts them.

Foles said he went through "trial after trial" in his only season with the Jaguars in 2019. He broke his collarbone in the opener and played in only three more games — all losses.

"It didn't go as I had planned, but I went into the offseason extremely hungry as always, but even more hungry just because of how things happened," he said. "I've always wanted to do an Ironman. I won't probably do it while I'm playing because we sign our lives away in our contract, but I approached my training like Ironman training."

Foles has watched Ironman training videos and said he worked his way up to about a 9-mile run, 3,300-yard swim and 1 1/2-hour bike ride before he backed off the training. He now is working out for an hour five days a week.

"You want to quit," he said. "Almost every workout, I'm in the middle of it, and I'm like, 'Ugh, I can't keep going.' But I love that because you have to fight that mental weakness where it's easy to give up — get out of the pool or stop running. But it's something deep inside that you keep pushing, keep pushing and keep going.

"With that, you build resilience. That's the thing that is almost intoxicating for me: getting to that point where I want to quit and then fighting through that and getting over that edge. Because once you get over the edge, you've grown as a human being."

2. Foles' offseason to-do list includes taking a class in theological studies and planning a foundation and a podcast.

Foles is vocal about his faith and said he one day would like to be in vocational ministry.

He is working on a master's degree in theological studies at Liberty University. He is planning a podcast with former Eagles teammate Chris Maragos, a faith-based venture Foles said he hopes will be of interest to all when it debuts in August. And he's working to set up his Believe It Foundation.

"God has allowed us to have this platform, and we're going to use it in a unique way, affecting communities in a positive way in Jesus' name, whether it be youth initiatives, family crisis counseling, homelessness, health (or) other initiatives we're fine-tuning right now," Foles said. "We want to make sure it's something we can really make an impact."

3. As Foles and his wife, Tori, try to entertain a 2-year-old daughter during the coronavirus quarantine, his father is working to keep his restaurants operating.

Larry Foles, one-half of the Guy and Larry Restaurants tandem, owns numerous restaurants in Texas, Arizona and California.

Nick Foles said he was just on the phone with his father talking about how his businesses are moving forward.

"This is obviously a challenge for the hospitality business right now," Foles said. "A lot of people are suffering. A lot of it is turning into to-go orders — and it's really a sit-down industry."

"It's been fascinating hearing what he's been doing to help the employees and create something that works. It's a challenge for everyone right now with the coronavirus."

Meanwhile, Foles said Tori has been constantly working on keeping their daughter, Lily, who's almost 3, occupied with artwork, soccer and occasionally "Frozen 2."

"You get a little restless," he said. "But at the end of the day, we have to do what we've got to do to social distance."

Hey family!

I'll be here all week ...



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Comedian Pat McGann records an Instagram video in front of his children for his nightly stand-up routine at his home in Beverly.

Chicago comics find creative ways to be funny with or without an audience

Hey, how's everyone doing out there? Good? Bad? Probably bad. Everyone's bad. Everyone's bad. But you know who's making art out of this corona-crisis thing? Know who has found some light in the dark? Ladies and gentleman, raised in Beverly and now quarantined there, you remember him from Colbert, you saw him on Letterman, everyone, put your hands together for Pat McGann, a Chicago comic with a terrific idea.

For the past couple of weeks, around dinner time, without fail, nightly, and twice on Fridays and Saturdays, McGann has shut off the TV to the annoyance of his kids, stood before them and, with a microphone in one hand and a phone recording himself in the other, performed a show. As if in a comedy club, complete with tropes, slightly updated:

"Hello Chicago! Where's your mom? Out getting supplies so we don't die?"

"It's showtime! You guys drinking tonight? Remember what color's your cup. Quick question: Who used all the toilet paper upstairs? Anyone? You might want to cut down on that. This is a pandemic. You might want to not have that second bowl of cereal."

"Has anyone ever had this many meals consecutively with their family?"

On Friday night, with his permission, I caught McGann's early set from a window outside of his South Side home, like a Peeping Tom or the owner of a rooftop bleacher in Wrigleyville. His children — a daughter 8, sons 5 and 6 — were zoned out in front of YouTube survivalist videos. He grabbed the TV remote and, without warning, clicked.

"NOOOOO!!!" his daughter screamed.

McGann, ignoring it, began, confident, buoyant. A former Zanies emcee, he's played hostile audiences: *"All right, put your*



CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

hands together if you've never refilled the Brita!"

Within minutes, this "show" was posted to Instagram; a "late show" went up soon after. McGann's format has remained unchanging, because the McGann family routine has remained unchanging: He surprises his kids, they howl in protest at a dark TV and he steamrolls past, delivering jokes about life and home-schooling during quarantine, turning to the camera for a smirk: *"I just poured myself some more wine — so we're*

kicking off with art tomorrow!"

By Sunday night, his weekend sets were drawing 3,000-plus viewers, and the warm, encouraging comments were unlike anything he's received in his decade of stand-up.

"I write about family to begin with," he said, "so certain things about being in quarantine were catching my eye that are relatable because it's a life we're all living now. It's shared experience. This crisis, it's an opportunity for comedy — even as it kills comedy."

McGann is like every other working stand-up comic, part of a gig economy suddenly without gigs. The profession lost its offices as comedy clubs closed, and with it, their incomes vanished. But like other jobs upended by the coronavirus pandemic, nearly overnight, club comedy has migrated online, sometimes to preserve stand-up's ecosystem, sometimes simply to scratch the performance itch that put many comedians before microphones in the first place. The result, for the past few weeks, has become a fire hose of comedy, centered online around Instagram, Zoom and YouTube, occasionally awkward, at times innovative, but mostly, if uncommonly for this fractured culture, universally relatable.

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MY WORST MOMENT

Davis had to bare all on stage — and that wasn't her only issue

Episode came in front of film director who'd given her an audition

BY NINA METZ

For three seasons Essie Davis played the glamorous title character in the 1920s-set Australian TV series "Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries." Though originally broadcast in America on public television and available on Netflix (where it became a cult favorite), the series has since moved to the streaming service Acorn TV, which specializes in programming from the United Kingdom, Australia, Ireland and more.

Acorn is also where the new movie based on the series is premiering, called "Miss Fisher and the Crypt of Tears."

Davis said she welcomed the opportunity to return to the world of this amateur, flapper-era sleuth.

"She's such a joyous character;

effervescent and naughty and highly skilled and such a fabulous independent woman," she said. "I know her very well, so it felt easy to step back into her shoes."

American audiences will also recognize Davis from her roles on "Game of Thrones," "The White Princess" and as the mother in the 2014 horror movie "The Babadook." Her career includes theater credits as well, and it was a stage role that came to mind when asked to share a worst moment in her career.

"There are two cringey parts to it," she said.

My worst moment ...

"The first cringey part was having to take my clothes off on stage, which I never ever wanted to do in my life. I was talked into doing 'Jumpers' — by Tom Stoppard at the National Theatre (in London) — by the director David Leveaux. It's a great play and Tom Stoppard's an incredible writer.



ACORN TV

Essie Davis plays the title character in the film "Miss Fisher and the Crypt of Tears," based on the TV series "Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries," in which she also starred.

It's a comedy full of singing and acrobatics and a deep love of Keats and poets. This was in 2003, and then in 2004 we brought it to Broadway.

"The character has to be naked for 45 minutes — or rather, naked and then semi-naked for the whole first act of the show. I was

playing an ex-West End singing star who is having a party and she thinks she's shot someone and this person dies in her arms. So she takes off her beautiful ball gown because there's blood all over it and proceeds to have an emotional breakdown in her bedroom — naked.

"Not long into it she puts on a jumper — it's called 'Jumpers' and she puts on a jumper. Do you call them jumpers in American or sweaters? It's a sweater; she puts on a sweater. You might call the play 'Sweaters' (laughs), but it's

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CELEBRITIES

Tribune news services

Harry, Meghan royals no more

Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, officially made the transition Tuesday from senior members of Britain's royal family to — well, it's unclear. International celebrities, charity patrons, global influencers?

The royal schism that the couple triggered in January by announcing that they would step down from official duties, give up public funding, seek financial independence and swap the U.K. for North America becomes official on March 31.

The move has been made more complicated and poignant by the global coronavirus pandemic, which finds the couple and their 10-month-old son, Archie, in California, far from Harry's father, Prince Charles — who is recovering after testing positive for COVID-19 — and Harry's 93-year-old grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II.

"As we can all feel, the world at this moment seems extraordinarily fragile," the couple said in a final post Monday on their now-mothballed SussexRoyal Instagram account.

"What's most important right now is the health and well-being of everyone across the globe and finding solutions for the many issues that have presented themselves as a result of this pandemic," they added.

More movies delayed: Sony Pictures on Monday cleared out its summer calendar due to the coronavirus, postponing the releases of Jason Reitman's "Ghostbusters: Afterlife" and the Marvel movie "Morbius" to 2021.

Hollywood's summer season is increasingly shutting down because of the pandemic. "Ghostbusters: Afterlife," set 30 years after "Ghostbusters II,"



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Prince Harry and Meghan are officially out of the royal family and have decamped to Los Angeles.

had been scheduled for July 10, but it will now open March 5 of next year. The Jared Leto-starring "Morbius," slated for July 31, will now be released March 19, 2021. "Greyhound," a World War II drama starring Tom Hanks, is now to-be-determined instead of opening June 12.

McConaughey's message: Matthew McConaughey has gone from advertising for going out and driving to selling people on staying home, and says that successfully navigating this crisis could bring great things from Hollywood and humanity. The Academy Award winner, whose commercials for Lincoln vehicles have been a TV and YouTube staple for years, is the narrator, co-writer and co-creator of a public service announcement promoting isolation and safety amid the pandemic.

"We are at war with a virus, and health care

troops and first responders are on the front line fighting it everyday," McConaughey says over images of masked medical workers, children tending to backyard plants and empty highways. "Let's join the fight by staying home."

Chris Cuomo tests positive: CNN's Chris Cuomo announced Tuesday that he has tested positive for the coronavirus but promised to continue doing his prime-time show from the basement of his home. Cuomo, who looked a little pale while doing his show remotely Monday, said he's had a fever, chills and shortness of breath.

April 1 birthdays: Actress Ali MacGraw is 81. Reggae singer Jimmy Cliff is 72. Actress Annette O'Toole is 68. Singer Susan Boyle is 59. Actor David Oyelowo is 44. Actor Taran Killam is 38. Singer Hillary Scott is 34. Actor Asa Butterfield is 23.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Toxic family leaves mark on woman

Dear Amy: I have abandonment issues. My biological mother left me when I was a baby. Due to the extreme parental neglect in my infancy, the courts awarded custody to my paternal grandmother. My father moved in with her as well.

In my mind, my father "saved" me from a world that I could've died in, but the truth is, he was just as responsible for my neglect.

My father remarried, and my grandmother allowed me to live with my dad in his new home with his new wife. I called her "Mom" until she passed away. Mom was not affectionate toward me. She was very strict.

Fast-forward to now. I am 50 years old. My biological mother and stepmother are both dead. My father remarried again and moved hundreds of miles away. My issue is a new resentment toward my father. Having learned that he wasn't the saint I always thought him to be, I find I don't want to speak to him much.

I love him very much, but I'm hurt that every woman in his life has had such an influence on him to the neglect of not just me but also my two half-sisters.

I don't really want to go down this path. My bitterness toward my biological mother and lack of love from the woman that raised me has made me a cold person toward family. I feel more empathy toward strangers than my own relations (sometimes, even my children, which I am acutely ashamed of).

Therapy is not easily accessible in my rural area, so I'm left to my own

devices.

What advice can you provide that may warm my heart toward the very few who have loved me?

— *Heart Two Sizes Too Small*

Dear Heart: You already seem to have a lot of insight about your challenging past. You have made the connection between the neglect you suffered as a child and your own hesitance (or inability) to express affection toward family members. Insight is a positive start, and you can definitely continue to grow and change.

As a child, your emotional needs weren't met. Your mother abandoned you, and then, the other adults in your life didn't provide an emotionally safe and nurturing environment.

To love others fully, you have to learn to fully love yourself. Loving yourself doesn't mean you are arrogantly declaring how great you are but that you are learning to accept and embrace your own vulnerability, owning your mistakes and leaning into your determination to do better. Your efforts toward healing and self-love should be considered your first triumph.

One way to love others is to physically be there for them. Be present, especially for your children. Show up for them. Express an interest in their lives, and be bravely expressive toward them. You should tell them your own story, share your insight, express the desire to be better and tell them you are in their corner — through good times and bad.

You are trying to break a

generational chain of neglect, so understand that your kids may be bewildered, hurting and affection-starved, too.

You would benefit from reading "Healing Your Emotional Self" by Beverly Engel (2007, Wiley & Sons).

Dear Amy: I am an average-attractive single woman who lives in a big city. I am frequently approached by men of other races who flirt with me and try to get my phone number.

How do I tell them I am not interested without offending them? I stick to my own kind.

— *No Thanks*

Dear No Thanks: It is fairly easy to say, "No thank you." But if you truly want to repel these interested men, you could tell them the truth: "No offense, but I'm a racist."

They should leave you alone after that.

Dear Amy: Thank you for your response to "Shy in Boston," the shy guy who was wondering how to possibly meet a nice woman in the supermarket.

It may sound like a cliché, but this is how I met my husband! He somewhat shyly asked me for advice about produce.

The rest is history. We're celebrating 15 years of marriage this year.

— *Happily Together*

Dear Together: "I need a price check for happily-ever-after on Aisle One!"

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Why 'Cheers' is the perfect show to revisit right now

BY NEAL JUSTIN
Minneapolis Star Tribune

By now, you've probably used this time of self-isolation to revisit an old TV favorite. If you're smart, you've picked "Cheers."

Americans have long been smitten with the Boston bar. There's something special about this ragtag team of characters who seem to have very little of a life outside the no-frills tavern — and don't mind at all. Self-quarantine never looked so good.

I've spent the past two weeks zipping through the first four seasons of the 1982-93 series. (The fifth season, in which Shelley Long's Diane stalks Ted Danson's Sam in way too over the top, and the Kirstie Alley era, which features some terrific physical comedy, never had the same magic.)

Here are six early episodes to check out right away. I dare you not to order more rounds.

"Give Me a Ring Sometime" (1982)

It usually takes a while for a sitcom to find its rhythm, but "Cheers" was firing on all cylinders from this very first episode, cleverly introducing most of the major characters. The barroom debate over the sweatiest movies of all time perfectly captured beer-soaked conversations, and guaranteed that Cliff (John Ratzenberger) and Norm (George Wendt) would become regulars.

"Truce or Consequences" (1982)

Thanks to "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and "The Good Place," viewers have fallen in love with Danson all over again. It's about time Long had a comeback of her own. Her gifts as a comic actress are well on display in this episode in which Carla (Rhea Perl-



The early cast of "Cheers," including Ted Danson, bottom left, and Shelley Long, bottom center.

man) tricks Diane into thinking Sam fathered one of Carla's children. Long's reactions take us on a roller-coaster ride that you never want to see end.

"Showdown, Part 2" (1983)

Watching Sam and Diane bicker can get tedious, especially if you're watching them for five straight hours. But when the heat gets turned up, they create fireworks just as explosive as Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. Their most spectacular display came in this Season 1 finale in which their fight-of-all-fights leads to a long-awaited kiss. Sam: "Are you as turned on as I am?" Diane: "More!" We know what you mean.

"Fortune and Men's Weight" (1984)

One of the reasons "Cheers" became a classic was its willingness to end certain episodes on a downbeat aimed at the heart rather than the funny bone. For this occasion, Sam and Diane decide to put their future in the

hands of a fortunetelling machine. The somber "reading" is just as impressive as the show's biggest gag lines.

"Cliff's Rocky Moment" (1984)

All the supporting characters would get their chances to shine, but none took advantage of the spotlight quite like Ratzenberger. In this episode, the sad-sack mailman appears to be running scared from a bully — or is he? The fact that we're never quite sure until the final seconds is a testimony to great writing and great acting.

"The Heart Is a Lonely Snipe Hunter" (1985)

If you ever wondered why producers made a "Frasier" spinoff, just watch this episode, the first in which Kelsey Grammer proved to be more than just one of Diane's stuffy suitors. After being pranked during a fishing trip, the psychiatrist turns the tables on the gang with the kind of wit and ingenuity that would serve him well in future years.

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also about acrobats and leaps of faith and whether there is a God.

"So every night I got that jumper on as quick as I could, but I was still bottomless. And we had 1,000 people in the audience at the National. Then it moved to the West End, and then it was on Broadway. And I'm on a revolving stage, by the way, with a band.

"Basically the most excruciating thing I could ever dream of doing is taking my clothes off on a revolving stage with people on all sides. There is nothing more embarrassing to me than that scenario. However, my darling director said, 'Oh, don't worry about it. If that's your only problem, then I've got a special technique that will help you get over that.' And I went, 'Really?' and he said, 'Yes, it works every time.'

"And about halfway through rehearsals I went up to him and said, 'We're coming up to the part where I'm going to have to take my clothes off — what is this technique?' And he went, 'Oh, I just said that to get you to do it.' *Oh my God.* Meanwhile I had been eating a chocolate bar a day in terror (*laughs*).

"Simon Russell Beale played my husband, and he said, 'Oh, it'll be fine. I've done this many times. You'll get through it.' And I'm going, 'OK, OK, I'll get over it, I'll be fine.' It was like a choreographed dance of, 'Oh no, what can they see now?' as this stage is revolving around. So that was eight shows a week.

"To prepare before each performance I would meditate or listen to pieces of music and put beautiful lotions on my body. I got a fake tan. And you know what? It never got easier, not one single day.

"We had 12 acrobats (in the cast) ... and they started doing all these beautiful things (as a sign of support) when I had to take



Essie Davis also starred in "True History of the Kelly Gang," which she promoted in 2019 in Toronto.

off my clothes to start the play — they would be in the wings naked doing a pyramid, or one of them would be naked doing his ironing. It was really sweet."

What is the second cringey part to the story?

"While I was doing the show on Broadway, I got my first audition for a film. It was for a role in "Syria" and I was quite nervous, but the audition with (writer-director) Stephen Gaghan went really well and he said, 'Oh, you're on Broadway?' I talked to him a little about the play and he said, 'Well, we might try to see that tonight — let's get tickets.' So I knew that he was going to be in the audience.

"That night I did my usual pre-show ritual — completely forgetting that I actually had my period. Normally I would prepare a very snipped little tampon for the performance, but I forgot.

"And about 40 minutes in, I was in my jumper, sitting on the floor on a white pillow and my character is having a breakdown when I felt this rush and I thought: Oh my goodness, I have my period — and when I stand up there's going to be blood all over this pillow in front of all these people and Stephen Gaghan. What am I going to do?"

"It's quite amazing that your brain can function on two levels — to continue doing what you're doing and saying your lines while

another part of your brain is trying to solve a problem. I knew that in a moment I was going to have to be standing on that big white bed, naked from the bottom down, talking about poets. But first I had to get off this pillow and leap into my husband's arms.

"So as I leaped up, I flipped the pillow with my feet and jumped into his arms and held onto him tight. I was trying to work out if there was any way he could just carry me off stage, but there wasn't. I had to just keep going and I could feel blood running down my legs as I was standing on this bed, and I thought: This is the worst, most excruciating moment of my entire life (*laughs*).

"Behind me was the band and I turned to whisper to them, 'Get me a tampon!' They managed to get the message to someone, and as the stage revolved around again they managed to sneak a tampon to me and I had to climb inside the wardrobe that was on stage so I could do what I needed to do.

"By the way, I didn't get cast in the movie."

The takeaway ...

"Ultimately it was quite an amazing lesson in giving yourself over to the experience. And you know what? It's funny. You've got to have a laugh about it in the end! It was excruciating (*laughs*) but oh my God, what a good story!"

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Patton Oswalt performed unannounced in his front yard to a happy couple watching across the street ("I didn't see COVID-19 through 18, so I don't really know what this is all about"). Jimmy Fallon has done "Tonight Show" monologues at his kitchen table for his daughters, and Conan O'Brien resumed his talk show from home using an iPhone. Jim Gaffigan has streamed family dinners, and director Paul Feig ("Bridemaids") hosts a daily cocktail mixing. There are online benefits raising money for club staffs and nightly showcases featuring virtual tip jars. Zanies in Rosemont is posting material from local comedians titled "Cell Block Z," while long-running podcasts from Chicago native Ron Funches and Rockford's Natasha Leggero (with her husband, stand-up Moshe Kasher) now play like a subconscious airing of their audiences' grimmest thoughts — only funny.

Cameron Esposito, who grew up in suburban Western Springs and now lives in Los Angeles, was preparing to tour for her new memoir, "Save Yourself," about growing up queer and Catholic in Illinois; among her planned stops was the Chicago Humanities Festival. But lately her only shows have been via Instagram, shot by herself in her apartment, which she shares with her partner, who recently tested positive for COVID-19. She told me she didn't have symptoms herself, so for the time being: "This may sound offensive, but I feel like being in comedy now is almost like the USO. Meaning, I want to provide relief from that sense of feeling overwhelmed and powerless and crushingly depressed. I mean, I'm a comic. If I can do anything at all right now that helps others, it's a privilege."

The truth is, said Roy Wood Jr., a "Daily Show" correspondent who recently organized an ongoing



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For the past couple of weeks, comic Patt McGann has shut off the TV and performed nightly stand-up shows in front of his young children.

"Tip Your Waitstaff" interview show on Instagram with comic Mike Birbiglia, "I doubt this means re-defining my career as an online content creator or something, but then, that's what all comedians are right now — this made us all children of the internet."

McGann figures that, in the past decade, he hasn't spent more than five days away from a stage. He's a creature of clubs. "So I was never the strongest with social media, but I had been posting more when this virus hit, and I was looking for an outlet to continue, so when it resonated, I thought, maybe it was something refillable. I didn't even prepare for the first video, I just started doing it. And now I'm prepping. Around 5:30 every night, I even start to look forward to this. And I can't believe I'm still surprising my kids with it."

By his fifth show, he even had a heckler.

"Anyone from out of town?"

"Wish I was," his daughter muttered.

He smiled and soldiered past. "Hey, your mom picked a great time to start eating healthy. She really thinks celery and hummus was going to get us through this? One of you is going to have to put a mask on and go get cream cheese and pork sausage."

Laughter is a moral imperative, an ethical must. A sense of humor is not a negation of suffering but a form of hope. And so there is, of course, a long tradition of comedians taking the edge off, breaking the tension, making light of a situation in a way unthinkable moments earlier. After 9/11, we asked if it was too soon for jokes and if we'd ever laugh again. The coronavirus pandemic, at least from a comedy standpoint, is more cruel.

Stand-up comics are not essential workers. They are not needed for order, sanitation, sustenance or even information. But the job, in essence, is a two-way conversation with a live audience, a community that requires the intimacy a pandemic decimates. The rooms are crowded, the microphones are shared. "There's a proximity thing," McGann said, "the closer you push together your audience, the more contagious the laughs." The question now is not when we will laugh again but where. While many comedians don't rely on stand-up comedy as their only revenue, the stage remains the ideal, and the reaction from a live audience is still the gold standard of the profession.

About a week ago, the morning after clubs closed in Manhattan, comedian Mark Normand went out

on the streets and performed new material about the crisis to startled New Yorkers, at times as ambulances blare away in the background. On the video, for four minutes, Normand approaches the few left on the street and workshops his jokes:

"Ya know, coronavirus? What the hell? When is my white privilege going to kick in?"

Some shrug. Some tell him they're not in the mood. One woman grasps her rosary beads. He told me that while he was shooting, some said that he should be ashamed.

"But really I was trying to connect, I was trying to bond with anyone. I mean the stakes couldn't be higher for connection right now, and I have seen the Instagram stuff but to me, to a lot of comedians, the reaction is the beauty of the job and there's such a disconnect from that when all you have is someone talking into a FaceTime app. It's missing the warmth you get from a random stranger laughing. It's really a live art form, plus you know, when this thing hit, for the first time in my life, I was finally selling tickets on (his own name). Now I have to figure out how to hold on to people I already have."

What was so unusual about Normand's man-on-the-street set is that, right now, quarantine comedy

looks pretty uniform. It's personal, small, visually unflattering. Faces loom up, the lighting sucks and no matter how funny someone might be, the laughter is not contagious. There are no explosions of laughs. It's not always a bad thing: Comedian DeWayne Perkins, who grew up in Marquette Park and writes for "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," recently performed for a virtual LGBTQ showcase. He said the stream of (written) comments that played beneath him "read to me like a very nice heckling. I was nervous, I saw it almost like doing performance art. So every once in a while I would ask if anyone could hear me or if they even liked it. I would get like 'Oh, you're doing great sweetie.' So there are nice moments in this space."

Heidi Gardner and Ego Nwodim of "Saturday Night Live," using home web cameras, had great fun recently with a QVC satire on Instagram, while comics like Eva Victor (who studied improv at Northwestern) and Meg Stalter (who was a fixture in the Chicago scene, until she left for New York) are pioneering an essaying, almost journalistic approach to character-based comedy that uses the tight, washed-out aesthetics of web cameras like confessionals. They were doing it before the pandemic, shooting in their apartments, often with no one else in the frame but themselves, and now they're capturing a claustrophobia whose time has come.

Likewise, a couple of months ago, Chicago native Kyle Kinane began reading Bram Stoker's "Dracula" on his Instagram account, a chapter a post. He calls it his "midlife crisis Reading Rainbow." Shot in his garage in Los Angeles, with all the elegance of a hostage tape, his reading sessions have continued, only now they seem to play like a parody of a comedian scrambling to appear relevant during the coronavirus pandemic.

He's doing his share of online shows too. "But nobody needs stand-up comedy now more than

ever," Kinane said. "We're luxury items. We're not doctors, we're comedians and we need constant attention and we shouldn't forget it." That uncomfortable feeling is echoed by many. Maria Bamford, who has been performing new material almost daily to live audiences on Zoom, said: "This is a desperate need to feel relevant, for sure. You want to feel useful." Then, to undercut any hint of possible self-promotion, she said that what she really wants to make is a reality series named "Help Me Help You Help Me."

Unlike live shows — and Bamford has performances at Chicago's Den Theatre still scheduled for April — she keeps online audiences on mute, "otherwise I'm terrified of being interrupted." She said she reads through comments to learn if she got laughs.

"Sadly, I'm comfortable getting no laughs under normal circumstances," she said.

McGann, in Beverly, spends much of his year on the road, playing the club circuit.

But he's having a hard time seeing "everything snapping back into place once this is done." He's feeling deflated. Right now, he's hoping to return to stages around June. But even as it says it, he doesn't sound like he entirely believes it. "There are just way too many unanswered questions suddenly, in the Chicago scene, nationally — everywhere."

So, for the foreseeable future, if you want to catch Pat McGann, try his Instagram account. He's appearing nightly, probably wearing the same shirt he's worn for days.

But his live audience is small, physically and literally.

"You guys like impressions?" he asked them the other night. "Can I have your phone?" OK, who's that? All of you. OK, that's it, good night. No, really, good night. Go to bed."

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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search, Jumble and other tests to help you pass the time at home

SUDOKU

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Level: **1 2 3 4**

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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WORD SEARCH

IN A WORD

Can you find all the words containing IN? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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| PIN | PINION | PLAIN | POINT | QUAINT | RAIN | REFINE | SHINE | SIN | SKYLINE | SWING | TERRAIN |
| TERRAPIN | THINNEST | TINSNIPS | TINTED | TRINKET | TWIN | TWINKLE | UNGAINLY | VACCINE | VEIN | VINEGAR | VINTAGE |

BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

E	G	R	C
M	A	A	T
R	O	N	E
D	F	O	R

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE
 3 letters = 1 point
 4 letters = 2 points
 5 letters = 3 points
 6 letters = 4 points
 7 letters = 5 points
 8 letters = 10 points
 9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING
 151+ = Champ
 101-150 = Expert
 61-100 = Pro
 31-60 = Garner
 21-30 = Rookie
 11-20 = Amateur
 0-10 = Try again

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WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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TV CROSSWORD

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 4/8/18

- ACROSS**
- Tatum's dad
 - Actress and director Lupino
 - Sharpen
 - Disney's elephant
 - "The Huckleberry ___ Show"
 - Back teeth
 - ___ Garrett; role on "The Facts of Life"
 - Jen's hubby on "The Little Couple"
 - "Love ___ Many Splendored Thing"
 - "___ Doll"; The Four Seasons hit
 - "My Two ___"
 - Abel's brother
 - "___ Trek: Voyager"
 - Joyce DeWitt's role on "Three's Company"
 - "Hart to ___"
 - "48 Hours: ___ Evidence"
 - Tiny particle
 - "The King ___"; Yul Brynner film
 - Han ___; "Star Wars" character
 - Alan of "Gilligan's Island"
 - McMahon and Sullivan
- DOWN**
- Valerie Harper role
 - Series for Iain Armitage
 - Actress Faris
 - "___ and Stacey"
 - Carrie Underwood and Jordin Sparks
 - Boring
 - "I ___ Rock"; hit song of the '60s
 - Actor on "NCIS"
 - Actor ___ Davis
 - "How Stella Got ___ Groove Back"; Angela Bassett movie
 - Prefix for wife or night
 - Marge and Homer's boy
 - "___-Man"; Michael Douglas film
 - "The ___ Knight"; movie for Heath Ledger and Christian Bale
 - Jack or joker
 - Mexican lunch item
 - Actress Seymour
 - Monty or Arsenio
 - 180 degrees from NNE
 - "Dead ___ Society"
 - Actor ___ Joel Osmont
 - "Up ___ Night"
 - Nods off
 - Jacuzzi
 - Bouquet greenery
 - "West ___ Story"
 - "A View ___ Kill"; James Bond film
 - Buddy

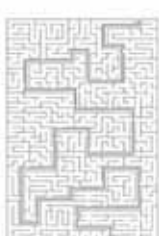
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Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes, if any):

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| MILLENNIUM | WEEK |
| MINUTE | YEAR |



This is zigzag word search puzzle. Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle. There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.

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O	O	C	O	M	E	R	A	S
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JUMBLE

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

LAYEL

IZEES

EBOWL

COVIRT

Answer here:

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



WHEN HE GAVE HER A HEART-SHAPED SUGAR COOKIE, SHE THOUGHT IT WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

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Formula holder					Much _		Boxing great	
Show to a table			Jots down					
Poke fun at	Director Craven Spanish friend			Exist	Hostile look		Big laugh	
			Tickled pink				Lo-cal	Moolah
Sticker	Yankee's foe	Cornfield cry	Pot top				That dude	Lentil dish
							Stash	
Alaska's first governor			Carnegie Hall event					
Violet's need			Was ahead				Hot sandwich	

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Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes, if any):

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FIND 10 DIFFERENCES



WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Hale Appleman and Summer Bishil

"The Magicians" (9 p.m., 11:03 p.m., Syfy): A series of novels by Lev Grossman provided the basic template for this freewheeling and very adult fantasy series, but this irreverent, imaginative and cocky show soon began to plot its own course, pulling from classic myths and legends, pop culture and, just as often, itself. Jason Ralph left the show last season, but tonight's series finale is sure to be satisfying. Hale Appleman and Summer Bishil also star.

"The Masked Singer" (7 p.m., FOX): The finalists from all three groups come together for a mega-competition as the Super Nine in the new two-hour episode "The Super Nine Masked Singer Special: Groups A, B & C." That keeps host Nick Cannon and judges Ken Jeong, Jenny McCarthy, Nicole Scherzinger and Robin Thicke busy as they sift through the challenging clues and try to discern which celebrity is under each mask.

"The Challenge" (7 p.m., MTV): Credited in some quarters as the franchise that spawned the reality-competition genre, this long-running series returns to a solo game format for Season 35, following a successful season of "War of the Worlds 2." In this new rivalry, 28 players will confront strenuous challenges, plus a shocking twist, as they pursue a million-dollar grand prize. This season's Challenge rookies include familiar faces.

"Schooled" (7:30 p.m., ABC): Urged on by Coach Mellor (Bryan Callen), Lainey (AJ Michalka) decides to reach out to her estranged mother (guest star Megyn Price) with a chance to reconcile in the new episode "Lainey's Mom." Meanwhile, after seeing "Good Will Hunting," Wilma (Haneefah Wood) gets the idea to add a very unorthodox new member to the robotics club.

"Tournament of Champions" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., Food): This culinary competition started last month with 16 of the world's finest chefs, but a series of cutthroat head-to-head battles steadily winnowed down the field of rivals. Tonight's tournament finale, "A Champion Is Crowned," finds the last two chefs ready to throw down in an epic confrontation.

"Dave" (9 p.m., 9:37 p.m., FXX): The gang stays with Dave's (Dave Burd, who also wrote this episode) parents while he's in Philadelphia for his first-ever concert in the new "Talent Shows." After taking time to reunite with his overnight camp friends, Dave takes a reflective moment to ponder the roots of his artistry. GaTa, Taylor Misiak and Andrew Santino also star.

TALK SHOWS

- "Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Jesse Eisenberg.*
- "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Adam Sandler; professional football player Russell Wilson; singer Ciara; Marcus Mumford performs; best of Fallon.*
- "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*
- "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"** (11:05 p.m., ABC): Actors Eric Stonestreet and Jesse Tyler Ferguson; Jessie Reyez performs.*

* Subject to change

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	NBC	5	Chicago Med: "Guess It Doesn't Matter Anymore."	Chicago Fire: "Then Nick Porter Happened." ©	Chicago P.D.: "43rd and Normal." ©	NBC 5 News (N) ▶		
	ABC	7	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) ©	Modern Family (N)	Am Housewife (N)	David Blaine: The Magic Way (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ▶
	WGN	9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	3's Comp.	3's Comp.	Johnny Carson ©	Coach ©
	Court	9.3	† Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan ©			
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: "Cuba's Wild Revolution." (N) ©	NOVA: "Cuba's Cancer Hope." (N) ©	Sacred Wonder (N) ▶	
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Today's birthday (April 1): Your professional star is on the rise this year. Coordinated teamwork can move mountains. Make a shift with travels and education this summer before domestic renovations blossom. Shifting professional conditions and communication barriers leads to amazing discoveries and breakthroughs next winter. Grow your valuable skills.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Choose what's best for family. If something goes against your grain, turn it down. It pays to recycle and reuse. Find simple ways to conserve.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. You can see what wasn't working. Wait for better conditions to launch or issue public statements. Edit, revise and polish your communications.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Focus on making money. Disruptions and interruptions conspire to keep you from your work. Resist temptation to procrastinate. Make your deadlines and celebrate.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. An obstacle blocks a personal objective. Get rid of excess baggage. Figure out what's missing and keep your wits about you. You've got this.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. You may be learning more than you wanted to know. Find a quiet place to process recent news and circumstances. Listen to your spirit.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. A group project may seem far from the desired result. Maintain objectivity. Discipline is required, and the more people participate, the faster things happen.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. New facts dispel fears at work. Pursue professional opportunities with steady focus. Use caution or risk breakage. You can't do everything.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Dream about an upcoming adventure. Keep squirreling away nuts for later. Budget for a simple lifestyle on the road. Classes and conferences entice.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. You won't need to defer gratification forever. Prioritize paying bills and reducing debt. Practice frugality and grow a shared dream into reality.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Two heads are better than one. Slow to navigate a barrier. Compassion and calm save time and trouble. Cook up a wonderful dream together.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Watch your step. Old assumptions can get challenged. Don't push beyond physical limitations. Nurture your body, mind and spirit. Practice to realize a dream.

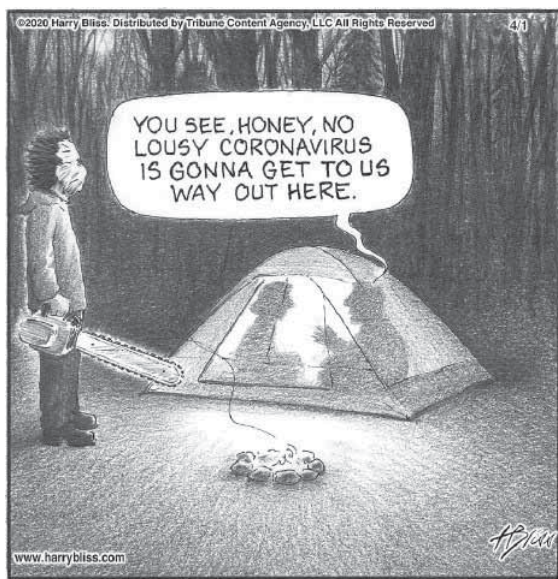
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Competition or romance? Either could be fun. Don't take on new challenges yet. Observe, dream and make plans. Consider options. You're attracted, and attractive.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

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North-South vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ 4 3 2	♥ A 10 6 2	♠ A K 10 8 5	♥ Q 9
♦ A K 7 5	♣ 7 3	♦ 9 8 4 3	♣ 9 2
West		South	
♠ Void	♥ K J 8 7 5 4	♠ Q J 9 7 6	♥ 3
♦ 10 6 2	♣ Q 10 8 5	♦ Q J	♣ A K J 6 4

Today's deal is from the world championship Bermuda Bowl last year in Wuhan, China. A heart lead would defeat this contract by knocking out dummy's ace of hearts before declarer was ready to use it. 18 declarers played in four

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ 3♥ 4♠ Dbl
 All pass
Opening lead: Six of ♦

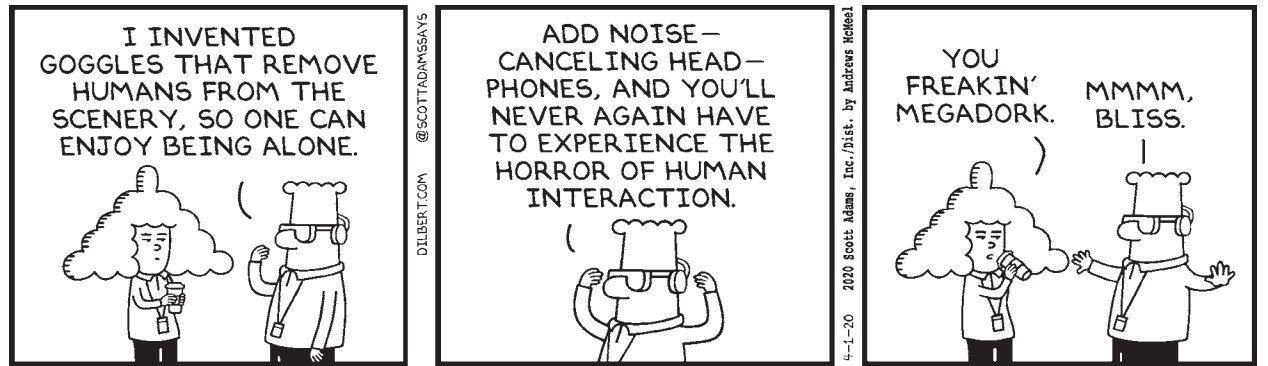
spades doubled with a minor-suit lead. Of these, only young Michael Whibley, from New Zealand, was able to bring it home. Whibley won the opening diamond lead with his queen, cashed the ace and king of clubs, and then the jack of diamonds. He crossed to dummy with the ace of hearts and cashed the ace and king of diamonds as East helplessly followed suit to all of these plays.

Whibley had seven tricks in the bank at this point and he led a low heart from dummy. There was no way to prevent him from scoring three trump tricks to bring his total to 10. He ruffed the heart and exited with his last club. East ruffed perforce and led the eight of spades. Whibley, with a complete count on the hand at this point, won with his nine and led the queen of spades. East had to settle for his ace and king of spades and the contract was made.

It wasn't hard to play East for all five missing trumps on this auction. Whibley used good judgment by not trying to ruff a club in dummy. Well done!

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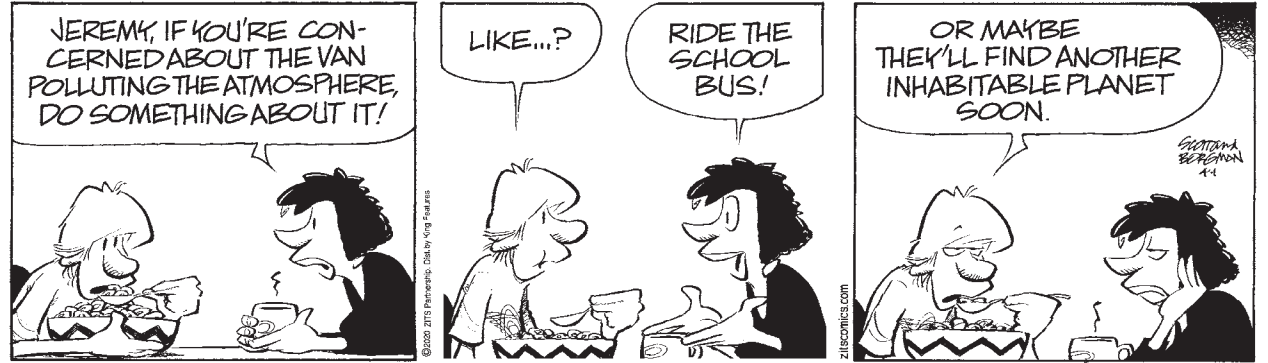
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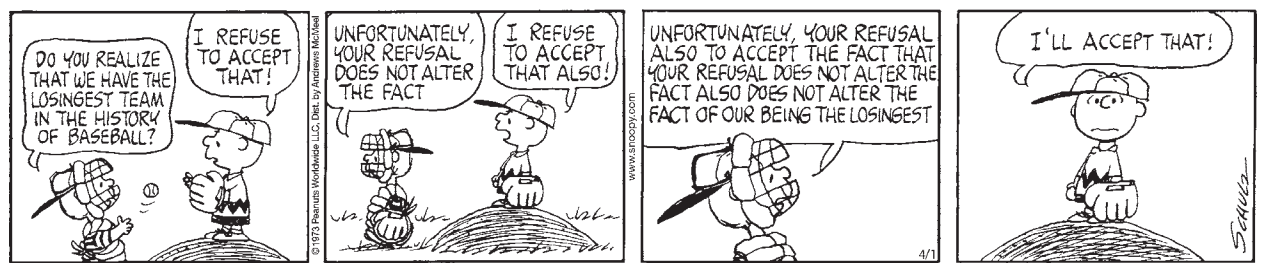
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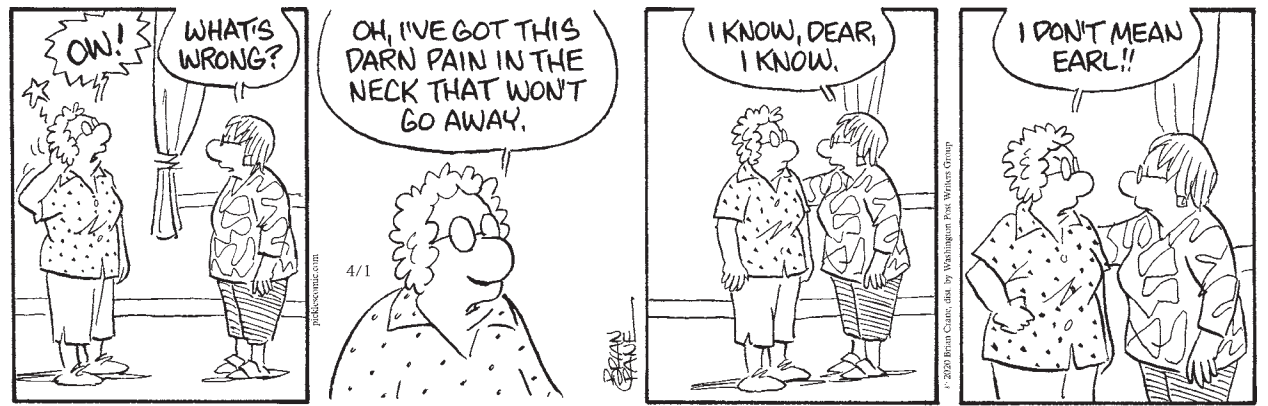
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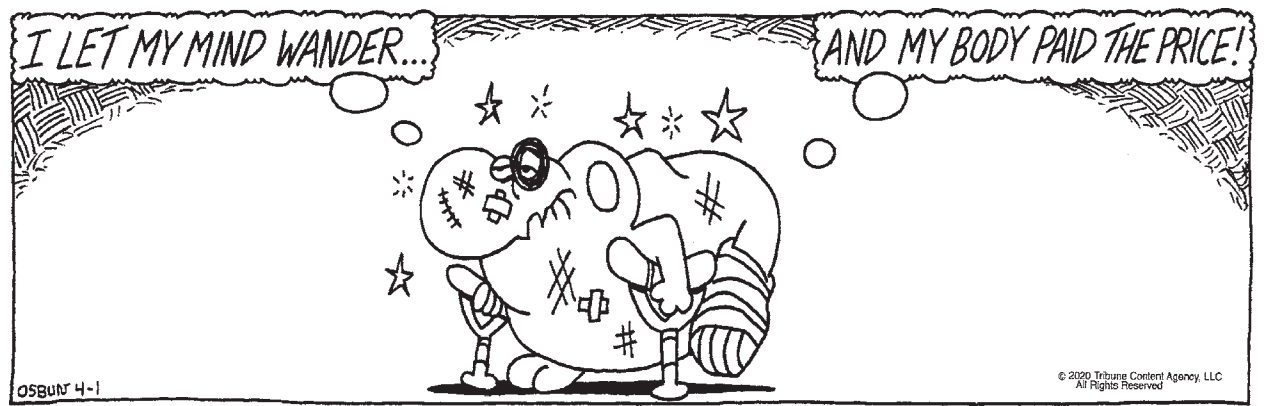
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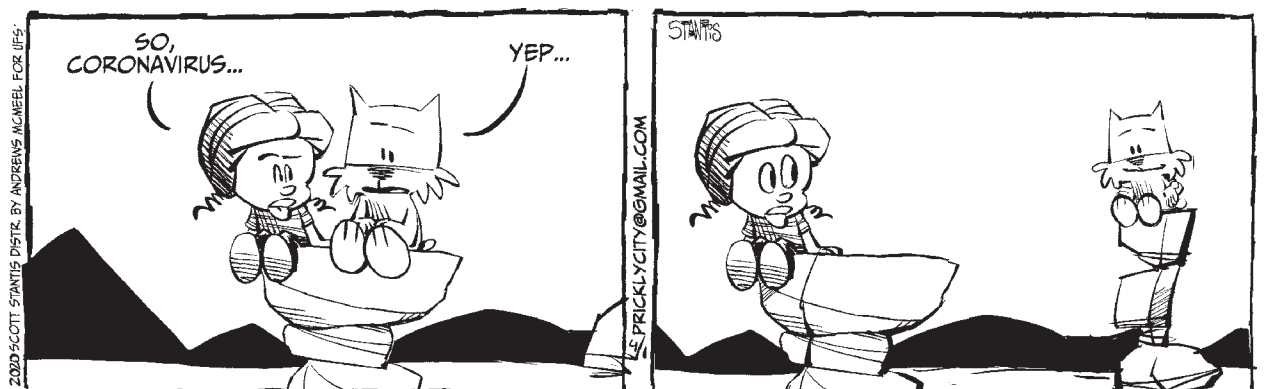
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HEALTH & FAMILY



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Vitamin D, which might help your body fight off respiratory illness, can be found in fatty fish, such as salmon, and in milk or foods fortified with vitamin D.

Boost your immune system?

BY TARA PARKER-POPE
The New York Times

As worries grow about the new coronavirus, online searches for ways to bolster the immune system have surged. Are there foods to boost your immune system? Will vitamins help?

The immune system is a complex network of cells, organs and tissues that work in tandem to protect the body from infection. While genetics play a role, we know from studies of twins that the strength of our immune system is largely determined by nonhereditary factors. The germs we are exposed to over a lifetime, as well as lifestyle factors such as stress, sleep, diet and exercise all play a role in the strength of our immune response.

The bottom line is that there is no magic pill or a specific food guaranteed to bolster your immune system and protect you from the new coronavirus. But there are real ways you can take care of yourself and give your immune system the best chance to do its job against a respiratory illness.

Lower your stress: Worries about the coronavirus, the stock market and the general disruption of life have added to our stress levels, but we know that stress also can make you more susceptible to respiratory illness.

In a series of remarkable studies over 20 years at Carnegie Mellon University, volunteers were exposed to the cold virus (using nose drops) and then quarantined for observation. The researchers found that people who reported less stress in their

lives were less likely to develop cold symptoms. Another series of studies at Ohio State University found that marital conflict is especially taxing to the immune system. In a series of studies, the researchers inflicted small wounds on the arms of volunteers, and then asked couples to discuss topics both pleasant and stressful. When couples argued, their wounds took, on average, a full day longer to heal than after the sessions in which the couples discussed something pleasant. Among couples who exhibited especially high levels of hostility, the wounds took two days longer to heal.

The bottom line: Your body does a better job fighting off illness and healing wounds when it's not under stress. Learning techniques for managing stress, such as meditation, controlled breathing or talking to a therapist are all ways to help your immune system stay strong.

Improve your sleep habits: A healthy immune system can fight off infection. A sleep-deprived immune system doesn't work as well. In one surprising study, researchers found 164 men and women willing to be exposed to the cold virus. Not everyone got sick. But short sleepers — those who regularly slept less than six hours a night — were 4.2 times more likely to catch the cold compared with those who got more than seven hours of sleep, researchers found. Risk was even

higher when a person slept less than five hours a night.

The bottom line: Focusing on better sleep habits is a good way to strengthen your immune system. The sweet spot for sleep is six to seven hours. Stick to a regular bedtime and wake-up schedule. Avoid screens, night-eating and exercise right before bedtime.

Check your vitamin D level:

While more study is needed on the link between vitamin D and immune health, some promising research suggests that checking your vitamin D level — and taking a vitamin D supplement — could help your body fight off respiratory illness. In one study of 107 older patients, some patients took high doses of vitamin D while others were given standard doses. After a year, the researchers found that people in the high-dose group had 40% fewer respiratory infections over the course of the year compared with those on the standard dose. A more recent analysis of 25 randomized controlled trials of 11,000 patients showed an overall protective effect of vitamin D supplementation against acute respiratory tract infections. The data aren't conclusive, and some studies of vitamin D haven't shown a benefit.

Why would vitamin D lower risk for respiratory illness? Our bodies need adequate vitamin D to produce the antimicrobial proteins that kill viruses and bacteria. "If you don't have adequate vitamin D circulating, you are less

effective at producing these proteins and more susceptible to infection," says Dr. Adit Ginde, professor of emergency medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and the study's lead author. "These proteins are particularly active in the respiratory tract."

Vitamin D can be found in fatty fish, such as salmon, and in milk or foods fortified with vitamin D. In general, our vitamin D levels tend to be influenced by sun exposure, skin tone and latitude. A blood test is required to check vitamin D levels. Less than 20 nanograms per milliliter is considered deficient. Above 30 is optimal.

The bottom line: If you are concerned about immune health, you may consider having your vitamin D level checked and talking to your doctor about whether to take a supplement.

Avoid excessive alcohol consumption:

Numerous studies have found a link between excessive alcohol consumption and immune function. Research shows people who drink in excess are more susceptible to respiratory illness and pneumonia and recover from infection and wounds more slowly. Alcohol alters the number of microbes in the gut microbiome, a community of microorganisms that affect the immune system. Excessive alcohol can damage the lungs, and impair the mucosal immune system.

The bottom line: A cocktail or glass of wine while you are sheltering in place during coronavirus is fine. But avoid drinking to excess. The current U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend that alcohol should be consumed only in moderation — up to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men.

Eat a balanced diet and skip unproven supplements: A healthful diet and exercise are important to maintaining a strong immune system. However, no single food or natural remedy has been proven to bolster a person's immune system or ward off disease. But that hasn't stopped people from making specious claims. A recipe circulating on social media claims boiled garlic water helps. Other common foods touted for their immune-boosting properties are ginger, citrus fruits, turmeric, oregano oil and bone broth. There are studies that suggest a benefit to some of these foods, but strong evidence is lacking.

Zinc supplements and lozenges are also a popular remedy for fighting off colds and respiratory illness. Some studies have found that zinc lozenges may reduce the duration of cold by about a day and, may reduce the number of upper respiratory infections in children. But the data on zinc are mixed. If you already have enough zinc from your diet, it's not clear that taking a supplement can help.

The bottom line: If you enjoy foods touted as immune boosters, there is no harm in eating them as part of a balanced diet.

Coronavirus outbreak creating custody issues

BY ALISON BOWEN

Chicago attorneys and providers who work with divorced families say the coronavirus and accompanying closures and complications have created a stream of questions among divorced parents.

What if one parent gets sick?

What if a parent doesn't seem to take health precautions about coronavirus as seriously? What if one is required to work, or what if one is laid off?

Divorce attorney Lester Barclay of the Barclay Law Group said he has received calls from families wondering about custody and visitation issues — whether a

child living in an apartment building with one spouse is exposed to more germs in hallways and elevators, or concerns about sending children in Lyfts and Ubers or on planes for a visit.

One parent did not want a child to go to the other parent's home because they felt the home was not sanitized enough; another

did not want to let a child get on an airplane because they worried about a national travel ban.

"COVID has created serious family strain," he said. "We've seen a lot of drama."

Courts are closed except for emergencies, but an order from the Circuit Court of Cook County does allow phone mediations.

With courts closed and in-person meetings limited, J. Alex Jacobson at Jacobson Mediation Group said they have been offering telemediations, where parents can "meet" with a mediator and have attorneys participate remotely.

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Helping kids cope with coronavirus pandemic

Honesty and new routines can help ease adjustment

Mayo Clinic News Network

COVID-19 has become a source of daily conversation. As a caregiver, you may be wondering how to support your child's developmental needs and understanding of the coronavirus.

Jennifer Rodemeyer, manager of the Child Life Program at Mayo Clinic, offers these suggestions to help kids cope through this experience.

Discontinue your children's access to news and social media regarding COVID-19.

Explain to your children that there are many conflicting resources regarding the coronavirus. Therefore, you are going to monitor and limit their access to external media at this time. Reassure them that you will share any new information you learn regarding COVID-19 that they should know. As a caregiver, use reliable sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, mayoclinic.org, state health departments and your school district's communications to gather your facts. Be aware of your children's presence when listening to the news.

Explain to your children the importance of good hand-washing. Bring your children to a sink and practice hand-washing together. Show them how to "create tiny bubbles" by rubbing their hands back and forth and how to get the soap between all spaces, even to the ends of their fingers.

When events are being canceled, share with your children how this will prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Young children may see canceling an event, a family vacation, school, going to



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Explain to children the importance of good hand-washing with a demonstration at the sink.



Take advantage of being asked to stay home by engaging in activities such as family game night.

the movies, etc. as a result of something they did wrong. Remind them that the reason you are unable to attend the event at this time is to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in a large group setting. If it is an option, share with your children future plans to attend the event after you know it is safe.

Remind your children when they are under

someone else's care, to listen to the leaders.

It is important to tell them to follow directions and instructions of those who are responsible for them in your absence, such as a grandparent, a day care provider, teacher, etc. Directions they share, such as practicing good hand-washing or social distancing, are practices put into place to protect them and keep them safe.

Create new home routines as a family.

Establishing and maintaining routines help kids predict what is planned, allowing them to feel control in situations. Use a whiteboard or paper to display a daily schedule at home. Explain if social distancing continues to be encouraged, the new norm is going to be staying at home. Identifying expectations for the day will support and encourage kids to feel accomplished. Consider the following when making a schedule: wake-up and bedtime, meals, school and learning, exercise and outdoors time, play, household responsibilities, etc.

Play, play, play.

Kids learn and process through play. As a family, take advantage of being asked to stay home and practice social distancing,

and use this time to interact. Play games, provide toys, complete puzzles, read books, listen and play music, dance, take family hikes and work on an art project together. For evening times, establish family fun nights, such as movie nights, cooking nights, game nights and ice-cream nights.

Provide opportunities to connect with loved ones and friends using electronic devices.

During social isolation, call grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends you normally would be interacting with, or connect with them via FaceTime or similar apps. This will help children not feel as isolated as they continue to maintain and build relationships with their loved ones. Set up a virtual play date with your child's friend. Virtual con-

nections are also a way to support their social development through interacting with others.

If your child becomes sick, reassure them.

Remind them that you or someone who is caring for them will keep a close watch on their body at all times. Reassure them that you will be in close contact with your medical care provider if you feel medical advice is needed. And after speaking with your health care provider, instructions will be given how to help them.

If your children hear of a friend or loved one who becomes infected with COVID-19, reassure them.

Reassure your children that their friend or loved one has received medical advice and they are being instructed by a medical professional how to help their body during their illness. As a family, send the person who is recovering a note through the mail. You could have your children draw them a picture or write them a story to add to your note. This is a way of letting the recovering person know they are being thought of and also a way for your children to feel they are helping their loved one or friend by bringing joy into their day.

It is important to be honest. As a parent, it may go against your instinct to want to share the truth because at times you may feel what you are sharing with your children may cause fear, worry, anxiety or sadness. However, being honest with your kids, and telling them you are going to be honest, builds trust.

Remind your children that you will keep them posted and update them when information changes or new information is presented regarding COVID-19. This way, as new information is presented, they are hearing it from you.

Will extra screen time during pandemic hurt kids?

Probably not, but parents should be careful

By KATE THAYER

As teachers and parents navigate how to keep students engaged during prolonged school closures due to the coronavirus pandemic, screens seem more essential than ever.

Experts say this is probably a time when rules regarding screen time are out the window, but it's still important to keep an eye on how much kids are on tablets, laptops and social media.

While guidance for parents regarding screen time, for instance from the American Academy of Pediatrics, generally makes exceptions for schoolwork, some experts note that e-learning days in many Chicago-area school districts have significantly increased the time that students spend on learning apps, video chats or other online tools.

What will this do? It's hard to say, said Alexis Lauricella, associate professor and director of the Technology in Early Childhood Center at the Erikson Institute. "We've never been in this situation."

But while the additional screen time could be problematic and parents should still try to set ground rules in their homes, it's likely not the biggest problem to come of this time of uncertainty, Lauricella said. This includes the mental health effects of being isolated, she said, and that parents who are working may not have time to teach their kids, or know how.

Screen time is "something to be aware of, but I think the screen time itself, of all the problems ... is not the one to be worried about," she said.

But it's still good for parents to follow some guidelines, she said, like being aware of what kids are looking at, making sure it's quality content, and keeping some rules intact through the pandemic —



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The closing of schools has added screen time for many children.

like shutting down electronics at night and charging them outside kids' bedrooms.

For many kids, rules regarding social media are also being bent during this pandemic, said Dr. Corinn Cross, a Los Angeles-based pediatrician and member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' council on communications and media.

Younger kids who hadn't used social media are now on apps to communicate with teachers or classmates.

"In theory, that's great because it's the only social interaction they have," Cross said, but it also can introduce problems, like children noticing others didn't "like" something they posted.

There are ways parents can intervene, Cross said, like limiting how they use these platform and continuing to set ground rules for when and for how long they can chat with friends.

And, once this unique moment in time is over, Cross said parents need to think about how to walk back all the additional online privileges.

It's also important to remember the traditional ways of doing schoolwork during this time, Cross said, suggesting parents promote reading of books and working out math problems on paper. Holding a pencil is important for younger kids; it promotes fine motor skills, she said.

Dr. David Hill, a North Carolina-based pediatrician and the immediate past chair of the AAP's council on communications and media, said sleep is also important. To preserve it, halt all screens for at least an hour before bedtime, he said.

And throughout the day, take breaks to get outside, play games as a family or otherwise turn away from screens altogether, Hill said.

Through all this, "it's important to keep in mind this is not forever. Hope helps us cope from day to day," he said. "However this runs down, it is not likely to be permanent."

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"Mediation is a very emotional process," she said, and one that is ideal to do face-to-face. While there has previously been a need for phone or video-conferencing for issues like parents in different states, it is becoming common practice with coronavirus closures.

Jacobson, too, is hearing from families impacted by coronavirus. A client whose husband is a doctor worried about their kids' exposure, but Jacobson noted that such a conversation also includes questions about healthy behavior overall — what about spouses who smoke or are



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Attorneys and mediation experts offer advice for divorced parents grappling with the best way to deal with coronavirus-related dilemmas.

still meeting up for social engagements? "How do you say one is better or worse?" Jacobson

said. Of course, videoconferencing has its challenges. "When somebody's in

my office and I've got them in there and they're saying, 'I'm going to leave if X, Y and Z doesn't happen,' I'm

able to confer with them and help them understand," she said. "When you're remote or on a phone or on a computer, you can just hit 'off.'"

No one has done that yet, and Jacobson said that having people connect through their homes actually a some bright spot — people might be more at ease.

"Tackling difficult issues, emotional issues, (while) they're in the comfort of their own home, that's a good thing," she said. "There are some benefits to this."

Barclay, too, noted silver linings; the seriousness of a global pandemic has softened some tones, he said.

"It's forcing parents who ordinarily might not think too highly of each other to

consider the art of compromise," he said. "We have this pandemic, everyone's looking at their life and they're looking at their mortality. ... What if you got sick? The other parent is the only parent that your child might have."

He added, "People are looking a little bit more carefully inwardly."

Barclay said parents should be flexible during this time, and stay informed about the latest health information on the virus. Put children's safety and stability first, he said, and assure children that they can be safe in both home environments.

And, he said, "Keep your ego in check."

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How social distancing works

By **MIKE STOBBE**
Associated Press

Can my kids go on a play date? Is it OK to go outside? In this time of coronavirus, once-easy questions have suddenly become complex.

Here are some questions and answers about the social distancing efforts to slow the spread in the U.S.

What is social distancing?

Social distancing practices were implemented by public health officials to keep contagious diseases from spreading. The measures are aimed at trying to cut down the amount of virus spreading around, and ultimately protect those most vulnerable, including the elderly and people with weakened immune systems.

What measures have been taken? Governments have closed borders, and millions of workers and students have been ordered to stay home. Last week, U.S. officials recommended that older people

and those with underlying health conditions “stay home and away from other people.” The U.S. is also telling people not to gather in large groups.

And experts also recommend people try to stay at least 6 feet away from each other.

Why 6 feet? Experts believe the virus is mainly spread through droplets that come out of your mouth and nose. When an infected person speaks or exhales or coughs or sneezes, the droplets travel about 3 to 6 feet before gravity pulls them to the ground.

“They fall pretty quickly,” said Dr. Jill Weatherhead, an infectious disease expert at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

It’s important to try to block coughs or sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve, so as to not send those droplets flying directly toward someone nearby.

Can I go outside at all? Yes, with some exceptions. And the guidelines vary based on where you live.

“We’re not being told to stay at home and lock the doors,” said Dr. William Schaffner, a Vanderbilt University infectious diseases expert. “We’re not there yet, and I don’t think we’ll get there.”

People who have coughs and sneezes should stay home as much as possible, and call ahead to the doctor’s office if they’re planning to get their illness checked out, he added.

People who have confirmed coronavirus illness should stay home, as should those who were in close contact with a confirmed case.

Where can I go? Options are becoming limited, with school, gym and restaurant closures, and work-from-home edicts.

It’s necessary to buy food, but try to go to the supermarket at times when it’s less crowded, stay 6 feet away from other shoppers as much as you can, and wash your hands thoroughly when you get home.

What about social gather-



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People waiting in line to vote in the Illinois primary March 17 practice social distancing outside their polling place.

ings? The CDC last week recommended that for the next eight weeks, organizers put off events that would draw at least 10 people. That could ice a lot of weddings, family reunions and birthday parties.

A CDC official, Dr. Jay Butler, said officials are simply trying to set a reasonable parameter to “increase social distancing while not creating social isolation,” he said in an interview streamed by the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Can I go on dates? Or send my kids on play dates? There’s

some debate among experts about dates and play dates.

Adults who are not sick or considered to be at risk can still date, Schaffner said. But think about an intimate dinner at home.

For kids, play dates can be OK, especially if they’re outside in parks and involve a small number of kids, he said.

Of course, kids who are sick or who are particularly vulnerable to respiratory illness should not go, he added.

Weatherhead had different advice, saying play dates are not recommended. Children generally have had more mild COVID-19 illnesses and therefore might spread the disease before anyone realizes they are sick.

Will social distancing work? It will be tricky to prove these measures made a difference. Testing for the coronavirus was delayed in the U.S., but it is becoming more widely available.

“We’re going to see increasing (case) numbers, and that’s going to be frustrating to people who are doing social distancing. But that doesn’t mean social distancing isn’t working,” Weatherhead said.



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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Reader tried green-lipped mussels to aid arthritis

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Q: Our vet prescribed medication for our older dog with arthritis. This tablet contains New Zealand green-lipped mussels, and it seems to help her.

We started thinking it might help our arthritis too, if we could find people-grade supplements. We did and we've been taking them for about four months, and they've helped our pain significantly. Your readers might like to know.

A: Green-lipped mussels (*Perna canaliculus*) contain omega-3 fatty acids. The Maori of New Zealand have been eating these shellfish for centuries.

Studies in dogs, cats and horses suggest that extracts of the mussels can help alleviate joint pain (Veterinary Sciences, March 27, 2018). Human research using green-lipped mussel extracts have been less positive. One randomized controlled trial found no difference in pain or function between people taking GLM and those on placebo (BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Aug. 22, 2017).

Until there is better evidence to support the use of GLM, we would suggest that most people get their omega-3 fatty acids from fish. There is evidence to suggest that fish oil supplements may have anti-inflammatory activity (Journal of Clinical Rheumatology, September 2017).

Q: I saw your column in which a reader wrote to say how well Tamiflu worked. I personally have the opposite perspective. In 2016, I had a fever and general malaise, no pain but very tired. I went to urgent care.

They thought it was flu, but a flu test was negative. Nonetheless, the doctor was adamant that I had flu and prescribed Tamiflu.

I took three of the pills as prescribed and was violently nauseated. I couldn't even sip water. Since I had not had any nausea before taking the pills, I knew it had to be the Tamiflu. I stopped taking the pills and was soon feeling better.

I read up on Tamiflu and was horrified to learn that in addition to nausea and vomiting, Tamiflu can cause suicidal thoughts. Why would people prefer the risks of Tamiflu to a few days of bed rest?

A: We are surprised your doctor prescribed oseltamivir (Tamiflu) after a negative influenza test. Many other viruses cause flu-like symptoms, and oseltamivir won't work against them.

You are correct that this drug has side effects. The most common is nausea and vomiting. Doctors sometimes recommend that you take the pill (just one at a time) with some food to reduce that possibility.

Research shows that people hospitalized with the flu who are treated with Tamiflu are less likely to end up in the ICU. They are

also more likely to survive their illness (Clinical Infectious Diseases, November 2019).

Q: You wrote about soap and water versus hand sanitizers recently. A friend's mother got C diff, maybe from taking an antibiotic for a UTI. When the nurse gave them directions for C diff. care, she said not to use liquid soaps, only bar soaps. Why would that be?

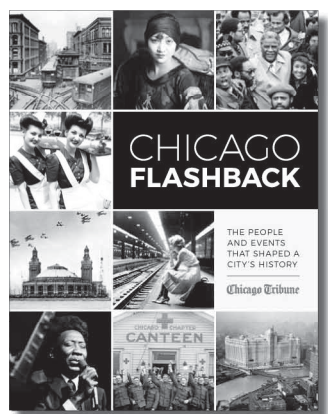
A: Keeping hands clean is crucial in avoiding infection. We wrote that hand sanitizer works well against bacteria. It is not as effective as soap and water against viruses (Journal of Food Protection, June 2016).

We were confused by the caution you mention about liquid hand soaps. When we checked the medical literature, however, we found a report on bacterial contamination of liquid soap in a hospital ICU (Journal of Hospital Infection, May 2016). We suspect this is less relevant at home, where people buy individual containers of liquid soap and discard them when they are empty.

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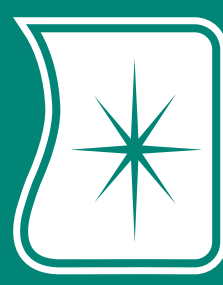
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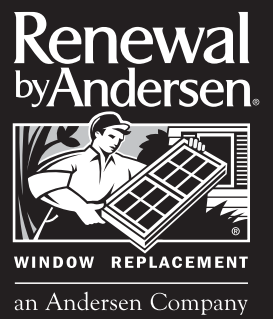


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Lessons from people at heightened risk

People with weakened immune systems already practice the advised precautions

BY ANNA MARIA BARRY-JESTER
Kaiser Health News

Andrea Amelse knows hand-washing. For the past eight years, she's been washing her hands pretty much every time she passes a sink. When she's near a bottle of antibacterial gel, she uses it. She makes a point of avoiding people with contagious illnesses, even though it can be uncomfortable to ask to work from home or miss a date with friends. And she makes sure she gets plenty of sleep, not always easy at age 25.

Amelse was diagnosed in 2012 with lupus, an autoimmune disease that makes her vulnerable to infections. She's since developed pulmonary arterial hypertension, a condition that requires intravenous therapy via a central line to her heart. Both illnesses place her at heightened risk for viral and bacterial illnesses. So she has adapted as a matter of survival, taking to heart long-standing axioms on what constitutes good hygiene.

As the highly contagious new coronavirus continues its spread through the U.S., the general public could learn a thing or two from Amelse and the millions of other Americans with weakened immune systems who already live by rules of infection control. Whether it's people who had recent organ transplants, people undergoing chemotherapy or people with chronic diseases, America has a broad community of immunosuppressed residents who long ago adopted the lifestyle changes public officials now tout as a means of avoiding contagion: Wash your hands, and wash them often. Don't touch your face. Avoid that handshake. Keep your distance from people who cough and

sneeze.

Amelse doesn't follow the advice perfectly — of course she touches her face sometimes. "You do these things unknowingly, so forcing yourself to break these habits can be challenging," she said. But the incentive to keep getting better is there. "If you get a cold and you give me that same cold, you might get it for a week. I'll get it for a month."

Even with her dedication, COVID-19 is proving a daunting prospect to face. And she has a stake in Americans adopting these habits because, while the disease is relatively minor for many people who get it, it can be life-threatening for people with preexisting conditions.

Amelse works at a health literacy startup in Minneapolis that helps patients with complicated diseases learn about their illness. She knows a lot about health and how to prevent infection. Still, the threat of COVID-19 is unnerving, for her and her doctors.

With a virus so new, official guidance on what people at heightened risk should do to steer clear of COVID-19 is limited. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently said the virus seems to hit hardest in people 60 and older with underlying health concerns. There is also concern for younger people with limited immune systems or complex diseases.

Health officials are asking those at risk to stockpile two-week supplies of essential groceries and medicines in case they need to shelter at home; to avoid crowds and heavily trafficked areas; to defer non-essential travel; and to track what's going on in their community, so they know how strictly to follow this advice.

Infection control always



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Immunosuppressed people are well-aware of the advice for the general public, including frequent hand-washing.

follows a similar set of principles, said Dr. Jay Fishman, director of the Transplant Infectious Disease and Compromised Host Program at Massachusetts General Hospital and a professor at Harvard Medical School. The most important things for people to do right now are the things he always recommends to his organ transplant and cancer patients. Again, think hand-washing and avoiding spaces where sick people congregate.

Still, the recommendations aren't one-size-fits-all. Some people are born with stronger immune systems, and immune deficits exist on a spectrum, said Fishman. How strict people need to be to prevent illness can vary depending on how susceptible they are.

Recommendations also need to take into account what people can and will do, he said. Children, for

example, are among the greatest germ vectors of all time, but Fishman doesn't ask his patients with grandchildren to stay away from their young family members. "We did the transplant so you can see your grandchildren," he might tell them.

Similarly, avoiding crowds and staying away from sick people is easy for some but can be all but impossible if you work in grocery stores, for example. Find ways to avoid the risks and reduce them where possible.

Fishman said many of his patients don't get sick any more frequently than the general population, despite their vulnerabilities. But when they do, the illnesses tend to last longer, be more severe and put people at higher risk for additional infections. He counsels patients to be vigilant, but also to live their lives and not be ruled

by fear.

Dr. Deborah Adey, a transplant nephrologist for UCSF Health, echoed Fishman, saying she likes to find ways to help her patients carry on with their lives.

Adey conducts follow-up appointments via teleconferencing where possible, to keep her patients out of medical facilities. Hospitals are, by design, places for the sick, and people with compromised immune systems are generally advised to avoid them and the viruses and bacteria potentially inside.

Similar to what public officials are advising the general population, Adey does not recommend that her patients wear face masks when out in public or even at the clinic. "The only people I would recommend is if they've got a lot of close contact with the general public, and they can't afford to be off work."

While much has been

made of the hoarding sprees for face masks, the empty hand sanitizer shelves are equally frustrating for Amelse. Every 48 hours, she has to mix and administer drugs she places in an IV that goes into her heart. Everything must be sanitized, and she typically gets monthly shipments of antibacterial wipes and sanitizer. If suppliers run out, she's worried she'll have to go to a hospital to have the drugs administered — exactly where her doctors don't want her to be.

And for those just getting up to speed on preventing infections, Amelse has advice: "Viruses don't pick and choose; they will latch on anywhere," she said. Even if it's not a serious illness for you, "there are people in your life that you can infect. You have the obligation and the responsibility to take care of your loved ones."

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A sweet Passover

Brownies and cookies made from alternative flours provide comfort during these tough times

BY PEGGY WOLFF
Chicago Tribune

At sundown April 8, Jewish families will celebrate the first night of Passover by retelling the story of the exodus from serfdom, the promise of redemption and the decades of the Israelites' desert wandering.

Although Passover will be occurring in a much different world this year, Jewish people do have a history of one long narrative of resilience. Whether you are interfaith, just Jewish, Jewish adjacent, celebrating solo, or with a

bare minimum of family seated far apart, we all need grounding. And so we move on, recasting a holiday that has been upended by COVID-19.

The first of the four questions — Why is this night different from all other nights? — will probably induce an entire night of discussion.

Passover is the Festival of Freedom. It is also called the Festival of Matzoh. Even with Passover in pandemic, there'll be stacks of matzoh, unleavened and square, the Jews' original ancient cracker made with wheat and water. As a child, I think I remember

holding my head in my hands, overawed by the amount of bread I could not have for a week. That faded as a front-of-mind thought quite a while ago.

Passover desserts were equally sad. Remember when pastries based on potato flour, matzoh meal, and the more finely ground matzoh cake meal, showcased the ingenuity of home cooks and bakeries?

Today we have choices. We can lean on the gluten-free community for chametz-free baking.

Here are recipes for two comfort

foods, both crowd-pleasers that suit the two schools of Passover desecration: what's new, and what follows the strict food rules.

At the grocery store, head to the aisle of the alternate flours, the gluten-free flours. Our recipes call for almond, coconut and banana flour, all gluten-free.

Almond flour is ground from whole almonds with the skin intact or not.

"Coconut flour is made from fresh mature coconuts," emailed Tim Malec,

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Farmers markets go virtual as growers weather pandemic

BY LOUISA CHU

Market inspired and chef driven. The mantra has made Chicago a world-renowned culinary destination in recent years. The West Loop epicenter rose around a herd of Goat restaurants, where farmers shared billing on top chef menus. O'Hare travelers detoured for tortas filled with locally sourced ingredients. Public school kids learned through lessons and lunches illuminating the path of food, from farm to cafeteria table.

But as the coronavirus pandemic forced restaurants to close around Chicago, or struggle to stay open for takeout and deliv-

ery, farmers and markets across the region have found shuttered spaces and the ominous void left by their biggest customers.

Virtual farmers markets, urban farm pickups and a new home delivery app are a few of the solutions growing with the spring produce season. Looming uncertainty, though, has some wondering if they should leave farming completely, while others dig in, determined to grow more food in the city.

"Our indoor market is at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum," said Melissa Flynn, executive director of Green City Mar-

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Marshall Mitchell, 23, transplants kale inside a hoop house on March 25 at Urban Growers Collective.

1-pot vegetable wonders

The New York Times

Whether you like cooking, love it or are indifferent to the task, most of us can agree that washing a lot of pots and pans after dinner is a drag.

Wouldn't it instead be easier if there were really only one? Wouldn't that be great? Imagine the ease of it, to turn on the oven, line a sheet pan with foil or parchment, tip onto it some vegetables, some protein, some aromatics and sauce: Dinner, nothing else required!

That's why we have put together this modest collection of recipes devoted to the celebration of one-vessel cooking.

Vegetarian skillet chili

If you keep canned beans, tomatoes, onion and garlic in your pantry, you can make this Melissa Clark recipe on any weeknight without having to shop. The pickled onions aren't strictly necessary, but they add a tangy contrast to the beans.

Makes: 4 servings

Time: 30 minutes

For the pickled onions:

1 lime

1 red onion or shallot, thinly sliced

Large pinch of kosher salt

Small pinch of granulated sugar

For the chili:

Olive or grapeseed oil

1 large onion, chopped

3 garlic cloves, or to taste, minced

1 teaspoon chile powder, plus more to taste

1 teaspoon dried oregano, plus more to taste

2 (15-ounce) cans black beans, drained

1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes with their juices

Kosher salt

Fresh cilantro, diced avocado and sour cream, for garnish (optional)

1. Make the pickled onions: Squeeze lime juice into a bowl, and add onion, salt and sugar. Let rest while you make the chili.

2. Prepare the chili: Heat a large skillet over medium-high. Add the oil. When hot, add onion and sauté until softened, 5 to 7 minutes. Add garlic, chile powder and oregano and sauté until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes longer. Add beans and tomatoes and a few large pinches of salt and let simmer until the tomatoes break down, about 20 minutes.

3. Taste and add more salt, chile powder and/or oregano to taste. Serve with the pickled onions and any of the garnishes you like. Don't want to make pickled onions? Use jarred, sliced pickled jalapeños or banana peppers instead.



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Shakshuka with feta

For this Melissa Clark recipe, you make the sauce first, on the stovetop, then gently crack each of the eggs into the pan, nestling them into the sauce, before sliding the pan into the oven. Don't skip the crumbled feta here: It softens into creamy nuggets in the oven's heat.

Makes: 4 to 6 servings **Time:** 50 minutes

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 large onion, halved and thinly sliced

1 large red bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced

3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced

1 teaspoon ground cumin

1 teaspoon sweet paprika

1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne, or to taste

1 (28-ounce) can whole plum tomatoes with their juices, coarsely chopped

3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more as needed

1/4 teaspoon black pepper, plus more as needed

5 ounces feta, crumbled (about 1 1/4 cups)

6 large eggs

Chopped cilantro, for serving

Hot sauce, for serving

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-low. Add onion and bell pepper. Cook gently until very soft, about 20 minutes. Add garlic and cook until tender, 1 to 2 minutes; stir in cumin, paprika and cayenne, and cook 1 minute. Pour in tomatoes and season with 3/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper; simmer until tomatoes have thickened, about 10 minutes. Taste and add more salt and pepper if needed. Stir in crumbled feta.

2. Gently crack eggs into skillet over tomatoes. Season eggs with salt and pepper. Transfer skillet to oven and bake until eggs are just set, 7 to 10 minutes. Sprinkle with cilantro and serve with hot sauce.



Winter squash and wild mushroom curry

This is comfort food, Indian-style, adapted by David Tanis from a recipe by Madhur Jaffrey.

Makes: 4 to 6 servings **Time:** 30 minutes

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

10 ounces butternut or other winter squash, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch pieces

Kosher salt and black pepper

1 or 2 small green chiles, such as jalapeño or serrano

3 medium shallots or 1 small onion, finely diced

1/2 teaspoon black mustard seeds

1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds

Handful of fresh or frozen curry leaves (optional)

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 teaspoon ground coriander

Pinch of ground cayenne

1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric

1 pound mushrooms, preferably a mix of cultivated and wild, trimmed and sliced 1/8-inch thick

3/4 cup coconut milk

2 tablespoons lime juice

Cilantro sprigs, for garnish

1. In a wide skillet, heat oil over medium-high. When hot, add squash cubes in one layer. Season with salt and pepper. Cook for about 2 minutes, letting cubes brown slightly, then flip and cook for 2 minutes more. Use a slotted spoon to lift squash out, and set aside.

2. Cut a lengthwise slit in each chile to open it, but leave whole. (This helps the chiles heat the sauce without making it too spicy.)

3. Add shallots, salt lightly and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Add mustard seeds, cumin seeds and curry leaves, if using, and let sizzle for 30 seconds, then add garlic, coriander, cayenne, turmeric and chiles. Stir well and cook for 30 seconds more.

4. Add mushrooms, season with salt and toss to coat. Cook, stirring, until mushrooms begin to soften, about 5 minutes.

5. Return squash cubes to skillet, stir in coconut milk and bring to a simmer. Lower heat to medium and simmer for another 5 minutes. If mixture looks dry, thin with a little water. Taste and season with salt.

6. Before serving, stir in lime juice. Transfer to a serving dish and garnish with cilantro.



Maurie and Flaurie welcome guests to Superdawg.

NICK KINDELSPERGER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

In these strange times, Superdawg serves up a sense of normalcy

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER

Superdawg is not a normal hot dog stand. Over the years I've visited literally hundreds of those scattered around the Chicago area, and most are bare-bones establishments with spartan rooms decorated with hardly more than a Vienna Beef poster on the wall. With its neon lights, towering mascots perched on the roof (that's Maurie and Flaurie) and an old school drive-in format, Superdawg is unique. Even the hot dog isn't normal.

Superdawg's oversized offering comes fully loaded with most of the traditional Chicago-style hot dog ingredients, like mustard, onions, relish and a dill pickle spear, but then throws a curve with a fat wedge of pickled green tomato. Instead of being wrapped up matter-of-factly in paper, this dog comes in a specially designed blue cardboard box, complete with a cartoon hot dog lounging on a chair. A reassuring message reads: "Your Superdawg lounges inside contentedly cushioned in Superfries."



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Ross Drucker, left, and his father, Don Drucker, center, co-owner of Superdawg, fill orders for delivery March 25. The hot dog establishment's dining room is closed, but people can sit outside and in their cars.

Yet, Superdawg is also one of the few restaurants nearly unaffected by the statewide shutdown of restaurants to curb the spread of the coronavirus. The dining room is closed, but did you even know it had one? Most customers drive into a parking spot, order from an intercom and wait a few minutes until a carhop runs out the food. This is all still currently allowed in Illinois during these

pandemic times. Sure, there are little changes. Instead of bringing out a tray with all the food, which the carhop would attach to the driver's-side window, all the food comes out in a bag. Since there is no tray, you don't flip a switch for someone to retrieve the tray at the end. But those are tiny differences. This makes it possible, even for

the briefest moment, to feel some sense of normal — to sit in your car, isolated from other diners but still close, and live life like before you'd even heard of the virus. All you must do is admire the classic Superdawg package, flip open the lid and devour one of Chicago's best hot dogs.

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Valpolicella: 3 to consider

BY ERIC ASIMOV
The New York Times

The first question many people will ask about a wine is, "What does it taste like?" Rarely does anybody ask, "How does it feel?"

Yet body, density, weight and texture, often combined in the inelegant term "mouthfeel," are essential parts of the wine-drinking experience, although often ignored in discussions about it.

I have long been enthralled with the texture of wine. How it feels as you roll it around in your mouth can be just as important a component as its aromas and flavors.

We always try at least to think about the texture and feel of a wine, and consider what role it plays in the overall experience. Unexpectedly, this was particularly true with Valpolicella, the wine we have been drinking over the course of the last month.

The focus was on classic Valpolicella, a light, crisp style that once was well-known and popular but over the last few decades has been eclipsed partly by its sibling in the Veneto region of northeastern Italy, Amarone della Valpolicella, a big, powerful, alcoholic and often syrupy wine informally known as Amarone.

As usual, I recommended three bottles to be consumed over the course of the month. The three were: Brigaldara Valpolicella 2018, Zenato Valpolicella Superiore 2017 and Prà Valpolicella Morandina 2018.

Valpolicella and Amarone are made from the same set of grapes, primarily corvina, along with rondinella and corvinone in subordinate roles. As Amarone became a critical darling in the last part of the 20th century, producers in the Veneto began to shift their resources, devoting their best sites and grapes toward production of the more expensive and lucrative Amarone.

Instead of fermenting the grapes shortly after harvest, as with most red wines, the grapes intended for Amarone are first dried until they become sweet and concentrated, then fermented. The drying process changes

the ratio of water to sugar in the grapes and results in a much richer, headier wine than the relatively light-bodied Valpolicella.

The success of Amarone led to the widespread production of Valpolicella Ripasso, which aims for a middle-ground style, retaining the freshness of ordinary Valpolicella but adding some of the richness of Amarone.

This is achieved by pouring the already fermented Valpolicella over the dried grape skins left over from making Amarone.

This repressing, or ripasso, is intended to add weight and density to the wine. The technique has been around for a long time, but the category of Valpolicella Ripasso was not officially recognized by Italian wine authorities until 2007. Since then, it has become far more popular than ordinary Valpolicella.

Why is that? Does it necessarily make for a better wine? A lot of people seem to think so, including one reader, Harry from Oslo, who said, "The Zenato Valpolicella Superiore is good, but their Ripasso is far superior."

He did not explain his thinking, but the usual assumption is that plusher, richer, fruitier wines are by definition better. As a matter of individual taste, one cannot argue with that. As a general assertion, it's the kind of conventional wisdom that this column is intended to counter, not by saying it is wrong but by putting it to the test and coming to our own conclusions.

We obviously did not directly compare ordinary Valpolicella with Valpolicella Ripasso. The intention was not to determine which style was better but simply to ask whether the lighter style has a place in the modern wine cupboard, while also focusing on some other pertinent characteristics of Valpolicella, notably the quality of bitterness in the wines.

Like lightness of body, bitterness is another feature that is often assumed to be a deficiency in wine. Yet, if you pay careful attention, a lot of wines have

pleasantly bitter flavors, especially Italian reds.

Bitterness in wine has been on my mind recently, especially after a trip last November to northern Italy, a land of many wonderful bitter flavors. So I thought the discussion would focus on that. But texture and weight came up as well.

I found the Prà to be the lightest-bodied of the three wines. Its aromas offered a sort of breezy freshness, a minty herbal touch, along with flowers and red fruits, that served as a wake-up call for the taste buds. On the palate it

the Brigaldara was just as lithe as the Prà. Its aromas and flavors were more floral and fruity, though, and it, too, offered a bittersweet off-ramp to the next sip.

The Zenato seemed like an entirely different wine. Visually, it seemed denser and more concentrated than the other two bottles. It was floral and fruity like the Brigaldara, but noticeably richer and fuller-bodied on the palate, zesty and floral, with the same welcome bitterness completing the procession of flavors.

What accounted for this plusher texture? Label readers will note that unlike the other two bottles, the Zenato is a Valpolicella Superiore, a category that requires the wine to be aged for an additional year before it's released. Unlike the other two bottles, the Zenato was aged in oak barrels, a process that may have contributed richness. The Brigaldara was fermented and aged in steel tanks, while the Prà was fermented in steel but aged in big oak vats.

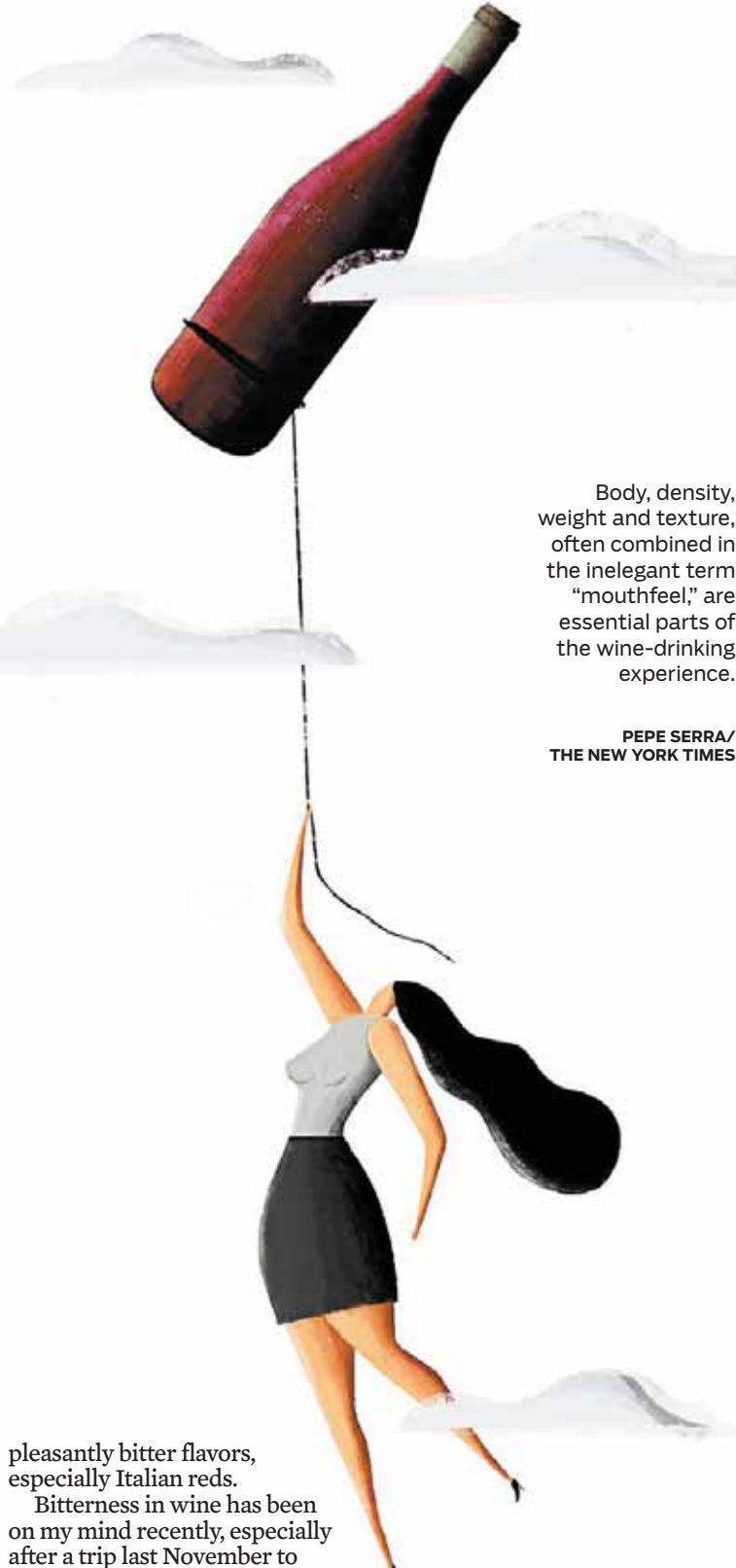
I suspect that the Zenato was partly made with ripasso wine, or maybe some of the grapes were dried, following the Amarone method. Whatever the reason, it was an interesting comparison with the other two. I thought all three were excellent wines, each a different, individual expression of Valpolicella.

Although I had not asked about texture and body in relation to these wines, several readers volunteered their opinions anyway. VSB in San Francisco found the 2018 Prà a little thin and did not like the bitterness, concluding, "Overall, a good wine to try once, but my personal preferences run to Amarone."

Martin Schappett of Forest, Virginia, noted both the thinness of the Brigaldara and Prà and the "thicker" Zenato. He described the Brigaldara and the Prà as lively and refreshing, and the Zenato as "more serious."

This set of three wines ended up raising more questions than answers. Primary among them for me: Should a richer wine by definition be considered a more serious wine? And just what is a serious wine?

I think I would retire the word "serious" in relation to wine. It's too knotted up with assumptions and implicit judgments that are better stated outright. Anybody object?



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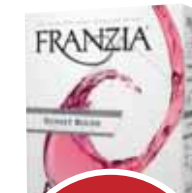
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Short ribs also can be cooked in the oven if you prefer, or if you don't have a slow cooker.

PASSOVER DINNER PREP

How your slow cooker can make things a lot easier

BY STACEY BALLIS

Passover is a wonderful holiday full of good food and family and tradition. It is a surprise to me that it is my favorite Jewish holiday because I am a novelist and food writer, and it is a holiday all about storytelling and food.

I have been cooking for my family's Passover celebrations for many years, and it is always a wonderful time for me to reconnect with the traditional dishes, to see if there are new ways to shake things up and to bust out my napkins that are printed to look like sheets of matzo, because a sense of humor never hurts, especially at a time when we're required to shelter in place.

Because the current health crisis has shifted how we are able to gather and celebrate, we recognize that by the time Passover arrives, we may not yet be able to gather in groups beyond the people we are sheltering with.

If you are not able to gather with your usual group, see if you can arrange to do the service together on a video platform, and share recipes in hopes of everyone eating a similar meal together. Or split up the menu and have everyone make enough of one thing to cover the group, and do contactless drop-offs on porches so that everyone only has to try and source ingredients for one dish.

While most Passover pieces being published right now will give you full menus of both traditional and nontraditional Pesach fare, this is not that piece. If you are planning to cook for Passover, which begins at sundown April 8 this year, it is likely that you already have some stalwart family recipes you are required to make. So it isn't really menu planning that you most need. Instead, I thought I would share with you the one game-changing tip that has turned me into a stress-free Passover cook.

Slow cookers will save your Passover.

I am known among my nearest and dearest as something of a slow-cooker evangelist. And while it is true that I have collected a staggering number of them over the years that range from a tiny half-quart to a massive 8 quart, and I do love them for making soups and stews and chilis and the like, I really became a slow-cooker devotee when I realized how useful they are for timing a meal.

The ability to hold foods warm at a steady and safe temperature

Shopping tips

Access to ingredients could be complicated. Delivery services may still be overwhelmed, so if you are placing an order, do so well in advance.

If you cannot source boneless short ribs you can buy bone-in short ribs, a whole chuck roast that you can cut into 8-ounce portions, or a brisket that you can keep whole. The recipe will also work with oxtails or osso buco. Any orange or tangerine will do, or grapefruit, or just regular bottled orange juice, about half a cup.

If you cannot find lemon grass, you can use the zest of one lemon; just peel it in large strips. If you cannot get chile garlic paste, you can use Sriracha and a clove of grated garlic, jarred chile crisp, or gochujang, or just a clove of grated garlic and a half-teaspoon of whatever hot sauce you have floating around, or one fresh minced jalapeno or serrano chile pepper.

If you do not have a slow cooker, you can cook, covered, in a 250-degree oven; start checking for doneness around the 5-hour mark, but it could take as long as 10, depending on the meat. If there are fewer people this year, for obvious reasons, the recipe can be halved, or you can freeze half, once cooked, for a future meal.

for extended periods of time can be a godsend. But this is especially true for a meal like Passover, where there are multiple courses, and a prayer service that might last anywhere from 10 minutes to an hour and 10 minutes depending on who is leading the service and how hungry they are. Anyone who has closed the Haggadah to head back to the kitchen to find a pot full of floating gruel that used to be matzoballs, or a potato kugel that has completely dried out and carbonized in the oven, knows of what I speak.

Since so many of the traditional Passover offerings, such as matzoball soup, brisket or other braised meats, tzimmes or other root vegetable dishes, are made



A slow cooker's ability to hold foods at a steady and safe temperature is key.

Slow cooker Thai-inspired braised short ribs

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 6 ½ to 8 hours **Makes:** 12 servings

While brisket is traditional for Passover, it can be a little fussy and time consuming, so sometimes I like to shake things up with this bright and warming short rib recipe. Sweetness from the orange and carrot are balanced with a bit of earthiness from onion and lemon grass, heat from chile garlic paste, and floral notes from grains of paradise, a wonderful pepper that is worth seeking out. This recipe can be made up to three days in advance and stored in the fridge, or up to three months in advance and frozen.

2 tablespoons peanut oil

12 pieces boneless chuck short ribs, about 6 ½ pounds

4 carrots, peeled and cut into 2-inch chunks

2 medium yellow onions, cut in half then sliced in half-moons

2 pieces lemon grass, cut into 2-inch pieces and smashed with the back of a knife or a meat tenderizer

2 small cara cara or blood oranges, quartered

1 tablespoon chile garlic paste or sauce, such as Lan Chi brand

½ teaspoon ground grains of paradise (can substitute ground coriander)

2 teaspoons kosher salt

½ teaspoon black pepper

1. Heat the oil in a large skillet over high heat. Season short ribs with salt, ground grains of paradise and black pepper. When the oil is shimmering, sear the short ribs on all sides to deep brown caramelization, 3-4 minutes per side. Work in batches if necessary.

2. Transfer the beef to a slow cooker in an even layer. Pour off all but 2 tablespoons of fat from the skillet. Add the onions and carrots to the skillet. Cook over medium heat until they have good color. Transfer them to the slow cooker with the ribs; pour off the remaining fat from the skillet.

3. Squeeze the oranges by hand into a small bowl and nestle the quarters in between the short ribs in the slow cooker, along with the lemon grass pieces. Dissolve the chile paste or sauce in the orange juice. Deglaze the skillet with the juice mixture. Pour the juices over the ribs and vegetables in the slow cooker. Add just enough water to come up to the level of the ribs, so that they are just shy of submerged, with about ¼ inch sticking out of the liquid.

4. Cover and cook on high until very tender, 6-8 hours. Defat as much as you can and remove the lemon grass pieces before serving. If you make ahead, store in the fridge, remove any solid fat that collects on top and reheat in the slow cooker on low for 2-3 hours before serving.

Nutrition information per serving: 456 calories, 39 g fat, 16 g saturated fat, 82 mg cholesterol, 6 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 19 g protein, 408 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

ahead and reheated, slow-cookers become magical. I keep my soup in one, and my matzoballs in their cooking brine in another, so that my soup doesn't get cloudy. My brisket, short ribs, braised lamb or chicken, I cook in the slow cooker ahead of time and just store in the fridge in the pot, ready for a slow reheat on the day. Same for my tzimmes. Potatoes of all kinds work fine in a slow cooker.

Having all of the main stars of the buffet safely hot and ready without danger of burning or overcooking allows me to make things like green vegetables at the last minute, preventing soggy asparagus or mushy broccoli.

Here are your best tips for using slow cookers:

■ Don't ever thaw frozen food in a slow cooker; it can make the food unsafe. For proper reheating, thaw completely in the refrigerator, then take out of the fridge for 1-2 hours to begin to come to room temp before putting it in the

slow cooker.

■ Whether cooking or reheating in a slow cooker, for safety always cook the first 30 minutes to an hour on the highest setting, and then reduce heat as needed for the remainder of the cooking time. This helps reduce the amount of time it takes to get your food to a safe 140 degrees. When I am using slow cookers for entertaining, I will reheat on high until the food is pretty close to temp, drop to low to let it get to the proper temperature, and then shift to warm to hold until service.

■ I usually transfer cooked hot items to serving platters and bowls, because my Seder is often small. If you are setting up a buffet, it might be easier to serve in the slow cookers to keep everything nice and hot. You may need an extension cord or power strip.

■ If you are reheating a dish that you want to avoid getting dripped on from condensation on the lid,

place a clean, lint-free tea towel over the top of the vessel, then the lid, then fold the towel up and over the top of the lid. This will create a barrier that will prevent condensation.

■ If you find you have an extra slow-cooker around and want to use it to warm plates, place a damp tea towel in the bottom and stack your plates on top and set to the warm setting with the lid on.

■ If you have something you need to stay cold instead of hot, the ceramic inserts for the slow cookers are great at retaining cold. Just stick in the fridge or freezer, or fill with ice and place a platter on top.

If you are looking for a little something fresh for your holiday meal, try this recipe for short ribs. Easier than brisket, a little bit modern, and a fun twist on tradition.

Stacey Ballis is the author of 10 foodie novels.

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quality assurance manager for Clearly Organic Coconut Flour. The flour is a byproduct of extracting the coconut milk from the meat.

“The remaining fresh coconut meat,” or the leftover meat, “is pulverized and dried to a fine powder.”

And banana flour?
“I never heard of banana flour,” said the guy on the ladder stocking the designated Passover shelves at a big grocery. Nor had I, until five years ago when I toured Ritual Chocolate, a small Park City, Utah, factory that, at the end of the chocolate tour, encouraged us to step into a cafe. After watching cacao beans turn into chocolate, don’t you just want a rich, fudgy brownie? And there they were, on the counter by the register. Gluten-free, the sign said. The sight of those deep, intensely dark chocolate brownies with crackly tops unadorned by any dusting of powdered sugar did reliably raise my pulse.

They were made with banana flour and baked with Ritual’s small batch, bean-to-bar ethically sourced foodstuff du jour — bittersweet chocolate — but also studded with cacao nibs, which are lightly roasted and crushed cacao beans that have a wonderful nutlike crunch.

Wow! Wouldn’t Roald Dahl, author of “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,” be proud to know that really great chocolate can still make your troubles go away.

David Wintzer’s nearby Park City banana flour business, first called WEDO (Women Entrepreneurs Development Organization) then renamed Zuvii, was packing banana flour.

On a phone call, Wintzer said that he was the first in America to import banana flour more than 10 years ago, and from Kenya, where he made microloans to women who had been producing flour from their crop.

“The paleo community told us about the benefits of green bananas,” he said. And though his first supplier didn’t work out, other countries had suppliers that met FDA standards. Unripe green bananas that have not yet turned to sugar are harvested, then peeled, sliced, dehydrated and pulverized into flour. Fifty-five pound boxes arrived at his packaging plant in Park City, where small containers were filled and shipped to “1,000 stores nationwide.”

What about cooking with banana flour?

“Because of the high starch there is a denseness to the batter. It absorbs moisture. It binds like crazy. The starch properties are what do that,” he said. “The surprise is that it (a brownie) comes out like a whole-wheat-looking thing. Dark, almost like a bran color.”

If you are hosting a Seder — even a small one — there probably won’t be family together cooking for a day in your kitchen. But you will have desserts that will be talked about until your usual spirited discussions and singing next year.

Peggy Wolff is a freelance writer.

Cacao nib and bittersweet chocolate banana flour brownies

Prep: 30 minutes, plus cooling time **Freeze:** 45 minutes **Bake:** 23-25 minutes **Makes:** 24 brownies

This recipe is adapted from one by Robbie Stout and Anna Davies, co-owners of Ritual Chocolate. Underneath the crackly, firm top, you won’t necessarily taste banana, but you will get the crunch from cacao nibs. Those are a key component. Freeze brownies for at least 45 minutes before cutting into small squares. To store, cover tightly with plastic wrap for up to three days.

8 ounces chocolate 70% cacao bars, chopped into small pieces

¼ cup unsalted butter

1 ½ cups brown sugar, packed

3 eggs

¼ cup water

½ cup cacao nibs

½ cup banana flour

¾ teaspoon kosher salt

½ teaspoon baking soda

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease (or line with parchment paper) the bottom and sides of a 9-by-12-inch baking pan with cooking spray. Melt the broken chocolate pieces with the butter in a microwave on medium-high or in a double boiler; set aside.

2. Using a whisk or mixer, beat the brown sugar, eggs and water in a medium bowl. Add the melted chocolate and butter; stir until fully incorporated but do not overmix.

3. Stir together the nibs, banana flour, salt and baking soda in a separate bowl. Add to the batter, stirring until fully incorporated, but do not overmix.

4. Pour the batter into the prepared pan; smooth the top evenly with a spatula. Bake until the top is crackly, sides pull away from the edges and a toothpick comes out clean, 23-25 minutes.

5. Let the pan cool on a rack, about 25 minutes. Cover with foil and freeze for 45 minutes. The brownies will be much easier to cut into squares.

Nutrition information per brownie: 163 calories, 8 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 29 mg cholesterol, 21 g carbohydrates, 16 g sugar, 2 g protein, 101 mg sodium, 2 g fiber



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These chocolate and pecan cookies are made with almond flour and brown butter.

Brown butter chocolate almond flour cookies

Prep: 30 minutes **Freeze:** 30 minutes **Cook:** 20 minutes **Makes:** 28 cookies (about 2-inch diameter)

This recipe from kosher chef, restaurateur and cookbook author Laura Frankel combines two gluten-free flours that, she emailed, “actually add flavor to a recipe while still providing structure. Also, if the butter is too soft, it will not cream and the cookies will be dense.” Use a light-colored pan to brown the butter so that you can see the brown specks develop.

10 tablespoons unsalted butter (5 ounces)

1 cup almond flour, packed (4 ounces)

3 tablespoons coconut flour

½ teaspoon baking soda

½ cup plus 1 tablespoon brown sugar, packed (about 4 ounces)

1 egg

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped

¾ cup chopped pecans

2 teaspoons flaky sea salt or coarse salt

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. In a small pan, heat butter over low to medium-low; allow the butter to bubble away until the foam subsides and the color is a light nutty brown, 8-10 minutes. As you see a lot of foam rising, do not turn your back on the pan because the difference between deep golden brown and black can be seconds. Let butter sit off the heat for a few minutes, then transfer to a heatproof container and freeze until solid, 30-35 minutes. The browned bits and flecks will sink to the bottom. When you invert the container, gently scrape off burnt bits or the flavor will overwhelm the cookies. You can also use a fine mesh strainer to remove the burnt bits.

3. Whisk together the almond flour, coconut flour and baking soda in a medium bowl. Set aside.

4. In a stand mixer (or with electric beaters) on medium-low, cream the butter and sugar together until light and the sugar is no longer gritty, about 3 minutes. Add the egg, vanilla and flour mixture. Stir to combine. Stir in the chocolate, pecans and salt.

5. Scoop walnut-size pieces of dough; arrange on the baking sheets about 2 inches apart. Bake until golden brown, 8-10 minutes, rotating the pans after 4 minutes.

6. Allow to cool before moving to a cooling rack as the cookies will be very soft.

Nutrition information per cookie: 124 calories, 10 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 18 mg cholesterol, 7 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar, 2 g protein, 197 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Perfect Passover dessert

By SUSAN SELASKY
Detroit Free Press

Desserts for Passover, which begins at sundown on April 8, can be a challenge because the use of leaveners (flour, baking powder, baking soda) is not permitted.

Many Passover cakes and other baked goods rely on eggs for the leavening and use matzo cake meal. Some also rely on ground nuts for flavor and to replace the flour. Be sure to use the freshest nuts as possible.

Baking extracts also are not allowed because they are made with alcohol, which is fermented. Sometimes you can simply omit the extract without compromising flavor. Vanilla powder or vanilla sugar can be substituted. You will find them in packets at baking supply stores, specialty stores or in the baking or ethnic aisles of some grocery stores. If a recipe calls for 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, you can use 1 tablespoon vanilla powder or vanilla sugar.

This Passover lemon cheesecake is a favorite from our archives. It’s great for any spring-time holiday. This is an ideal dessert recipe to serve with a dairy, or parve, meal. (Jewish dietary rules forbid eating meat and dairy at the same meal.)



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Matzo — ground or in sheets — is used in many recipes during Passover. The cracker-like sheets symbolize the bread that had no time to rise as the Jewish people fled Egypt. In this recipe, it’s used in the crust along with toasted almonds, sugar and butter. (Note that those observing Passover must use ingredients that are labeled kosher for Passover.)

This cheesecake has a bright lemony flavor and it bakes up nice and tall. A small sliver of it is satisfying. The original recipe called for 2 teaspoons of lemon

zest for the filling. Because I love lemon, especially in desserts, I added more.

Tip: Before making the filling, set the eggs and cream cheese out at room temperature for at least 30 minutes. This takes the chill out of them, allowing the filling to whip up nice and fluffy with no solid pieces of cream cheese.

After Passover, you can switch over to your favorite crust. You also can top this cheesecake with fresh sliced fruit or a fruit sauce. It can be made up to two days ahead.

Passover lemon cheesecake

Makes: 10 (or more) servings **Time:** 5 hours (includes cooling time)

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Crust

¾ cup slivered almonds, toasted and cooled

⅔ cup sugar

⅔ cup matzo cake meal or matzo meal finely ground

¼ teaspoon salt

8 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled slightly

Filling

3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened

¾ cup sugar

3 large eggs

1 heaping tablespoon grated lemon zest

Curly or julienne of lemon zest

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees with the rack in middle.

2. Pulse almonds, sugar, matzo cake meal and salt in a food processor until finely ground. Transfer to a bowl and stir in butter until combined well. Press the mixture onto the bottom and 1 inch up the side of a 9-inch springform pan.

3. Bake until the crust is firm and a shade darker, 12 to 15 minutes. Cool crust completely in pan on a rack.

4. Meanwhile, make filling. Reduce oven temperature to 300 degrees.

5. In a mixing bowl, beat together the cream cheese and sugar at medium speed until smooth and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Reduce speed to low and add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix in zest and vanilla.

6. Put the springform pan in a shallow baking pan and pour filling into cooled crust. Bake until filling is set 1 inches from edge but center is wobbly, about 45 to 50 minutes (filling will continue to set as it cools).

7. Remove from the oven and transfer cake in pan to a rack and immediately run a knife around edge; let it cool about 30 minutes. Then remove the side of the pan and cool completely, about 2 to 3 hours.

Nutrition information per serving: 457 calories, 33 g fat, 18 g saturated fat, 32 g carbohydrates, 9 g protein, 241 mg sodium, 144 mg cholesterol, 1 g fiber

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ket. The biggest and best-known farmers market in Chicago is based indoors during the winter, then pops up in Lincoln Park during the height of the season, usually the beginning of May. "Like all public institutions, it's closed at the moment so we have nowhere to have our market. People who depend on us for getting great local nutritious food, and the farmers who depend on us to get their products to people, have nowhere to go either."

Green City Market quickly created a Virtual Vendors campaign for the public to buy directly from farmers.

The next step launched March 27. "Our app will let people order from multiple farmers at once," said Flynn. "For example, if you need bread from pHlour (Bakery) and butternut squash from Nichols (Farm) and meat from Finn's (Ranch), you can order it all at once. Farmers get paid directly and then you get one delivery to your house instead of three people coming to deliver to you."

If all goes well, orders will close Tuesdays by noon, with deliveries Wednesdays to an area within a 5-mile radius of Lincoln Park to 20 different ZIP codes. "We will continue to grow as we have the capacity to grow," said Flynn. "We would like to keep this going for the foreseeable future."

The app helps farmers work better together. "When you're looking for silver linings in a situation that's affecting so many people, our farmers have really come together even more than they normally do working together," she said. "Some of our farmers will be helping us do these deliveries by taking routes."

Meanwhile, farmers face the uncertainty of the coronavirus crisis under the relentless change of seasons.

"Farmers need to be planting right now," she added. "They're just not sure what they can plant. They're also not sure if they'll have enough farm workers this summer to help plant, harvest, weed and take care of the farm."

Green City Market vendors come from a four-state area: Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana.

"We've had farmers really question whether they should even plant this year and ask, do they need to leave farming?"

On the South Side, an urban farm collective also faces multifaceted challenges.

"One is just keeping our farm workers safe," said Laurell Sims, co-founder



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Co-founder and CEO of operations Erika Allen prepares markers next to newly planted sugar snap spring peas at Urban Growers Collective on March 25 in South Chicago. The collective is planning to offer to the public a farm pickup program.



Vates collards sit inside a hoop house at Urban Growers Collective. The nonprofit grows food on eight urban farms.

and co-CEO with Erika Allen of Urban Growers Collective. The nonprofit focuses on two areas: food access and education.

"We grow food on eight urban farms that span about 11 acres," said Sims. "On those farms we do job training for teenagers and adults."

"We have a pretty big farm site and we don't have a ton of staff," she said. "People are able to work in isolation from one another, but we had to amp up all of our cleaning."

Their normal distribution channels have been

disrupted. "A lot of them are health centers or community centers that are either closed or just trying to keep people out of the space because they're working with populations that are high-risk," said Sims.

The collective tested a new farm pickup program March 27, but only with staff, friends and family before opening to the public. "You pay online, then we'll schedule throughout the afternoon so we don't have too many people coming at one time for no-touch pickup," she

added. Those with the greatest need, however, can't use the system, but the collective is working on it.

"Our Link customers can't pay online," said Sims. "We're trying to work with government officials." The SNAP, or food stamps program, uses hard plastic Link cards that need to be swiped at terminals. For now, the collective is donating food to people with Link cards.

This week, the farms have spinach, collard greens and kale. "Some of our farmers grow inside so

Virtual markets

The Chicago Farmers Market collective lists a growing number of online and farmers markets across the city at chicagofarmersmarketcollective.org.

61st St. Farmers Market: Online marketplace lists the market's farmers that are offering pickup, delivery or CSA (community supported agriculture) options. experimentalstation.org/market

Dining at a Distance: The multicounty listing created to help restaurants during the coronavirus crisis just added regional farms too. diningatadistance.com/farms/great-lakes

Green City Market: Virtual market allows direct ordering from farmers and producers for delivery or pickup, plus the Green City Market Delivered app allows users to order from different farms for one delivery. greencitymarket.org

Logan Square Farmers Market: Virtual market allows shopping directly from farmers. logansquarefarmersmarket.org

McKinley Park: Online farmers market lists farmers offering direct ordering.

Plant Chicago: Online market lists farmers and other producers (baked goods, hot sauces, chocolates, etc.). plantchicago.org/farmers-market

they have some salad greens and microgreens too," she added.

"For us, it's a little panicky," said Sims. "In a month we're going to have thousands of lettuce heads and potentially not a market or restaurant to sell them at."

That includes airports and schools. But they're not wondering if they should stop farming.

"Erika and I have been doing this for more than 20

years," said Sims. "This (pandemic) has lit a fire under us, because we need food. We've shifted even more into production mode. We've been talking about the fact that there will be a crisis, but we're there. Now we have to train farmers to ramp this up so we know that people around us are secure."

"We're trying to keep people fed and keep the business sustainable. That's the need."

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