



## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

# Daily cases again near 1,000

### National Guard fighting spread at Stateville prison as state braces for April peak

By JAMIE MUNKS, GREGORY PRATT AND JOHN BYRNE

The daily count of new coronavirus cases again pushed 1,000 Wednesday as the Illinois National Guard's duties expanded to include a 30-member detail to Stateville Correctional Center, where one inmate has died, and dozens of inmates and

staff have been stricken. In Chicago, efforts continued to round up health care workers to staff a field hospital being assembled in McCormick Place. Officials have repeatedly said they expect the outbreak to peak in Illinois this month, and the convention center could house as many as 3,000 beds, which are being set up in phases.

"We believe that we have enough to staff the first 500 beds, which will be coming online this coming week, or during this week, I should say," Gov. J.B. Pritzker said at his Wednesday news briefing. "We have some for the remaining beds, but we need more. There's no doubt." The state announced 986 additional coronavirus

cases Wednesday, including 42 more deaths. The statewide total now stands at 6,980 known cases spread across 56 counties, including a total of 141 deaths, according to the state Department of Public Health. At Stateville prison in Joliet, there were 48 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among Stateville inmates and 16 among staff as of

Wednesday evening, according to the Illinois Department of Corrections website. Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said earlier Wednesday that 19 people from Stateville are hospitalized, and others are being monitored within the facility. The situation has nurses

at Amita Health Saint Joseph Medical Center Joliet "highly concerned about the hospital being overrun and not having enough staff to care for the patients," said Alice Johnson, executive director of the Illinois Nurses Association. The Joliet hospital has 480 beds. Patients from

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## BUSINESSES



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Kenneth Morrison sits Tuesday in his apartment above unfinished commercial space in Pilsen. He told his restaurant tenant not to worry about rent.

# The rent: To pay or not to pay?

### Amid virus, it's pressing question for businesses across Chicago

By JOSH NOEL AND RYAN ORI

Ryan Tracy's landlord offered to let Tracy pay half the April rent for his suburban beer shop up front, then spread the other half across the rest of 2020. Kenneth Morrison told his Pilsen restaurant tenant not to worry about April rent — or any rent — until

the coronavirus pandemic passes. In their own ways, each of those tenants or landlords navigated at least a first step in one of the thorniest issues to emerge for businesses and mortgage holders during the COVID-19 health crisis:

What to do about rent?

While some Chicago residents prepared for a rent strike amid an unprecedented spike in unemployment, businesses large and small walked finer lines while resolving the issue of April 1 rent payments, the first due during a coronavirus pandemic gripping the nation. David Allswang, head of the national leasing team at law firm Nixon Peabody, said indications from

abroad have been grim for landlords. For instance, most commercial rents were due in London on March 25. Anecdotally, he said, he's heard of about one-third of those rents actually coming through, down from an average of about 75% to 80%. "Landlords are bracing for the numbers that we are currently seeing overseas — a significant drop," he said. As business revenues

plunge or else stop completely, both landlords and tenants have plenty on the line, said Tim Rasmussen, a real estate adviser and vice president at SVN Chicago. Business owners want to stay in business. Landlords need to pay their mortgages, but will find themselves hard pressed to fill vacant retail spaces if playing hardball on rents. Above all else, resolving

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## NATION

# Death toll mounts in hard-hit New York

### US logs more than 213,000 infections amid the fear, grief

By ROBERT BUMSTED, ANGELA CHARLTON AND MARK SHERMAN  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York authorities rushed to bring in an army of medical volunteers Wednesday as the statewide death toll from the coronavirus doubled in 72 hours to more than 1,900 and the wail of ambulances in the otherwise eerily quiet streets of the city became the heartbreaking soundtrack of the crisis.

As hot spots flared around the country, the nation's biggest city was the hardest hit of them all.

"It's like a battlefield behind your home," said Emma Sorza, 33, who could hear the sirens from severely swamped Elmhurst Hospital in Queens.

And the worst is yet to come.

"How does it end? And people want answers," New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said. "I want answers. The answer is nobody knows for sure."

Under growing pressure, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis belatedly joined his counterparts in more than 30 states in issuing a statewide stay-at-home order, taking action after conferring with President Donald Trump.

The governors of Pennsylvania and Nevada, both

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### County maps reveal suburban spread of virus

A Tribune review of available data shows that Skokie leads suburban Cook County with 98 reported positive results as of Wednesday. But testing remains inadequate. **Page 6**

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## STATEVILLE

# Inmate serving life loses his own to virus

### Death comes as prison faces dire straits

By CHRISTY GUTOWSKI

The first Illinois prisoner to die after being infected with the coronavirus was a former Chicago man serving a life sentence for murdering a pastor and his daughter during a burglary in their Buffalo Grove home, the Tribune has learned. Russell Sedelmaier, 59, died Sunday after being hospitalized following a brief illness. He was a long-time inmate at Stateville Correctional Center near Joliet.

State corrections officials on Wednesday still had not confirmed his identity. In a prepared statement, authorities described the fatality

only as a Stateville inmate in his 50s who died at an undisclosed hospital. He is listed on "medical furlough," according to the Illinois Department of Corrections website.

But multiple Tribune sources with knowledge of the COVID-19 fatal case confirmed it was Sedelmaier.



Sedelmaier

Also, an ex-wife, who asked not to be publicly identified, said an IDOC employee called to notify her of his death earlier this week. She said her ex-husband was long estranged from his family and had "no one on the outside" with whom he communicated.

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Little Village residents help members of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights spread the word about the census in Little Village.

## Working to get Latinos counted

Households in some of Chicago's Latino neighborhoods, like Little Village, aren't participating in the Census as quickly as other parts of the city. And various outreach programs had to be changed as a result of the COVID-19 virus. **Page 8**



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**JOHN KASS**

## Light amid the darkness: March's Golden Moutza

The Golden Moutza of the Month award is the ultimate trophy, even in these dark coronavirus times, offering something of great value glinting from its golden fingertips: light.

Because you really have to lighten up occasionally, you know.

The sacred text, the Moutzatation, tells us that it shall not be given to life forms that can't possibly comprehend the concept of shame, i.e., animals, plants and abstract segments of time.

But that didn't stop Ann MacIntosh Baker from stubbornly nominating the month of March to win the Golden Moutza of March.

"Has a month ever received a Moutza?" asked Baker. "If ever there were one deserving of such an honor, March 2020 has got to be a prime contender. From corona to economic crash, to toilet paper hoarding and political blame-gaming. So bad that the best thing to happen to most people was watching 'Tiger King' — with a cast of characters so degenerate they deserve Moutzas of their own. NAH to you, March. Go away and never return!"

Ann, Ann, Ann. The Moutzatation is clear on this point. Months feel no shame. Months cannot win. Neither can U.S. presidents, beginning with Barack Obama — and all those who come after Obama, even if it is Joe Biden.

Yet there are many worthy candidates: 22-year-old Ava Louise, who licked a toilet seat in a #coronaviruschallenge; Democratic and Republican governors; and North Carolina Republican Sen. Richard "Stock-dumper" Burr. Almost the entire Idiocracy is eligible for the moutza, and that includes me.

"A posthumous moutza salute to the guy who thought it was a good idea to drink aquarium cleaner to prevent COVID-19," said professor Charles Lipson.

"Margaret Cirko, the Pennsylvania woman who coughed on \$35k worth of food, causing it to be disposed of and wasted. NAH!" said Chicago's Cooking Cop, Peter V. Bella.

"That awful celebrity 'Imagine' sing-along. Bleh! Nah! It was so cringeworthy," said Anna M.G. Aaron.

Yes, indeed. Celebrity virtue-signaling on social media always makes smart people cringe, Anna.

"This jerk at the Spring Break beach party in Florida. The face of the irresponsible generation. Nah!" said veteran broadcaster Bruce DuMont, host of "Beyond the Beltway."

Don't provoke them. Or they'll turn us into crackers when the food runs out.

I'm tempted to rename the coronavirus after China's communist dictator, Xi Jinping. His government arrested the doctor who tried to warn us. His government silenced others and lied and lied as that virus born in Wuhan spread across the globe.

But if I dare call it the Xi Jinping Virus, here's what will happen.

Wealthy business interests partnering with China — like NBA owners, Hollywood producers and sports shoe manufacturers — may unleash trolls to



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Chinese President Xi Jinping talks by video with patients and medical workers at the Huoshenshan Hospital in Wuhan on March 10.



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Margaret Kirko faces charges after allegedly threatening to expose people to coronavirus after coughing on \$35,000 worth of groceries.

denounce me as a Xi-ist.

They'll shame me for Jingpingism. I might not survive.

You know how this works: Readers find me on social media, or write to me, nominate their candidates and punctuate their ballots with a hearty "Nah!" or "Feesah etho!" (blow on it) in the manner of my ancestors.

And speaking of ballots, I wonder if the Illinois Department of Public Health will be asking those who test positive these questions:

"Did you vote at an Illinois polling place on March 17 or have you been in contact with anyone who did, or anyone who served as an election judge?"

"And even though you have coronavirus and could die, are you still really glad Gov. J.B. Pritzker closed all the restaurants and bars for your safety while refusing to postpone the election?"

I don't think Pritzker's teams of coronavirus trackers will put it that way.

"Pritzker stood up there, in front of TV viewers stating it was ALL about democracy and in the same breath said COVID-19 was deadly," said Tom McClaughry. "Oh boy, so much for caring about the people. He has my vote and my ONLY vote for the Moutza. Naaah!"

"Easy one. J.B. 'Toilets' Pritzker," said Thomas Avallone. "He stands up there complaining about the White House, but keeps the (bleeping) primary open? NAH!"

What about equal treatment for Florida Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis? Like Pritzker, DeSantis understood the danger, but didn't close the beaches full of college kids on spring break.

"DeSantis for not closing the beaches sooner," said Cherie Haigley.

"Traded lives for tourism dollars."

Shark, what shark? Virus, what virus?

Nah!  
"You are the winner of the Golden Moutza," wrote Matt Joyce, nominating me. "You threw away two Weber Smokers and a Weber Kettle? I loved watching your recipe videos, but now you've thrown it all away. Idiot. I'm smoking a 10-lb. pork butt to be named 'Kass.'"

I'm sure your Kass will be tender and tasty. And I do have other Weber Smokers and kettles, Mr. Joyce. Therefore, your moutza nomination is dismissed with extreme prejudice.

But there can be only one winner. Adam Ingles nominated Xi Jinping's China.

"Would coronavirus have gotten to our shores regardless? Probably. Would the numbers of infected/dead and economic impact have been substantially reduced? Guaranteed. So, to China, a big, fat Nah!"

But the Moutzatation informs us that all the people of China can't be held responsible when their boss is a ruthless communist dictator and Bond villain with absolute power.

Xi Jinping? Yes, you sir. Please lift up your face and behold the honor we give you: The Golden Moutza of March.

You lied and caused the world great pain. So, blow on this, won't you?

I said blow on it, Mr. Pandemic. Blow on it.

NAH!

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## Virus leaves a blind author and spouse in limbo



**HEIDI STEVENS**  
*Balancing Act*

In a way, Beth Finke hopes she has COVID-19.

Her husband, Michael Knezovich, has been hospitalized with the virus since March 26. He's been fever-free for more than 24 hours now and is eligible to be sent home, but the situation is complicated.

Finke, 61, has Type 1 diabetes. She was diagnosed at age 7, and it caused her to go blind at 26. She first started seeing spots while she and Knezovich were on their honeymoon in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1984.

If Knezovich feels well enough to come home but is still contagious, Finke could contract the virus from him and fall gravely ill, given her age and underlying condition. On the other hand, she may already have the virus and simply be asymptomatic.

"I finally called my endocrinologist at UIC and asked him, 'What do you think about Mike coming home?'" Finke said Wednesday. "He was really quiet on the phone. Then he said the only way he could feel comfortable with Mike coming home and me being here is if I got tested and I tested positive."

Recounting the call, Finke laughed. "He said, 'That would be fabulous,'" she recalled. "He said, 'You would be one of the lucky ones that has it, but doesn't have symptoms.' And, boy, did I have to get my head around that. I thought, 'This whole world is upside down.'"

The decisions facing Finke and Knezovich, and the circumstances leading up to them, illustrate the confounding and fear-some nature of this disease, in which the stakes are perilously high and the knowledge and guidance are changing by the day.

I wrote about Finke last summer. She's a prolific author and essayist who teaches memoir-writing classes to Chicago senior citizens. We've stayed in touch since that column published, and she emailed me Tuesday night to let me know her husband was hospitalized and she may be sick as well.

On Wednesday, I talked to them both by phone.

"It's like nothing I've felt before," Finke said. "I usually get through rough situations by thinking back about something that's happened before. I lost my sight and we worked through that and I learned new things. But this one — it's the great un-



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Beth Finke, who is blind, walks her dog, Luna, near her home Wednesday in Printers Row.

knows. You can't project ahead."

Knezovich, director of communications for the Passive House Institute, started to feel bad on March 17, shortly after finishing up a conference call. He quickly developed a fever and severe chills. His doctor instructed him to stay home, but proceed as though he had contracted the coronavirus.

"Beth set up shop in the guest room," Knezovich said. "It's a 1,300 square foot apartment, but we stayed out of each other's way. I was towing a Clorox bottle with a roll of paper towels everywhere I went. And we just kind of existed that way."

Knezovich said his doctor put in an order for him to be tested for COVID-19, but the hospital rejected it because he didn't have a cough. A few days later, on March 21, he said he received a call from a nurse, and this time he mentioned his atrial fibrillation. That got him green-lighted for a test, which he received at Northwestern Memorial Hospital's drive-thru site.

"You feel like a sword swallower," he said, describing the notoriously deep test swab.

He returned home, where he and Finke waited for the results.

On March 25, he blacked out trying to walk to the kitchen for a banana.

"That was a bad day to be blind," Finke told me. "Every day's a bad day to be blind, but that day was the worst ever. I heard this crash in the hallway and I said, 'Mike, are you all right?' No answer. 'Mike, did you fall? Mike?' Finally he kind of came to and he moaned, 'I'm all right.' But I couldn't go and touch him. I couldn't help him up. That was awful."

At that point, Knezovich's doctor instructed him to go to the emergency room at Northwestern, which he did by cab. At the hospital, he learned his test was positive.

"It's very isolating," he said. "Of course, everyone here is terrific, but it's a hell of a thing."

The nurses call or text him, mostly, rather than check on him in person, which limits their contact with the virus and saves them having to get in and out of the extensive protective gear over and over. The meals arrive in styrofoam boxes, rather than on a tray.

He can't have visitors, of course. And he finds himself worrying about the nurses' mental and physical health. He found out one is dating a White Sox fan, which warmed his heart. (He's a die-hard fan.)

He worries about Finke. They've spent days apart before; he travels with friends here and there. But they can plan ahead for those times — stock the house with groceries, have friends on-call.

Finke uses a glucose monitor that keeps track of her blood sugar so she doesn't have to stick her finger throughout the day. Knezovich is in charge of changing the sensor.

"There are a bunch of things like that in our lives that are logistically different," he said.

Finke isn't alone. She has her Seeing Eye dog, Luna, who she walks three times a day. Friends throughout the city have arranged a meal train, so that someone picks up dinner for her each night from a local restaurant and delivers it to the doorman at her Printer's Row apartment building. She

puts on a mask and grabs the food from the lobby.

On Tuesday, she was approved for a COVID-19 test after several attempts. A longtime friend who's a doctor told Finke to call Rush University Medical Center, where a nurse listed a strict set of criteria Finke needed to meet in order to get a test.

She hasn't experienced a fever, chills or shortness of breath, but because Finke is in her 60s, lives with someone who tested positive, has a chronic illness and had open-heart surgery six years ago, the nurse told her, she could come in.

Finke put on a mask, grabbed Luna and called a cab. The test took all of five minutes. She may get results by Friday.

Knezovich, meanwhile, waits in limbo. He may be sent to one of the hotel rooms Chicago has set aside for people who are mildly ill with COVID-19 or awaiting test results. As of late Wednesday morning, he didn't know which hotel or how he would get there.

"The irony is they probably would've released me already if I lived alone," he said. "But they don't want to send me home to Beth. I understand. Some of it makes sense, some of it doesn't. It's got this invisible quality to it. Like, I was home sick for six or seven days. I think the damage might be done. But it might not be."

Knezovich said it's frustrating to watch the news from his hospital bed and hear President Donald Trump deny that the United States lacks sufficient tests.

"Setting aside partisanship," he said, "That's really insulting. It's insulting to be lying here and hearing that. It's insulting to me, but also to all the people working here so hard and having to figure out who to give tests to and who not to, because they don't have enough of them."

Finke is crossing her fingers that her test comes back positive and she can be reunited with her husband.

"It's surreal," she said. "It's hard to think about for very long, so I think about it for a little while and then I stand up and make myself do something. When Mike is sick or I'm sick, we're together when the doctor comes in and the social worker comes in."

For now, they keep each other updated by phone. Knezovich laughed the last time they talked, Finke said. It had been several days since she heard him do that. It gave her hope that life would feel normal again soon.

"You feel powerless," she said. "I'm not powerless. We could just say, 'screw it' and he could come home. But we want to honor what keeps us safe and keeps as many people out there as possible safe, if we can help it."

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## Favorite emerges for Chicago top cop post

Lightfoot expected to announce pick among 3 finalists Thursday

BY JEREMY GORNER

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's next police superintendent will either be a woman leading a suburban police department, a former police chief from Texas, or a high-ranking Chicago police official, though sources familiar with the process said a favorite had emerged late Wednesday.

Those sources said former Dallas police Chief David Brown was the leading candidate, and a decision was imminent. Lightfoot is expected to name her choice Thursday, the sources said.

The three candidates were officially announced Wednesday by the Chicago Police Board as finalists to succeed interim Superintendent Charlie Beck.

Brown is one of two African American candidates on the board list given to Lightfoot for her consideration, along with Chicago police Deputy Chief Ernest Cato. The third name on the list was Aurora police Chief Kristen Ziman, who is white and openly gay.

Both Brown and Ziman have experienced leading a department when some of their officers were killed or injured in mass shoot-

ings.

Brown, 59, was with 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.

The announcement of the finalists sets up a pivotal choice for Lightfoot as the department grapples with trying to reduce gun violence, implement reforms from within CPD as part of a federally mandated consent decree, and adapt to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency.

"This was a difficult decision," said Chicago Police Board President Ghian Foreman. "We had really good people who applied and I think that there were a number of candidates who would have made a good superintendent. It was our job to whittle it down to three."

Sources familiar with the final-



Brown



Cato



Ziman

ists had also placed former Los Angeles police official Sean Malinowski, who is white, on a shortlist of candidates being considered by the Police Board. He worked as Beck's chief of staff when Beck was chief of the LAPD, and worked as a top consultant for Chicago's force when it needed to set up its crime-fighting nerve centers — Strategic Decision Support Centers — throughout the city.

Foreman declined to comment about why Malinowski or other candidates aside from the top three were not finalists.

Marshall Hatch, longtime pastor of the New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church on the West Side, said he's most familiar with Cato because he's worked in that area and is thought of highly by various community groups.

"I just don't see what Mr. Brown would bring as an outsider," Hatch said. "And I don't know that the candidate from Aurora has been sufficiently tested in big-city politics (and policing) to really be viable."

University of Chicago law professor Craig Futterman, who spe-

cializes in police accountability issues and has been overseeing the progress of CPD's reform efforts, said he doesn't know enough about the candidates to determine who'd be best suited to run the department, but he said it needs a leader who isn't afraid to break away from past practices that have put the department in a negative light.

"And that means things like ... the courage to hold police officers accountable when they lie or abuse the public, the courage, just as importantly, to embrace the community as a real partner in reform," Futterman said. "We're long past the incremental gestures toward reform. My experience in both monitoring and overseeing the consent decree just confirms that CPD just remains so resistant to change."

The nine-member Police Board compiled a five-page job application that listed more than a dozen requirements for the job, including, among other things, ensuring the 13,000-strong Chicago Police Department is compliant in a timely manner with the consent decree and overseeing policies concerning the mental health of officers.

Candidates were asked to talk about themselves in a video presentation.

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.

She 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.

Cato, 54, is a Chicago police deputy chief in charge of three patrol districts — Austin, Harrison and Ogden — primarily on the West Side, which include some of the most violent areas 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. Cato is a 29-year CPD veteran who was a lieutenant before being promoted in October 2017 to commander of the West Side's Austin patrol district and then deputy chief last year.

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## Man suffering from cancer has sentence commuted

BY MEGAN JONES

A Montgomery cancer patient who was serving a four-year prison sentence for ordering 42 pounds of THC-infused chocolate has been released from prison thanks to Gov. J.B. Pritzker commuting his sentence.

Thomas Franzen, 37, was discharged from a minimum-security wing at the Stateville Correctional Center in Crest Hill Monday afternoon, Lindsey Hess, spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Corrections, said.

Over the last nine months, Franzen's family said he was not getting the medical care he needed while in jail and his health was declining.

As the COVID-19 pandemic swept the nation, the family's worries about Franzen's health increased after he reported he was hearing stories of coronavirus spreading in jails. One of the state's 99 confirmed COVID-19 fatalities was an inmate at the Stateville prison.

Franzen's immune system was already compromised after he was diagnosed with stage three testicular cancer that metastasized to his abdomen, both lungs, around his aorta and a vocal cord.

Franzen's attorney, David Camic, said his family is ecstatic about his release, and had been worrying about his health after he lost more than 35 pounds during his time in prison.

"It would be easy to complain and say that the governor took too long (to pardon his sentence), but realistically in the midst of all that is going on with the coronavirus, we are grateful the governor took the time to release him," Camic said.

U.S. Postal Service workers noticed a pattern of suspicious packages delivered to Franzen and opened a package sent from a California address in February 2014 that contained the nearly 43 pounds of THC-infused chocolate mailed to his house.

Franzen originally was charged with drug conspiracy and marijuana trafficking of more than 5,000 grams and faced 12 to 60 years in prison. Instead, he was sentenced to four years for a reduced charge of possession of more than 5,000 grams of marijuana in June 2019. Franzen's guilty plea came a day before the state of Illinois voted to legalize marijuana on a recreational level.

Kane County prosecutors argued that Franzen was a drug dealer. Police found .25 grams of suspected cocaine, 102 grams of marijuana and hash oil, along with ledgers they believed were related to drug sales during a search of his home. Camic has said Franzen had ledgers because he was working as an authorized eBay reseller for consumer products such as shoes, art and sports merchandise.

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



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## Taking a bite out of COVID-19

Patricia Nee raises her arms as she approaches a dinosaur skeleton holding an oversized model of a COVID-19 structure in its mouth outside a house in the 2600 block of West Winnemac Avenue on Wednesday in Chicago.

## A coronavirus letter home to my beloved, 6 feet away



REX W. HUPPKE

The coronavirus pandemic has forced families in Illinois and across the country to shelter in place and spend more time together in close quarters. Though it has yet to be included in federal health guidelines, I have argued from the start that, to be safe, family members should steer clear of each other and only communicate via Civil War-era letters home.

Ideally, you need a horse for proper Civil War letter delivery, but in a pinch, a household pet will do. (Please exercise caution when fastening worn leather saddle bags to cats.)

To help those who aren't already using this coronavirus-proof means of communication, here, as an example, is my most recent letter home to my wife, who was seated 6 feet away:

My dearest Martha,

I pray this letter finds you and the children, who I see are 6 feet away from you and a total of 12, 18 and 24 feet away from me, respectively, well and in good health.

Your letters three in number

reached me this morn, and I dare say they have brought a welcome ray of light to these most difficult times. (By the way, have you fed the mail delivery cat? She looks weary. God willing she has not been stricken by tuberculosis or smallpox.)

I was most pleased to hear you are finding comfort on the opposite end of the couch from me, and it is a blessing to know you were pleased to receive the blanket I threw to you, being careful not to violate the 6-foot separation policy instituted by our beloved Gen. Anthony Fauci.

I am sorry I have not written this past fort-hour, Martha, but I was consumed in full by a Netflix documentary that, at least for a moment, tore my mind away from our miserable war against this dreadful virus.

Without such distraction, I might entertain the most gloomy forebodings of the future and further demoralize you and the children, which would dispirit me to no end, and also force you to again write and tell me to stop being so depressing. I reckon I shall never forget the words you wrote to me a mere 12 hours ago, in the loving tone I miss so deeply: "What the hell is your problem? It's not like you're a nurse or doctor out actually doing something. You're literally just sitting comfortably indoors. Stop being an idiot!"

Oh, Martha, how I long to

again hear your compassionate words, to hold you and the children and return to the days of peace and happiness we once had.

I dreamed of home night before last, as I was asleep in our actual home. I love to dream of home as it seems so much like really being there, which I am, but, you know, it's different now, what with us all being 6 feet apart and such. Oh how I do ramble, my dear. You noted that in your letter a fortnight ago, writing as only you can, that you don't understand why we have to keep writing these letters and "this is just weird, none of our friends are doing this, are you sure this is necessary?"

How I miss that spirit, my love!

On to other matters, I am pleased to report that I am in good health, save one injury. While making the dangerous crossing from the living room to the dining room, I stepped on a particularly sharp Lego block and fell to the ground helpless, unable to rise to my feet. I fear I did let fly a profanity, of which I am deeply ashamed and shall pray for forgiveness.

As no medics were available, I treated myself and by God's grace was able to avoid amputation. I assure you the vile soul who left the Lego block in that fateful spot, surely our son Ambrose, has been sent a strongly worded missive from yours truly.

He should be receiving it by cat as soon as the poor animal is able to manage the journey from your spot on the couch to the kitchen, where I assume Ambrose is standing 6 feet from his brother, Thaddeus, sneakily devouring our lean stores of comestibles.

As if my days were not bleak enough, I do fear hunger is on the horizon. We are running perilously low on cilantro and will surely run out of quinoa before our next Instacart delivery pierces the delay the coronavirus has cast upon our land. Please attach a list to the cat as soon as you are able and pray we are blessed with a strong Wi-Fi signal.

I love you, my darling, and should I survive the perils of waiting out this war in a comfortable home with all modern conveniences and very little to complain about other than slightly longer than usual Amazon delivery times, I swear we shall embrace joyously and again speak aloud.

Until then, I will fight on for our country. My love to you and the children (do kiss little Adelaide for me) and rest assured I shall write again as soon as I am able, probably in about 15 minutes when I will need you to pass me the television remote.

Your loving husband,  
— Josiah Huppke

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## Rent

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the situation depends on communication, Rasmussen said. Operating with absolutes, especially from a landlord's perspective, is shortsighted, he said.

"If any landlord is asking for absolute answers over the next couple of weeks, it doesn't make any sense," Rasmussen said. "It's like driving on a foggy road. You can't see anything so you pull over to the side of the road and wait for the fog to clear out."

Still, many property owners are preparing for widespread missed rent payments from restaurants, bars, boutique shops, personal services and other retailers. How those negotiations play out could depend on several factors, experts say, including the location of the businesses, the landlord's finances, and relationships between landlord and tenant.

"If you've been a pain to your landlord from the get-go and now you say you need rent abated in April, what do you think's going to happen?" said retail broker John Vance, a principal at Chicago-based Stone Real Estate. "Conversely, if you've been a perfect tenant, how might that land-



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Kenneth Morrison stands Tuesday outside his building in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood, where construction on a coffee shop has halted. He's given his tenants a break.

lord handle it?"

Tracy, who owns Beer on the Wall, a craft beer bar and bottle shop in Park Ridge, plus an adjoining coffee shop and board game cafe called Off the Wall, said a good relationship with his landlords — he has one for each business — led to an amicable solution.

He said he reached out to both as soon as Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced a statewide stay-at-home order on March 15.

"I framed it as, 'Let's start this conversation and see

where it goes,'" Tracy said. "I knew we'd have some drop in revenue, but not how much or how long the shutdown will last. I try to keep things as open as possible and keep lines of communication open."

He's happy so far with the resolution. One landlord offered the deal of paying half of April and May rents on the first of each month and paying the other halves across the rest of the year. Tracy then proposed the same deal to his other landlord, who agreed.

Sales have been down, but Tracy said he's optimistic that his landlords are invested in him staying in business rather than having empty storefronts.

"They've been good to us and they want to see us succeed," Tracy said. "I felt they're willing to work with us."

But some landlords won't have much wiggle room. In buildings with big loans, the loss of revenue from rent payments could cause landlords to default on their own payments,

causing a further chain reaction of strain on an already shaky economy.

The loss of retail rents may be less of an issue within larger buildings, such as office or residential towers, some real estate experts say.

While those retailers provide a tiny percentage of a building's revenue, they improve the experience for bigger, higher-rent-paying tenants. The owner of a trophy office tower might opt to skip collecting a couple of rent checks rather than risk losing a popular, high-end restaurant where office workers entertain clients.

Landlords also are dependent on the banks with which they have their mortgages.

Kenneth Morrison, who owns a Pilsen two-flat, was planning to collect rent beginning in April for a restaurant under construction on the first floor of his building. He'd burned through his savings on building repairs because he expected to get the rent this month.

But he called his bank seeking a break on his mortgage payment — and said he got it. Morrison's mortgage company, Eastern Savings Bank in Maryland, said it would allow him to defer payments without penalties or fees "as long as this takes," so long as he

send a written request each month, he said.

He in turn extended the break to his tenants, which also run Cafe Jumping Bean in Pilsen. Now he waits for a stimulus check from the federal government to tide him over until the rent starts coming in.

He called his bank "incredibly generous." "I thought I'd have to negotiate that, but it was just offered," he said.

Adding to the industry-wide challenge is that, unlike with natural disasters and even terrorist attacks, there's little precedent for a pandemic shutting down the economy. Its impact was sudden and devastating, and there's no clear timeline for when it will end.

Even the financial crisis of 2008 doesn't compare, experts say, because though business slowed, it continued. Amid coronavirus, it has slammed to a halt on many fronts.

Landlords are likely to consult their brokers to ask what the industry standards are, Vance said.

"There is no market for this," he said. "No one who's alive and still working can look back to 1918 and say, 'This is what we did during the Spanish flu.' The situation is too new."

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## Cases

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Stateville may also be sent to other area hospitals, including Morris Hospital, Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox, Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee and Amita Health St. Mary's Hospital Kankakee, said Rep. Larry Walsh Jr., a Joliet Democrat.

"The good news is, there is help," Johnson said. "What we don't know right now is the extent of that help... We don't know if the capacity will meet the demand."

The Illinois National Guard contingent, primarily medical technicians, is handling routine health screenings, and setting up tents and cots in the gymnasium to provide more distance among inmates, to "quarantine them off into a different area in the prison," said National Guard Brig. Gen. Richard Neely, the adjutant general for Illinois.

National Guard medical technicians are also assisting with health checks of vendors, employees and other visitors before they enter the prison. The National Guard's role at the prison is primarily "augmenting that staff that's been kind of depleted the last several days due to the flu and COVID-19," Neely said during Pritzker's daily coronavirus briefing.

Pritzker noted Wednesday that there are at least 800,000 people in Illinois without health insurance and criticized the Trump administration for not opening up a special enrollment period for people to sign up for coverage through the Affordable Care Act exchange, at [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov).

People who've lost their jobs in recent days may now sign up for coverage through the exchange, but a special enrollment period would allow others without insurance to sign up.

"Frankly, this is leadership malpractice," Pritzker said. "Now, more than ever, we need as many people as possible to have access to health care, to seek out testing, if we're ever going to be able to fight COVID-19 and eliminate it as a major risk to our people."

The majority of the COVID-19 deaths officials reported Wednesday came from Cook County. There were 34 in Cook County, two deaths in DuPage County and one death each in Carroll, Kane, Lake, Sangamon, Will and Winnebago counties.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced on Wednesday that a city worker had died of coronavirus. The mayor did not provide any details on the employee.

Earlier in the day, during an appearance on NBC's "Today" show, Lightfoot



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Two people walk on an athletic field after hopping a fence Wednesday at Lake View High School on Chicago's North Side.



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker gives his daily news briefing on COVID-19 at the Thompson Center on Wednesday.

**"Now, more than ever, we need as many people as possible to have access to health care, to seek out testing, if we're ever going to be able to fight COVID-19."**

— Gov. J. B. Pritzker

said the numbers of coronavirus cases in Chicago are "starting to trend in the right direction," though much more work needs to be done to curb the crisis.

"What we're also seeing is a lengthening of time between the doubling of cases. It's too soon to make any real predictions, but it

seems like we're starting to trend in the right direction. But the truth is, on our modeling, we don't believe we're going to reach the peak of this virus until mid-to late April," Lightfoot said, echoing a point she made in a Tribune interview.

Lightfoot repeated warnings for the public to continue taking the crisis seriously and stay inside even as the weather warms up.

"Each of our individual actions has a direct impact on everyone else and is truly a matter of life and death," she added.

But stressing the urgency of the situation, Lightfoot later said any progress made fighting the disease could be jeopardized if people stop following strict stay-at-home rules.

"I don't want anybody to take from this conversation that the light's at the end of the tunnel. It's a pinprick, not a light," Lightfoot said. "We've got to stay diligent. Stay at home. Save lives. Continue to do the things that we've been preaching for the last two weeks. Otherwise, any progress that we've made will be evaporated."

Northwest Side Ald. Nick Spasato, 38th, said he's worried about what will happen as temperatures warm. Park District employees have strung up yellow tape to block the entrances to some parks, but that won't stop determined kids, he said.

"I don't know how you stop stupid from being stupid," Spasato said. "If a few knuckleheads want to get into the park and mess around, they're going to do it. And then if even one of

them has the virus, that can turn into a big problem for all of their families and people around the neighborhood."

Lightfoot also urged the city's landlords to forgo a month's rent if they can to help cash-strapped tenants.

"My hope is that we will give each other grace," Lightfoot said. "I understand that landlords have mortgages and they have other bills to pay, but in this time where a lot of renters

are really being pressed, I would absolutely urge if at all possible to forgo this month's payment just to give people a little bit of peace of mind and a cushion in really, really tight financial circumstances."

Lightfoot also said the Chicago Housing Authority will defer rent through the end of the month for thousands of tenants while the governor's stay-at-home order remains in effect.

A CHA spokeswoman

later said rent payments can be delayed but that residents will be responsible for paying rent for April and any subsequent month that a stay-at-home order is in effect. Rent will be due after the order is lifted, for now May 1, a spokeswoman said.

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## Highest viral numbers in northern suburbs

County maps reveal suburban spread of infections

BY JOE MAHR  
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When a Skokie couple died from the coronavirus just hours apart Saturday, the deaths illustrated not only the tragic nature of the pandemic but also its uneven spread through the suburbs.

A Tribune review of available data from counties and municipalities shows that Skokie leads suburban Cook County, with 98 reported positive results as of Wednesday, including the deaths of the couple and three others in their 80s.

Authorities acknowledge that the level of testing remains woefully inadequate to get the true picture of the virus's spread. And the state doesn't publish data that tallies up positive tests by city or village.

But the Tribune's review of information at the local level offers clues to how the pandemic is affecting different parts of the region.

This is some of what we found:

**Chicago** — not surprisingly — leads the state, by far, with 3,087 cases, or about 44% of the state's total, as of Wednesday.

It's clearly a hot spot for the outbreak, with an overall rate of 114.1 positive results per 100,000 residents, a rate that's nearly double that of the rest of the metro area and 12 times that of the rest of the state outside metro Chicago.

Another way to look at it: Roughly 1 of every 900 residents has tested positive.

While the city's data offer some key insights not seen elsewhere, including breakdowns of ages and who was hospitalized, it does not specify the number of residents testing positive for each of the city's 77 community areas, whose populations rival those of many suburbs.

That's unlike New York City and Los Angeles County, the latter of which covers the city of Los Angeles and offers a breakdown for 139 neighborhoods in the city.

**Suburban Cook County** has 2,065 residents who have tested positive through Monday, which equates to a rate of 84 per 100,000 residents, or roughly 1 in every 1,200 residents.

Some of the higher numbers can be found in the northern suburbs.

In Skokie, a village of about 64,000 people, there have been 98 confirmed cases of COVID-19, giving it the highest number of



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Mayor Nancy Rotering worries at the number of coronavirus cases in Highland Park. "We continue to lead Lake County ... This is not a proud moment."

known infections in the suburbs. There have been five resulting deaths, including the immigrant couple who died hours apart.

But Dr. Catherine Counard, the village's health director, downplayed the numbers Tuesday. The reported cases do "not reflect the rate of infection. ... Most people who are sick are not getting tested."

She attributed the higher numbers to the fact that more testing was available in her town because it's being done at Skokie Hospital, part of the NorthShore University Health System. "That's what it is," she said. "I think we're seeing a testing bias."

Evanston isn't far behind Skokie, with 89 cases, according to its figures. Glenview has 84 cases, according to figures reported through the Cook County health department. Compare that with Oak Park, which has reported 36 cases.

Those figures may not offer the full context because they are places with larger populations. The Cook County health department also measures communities by the rate of positive test results. By that measurement, Glenview has a higher rate than Skokie. But it's not the highest.

North suburban Kenilworth has the second-highest rate of any suburban

Cook County community. The relatively wealthy suburb has 10 residents who have tested positive out of 2,513 residents. That puts its ratio of known infections at 1 in 251 residents, or about 0.4% of the population.

The highest rate as of Wednesday, however, can be found in Phoenix, a south suburb with a median household income about a fifth of the corresponding number in Kenilworth. Phoenix recorded eight residents testing positive, out of 1,964 residents, or about 1 in 245.

**Lake County**, as of Monday, had 477 reported positive tests, for a rate of 68 per 100,000 residents, or roughly 1 in every 1,500 residents.

Its health department shows the biggest concentration of cases, by both raw number and rate, is in the southeast corner of the county.

The county doesn't provide specific numbers for each community, but it provides a range. As of Wednesday afternoon, Deerfield had 30 to 34 reported cases, with Lake Forest somewhere between 45 to 49 cases. Highland Park has the highest number; somewhere between 60 and 64 residents have tested positive.

The distinction troubles Nancy Rotering, mayor of the lakefront city of about

30,000 people just north of the Cook County border.

"We've been watching the numbers go up daily," Rotering said Tuesday. "We continue to lead Lake County in COVID-19 cases. This is not a proud moment."

Rotering said Lake County health officials told her Highland Park's affluent residents — the city's median household income is \$148,000 — may have more access to COVID-19 testing and may have traveled more to locations where the disease was spreading.

She noted that the city's parks, recreational facilities, schools and City Hall were closed weeks ago, and most people are complying with Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order. But some are not, and the city expects to have police in the next day or two move from warnings to citations in the most troubling cases they encounter.

Rotering also has issued stern warnings on her Facebook page and via an email blast.

"Our children may be bored. We may be bored," she wrote in the email. "Too bad. Enough with the playdates or sending the kids to the park or into town or having friends over or sneaking down to the beach."

**DuPage County** — with

392 residents testing positive — has a rate of 42 per 100,000 residents, or about 1 for every 2,400.

But, much like their counterparts across the region, county health officials caution that they're probably missing many cases. "Due to the nature of COVID-19 community spread and testing, the number of positive cases is likely much higher than that listed as a result of unreported or untested cases in our community," according to its website.

DuPage's figures help illustrate the impact of a cluster of cases. Willowbrook has the highest number of residents testing positive, at 40. It's where the Chateau Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is located; at that nursing home, at least 33 residents and 16 staff members have tested positive, leading to six deaths.

Next highest is Naperville, with 31 residents testing positive, followed by Lombard (24), the DuPage County portion of Aurora (21), Addison (21), Elmhurst (19) and Downers Grove (18).

**Will County** — with its 322 positive tests as of Wednesday — has a rate of 47 residents per 100,000. That's about 1 in every 2,200 residents who have tested positive.

The county also offers a

unique map of where those positive-testing residents live in the county.

Instead of tabulating the figures by municipality, as other counties do, Will County has plotted the rough address of each person testing positive.

It shows most infections clustered around the more populated areas in the county's north and northwest sections.

**Kane County** has recorded 142 residents testing positive. That equates to a rate of 27 per 100,000 residents, or about 1 in every 3,800 residents.

The county's website lists the Kane County portion of Aurora with 37 cases, followed by Elgin (26), St. Charles (22) and Geneva (9).

McHenry County, with 69 residents testing positive, has a rate of 22 per 100,000 residents with positive results. That's about 1 in every 4,500 residents.

Its website also does not list the number of known infected people per community.

**Kendall County** has recorded 27 residents testing positive, for a rate of 21 per 100,000 residents, or about 1 in every 4,800. Its website does not list figures for individual communities.

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## The muddled messages on face masks



DAHLEEN GLANTON

A friend called the other day to let me know that she'd heard a hardware store in the South Loop had N95 masks in stock. They were selling them two for \$19.95.

I tried to persuade her not to rush out and buy them. Sitting on my high horse, I recited the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines, which state that only people who have COVID-19 symptoms or are caring for a sick person should wear them.

Furthermore, the masks were ridiculously overpriced. Before the pandemic, they were selling three for \$6.99 on the company's website.

"It's ridiculous to walk around wearing a mask if you don't need one," I said in my most authoritative voice. "In fact, the hardware store should be donating those masks to the hospitals that are facing a shortage."

Before I could barely get off the phone, reports were

coming in that the CDC is thinking about revising its guidelines. It appears that now, wearing a mask might be a good idea for everyone who has to go outside.

Several weeks into the coronavirus crisis, some of us still aren't exactly sure what we should or shouldn't be doing. It's hard to keep up with all the edicts coming from so many different sources — the city, the state and the federal government.

The White House's message on masks has been particularly confusing. On one hand, we're hearing horror stories about nurses having to use masks multiple times because there aren't enough of them available to follow the normal protocol.

We are worried sick that our health care workers on the front lines aren't getting the supplies they need to keep themselves safe. Every day, there's a new report about a nurse or doctor getting exposed to the virus while caring for sick people.

Certainly, no one wants to make it tougher on our health workers. But it is going to be hard to get people not to hoard masks if the government says they might save your life.

The CDC, the U.S. sur-

geon general and the World Health Organization started out on the same page regarding whether ordinary people should be walking around in masks. For weeks, they urged only people who are sick and coughing to wear them.

On March 2, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams' tweeted this:

"Seriously people— STOP BUYING MASKS!"  
"They are NOT Effective in preventing general public from catching #Coronavirus, but if healthcare providers can't get them to care for sick patients, it puts them and our communities at risk!"

While the WHO recently reiterated its stance, the White House and the CDC have begun to reverse course.

Appearing on "Good Morning America" Wednesday, Adams said the Trump administration had asked the CDC to review its guidance on wearing masks, adding that the earlier edict was based on "the best available science at the time."

"We've learned there's a fair amount of asymptomatic spread, and so we've asked the CDC to take another look at whether or not having more people wear masks will prevent

transmission of the disease to other people," Adams said.

He warned people not to stockpile the N95s. Leave those for the health professionals.

For that reason, I can't see myself walking around wearing one — even if I managed to miraculously find them available on Amazon.

I checked, by the way, and the N95s I saw noted that they were only available for hospitals and government agencies responding to COVID-19. The disposable paper masks are on back order to the end of May or mid-June.

Donald Trump suggested that people might want to use scarves to cover their mouth and nose in the meantime.

"A lot of people have scarves, and you can use a scarf," Trump said on Tuesday. "And my feeling is if people want to do it, there's certainly no harm to it."

This is one of only a few things on which he and I somewhat agree.

Far be it from me to criticize anyone for doing whatever he or she feels is necessary to ward off this deadly virus. If someone feels like placing a bandanna over their mouth while grocery shopping



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will keep them healthy, then go for it.

Lots of people are keeping busy these days creating homemade cloth masks to give to friends or donate to transit drivers, delivery people, store clerks and others who risk exposure in order to supply us with the things we need. Not only are they functional, some are pretty stylish to boot.

But masks shouldn't give us the false sense of security that we can just go back to normal. As the weather warms up, more and more people will be tempted to get out and about. The surgeon general warned that masks aren't a substitute for social distancing.

On a recent warm day, while taking my daily stroll through the neighborhood, so many people were out walking that it was impos-

sible to keep the designated 6-foot distance.

At one point a woman was walking behind me coughing up a storm. I decided to step off the sidewalk to allow her to pass. Then she stopped right in front of me to let her dog pee on a light pole.

I felt uncomfortable and agitated. I ended up more stressed than I would have been had I stayed home and worked out on my elliptical.

The coughing woman wasn't wearing a mask, and neither was I. At that moment, I wished that both of us were. And I went home with a better understanding of why so many people do.

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## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## Medical examiner searching for warehouse

Wants a separate site as a matter of respect to victims

BY ALICE YIN

First, the refrigerated semitrailer appeared in the morgue's parking lot, ready to house up to 30 bodies of people believed to have died from the coronavirus.

Now the Cook County medical examiner's office is looking for a refrigerated warehouse with a capacity for up to 1,000 bodies — a search unlike any undertaken by the office in recent history.

"We want to be prepared for any number of fatalities," Dr. Ponni Arunkumar, chief medical examiner, told the Tribune on Tuesday. "For more than 200 cases, I think a separate location is easier to work with and more respectful."

As of Tuesday, the county's death toll from the respiratory virus had reached 71. A statewide projection for Illinois predicts deaths could peak at 88 per day by mid-April, according to the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation.

If deaths increase as expected, Arunkumar said she wants a separate place where the bodies can be stored while the cases are examined before being released to families. There may be instances, she said, when relatives are quaran-



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A refrigerated semitrailer sits outside the Cook County medical examiner's office Tuesday.

ted and cannot come to the morgue.

For now, the medical examiner is following a protocol with the refrigerated truck trailer not used in almost 10 years, when the office's cooler underwent renovations. Before that, the last time trailers were rolled out was during Chicago's 1995 heat wave, which killed more than 700 people over five days.

On a regular day, the morgue handles 15 to 25 investigations. The pandemic has so far doubled that workload.

Not all bodies linked to the coronavirus are sent to

the county morgue or undergo an autopsy. If someone who dies has tested positive at a hospital, an autopsy is not always needed, according to Dr. Sally Aiken, president of National Association of Medical Examiners.

For those deaths, which include most of the current cases, the medical examiner's office reviews all medical records, including the COVID-19 test, before ruling on the cause of death, Arunkumar said.

Cases in which someone died at home or elsewhere require investigators to determine whether they had

recent flu-like or respiratory symptoms, their travel history and whether they were in contact with someone who had symptoms or were at risk.

Those bodies are moved directly to the refrigerated trailer, placed in two bags and cleaned with a hospital-grade disinfectant before they are stored in the office's cooler, which can hold up to 285 bodies.

All autopsies are conducted in the infectious diseases room that uses a separate ventilation system. Only one pathologist and one technician are assigned to work on a body. A pho-

tographer may also be present. They all wear an N-95 mask, goggles or face shield, a hair cover, an impermeable full-body gown and shoe covers.

"We want to reduce exposure to staff," Arunkumar said, citing inconclusive evidence on how corpses can transmit the virus. "For the present time, we are just considering that the body is infectious, and we need to take the necessary precautions to reduce exposure."

During the autopsy, examiners do a nasopharyngeal swab, which involves inserting a cotton swab through the nose and into the upper part of the throat. In some instances, an X-ray and CT scan is conducted. To reduce exposure for staff, the office can run a toxicology report in lieu of an internal examination. If postmortem surgeries are required, the staff must follow special precautions.

As of Tuesday, two possible coronavirus-related cases remained pending after autopsies, including the case of an infant from Chicago who public health officials say had COVID-19 and died last week. The medical examiner's office has sent out additional specimens from the 9-month-old to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a precaution. It is also examining lung tissues, routine bacterial cultures, viral cultures and the coronavirus test.

For now, Arunkumar said her office is adjusting the

best it can to the coronavirus outbreak, but many uncertainties remain: staff potentially falling ill or being quarantined, the nationwide shortage of personal protective equipment hampering work in the morgue.

She also worries about staffing shortages and said she may need to place workers on alternate shifts so they don't get exhausted.

"Just like the public, some of us are nervous, but everyone has that goal of, 'We need to conduct our operations. We are essential operations,'" Arunkumar said.

Those concerns are shared across the county, according to Aiken, a medical examiner in Spokane, Washington.

"Medical examiners are a motivated and resilient bunch, but this is a challenging time for all of us," Aiken said. "Everyone has been pitching in and making adjustments as necessary, but the unknown is scary for anyone."

Arunkumar said the public needs to continue social distancing and grasping the gravity of the situation, one that brought her to grim but crucial decisions in workplace safety and expanding storage space for bodies.

"We want to treat the deceased with the respect they deserve," she said. "But we need to take every effort possible to reduce the number of deaths."

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## Schooling across the state goes remote

Here's what that means for students, parents, teachers

BY HANNAH LEONE

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker just extended the stay-at-home order — and also the statewide school closure — through the end of April. And that means schools are formally making the transition to remote learning days while their doors remain closed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Here's a look at how that's going to work.

**How will these official "remote learning days" be different from what my school is already doing?** In effect, the Illinois State Board of Education is asking school districts to formalize their remote learning plans, two weeks after the abrupt halting of classroom instruction.

ISBE is giving districts a lot of leeway in how they provide remote instruction and how they account for student work.

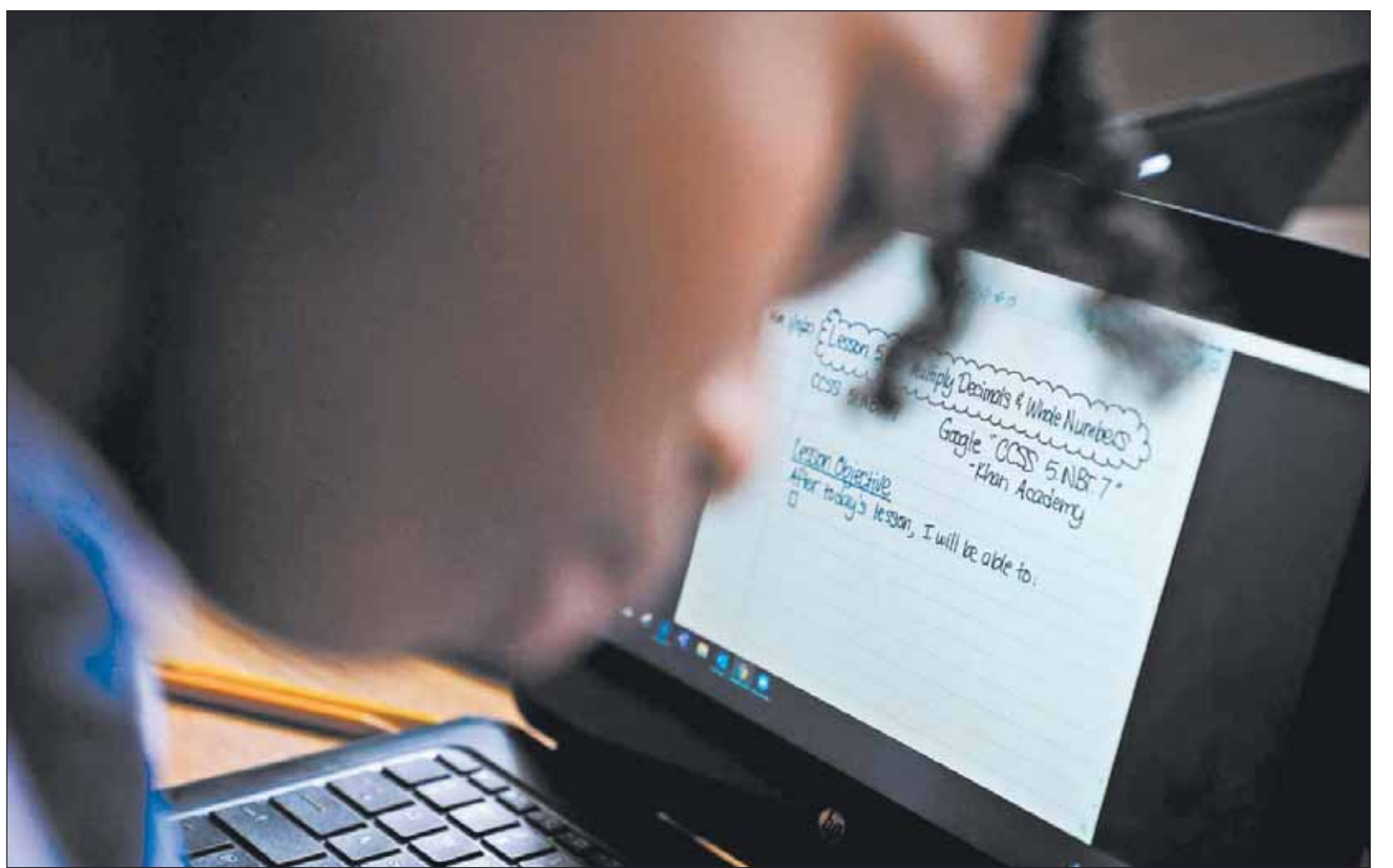
The state education authority says its broad goals are that all students have opportunities for learning that are tied to "critical standards," that the loss of instruction is minimized and that "students and families are given routines and structures to ensure they stay connected to schools and learning."

In Chicago Public Schools, the remote learning plan is more detailed than the previously provided enrichment packets, establishing daily lessons and teacher virtual office hours. The district staff will release two weeks of activities at a time, and schools can still use or add their own, which may include streaming live lessons, discussions or activities, according to CPS guidance.

Teachers are to give students weekly feedback and be available, online and by phone, for academic support at least four hours each school day.

Schools are finalizing their plans this week, and have until April 6 to communicate the plan to students and parents.

**What's expected of students and how will they be graded?** The state



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With the school shutdown extended through the end of April, Illinois schools are transitioning to remote learning.

panel that crafted the remote learning guidelines for ISBE stressed it doesn't want to see students penalized.

So the guidelines recommend that teachers use a pass-incomplete system; that no students are given F's; that they all "should have the opportunity to redo, make up, or try again to complete" any assignment; and that they have chances to raise their grades over the summer or next fall.

"A focus on keeping children emotionally and physically safe, fed, and engaged in learning should be our first priority during this unprecedented time," the state guidelines say. "... Given the transition to remote learning, we suggest that grades not be reduced due to lack of participation in remote learning, but that the remote learning period be provided as an opportunity for grade improvement."

In CPS, the recommended daily academic engagement is one hour for preschool, 90 minutes for kindergarten through second grade, two hours for third through fifth grades, three hours for sixth through eighth grades, and 4 1/2 hours for ninth through 12th grades.

Teachers are supposed to focus on reinforcing grade-level standards that have already been introduced, balancing skill prac-

tice, projects, enrichment activities and reading. Teachers can also introduce new themes if the content is delivered equitably without holding any students accountable for mastering it.

Though the district is expecting students to participate, and teachers are allowed to grade their work, it can't be counted against them, and they'll be expected to finish incomplete assignments once remote learning is over. Attendance won't be counted and hours won't be logged, according to CPS.

"We do recognize we will have to give more detailed grading guidance in the future," CPS Chief Education Officer LaTanya McDade told the Tribune on Monday.

**What if a district isn't able to implement e-learning?** If a school system isn't able to deliver e-learning, administrators don't have to — and if they can't do it equitably, they should find another way to provide students with an educational experience, according to ISBE.

Remote learning involves both digital and nondigital methods; e-learning, which is purely digital, is optional for districts that can ensure each student has sufficient access and support.

CPS plans include both digital and nondigital learning materials, with printed

packets available at schools where food is already being provided. Thursday and Friday this week, families can still get meals from any of the district's more than 600 schools. But when spring break begins Monday, CPS will consolidate meal distribution to fewer than one-fourth of schools, and all sites will be closed for Good Friday. When learning resumes remotely, the district is moving to a consolidated plan, through which meals will be provided at the 276 schools that have been busiest.

**What about students without internet or a computer?** As ISBE notes, students without access to needed technology are often the ones who schools call "at risk" — of dropping out, or of falling behind.

CPS has pledged to deliver 100,000 electronic devices — primarily laptops, Chromebooks and iPads — to the neediest students based on a hardship index that includes household income and homelessness. About 37,000 of the devices have been purchased recently and another 65,000 will be relocated from schools to students' homes. More devices and other remote learning needs are included in a \$75 million coronavirus budget approved by the Board of Education last week, but leaders say there's a backlog of orders as school districts

nationwide move to remote learning.

**When will in-person classes resume?** With the governor's announcement Tuesday afternoon, schools will remain shut through the end of April, in line with his extension of the Illinois stay-at-home.

**How involved are parents supposed to be?** Depending on the age of the student, ideal parent involvement may be more or less intensive. CPS officials said they recognize some parents are going to work through the closures or work from home, and may not be able to devote as much time to their children's learning as non-working or homebound parents.

"We recognize that sustaining remote learning is not something parents have ever had to do," states the latest CPS guidance.

The document includes tips for parents such as being patient and flexible, creating a daily routine, establishing a workspace, having children set goals and reflecting at the end of the day, figuring out when children focus best, making sure they sleep enough, monitoring device screens when children are supposed to be focusing on schoolwork, and allowing a break for movement or other activity every 30 to 60 minutes.

"Focus on ensuring that your child remains academically engaged, connected to their school community, and emotionally supported," the guidance states.

**Will the school days that fall during the shutdown have to be made up?** No, although individual districts could decide to extend the school year, in consultation with their labor unions.

**Will high school proms and graduation ceremonies still happen?** For most districts, these appear to remain unanswered questions. CPS leaders said Monday that they're still contemplating decisions about graduation, prom and summer school.

CPS has promised updates on credit accumulation, grade promotion and graduation requirements, among other issues.

On Tuesday, when Gov. Pritzker announced that Illinois schools would stay closed through April 30, he spoke to the possibility that some school dances might be called off.

"I won't try and tell you that a Zoom prom is the same as a real prom," Pritzker said. "I won't try and tell you not to be sad about the lost goals and plans that you may have had for March and April."

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## In pandemic, Latinos counting selves out

Some Chicago areas lag in census participation

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

A video posted on Facebook shows a small boy retrieving a letter marked "Census 2020."

"Make a difference in your community," the video tells viewers in Spanish as Cesar Nuñez explains to a small boy and girl that the U.S. Census Bureau wants them to fill out the census.

Nuñez, the director of organizing at Enlace Chicago, made the video in his home after the organization scrapped door knocking and a Loteria-themed census night in Little Village because of COVID-19. On census day, April 1, the group planned a different kind of outreach push, joining a caravan driving through the Latino neighborhood hoping residents would see messages about the census.

In Illinois, nearly 40% of households had filled out the census, a higher rate than the national response of 36.2%, according to the Census Bureau. In Chicago, the response rate Tuesday was 29.5%, which is a slightly higher rate than that of Los Angeles and about the same as Houston.

But households in some of the city's Latino neighborhoods, like Little Village, aren't participating as quickly as other parts of Chicago, according to a map of census data compiled by the City University of New York. Organizers and experts say these communities could be lagging both because of a digital divide and because of a misconception that the census will ask who is a citizen.

"Everyone doesn't have a computer, everyone definitely doesn't have internet," Nuñez said by phone. "So then it's just understanding those realities. Me personally, I'm not trying to be discouraged by 9%. We were at 2%, now we are 9%."

In parts of neighborhoods like Brighton Park, Back of the Yards, Gage Park, Pilsen and near Belmont Cragin, less than 15% of households responded to the census as of the start of this week.



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Adriana Martinez, left, and other community residents decorate their vehicles with signs reminding residents to fill out the census.

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— Cesar Nuñez, director of organizing at Enlace Chicago

In most neighborhoods, participation has been higher, with some parts of the North Side having 30% to 40% of households responding. Parts of the Old Irving Park neighborhood already had more than 41% of the households respond. In 2010, 76.8% of households responded on their own to the census in that area.

Marilyn Sanders, the bureau's regional director in Chicago, said in a Wednesday news conference she believed overall the response rates locally are higher than at the national level because of the united front from the state, county and local leaders in stressing the importance of the census.

Rob Paral, a Chicago-based demographer, said the anxiety created by COVID-19 is just one factor playing into the lower response rates in some Latino neighborhoods.

"I think it's a perfect storm," Paral said by phone. "All the discussion of the citizenship question, the ICE presence in the city, people very worried about what the president is going to do from one day to the next, people worried about public charge."

The census happens every 10 years. Census day is a reference date for people to tell the government where they are living. The data, which the bureau started

collecting March 12, is used to distribute funds and to divvy up representatives in Congress. Chicago has lost residents for the past five years and Illinois is expected to lose one or two Congressional seats.

Because of COVID-19, census field operations were pushed back to April 15. The bureau now has until Aug. 14 to complete the count and census takers won't start knocking on doors until late May.

For Latino households, issues like lack of internet and being less likely to own a home contribute to less participation, said Julie Dowling, an associate professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, who wrote a book about the census.

Research indicates Latinos are more comfortable filling out the census in paper form, Dowling said. The bureau won't mail out paper questionnaires until April 8.

Latinos could stumble on

how to identify their race. In the past, most Latinos have answered the question by answering "white" or "other," Dowling said.

"Anytime you have a question that gives people pause, that causes people to question how do I fill it out," Dowling said by phone. "... You have people not sure how to proceed."

Maria Fitzsimmons, the 2020 census director for the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, wasn't surprised by the response rates in Latino communities despite the work groups have been doing. Groups working with the coalition had spoken to 15,200 Spanish-speaking households in January and February, she said.

Still, organizers heard that many thought the census would ask about citizenship or others wrongly thought it was only for citizens, she said. Indeed, the Pew Research Center recently found that 53% of U.S. adults incorrectly

thought the census would ask about citizenship.

James Rudyk, of the Northwest Side Housing Center, said at a news conference Wednesday that workers have been combating this misconception as they call residents to walk them through the form.

Nationally, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund joined a coalition of groups to ensure information collected by the census would remain private and wouldn't be shared with other agencies, said Thomas Saenz, the president of the organization, at a news conference.

People being worried about getting sick or about their finances makes it more difficult to do census outreach, Fitzsimmons said.

"It's hard to imagine 10 years into the future when you're not sure what's going to happen next week," Fitzsimmons said.

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## In quarantine 'who knew a window could mean so much?'

Chicago woman on virus-ridden cruise sees no end near

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Patricia Casey paid \$6,200 for a cruise that was to take her on a visually stunning, 31-day journey through South America.

Instead, the 77-year-old Chicagoan ended up stuck in close quarters with passengers with COVID-19 and four bodies. She spent a week quarantined alone in a small, windowless cabin more suited as a jail cell than a luxury vacation room.

Casey recently was transferred off Holland America Line's Zaandam vessel and onto its sister ship, the Rotterdam, a week into mandatory quarantine with no clue when — or even in which country — she'll be allowed to disembark.

"There is no finish line. That makes me uncomfortable," said Casey, who's anxious to return to her home where, ironically, she has an expansive water view. "It never occurred to me that I would need a window in my cabin — you figure you'll just go out on the different decks for fresh air."

She departed from Argentina on March 7, the same day Vice President Mike Pence told people it was safe to continue taking cruises. The next day, the U.S. State Department issued an advisory to avoid cruise travel, but for Casey and 1,200 others, that ship literally already had sailed.

A week into the trip, "We were told the cruising had stopped. All the countries were closing their borders."



PATRICIA CASEY

Patricia Casey, of Chicago, is more than a week into mandatory quarantine after traveling on the Zaandam.

On March 22, the ship was placed on mandatory quarantine, and she was no longer even allowed outside her room. The only clue if it was day or night was to tune into a video feed of the ship's bow on her television set.

"Who knew a window could mean so much?" she said. "Sometimes I get worried, sometimes I get scared. ... I want freedom to walk outside, to take in fresh air and the sights around me. To look out over Montrose Harbor."

The Zaandam has been making headlines since Holland America confirmed the deaths and a presumed COVID-19 outbreak that left more than 130 people with coronavirus symptoms. The Zaandam was off the Chilean coast March 14 when officials told passengers to make immediate arrangements to return home. Casey was prepared to spend \$2,200 on the one-way trip that Holland America would reimburse her for, but she never got the

chance.

Just after she made reservations to fly via Chile and Brazil to Chicago, Chile closed its borders.

Orlando Ashford, president of Holland America Line, made an open plea in the South Florida Sun-Sentinel saying passengers like Casey are "unfortunate souls unwittingly caught up in the fast-changing health, policy and border restrictions."

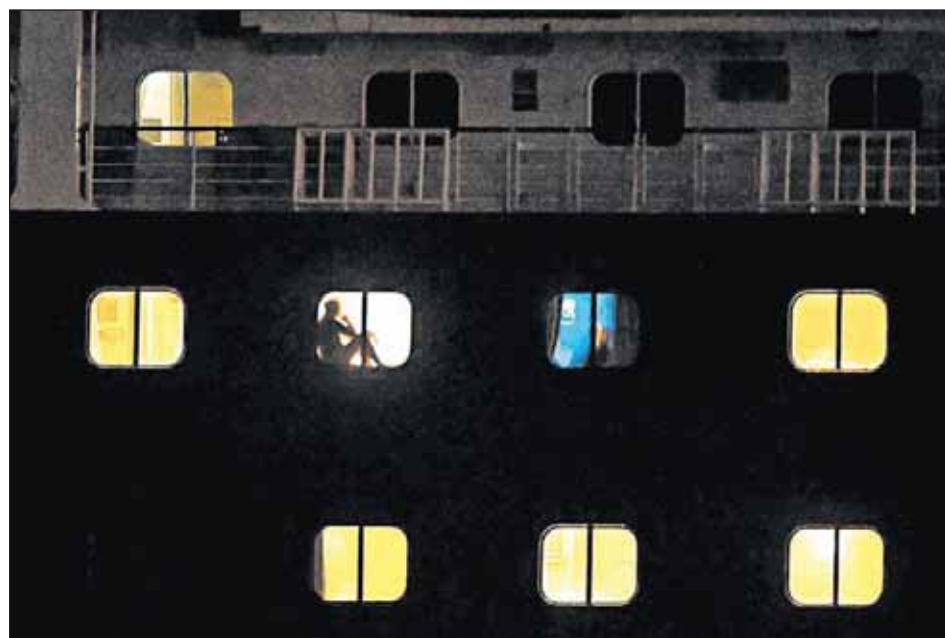
The ship became known as a pariah, turned away from country after country. This past weekend, Casey learned some passengers would be transferred to the Rotterdam, with priority given to those like Casey who were 70 and older, healthy, ambulatory and in windowless cabins.

Transfers began Saturday, but she was not moved. A couple she'd met earlier in the cruise who had a balcony were moved to the Rotterdam. Casey has relied on her sense of humor to get through this, but the thought of remaining on the Zaandam worried her.

"And I thought, wait a minute, I don't want to be left behind. ... I'm a targeted group, I'm a senior. That's when I started ... asking friends to make pleas on my behalf," she said.

A friend of a friend reached Rep. Jan Schakowsky's office, and the congresswoman began to see what she could do. Sunday afternoon, Casey was told she had an hour to prepare for the transfer. She was already packed. A crew member took her temperature, and she was allowed to board the Rotterdam.

On Monday, the still-quarantined Casey paced her new room, estimating it



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Passengers of Holland America's cruise ship Zaandam are seen as the ship navigates through the Panama Canal in Panama City late last month.

is 15 feet by 8 feet. She has a window and a king-size bed. She's grateful to be safe and considerably more comfortable.

Her "family of friends" also have sent her inspirational quotes, guided meditations and images that urge her to focus on what she can control and to ignore what she cannot.

The Rotterdam's Capt. Bas Van Dreumel delivers daily updates over the ship's loudspeaker.

"From what he said yesterday, it seems as though some of the passengers think we're still on a cruise when in fact we're really saving our own lives," she said.

Casey said Holland America Lines announced it would give passengers the choice to either have the cost of the cruise reimbursed or receive a 150% credit for a future cruise. She's opting for the money.

When life returns to normal, though, she'll continue traveling. Casey, who was born and raised in South Shore and who spent years

teaching, became an avid traveler a few years ago, using websites to connect with hosts in Ireland and Europe.

"Pat became an adventure traveler late in life, 'couchsurfing' — literally crashing on couches — at the homes of seniors all over the world," said friend and former Chicago Tribune reporter Julia Lieblich, a scholar-in-residence at the Newberry Library.

Lieblich said Casey had been in high spirits, requesting jokes and funny memes, and only became worried about her safety when she wasn't immediately transferred to the Rotterdam.

"Pat loves adventure, but not this much adventure," Lieblich said.

Casey is more comfortable being in quarantine on the Rotterdam, though it's unclear how long she will have to stay on the ship.

On Monday, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said he doesn't want the ship to dock at Port Everglades amid the spread of the new

coronavirus. The two ships were expected to reach South Florida by late Wednesday or early Thursday, according to Ellen Kennedy, spokeswoman for Port Everglades.

Casey said she has less than half of the recommended 14-day quarantine remaining before she should be allowed to leave the ship and return to Chicago.

"Every once in a while, 15 minutes a day, I get into a little crying jag, and I let it happen rather than hold it in. I let it out and then I can move on. And I read more jokes," Casey said. "What keeps me going is the communication among my friends and the incredible support that I have received."

"Then I look outside my window."

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## Prison

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She said the two spoke occasionally on the phone. Their final conversation was Friday, she said.

The Chicago woman said Sedelmaier suffered from diabetes, asthma and other medical problems.

"He said he had a high fever and he couldn't breathe," she said. "He had a suppressed immune system and was in bad shape. He said that they were taking him to isolation."

The two had divorced long before the murders.

Sedelmaier was serving a life prison term for the double homicide of the Rev. Ivon Harris and his daughter, Sarah, 24, in their Buffalo Grove home in June 2005.

His death comes at a time of growing concern about the safety of staff and inmates inside the state's prisons and county jails due to the ongoing pandemic. Prison reform advocates are urging elected leaders such as Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker to release inmates, especially those who are old, sick or in custody for lower-level offenses.

The problem at Stateville is particularly dire. At least 48 inmates and 16 staff members at Stateville tested positive for COVID-19, according to state data released Wednesday. Authorities had confirmed the one fatality as well.

They said ongoing safety measures to prevent the spread of the disease include "thoroughly reviewing those who are eligible for early release, appropriately quarantining or isolating men and women in custody, and equipping staff with personal protective equipment," according to the prepared statement.

The Rev. Eileen Harris, retired as a longtime chaplain, lost her husband and daughter in the crime Sedelmaier was convicted of. At the time of the case, Illinois still had the death penalty.



The Rev. Eileen Harris, pictured near her home in Palatine on Wednesday, lost her husband and daughter in 2005.

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Rev. Ivon Harris



Sarah Harris

rately that day to find Sedelmaier burglarizing their home. The Northwest Side man was known to the family, having cleaned their home for about five years while working for a Wheeling company.

Sedelmaier set the house on fire before fleeing with about \$100 worth of CDs, DVDs and clothing. Prosecutors said at the time that he had entered through a window with the plan to steal items to sell at Chicago-area flea markets.

Police arrested Sedelmaier about three weeks later after linking him through DNA from discarded cigarette butts and fingerprints left behind at the home. He confessed in a videotaped interrogation and pleaded guilty about five months later in exchange for the deal that spared his life. The Tribune did not find any public record indicating he tried to appeal his conviction.

Defense attorney James

Mullenix said he has not kept in touch with his former client. He was unaware of his death. But Mullenix said he remembers Sedelmaier well and described him as "low key."

At the sentencing hearing, the attorney said, Sedelmaier was in foster care briefly as a child after his mother attempted suicide. His father abandoned the family, forcing Sedelmaier to begin working at 11 to help support his mom and siblings.

"He was remorseful," Mullenix said. "He never talked to me about trial strategy. He knew that the evidence was stacked against him."

The crime was particularly brutal. He bound, beat and bludgeoned his victims, then set their house on fire to try to conceal evidence.

The Rev. Ivon Harris, 65, was a pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago. The couple's daughter, Sarah, 24, was a fifth grade teacher about to begin a

full-time position.

At his sentencing hearing, though she offered forgiveness, Eileen Harris and her son spoke of the senseless and brutal nature of the murders. Her life, she said, had "broke into a million pieces" when she returned home to find her house on fire and learned the fate of her husband and daughter.

Harris said she has lived on "autopilot" or in a state of shock for years. She rehabbed and sold the home about a year later but remains in the northwest suburbs. She still is grieving, she said.

"I'm starting only now to face the fact I have boxes of things from my husband and daughter in my basement that I have been moving around with me," she said. "I'm probably at the point only now that I will begin going through their things."

She misses her loved ones dearly, she said, and her yearning to be with them

**"For him, I know (death) was a release and a blessing. I hate to use the trite expression, but I do feel he's in a better place. God forgives and loves all of humanity, and that includes Russell."**

— The Rev. Eileen Harris

again has only grown with time. Still, Harris said, she realized a long time ago that revenge and anger "hurts you more than anyone else."

"I feel sorry for him that he was in such a place in his life that he made those choices," she said of Sedelmaier.

Last year, Harris said, she began writing him "multiple letters" and told him she wanted to visit him in prison. Harris said she felt compelled to find out more about his life and document it in some way. She said he never responded.

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### CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

# Rural areas struggling with virus

More hospitals close in sparsely populated regions

BY JAY REEVES  
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CARROLLTON, Ala. — As the coronavirus spread across the country, workers at the lone hospital in one Alabama county turned off beeping monitors for good and padlocked the doors, making it one of the latest in a string of nearly 200 rural hospitals to close nationwide.

Now Joe Cunningham is more worried than ever about getting care for his wife, Polly, a dialysis patient whose health is fragile. The nearest hospital is about 30 miles away, he said, and that's too far since COVID-19 already has been confirmed in sparsely populated Pickens County, on the Mississippi state line.

Cunningham is trusting God, but he's also worried the virus will worsen in his community, endangering his wife without a hospital nearby.

"It can still find its way here," Cunningham, 73, said.

The pandemic erupted at an awful time for communities trying to fill health care gaps following the closure of 170 rural hospitals across the nation in the last 15 years. 2019 was the worst year yet, with 19 closures, and eight more have shut down since Jan. 1, according to the Sheps Center for Health Services Research at the University of North Carolina.

While the nation's coronavirus hot spots have been big cities like New



DREAMSTIME

Rural hospitals may not be able to keep their doors open as the coronavirus pandemic saps their cash.

York and New Orleans, officials fear inadequate testing and the lack of medical resources linked to hospital failures will catch up with smaller population centers.

The reasons for the closures vary, but experts and administrators cite factors including declining rural populations, rising medical costs, insufficient Medicare reimbursements, large numbers of uninsured patients, state decisions against Medicaid expansion and mismanagement. About 60% of the counties and towns that have lost hospitals are in the South, an analysis by the Sheps Center showed.

Other communities are trying to keep hundreds of endangered hospitals afloat as resources are stretched

thinner than ever and moneymaking services like elective surgeries are curtailed during the outbreak.

"It's a scary time to be thinking about losing a hospital when you've got a pandemic going on," said Scott Graham, chief executive officer of Three Rivers and North Valley Hospitals in central Washington. The hospitals serve about 26,000 people in a wide-open area that Graham describes as so remote it's more frontier than rural.

In North Conway, New Hampshire, a physician at the 25-bed Memorial Hospital already is among the county's seven confirmed cases of coronavirus, said CEO Art Mathisen. The hospital is preparing for the worst as it tries to triple the

number of beds and spends upward of \$100,000 on rooms with air flow aimed at limiting the spread of contagions, he said.

About 15% of the U.S. population, or more than 46 million people, lives in rural areas, according to the Census Bureau. They are more likely than urban dwellers to die from chronic respiratory illnesses, heart disease and other problems that put people more at risk for COVID-19, the illness caused by the virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In West Virginia, where no city has a population of more than 50,000 and 20% of residents are senior citizens, frustration has mounted over two recent hospital closings that forced

patients to seek help farther away, and a third hospital that filed for bankruptcy in October announced Monday that it was shutting down this month. There has been talk but no immediate action to open new facilities to deal with coronavirus cases in one of the unhealthiest states.

"We certainly need our local hospital. We need the beds. We need the equipment, and we need it locally," said Michael Angelucci, a state lawmaker who operates an ambulance service in rural Fairmont, West Virginia, where a hospital closed this month.

The pandemic could hasten more rural hospital closures, said Michael Topchik of the Maine-based Charter Center for Rural Health.

He co-authored a study released in February that found about 450 rural hospitals were vulnerable to shutting down.

Most rural hospitals make money on emergency room care and elective procedures, which are on hold as health care workers try to ration masks and other protective gear in anticipation of COVID-19 infections, he said.

In northern Missouri, Sullivan County Memorial Hospital's chief executive, Tony Keene, said that on top of the recent drop in revenue linked to reduced services, he has been pumping money into preparation for a possible outbreak in the rural area by the Iowa border where the hospital is.

"We need an infusion of cash, like now," Keene said. "If we go a couple more weeks, we are going to have to make very serious decisions on whether we pay our vendors or pay our people."

The \$2.2 trillion coronavirus package approved by Congress last week includes \$100 billion for hospitals, but it's unclear how much of that will go toward rural health care centers.

As Pickens County Medical Center prepared to close March 6, Mayor Mickey Walker organized a protest outside the public hospital that drew around 70 people — a big crowd in a town of only 950 people.

The facility shut down anyway.

"Everybody's just real panicky," Walker said. "We have all this virus stuff going on, and we don't have a hospital to go to."

# Poll: Less than half like Trump's pandemic job

Respondents give high marks to state, local governments

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WASHINGTON — Americans give high marks to state and local governments for their handling of the fast-moving coronavirus pandemic that has swiftly remade everyday life. But less than half approve of the job done thus far by President Donald Trump and the federal government, according to a new survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Even so, and while he remains deeply polarizing, the poll finds Trump's approval ratings are among the highest of his presidency. Forty-four percent of Americans support Trump's oversight of the pandemic, in line with his overall 43% approval rating.

That's at the high end for the Republican president during his more than three years in office.

The coronavirus pandemic, which has already

killed more than 4,700 Americans and shut down much of the U.S. economy, is the most urgent and unpredictable crisis of Trump's presidency. The coming weeks will likely shape how Americans view the wisdom of giving him a second term in the November election, where he is likely to face off against former Vice President Joe Biden.

Trump initially downplayed the virus, comparing it to the flu. He also suggested restrictions on work and travel could be lifted by mid-April, arguing that the response to the virus shouldn't be worse than the health crisis itself.

But the president has shifted his stance again in recent days.

On Tuesday, the White House estimated up to 240,000 Americans could die from coronavirus even if strict social distancing measures are maintained. If those steps aren't taken, the number of deaths seems certain to increase.

"I want every American to be prepared for the hard days that lie ahead," Trump said.

Trump's approval ratings are propped up by strong support from Republicans:

82% back his handling of the pandemic. Democrats remain overwhelmingly opposed to the president, with just 14% of Democrats supportive of his actions in recent weeks.

The president, whose lengthy news conferences from the White House have been broadcast daily throughout the crisis, rates higher than both the federal government as a whole and the U.S. Congress, which just approved \$2.2 trillion in emergency funding for major industries, small businesses and individuals.

Lawmakers are already discussing additional ways to stabilize the economy as the pandemic appears likely to stretch deep into at least the spring or summer.

Thirty-eight percent of Americans approve of the federal government's handling of the outbreak, while 41% disapprove. And just 31% approve of how leaders in Congress are handling the crisis, less than the 41% who disapprove. Fewer than half of Democrats or Republicans approve of how Congress is handling the situation.

Americans have a far more favorable opinion about the response efforts



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The coronavirus, which has already killed thousands of Americans, is the most urgent and unpredictable crisis of Donald Trump's presidency. Trump initially downplayed the virus.

by their state and local governments — positive feelings shared across the political spectrum. More than half of Americans, including 56% of Democrats and 65% of Republicans, say their states are managing the outbreak well.

Judy Kunzman, 73, a retired nurse in Lower Swatara Township, Pennsylvania, is among those who says her state government's response is superior to that of the president and federal government.

"I keep thinking of Harry Truman and how he always said, 'The buck stops here.' Our president says, 'I'm not taking responsibility for that,'" Kunzman said.

She said that while Trump appears to be taking the matter more seriously in recent days, his response still leaves a lot to be desired.

"When you have to be pushed to the edge before you do the almost correct thing, that's not an improvement," Kunzman said.

State and local governments have much of the power to shape the response in their locales, determining what businesses remain open, how long schools will be shuttered and what penalties there are, if any, for those who violate stay-at-home or similar orders.

That's led to a patchwork

of restrictions, with major cities including New York, Chicago and San Francisco virtually shuttered.

More than 30 states issued stay-at-home orders more than a week ago, while Florida's governor resisted doing so until this week, even as coronavirus cases rose in the state.

The poll shows that a large majority of Americans, 78%, back requiring Americans to stay in their homes except for essential errands.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,057 adults was conducted March 26-29. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.1 percentage points.



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Hydroxychloroquine has helped to speed the recovery of a small number of coronavirus patients, doctors in China say.

# Study: Malaria drug helps patients improve

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The malaria drug hydroxychloroquine helped to speed the recovery of a small number of patients who were mildly ill from the coronavirus, doctors in China reported this week.

Cough, fever and pneumonia went away faster, and the disease seemed less likely to turn severe in people who received hydroxychloroquine than in a comparison group not given the drug. The authors of the report

said that the medication was promising, but that more research was needed to clarify how it might work in treating coronavirus disease and to determine the best way to use it.

The study was small and limited to patients who were mildly or moderately ill, not severe cases. But the findings support earlier studies suggesting a role for the drug, said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious disease expert at Vanderbilt University.

Previous reports from

China and France that the drug seemed to help patients, along with enthusiastic comments from President Donald Trump, have created a buzz around hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine, which are decades-old drugs used to treat malaria and autoimmune diseases like lupus and rheumatoid arthritis.

A resulting spike in demand has led to hoarding and shortages, and left patients who rely on the drugs for chronic diseases wondering whether they will be

able to fill their prescriptions.

With no proven treatment for the coronavirus, many hospitals have simply been giving hydroxychloroquine to patients, reasoning that it might help and probably will not hurt, because it is relatively safe.

The study of 62 patients was conducted at the Renmin Hospital of Wuhan University. Pneumonia improved in 25 of 31 patients on hydroxychloroquine, as opposed to 17 of 31 in a control group.

## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

## How will treatment get delivered?

Supply shortages would result in difficult decisions

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NEW YORK — A nurse with asthma, a grandfather with cancer and a homeless man with no known family are wracked with coronavirus-induced fevers.

They are struggling to breathe, and a ventilator could save their lives.

But who gets one when there aren't enough to go around?

Health care workers are dreading the prospect of such dire scenarios as U.S. hospitals brace for a looming surge in patients who need breathing machines and other resources that could soon be in critically short supply. That has meant dusting off playbooks they've never before had to implement on how to fairly ration limited resources during an emergency.

"I pray for their good judgment ... as they make very difficult choices," said Erik Curren, whose 77-year-old father died last month from respiratory complications related to the virus after becoming infected at an assisted living home in Florida.

Harrowing scenarios already are unfolding in country after country hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, including Spain, where one nursing home official said sick residents are dying after being unable to get into overflowing hospitals.

Like much of the rest of the world, ventilators that help people breathe are in particular demand across the U.S., given the respiratory problems common among people severely ill with COVID-19.

As many as 900,000 co-



Medical supplies and a stretcher sit ready to be used on coronavirus patients at the Jacob Javits Center in New York.

JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

ronavirus patients in the U.S. could need the machines during the outbreak, according to the Society for Critical Care Medicine. Yet the group estimates the country has only 200,000, many of which already are being used by other patients.

In New York, the U.S. epicenter of the outbreak, officials are setting up hundreds of hospital beds in a sprawling convention center as cases mount.

In preparation, health officials across the country are reviewing guidelines from sources including state governments and medical groups on how to ration limited resources in emergencies.

The general principle spanning those plans: bring the most benefit to the greatest number of people and prioritize those with the best chance of recovery.

But how that's determined is fraught with uncertainties.

Automatically excluding certain groups from receiv-

ing ventilators, such as those with severe lung disease, invokes ethical issues, said Dr. Douglas White at the University of Pittsburgh.

Many hospitals seeking guidance on COVID-19 in recent weeks have adopted a policy he devised without such exclusions, he said.

Guidelines previously developed by New York state's health department exclude some seriously ill people from receiving limited ventilators in major emergencies, but note that making old age an automatic disqualifier would be discriminatory.

The plans go on to add, however, that given the "strong societal preference for saving children," age could be considered in a tiebreaker when a child's life is at stake.

The crushing emotional burden of carrying out potentially life-and-death decisions is why the guidelines typically designate separate triage teams to make the call, rather than

leaving it to the doctors and nurses providing bedside care.

"This is a really terrifying decision — you don't want any doctor or nurse to be alone with this decision," said Nancy Berlinger of the Hastings Center, a bioethics research institute.

Having separate teams make decisions also is intended to ensure patients get a fair shot at care regardless of their race, social status or other personal factors.

Berlinger noted that underlying social inequities can still persist — for example, poorer people tend to be sicker — but that those are deeper injustices that can't be remedied in the throes of a pandemic.

Another grim calculation that experts say hospitals could make is how long a patient might need a hospital bed or ventilator and how many more lives the machine might otherwise save. That would help forestall an even more wrenching decision many doctors

in the U.S. likely have never faced: whether to take a patient off a machine to free it up for others.

The norms don't apply in the current crisis and taking precious resources away from one patient to save others in a pandemic "is not an act of killing and does not require the patient's consent," said a paper addressing the COVID-19 emergency published last week in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The authors noted that patients and their families should not be shielded from the realities and should be warned in advance of the possibility their loved one could be taken off a machine.

Hospitals should also prepare alternatives for those who don't make it to the top of the list for limited resources, such as stocking up on morphine, said Philip Rosoff of Duke University's Trent Center for bioethics.

It's not yet known how dire the crisis in the country will get.

Last week, Dr. Deborah Birx, the White House coordinator for the coronavirus response, sought to calm fears, noting there's no evidence yet that a hospital bed or ventilator won't be available for Americans when they need it.

Even in New York, she said, beds are still available in intensive care units and a significant number of ventilators aren't being used.

But what's happening overseas has health care workers around the world preparing for worst-case scenarios.

In France and Spain, hospital and nursing officials say nursing home residents who come down with symptoms of coronavirus are not necessarily admitted to intensive care.

In hard-hit regions, "they are hospitalized only when there is a chance to save them," said Marc Bourquin of the French Hospital Federation.

Jesús Cubero, general secretary of AESTE, an association of nursing homes, said some residents end up dying after being unable to get into full hospitals.

In the U.S., the rapidly multiplying cases are creating fear that hospitals could soon be overwhelmed.

"The fact that we're in a situation that one day we may not have enough ventilators is terrible and unacceptable," said Zachary Shemtob, whose husband has been sedated and on one of the machines at NYU Langone hospital since testing positive for the virus.

Curren, the Virginia man whose father died of COVID-19 last month, said he wouldn't fault health care workers for any of the agonizing decisions they may have to make in coming weeks — and trusts that they have the training to do so.

"These people are doing a fantastic job under wartime conditions," he said.



A woman walks past a banner Wednesday in Singapore. Researchers in that country found about 10% of coronavirus infections were sparked by people with no symptoms.

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## New evidence: Healthy people can spread virus

BY MIKE STOBBE  
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NEW YORK — Scientists offered more evidence Wednesday that the coronavirus is spread by seemingly healthy people who show no clear symptoms, and the federal government issued new guidance warning that anyone exposed to the disease can be considered a carrier.

A study by researchers in Singapore is the latest to estimate that somewhere around 10% of new infections may be sparked by people who carry the virus but have not yet suffered its flu-like symptoms.

In response to that study and others, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention changed how it defined the risk of infection for Americans. The agency's new guidance targeted people who have no symptoms but were exposed to others with known or suspected infections. It essentially says anyone may be a carrier, whether that person has symptoms or not.

The findings complicate efforts to gain control of the

pandemic and reinforce the importance of social distancing and other measures designed to stop the spread, experts said.

"You have to really be proactive about reducing contacts between people who seem perfectly healthy," said Lauren Ancel Meyers, a University of Texas at Austin researcher who has studied coronavirus transmission in different countries.

The newest research was published online by the CDC. It focused on 243 cases of coronavirus reported in Singapore from mid-January through mid-March, including 157 infections among people who had not traveled recently. Scientists found that so-called pre-symptomatic people triggered infections in seven different clusters of disease, accounting for about 6% of the locally acquired cases.

One of those infections was particularly striking. A 52-year-old woman's infection was linked to her sitting in a seat at a church that had been occupied earlier in the day by two

tourists who showed no symptoms but later fell ill, investigators said after they reviewed closed-circuit camera recordings of church services.

An earlier study that focused on China, where the virus was first identified, suggested that more than 10% of transmissions were from people who were infected but did not yet feel sick.

The seemingly healthy people who can transmit the virus fall into three categories: pre-symptomatic, who do not have symptoms when they spread but develop illness a couple days later; asymptomatic, who never develop symptoms; and post-symptomatic, who get sick and recover but remain contagious. The Singapore and China studies focused on pre-symptomatic infections.

It remains unclear how many infections are caused by each type of potential spreader, said Meyers, who was not involved in the Singapore study but was part of the earlier one focused on China.

## Pelosi sees infrastructure package similar to Trump's

BY ALAN FRAM  
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WASHINGTON — House Democrats want to enact a massive infrastructure package upgrading the nation's broadband, road and water systems, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Wednesday, in the next installment of Congress' effort to help the country weather the destructive blows inflicted by the coronavirus outbreak.

Pelosi said the measure would be in the range of the \$2 trillion that President Donald Trump cited in a tweet Tuesday announcing his own support for such a job creation effort. But even under unparalleled health and economic crises, the fate of infrastructure proposals remains uncertain.

Republicans have qualms about whether such a costly proposal is yet needed, and infrastructure plans have a recent history of going nowhere. They've long been bedeviled by disagreements over how to finance them, encapsulated in Washington by jokes about "infrastructure week," shorthand for Trump plans to roll out specific proposals that end up never appearing.

Pelosi, D-Calif., told reporters that Democrats' infrastructure plan would "address some of the critical impacts and vulnerability in America that have been laid bare by the coronavirus."

But powerful Republicans are already tapping the brakes. They note that Congress and Trump have just pumped \$2.2 trillion into the economy — all by adding to the national debt — to try preserving jobs and financing the country's battle against the rapidly spreading and sometimes deadly infection.

"We just borrowed significantly" for the \$2.2 trillion measure, Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., chairman of the Senate Environ-



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi says the Democrats' infrastructure plan is important in the wake of the pandemic.

ment and Public Works Committee, said Wednesday. "I want to make sure that gets implemented fully before turning to borrowing more money and spending more money."

He also said that if the economy still needs a boost down the road, building infrastructure projects "is the best way to do it."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has said he'll oppose any Democratic effort to use a fresh economic recovery bill to advance environmental restrictions or their other policy preferences.

"We need to make certain that any further actions we take are directly related to this public health crisis," McConnell told Fox News Radio's Guy Benson on Tuesday.

Pelosi's still-evolving plan would be centered on a \$760 billion, five-year framework that House Democrats unveiled in January. It includes money to rebuild roads, mass transit, rail systems, wireless communications networks and water projects.

She said when Congress returns to Washington after waiting out the coronavirus siege at home — perhaps later this month — other money will be added for community health centers,

education and housing.

Pelosi has said she wants the infrastructure plan included in a wide-ranging economic recovery bill that would also include money for extended unemployment benefits, state and local governments, and hospitals, plus expanded job protections and benefits for workers.

Trump threw another wild card into the mix Tuesday when he embraced using the next round for a massive infrastructure package.

"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 politicians to ignore before November's presidential and congressional elections.

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## COVID-19 not only worry for people in Zimbabwe

For many, clean water, food, cash more important

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HARARE, Zimbabwe — “We are already ruined. What more harm can coronavirus do?” Irene Kampira asked as she sorted secondhand clothes at a bustling market in a poor suburb of Zimbabwe’s capital, Harare.

People in one of the world’s most devastated nations are choosing daily for survival over measures to protect themselves from a virus that “might not even kill us,” Kampira said.

Even after the country entered a “total lockdown” over the virus Monday, social distancing is being pushed aside in the struggle to obtain food, cash, cheap public transport, even clean water. The World Health Organization’s recommended virus precautions seem far-fetched for many of Zimbabwe’s 15 million people.

“It’s better to get coronavirus while looking for money than to sit at home and die from hunger,” Kam-

pira said, to loud approval from other vendors.

The Southern African nation has few cases, but its health system is in tatters, and the virus could quickly overwhelm it. Hundreds of public hospital doctors and nurses have gone on strike over the lack of protective equipment. Many Zimbabweans are already vulnerable from hunger or underlying health issues such as HIV, which is present in 12% of the population.

Last year a United Nations expert called the number of hungry people in Zimbabwe “shocking” for a country not in conflict. The World Food Program has said more than 7 million people, or half the country, needs aid.

Harare, like most cities and towns across Zimbabwe, has an acute water shortage and residents at times go for months, even years, without a working tap. Many must crowd communal wells, fearing the close contact will speed the coronavirus spread.

“If the taps were working, we wouldn’t be here, swarming the well like bees on a beehive or flies on sewage,” said Anastancia Jack, 18, while waiting her

turn. “We are busy exchanging coronavirus here coughing and spitting saliva at each other.”

The government has closed borders and banned gatherings of more than 50 people while encouraging people to stay at home. But the majority of Zimbabweans need to go out daily to put food on the table.

With inflation over 500% most industries have closed, leaving many people to become street vendors. Zimbabwe has the world’s second-largest informal economy after Bolivia, according to the International Monetary Fund.

Police in recent days have tried in vain to clear vendors from the streets. As in other African countries where many people rely on informal markets, a lockdown could mean immediate food shortages.

Daily necessities in Zimbabwe make social distancing an elusive ideal. In downtown Harare, hordes of people congregate at banks for cash, which is in short supply. Others pack public transport.

“We are the only ones practicing social distancing; we sit in our cars all day,”



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A girl walks past a shopping stall in Harare, Zimbabwe, where the coronavirus has hit while the health system teeters near collapse. The country started a “total lockdown” Monday.

said Blessing Hwiribisha, a motorist in a fuel line snaking for more than a half-mile in the poor suburb of Kuwadzana.

“Look at them,” he said.

He pointed at a supermarket across the road, where hundreds of people shoved to buy maize meal, which has become scarce due to a devastating drought and lack of foreign currency to import more.

“What is happening in Zimbabwe is very scary,” said Tinashe Moyo at the supermarket. “It’s like we are playing cards.”

“It’s either you win coronavirus or you win starvation. I am very scared.”

Few health workers are available as doctors and nurses strike.

“There is a difference between being heroic and being suicidal,” said Tawanda Zvakada, president of the Zimbabwe Hospital Doctors Association.

Health workers described a lack of disinfectants, sanitizers and even water at hospitals. And yet Health Minister Obadiah Moyo repeatedly says Zimbabwe is “well prepared” to deal with COVID-19 cases.

But frightened health workers cited the death of a prominent broadcaster at an ill-equipped isolation center specifically reserved

for COVID-19 cases.

“They didn’t have a ventilator to help him,” Zvakada said. “The inability of our system to manage one patient is worrying. What about when there are 50 patients?”

Zimbabwe has had fewer than 20 ventilators to help people in severe respiratory distress, he said. He said the country needs hundreds to adequately deal with the virus.

“We see a situation where Zimbabwe can become a graveyard if we are not careful,” said Itai Rusike, director of the Harare-based Community Working Group on Health.

## Desperate Iran wants US to lessen trade sanctions

BY FARNAZ FASSIHI  
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As Iran struggles with a devastating coronavirus outbreak, a broken economy and a severe shortage of medical equipment, it says that U.S. trade sanctions are taking Iranian lives and has called for the United States to lift them on humanitarian grounds.

Iran’s plea is gaining traction around the globe, winning support from allies such as Russia and China, but also the European Union, United Nations, rights groups and nearly three dozen members of Congress, who have appealed to the Trump administration to suspend the sanctions for as long as Iran is battling the coronavirus.

Iran, a global epicenter of the virus, has confirmed more than 47,000 cases and more than 3,000 deaths, although public health experts estimate the real toll to be several times higher.

“We had always said the sanctions are unjust, but coronavirus revealed this injustice to the world,” Foreign Minister Javad Zarif said in a recent video message, which he began by removing a surgical mask from his face with blue latex gloves. He referred to the sanctions as “economic terrorism.”

The United States frequently reiterates that the sanctions exempt the sale of medicine and medical devices, but U.S. secondary sanctions on financial institutions and companies that do business with Iran have made it nearly impossible for Iran to buy items such as ventilators to treat coronavirus patients.

The sanctions “have largely deterred international banks and firms from participating in commercial or financial transactions with Iran, including for exempted humanitarian transactions, due to the fear of triggering U.S. sec-



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Most small businesses, hotels and restaurants, such as this one in Tehran, have been closed amid the outbreak.

ondary sanctions on themselves,” Human Rights Watch found in a report last year, months before the coronavirus emerged.

Now the need for such equipment is urgent.

“U.S. sanctions are stopping medical equipment from being sent to Iran,” Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., said in a tweet Tuesday. “As a result, innocent people are dying.”

Iran’s leadership also bears a share of the blame for its fumbling response to the crisis.

The virus was first detected in Iran in late February, but the government, ignoring the advice of its own health experts, took no action to enforce social distancing or lock down affected areas until this week, allowing the virus to spread unchecked and turning Iran into a regional hub for the outbreak.

The government came under fire for underreporting the number of cases and playing down the threat. Rivalries between the government and the military left the country wondering who was in charge of containing the pandemic.

Iran’s supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, rejected the U.S. offer of humanitarian assistance, claiming that the virus was “created by America.” Analysts said that accepting U.S. aid was seen as politi-

cally untenable — it would not fix the economy or end sanctions but would make the U.S. look benevolent.

“The Trump administration believes that the outbreak has succeeded where sanctions failed to weaken the economy even further,” said Ali Vaez, Iran director for International Crisis Group. “They think that the timeline for bringing Iran to its knees has shortened because of the coronavirus.”

Economists say Iran is losing at least a million jobs per month. They say the coronavirus would shrink Iran’s GDP by a third and create at least a \$10 billion budget deficit this year. Before the virus, sanctions had already cost Iran about \$200 billion in revenue, mainly from decimated oil sales, and devalued the currency by half in the past two years. And oil sales to the few countries that still flout U.S. sanctions, such as China, have plummeted as the price of crude oil has plunged.

The European Union donated \$22 million in humanitarian aid to Iran last week, and Japan sent \$23.5 million. On Tuesday, the European Union exported medical goods to Iran in its first use of a financial mechanism set up last year to allow European companies to work around U.S. sanctions.

## Bad behavior, stupid choices in serious times

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HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Right around the time the World Health Organization was declaring the novel coronavirus a full-blown pandemic, Cody Lee Pfister walked into a Walmart in Missouri and delivered his own public service announcement — of the twisted variety.

Pfister, 26, looked directly into a camera and asked, “Who’s scared of coronavirus?”

As if to answer his own question, he proceeded to lick a row of deodorants on a store shelf. For six seconds, he awkwardly slid backward, his tongue running from one brand of deodorant to the next.

He appeared amused. And satisfied enough to post the video online. Horror ensued. Grossed-out viewers from as close as his small hometown, Warren, Missouri, to Ireland and the Netherlands reported the video prank to the police. And soon Pfister was facing charges of making a terrorist threat.

“Immature. Tasteless. Youthful indiscretion. Yes, it was a very foolish thing to do,” said Pfister’s lawyer, Patrick J. Coyne. “But he is not a bad person. He made a bad choice.”

Pfister joins a growing parade of mischief-makers, rapsallions and rogues who have been accused of carrying out all manner of pranks and tomfoolery as fear, panic and a virulent virus tear through the country. It’s March Madness meets April Fools’ Day.

From licking objects to coughing on people to violating the 6-foot rule, coronavirus agitators have publicly acted out. Some of their antics were mindless and silly, others costly and downright dangerous.

The woman accused of marching into a Pennsylvania grocery store and inten-



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Cody Lee Pfister “made a bad choice,” his lawyer said.

tionally coughing and spitting her way through the produce section? Arrested and facing four felonies.

The California influencer who posted a video of himself licking his toilet? Sick in bed with the coronavirus, he later claimed, although a hoax was suspected and his Twitter account was suspended.

The unnamed person who attended a “coronavirus party” of young adults in their 20s in Kentucky? Tested positive for COVID-19.

“This is one that makes me mad,” Gov. Andy Beshear said at a news conference last week. “We should forgive that person but no more of these, anywhere, statewide, ever, for any reason.”

And who can forget the seven words of one Brady Sluder, beamed from a packed Florida beach at the peak of spring break as local authorities begged students to practice social distancing: “If I get corona, I get corona.”

For Pfister, the deodorant-licking prank turned into a serious police investigation. He was charged by the prosecuting attorney’s office in Warren County with making a terrorist threat in the second degree, a felony. His lawyer, Coyne, said the date of the prank makes all the difference. The police’s probable cause

statement said the incident happened March 11. Coyne said it happened the day before.

“Public conduct that was immature on March 10 looks completely differently through the lens of today. On March 10, when the video was taken, COVID-19 was not declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization,” he said in a statement. “Everything has changed at warp speed, but that should not work retroactively and convert a tasteless and impulsive act into a criminal terrorist threat.”

Pfister is not the only one facing charges as law enforcement officials are scrambling to arrest scofflaws and, in some cases, charge those who intentionally spread the virus.

Police said George Falcone, 50, coughed on a food store employee in Manalapan, New Jersey, and told the woman he had the coronavirus. He was charged with multiple offenses including making a terrorist threat.

On March 25, Margaret Cirko, 35, walked into a Gerry’s Supermarket in Hanover Township, Pennsylvania, and started coughing on cases of fresh produce, baked goods and meat, authorities said. Over and over, she was said to declare, “I have coronavirus, you are all going to get sick,” before attempting to shoplift a 12-pack of Coors Light.

The food all had to be tossed. The loss: about \$35,000.

“It’s really disheartening to think that someone would do this to cause havoc or to be funny or spiteful at a time like this when food is so important for the community and for comfort,” said store co-owner Joe Fasula, 44, who runs the nine-store chain with his mother, Joyce Fasula. “This makes me sick to my stomach.”

## Federal inmates to be locked in cells for 14 days amid virus outbreak

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WASHINGTON — The federal Bureau of Prisons is locking all its 146,000 inmates in their cells for the next two weeks in an unparalleled effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus, as the focus shifts to a Louisiana compound, where two inmates have died and nearly 20 others remain hospitalized.

The compound, known as FCC Oakdale, has

emerged as ground zero in the federal prison system’s struggle to contain the virus. The situation there is so dire that the local health department told the federal government there was no need to test inmates anymore. Those with coronavirus symptoms should be presumed to have it.

On Wednesday, the agency confirmed a second inmate at Oakdale, 43-year-old Nicholas Rodriguez, had died. Just days earlier, another man, serving a 27-year drug sentence, died at a

hospital from the coronavirus. Officials said both men had serious, long-term underlying health conditions. They are the only deaths so far in federal prisons, but state and local lockups have seen deaths.

Eleven Oakdale inmates have tested positive, 19 others are in the hospital and suspected of having the disease, 32 are in isolation with symptoms and 82 have been quarantined because of possible exposure, according to local union president Ronald Morris.

In addition, 13 staff members have tested positive, one is in intensive care, and about 16 others are out of work awaiting test results.

The Bureau of Prisons said the uptick is “consistent with the surge of positive cases in Louisiana.”

Louisiana has emerged as a hot spot for the virus.

On Wednesday, the number of confirmed cases had grown 23% overnight, topping 6,400. About 23% were hospitalized, with the death toll at 273. Nationwide, there were more than

213,000 cases.

“What’s happening in Oakdale is a tragic and avoidable example of what happens when officials fail to heed the advice of public health experts who have warned from the beginning that prisons and jails would become dangerous breeding grounds for this disease,” said Katie Schwartzmann, legal director of the Louisiana American Civil Liberties Union. “This should be a wake-up call to state and local officials that this is an imminent threat to

public health that must be addressed immediately.”

The situation at Oakdale is fueling fear among inmates and staff in the rest of the system that the virus could spread as rapidly at any of the other 121 correctional facilities, though the rate of infection compared with outside prison is low.

Health officials have been warning for more than a decade about the dangers of epidemics in jails and prisons, which are ideal environments for virus outbreaks.

## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



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A sign March 24 at a Lake Oswego, Oregon, playground is seen one day after Gov. Kate Brown issued a statewide stay-at-home order to combat the coronavirus crisis.

## Abuse activists fear 'explosive cocktail' amid confinement

BY JOCELYN NOVECK  
Associated Press

"Safer at Home" is a slogan of choice for the mandatory confinement measures aimed at curbing the spread of the coronavirus. But it's not true for everyone.

As the world's families hunker down, there's another danger, less obvious but just as insidious, that worries advocates and officials: a potential spike in domestic violence as victims spend day and night trapped at home with their abusers, with tensions rising, nowhere to escape, limited or no access to friends or relatives — and no idea when it will end.

"An abuser will use anything in their toolbox to exert their power and control, and COVID-19 is one of those tools," said Crystal Justice, who oversees development at the National Domestic Violence Hotline, a 24/7 national hotline in the United States.

On a normal day, 1,800 to 2,000 people will call that national hotline. That number hasn't changed, but that doesn't surprise organizers. After natural disasters like earthquakes, Justice says, it's only when schools and

workplaces reopen that people are finally able to reach out.

More significant, she says, is that more than 700 people who called the hotline between March 18-22 cited the coronavirus as "a condition of their experience." Some of the out-of-the-ordinary anecdotes staffers are hearing include abusers preventing their partners from going to their jobs in health care, or blocking them from needed health care services or from accessing safety tools like gloves or sanitizer.

In Los Angeles, officials have been bracing for a spike in abuse. "When cabin fever sets in, give it a week or two, people get tired of seeing each other and then you might have domestic violence," said Alex Villanueva, the sheriff of Los Angeles County.

"We started getting on this as soon as we started seeing the handwriting on the wall," said Patti Giggans, executive director of the nonprofit Peace Over Violence in Los Angeles.

Before the statewide lockdown, the nonprofit began preparing online counseling sessions, and reaching out to clients to suggest ways to keep in contact —

perhaps phone calls to counselors from a bathroom or during a walk, if an abuser is in the home.

In one recent case, Giggans said a woman showed up at the emergency room after a domestic violence incident, and Peace Over Violence staff had to talk to her over the phone to get her to safety in another county.

Because of virus measures, advocates "can't show up at the police station now. We can't show up at the hospital," Giggans said. She said her staff has been told that shelters are taking people's temperatures when they show up. The shelters are also working on plans to limit the proximity of people, in order to maintain social distancing, she said.

Similar concerns have arisen in hard-hit continental Europe. In France, "it's an explosive cocktail," says Nathalie Tomasini, a leading lawyer for domestic violence victims there. Being trapped in an apartment with an abusive partner, she said, is akin to "a prison with no open window."

"Today we're confronted with a form of war," Tomasini said. In wars of the past, "men were on the front. Now they're at home."

## Heading toward historic recession

BY PAN PYLAS  
Associated Press

LONDON — The coronavirus-related recessions around the world are going to be bad — and for some of the world's major industrial nations the worst that anyone alive has experienced, according to analysts at Deutsche Bank.

In a wide-ranging report using data that in parts goes back 800 years, Jim Reid and Henry Allen found that the downturns are in many cases set to be deeper than those endured in the immediate aftermath of the global financial crisis 12 years ago — and then some.

Though forecasting is difficult given the prevailing uncertainties, Deutsche Bank, like others, has slashed its growth forecasts amid the coronavirus pandemic that's seen many countries impose unprecedented peacetime restrictions on economic activity.

The bank expects France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the U.K. and the U.S. to shrink by 4% to 9% in 2020, figures that in most cases have only been eclipsed in recent decades by war and the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Germany is the outlier, its economy decimated by around four-fifths around the time of the defeat of the Nazis in World War II.

Nazi Germany's ally Japan saw its economy shrink around by half in 1945.

"These are unimaginable numbers for today's developed economies, having not been seen since World War II," said Reid and Allen.

The 4.2% annual decline in GDP that Deutsche Bank economists have penciled in for the U.S. in 2020 would make 2020 the 9th



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A pedestrian walks in an empty commercial and office building compound last month in Beijing. Fears are growing that the worldwide economic downturn delivered by the coronavirus pandemic could be deep and lengthy.

largest since 1900 and deeper than anything recorded in any one year after the global financial crisis. The 9.5% quarter-on-quarter contraction Deutsche Bank expects for the second quarter in the U.S. would "easily make it the largest quarterly contraction" since 1947, the first date for which equivalent figures exist.

For France, Germany and Italy, the worst years are overwhelming a result of war, but the anticipated virus-related slumps feature in the lists of the deepest recession seen in peacetime. The 5.3% contraction Deutsche Bank analysts anticipate in Germany this year would be the 10th worst year since 1851, just shy of the 5.6% contraction recorded in 2009.

And Japan's anticipated recession of 3.9% — modest compared with the other major economies — is set to be its sixth worst since 1871.

England, now part of the U.K., has the longest data set available, with the Bank of England providing annual growth rates all the way back to the 13th century.

Though the 10 worst years are all before the Industrial Revolution when a mainly agricultural economy depended on climatic variations, Reid and Allen say Deutsche Bank's forecast for an anticipated 6.5% contraction this year would be the third-largest since 1900, with only the recessions of 1921 and 1919 worse.

"2020 will likely end up being an extraordinary year in the history books," Reid and Allen said.

## Deaths

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Democrats, took similar steps. Mississippi's GOP governor was expected to follow suit with an order to take effect Friday.

The U.S. recorded more than 213,000 infections and more than 4,700 deaths, with New York City accounting for 1,139, or about 1 out of 4 dead. About 8,400 people in the U.S. have recovered from the illness, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University, which puts the number of confirmed cases worldwide at more than 930,000 and deaths at more than 46,000.

More than 80,000 people have volunteered as medical reinforcements in New York, including recent retirees, health care professionals taking a break from their regular jobs and people between gigs.

Few have made it into the field yet, as authorities vet them and figure out how to use them, but hospitals are expected to begin bringing them in later this week.

Those who have hit the ground already, many brought in by staffing agencies, have discovered a hospital system being driven to the breaking point.

"It's hard when you lose patients. It's hard when you have to tell the family mem-



ANGELA WEISS/GETTY-AFP

Medical workers bring a patient Wednesday to a Central Park field hospital in New York City, the nation's top hot spot.

bers: 'I'm sorry, but we did everything that we could,'" said nurse Katherine Ramos, of Cape Coral, Florida, who has been working at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

To ease the crushing caseload, the city's paramedics have been told they shouldn't take fatal heart attack victims to hospitals to have them pronounced dead. Patients have been transferred to the Albany area.

Meanwhile, in Washington, House Democrats are drafting legislation that would create a bipartisan commission to study the federal government's re-

sponse to the pandemic, modeled on one that examined the 9/11 attacks.

The chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., and the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., are working on separate bills establishing a commission. Draft legislation from Thompson's committee says the commission would provide a "full and complete accounting" of U.S. efforts.

"Americans will need answers on how our government can work better to prevent a similar crisis from happening again," Thomp-

son said.

Democrats have criticized President Trump's administration for being slow to respond to the outbreak and to develop tests quickly enough. They hope that a review commission would be bipartisan and chartered by Congress, just as the 9/11 one was.

The 9/11 commission released a report in 2004 criticizing U.S. law enforcement and intelligence agencies for failing to adequately prepare for terrorist attacks.

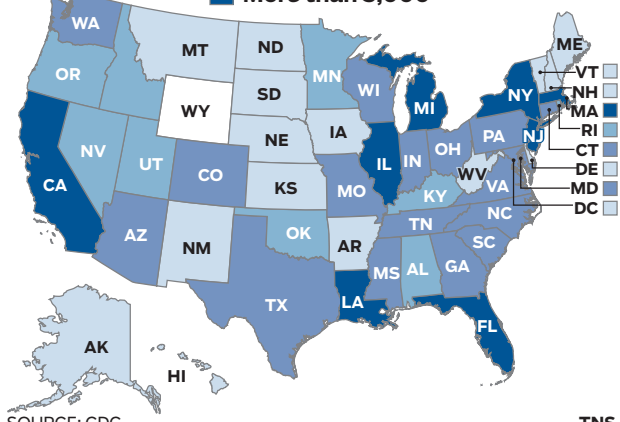
Elsewhere around the country, the number of dead in Louisiana was put at more than 270.

As coronavirus cases

## Coronavirus cases across the US

Confirmed coronavirus cases by state as of March 31

1-100 101-500 501-1,000 1,001-5,000 More than 5,000



SOURCE: CDC

TNS

spike ever higher in Louisiana, the state's nursing homes, assisted living sites and adult residential care facilities are showing more and more "clusters" of the virus, but the full scale of the outbreak at those sites remains uncertain.

Louisiana's Department of Health has identified 47 long-term care facilities that it considers a cluster, with at least two apparently related cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus.

In Southern California, officials reported that at least 51 residents and six staff members at a nursing home east of Los Angeles have been infected and two have died.

The announcement

came as California Gov. Gavin Newsom said extraordinary efforts to keep people home have bought time needed to prepare for an expected surge of cases in coming weeks. He said the slower-than-forecast increase in cases means the peak is now likely to occur in May.

Under Newsom's direction, the state has been scrambling to add 50,000 hospital beds to its current 75,000.

On Wednesday, there were more than 8,200 cases and at least 180 deaths in California, according to data kept by Johns Hopkins University. Michigan, which has 30 million fewer residents, had about 7,600 cases and 259 deaths.



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Natural Grocers employee Brigette Williams, left, assists a customer with a purchase recently in Richardson, Texas.

## Grocers installing barriers amid pandemic

BY RODRIQUE NGOWI  
Associated Press

QUINCY, Mass. — Grocery stores across the country are installing protective plastic shields at checkouts to help keep cashiers and shoppers from infecting one another with the coronavirus.

At a Stop & Shop supermarket last week in Quincy, just south of Boston, shoppers paid for and bagged their groceries, separated from employees by newly installed see-through

barriers.

"I think it's a great protection for customers and the cashiers," said Jasmine Vazquez, a home health aide shopping for a client. "We're supposed to be 6 feet away, but we're closer to them. So that protection helps, and I feel safer."

The measures are "all about safety for our customers and our associates," Stop & Shop spokeswoman Jennifer Brogan said.

"When you're checking out, there's not a 6-foot distance — as recom-

mended by the CDC — between the cashier and the customer," she said. "So we've added that as protection as a shield between the two."

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks.

For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, or death.

Also installing plastic shields are Giant Eagle grocery stores in Ohio, as well as Walmart and the Kroger supermarket chain, which said "sneeze guards" will be erected at all its more than 2,700 stores in the next few weeks as the outbreak intensifies.

The Florida-based Publix supermarket chain said March 25 that all 1,200 locations will have partitions installed at the cash registers, customer service desks and pharmacies within two weeks.

# A missing boy tests tracker's instincts

Game warden uses backwoods skills, saves missing youth

By **TODD RICHMOND**  
Associated Press

EDGERTON, Wis. — Austin Schumacher parked his unmarked squad truck and watched pheasant hunters work their way into the woods under the overcast, late-fall sky. The rookie Department of Natural Resources warden had just popped the lid of his salad container when the radio squawked: a 13-year-old boy, missing.

The boy had run away from Edgerton Middle School after a dispute with his teachers — he swore at them before he ducked out of the school and headed into the swamp across the street. Principal Clark Bretthaus tried to follow, but lost him in the mucky underbrush.

The boy was clad only in a T-shirt and sweatpants. The temperature was 39 degrees and falling as the sun dipped toward the horizon; forecasts called for a snowstorm at nightfall.

Schumacher put down his salad, flipped on his lights and sirens and headed for Edgerton.

**Schumacher is 25.** Growing up in southern Wisconsin, he fly fished and hunted “pretty much everything” — including deer with a musket. Inspired by an uncle who worked as a police officer, he majored in criminal justice at Madison's Edgewood College. A post-graduation ride-along with a DNR warden showed him the way to a job that would combine police work with his love for the outdoors.

He spent two months training in the backwoods of northern Wisconsin, learning to track people in the wilderness without the aid of technology.

The most important lesson: Humans are lazy creatures. Animals will crawl



Wisconsin DNR Warden Austin Schumacher stands near an Edgerton, Wisconsin, marsh where a boy, 13, vanished in 2019.

under or go around obstacles. People will push them aside or plow through them. Everything in nature is vertical as it tries to reach the sun; if you see something horizontal, like a branch on the ground, chances are humans were there.

It was a lesson much on Schumacher's mind a little after 3 p.m. on Nov. 1, as he rolled into Edgerton, a city of about 5,000 people 25 miles south of Madison, the state capital. A search team had set off through the swamps to the northwest, the last direction the boy was seen heading.

But Schumacher's instincts told him to go another way. He wanted to start where the boy had started in hopes of understanding his thinking. Alone, he circled the school grounds looking for signs and discovered a path leading into the marsh directly across the street.

He put on his hip waders, followed the path into the swamp and came to Saun-

ders Creek, a roiling 20-foot-wide stream clogged with deadfalls. He moved north up the stream bank, searching for a spot where the boy might have crossed. Eventually he discovered shoe prints in the mud and marks on the far bank. This was where the boy had crossed.

Holding his equipment vest as high as he could, the young warden crossed the stream. The waist-deep water filled his waders, soaking his shoes, his pants, his pistol.

He climbed up the other side, dripping. He started looking for broken brush and branches, backtracking, moving forward, backtracking again, sometimes crawling to get under tree branches.

The temperature had dropped to 37 degrees. The snow was closing in.

**At last Schumacher,** now caked with mud, picked up a trail of tracks left by a barefoot person, small

prints with five little toes. Further on he discovered one of the boy's shoes, then his socks.

He followed the footprints for about 2 miles, testing the ground in front of him with a stick to assess its stability. Schumacher had barely eaten or drunk anything all day; as the sun began to set he felt himself growing weaker.

He came to a series of retention ponds and his heart sank. He poked along their edges, praying he wouldn't find the boy's body.

The boy had been in the swamp for more than an hour. Doubts began to creep into Schumacher's mind.

Schumacher pushed on. He reached the edge of the swamp and looked out at a tree line bordering a bean field. He caught a flash of maroon. He pulled out his binoculars and saw the boy curled up under a tree, T-shirt and pants soaked, his hands, feet and legs bloody.

He crept up to him, not wanting to scare him off. The frigid boy was shaking so much he could barely talk.

**Schumacher stripped** down to his T-shirt and dressed the boy in his coat and stocking cap. The boy asked him if people would be mad at him for running away. His body numb, he could not walk.

Schumacher checked maps on his phone, looking for a way out, and found a road about a mile south. He lifted the boy onto his back. Schumacher began to walk.

Schumacher had been a basketball player in high school and is still trim and fit, a wiry 6-foot tall. But nothing had prepared him for this. The 90-pound boy and his 20 pounds of equipment weighed him down like an anvil. Again and again, he fell in the uneven terrain.

Darkness was closing in. He was sweating now, the moisture evaporating and

chilling him even more.

Then he came to the fence. It was waist-high barbed wire, running as far as he could see. There was no way he could carry the boy over it, no way to fit through it.

He set the boy down.

“I'm going to have to throw you over this fence,” he said to him.

He stepped back and swung the boy over. The boy landed on his feet and fell to the ground. Weighed down by his equipment vest, his gun belt and boots, Schumacher knew there was no way he could jump it. Instead he barrel-rolled over it, like a high-jumper doing a Fosbury flop. He landed hard on his back, but somehow avoided slashing himself to ribbons on the barbed wire.

“We're almost there,” he told the boy.

He swung him up onto his back again and resumed the hike as the first snowflakes came down.

Finally, he could make out cars on the road and houses. He staggered into a driveway and saw a squad car waiting for him. A deputy took the boy and hurried him into an ambulance as Schumacher collapsed to his knees.

**Schumacher has not** seen the boy since. He spoke with the boy's mother by phone a day or two after the rescue; she told him that he was doing all right. That news, Schumacher said, was “huge.”

The boy's mother declined to comment beyond praising Schumacher for his efforts.

This month, Schumacher received the DNR's Lifesaving Award. His training officer, Warden Tim Werner, said he wasn't surprised at Schumacher's valor. Nor was he surprised that Schumacher's woodland expertise had been put to use.

“There's a lot to be said,” Werner said, “about just old-school woodsman's skills.”

## NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

### Census Day arrives with nation almost paralyzed by virus fears

ORLANDO, Fla. — Census Day, the date used to determine where a person lives for the once-a-decade count, arrived Wednesday with a nation almost paralyzed by the spread of the coronavirus. But census officials vowed the job would be completed by its year-end deadline.

The virus' spread forced the U.S. Census Bureau to suspend field operations for a month, from mid-March to mid-

April, when the hiring process would be ramping up for up to 500,000 temporary census takers. The bureau has delayed the start of counts for the homeless and people living in group quarters like college dorms and nursing homes, and pushed back the head count's deadline from the end of July to mid-August.

The Census Bureau is required by federal statute to send the president the counts by Dec. 31.

### Nearly 3,000 sailors to leave carrier amid virus outbreak

WASHINGTON — Nearly 3,000 sailors aboard a U.S. aircraft carrier where the coronavirus has spread will be taken off the ship by Friday, Navy officials said Wednesday as they struggle to quarantine crew members in the face of an outbreak.

So far, fewer than 100 of the nearly 5,000 sailors assigned to the USS Theodore Roosevelt, now docked in Guam, have

tested positive for the virus, but the Navy is moving sailors into various facilities and probably will begin using hotel rooms in the coming days.

Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly, however, made it clear that while several thousand will leave the ship, other sailors will remain in order to protect the ship and run critical systems. He wouldn't say how long the ship will be sidelined.

### Trump: US to deploy anti-drug Navy ships near Venezuela

MIAMI — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that Navy ships are moving toward Venezuela as his administration beefs up counternarcotics operations in the Caribbean after a U.S. drug indictment against Nicolas Maduro.

The mission involves sending additional Navy warships, surveillance aircraft and special forces teams to nearly double the U.S. counternarcotics ca-

capacity in the Western Hemisphere, with forces operating both in the Caribbean and eastern Pacific. Defense Secretary Mark Esper said the mission would be supported by 22 partner nations.

The enhanced mission has been months in the making but took on greater urgency after last week's indictment of Venezuelan leader Maduro and members of his inner circle and military.



Men wear masks while playing soccer Wednesday in Wuhan, China. As the government eases restrictions in the city where the new coronavirus first emerged, it has stipulated that residents designated with green health codes can go outside.

### FDA: Zantac heartburn drugs should not be sold or used

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday asked companies to stop selling all forms of the heartburn drug Zantac, after concluding that a potential cancer-causing contaminant can build up in the drug when stored for long periods.

The agency also recommended that consumers who use over-the-counter forms of the drug, also known as ranitidine, stop taking it and that they should dispose of any tablets or liquid that they have. People who take prescription forms of the drug

should speak with their doctors about other options before stopping treatment.

Most manufacturers withdrew their products several months ago, after an outside pharmacy raised the alarm about the drug last year. Large pharmacy chains, including Walgreens, Rite Aid and CVS, had also removed the products.

The FDA said in September that the contaminant was a type of nitrosamine called N-nitrosodimethylamine, or NDMA, which is believed to be carcinogenic in humans and is found in a

variety of products, including cured meats.

The FDA's investigation was prompted by the findings of an online pharmacy, Valisure, which had petitioned the agency to request a recall of all products containing ranitidine.

The FDA initially pushed back against the pharmacy's testing methods. On Wednesday, however, the agency appeared to confirm Valisure's findings, saying that “the impurity in some ranitidine products increases over time and when stored at higher than room temperatures.”

### Taliban vow cease-fires in virus-hit Afghan areas

ISLAMABAD — The Taliban said Wednesday the group was ready to declare a cease-fire in areas of Afghanistan under its control if they are hit by a coronavirus outbreak.

The announcement follows a U.N. Security Council statement Tuesday urging Afghanistan's warring

parties to heed the U.N. secretary-general's call for an immediate cease-fire to respond to the pandemic and ensure the delivery of humanitarian aid throughout the country.

“If, God forbid, the outbreak happens in an area where we control the situation then we will stop

fighting in that area,” Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Muajhed announced.

The Taliban have also said they would guarantee the security of health and aid workers traveling to their areas in order to provide assistance to prevent the spread of the new virus.

### UK's Johnson under fire for low testing for COVID-19

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative government was under fire Wednesday for failing to keep its promise to increase the amount of testing being done for COVID-19, even as the country saw its biggest day-to-day rise yet in deaths among people with the virus, to at least 2,357.

The issue has become an incipient political crisis for Johnson, who has mild symptoms and is working from isolation in the prime minister's residence.

Richard Horton, editor of medical journal The Lancet, said Britain's handling of the COVID-19 crisis was “the most serious science policy failure in a generation.”

Like some other countries, the U.K. has restricted testing to hospitalized patients, leaving people with milder symptoms unsure whether they have had the virus.

**In Wisconsin:** Democratic Gov. Tony Evers told a federal judge in a filing late Tuesday that he will use National Guard soldiers to staff unmanned polling sites in next week's presidential primary.

Meanwhile, Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders joined others who have called for the state to postpone the election.

Local election clerks across the state say poll workers are quitting in droves out of fears of contracting the coronavirus during Tuesday's election, which also features a state Supreme Court race and hundreds of local races.

More than 100 municipalities have reported they lack enough people to staff even one polling site.

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## EDITORIALS

# How to prevent insider trading in Congress

Illinois Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi sponsors sensible legislation

On Jan. 24, Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., attended a private Senate briefing on the coronavirus, which featured Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert.

At the time, the virus was a news story, but the headlines for the most part were confined to travel warnings. Illinois officials were following the case of an infected Chicago woman who had recently returned from Wuhan, China. U.S. Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., was urging President Donald Trump's administration to consider stricter travel bans between the United States and China.

But the general public was largely unaware of, and could not have predicted, the economic shutdown looming. The idea of closing bars and restaurants and instituting stay-home orders would have seemed absurd.

By mid-February, Burr had dumped hundreds of thousands of dollars of stock in various companies, including some hotel chains that would soon lose much of their value in the face of a growing pandemic. He also told a private lunch gathering on Feb. 27, in a speech obtained by NPR, that coronavirus was "much more aggressive in its transmission than anything we have seen in recent history. It is probably more akin to the 1918 pandemic." Publicly that same month, he was assuring Americans that the United States was well-prepared for any outbreak.

The coincidences — his awareness of the contagion, his assurances and his stock sales — raised suspicions that the senator had made use of inside knowledge for his own financial advantage while publicly downplaying the risks of the outbreak.

Another senator who attended the January briefing with Fauci, Republican Kelly Loeffler of Georgia, soon sold more than \$1 million worth of shares. Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., also sold large amounts not long after.

Burr, amid a storm of criticism, asked the Senate Ethics Committee to review his transactions. Several news outlets have since reported that the Justice Department is making its own inquiries.

Burr says he based his trades on information that was publicly available. Loeffler and Feinstein said their investment decisions are in blind trusts and thus beyond their control. Inhofe said his sales were part of an ongoing divestiture plan he began in 2018 after becoming chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

**We don't begrudge members of Congress** the opportunity to buy and sell stocks to accumulate funds to pay for their children's education, provide for retirement or anything else. It's a legitimate activity that more than half of Americans engage in. To forbid it outright would make it harder for people who are not already wealthy to serve in elective office.

Nor we do leap to the conclusion that these senators violated any law or ethical obligation. Someone paying close attention to news reports from China and South



MARK WILSON/GETTY

Sen. Richard Burr, left, and acting Deputy Homeland Security Secretary Ken Cuccinelli head to a coronavirus briefing in February.

**Senators have to file forms disclosing their transactions, which subjects them to potential scrutiny. That mandate, however, may not be enough to deter misbehavior when large sums are at stake.**

Korea could have figured out that particular U.S. companies were likely to take a big hit. But we don't presume that politicians who have access to information that is not widely known would never stoop to profiting from it. We're from Illinois. We wake up skeptical.

The STOCK Act already bars members of Congress and their aides from making "investment decisions based on insider

information they might come across because of their congressional role." Alas, "cases are rare because proving that a politician relied on such nonpublic information is difficult," according to ProPublica.

Senators have to file forms disclosing their transactions, which subjects them to potential scrutiny. That mandate, however, may not be enough to deter misbehavior when large sums are at stake. So we're glad to see that U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, an Illinois Democrat from Schaumburg, has introduced a bill to impose stricter rules.

His legislation would bar members from trading individual stocks or serving on corporate boards. As Senate sponsor Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., says, "Buying and selling stocks while making decisions that affect the stock's value is inherently a conflict of interest."

The change would leave members other ways to build wealth through equities. Those newly elected to Congress would be free to retain the stocks they already own, as long as they don't sell them. They also could put assets in a blind trust, which

turns decisions over to independent trustees.

**Under Krishnamoorthi's legislation**, members would also be allowed to invest in stocks through diversified mutual funds, which don't pose the same risks. Current members would have six months to sell their holdings if they don't want to meet these conditions, and new members would get the same grace period.

That doesn't sound too onerous, now, does it?

When elected officials and congressional staffers manage exceptional timing in trading individual corporate shares, reaping big financial rewards in the process, they undermine public confidence in the integrity of both government and markets. Even scrupulous members of Congress suffer from the perception of sleaze.

Many members, perhaps most, are capable of resisting the urge to find ways to turn their position into large sums of money. For those who are not, Krishnamoorthi's bill offers a better solution: removing the temptation.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

I am trying to remember the person I was in 1968. I was 22 years old and a recent college graduate. I was angry, infuriated by the war in Vietnam and racial segregation. It was my first chance to vote in a presidential election. I was living in New Jersey — very briefly — and I voted for Dick Gregory, the brilliant comedian running as a write-in candidate, instead of Hubert Humphrey, the Democrat running against Republican Richard Nixon. It was a protest vote, obviously. I regret it to this day.

Humphrey barely lost New Jersey to Nixon. Gregory's 8,084 votes would not have turned the state. But I wonder: What would have happened if I, and hundreds of thousands like me nationwide, had given Humphrey the same level of energy, support and enthusiasm we lavished upon Eugene McCarthy and Robert F. Kennedy in the primaries? ...

I am not trying to persuade young Bernie Sanders zealots that they should cast a vote for this year's version of Humphrey. Not yet. In any case, they're not going to listen to a geezer like me. ...

My question to young voters is this: If Sanders loses the nomination to Joe Biden, will you be as stupid as I was in 1968? Will you allow the country — the federal government, the Environmental Protection Agency, the judiciary, the diplomatic corps — another four years of President Trump? Are you entirely sure we can survive that?

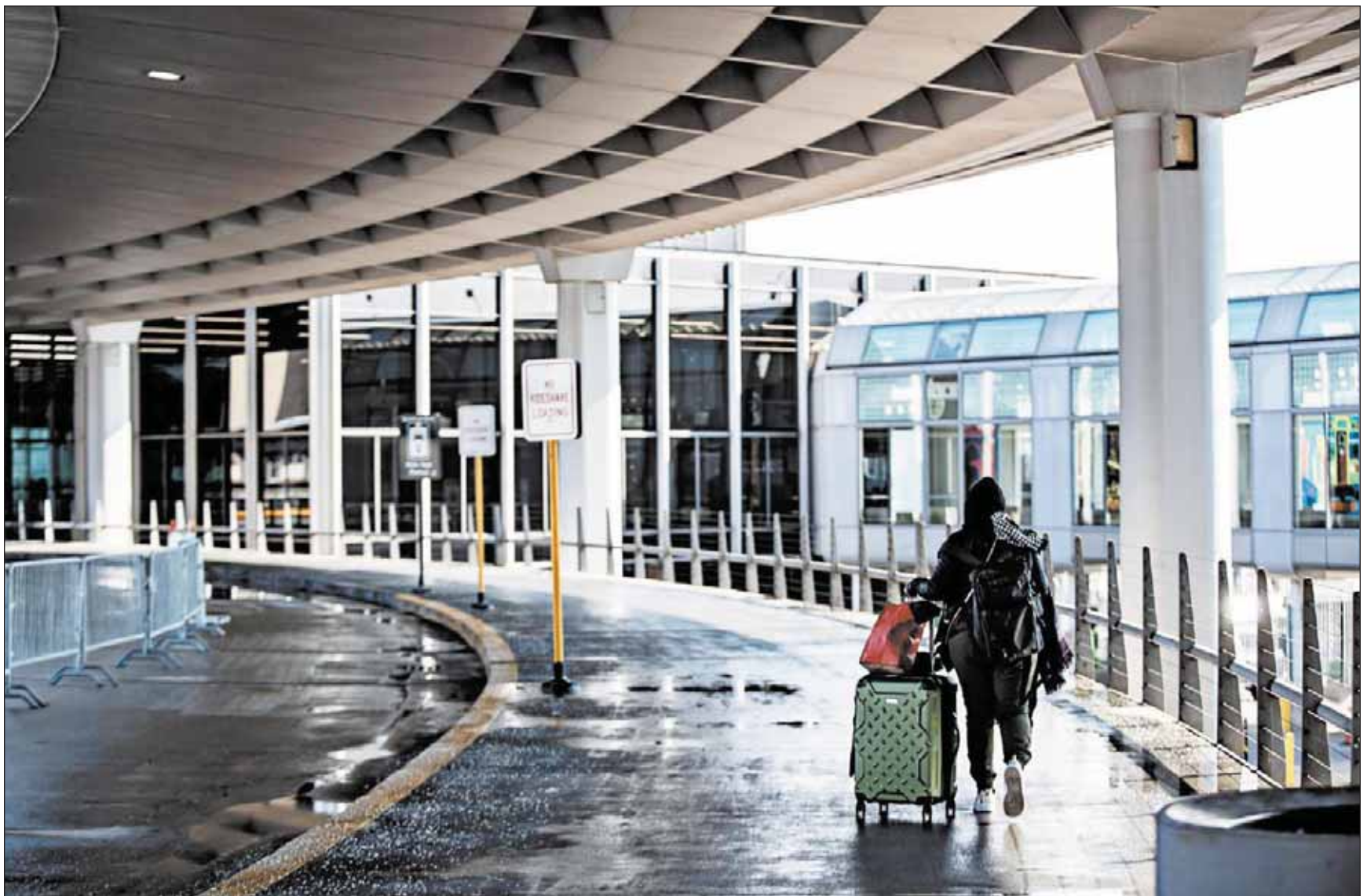
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## The right to travel within the US should not be a casualty of the coronavirus



STEVE CHAPMAN

For Chicagoans who need to go to Texas, there is bad news. You can do it, but anyone flying from here to the Lone Star State will feel extremely unwelcome. Gov. Greg Abbott has ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for such travelers.

The mandate also applies to those arriving by air from California, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Atlanta, Detroit and Miami. People driving in from Louisiana — though not New Mexico or Oklahoma — have the same obligation.

This is a command, not a suggestion. Under Abbott's executive order, state police "will conduct unannounced visits to designated quarantine locations to verify compliance." Violations are a criminal offense, carrying up to six months in jail.

Not everything is bigger in Texas. Rhode Island began by ordering self-quarantines for anyone coming from New York, and when New Yorkers objected, Gov. Gina Raimondo decided to include all other states as well. Florida has ordered self-quarantines for visitors from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Louisiana. There are obvious political advantages for governors to take actions that mostly

affect people who can't vote against them rather than those who can.

I'm old enough to remember when any American could fly, drive, bike or walk from sea to shining sea without impediment. That was in February.

State borders are political lines, not physical barriers. The right to travel freely across them has always been recognized. But that freedom is being abridged in the name of fighting the new coronavirus.

It's not a crazy idea. After all, plenty of people across America are under stay-at-home orders. Unnecessary travel of any kind is discouraged under both state and federal edicts. States are free to restrict movement by their residents to prevent the spread of a deadly contagion.

But keeping people out of Rhode Island doesn't prevent it from being transmitted from one person to another; it just diverts the infections to other states. The various state requirements fall most heavily on those coming from outside, not those moving about within. As such, the mandates not only raise serious constitutional problems but defy common sense.

The Supreme Court has recognized a basic though not unlimited freedom to go from one state to another without hindrance. As University of Chicago law professor Geoffrey Stone told me, "The framers understood that being a single nation means you have the right to travel throughout the nation." That's the difference between the border between North Dakota and South Dakota and the border between

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North Dakota and Saskatchewan.

It also means a state may not discriminate against residents of other states by putting burdens on them that it spares its own residents. Texas demands something of people coming from out of state on the possibility that they are infected, but not of roaming Texas residents who pose a similar risk.

The commonsense problems are particularly obvious in a state as big as Texas. Texarkana, in the northeast corner, is geographically closer to Chicago than it is to El Paso, on the far western edge. It's hard to see why Texans are more at risk from the typical passenger arriving at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport from Atlanta or Los Angeles than one who boarded in Houston or Laredo.

True, some of the designated places have a relatively high number of COVID-19 infections. But the Chicago metropolitan area, which is home to 9.5 million people, has fewer than

6,000 confirmed cases — or about one for every 1,600 people. Not to mention that, as Stone notes, people who are infected are less likely than others to travel in the first place.

This blanket approach "is using a sledgehammer instead of a surgical tool," says Georgetown University law professor Lawrence Gostin. He argues that states are obligated to screen passengers individually. They could use temperature checks to find possible carriers of the virus, and they could question each passenger to gauge the potential risk. They could also merely recommend that visitors isolate themselves, as Massachusetts does.

If a quick and reliable test were available, such screening would be far more precise. There is no question that a state could force a quarantine on anyone known to have the disease. But forcing a quarantine on vast numbers of people who don't have it to get the few who do — who, in most cases, could be persuaded to voluntarily sequester themselves — is an over-reach.

At moments of national peril, it's important for governors to recognize the importance of acting for the good of all Americans, not just their constituents. We are called the United States for a reason.

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# PERSPECTIVE



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The coronavirus pandemic has led to the shutdown of most of the economy and additional financial issues for the city of Chicago.

## Chicago needs a wartime financial plan, now

BY PAUL VALLAS

This city of Chicago is facing a code red fiscal crisis. It needs an aggressive financial contingency plan to prepare for the severe financial crisis that is currently materializing as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and resultant shutdown of most of the economy.

While Mayor Lori Lightfoot is doing an admirable job of marshaling resources to fight the current threat, her claim that Chicago's budget is in good shape strains credulity. Signs point to a severe impact on the current 2020 budget and a budgetary nightmare in 2021.

Chicago, like many cities, is heavily dependent on revenues directly or indirectly generated by consumption and from activities that require the type of social interaction that is now being severely limited. With the service economy constituting the vast majority of gross domestic product, and the federal government and states taking actions that effectively shut down large parts of that economy, suggesting the pandemic will not have a serious impact on revenues is disingenuous.

The property tax, Chicago's most stable revenue source, is 93% dedicated to the funding of pensions and debt service. The city's \$4.45 billion corporate fund, which pays for core city services, is heavily dependent on taxes directly impacted by the pandemic and the economic shutdown.

Taxes such as the sales tax, parking tax, amusement and transportation-related taxes are all tied to business sectors taking a direct hit. Additionally, shared revenues from the state of Illinois are impacted by a

slowdown of economic activity.

Obviously, revenues tied to hotel room rental, sporting events, concerts and theater entertainment, parking garages, the convention business, gasoline sales, property transfer taxes, CTA ridership, parking and red-light tickets have all been impaired or eviscerated.

To not immediately treat this as a fiscal, as well as a medical and humanitarian, crisis is not responsible. We are in the midst of a code red financial meltdown. Remember, the city's current budget was predicated on a 17% increase in corporate fund revenues.

We need to prepare for a wartime economy where financial sacrifice is required of all, including public employees. Some steps that could help provide for a more sustainable future:

- Reprioritize expenditures that do not directly or indirectly improve health and safety or promote economic recovery; defer, not cancel, salary and longevity pay increases; and pay straight time instead of overtime.

- Companies providing contractual services to government agencies could also be asked to reduce billings while maintaining services in exchange for contract extensions.

- Elected officials and highly compensated government executives and managers should lead by example by partially abating their salaries.

On the revenue side, a number of actions should be considered:

- Aggressively pursuing additional opportunities to refinance city debt to take advantage of plummeting interest rates.
- Reprioritizing the use of tax increment financing funds, projected to grow to \$750

million this year, to shore up city finances. Possibilities include dedicating all non-county TIF surpluses to the city's cash reserves, including revenues committed to the Chicago Public Schools. This can be done legally by reimbursing the city's 2020 school subsidies in an amount equal to TIF surplus allocation.

- Downsizing or deferring TIF projects. Those projects can be ramped up again after the crisis and the financial recovery.

- The city should further explore the possibility of refinancing other TIF-related debt to boost TIF surpluses that can be used to shore up the city's cash reserves.

- Explore TIF obligation bonds financed with revenues that will become available as TIFs expire. Proceeds could be used to significantly reduce the city's unfunded liability, which would reduce increases in annual mandated city pension contributions at this critical time.

The federal government cannot be counted on to rescue Chicago. Even with promised funding from President Donald Trump's administration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's process for federal disaster relief can be an agonizingly long and cumbersome process. With no real certainty as to the length of the crisis, nor the long-term impact on the economy, decisive action is needed immediately to ensure that Chicago is prepared for the worst.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### CPS teachers, staff doing jobs

Chicago Public Schools teachers and support staff are scrambling to respond to the coronavirus shutdown by writing and implementing online curriculum, coordinating and planning lessons, and providing instruction and support to our students at the same time that we take care of our own families.

Yet the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board ("Don't settle for a lost school year, Chicago," March 30) seems to see this global health crisis as an opportunity to scapegoat front-line educators — under the guise of the call for "flexibility" — because it still hasn't forgiven us for our strike last fall. Recall that the 2019 strike won powerful guarantees for schools, including a nurse in every building.

There is no more flexible class of workers than public school educators. We contend with shrinking financial supports and poorly crafted mandates literally every day of our work lives, whether we're working virtually or in our schools. As front-line educators, no one knows better than we do what is working and what is still needed as we shift to remote learning for our students. We are not flexible about suspending hard-won gains for our students — gains enshrined in our enforceable contract, the very tool that allows us to demand real equity for our students during this pandemic.

As educators, our top priority is our students' safety and well-being, and we've been working every day and over the week-ends since Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced school closures to reach as many students as we can to offer children learning, support and comfort as they struggle through the realities of sheltering in place. We've also advocated for practical common-good demands that provide students and families with needed support.

We've embraced a platform built on the right to recovery for all — including immediate housing for tens of thousands of homeless students, additional supports for special education students, more health and wellness professionals for our school communities, and a host of other equity needs.

Our enforceable contract is the only tool we have to hold CPS and city executives accountable. We've asked CPS to accelerate some of the commitments it made in our contract, including staffing up more quickly with health professionals. And we won't betray our students by abandoning what we've won for them, or backing off our call to accelerate real equity at this time of critical need.

— Jesse Sharkey, president, Chicago Teachers Union

#### Big renters strike not the way

Calls for a national rent strike during this health and economic crisis are extremely misguided. More than 47% of the rental units in the United States are owned by individual investors, or mom-and-pop landlords, according to the 2015 Rental Housing Finance Survey.

Like any small business owner, mom-and-pop landlords like my wife and me have an array of business expenses associated with rental properties. Expenses typically include a mortgage, property taxes and payment for city services. There can be other fees, depending on the municipality, such as for annual inspections and licenses. Depending on the season, there can be landscaping or snow removal costs.

Typically, rents don't leave much discretionary income after operating expenses for when a water heater or furnace needs repair or squirrels have nested in the attic. Believe it or not, rents are influenced by market forces, such as supply and demand.

Despite all the economic uncertainty, choosing not to pay rent because of job loss or as a show of solidarity for those who have lost their jobs will only exasperate the shock waves rippling through our economy from the coronavirus pandemic. Landlords will be forced to pay operating expenses out of pocket, which will strain their finances. The more citizens whose finances are imperiled, the shakier our economy becomes. Think of it as a domino effect.

Renters facing financial difficulties due to job loss should talk to their landlord about a solution, if they haven't already. We had a tenant who works in the restaurant industry contact us as soon as Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced the closing of restaurants. We have begun working out a solution. Renters who reach out to their landlords about difficulty paying rent are likely to find landlords are not ogres or looking to throw them out in the street. Most mom-and-pop landlords are small business owners trying to figure how to weather this economic storm. We are all in this together.

— Peter Lucas, Highland Park

#### Shortages in US appalling

Listening to medical workers and politicians talk about not having the proper medical equipment, not having even enough masks and other attire for health care workers, shocks me. It shocks me that this is happening in the U.S. and not a developing nation. I'm used to seeing our country stepping up to help other countries in need, but we can't seem to even help ourselves.

— Richard Morris, Chicago

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## My Peace Corps evacuation from Ukraine: I had 5 hours to pack and say goodbye

BY RANDI SHAFFER

### "EVACUATION MESSAGE"

After a few days of coronavirus-centered speculation, the email subject line — with its caps lock-induced sense of urgency — made it official. Peace Corps would be leaving Ukraine. I had five hours to pack, and then I would be leaving Ukraine.

It took a while for the feelings to hit — the denial, anger, despair, fear and a strange and unwelcome heart-wrenching sensation.

I first landed in Ukraine in August. After a yearlong application process — which included everything from background checks to a thorough medical clearance — I was approved to spend 27 months volunteering in the former Soviet republic. I nervously quit my full-time job as a digital editor at the Chicago Tribune, moved out of my Uptown apartment, packed plenty of peanut butter into my two 50-pound checked suitcases, held tight to my government-issued passport and hopped onto the first of a series of flights to my new home.

I spent the beginning of my Peace Corps service in the city of Zhytomyr, undergoing what Peace Corps refers to as pre-service training. During PST, I spent an intense two months studying the Ukrainian language, and learning about cultural traditions and customs. I lived with my first of two host families and completed a teaching practicum aimed at giving me insight into Ukraine's public education system.

Following my training, I was sworn in as an official Peace Corps volunteer and whisked away to Khmelnytskyi, the oblast capital in which I was meant to live and work for my two full years of service.

I was assigned to a position at Gymnasium No. 2, a secondary school full of eager and friendly fifth- through 11th graders who giggled every time they heard my American accent, and asked me if I personally knew Billie Eilish and Ariana Grande. I was also given a second host

family. Mama Natasha, Igor, Ira and Vanya welcomed me with open arms — and a lot of borscht — and spent three months entertaining my broken Ukrainian, eating my grilled cheese sandwiches, reminding me to call my actual American family and asking me why my parka wasn't zipped.

After those three months, I moved into my own apartment, and my normal adult life in Ukraine — working as an English teacher, hosting clubs and events for community members, socializing with both American and Ukrainian friends — was set to begin.

Until it wasn't. I'd been visiting a fellow volunteer in a nearby city when the alerts started coming in. Peace Corps takes volunteer safety very seriously. Peace Corps Ukraine's safety and security team had an emergency action plan in place, should any situation arise that would threaten the safety of any volunteer.

On March 14, that plan went into overdrive. On Saturday morning, I was ordered to return to my city and pack a bag to prepare for a potential evacuation. On Saturday night, I was ordered to leave my city — and prepare to potentially never return.

The evacuation process itself was brutal. Because the government of Ukraine planned to close the country's borders just after midnight March 17, Peace Corps Ukraine had to work fast to get us out. I had five hours to move out of my apartment, pack my suitcases and catch a train to the capital for our departing flight. My host family and a few of my beloved Ukrainian co-workers met me at the train station before sunrise to say their tear-soaked goodbyes in myriad languages. I never had the chance to say goodbye to anyone else.

The next week was a sleep-deprived blur. Our original charter flight was delayed, and then canceled. Volunteers were moved to one hotel, and then another as business after business closed down as part of Ukraine's protective measures against the growing coronavirus threat. A second charter flight was delayed five times, and then canceled again — also due

to ever-changing coronavirus-related regulations.

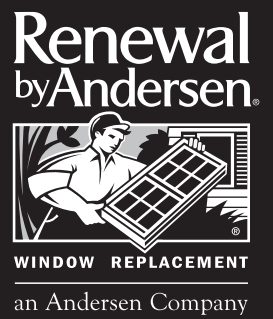
Finally, thanks to the nonstop work of the Peace Corps staff in Ukraine, a new charter company was contracted for a third flight, which departed March 20 — despite a printer-induced delay at check-in that led to hand-scribbled boarding passes — and carried all 250-plus of us back to Washington, D.C.

My Peace Corps service was over. Shortly after Peace Corps Ukraine made the evacuation call, Peace Corps headquarters made the unprecedented decision to conduct a global evacuation, recalling more than 7,000 of us serving in 60 different countries back to the United States. Rather than suspend our service, Peace Corps made the decision to grant "close-of-service" status to all of us, effectively ending our service. We're now considered returned Peace Corps volunteers, or RPCVs in the acronym-heavy community, and our end-of-service paperwork was processed.

Watching this pandemic unfold has been surreal and terrifying. Like me, many volunteers are eager to head back to our host countries. We have unfinished work. I hope to apply for reinstatement as soon as my post safely opens again. The timing of that, of course, depends on how fast we can flatten the coronavirus curve. All of my fellow PCVs are in self-quarantine now, adding onto the months, if not years, we've gone without seeing our friends and family members. The waiting isn't easy, but it's necessary.

In the meantime, I'll continue to study the Ukrainian language, video chat with my host family, mourn with fellow evacuated volunteers and wait it out, optimistic that — if we're all diligent with our hand-washing and social distancing — I'll be able to resume my 27-month commitment to Ukraine. In America, we say "it's not goodbye, it's see you later." In Ukraine, we say *do zustrichi*.

*Randi Shaffer is a former Tribune digital editor.*



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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

### City gets 500 reports about businesses remaining open

Complaints flood in following mayor's call to notify officials

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

The city had received roughly 500 complaints about nonessential businesses operating in violation of the governor's stay-at-home directive as of Tuesday.

Last week, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot called on residents and workers to report such businesses.

"Some complaints are for restaurants, bars, yoga studios, hair salons and other inessential businesses, while some are for

businesses such as banks and auto shops that are considered essential," said Isaac Reichman, a spokesman for the city's Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, in an emailed statement.

"We are focusing on sharing information while issuing citations for egregious and repeat offenders," he said.

Businesses that may not be considered "essential" could face fines up to \$10,000 if they remain open.

The city is urging residents and employees to submit complaints through the 311 system.

Workers also are encouraged to report employers that are refus-

ing them sick leave, including companies that are essential. Chicago approved an ordinance in 2016 that guarantees workers the ability to accrue five days of paid sick leave each year.

On March 20, Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued an order that prohibits any gathering larger than 10 people and closed schools, state parks and certain businesses. The governor later extended that order through April 30.

Under the governor's stay-at-home order, grocery stores, laundromats, pharmacies, banks, health care services and trade workers like plumbers, electricians and janitorial staff are deemed essential businesses.



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot called on Chicago residents and workers to report nonessential businesses that are staying open during the pandemic.

But it hasn't stopped some companies from branding their line of work as "essential." Bikram Yoga West Loop was issued a violation notice by the city on Friday. The fitness studio, which

said it stayed open because it was a place of "health and wellness," faces a fine of at least \$500.

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Morgan Elise Johnson, founder of the Triibe, sits in front of her Chicago home Wednesday as she listens to a meditation class via Instagram Live.

## Dropping in uninvited

Zoom video meetings are being interrupted by hackers spewing hate speech and showing porn

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Morgan Elise Johnson has been hosting virtual meditation sessions each weekday morning through her digital media company The Triibe, to bring a sense of calm to the audience during the coronavirus outbreak.

One morning last week, though, that calm was shattered.

The group was using video conferencing app Zoom and had just started its session when some young men joined the meeting, Johnson said. They started heckling the wellness professional leading the meditation. Then it got worse.

They took control of the screen and started searching for pornography, Johnson said. When she tried to mute them, the hackers scolded her and used a racial slur.

"I just exited out right away," Johnson said. "For it to be at a moment where we were seeking community and seeking collective calm ... it really cut through my spirit and affected me in a very visceral way."

The group, comprised mainly of black Chicagoans, had been "Zoombombed," an increasingly popular form of hacking where someone drops in, uninvited, to a Zoom video meeting. The Triibe has continued hosting medita-

tion sessions, but they're doing it on Instagram Live instead, Johnson said.

"It's just a question of how do we move forward?" she said. "Is Zoom a platform that we need to just disregard completely?"

Zoom's popularity has skyrocketed as millions of homebound people settle into new remote work and learning routines during the pandemic. There are free versions of Zoom, or users can pay for a subscription for broader use. The platform has been used in recent weeks for everything from business meetings and yoga classes to virtual happy hours. But the increased use of Zoom has brought more opportunities to hack into it.

Unlike other types of cyberattacks, hacking into a Zoom meeting can be relatively easy if certain security settings aren't turned on, experts say. Zoom invites often are posted on social media to increase attendance,

which can make them more vulnerable. Some argue Zoom's default settings could be more secure.

"Bad actors are focusing on the fact that everybody's using it but not everybody may know how to use it properly," said Louis McHugh IV, a cybersecurity professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

In other forms of cyberattacks, hackers typically want money, McHugh said. They're out for passwords, credit card numbers, or data to hold ransom that will end in a payday. That does not seem to be the case with Zoom-bombing, McHugh said. So far, the main motivation appears to be mischief.

But many reported incidents of Zoombombing tread into more nefarious waters, said David Goldenberg, Midwest regional director of anti-hate organization ADL, also called the Anti-Defamation League. On Tuesday alone, ADL's Chicago office received four calls from different Jewish organizations reporting that their video meetings had

been targeted.

"We assume that those who are doing it are seeking to disrupt, and in some cases, spread hate and even intimidate," Goldenberg said. "Those who have particular ideologies ... can use this as an opportunity to target different groups."

ChiTribe, a Chicago-based organization meant to reach Jewish millennials, was Zoom-bombed Monday night, said co-founder and Executive Director Rebecca Joey Schwab.

The group was hosting a virtual game night on Zoom with about 30 people, when hackers took control of the call. They appeared to be teenage boys, Schwab said.

Schwab knew immediately what was happening. She uses Zoom frequently and knew that if meeting hosts don't disable certain settings, members can take control of the screen. Schwab and the meeting host acted quickly to shut down the call.

The incident lasted less than a minute, but that was enough time for the hackers to shout anti-semitic profanities, Schwab said.

"It was jarring, and it was good it happened to us because we knew what to do," she said.

The host changed Zoom settings to lock down the meeting to uninvited guests, and took other measures. Ten minutes later, the virtual game night was up and

**"Bad actors are focusing on the fact that everybody's using it but not everybody may know how to use it properly."**

— Louis McHugh IV, a cybersecurity professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology

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## Puzzles, paint are the new essentials

Families working from home are looking for ways to fill the time

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Kari DeHaven has been baking since she was a kid, having learned from her grandma.

But she'd never tried sourdough until a new work-from-home routine and inspiration from social media convinced her to give it a shot. Since Friday, she's made two loaves and some sourdough waffles.

"One great thing with baking is it gives you a little bit of a sense of control. In the chaotic world we're living in, it's soothing to be working with my hands in the kitchen," said DeHaven, 26, who's staying with family in Sycamore. "Touching, tasting, utilizing all my senses helps ground me."

She's not alone. So many people have been firing up their ovens that consumers say flour and yeast can be tough to find.

Faced with orders to hunker down at home in an attempt to slow the spread of the new coronavirus, consumers stocked up on canned beans and cleaning products. But stores and analysts said shoppers also snapped up items that aren't obvious essentials, like electric skillets, house paint and puzzles.

Families with parents working from home while kids are out of school need ways to fill the time. So do people social distancing while living alone.

People feel good when they're engaged in activities that take a bit of effort and skill or involve learning something new, said Howard Nusbaum, a cognitive psychologist and neuroscientist and director of the Center for Practical Wisdom at the University of Chicago.

"We feel better doing it because we're improving ourselves and the situation around us," he said.

It's especially true if the activity makes people feel more socially connected, whether that means taking on a project that can be shared with friends or family — like a fresh-baked loaf — or just talking about it with them afterward, he said.

Sourdough, in particular, seems to have attracted bakers looking for a new challenge. Melissa Wongkamalasai-Monar, owner of pFlour Bakery & Cafe in Edgewater, said she usually sells one or two sourdough starters a month but sold 10 in about a week after Illinois' stay-at-home order went

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## New York insurance firm to acquire Assurance Holdings

Company will make Illinois its Midwest regional headquarters

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

A subsidiary of Marsh, a New York-based insurance broker and risk adviser firm, on Wednesday

announced the acquisition of Assurance Holdings for an undisclosed amount.

The Schaumburg-based company will become the new Midwest regional headquarters for middle-market agency subsidiary Marsh & McLennan Agency.

Assurance was founded in 1961 in Arlington Heights. It later

moved to Schaumburg and opened another office in downtown Chicago. Assurance provides property and casualty insurance, employee benefits and retirement services to businesses in several sectors, including construction, staffing, schools and real estate firms.

The firm will be known as Assurance, a Marsh & McLennan

Agency company. In 2019, Assurance's annual revenues were more than \$127 million. The company employs 525 workers.

Assurance CEO Tony Chimino, who will lead the Marsh & McLennan's regional headquarters, said the acquisition will allow the company to expand its offerings to clients with interna-

tional offices, among other things.

"What's great about MMA is that they buy us for who we are as opposed to something they're trying to get us to become," Chimino said.

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# Families

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into effect. Joan Gumowitz Matthews, a retired anesthesiologist, said she thinks baking bread can be empowering at a time when people “feel lost and frightened and don’t know what’s going to happen next.”

“You mix this glob of dough together, let it ferment and put it in the oven and it turns into something amazing,” said Matthews, 61, of the Gold Coast neighborhood.

Matthews recently had her license reinstated so she can go back to work alongside her husband, who is chair of the surgery department at University of Chicago Medicine. In the meantime, she’s been baking sourdough loaves, bagels and cookies for the university’s residents.

“I’m pacing here, wondering what I can do,” she said. “It feels odd to have my husband on the front lines and I’m sitting at home.”

Even consumers who aren’t ready to take on baking bread from scratch prepared for more time in the kitchen.

Sales of breadmakers and electric skillet were up

195% and 138% during the week that ended March 14 compared with the same week the prior year, according to data from market research firm The NP Group. Consumers also bought more appliances for making sandwiches, pasta, waffles and juice. Water filtration device and vacuum sealer sales were up 256% and 113%, respectively too.

That week was “the wake-up call,” said Joe Derochowski, home industry adviser at The NP Group. “We were making sure, in that phase, ‘Do I have the essentials for my quarantine?’”

For some consumers, those essentials included puzzles and games.

Rick Derr, owner of Learning Express Toys in Lake Zurich, estimates a little more than half of the customers calling his store to make a purchase want puzzles. He’s been sold out of 1,000-piece or larger sets for the past four days, though more are on the way.

“We don’t normally sell many big sets this time of year except to big aficionados,” he said.

His store is still open since it also sells educational games for students stuck at home. Customers can’t shop inside, but they can pick up

products ordered ahead at the curb. March sales are down about 22% compared with the same month last year, Derr said. Still, sales of puzzles and games were up about 90% and 41%, respectively. Arts and crafts, plush toys and outdoor toys still make up the largest share of the store’s sales.

Games provide a way for people to socialize with their families while they can’t go out and see friends, while puzzles can help people home alone pass the time, said James Zahn, senior editor of The Toy Insider.

“It’s the screen-free play a lot of families are rediscovering,” Zahn said. “They’re finding they have something they didn’t have before, which is time.”

Others appear to be taking on home improvement projects.

When news of the pandemic first hit, customers came to hardware stores looking for disinfecting sprays, soap and toilet paper, said True Value CEO John Hartmann. Once those needs were filled — and especially as cities and states began ordering residents to stay home as much as possible — sales shifted.

“We’ve had a huge surge in paint, and with the onset of spring in many parts of



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Brad Schlueter is looking for items to stay busy at home during a stop at Village True Value Hardware store in Western Springs on Wednesday.

the country, a lot of lawn and garden sales,” he said.

People typically repaint before they have people over during the holidays or over the summer — not early spring, said Linda Johnson, owner of Village True Value Hardware in Western Springs. Now that they’re working from home, they have more time to take on long-planned projects, or to realize they’re no longer fond of the color scheme in their homes.

“You sit around at home and think, ‘Oh my gosh, this is ugly,’” she said.

Lawn and garden sales are also higher than normal given spring hasn’t really hit Chicago yet, Johnson said.

JC Licht paint stores saw a similar spike, at least initially, said Sharon

McGuckin, vice president of retail. She estimates paint sales were about 30% higher than normal in the week before Illinois’ stay-at-home order went into effect. A JC Licht store in the West Loop that is part of the True Value network also saw a huge uptick in sales of grills and propane, she said.

Since then, the paint stores have moved to curbside pickup and delivery, though the West Loop hardware store remains open. Do-it-yourself project sales are back to normal levels, though people are still coming in for toilet paper, cleaning products and other household items, McGuckin said.

McGuckin thinks the do-it-yourself projects appeal to people feeling a little help-

less in the face of a pandemic when there’s little they can do to help, except stay home.

“Everybody can control the color of their walls, and it’s affordable,” she said.

Of course, alcohol sales are also up, according to market research firm Nielsen. Alcoholic beverage sales were up 55% during the week that ended March 21 compared with the same week the prior year, led by spirits, with sales jumping 75%. Wine sales rose 66% and sales of beer, including cider, were up 42%, according to Nielsen.

Danelle Kosmal, vice president of beverage alcohol at Nielsen, said she thought growth likely peaked that week, when many consumers were stocking up.

Booze might not sound as wholesome as tools for a home improvement project or a game to share with the family, but it’s all about context, Nusbaum said. Someone buying a bottle of gin or six-pack of beers might be planning to sip Negronis during a virtual happy hour or kick back for a long-distance movie night with a friend.

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# Zoom

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running again.

Similar incidents have been reported from around the city and country. Earlier this week, the FBI Boston Division put out a warning about Zoom bombing after receiving reports of video conferences being interrupted with hate speech, pornography and threatening language.

New York’s attorney general sent Zoom a letter asking what steps the company is taking to ensure users’ security and privacy.

On Tuesday, Chicago aldermen and Illinois state representatives were on a press conference via Zoom that was hacked.

“It was disruptive,” said

Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, who was on the call. “The intent was to derail our press conference. Whoever did this had some success.”

Illinois’ attorney general’s office has not received any complaints about Zoom hacking, but it is monitoring the issue, spokeswoman Tori Joseph said.

“We urge people to take steps to protect themselves, such as password protecting their meeting, not sharing meeting credentials with anyone who is not a participant in the meeting, and disabling screen sharing,” she said in an email.

Some organizations that use Zoom are taking measures to lock down their meetings or class sessions.

The University of Chicago has worked with Zoom to maximize security and update default settings, said

spokesman Gerald McSwigan. The university’s information technology department is holding training sessions for instructors.

Zoom recently updated guidance on how to better lock down meetings. Chief Marketing Officer Janine Pelosi said in a statement that the San Jose, Calif.-based company is “deeply upset” about the incidents.

“We take the security of Zoom meetings seriously,” she said. “We also recently updated the default screen sharing settings for our education users so teachers by default are the only ones who can share content in class. We strongly condemn such behavior.”

Users that have experienced a Zoom bombing say they never would have thought they’d be hacked in such a way. Dr. Santina

Wheat, a family physician at Erie Family Health Centers, said she was on a Zoom call last week that hackers dropped in on.

She was about 40 minutes into a call with other physicians, discussing how to provide care during the pandemic, when two men joined the meeting and started swearing. It was jarring, Wheat said, but at least now she knows to look out for it.

User education will be key to combating Zoom bombing, said Art Sturdevant, director of operations at Ann Arbor, Michigan-based cybersecurity company Censys.

“As Zoom becomes more prevalent, this problem is going to pick up steam,” he said. “If the quarantine drives on, people are only going to get more bored, and

you’ll see more mischief.”

Here are some tips from the FBI, Zoom and other experts to prevent Zoom bombing:

- Keep meetings and classrooms private. Do this by requiring a meeting password. Additionally, the “Waiting Room” feature can help hosts control who enters.
- Do not share invites to Zoom meetings on social media. Instead, send the meeting password directly to attendees.
- Use a random meeting ID, so it can’t be shared multiple times. According to Zoom’s website, this is safer than using a “Personal Meeting ID.”
- Change screen sharing settings to “Only Host,” so no one but the host can control the screen. The host can also mute participants in their

settings.

■ Lock a Zoom session that has already begun so no one else can join. Do this by clicking “Participants” in the bottom of a Zoom window, then clicking “Lock Meeting.”

■ Remove participants by hovering over their name in the Participants menu, and clicking the “Remove” option. The removed participant will not be allowed back in, according to Zoom’s website.

■ The FBI advises users to make sure they have the most updated version of Zoom’s software. A recent security update added default passwords and disabled the ability to scan for meetings to join.

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# What you need to do to get your stimulus check

BY SARAH SKIDMORE SELL  
Associated Press

The IRS and the Treasury Department say Americans will start receiving their economic impact checks in the next three weeks.

The payments are part of the \$2.2 trillion rescue package signed into law last week by President Donald Trump aimed at combating the economic ravages of the coronavirus outbreak.

The IRS and Treasury have provided more details on how to ensure you get paid. Here are the basics:

## Who is eligible for the payments?

Anyone earning up to \$75,000 in adjusted gross income and who has a Social Security number will receive a \$1,200 payment. That means married couples filing joint returns will receive the full payment — \$2,400 — if their adjusted gross income, what you report on your taxes, is under \$150,000.

The payment steadily declines for those who make more.

Those earning more than \$99,000, or \$198,000 for joint filers, are not eligible. The thresholds are slightly different for

those who file as a head of household.

Parents will also receive \$500 for each qualifying child.

## What do I have to do to get the check?

For most people, nothing.

The money will be directly deposited in your bank account if the government has that information from your tax return.

If you haven't filed your 2019 taxes, the government will use information from your 2018 taxes to calculate your payment and determine where to send it.

It can use your Social Security benefit statement as well.

## I don't usually have to file taxes. Do I still get a payment?

Yes.

People who are not required to file a tax return — such as low-income tax payers, some senior citizens, Social Security recipients, some veterans and people with disabilities — will need to file a simplified tax return to receive the economic impact payment.

It provides the government basic details, including a person's filing status, number of dependents and direct-deposit bank information.

## I haven't filed my 2018 or 2019 taxes. Will I still get a payment?

Yes, but the IRS urges anyone required to file a tax return and has not yet done so for those years to file as soon as possible in order to receive an economic impact payment. Taxpayers should include direct-deposit banking information on the return if they want it deposited in their account.

## I didn't use direct deposit on my taxes, what can I do?

The government will default to sending you the check by mail.

However, IRS and Treasury say that they will develop an online portal for individuals to provide their banking information so that they can receive the payments immediately instead of in the mail.

## I need more time to file my tax returns. How long do I have to get the payment?

The IRS says people concerned about visiting a tax professional or local community organization in person to get help with a tax return should not worry. The economic impact payments will be available throughout the rest of 2020.

# Stocks skid as economic toll worsens from virus

BY STAN CHOE, DAMIAN J. TROISE AND ALEX VEIGA  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street and markets around the world fell sharply Wednesday as the economic and physical toll caused by the coronavirus outbreak mounts — and as experts say they still can't predict when it will end.

The S&P 500 lost 4.4% after the White House said Tuesday that anywhere from 100,000 to 240,000 Americans could die from COVID-19, even if the country follows guidelines to avoid shopping trips, eating at restaurants and other activities through April.

Such restrictions have already deeply gashed the economy, and Whiting Petroleum, one of the biggest drillers in the Bakken shale formation, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Wednesday, with the price of oil near \$20 a barrel.

Automakers also reported sharp drops in U.S. sales for March, including a 43% plunge for Hyundai.

Mortgage applications tumbled 24% from year-ago levels as open houses are all but shut down.

"There is a lot of uncertainty," said Megan Horneman, director of portfolio strategy at Verdecia Capital Advisors. "The negative news is really taking over."

The negative news was also global. Japanese stocks took some of the world's heaviest losses, down 4.5%, after a survey of business sentiment there fell to its worst result in seven years.

Britain's FTSE 100 fell 3.8% after big banks there scrapped dividend payments, part of a worldwide effort by companies and households alike to conserve cash.

The S&P 500 fell 114.09 points to 2,470.50, and all 11 sectors that make up the index dropped.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 973.65, or 4.4%, to 20,943.51, and the Nasdaq composite fell 339.52, or 4.4%, to 7,360.58.



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A rent strike sign is posted last week in Chicago. The idea has taken root in some North American cities and as far away as London.

# Rent strike idea gaining steam

Advocates demand bills be waived for those in need during pandemic

BY JIM SALTER  
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — With millions of people suddenly out of work and rent due this week, some tenants are vowing to go on a rent strike until the coronavirus pandemic subsides.

Boston, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and St. Louis are among many cities that have temporarily banned evictions, but advocates for the strike are demanding that rent payments be waived, not delayed, for those in need during the crisis. The rent strike idea has taken root in parts of North America and as far away as London.

White sheets are being hung in apartment windows to show solidarity with the movement that is gaining steam on social media. Flyers urging people to participate are being posted in several cities, including St. Louis, where 27-year-old Kyle Kofron still has his job at an ice cream factory, but his three roommates have suddenly found themselves unemployed. Their property manager so far hasn't agreed to a payment

plan, Kofron said.

"For me personally, with everyone losing their jobs and unable to pay, it's really the only thing we can do," Kofron said of the strike. "It's just like we the people have to do something. We just can't stand idly by while the system takes us for a ride."

Stay-at-home orders and strict limits on gatherings have forced shops, restaurants and bars to shut down indefinitely. Many service industry workers thrust into unemployment lived paycheck-to-paycheck in the best of times. Now, many say they don't have the money to pay rent.

Some politicians have expressed support, if not directly for a strike, then for a temporary rent moratorium, including Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders.

Strike advocates aren't waiting for legislative approval. Activist organizations in many places are leading the push. A group called Rent Strike 2020 is organizing on the national level.

"Our demands to every Governor, in every state, are extremely simple: freeze rent, mortgage, and utility bill collection for 2 months, or face a rent strike," Rent Strike 2020's website states.

Advocates in St. Louis are encouraging those who can afford rent to join the movement in solidarity with those who

can't. Without a large number of participants, landlords will simply evict strikers, said Chris Winston, of For the People STL.

Others say a rent strike could further worsen the economy if landlords and property managers themselves are forced to default on loans. Some strike advocates have urged banks to suspend requiring payments from landlords and property management companies so that those groups can better absorb their own financial losses from a rent strike or moratorium.

Matthew Chase, an eviction attorney in St. Louis County, said property management companies and landlords have employees to pay, utility bills and other costs. A widespread rent strike could force them to lay off their own workers, cut back on property maintenance or even close apartment complexes.

Nick Kasoff, who lives in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, calls himself a "small-time landlord." He had words of warning for anyone refusing to pay their rent.

"Courts are closed, but they won't be closed forever," Kasoff wrote on Facebook. "If you choose not to pay rent when you are able, your landlord will be down there filing an eviction the day they open back up. You will lose your home, ruin your credit, and make it difficult to get any sort of decent housing in the future."

# Businesses cut 27,000 jobs before virus hit

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. companies shed 27,000 jobs in March, according to a private survey, a figure that mostly reflected the economy as it stood before the full impact of the viral outbreak.

Payroll processor ADP said small businesses took the biggest hit, losing 90,000 jobs, while medium-sized and large companies still added workers. Economists forecast that much larger job losses, probably in the millions, will be reported in the coming months.

March's figures are the first monthly job loss reported by ADP since hurricanes Harvey and Irma slammed Texas and much of the southeast in September 2017.

Just one month ago, ADP said that businesses gained 179,000 jobs in February.

On Friday, the government will issue its monthly jobs report, expected to show a loss of about 150,000 jobs, according to FactSet. That will snap a record-long streak of 113 consecutive months of hiring.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, which compiles the ADP report, said that the government's April jobs report, which will be released in early May, will probably show unprecedented job losses of 10 million to 15 million, with the unemployment rate likely topping 10%.

In addition to widespread layoffs, hiring has collapsed, which will also drag down the overall job numbers.

A Moody's survey of companies that

typically finds 40% of firms hiring has fallen to a record low of 6% of businesses adding jobs, Zandi said.

"Not only are we seeing big layoffs, but obviously no one's hiring at this point," he said.

ADP said the figures reflect job counts during the week ending March 14, when the number of people seeking unemployment benefits was still largely in check.

The following week, unemployment claims exploded, soaring to 3.3 million, five times the previous record high.

Most of the job losses in the March ADP report were concentrated in a category that includes retail, which cut 37,000 jobs, and in construction, which shed 16,000.

Hotels, restaurants and casinos lost 11,000 jobs.

## BUSINESS BRIEFING

### T-Mobile's Sprint merger completed

NEW YORK — Mobile carrier T-Mobile has completed the takeover of smaller rival Sprint, creating a new wireless giant that rivals AT&T and Verizon in size.

The companies announced the deal, valued at \$31.6 billion based on T-Mobile's closing stock price Tuesday, two years ago. It has taken a long time to close because of pushback from state and federal regulators.

The Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Justice approved the deal last year, with DOJ telling the companies that they must set up satellite TV company Dish as a new wireless carrier — an unusual arrangement — in order to win approval. But state attorneys general sued to block the deal, saying it would add billions to wireless bills.

### Allegheny Tech to shutter steel plant

MIDLAND, Pa. — Allegheny Technologies Inc. has announced plans to shut down a western Pennsylvania plant at the end of June, citing steel tariffs imposed on imports by the Trump administration.

About 70 employees, most represented by the United Steelworkers union, would lose their jobs at the plant in Beaver County, the company said Tuesday. CEO Robert Wetherbee said in a statement that Allegheny Technologies had sought a tariff exclusion since March 2018.

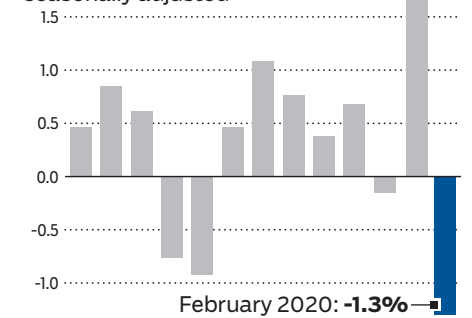
Officials said the first request was rejected and the second received no response. The Midland plant imports steel slabs from Indonesia and turns them into 60-inch stainless steel sheets used in a variety of products.

### Construction spending down

February construction spending in the U.S. fell 1.3 percent from January.

#### CONSTRUCTION SPENDING

Percentage change from previous month, seasonally adjusted

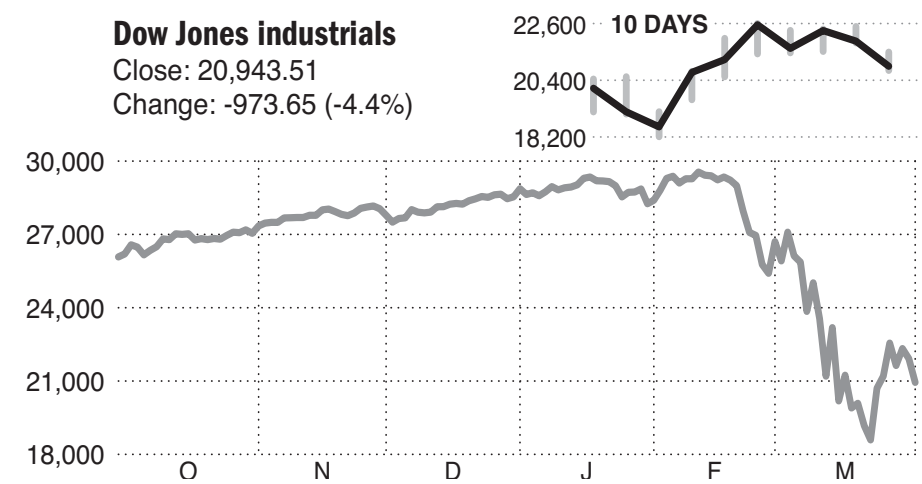


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MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 21,487.24 Low: 20,784.43 Previous: 21,917.16



**Nasdaq**  
-339.52 (-4.41%)

**S&P 500**  
-114.09 (-4.41%)

**Russell 2000**  
-81.11 (-7.03%)

**Close** 7,360.58  
**High** 7,566.37  
**Low** 7,301.98  
**Previous** 7,700.10

**Close** 2,470.50  
**High** 2,522.75  
**Low** 2,447.49  
**Previous** 2,584.59

**Close** 1,071.99  
**High** 1,127.73  
**Low** 1,064.60  
**Previous** 1,153.10

**10-yr T-note**  
-0.07 to .63%

**Gold futures**  
-5.20 to \$1,578.20

**Yen**  
-0.41 to 107.22/\$1

**Euro**  
+0.0073 to .9150/\$1

**Crude Oil**  
-1.17 to \$20.31

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
-1.21	-0.32	-0.20	-22.69	-18.38	-21.07	-20.12	-6.78	-14.02

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	567.25	571.75	546.50	550.25	-18.50
		Jul 20	561.25	566.75	544.25	547.75	-14.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	341.25	342.75	333.50	334.75	-6
		Jul 20	346.25	347.50	338.25	338.75	-7.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	885.75	887.25	860.75	862.75	-23.25
		Jul 20	889	890.25	865.25	867.25	-22.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	26.85	26.97	25.82	26.05	-0.96
		Jul 20	27.12	27.32	26.18	26.41	-0.95
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	321.90	322.60	314.40	314.90	-6.60
		Jul 20	318.70	318.80	311.70	312.20	-6.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	May 20	20.10	21.55	19.90	20.31	-1.17
		Jun 20	24.18	24.72	23.63	23.74	-1.77
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 20	1.643	1.679	1.580	1.587	-0.053
		Jun 20	1.753	1.786	1.702	1.712	-0.044
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 20	.5650	.5783	.5090	.5465	-0.0462
		Jun 20	.6300	.6453	.5793	.6133	-0.0457

Source: The Associated Press

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	76.57	-2.34	Dover Corp	N	79.98	-3.96	Littellfuse Inc	O	121.39	-12.03
AbbVie Inc	N	73.42	-2.77	Envestnet Inc	N	49.03	-4.75	McDonalds Corp	N	158.17	-7.18
Allstate Corp	N	86.40	-5.33	Equity Commonwlt	N	32.09	+3.8	Middleby Corp	O	53.01	-3.87
Anixter Intl	N	87.82	-0.05	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	53.15	-4.33	Mondelez Intl	O	48.68	-1.40
Aptargroup Inc	N	96.21	-3.33	Equity Residential	N	57.70	-4.01	Morningstar Inc	O	115.77	-4.8
Arch Dan Mid	N	33.87	-1.31	Exelon Corp	O	33.48	-3.33	Motorola Solutions	N	126.09	-6.83
Baxter Intl	N	78.66	-2.53	First Intl RT	N	30.52	-2.71	NiSource Inc	N	23.06	-1.91
Boeing Co	N	130.70	-18.44	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	39.38	-3.87	Nthn Trust Cp	O	73.00	-2.46
Brunswick Corp	N	31.26	-4.11	Gallagher AJ	N	77.00	-4.51	Old Republic	N	14.55	-7.0
CBOE Global Markets	N	88.18	-1.07	Grainger WW	N	236.52	-11.98	Packaging Corp Am	N	83.90	-2.93
CDK Global Inc	O	30.28	-2.57	GrubHub Inc	N	39.58	-1.15	Payload Hldg	O	82.33	-5.99
CDW Corp	O	88.83	-4.44	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	104.12	+3.52	RLI Corp	N	83.40	-4.53
CF Industries	N	25.85	-1.35	IAA Inc	N	27.59	-2.37	Stericycle Inc	O	46.47	-2.11
CME Group	O	166.20	-6.71	IDEX Corp	N	133.20	-4.85	TransUnion	N	63.32	-2.86
CNA Financial	N	28.29	-2.75	ITW	N	137.27	-4.85	US Foods Holding	N	15.31	-2.40
Cabot Microelect	O	101.85	-12.29	Ingredion Inc	N	75.54	+0.4	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	161.50	-14.20
Caterpillar Inc	N	111.35	-4.69	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	94.36	-6.62	United Airlines Hldg	O	25.65	-5.90
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.76	+4.2	Kemper Corp	N	71.39	-2.98	Ventas Inc	N	22.95	-3.85
Deere Co	N	133.67	-4.49	Kraft Heinz Co	O	23.68	-1.06	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	43.03	-2.72
Discover Fin Svcs	N	31.53	-4.14	LKQ Corporation	O	19.13	-1.38	Zebra Tech	O	176.46	-7.14

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Carnival Corp	8.80	-4.37
Ford Motor	4.40	-4.3
Gen Electric	7.04	-0.90
Bank of America	19.77	-1.46
Chesapck Eny	.15	-0.2
Delta Air Lines	23.87	-4.66
AT&T Inc	28.05	-1.10
Marathon Oil	3.12	-0.17
Wells Fargo & Co	26.57	-2.13
Macy's Inc	4.43	-0.48
Lloyds Banking Grp	1.31	-0.20
Boeing Co	130.70	-18.44
Energy Transfer LP	5.03	+4.3
Occid Petl	10.74	-0.84
Uber Technologies	25.42	-2.50
Callon Petrol	.41	-0.14
Exxon Mobil Corp	37.53	-0.44
Whiting Petroleum	.37	-0.30
Norwegian Cruise Ln	9.55	-1.41
Aurora Cannabis Inc	.81	-0.10
MGM Resorts Intl	11.77	-0.3
US Steel Corp	6.39	+0.08
Ambev S.A.	2.25	-0.05
Citigroup	38.51	-3.61

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	187.56	-6.92
Alphabet Inc C	1105.62	-57.19
Alphabet Inc A	1102.10	-59.85
Amazon.com Inc	1907.70	-42.02
Apple Inc	240.91	-13.38
Berkshire Hath B	175.95	-6.88
Facebook Inc	159.60	-7.20
HSBC Holdings prA	24.03	-1.00
Intel Corp	51.88	-2.24
JPMorgan Chase	84.36	-5.67
Johnson & Johnson	128.81	-2.32
MasterCard Inc	228.61	-12.95
Microsoft Corp	152.11	-5.60
Procter & Gamble	109.33	-6.7
Taiwan Semicon	46.51	-1.28
Unitedhealth Group	237.32	-12.06
Verizon Comm	52.92	-8.1
Visa Inc	153.11	-8.01
WalMart Strs	114.14	+5.2

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	24.45	-6.3	-5.4
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	39.81	-1.59	-15.5
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	51.59	-1.40	-11.2
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	46.76	-2.10	-14.8
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	41.61	-1.80	-9.5
American Funds IncAmrCA m	18.80	-5.1	-10.5
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	30.67	-1.18	-13.7
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	36.99	-1.63	-11.7
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	36.01	-1.55	-15.3
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.75	-0.5	+5.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	28.86	-1.44	-27.1
Dodge & Cox Stk	127.79	-6.76	-25.0
DoubleLine TRRetBdl	10.46	...	+3.0
Fidelity 500dxlnsPrm	86.09	-3.98	-12.1
Fidelity Contrafund	11.28	-4.8	-7.1
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.51	-0.2	+6.6
Fidelity TRMktDxlnsPrm	68.25	-3.34	-14.5
Fidelity USBdlxAdmrl	12.28	+0.1	+9.8
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	1.89	-0.5	-14.1
Metropolitan West TRRetBdl	11.10	-0.2	+8.4
PIMCO Inc2	10.96	...	-3.3
PIMCO IncInclStl	10.96	...	-3.2
PIMCO TRRetlns	10.52	+0.3	+7.6
Schwab SP500dx	39.71	...	-7.0
T. Rowe Price BCGR	102.99	-5.01	-8.4
T. Rowe Price GrStk	59.69	-2.91	-9.3
Vanguard 500dxAdmrl	228.03	-10.53	-12.1
Vanguard BalDxAdmrl	33.46	-9.4	-4.9
Vanguard DivGrInv	24.22	-1.03	-9.3
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	77.08	-3.66	-4.4
Vanguard HCAmrl	73.19	-2.79	-2.5
Vanguard InTRngAdm	9.85	-0.2	+5.9
Vanguard InTRTEAdmrl	14.07	-2.4	+1.9
Vanguard InslDxlns	220.35	-10.18	-12.1
Vanguard InslDxlnsPlus	220.36	-10.18	-12.1
Vanguard InstTSMInPls	51.18	-2.50	-14.4
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	83.64	-3.20	-8.1
Vanguard MdCpldxAdmrl	155.18	-7.91	-21.6
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	109.49	-5.62	-13.4
Vanguard STInvMGrAdmrl	10.50	...	+2.2
Vanguard SmpCpldxAdmrl	51.97	-3.34	-28.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	28.45	-5.8	-5.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	16.85	-4.2	-7.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	30.22	-8.5	-9.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	18.22	-5.8	-10.8
Vanguard TRBMDxAdmrl	11.36	+0.2	+9.7
Vanguard TRBldxlns	11.36	+0.2	+9.7
Vanguard TRInBldxAdmrl	22.61	+0.1	+5.1
Vanguard TRInBldxlns	33.93	+0.2	+5.1
Vanguard TRInBldxlnv	11.31	+0.1	+5.1
Vanguard TRInBldxAdmrl	11.81	-7.4	-20.3
Vanguard TRInSldxlns	87.23	-2.96	-20.3
Vanguard TRInSldxlnsPlus	87.24	-2.97	-20.2
Vanguard TRInSldxlnv	13.04	-4.4	-20.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	59.83	-2.92	-14.4
Vanguard TRSMdxlns	59.84	-2.92	-14.4
Vanguard TRSMdxlnv	59.81	-2.92	-14.5
Vanguard WlnghAdmrl	62.36	-1.69	-5.8
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	59.85	-9.2	-6.6
Vanguard WndrslAdmrl	46.40	-2.27	-18.1

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**SAM BATT 1921-2020**

# Owner of Mama Batt's continued tradition of top-notch Jewish food

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Sam Batt ran the iconic Mama Batt's Restaurant at 22nd Street and Michigan Avenue, continuing a family tradition of offering Jewish specialties, steaks and chops to customers who were sometimes drawn by the restaurant's ample parking and bus service to nearby McCormick Place and Comiskey Park.

The restaurant was opened in 1929 by Batt's parents, Tillie and Harry, and operated for years in ground floor space in what was once the Lexington Hotel, later the New Michigan Hotel, where gangster Al Capone lived from 1928 to 1931. For many years it was run by Sam and his brother Nathan, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, with both a cocktail lounge and a coffee shop.

"They had the best Jewish food in the city," said Batt's son, Ira. "Hungarian goulash, homemade soups, brisket, corned beef, steaks and chops."

Batt, 99, died of natural causes March 19 in La Posada in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, according to his son. He moved to Florida about 18 years ago, after living for years in New Buffalo, Michigan, where he had posted a number of Chicago street signs.

He grew up in Chicago. After graduating from what was then Crane Tech High School, he went into the Army. He was stationed near Tacoma, Washington, his son said.

After leaving the Army, Batt studied briefly at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign but soon left to return to the family restaurant business.

He worked his way up from busboy and dishwasher to an eventual management role.

Mama Batt's drew diners from the neighborhood and nearby attractions like McCormick Place, Soldier Field and Comiskey Park, according to the Tribune's 2011 obituary for Nathan Batt. Celebrities including Jerry Lewis, Perry Como



FAMILY PHOTO

Sam Batt owned Mama Batt's Restaurant until it closed in 1981.

and Danny Thomas stopped by, often while performing at the nearby Arie Crown Theater.

Ira Batt said part of the restaurant's draw was a large — and free — parking lot across the street, where people could leave their cars and ride free shuttle buses to those nearby attractions. They could return for lunch or dinner and a few drinks at the restaurant.

For years, much of the cooking was done by the late James "Jimmy" Lemons, an African American who perfected his skills in cooking Jewish food over more than 20 years with the restaurant. Lemons worked at Mama Batt's from approximately the mid-1940s to the late 1960s, when he left to open what is now Lem's Bar-B-Q on East 75th Street in Chicago.

"They treated my dad like that was their son," Carmela Lemons said. "The Batt family bought my dad his first brand-new car. They loved my father, my father loved them."

Lemons said her father, who died in 2015, had his hands full at times. "That place was crowded, (especially) during lunchtime," she said.

The restaurant operated in the hotel space from the mid-1950s until closing in 1981, when the brothers retired.

"They didn't own the building," Ira Batt said. The hotel closed around 1980. It enjoyed a brief brush with fame in 1986, when Geraldo

Rivera hosted a live television special for the opening of a secret vault said to belong to Capone, but the vault held little of interest.

The building was eventually demolished in the mid-1990s. The site is now home to an apartment building known as Arrive Lex.

In retirement, Batt continued his love of golf, playing at the Pottawatomie Country Club in Michigan City, not far from his home.

"He was an avid golfer, that was his life," said Fred Daley Jr., a Chicago attorney who met Batt when he joined the club in 1989. As was the case in the restaurant, he knew everybody, said Daley, no relation to Chicago's Bridgeport Daleys, whom Batt also knew well.

Batt often used his organizing skills to combine golf with fun and fundraising. Sometimes there was even a bus involved.

Daley said Batt regularly organized the Sam Batt Open, an annual golf tournament that drew some 60 people to travel by bus to golf courses in the Indiana and Michigan area. It was basically a fundraiser for a rotating group of good causes like a local food pantry.

"He was great at signing people up," Daley said. "He'd have all these prizes, raffle prizes. He was very gregarious, a very funny guy."

Batt continued to play golf until he was 96, said Daley, who played with him in Florida. He also continued to raise money for good causes, whether selling specially priced drink tickets at La Posada or organizing a car wash.

"He still had energy right to the end," Daley said.

In addition to his son, Batt is survived by his wife of 73 years, Pearl; his daughter, Sandra Sterling; a sister, Annabelle Turchik; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were held.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

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**Clavelli**  
See Mary Sage notice.

**Crowley, Mary A.**  
Mary A. Crowley, age 73, died March 21, 2020. She was born December 25, 1946, the sixth of nine children of James and Ella (Ogan) Crowley. She had lived for many years in Schererville, IN. Mary taught English at Bloom Township District 206 for over 35 years. She enjoyed teaching Shakespeare as well as sharing her favorite authors, Mark Twain and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, a celebration of Mary's life will be held at a more suitable time. Until then, please remember Mary and have a good story to share.  
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**Fuchs, Robin**  
Robin Fuchs, 69, beloved daughter of the late Robert and Lorraine; loving sister of James Fuchs and Allison King; cherished aunt of Katherine and Joseph King; caring cousin of Jason Prager, Deborah (Frank) Hannamann, and Robert (Marianne) Prager. Robin was a talented pianist who attended lessons at Northwestern University. She was a legal assistant, working at Fuchs & Roselli, Ltd. for many years. Graveside services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, www.diabetes.org, or the Northwestern University Bienn School of Music, www.music.northwestern.edu/donate. For info: 847-256-5700.

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**Gianni, Thomas Francis 'Tom'**  
Thomas "Tom" Francis Gianni was born on January 5, 1960, and passed away peacefully on March 30, 2020. Adoring son of the late Louis Gianni and Margaret (nee Majewski) Gianni. Much loved husband of Karen (nee Lakowski) Gianni. Loving father of Anna Gianni. Cherished brother of Rita (David) Anderson, Gary (Julie) Gianni, and the late Helen Weidig. Thomas will be missed by his nieces and nephews and many friends. Thomas worked as a book illustrator, freelance artist, and most notably courtroom artist for WGN, NBC, and WTTW in Chicago. He was the paint strokes that gave our lives color - the world will be far less colorful without him. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Thomas's favorite organizations, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and One Tail at a Time, where he adopted his best friend and steadfast companion, Rocky. Thomas's family is planning a memorial service in celebration of his life and his life's work at a later date. Condolences may be sent to Thomas's family on his personal tribute website at [DrakeandSonFuneralHome.com](http://DrakeandSonFuneralHome.com). For information 773-561-6874.  
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**Harris, Ronald**  
Ronald Harris, 77, beloved husband of the late Sherry nee Rosen; loving father of Scott (Fiancee Angela Myers) and Eric; dear brother of Andrea Mazer; many loving nieces and nephews. Due to the pandemic and out of concern for extended family and friends, services and shiva are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. For information or to leave condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).

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**Holakovsky, Gloria Jane**  
Gloria Jane Holakovsky, age 97 of Schaumburg. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Holakovsky. Loving mother of Joanne (Terrance) Witczak. Dear grandmother of Michael (Sue) Alderson, Mark (Jennifer) Alderson, Melissa (Michael) Felty, Daniel (Kelly) Alderson, the late Michele Lea Alderson, Thomas (Amy) Witczak, Terrance Witczak, and Dana Baldino. Dear great-grandmother of 12. Dear sister of Fern (the late Victor) Barrie, the late Lillian (the late Hank) Tammeling, the late Philip (the late Sally) Caruso, Donald (Donna) Caruso, and William (Barbara) Caruso. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Services and Interment were private at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Online condolences available at [www.ahgrifuneral.com](http://www.ahgrifuneral.com)

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**La Giglia, Lucia**  
Born in Nicosia, Italy, on the island of Sicily, Lucia La Giglia, nee Imbarrato, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, March 28, 2020. At peace with everyone she knew, Lucia was regarded throughout her life as a wonderfully gracious and gentle soul who always extended kind words and God's blessing to others. She will be greatly missed. Beloved Wife of the late Vincenzo. Devoted Mother of Maria (John Bertoletti) La Giglia and the late James La Giglia. Loving Daughter of the late Luigi Imbarrato and the late Maria Campione. Cherished Sister of Michelina Imbarrato (the late Epifanio Gallina), the late Santina Imbarrato (Giuseppe De Luca), and the late Salvatore Imbarrato (Dolores Tosoni). Dear Sister-in-Law of the late Nicolina La Giglia (Guido Bonelli). Dear Aunt of Franco Gallina, Luigi Gallina, Franco De Luca, Anna Maria De Luca, Elisa De Luca, Federica Imbarrato, Luigi Bonelli, and Maurizio Bonelli. Well-loved cousin of many. Due to the current coronavirus pandemic, all Funeral Services for Lucia will remain private for the immediate family only. For additional information, call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Lucia's personal tribute website at [www.russoshillsidechapels.com](http://www.russoshillsidechapels.com) and sign her guestbook. Memorial contributions in Lucia's honor may be made to Alvernia Manor at 13950 Main Street, Lemont, IL 60439. If you wish to send a sympathy card or Mass card, please send it to **Russo's Hillside Chapels**, care of Lucia La Giglia.

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**Maloney, Frank M.**  
Beloved husband and best friend to Kathleen (nee Schumacher) for 50 years. Loving and devoted father of Michael (Mariellen Heffernan), Molly (Michael) Kelly, and Kelly (David) Kachmarik. Adored grandpa of Maeve, Michael, Norine, Seamus, Liam, Finnbar, Mairi, Connor, Maggie, and Owen. Proud son of Francis "Babe" and Mary Maloney. Fond brother of Ed (Betsy), Terry (Pam), Maureen (Bob) Walsh. Kind brother-in-law of Carole Schumacher, the late Jerry (Cathy) Schumacher, Erin (Dave) Carlstedt, Maureen (Phil) Panatera, Mary Pat (Jim) Rohan, Jim (Julie) Schumacher, and Sue (Tom) Sheahan. He was a beloved uncle to many treasured nieces and nephews. Frank was a teacher, coach, and mentor to many. He started his career as a speech teacher and head football coach at Mt. Carmel High School where he led the Caravan to the 1967 Prep Bowl championship in front of a crowd of 58,000 at Solder Field. He then returned to his alma mater as a football coach at the University of Michigan from 1968 - 1973. Frank became head football coach at Syracuse University from 1974-1980 leading them to an Independence Bowl win in 1979. Frank returned to Chicago in 1981 to raise his family and became Director of Ticket Operations for the Chicago Cubs from 1981-2011. Frank believed in faith, hard work, education and unwavering ethics. Through all of his professional accomplishments, his greatest treasure was his family. Due to the CDC requirements regarding COVID-19, visitation and funeral service will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Developments Offices of either Mt. Carmel High School, 6410 S. Dante, Chicago, IL 60637 or Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street, Chicago, IL 60655 in memory of Frank M. Maloney would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Homes**. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878

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**Mihalo, William**  
William Mihalo, age 99, passed away on March 30, 2020. (Formerly of Munster, Indiana) Preceded in death by his parents John and Anna (Lukac) Mihalo, sisters Helen Witkewicz, Anna Vacendak, Mary Petrovich, brothers John, George and Michael, wife, Olga (Arendas) Mihalo. He is survived by his children, Dr. William E. (Deborah) Mihalo, Dr. Joyce (Donald) Coats, Dr. Mark (Susan) Mihalo, grandchildren Christopher (Kristin) Mihalo, Daniel Coats, Joseph Coats and Matthew Mihalo, and great granddaughter Cecelia Mihalo.

Bill was born in Whiting, Indiana and attended Whiting High School. He served as a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps during World War II and retired as a Major in the Air Force Reserve. His first airplane ride was piloted by the actor Jimmy Stewart. A misspelling of his last name prevented him from flying overseas in an airplane that exploded shortly after take-off due to sabotage. He was a member of the 456th Bombardment Group that operated B24 bombers out of Italy during the war.

He returned from the war with a sense of duty and responsibility that he imbued in all his children. He taught about equality and fairness of all people. Although he rarely spoke of war when he was younger, he lived a life of peace. From his example, all his children worked in occupations that help people.

Following the war, he graduated from the University of Colorado and worked as a chemical engineer for several oil and chemical companies. He retired from Inland Steel as chief lubrication engineer in 1985. Bill and Olga built a house in Munster in 1957 and resided there until 2014.

William never retired from doing the things he loved: spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren. He loved educating his family about their Carpatho-Rusyn heritage and made several trips to Europe and Slovakia to meet the relatives of his parents. Later in life he spoke of his adventures during the war. At the age of 77, he learned to use the internet so he could stay in touch with friends and family. He loved being physically active and continued going to the Purdue Calumet gym and later the Jeffersonville YMCA. He stayed physically active until a month before he died.

Bill and Olga loved the Indiana Dunes and were early members of Save the Dunes when recruited by their friend Sylvia Troy.

Bill brought people together with his magnetic presence and enthusiasm for life. For the past years, his family traveled from across the United States to celebrate his birthday with him. In his 99 years, he, like so many of the "Greatest Generation," dedicated his life to making this world a better place by focusing on people and what brings them together. He loved meeting people and would strike up a conversation by asking someone if they served in the military or what they did for a living.

Services will be private with a memorial to be announced later. Donations in his name can be made to Save the Dunes, 444 Barker Road, Michigan City, IN 46360. Please visit [www.burnskish.com](http://www.burnskish.com).

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**In 742**, Charlemagne, king of the Franks and Lombards and emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, was born.

**In 1513**, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in Florida.

**In 1792**, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

**In 1865**, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.

**In 1917**, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy."

**In 1932**, on behalf of aviator Charles Lindbergh, a reporter turned over \$50,000 to an unidentified man in a New York cemetery as ransom for Lindbergh's kidnapped son, Charles Jr. Never released, the infant was found murdered a few

weeks later.

**In 1956**, the daytime dramas "As the World Turns" and "The Edge of Night" premiered on CBS.

**In 1982**, Argentinean troops seized the disputed Falkland Islands in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)

**In 1984**, Georgetown University's John Thompson became the first black coach to win an NCAA men's basketball championship as his Hoyas defeated Houston, 84-75.

**In 1986**, four American passengers were killed when a bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens.

**In 1995**, baseball owners accepted the players' union offer to play without a contract, ending the longest and costliest strike in the history of professional sports.

**In 1996**, a federal appeals court rejected New York

state laws banning doctor-assisted suicide, saying it would be discriminatory to let people disconnect life support systems while refusing to let others end their lives with medication.

**In 1999**, the Labor Department reported that the nation's unemployment rate fell to a 29-year low of 4.2 percent in March 1999.

**In 2000**, more than 600 people set out on a five-day, 120-mile protest march to Columbia, S.C., to urge state lawmakers to move the Confederate flag from the Statehouse dome.

**In 2003**, American forces fought their way to within sight of the Baghdad skyline; Iraqi soldiers discarded their military uniforms by the roadside to hide their identity.

**In 2004**, a judge in New York declared a mistrial in the grand-larceny case against two former Tyco executives after a juror apparently received an intimidating letter and phone call for supposedly siding with the defense. (The defendants are being retried.)

**In 2008**, President George W. Bush suffered a painful diplomatic setback when NATO allies rebuffed his passionate pleas to put former Soviet republics Ukraine and Georgia on the path toward membership.

**In 2012**, One Goh, a 43-year-old South Korean national, killed seven at Oikos University, a small religious college in Oakland, Calif.

**In 2014**, Army Spc. Ivan Lopez, a 34-year-old truck driver, killed three people and injured 16 others before committing suicide at Foot Hood, Texas.

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Lotto jackpot: \$7.25M	Daily 4 midday ..... <b>6582 / 6</b>
Pick 3 midday ..... <b>474 / 6</b>	Daily 3 evening ..... <b>042 / 5</b>
Pick 4 midday ..... <b>5860 / 2</b>	Daily 4 evening ..... <b>1783 / 5</b>
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Pick 3 evening ..... <b>475 / 3</b>	
Pick 4 evening ..... <b>6325 / 8</b>	<b>MICHIGAN</b>
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**Multack, Gail**  
Gail Multack nee Helbraun, 76, beloved wife of the late Barry for 56 years; loving mother of Lee (Amy) Multack, Geri Tivin and Dana Cohen; cherished Grandma Gail of Matthew and Mikenzie Multack, Noah, Jay and Guy Frydenlund, Samantha (Adam) Pike, Bradley and Myles Tivin, Sydney, Sam, Joseph, Mickey and Danny Cohen; adored great grandmother of Preston and Parker; dear sister of Marshall (Melinda) Helbraun and the late Fred (Carol) Helbraun; many loving nieces and nephews. Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our extended family and friends, private family services have been held and shiva is private. Memorial donations may be made to Temple Beth-El or the Cancer Wellness Center. For information or to leave condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).



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**Robin, Michelle**  
Michelle J. Robin. Loving sister of the late Robert Robin and best friend/sister of Carole Laskey. Cherished daughter of the late Norman and Charlotte Robin. Dear cousin and friend to many. Due to global public health concerns, the service can be viewed on Michelle's webpage at [www.MitzvahFunerals.com](http://www.MitzvahFunerals.com) at 10:30AM Friday (Live) or any time after. In lieu of flowers, contributions to American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Info at **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH/630-648-9824 or [www.MitzvahFunerals.com](http://www.MitzvahFunerals.com).



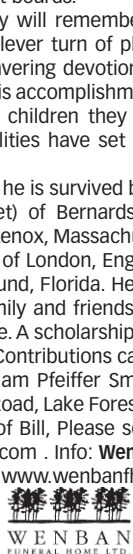
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**Sage, Mary**  
Mary (Clavelli) Sage, 106, of Chicago, Illinois, passed on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at her daughter's home. She was born on August 19, 1913, in Sora, Italy. Mary is survived by her daughter, Lauretta Sage; her grandchildren, Ken (Mary) Mesikapp, Karin (Thad) Jurczak, Philip (Monica) Mesikapp Sr., and Kristin (Matt MacKellar) Mesikapp; great-grandchildren, Lauren, Matthew, Kristina, Kelsey, Amy, Philip, Jr., Tommy, Megan, Heather, Elle, and Ellie; and great-great-granddaughter, Emily. Mary is the cherished aunt to many nieces and nephews, was a good friend and neighbor. She is predeceased by her husband, Seymour; parents, Frank and Rosa Clavelli; and four brothers, Oscar, Ettore, Carl, and Loreto. Funeral services private. A memorial Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Info 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).



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**Smith, William P. 'Bill'**  
William Pfeiffer Smith, 68, died peacefully in his home in Lake Forest, Illinois on March 17, 2020. Born March 1, 1952 in Dayton, Ohio to Frederick and Pfeiffe Smith, Bill grew up as the fourth of five boys. His father was the CEO of Huffy Corporation, and his mother was a professional volunteer. Both prioritized business success and service to others in equal measure. Growing up on his family's farm, Bill's first job was an egg route. At the age of eight, he was given a dozen hens and a bankbook that indicated what he owed his father for the chickens. With his father as the financial advisor, Bill was responsible for all aspects of the business – feeding, collecting, and delivering the eggs, as well as inventory losses due to bicycle mishaps. This was the first introduction to a series of jobs that required punctuality, responsibility, problem solving, and financial planning – qualities that served Bill well in life. A graduate of the Hotchkiss School, Cornell University, and the University of Cincinnati College of Law, Bill began his career as a bond lawyer. He quickly developed an expertise in tax-exempt municipal bonds, in addition to hospital and airline restructuring. Over the past 24 years with McDermott, Will & Emery, Bill became a nation expert in municipal finance. Examples include multiple engagements in Chapter 9 cases of Detroit, Jefferson County, San Bernardino, Stockton, as well as a Title III case for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Bill's legal acumen was prized by his clients because of the creative and complex strategies that he was able to implement on their behalf. In his professional life, Bill was renowned for his sharp wit. Whether in a negotiation, in front of a judge, or among his peers, Bill was an exceptional communicator. He played an active role in representing the firm through frequent speaking engagements. He had a strong work ethic that continued throughout his career; he was the first at his desk each morning, and he was meticulous in all aspects of his practice. Always generous and reliable with his time and intellect, Bill served as a mentor to young lawyers – whom he often counseled not to wear jeans on casual Fridays. Outside of work, he contributed his legal expertise to the City of Lake Forest, Lake Forest Open Lands Association, and other not-for-profit boards. Friends and family will remember Bill for his generosity of spirit, clever turn of phrase, endless optimism, and unwavering devotion to his wife of 41 years, Kiki. Of all his accomplishments, Bill was most proud of his four children they raised. His values and personal qualities have set a standard for his children. In addition to Kiki, he is survived by Hilary Cronheim (David and Cricket) of Bernardsville, New Jersey; Duncan Smith of Lenox, Massachusetts; Lydia Smith (Thomas Browne) of London, England; and Beatrice Smith of Hobe Sound, Florida. He will be memorialized when his family and friends can safely gather to celebrate his life. A scholarship fund has been set up in Bill's name. Contributions can be made in Bill's honor to The William Pfeiffer Smith Memorial, 300 North Green Bay Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045. To share a memory of Bill, please send notes to [wps-memories@gmail.com](mailto:wps-memories@gmail.com). Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or [www.wenbanfh.com](http://www.wenbanfh.com)



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**Sturino, James E.**  
James E. Sturino, age 63, at rest March 28, 2020. Loving husband of Christine G. Sturino (nee: Piper) for 38 years. Devoted father of Kevin J. (Sarah) Sturino. Dear brother of Nancy Sturino and brother-in-law of Donna (Jeffrey) Wykowski and Leslie Piper. Uncle of Christopher (Stacie) Clowes. Jim was predeceased by his parents Sam and Mary Sturino. Jim was an attorney and partner for 26 ½ years with Nordin & Sturino, P.C. in Naperville. He was dedicated to his profession for 38 years and a proud member of the Illinois State Bar Association, DuPage County Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association. He was awarded the Pro Bono Service Award from the DuPage County Legal Assistance Foundation in 2014 and received the Courage Award from the Melanoma Research Foundation in 2018. A private family funeral service and interment will be held. Family and friends will gather for a Memorial Mass to be scheduled at a later date. Gifts in lieu of flowers may be made in memory of James E. Sturino to Northwestern University to support melanoma research under the direction of Dr. Sunandana Chandra. Checks payable to Northwestern University may be mailed to: Terri Dillon, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Development and Alumni Relations, 420 E. Superior Street, Rubloff Bldg., 9th Flr., Chicago, IL 60611 or by calling Terri Dillon at 312-503-4837. Donations can also be made to the Wellness House, a non-profit offering programs to support people with cancer and their families, as follows: ([search https://wellnesshouse.org/](https://wellnesshouse.org/) --> click 'Donate Now' --> select 'A Gift In Memory of Someone Special') Arrangements by **Adolf Funeral Home**—Willowbrook. 630-325-2300 or [adolfsservices.com](http://adolfsservices.com)



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**Zartler, Hilda M.**  
Hilda M. Zartler, age 101, of Chicago, passed away March 31, 2020 at home surrounded by family. Beloved mother of Marianne (the late Robert Issel, Sr.) and the late Veronica Zartler; treasured grandmother of Jennifer, Lisa (Thomas Sarnowski), Robert, Jr. and Sharon Akamu; cherished great-grandmother of eight and great-great-grandmother of ten. Services Private. Interment: St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove, IL. Info: 773-472-6300 [www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com)



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June 10, 1938 - May 11, 2019

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Jefferson and Ethel Smith of Winnetka, Ill. announce the resignation of their daughter, Christina, to Nurse James, son of James and Jacqueline James of Pittsford, NY. Christina is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, is a registered nurse at Fenwick Veterans Hospital. James graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor's degree in Economics, and is a financial consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Mr. (2019) 817-344-1111.

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OPENING MEADOWVIEW APARTMENTS  
IN BLUE ISLAND

The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) will be opening site-based wait lists for one and two bedroom project-based voucher (PBV) units at the Meadowview Apartments located at 12500 Fairview in Blue Island IL. The PBV Program is a rental assistance program where the resident pays 30% of his/her income towards the rent to the owner and the HACC subsidizes the remainder.

To be eligible for the Meadowview Apartments PBV units, applicant's total household income may not exceed the very low income limit (50% AMI), which is \$31,200 for a 1 person household; \$35,650 for a 2 person household; \$40,100 for a 3 person household; and \$44,550 for a 4 person household.

Priority preference will be given to applicants who are currently on the HACC's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) wait list. Preferences may also be given to families who are literally homeless; who are Veterans; who are disabled; or who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (referred to as VAWA collectively). Applicants claiming a preference must be able to demonstrate they qualify for the preference when requested. Preferences are assigned a point value and applied cumulatively before the time/date of application.

Applications will be available beginning on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 10:00am. To apply, applicants need to log onto the HACC's website at [www.thehacc.org](http://www.thehacc.org) and then click on the link "See Our Open Wait Lists" on the HACC's home page. Applications must be submitted electronically through the website; no other form of application will be accepted. The wait list will close at 4:00pm on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

If you need assistance or require a reasonable accommodation, please send an email to [plvwaitlist@thehacc.org](mailto:plvwaitlist@thehacc.org), with Meadowview Reasonable Accommodation as the subject. 4/1/2020 6646967

NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF  
COOK COUNTY OF THE TIME AND PLACE  
FOR FILING VALUATION COMPLAINTS  
(ASSESSMENT APPEALS RELATING TO  
2019 REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS)

Notice is hereby given that during the period APRIL 2, 2020 THROUGH MAY 1, 2020, the Board of Review of Cook County will accept the filing of valuation complaints (assessment appeals) for

ALL RAILROADS AND ALL NON-CARRIER PARCELS IN ALL TOWNS AND TOWNSHIPS OF COOK COUNTY for the revisions and corrections of the 2019 Real Estate Assessments.

All complaints will be considered by the Board in Room 601 of the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, in accordance with the laws of Illinois, under the provisions of the Illinois Property Tax Code (formerly the Revenue Act of 1939), as amended.

Call (312) 603-5542 for a complaint form and further information.

Approved by the Board of Review of Cook County, Illinois in said County, this 31st day of March, 2020.

MICHAEL M. CABONARGI  
COMMISSIONER

DAN PATLAK  
COMMISSIONER

LARRY R. ROGERS, JR.  
COMMISSIONER  
4/2/2020 6647064

LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF TRANSMITTAL FOR THE  
FOLLOWING TOWNSHIPS FROM THE  
COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW BACK  
TO THE COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR FOR  
THE TAX YEAR 2019.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 16-125 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-125), the Board of Review of Cook County has, on this date, APRIL 1, 2020 transmitted back to the Assessor of Cook County its final action on the following township/s in Cook County for the tax year 2019:

LEYDEN, WORTH, WEST CHICAGO, PROVISIO, HYDE PARK

Date at Chicago, Illinois by the Cook County Board of Review Room 601, Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 APRIL 1, 2020.

MICHAEL CABONARGI, COMMISSIONER  
DAN PATLAK, COMMISSIONER  
LARRY R. ROGERS, JR., COMMISSIONER  
4/02/2020 6647095

PUBLIC NOTICE  
PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

Draft Amendments to Cook County's Citizen Participation Plan

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development currently receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding on an annual entitlement basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as well as occasional one-time funding awards. The County is accepting public comments regarding modifications to its Citizen Participation Plan, which sets forth its policies and procedures for resident participation and stakeholder consultation. Applicable Public Comment Period: 30 Days - April 2, 2020- May 1, 2020

Public Comment Opportunities

An important part of the process of developing or amending a Citizen Participation Plan is to promote citizen participation and solicit input. The draft amendments may be reviewed on-line at the Cook County website during the applicable public comment period specified above at this link: <https://www.cookcountylil.gov/service/public-notices-planning-and-development-0>

All interested parties are encouraged to provide written comments. Written comments on the Draft Citizen Participation Plan Amendments are being accepted during the applicable public comment period specified above and must be received by 4 p.m. on the last day of the aforementioned public comment period in order to receive consideration. Written comments must be directed to Dominic Tocci, Deputy Director, Cook County Department of Planning and Development, [dominic.tocci@cookcountylil.gov](mailto:dominic.tocci@cookcountylil.gov). 4/2/2020 6646919

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## LEGAL NOTICE:

The Board of Education, Brookwood School District 167, Administrative Center 201 E. Glenwood-Dyer Rd. Glenwood, Illinois 60425 will be accepting bids for Regular Education Transportation.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals for a three-year contract for the transportation of regular education students for Brookwood School District 167, Cook County, Illinois, will be opened and read at the District Administrative Center, 201 E. Glenwood-Dyer Rd. Glenwood, Illinois 60425 at 10:00 AM local time on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Board of Education, Brookwood School District 167, 201 E. Glenwood-Dyer Rd. Glenwood, Illinois 60425 until 10:00 AM on April 15, 2020 for regular education transportation as described in the bid document. Enclose bid documents in sealed, opaque envelopes, labeled "transportation bid documents" with company name, address, name and title of Bidder.

Bid specifications may be obtained at the District office, 201 E. Glenwood-Dyer Rd. Glenwood, Illinois 60425, (708) 758-5190 beginning on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 during normal business hours, which are 8:00 - 4:00 PM 04/02/20 6646916

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## NOTICE

Martam Construction, Inc. are looking for subcontractors in the DBE industry who specialize in Painting & Coating, Asphalt Paving, Mechanical, Electrical and/or Landscaping for the Golf Road Lift Station Replacement Project 4/2/20 6639940

## LOST ANNOUNCEMENT

GOALLOYS LLC HERE ANNOUNCES THAT FULL SET (3/3) ORIGINAL/COPIES OF OCEAN BILL OF LADING (B/L NO. SWA20020189) WHICH ISSUED BY HENRIK SHIPING LIMITED WITH SHIPMENT BY OCEAN VESSEL & VOYAGE NO.: HONG TAI 61 20022700000, HAD BEEN FOUND LOST AND DECLARED IN VAIN FROM DATE APRIL 1ST, 2020 ONWARD. 4/2, 4/3, 4/4/2020 6646999

## FORECLOSURES

19-5300-567-notpub STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff -vs- RHONDA C. ANDREWS A/K/A RHONDA C. ANDREWS-ARMISTEAD, JOHNNY ARMISTEAD, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. No. 19 CH 13485 Property Address: 7029 S. LOWE AVE CHICAGO, IL 60621 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, JOHNNY ARMISTEAD, CURTIS TARVER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s) in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the First Judicial Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, by the plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 35 IN BLOCK 8 IN L.W. BECK'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 7029 S. LOWE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60621 Permanent Index No.: 20-21-324-010-0000 and which said Mortgage was made by RHONDA C. ANDREWS A/K/A RHONDA C. ANDREWS-ARMISTEAD, Mortgagee(s) and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois as Document No. 021242946. And for such other relief prayed, that summons was duly issued out of the said Circuit Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant(s), file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at the Courthouse, in the RICHARD J. DALEY CENTER, 50 W. WASHINGTON STREET, ROOM 802, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602, on or before the 20th day of April, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. Dated: , at Chicago, Illinois. Dorothy Brown Clerk of the Circuit Court Cook County, Illinois. HAUSELMAN & RAPPIN, LTD. Attorney for Plaintiff - Atty # 04452 29 E. Madison St., Suite 950 Chicago, IL 60602 (312)372-2020 3/19, 3/26, 4/2/2020 6636104

STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRM NO: 40466 COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION - WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF HOME OWNERS TRUST Plaintiff vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BUD L. BROWN, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CLARICE E. BROWN, GERALD NORDGREN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR BUD L. BROWN AND CLARICE E. BROWN; GREGORY ALAN BROWN; AND BABET DIANE JACKSON; JOCELYN BERNICE BROWN; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Case No. 2019 CH 10430 Cal. 61 Property Address: 9134 S LOWE ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60620 Defendant(s). NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BUD L. BROWN, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CLARICE E. BROWN, JOCELYN BERNICE BROWN, and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: ALL OF LOT 1 THE NORTH 17 FEET OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 4, IN BROUSE'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 40 ACRES OF THE SOUTH 95 ACRES OF THE WEST 110 ACRES OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly Known As: 9134 S LOWE ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60620 Property Index Number: 25-04-302-059 VOL. 448 and which said Mortgage was made by BUD LUTHER BROWN AND CLARICE E. BROWN as Mortgagor(s) to SENIOR INCOME REVERSE MORTGAGE CORPORATION as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 99392243 and for other relief, that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before April 27, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Date: March 24, 2020 Gersilda Baci, Attorney Eric Feldman & Associates, P.C. Firm No: 40466 Eric Feldman & Associates, PC | Attorneys for Plaintiff 123 W. Madison, Suite 1704 | Chicago, IL 60602 P: 312.344.3529 | F: 877.571.4228 Firm No: 40466 | [paralegal@elalaw.com](mailto:paralegal@elalaw.com) 3/26, 4/2, 4/9/2020 6640913

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES OF DOUGLAS KOENIG AKA DOUGLAS M. KOENIG, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; HEATHER KOENIG; DOUGLAS KOENIG, JR., Defendants. Case No. 2020CH02737 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, The Unknown Heirs or Beneficiaries of Douglas Koenig AKA Douglas M. Koenig, deceased, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, 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: Lot 22 in Block 10 in the Subdivision of the South 921 feet of Block 6 lying West of and adjoining Block 18 in Grant Land Association Resubdivision of Section 21 Township 39 North, Range 13 East of The Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. 1943 South 55th Court, Cicero, IL 60804 16-21-305-022-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, The Unknown Heirs or Beneficiaries of Douglas Koenig AKA Douglas M. Koenig, deceased, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, 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 27, 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 exceptions. 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: 312-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: [sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com](mailto:sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com) One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 3/26, 4/2, 4/9/2020 6640921

TAKE  
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## London is off: 'It seemed ... too perfect'

Cancellation of June series is no shock, still disappointing for fans who planned a trip

By MARK GONZALES

Ryan Gunterman said he probably would travel to England to watch the Cubs play next summer if his schedule permits. "But chances are they wouldn't play on my birthday, and I won't be turning 40,"

Gunterman said Wednesday, hours after Major League Baseball canceled the June 13-14 London Series between the Cubs and Cardinals because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Gunterman, executive director of the Indiana High School Press Association at Franklin College, was one of many fans resigned to the cancellation of what would have been the Cubs' first series in Europe.

And like many travelers, Gunterman had scheduled the London Series as part of a

lengthy overseas trip.

"I always wanted to go to Europe," said Gunterman, who said his only trip outside of North America was to the Grand Cayman for a wedding.

He and his wife planned to leave the United States on June 9, attend the Cubs-Cardinals game at London Stadium on June 13 — his 40th birthday — then visit other countries through June 21.

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### WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

## Bucks try to make best of time off

The NBA-leading Bucks remain confident the coronavirus pandemic won't put a permanent halt to the season and that they'll get to resume chasing their first league title in nearly half a century.

The Bucks had a league-best 53-12 record when play was suspended three weeks ago. With Giannis Antetokounmpo, above, having a potential second straight MVP season, the Bucks seemed poised to make a run at the title that has eluded the franchise since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar led them to an NBA championship in 1971.

Bucks GM Jon Horst thinks they will get that opportunity.

"We believe that we're going to play," Horst said Wednesday in a conference call. "Everything that we're doing every day in our communications, in our preparations, everything we talk about is being prepared to play at some point, finish out the season and have a resumption."

That's why Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer has spent part of this hiatus making sure the Bucks don't lose their edge whenever they do get back on the floor.

He's been studying the Magic and Nets — the Bucks' two most likely first-round playoff foes — as well as other Eastern Conference teams the Bucks could see later in the postseason. He's tried to learn from his experiences as a Spurs assistant coach during the NBA's most recent work stoppages.

His instructions to his players have focused on conditioning while understanding they might not have as much time to spend working on their basketball skills.

"I think that we feel that there are things they can continue to do as far as continuing to stay strong, continuing to maintain a conditioning level and really just put a lot of time and effort and energy into their bodies," Budenholzer said.

— Associated Press

### THE QUOTE

"Well, nothing is really set in stone yet."

— Defending women's gymnastics all-around champ Simone Biles on whether she will compete at the Tokyo Olympics now that the Games have been rescheduled for 2021

### THE NUMBER

\$1,000

Amount of money veteran outfielder Shin-Soo Choo is giving to each of the 191 minor league players in the Rangers organization, a total of \$191,000.



**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 July 13.



# STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE

From Fanatics to Bauer, sports equipment manufacturers do the right thing, pivot to safety of health care workers



PAUL SULLIVAN  
In the Wake of the News

Imagine representing your favorite baseball team — be it the Cubs or White Sox — by wearing a blue or black pin-striped face mask at the ballpark this summer.

We're not there yet, of course, because we don't even know if there will be a baseball season.

And there's a debate over whether those who haven't tested positive for the coronavirus should be wearing face masks in public.

But it's something I've been thinking about since learning of the collaboration between Major League Baseball and its official jersey manufacturer, Fanatics, to address the shortage of protective masks and gowns for hospital workers on the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Turn to *Sullivan*, Page 5

Fanatics has suspended production on jerseys and is instead using the polyester mesh fabric to make masks and gowns.  
FANATICS/AP

## No hitting the links thru April 30 — at the earliest

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Chicago-area golfers will be limited to carpet putting and backyard chipping through April 30. Golf club officials were informed Wednesday in a letter that Gov. J.B. Pritzker's extended "stay at home" order also extends to their courses.

The letter states: "The allied associations have been in continued direct contact with the Governor's staff and were told yesterday that there is no possibility of reopening golf courses prior to the April 30 extension date. In simplest terms, the decision to close golf courses was made in an effort to protect the

health and safety of the golfing community, from daily fee golfers to private club members to facility staff."

The allied associations comprise four groups: the Chicago District Golf Association, the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, the Illinois Section of the PGA of America and the Greater Chicago Chapter of the Club Management Association of America.

Many states, including Indiana, Arizona and Iowa, still are permitting residents to play. Arizona Gov. Tony Ducey called golf courses "essential businesses."

Illinois last week lifted its ban for two

days, leading to a surge at some courses. The Village Links of Glen Ellyn had about 300 players, with one saying: "This is the happiest I've been in 10 days."

Some Illinois residents have grumbled via email about the state restrictions.

But the allied associations of Illinois wrote this: "The leaders respect the decision of the Governor's Office and understand the gravity of the public health crisis we are facing. At this time, the allied associations will shift their efforts from advocating for golf courses to reopen to assisting our constituents in getting through these difficult times."

## 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:

# Vegas, baby. Vegas.

(APRIL 2, 1990)

This story was published when UNLV overwhelmed Duke in the 1990 national title game, recording the largest margin of victory in a championship game.

By SKIP MYSLIENSKI  
Chicago Tribune

With five minutes remaining, Nevada-Las Vegas coach Jerry Tarkanian started pulling his starters. With two minutes remaining, he put his towel away, leaned back in his chair and began chatting casually with officials seated at a courtside table.

He is normally the most nervous of men, and Monday's national championship game between his team and Duke still was going on in front of him. But he could well afford to relax, for this game was a shambles, and his highly talented Rebels were running their way easily to a stunning 103-73 victory.

It was the largest margin of victory in the 52-year history of the tournament. The previous record was UCLA's 23-point victory over North Carolina back in 1968. It was the first time a team had scored more than 100 points in the 52 games that have made up the tournament. The previous high was UCLA's 98 in its victory over Duke back in 1964.

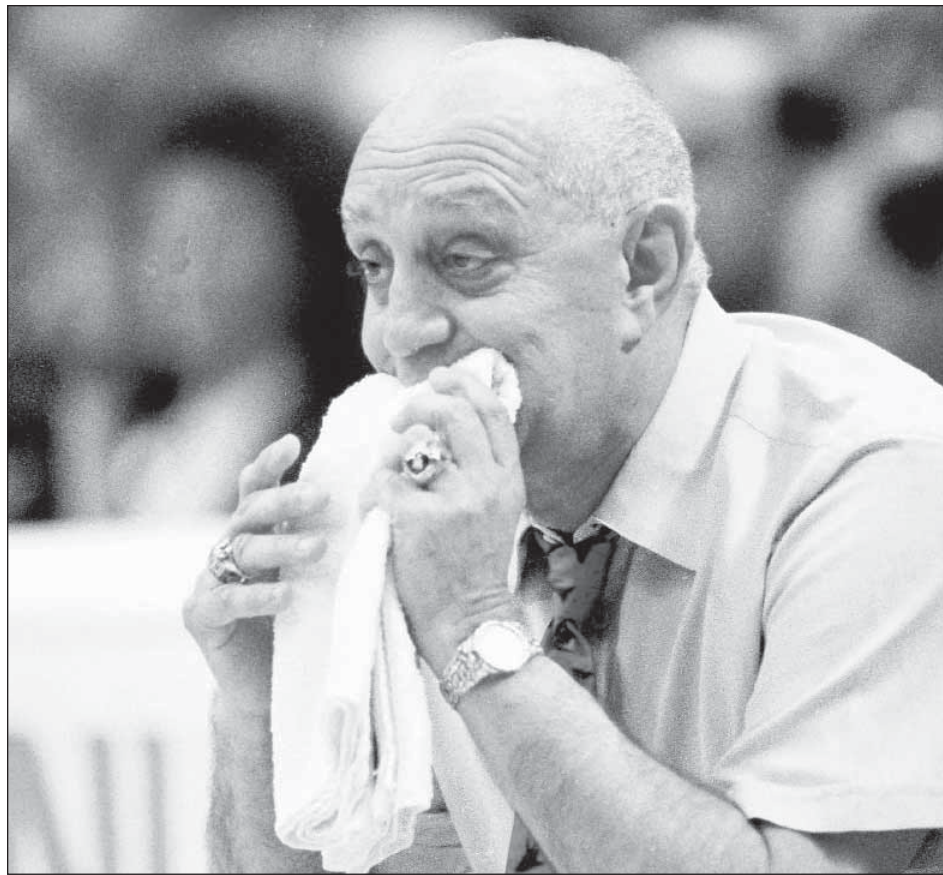
It was a pounding, a hammering, a relentless force blowing aside an over-matched foe, and it dazed those most intimately involved in it. Mike Krzyzewski, the Duke coach, looked like a stunned kid getting off his first roller coaster ride.

Tarkanian, the sad-eyed Armenian, cried from happiness as he watched his players cut down their nets of victory.

"To have all the pressure we had, with the championship on the line, to play like we did was incredible," said Tarkanian.

Guard Anderson Hunt certainly played well. He scored 29 on 12-of-16 shooting from the field (four-of-seven on threes). And forward Larry Johnson certainly played well. He scored 22 and grabbed 11 rebounds while anchoring the Reb inside defense that limited Blue Devils' Christian Laettner to 15 points and Alaa Abdelnaby to 14.

Point guard Greg Anthony certainly played well. He scored 13 and committed



UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian chews on his towel while watching his team beat Duke in the NCAA championship game April 2, 1990, in Denver.

only three turnovers while guiding the Reb attack. And forward Stacey Augmon certainly played well. He scored a dozen on only seven shots (he hit six) and anchored a team defense that this night was as stingy as a steely-eyed loan officer.

The Rebs were up 16-11 seven minutes into this game when that defense, already performing with vigor, suddenly accelerated its pace and started swirling like some tornado blowing across the plains. It was now an attacking force, a destructive force, and it cared not which Blue Devils it victimized. The first was frosh guard Bobby Hurley, who had a pass stolen by Johnson. Then it was guard Thomas Hill, who had his

own pass stolen by Johnson. Then Augmon stole two straight passes by Phil Henderson (21 points), and then an Abdelnaby pass to Laettner was tipped away by Johnson.

That made it five turnovers in five straight possessions for the Blue Devils, who would finish with 14 in the first half and 23 in the game after averaging only 17 during the season. They were lucky, in fact, to be down only 47-35 when that first half ended, but whatever hope that mere dozen-point spread offered them was strictly an illusion.

"Tonight was not a game of X's and O's," Krzyzewski said. "It was a game of complete focus. They knew they had the upper hand

## OTHER APRIL 2 MOMENTS

**1984:** Georgetown, led by junior center Patrick Ewing and freshman forward Reggie Williams, beats Houston 84-75 to win the NCAA championship in Seattle.

**1986:** The 3-point field goal, at 19 feet, 9 inches, is adopted by the NCAA.

**1995:** Connecticut caps an unbeaten season by defeating Tennessee 70-64 for the NCAA women's championship. The Huskies, 35-0, become the winningest basketball team for one season in Division I.

**2016:** Villanova advances to the national championship game with the biggest margin of victory in Final Four history, overwhelming Oklahoma 95-51.

on the defensive end. They were in control of the game whether they had the ball or not.

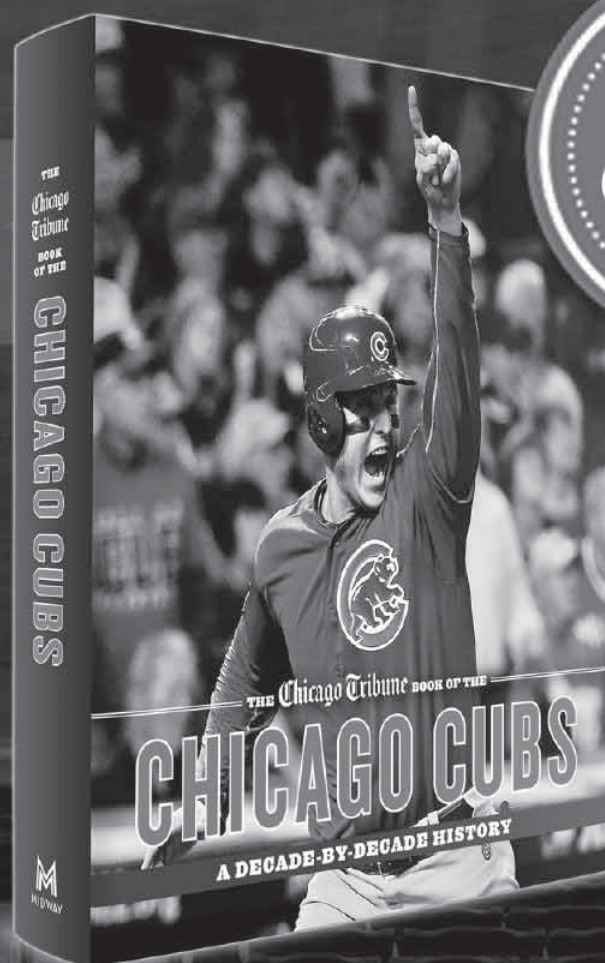
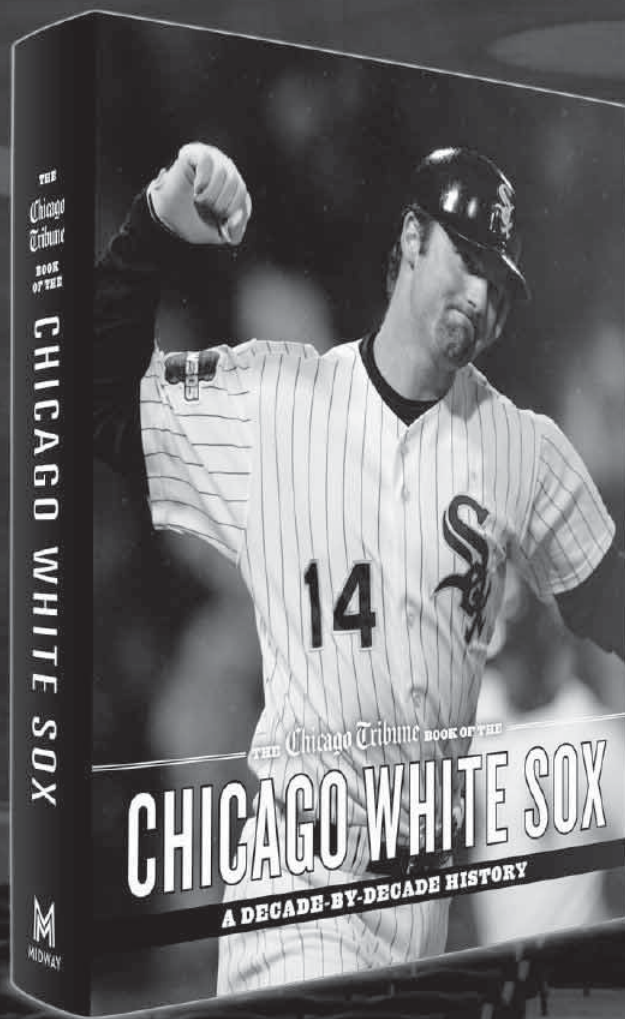
"I don't know if you understand, but there's a difference between us not playing well and them not letting us play well. Our team was ready. But their defense just wouldn't let us play?"

Their first incredible display had been with them in a man-to-man, and now their last and most-incredible would be created by that extended 1-1-3 zone Tarkanian calls his Amoeba. He unleashed it with just over 16 minutes left in the game, and after a Hunt jumper pushed his Rebs' lead to 59-47. Once, twice it denied Duke good shots, and those misses were followed by a Johnson banker from down low and a Hunt three. Then came a Duke turnover, a fastbreak layup for Hunt and a Duke timeout.

It did no good, and immediately the Blue Devils turned it over again, which led to another layup for Hunt, and yet again, which led to a dunk by Augmon. Now, just 30 seconds after calling one timeout, Krzyzewski was forced to call another.

Again it did no good, and again the Blue Devils committed another turnover that led to another Reb layup, this one by Johnson, and then Hunt finished off this remarkable 18-0 run with a three. That pushed Vegas' lead to 75-47, and though better than 13 minutes were left in this game, Johnson was hardly presumptuous when he celebrated Hunt's last basket by raising his arms in victory.

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## SPORTS

# Day 22

Since the sports world went mainly dark



ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY

## Goodnight fortnight: Virus breaks Wimbledon's streak

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
Associated Press

For the first time in its nearly century-and-a-half history, Wimbledon was canceled for a reason other than war, scrapped in 2020 on Wednesday because of the coronavirus pandemic.

With Britain under a nationwide lockdown, the All England Club announced its decision to call off its storied two-week grass-court tennis tournament, something that hadn't happened to the sport's oldest Grand Slam event in 75 years.

"It has weighed heavily on our minds that the staging of The Championships has only been interrupted previously by World Wars," club chairman Ian Hewitt said, "but, following thorough and extensive consideration of all scenarios, we believe that it is a measure of this global crisis that it is ultimately the right decision to cancel this year's Championships, and instead concentrate on how we can use the breadth of Wimbledon's resources to help those in our local communities and beyond."

Wimbledon was scheduled to be played on the outskirts of London from June 29 to July 12. Instead, the next edition of the tournament will be June 28 to July 11, 2021.

Eight-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer surely spoke for many tennis players, officials and fans with a one-word message on Twitter: "Devastated."

Also Wednesday, the ATP and WTA announced that the men's and women's professional tours would be suspended until at least July 13, bringing the number of elite tennis tournaments affected by the new coronavirus since early March to more than 30. The top tours already had been on hold through June 7. Lower-level events on the Challenger Tour and ITF World Tennis Tour also are called off for the first two weeks of July now.

Wimbledon first was held in 1877 and has been contested every year since, with the exception of two stretches: from 1915-18 because of World War I, and from 1940-45 because of World War II.

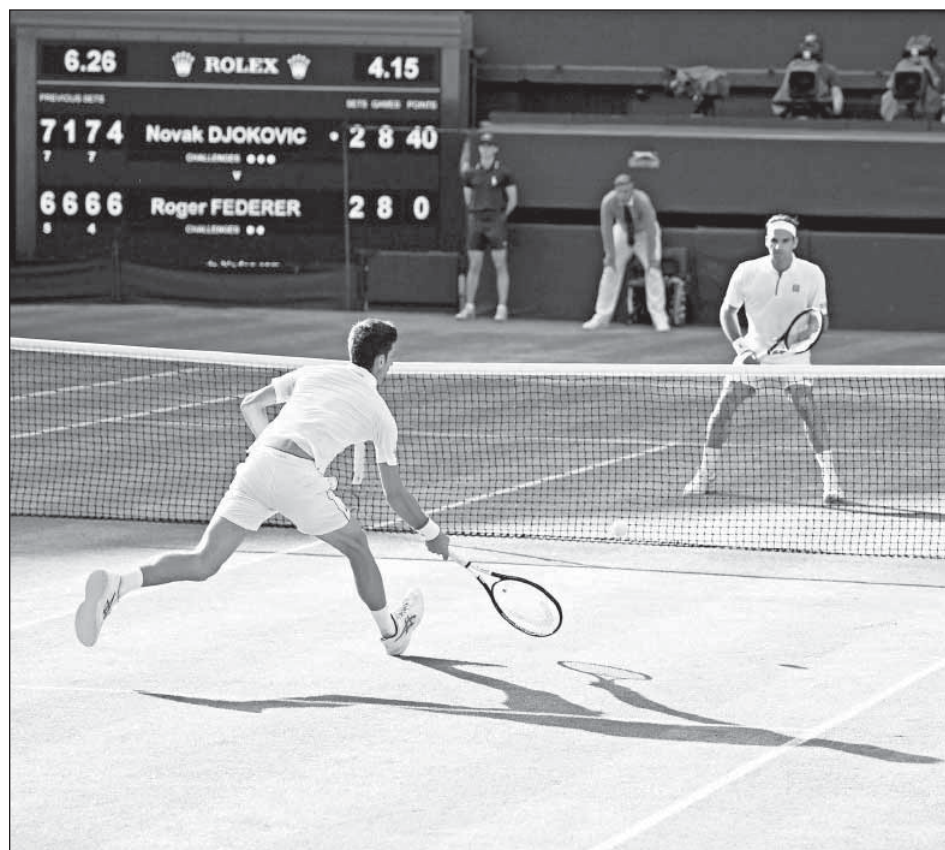
Now the prestigious tournament — known for its carefully manicured grass, its Royal Box at Centre Court, its rules about wearing white, its strawberries and cream and, alas, its rain delays — joins the growing list of major sports events called off in 2020 because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

That includes the Tokyo Olympics — which have been pushed back 12 months — and the NCAA men's and women's college basketball tournaments.

Wimbledon is the first Grand Slam tournament wiped out because of the coronavirus; the start of the French Open was postponed from late May to late September.

Shortly after the news came from Wimbledon, the U.S. Tennis Association issued a statement saying it "still plans to host the U.S. Open as scheduled," from Aug. 31 to Sept. 13 in New York.

As of now, the French Open is set to begin seven days after the men's final at Flushing Meadows, where a facility housing indoor practice courts is now a temporary 350-bed hospital and Louis Armstrong Stadium is being used to prepare 25,000 meal packages per day for patients, workers, volunteers



MATTHIAS HANGS/GETTY

Wimbledon was canceled for the first time since World War II. Novak Djokovic, foreground, and Roger Federer must wait until 2021 to compete for the prestigious Grand Slam title.

**1 IN, 1 OUT, 2 TO GO**  
Updated 2020 major schedule for tennis:

**Completed: Australian Open**

- Dates: Jan. 18 through Feb. 2.
- Men's champion: Novak Djokovic.
- Women's champion: Sofia Kenin.

**Canceled: Wimbledon**

- Original dates: June 29 through July 12.

**Postponed: French Open**

- Original dates: May 24 through June 7.
- New dates: Sept. 20 through Oct. 4.

**On schedule: U.S. Open**

- Dates: Aug. 24 through Sept. 13.

and schoolchildren in the city.

Wednesday's decision by the All England Club means Novak Djokovic and Simona Halep will not get a chance this year to defend their Wimbledon titles from 2019.

"We are going through something bigger than tennis and Wimbledon will be back!" Halep wrote on social media. "And it means I have even longer to look forward to defending my title."

Serena Williams retweeted the club's message about the cancellation and wrote: "I'm Shooked."

The move takes away what might have been one of Federer's best chances to try to add to his men's-record 20 Grand Slam titles. Federer, who turns 39 in August, is recovering from knee surgery and planned to return in time for the European grass-court circuit that now has been erased from the calendar.

In a statement last week, the All England Club said that postponing the two-week event would not come "without significant risk and difficulty" because of the grass

surface that is affected by weather conditions. The club also said then that it had ruled out "playing behind closed doors" without spectators.

Hundreds of thousands of people have caught COVID-19 around the globe, and tens of thousands have died. For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, which can include fever and cough, but also milder cases of pneumonia, sometimes requiring hospitalization.

The All England Club said it would work to help with the emergency response to the pandemic, including distributing medical equipment and food and offering the use of their facilities in other ways.

Regular day-to-day life has come to a halt in many ways in many parts of the world in recent weeks, and sports has reflected that.

The NBA, NHL and Major League Baseball are on hold indefinitely; the Kentucky Derby and Indianapolis 500 were pushed back several months until September; England's Premier League and other club soccer competitions are currently suspended; and the European soccer championship — scheduled to end in London on the same day as the Wimbledon men's final — was postponed from 2020 to 2021.

"I have been fortunate to go to Wimbledon every year since 1961, and I am certainly going to miss it this year," said Billie Jean King, who won a total of 20 trophies at the All England Club — six for singles, 10 for women's doubles, four for mixed doubles. "Right now, we need to make sure we are taking good care of ourselves and our loved ones. These are challenging times for all of us and now is the time for us to do what is right for our world and what works for our sport."

## ROUNDUP

## European soccer scraps internationals

Move among several made by UEFA due to coronavirus

Associated Press

UEFA postponed more matches and deadlines on Wednesday without giving any firm indication on when European soccer might be able to resume, as it continues to grapple with the challenge of completing competitions that have been suspended because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The governing body couldn't even put a definitive timeframe on when this season's Champions League and Europa League must be resumed, having been suspended midway through the round of 16. However, it is contemplating the idea of having the domestic season run through the summer into August — if games can resume on time amid nationwide lockdowns because of the virus.

UEFA's executive committee also decided Tuesday to indefinitely postpone national team matches that had already been rescheduled once to June, including playoff qualifiers to complete the 24-team lineup for the European Championship. That tournament was pushed back a year to 2021.

UEFA last week had little option but to postpone club competition finals that were due to be played in May, including the Champions League final in Istanbul. Timeframes for the return of leading European domestic leagues that were also scheduled to finish in May are also hard to set due to lack of certainty over when forms of lockdowns and social distancing can be eased.

One scenario discussed during a meeting of the 55 European football nations during a video conference on Wednesday was trying to complete all leagues by Aug. 3. UEFA said that would require resuming competitions in the second half of June which it acknowledges might not be feasible. The leagues provide a path to determine qualification for the Champions League and some Europa League slots.

UEFA has put the focus on finishing league seasons by scrapping the June slot for national team games, saying they "remain postponed until further notice." The Euro 2020 playoffs were originally scheduled for March 26-31 and have now lost their June 4-9 dates. The playoffs will decide the last four places in the 24-nation lineup.

■ **MLS plans to cut the pay of some executives and front office personnel while the season is on hold because of the coronavirus pandemic, The AP reported. MLS Commissioner Don Garber and Deputy Commissioners Mark Abbott and Gary Stevenson will take 20% cuts in salary starting April 16. Other cuts would range from 20% to 10% for managerial staff. Lower salaried employees, like entry-level hires, would see no reduction in pay.**

■ **Baseball:** MLB officially canceled a two-game series in London between the Cubs and the Cardinals because of the coronavirus pandemic. The teams had been scheduled to play at Olympic Stadium on June 13 and 14.

■ **Basketball:** Nets GM Sean Marks announced that the four players who tested positive for COVID-19 completed their two weeks of isolation and are now symptom-free. The Nets announced March 17 that four players had tested positive, with Kevin Durant telling The Athletic he was among them.

■ **NHL:** The Senators announced that four more members of the organization tested positive for COVID-19. The Senators previously had two players test positive.

## ON THE CLOCK

21 Days until the NFL draft, which is still scheduled for April 23-25.

## The top 5



## Complete first-round order

1. Bengals	12. Raiders	23. Patriots
2. Redskins	13. 49ers	24. Saints
3. Lions	14. Bucs	25. Vikings
4. Giants	15. Broncos	26. Dolphins
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	

## SPORTS

# Echoes of the past

More than 100 years ago, another pandemic halted the Stanley Cup final

BY TIM BOOTH  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Seattle Metropolitan were 20 minutes from a second Stanley Cup title in the spring of 1919, 20 minutes from adding their names to the trophy again.

But Odie Cleghorn's goal for the Montreal Canadiens early in the third period of Game 5 sparked a rally that ensured there would be no celebration that day — or ever. The 1919 series took a grim turn from there.

Instead of ending with a title for Seattle, or with an epic comeback by Montreal, the series became known for being canceled during the Spanish flu pandemic that sickened several players and eventually killed Montreal's Joe Hall. Some are drawing parallels to what's happening today with the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertain future for the NHL's current season.

"(A few) weeks ago, I didn't think that would ever happen again. It was just such a quirky little footnote in history, and it was a funny little story, and 'I can't believe this happened,'" said author Kevin Ticen, who has chronicled the Metropolitan, including in a book, "When It Mattered Most," about the 1917 season. "And now we're sitting here and history has repeated itself. I mean, to me it's exactly the same."

The abandoned 1919 finals were just one of two instances since 1893 where the championship trophy was not awarded. The matchup between the champions of the NHL (Canadiens) and the Pacific Coast Hockey Association (Metropolitans) was called off with the series tied. The only other time no champion was crowned was when the 2005 lockout wiped out the entire NHL season.

The coronavirus pandemic that has brought sports to a standstill worldwide has ignited a debate about whether 2020 will be another year when the title isn't decided.

The 1919 series was a clash that featured eight future Hall of Famers — five for Montreal and three for Seattle. It was supposed to be a best-of-five — with games alternately being played under PCHA rules and NHL rules — but an extra game was added after Game 4 ended in a 0-0 double-overtime tie. Seattle sports writer Royal Brougham wrote about the tie game at the time, saying: "They may play hockey for the next 1,000 years, but they'll never stage a greater struggle than last night's."

But it's Game 5 that stands out in retrospect. Seattle led 3-0 after Jack Walker scored his second of the game in the second period.

Members of the Red Cross receive people affected by the Spanish flu in 1918.  
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ADRIAN WYLD/AP

**"My mom talked about it. I remember her saying there was no Cup one year. She said because Uncle Frank would not accept a Cup on a default, and they were defaulting because so many of the Montreal players had the flu. She said there's no way Uncle Frank would do that. He didn't want a Cup on a default."**

— Beverly Parsons, niece of Frank Patrick, one of the founders of the PCHA

Montreal's rally started with Cleghorn's goal early in the third period. Newsy Lalonde then scored twice more, the second at 17:05 of the third period to pull even. Jack McDonald scored the game-winner in overtime for the Canadiens.

"The Metropolitan just completely ran out of gas," Ticen said, noting Hall of Famer Frank Foyston was injured, Cully Wilson collapsed with exhaustion in overtime and Walker had to leave with a broken skate. "In doing research over the '16 and '17 season, they always won late. ... They always won late and that was the first game that they imploded."

Unknown that night, the flu was beginning to spread even as the players began looking ahead to Game 6 on April 1.

Five Montreal players and coach George Kennedy came down with the flu, registering fevers of 101 or higher, after Game 5.

The Canadiens tried to bring in players from the team in Victoria, British Columbia, but the request was denied. Ultimately, Montreal attempted to forfeit the title to Seattle but the Metropolitan and PCHA wouldn't accept. Hall died from the flu four days after the series was canceled.

"My mom talked about it. I remember her saying there was no Cup one year," said Beverly Parsons, niece of Frank and Lester Patrick, who were the founders of the PCHA. "She said because Uncle Frank would not accept a Cup on a default, and they were defaulting because so many of the Montreal players had the flu. She said there's no way Uncle Frank would do that. He didn't want a Cup on a default."

How and why the Spanish flu re-emerged in the area at that point is unclear. The Spanish flu, which may have actually started in Kansas, claimed tens of millions

of lives during its three-year carnage. It was at its worst in the Seattle area late in 1918, to the point where the city essentially shut down in a similar fashion to today with the current response to the coronavirus.

Ticen said one theory is that the Canadiens, who were in Vancouver for several days before making the trip to Seattle to begin the series, may have contracted the flu from a Canadian military regiment that had just returned after World War I. It just took several days for the symptoms to show.

Whatever the reason, that finals series is a major footnote in hockey history that has suddenly become relevant again.

"It's just wild," Ticen said. "I don't have another word to explain it."

AP Hockey Writer Stephen Whyno contributed to this report.



## SPORTS

## WHITE SOX

## In 'weird purgatory'

Giolito is staying in shape in California while waiting for the season to resume

BY LAMOND POPE

Lucas Giolito made his first spring training start March 6 against the Cubs after recovering from a muscle strain in his rib-cage area that had hampered him before camp began.

The White Sox ace's next scheduled start, March 11 against the Rockies, got washed out by rain. One day later, Major League Baseball suspended spring training and delayed opening day because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Giolito recently drove back home to California from the team's spring training facility in Arizona and is adapting to the current circumstances.

"It almost feels like some sort of weird purgatory," he said during a conference call Tuesday. "We were in spring training mode, everybody is on the same page. We were having a great camp, guys were coming together and we were making great progress as a club.

"We were getting prepared for a really great season, and just out of nowhere, not very much warning, it was like, all right, we have to shut it down and everyone is on hold until further notice."

Giolito said the shutdown has caused "a weird vibe."

"It sucks," he said. "We wish we were out there playing. At the same time, we are in the middle of a crisis and we can't force the issue. We have to let everything run its course and hopefully we can get this going as soon as possible."

The Sox happened to have a scheduled day off March 12, the day MLB suspended spring training.

"It was basketball first, hockey, things were going that way, and it's like, 'OK, we're probably next,' and then sure enough that happens," Giolito said. "A little bit of confusion about what's going to happen, and then we started to figure things out from there. We had a team meeting (the next day). Now we're just waiting and hopefully can get it going again soon."

Giolito said he's "doing everything I can within reason" to stay in shape. He has kept in contact with pitching coach Don Cooper and assistant pitching coach Curt Hasler and has maintained a routine.

"I'm trying to take advantage of what I can," he said. "There's a park two blocks



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White Sox pitcher Lucas Giolito runs on a practice field during spring training.

away from me that I can go and get work done at, even if I'm throwing at the fence to myself. It's like a test to see, despite limited resources, how focused can you be on a daily basis on the work you need to get in. You try to make it fun and turn it into a game."

In the one Cactus League game he did pitch, Giolito had one strikeout in one scoreless inning against the Cubs. Even with the injury setback earlier in spring training, he felt he was on target for the start of the season.

"That (injury) was taken care of pretty early on in the spring," Giolito said. "By the time I was building up and throwing and

getting off the mound for the first time, it wasn't even a thought.

"I was looking forward to a nice full season. It's obviously not looking that way, but we'll see what we can make happen. I'm feeling very good, very strong, doing my best to maintain where I'm at. Hopefully we get the call soon."

Whenever games do return, Giolito is confident the Sox will be ready.

"We're going to pick right back up where we left off," he said. "We were in a very good spot when things did come to an abrupt end there. ... We had a very good collective mindset, and we're not going to let this pause affect what we're building."

## BASKETBALL NOTES

## Longtime Illinois assistant leaves for Grand Canyon

BY SHANNON RYAN

Illinois assistant men's basketball coach Jamall Walker has left the program after eight seasons to join Grand Canyon's coaching staff.

Bryce Drew, who took the head coaching job at Grand Canyon two weeks ago, announced the hiring of Walker and fellow assistants Ed Schilling and Casey Shaw on Wednesday.

Walker came to Champaign in 2012 with former Illinois coach John Groce and was a holdover on coach Brad Underwood's staff the last three seasons. He served as interim head coach during the 2017 National Invitation Tournament, guiding the Illini to two wins after Groce was fired.

He was moved into the role of assistant to the head coach and defensive coordinator this past season after Underwood hired assistant coach Stephen Gentry.

"Jamall is an outstanding basketball coach and an even better person," Underwood said in a statement posted to his Twitter account. "I feel the exact same way about Bryce Drew, so it is a perfect fit that they'll now be working together. ... I'll miss our collaboration and talking ball in the office, but I am excited about the opportunity that awaits him in Phoenix."

Drew replaced Dan Majerle, whom Grand Canyon fired after seven seasons. Schilling is a former Indiana and UCLA assistant, while Shaw is Drew's brother-in-law and worked under him at Vanderbilt.

**Brown staying at UIC:** Luke Yaklich completed his first coaching staff at UIC, keeping former Illinois star Dee Brown on board as an assistant coach. Yaklich, announced last week as the new Flames coach, also added Will Veasley and Brock Erickson to his bench.

Brown was an assistant on former UIC coach Steve McClain's staff the last three seasons. The Proviso East graduate helped lead Illinois to Big Ten championships in 2004 and 2005 and the 2005 national championship game.

Brown worked at Illinois from 2015 to 2016 as a special assistant to the athletic director and later as director of player development and alumni relations for the basketball team. He resigned citing personal reasons.

"I am very excited to have Dee join our coaching staff," Yaklich said in a statement. "His love and passion for basketball in the state of Illinois and Chicago is evident at all times. He will be a tremendous mentor for our players."

## Sullivan

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Fanatics executive chairman Michael Rubin, who also is a co-owner of the 76ers and Devils, recently came up with the idea of using fabric meant for major-league uniforms to make masks and gowns for a local hospital near Philadelphia.

According to a company spokesman, Rubin recently woke up in the middle of the night and thought about what he could do to help alleviate the problem caused by the lack of personal protective equipment during the pandemic. He quickly realized he had a million yards of fabric for baseball uniforms at the company's manufacturing facility in Easton, Pa., that was not going to use.

Because there will be no baseball for the immediate future, there's no need to make jerseys. While the company was looking into the logistics, it received a call from St. Luke's Hospital in nearby Bethlehem asking if the hospital could bring its own material to the Fanatics facility to cut PPEs. The company was glad to help, but the hospital then said it was too difficult to do and asked if Fanatics could simply make the masks itself.

Meanwhile, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf called Rubin and asked for help in making masks for hospitals statewide. Rubin then contacted MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred and asked if Fanatics could halt production of jerseys to make the masks and gowns out of the material.

Manfred's response: "How quickly can we get started?"

That's all it took. The cost of making and delivering 1 million masks is estimated at \$3 million, a spokesman said, with Fanatics and MLB splitting the cost.

One week after a sleepless night started it off, Fanatics began delivering masks to St. Luke's. Its goal is to make 1 million masks available to deliver to Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey hospitals.

The raw fabric used for the masks and gowns is a polyester mesh material originally intended for making Phillies and Yankees jerseys. The masks are non-surgical grade and single-use only, which means they're not a replacement for the N95 masks used by hospital workers treating coronavirus patients.

But they are being used by emergency management workers and other hospital employees on the front lines of the pandemic.

Illinois currently is not on the list of states for PPE deliveries from Fanatics, but the company hopes to expand its plan when feasible.

So Cubs and Sox masks may be in the offing someday, though it's too soon to say whether members of the public will be able to buy similar PPEs for their daily use.

Let's hope so. If there's one way to make people more aware of the need to



AP PHOTOS

A Bauer employee models a medical face shield the hockey equipment manufacturer has begun creating to help those treating the coronavirus pandemic in Quebec.



Fanatics has suspended production on jerseys and is instead using the polyester mesh fabric to make masks and gowns.

help flatten the curve, it's by letting them represent their favorite sports team. I've never rooted for the 76ers before, but Rubin has made a new fan.

Like other sports leagues in limbo during the crisis, MLB is navigating things as best it can while facing an uncertain future. But while dealing with difficult decisions such as how to fairly compensate multimillionaires during the shutdown, whether it can begin considering starting up again and how long the season could last if it does, MLB also needs to show it's doing whatever it can to help out.

Manfred's quick decision to help Fanatics implement its plan was a great start. "When Michael called me about this, it was the first piece of good news in a while," Manfred told the New York Times. "I really hope it's just the first step in baseball contributing to the country getting back on the road to normalcy."

With all the great minds in baseball —

and with many of the game's front offices filled by Ivy Leaguers and other highly educated employees — there should be no shortage of new ideas to help out in the crisis.

The new buzzword in America is "pivot," with companies pivoting to address the needs of workers in areas that may be outside their expertise. Among those is Bauer, a hockey equipment manufacturer based in New Hampshire that is repurposing to begin mass producing medical face shields for doctors and nurses.

Bauer CEO Ed Kinnaly told the Boston Globe that two employees called him with the idea and sent him drawings a day later. The single-use device, which costs \$3 to make, is similar to a welder's shield.

The company is making up to 4,000 masks a day, though Kinnaly told the Globe he has not asked for permission to continue making them during the shutdown for nonessential business in the places they're manufactured.

"If we're told to shut down, we will, and we'll eat the expenses associated with making masks," he said. "We think the risk is worth it. It's for the greater good."

Doing the right thing is the only thing that matters. And who knows what else businesses can do to help our doctors, nurses, first responders, grocery store workers and others on the front lines of the pandemic. Maybe plexiglass panels meant for hockey arenas could be transitioned for use at grocery store checkouts?

The possibilities are endless. This is what makes me optimistic about the future. While some of us are fretting over when our favorite players will return to action, ordinary people are coming up with ways to make things safer for the real heroes, the ones making sacrifices to help save lives.

## Cubs

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"It seemed perfect," Gunterman said. "Too perfect."

Colleen Schaffer, a Cubs fan from Illinois who lives in Arizona, also planned to attend the London Series for her birthday after a six-day trip to Ireland.

Wednesday's announcement was more of a cold reality than a shock. The Sun, a British newspaper, reported last week that organizers had postponed the event.

Two weeks ago, MLB canceled series between the Diamondbacks and Padres scheduled for April 18-19 in Mexico City and between the Mets and Marlins on April 28-30 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Fortunately for Gunterman, he bought refundable plane tickets. And as soon as MLB announced the cancellation, many ticket holders received email assuring them of a full refund for tickets and service charges.

"Given the extraordinary circumstances, our refund process is taking slightly longer than usual," the email from Ticketmaster read. "You don't need to do anything; please rest assured we are working through these as quickly as possible and will issue a refund for your tickets to the method of payment used to buy your tickets."

Schaffer said she was awaiting confirmation from a travel agency on the status of a full refund.

Cubs players and other personnel also looked forward to the trip. As recently as the second week of March, a few days before the suspension of spring training, British reporters visited Arizona to interview manager David Ross and players about their anticipated visit.

"The excitement comes from the newness, the uniqueness of it, the ability to go and show your skill set, the ability to show America's pastime in a different country," Ross said last month, adding he planned to take his children for some sightseeing before the series.

Ross said he would seek a balance between the task of winning two games and fun activities such as tours and a team dinner. He said he spoke with a few former teammates who participated in the first London Series last year between the Yankees and Red Sox before 120,000 fans at London Stadium.

"If you do stuff as a family and bring in wives and parents and make everyone feel at home and enjoy the experience, it's easy to go to work and throw in your hat," Ross said.

Gunterman said the refunds lessen only some of the disappointment of not getting to celebrate his milestone birthday watching the Cubs in London.

"Hopefully I'll be able to see friends from 6 feet apart," he said. "Or have time for a Zoom celebration."

## NFL

# Planning on full season

Executives confident coronavirus disruptions will stop short of Week 1



DAN WIEDERER  
On the Bears

If March 2020 taught us anything about the sports world, it's that looking too far down the road can prove imprudent and impractical. When the month began, no one had any idea that sports were headed for an almost complete shutdown and

that most of the country would follow suit as a global pandemic brought a terrifying health crisis to our front door.

Remember way back when? Remember those days of yore when sports reporters had the seemingly significant concern of being restricted from clubhouses and locker rooms as a precaution against the spread of the coronavirus?

Remember when LeBron James insisted he had little desire to play NBA games with no fans in attendance?

Remember when the Ivy League's decision to cancel its basketball tournaments seemed controversial?

Yep, that all happened just a few weeks ago, in March 2020, a long, long month unlike any before it, a stretch that took our once comfortable and leisure-filled existence and slammed it to a screeching halt.

The NBA and NHL seasons: suspended. March Madness: gone. Opening day: postponed.

Yet on the final day of March 2020, the NFL made a bold and emphatic proclamation. Its bigwigs aren't worrying about contingency plans for the upcoming season.\*

The league expects everything to proceed as scheduled in the fall.\*

Said Jeff Pash, the league's executive vice president and general counsel: "All of our discussions, all of our focus has been on a normal, traditional season, starting on time, playing in front of fans in our regular stadiums and going through the full 16-game regular season and a full set of playoffs. That's our focus."

No talk of possibly abbreviating or modifying the schedule?

No worries about having to push the start of the season back a few weeks or even months?

No discussions of possibly playing in empty stadiums to eliminate public health worries about large gatherings?

Nope. Nope. Annnnd nope.

Not yet anyway.

Get yourself ready for Week 1 in early September then.\*

Start dreaming about the usual 16-game slate with international games played as planned.\*

Be ready, starting in January, for four weekends of playoff pressure, including an expanded 14-team postseason field.\*

Save the date: Feb. 7, 2021. Super Bowl LV in Tampa, Fla.\*

"Our planning, our expectation is fully directed at playing a full season," Pash reiterated, "starting on schedule and having a full regular season and a full set of playoffs. Just as we did in 2019. That's our expectation."

(\* — It's all subject to change.)

The league's optimism certainly sounded comforting during Tuesday's conference call with reporters. After two weeks of widespread seclusion, of work-from-home isolation and grocery-store anxiety, even the smallest promise of normalcy seems tantalizing. Even if it's five months up the road and subject to change. Just grab at that glimmer of hope.

Football is coming?!?!? Football is really coming back?!?!?

Maybe.

"Am I certain?" Pash said. "I'm not certain I'll be here tomorrow. But I'm planning on it."

The NFL is not going about this in reckless fashion. It will continue to follow the guidance of public health and government authorities. Like all businesses, it will adapt and modify its plans as necessary. It will keep tabs on the coronavirus developments — daily, weekly, monthly — and adjust accordingly.

But the league is keeping its head down and proceeding toward a much-hoped-for normal regular season. And NFL executives remain confident that's realistic.

That certitude, Pash said, comes from insight and analysis the league is gleaming



The Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes drops back to pass during the Super Bowl on Feb. 2.



NFL Executive Vice President Jeff Pash discusses collective bargaining in 2011.

from infectious disease experts; from organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and from in-house medical specialists such as chief medical officer Dr. Allen Sills and Dr. Thom Mayer, the medical director for the NFL Players Association.

Said Pash: "What the doctors are looking at are models that address the effectiveness of different kinds of interventions on how the (COVID-19) curve has trended down and tailed off in other countries and what they believe will be the result based on the modeling that's been done in this country."

"Keeping in mind that we're still in March and there are still several months between now and when our season would begin, the belief and the information we have is leading us to continue focusing on having the season start on time and be played in a normal way."

For now.

On the same call, though, the league detailed extreme modifications it has made because of the COVID-19 emergency. The NFL draft, for example, no longer will take place on the Las Vegas

Strip in April. In fact, with front-office personnel and coaches banned indefinitely from their team facilities, the draft will have peculiar logistics this year as the league orders teams to adhere to the new standards.

No more than 10 people in a room. Each of those people at least 6 feet apart. And proper hand hygiene is a must, said Peter O'Reilly, executive vice president of club business and league events.

Teams also are adjusting for an off-season program that likely won't include the usual strength and conditioning programs, team meetings or spring practices. Instead, teams are working to find digital alternatives to as much as they can.

So who knows for certain when the curve will flatten and trend down, when the public health system will be allowed to breathe again, when the daily death numbers will begin to decrease? Who knows for certain when we'll get the green light for normal life to start to return?

Who knows if something new and unforeseen will knock the NFL's confidence in the 2020 season off course? And if the current plans are derailed, then what?

"A lot of it will depend on what the medical and public health situation is," Pash said. "If the modeling is as we've been given to understand, we may not have to get very far down that road. If things take a different turn and if there are different regulations put in place, then we would have to address it in a more substantial way."

"But as I say, for the time being, we're pretty confident that we will be able to go on schedule."

For the time being, that sounds promising. Encouraging. Comforting.

For now.\*

(\* — It's all subject to change.)

14 NFL teams will make the playoffs in 2020 — that's almost 44% of the league

BY DAN WIEDERER

Perhaps it slipped past you amid the chaos of life over the last few weeks. On March 15, when NFL players voted to approve a new collective bargaining agreement, they gave the green light for playoff expansion this year. Two more teams in the bracket, one per conference. One fewer first-round bye.

NFL teams formally approved that proposal during league meetings Tuesday. So it's full steam ahead.

That's right, in 2020 the playoff guest list expands to 14 teams; almost 44% of the league now joining the party.

So what will that mean in Chicago? Will it change the pressure inside Halas Hall for an organization that hasn't won a playoff game since 2010 and has played in only three over the last 13 seasons?

The short answer: It should.

If the Bears are serious about their objective to become a franchise that can sustain success, they have to start by elevating their standards and refusing to so readily shrug off mediocrity. In a highly competitive league in which a cutthroat mentality is a prerequisite to high-level success, the Bears must sharpen their focus. Now.

Reaching the playoffs this year should be a demand, not a request. A top-down directive. Inflexible and firm. With ramifications if it's not met.

Reaching the playoffs on a regular basis must be a baseline measure of achievement and not just a refreshing periodic respite from years-long stretches of struggle.

With the postseason field expanded and a third wild-card invitation available in the NFC, the Bears have to be thinking "playoffs or bust" in 2020.

Or else ...

Maybe that command has been communicated clearly inside the organization. Perhaps general manager Ryan Pace is feeling the weight of his .425 winning percentage over five seasons and realizes positive results in 2020 are mandatory.

Maybe that's why Pace's biggest acquisitions in the past month — quarterback Nick Foles, pass rusher Robert Quinn and tight end Jimmy Graham — are experienced and accomplished veterans who will be in their 30s when the season begins. Same goes for re-signed inside linebacker Danny Trevathan.

There isn't enough time to invest in hope or potential or more developmental projects. There is a need to win. Consistently. As soon as possible.

That urgency should not be mistaken for panic. There's a big difference. But there must be far fewer pleas for patience from inside Halas Hall.

At the NFL combine in February, coach Matt Nagy vocalized his mindset and continued to strike the right tone for the 2020 Bears. In addressing the need for quarterback Mitch Trubisky to make a significant developmental leap, Nagy referred to the urgency as "highly elevated."

He also made it clear he wants that mindset shared teamwide.

Nagy acknowledged the frustration that came with the offense's pronounced struggles in 2019 and stamped his team's 8-8 record as "bad." That sentiment was shared by Chairman George McCaskey and President Ted Phillips, who on Dec. 31 labeled the season as "disappointing" and "unacceptable," respectively.

But what does "unacceptable" really mean? What are the consequences for unacceptable performances going forward and, more importantly, how do the Bears avoid another disappointing slide?

To that end, both McCaskey and Phillips have expressed faith in the leadership of Pace and Nagy, in their ability to self-reflect and collaborate and solve the problems that created such an unsatisfactory 2019 season.

"We should be able to turn it around next year," Phillips said. "I mean, we were 12-4 just a year ago. We had the (NFL) coach of the year and the executive of the year. They haven't lost their abilities and we haven't lost the talent level. We've just got to be able to maximize it better this coming season."

Nagy will continue to use his natural positive energy as a spark. But his enthusiasm should never be mistaken for a head-in-the-sand, Pollyannaish approach. That's not who Nagy is.

He has spent months now, in collaboration with Pace and his coaching staff, performing a detailed examination of all that went wrong for the 2019 Bears and formulating plans to fix the biggest problems.

The Bears have made changes to the coaching staff and a series of moves in free agency and soon will look toward the draft. They have been examining system modifications on both sides of the ball to produce better results.

Most of all, though, Nagy wants his players to understand the urgency and insistence in his tone that they all get into the proper mindset immediately.

"Let's do everything we can do to pull this thing and rally this thing back together," Nagy said. "Let's not dwell on last year. ... Let's learn but now let's also understand time. We're right there. We feel like we have pieces. Let's be positive. Let's stay in attack mode."

A pivotal season is ahead. That reality must be acknowledged and embraced.

## Bears extending deadline for some payments

BY COLLEEN KANE

The deadline to pay for 2020 Bears season tickets was March 20. But the team continues to field calls from season ticket holders concerned about making such payments in a time of economic uncertainty due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Bears are encouraging such calls so they can work with individuals to extend the deadline on a case-by-case basis, said Scott Hagel, senior vice president of marketing and communications.

"We continue to work on customized plans that best fit each of our season ticket holders who have called for an extension," Hagel said Tuesday. "And (we) continue to encourage those calls at 847-615-BEAR."

The Bears are one of 28 teams that have either extended the deadline or offered to negotiate on a case-by-case basis, according to the Associated Press.

The Broncos' final deadline was Feb. 1. The Cowboys, 49ers and Bengals haven't made such a call.

Some teams extended their deadlines by several months, including the Patriots and Falcons, who moved their dates to June 30 and July 1. The Ravens, Eagles, Vikings and Packers also are among the teams that moved their deadlines.

"All fans have to do is fill out the form in their email and we'll take care of it for them," the Falcons wrote to their fans. "We want to do what's best for ALL of our season ticket holders by offering options during this trying time."

The Bears decided not to move the deadline for the entire group of season ticket holders because of the fluidity of the coronavirus crisis. They believed setting a new date might not solve the issue for everyone, so they wanted to allow for dialogue with individuals with concerns.

But those individuals must present their case to the ticket office.

Hagel said last week on "Mully & Haugh" on WSCR-AM 670 that only 2% of season ticket holders had asked for an extension. He didn't have an update to that number this week but said calls continue to come in about it. The team increased season ticket prices by an average of 3.9% this year.

While the NFL is pushing back the unveiling of the 2020 schedule from mid-April until around May 9, the league said on a conference call Tuesday it plans to begin its full 16-game schedule on time in September.

That, of course, could change depending on how the coronavirus crisis continues to unfold, and the league will have contingency plans in place.

Associated Press contributed.

**NBA**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	46	18	.719	—
Boston	43	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	21	45	.318	26

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	41	24	.631	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	40	27	.597	1½
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	43	22	.662	—
Utah	41	23	.641	1½
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½
Portland	29	37	.439	14½
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	35

**LEAGUE LUXURY TAX SPACE**

TEAM	LUXURY TAX SPACE	CAP SPACE*
New York	\$24,044,521	-3,458,831
Atlanta	20,328,367	-3,202,555
Chicago	19,418,258	-4,066,742
Indiana	18,035,056	-5,451,944
Sacramento	14,324,048	-9,162,952
Boston	14,189,915	-10,007,447
New Orleans	14,064,575	-9,251,046
Phoenix	12,040,540	-11,801,022
LA Lakers	9,903,493	-13,583,507
Dallas	9,333,465	-14,153,535
San Antonio	8,977,584	-14,509,416
Charlotte	8,530,699	-13,492,035
Toronto	5,963,465	-16,014,361
Brooklyn	5,309,663	-18,293,919
Houston	4,570,131	-18,463,930
Utah	4,347,383	-18,072,555
Denver	3,380,691	-20,076,054
Memphis	3,011,465	-20,158,197
Philadelphia	2,713,871	-20,962,816
Milwaukee	2,222,469	-21,089,664
Detroit	1,833,377	-21,653,623
Cleveland	1,070,054	-22,273,891
Washington	948,988	-22,150,362
LA Clippers	660,063	-22,826,937
Golden State	309,956	-22,381,342
Minnesota	-414,017	-24,089,189
Orlando	-439,276	-27,017,719
Okla. City	-801,066	-24,116,687
Miami	-1,988,727	-24,757,605
Portland	-3,965,292	-28,527,430

**DEAD CAP SPACE ALLOTMENT**

Mem	\$32,090,833	Port	\$5,554,793
Atl	\$29,715,452	Sac	\$3,904,106
Det	\$26,701,057	Dal	\$3,745,842
Char	\$26,239,138	Phil	\$3,319,014
Phx	\$22,685,370	Ind	\$2,245,400
Min	\$19,185,340	Cle	\$2,215,538
SA	\$11,917,163	OKC	\$1,736,267
Was	\$10,431,206	Den	\$1,620,564
LAL	\$10,149,026	LAC	\$1,620,564
Mil	\$9,720,806	Bos	\$1,547,351
Utah	\$8,294,464	Chi	\$1,488,231
Brk	\$7,573,084	GS	\$1,425,471
Orl	\$7,426,517	Hou	\$1,337,167
NY	\$6,431,667	Tor	\$1,200,000
Mia	\$5,664,670	NO	N/A

**Luxury Tax Threshold:** \$132,627,000.  
 \*-\* cap space with cap holds included if team salary was below the cap maximum.  
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**PHOTO OF THE DAY**

# Work must go on

Construction continues on SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, Calif., even after an unidentified worker tested positive for COVID-19 and another was said to be “presumed positive.” SoFi Stadium, the \$5 billion future home of the NFL’s Rams and Chargers, is scheduled to open in late July with a Taylor Swift concert. An estimated 3,000 people — carpenters, crane operators, electricians, iron workers, painters and tile layers — remain on the job.

**SOCCER**

**MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER**

Eastern	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	2	0	0	6	4	2
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	1	4	4	3
Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3
Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2
Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1
D.C. United	1	1	0	3	3	3
Chicago	0	1	1	2	3	3
New England	0	1	1	2	3	3
Orlando City	0	1	1	1	2	3
Philadelphia	0	1	1	1	3	5
Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	3	5
Inter Miami CF	0	2	0	0	1	3
N.Y. City FC	0	2	0	0	0	2

**Western**

Western	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1
Minnesota	2	0	0	6	8	3
Colorado	2	0	0	6	4	2
FC Dallas	1	0	1	4	4	2
Los Angeles FC	1	0	1	4	4	3
Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	2
Portland	1	1	0	3	2	3
Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3
Real Salt Lake	0	0	2	2	1	1
LA Galaxy	0	1	1	1	1	2
San Jose	0	1	1	1	4	7
Houston	0	1	1	1	1	5
Nashville SC	0	2	0	0	1	3

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie

**TENNIS**

**WIMBLEDON RECORDS**

GENTLEMEN SINGLES	
<b>Title Leaders</b>	
• Roger Federer (2003-07, 2009, 2012, 2017)	
7: William C. Crenshaw (1881-'86, 1889), Pete Sampras (1993-'95, '97-2000)	
5: Hugh Doherty (1902-'06), Bjorn Borg (1976-'80); Novak Djokovic (2011, 2014-15, 2018-19)	
4: Reginald Doherty (1987-1900), Anthony Wilding (1910-'13), Rod Laver (1961, '62, '68, '69)	
<b>Titles by country</b>	
34: British Isles	33: U.S.
21: Australia	8: Switzerland
7: France	7: Sweden

LADIES SINGLES	
<b>Title Leaders</b>	
9: Martina Navratilova 1978, '79, '82-87, '90	
8: Helen Wills-Moody 1927-30, '32, '33, '35, '38	
7 - Dorothea Douglass Lambert Chambers 1903, '04, '06, '10, '11, '13, '14	
7: Steffi Graf 1988, '89, '91-93, '95, '96	
7: Serena Williams 2002, 2003, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016	

Open Era match wins		W-L
Martina Navratilova, U.S./Czech	120-14	
Chris Evert, U.S.	96-15	
Serena Williams, U.S.	89-12	
Venus Williams, U.S.	89-17	
Steffi Graf, Germany	74-7	

Open Era match leaders		W-L
Roger Federer, Switzerland	101-13	
Jimmy Connors, U.S.	84-18	
Novak Djokovic, Serbia	72-10	
Boris Becker, Germany	71-12	
Pete Sampras, U.S.	63-7	
John McEnroe, U.S.	59-11	
Andy Murray, Great Britain	57-10	
Bjorn Borg, Sweden	51-4	

Lowest Ranked Winner: #125 Goran Ivanisevic (2001)	
Longest men's final by time: Roger Federer d Rafael Nadal 4:48, (2008)	
Longest men's match by time: John Isner d Nicolas Mahut 11:05, (2010)	

**GOLF**

**CHAMPIONS TOUR MONEY LEADERS**

GOLFER	EV	EARNINGS
Bernhard Langer	5	\$528,137
Brett Quigley	4	\$481,687
Ernie Els	3	\$450,030
Miguel Angel Jimenez	5	\$443,732
Scott Parel	5	\$435,737
Fred Couples	4	\$423,467
Woody Austin	5	\$336,740
Kevin Sutherland	5	\$294,931
Doug Barron	5	\$247,094
Stephen Ames	4	\$222,632
Robert Karlsson	3	\$202,432
Rod Pamplung	4	\$197,117
Bob Estes	3	\$185,892
Scott McCarron	5	\$182,360
Glen Day	4	\$181,015
Retief Goosen	5	\$178,596
Paul Broadhurst	5	\$164,612
Stephen Leaney	4	\$160,674
Marco Dawson	5	\$157,759
Wes Short, Jr.	5	\$154,104
Chris DiMarco	4	\$111,963
José María Olazábal	3	\$108,139
Ken Duke	4	\$101,447
Darren Clarke	4	\$98,439
Jay Haas	4	\$98,060
Colin Montgomerie	4	\$94,538
Steve Flesch	5	\$94,330
Ken Tanigawa	5	\$91,996
Mark O'Meara	5	\$89,824
Kenny Perry	4	\$88,010
Jeff Maggert	5	\$84,246
Brandt Jobe	5	\$83,922

source: pgatour.com

**NHL**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	44	14	12	100	227	174
Tampa Bay	43	21	6	92	245	195
Toronto	36	25	9	81	238	227
Florida	35	26	8	78	231	228
Montreal	31	31	9	71	212	221
Buffalo	30	31	8	68	195	217
Ottawa	25	34	12	62	191	243
Detroit	17	49	5	39	145	267

METRO.	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	41	20	8	90	240	215
Philadelphia	41	21	7	89	232	196
Pittsburgh	40	23	6	86	224	193
Carolina	38	25	5	81	222	196
Columbus	33	22	15	81	180	187
N.Y. Islanders	35	23	10	80	192	193
N.Y. Rangers	37	28	5	79	234	222
New Jersey	28	29	12	68	189	230

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	42	19	10	94	225	193
Colorado	42	20	8	92	237	191
Dallas	37	24	8	82	180	177
Winnipeg	37	28	6	80	216	219
Nashville	35	26	8	78	215	217
Minnesota	35	27	7	77	220	220
Chicago	32	30	8	72	212	218

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	39	24	8	86	227	211
Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217
Calgary	36	27	7	79	210	215
Vancouver	36	27	6	78	228	217
Arizona	33	29	8	74	195	187
Anaheim	29	33	9	67	187	226
Los Angeles	29	35	6	64	178	212
San Jose	29	36	5	63	182	226

**DEFENSIVE STATS**

TEAM	GP	GA/G	SA/G	SV%
Boston	70	2.39	30.0	.921
Dallas	69	2.52	31.6	.920
Columbus	70	2.61	29.9	.913
Arizona	70	2.61	32.4	.919
St. Louis	71	2.66	29.6	.910
Colorado	70	2.71	31.3	.913
Philadelphia	69	2.77	28.7	.903
Tampa Bay	70	2.77	30.9	.910
NY Islanders	68	2.79	31.2	.911
Winnipeg	71	2.83	32.6	.913
Carolina	68	2.84	29.3	.903
Pittsburgh	69	2.84	29.7	.904
Vegas	71	2.94	29.3	.900
Los Angeles	70	2.99	29.7	.899
Edmonton	71	3.03	32.0	.905
Chicago	70	3.06	35.1	.913
Calgary	70	3.06	32.4	.906
Washington	69	3.07	30.2	.898
Montreal	71	3.10	31.1	.900
Nashville	69	3.10	31.3	.901
Buffalo	69	3.12	31.1	.900
NY Rangers	70	3.14	34.0	.908
Minnesota	69	3.14	30.7	.897
Anaheim	71	3.15	32.1	.902
Toronto	70	3.17	31.9	.901
San Jose	70	3.21	30.6	.895



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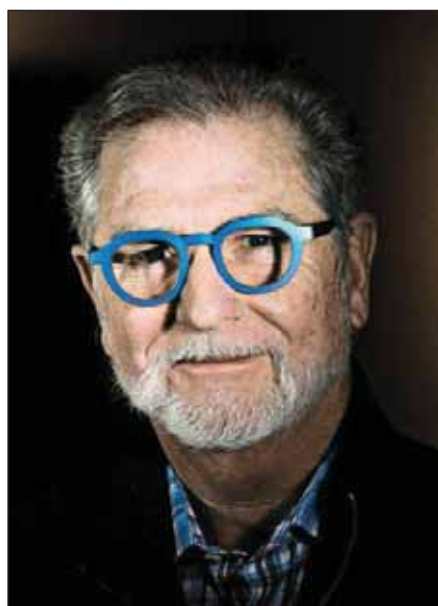
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Clockwise from top: Jackie Taylor, founder and artistic director of Chicago's Black Ensemble Theatre; Michael Mahler, a songwriter and actor in Chicago theater; Northlight Theatre leader BJ Jones in 2016; Evanston resident and theater actor Chaon Cross; Jordan Savusa in the Second City 108th Mainstage revue "Do You Believe in Madness?"

# Quarantine tales

Chicago actors, theater creators share stories

BY DOUG GEORGE

We're all stuck inside our own four little walls, more or less, and our cultural worlds have shrunk. Same goes for folks in Chicago theater. We've been checking in with actors and arts leaders and asking them how they're passing the time and sheltering in place.

It's all rather a change from being on stage in front of a sea of faces.

## Jackie Taylor

Jackie Taylor is the founder and artistic director of Black Ensemble Theater. She lives in Uptown, just a few blocks from her theater on Clark Street.

"What have I been up to at home? Going crazy, that's what I've been up to," Taylor says. "Walking up and down the hallways."

As it happens, during a recent phone interview she was speaking from her office at the theater — otherwise empty save the the theater staff. She's been visiting about three times a week to keep the theater running. She doesn't yet know what will become of "Healing" that was on stage at the start of the

month; hopefully for folks who are holding tickets they can do a couple more weeks this summer.

"But still," she says, "I've been at home much more than I've ever been in my entire life."

She's been reading more. Current books include: "Many Lives, Many Masters" by Brian L. Weiss (Fireside Books, 1988) about reincarnation, and "African-American Inventions That Changed the World" by Michael A. Carson (Double Infinity Publishing, 2017).

She's being staying physically active, though she misses her gym and her pilates class. Instead she's exercising at home with her fitness DVDs. "Oh, Billy Blanks!" she says, naming the '80s fitness guru and Tae Bo creator. And she's been cooking up a storm. "I'm experimenting to pass the time," she says.

But no, she doesn't have Netflix recommendations. Taylor says she doesn't have shows, unless you count the "America Says" game show. Her only two channels are the Food Network and the Game Show Network.

"But dramas, conflicts, all that, I can pick up the phone or go on the internet and get quite enough of that."

## Michael Mahler

Michael Mahler is a composer, lyricist, actor and multi-hyphenate; his list of

credits is long and includes the musical "Secret of My Success" that had been on stage at the Paramount in Aurora. He lives with his wife and 2-year-old son in Oak Park.

"I feel like I've been busy and not busy," he says. Some days are spent mostly with his son. "It's a lot of walks in the parks and not going on the playgrounds."

His son also had a birthday recently. You know how kids always like the gift boxes best?

"There was this big cardboard box, so we just put him in the box and had a good 20 minutes or more of just letting him do his thing," he says. "It was not the greatest parenting moment. There were air holes."

But as a writer, he can stay working from home, he says. "Which has been helpful for my sanity."

Current projects include an adaptation with creative partner Alan Schmuckler of "Frankenstein," only about social media, with the doctor someone like Mark Zuckerberg. Also a musical for Writers Theatre in Glencoe about the Jonestown massacre.

It's hard, though. When will theater be back up and running — and what will audiences want to see when they can return?

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AP

O.J. Simpson as an astronaut aboard Capricorn One, in the 1977 screen performance.

## OVERDUE FILM FESTIVAL

# 'Capricorn One' — the 'middlest' movie ever

Combining conspiracy theories and James Brolin eating raw snake



MICHAEL PHILLIPS  
 Talking Pictures

You've all seen a few movies. You've missed your share, too. Catching up with the ones you've managed to skip, by choice or by chance, shouldn't only be a matter of scratching one received classic after another, though that's a fine place to start. But why not make room for some crud along with the classics? And what about the vast in-between list of titles, neither classics nor crud, exactly, but the stuff of so many hours of our collective moviegoing lives?

Here's the third installment in the Tribune Coronavirus Overdue Film Festival.

For the lockdown life of me, I have no earthly excuse to have missed writer-director Peter Hyams' medium-grade thriller about a fake NASA mission to Mars and James Brolin eating raw snake. Medium-grade thrillers, or lower, were a major part of my teenage moviegoing. You couldn't escape them. In high-school chorus, we even sang the love theme from "The Domino Principle," a deathless little number called "Some Day Soon."

That was then. Our 10-year-old lockdown housemate and I saw "Capricorn One" (1977) the other night, because he'd learned a few things about Apollo 11 conspiracy theories, and he liked the "Capricorn One" trailer's insistence on not holding anything back, plot-wise. Here are some impressions:

1. James Brolin kills a snake and then cuts it open and eats it! This is pure Gordon Ramsay, only he doesn't play the snake.

2. Telly Savalas (then super-hot thanks to "Kojak," here playing a Texas crop duster for hire) seems to be sampling every existing dialect in the history of world languages.

3. Elliott Gould and Karen Black are required to be in an entirely different movie than everybody else. Their contracts must've read: "You will be playing a screwball romantic comedy couple in an unidentified conspiracy thriller to be named later." O.J. Simpson and Sam Waterston play Brolin's fellow astronauts, targeted by the Deep State henchmen once they cut and run, like in an O.J. Simpson Hertz commercial.

4. Early in the movie, Hal Holbrook (as the paranoid NASA administrator who sets the fake-out in motion) unloads an expository speech on Brolin (as one of the astronauts the administrator needs to convince to go along with his insane ruse). Is it a long speech? Dear reader, "long"

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WALLACE RONEY 1960-2020

# Jazz trumpet virtuoso, linked to Davis, came into his own

BY GIOVANNI  
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The New York Times

Wallace Roney, a virtuoso trumpeter whose term as Miles Davis' only true protégé opened onto a prominent career in jazz, died Tuesday in Paterson, New Jersey. He was 59.

The cause was complications of the coronavirus, his fiancée, Dawn Jones, said.

By the time he linked up with Davis, Roney was already a leading voice in what came to be called the Young Lions movement, a coterie of young musicians devoted to bringing jazz back into line with its mid-century sound. And he was already associated — sometimes distressingly so — with Davis' legacy. Many dismissed him as a musical clone: ravishingly talented but lacking the necessary distance from his idol to claim creative agency.

Yet as his career went on, Roney managed to neutralize most of those criticisms. His nuanced understanding of Davis' playing — its harmonic and rhythmic wirings as well as its smoldering tone — was only part of a vast musical ken. His playing bespoke an investment in the entire lineage of jazz trumpet playing.

And in Roney's compositions, most of the ideas began at the center of jazz's mainstream language and cut a path outward, often by



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Trumpeter Wallace Roney performs with his ensemble in 2017 at the Jazz Showcase in Chicago. He died Tuesday.

way of funk, hip-hop, pop, Brazilian or Afro-Caribbean music.

Roney made nearly 20 albums as a bandleader, including three for Warner Bros. at the peak of the Young Lions era, all grounded in his unshakable linguistic command and his appetite for harmonic adventure. His recordings for Muse in the late 1980s and early '90s — especially his 1987 debut, "Verses" —

featured a mix of A-list jazz musicians from Roney's generation and the one before, and they established him as a premier young bandleader.

The two albums that Roney released in the early 2000s, after leaving Warner Bros., were among his most memorable, and more formally ambitious than his early work. They represented a flush of creativity after years of frustration

under contract to a label that often imposed unwelcome creative demands.

On "No Room for Argument" (2000), released on Stretch Records, Roney struck a nimble balance between historical reverence and futurist adventure, pairing a synthesizer with a Fender Rhodes electric piano and, at one point, mashing up parts of John Coltrane's "A Love Supreme" with Davis' "Filles de Kilimanjaro." Its follow-up, "Prototype" (2004), for High Note, featured different sorts of homage: separate reworkings of the titular OutKast ballad and Al Green's "Let's Stay Together."

Roney won a Grammy in 1994 for his participation in "A Tribute to Miles," filling the trumpet chair alongside the four supporting members of Davis' second great quintet: Tony Williams,

Wayne Shorter, Herbie Hancock and Ron Carter. All were younger than Davis — and indeed, throughout the latter half of his career, Davis worked almost exclusively with junior musicians. But before meeting Roney, he had never agreed to mentor another trumpet player.

Struck by Roney's performance at a 1983 tribute concert at Radio City Music Hall, Davis invited the young trumpeter to join him at his home in Manhattan. A close friendship blossomed between the 23-year-old upstart and the ailing elder, one that culminated in a momentous performance at the 1991 Montreux Jazz Festival, just months before Davis' death.

Wallace Roney III was born May 25, 1960, in Philadelphia, to Roberta Sherman, a homemaker, and Wallace Roney Jr., a U.S. Marshal and vice president of the American Federation of Government Employees. His parents divorced when he was young.

In his teens, he lived with his father in Washington, enrolling in the Duke Ellington School of the Arts. Roney was loaded with preternatural talent. He had perfect pitch, and he impressed his father by teaching himself the basics of the trumpet using the family's horn. At 12, he became the youngest member of the Philadelphia Brass, a professional classical quintet.

## What to stream: 'The Other Lamb' not for the sheepish

BY KATIE WALSH  
Tribune News Service

The streaming offerings both old and new continue to be abundant. Here are a few suggestions to cut down on scrolling and spend more time watching.

New to digital streaming platforms and On Demand is acclaimed Polish director Malgorzata Szumowska's horror-tinged cult drama "The Other Lamb," written by C.S. McMullen. This dark fable of blood and brimstone stars Michiel Huisman as a polygamist separatist cult leader living off the grid with a flock of dutiful young women he refers to as his "wives" and "daughters," away from the prying, judgmental eyes of society and law enforcement. It's like M. Night Shyamalan's "The Village" (Amazon/iTunes) meets "The Handmaid's Tale" (Hulu), with a heavy dose of Manson (check out a perfect companion piece with Mary Harron's 2019

film "Charlie Says," streaming on Hulu).

"The Other Lamb" sports stunningly gorgeous cinematography, with mesmerizingly long zooms and surreal, violent dream sequences. It's anchored by an outstanding performance by Raffey Cassidy (see more of her in "The Killing of a Sacred Deer" on Amazon Prime, or in "Vox Lux" on Hulu) as a "daughter" who starts to get a taste for rebellion and revenge.

If you need to regain your affection for Huisman afterward, check out the utterly winning 2018 romantic period drama "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society," streaming on Netflix. Huisman stars as a farmer on the British island of Guernsey who starts a book club to forge community and connection during the isolation and terror created by German occupation during World War II. It's a soothing tonic during this time of unprecedented social isola-



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Michiel Huisman stars as a polygamist separatist cult leader in "The Other Lamb."

tion. If you'd like another film to offer perspective on endurance through tough situations in history, "Defiance" (also on Netflix) could also scratch that itch, inspired by the true story of the Bielski brothers, Jewish farmers-turned-fighters who camped out in the woods of Belarus for two years during Nazi persecu-

tion. Do not miss "Portrait of a Lady on Fire" now available on Hulu. Celine Sciamma's masterpiece is an utterly spellbinding tale of impossible romance in 19th-century France between a portrait painter and her subject. Destined to be an unimpeachable classic, the film is like sorcery, its

magic lingering long after it's over.

Focus Features is making their recent award-winning theatrical release "Never Rarely Sometimes Always" by acclaimed director Eliza Hittman available for rent on digital platforms on April 3 for \$19.99. Hittman, who also directed "Beach Rats" (Hulu) and "It

Felt Like Love" (Amazon/iTunes), makes films of uncommon specificity and sensitivity, and the critically acclaimed "Never Rarely Sometimes Always" has already taken home major prizes at the Sundance and the Berlin International Film Festivals.

On the true crime front, Netflix rolls out docuseries "How to Fix a Drug Scandal" from documentarian Erin Lee Carr, but unfortunately, the slow-boil legal procedural just doesn't bring the shock value of "Tiger King." The case itself, about a Massachusetts drug lab chemist who starts dipping into the lab's stash, is shocking, but it's ultimately a story about lawyers investigating lawyers. While "How to Fix a Drug Scandal" is scrupulously laid out, it's a bit dry. For something juicier, try Carr's films "Mommy Dead and Dearest" and the two-parter "I Love You, Now Die," both on HBO.

## Actors

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"Whenever I'm writing I always think about the current moment," Mahler says. "Audiences all bring with them what they're experiencing. When people do come to the theater again, this all will not be far from their minds. So, will they be looking for something hopeful? More of an escape?"

What else. Mahler says he's been reading, including the Bruce Springsteen autobiography "Born to Run" ("I love getting in the head of other songwriters") and watching Netflix with his wife, including, he cringes to mention, the reality show "Love is Blind."

"If I really had a recommendation, I wish I hadn't already watched 'The Great British Baking Show.' It would be the perfect thing to watch. It's so pleasant and wonderful," he says, laughing. "The stakes are so low."

### BJ Jones

BJ Jones is artistic director of Northlight Theatre in Skokie. He and his wife are longtime residents of Evanston. As for what he's been doing with all of his "downtime":

"Gaining weight!" he laughs.

Jones has been stuck at home — but don't call it

downtime. He ramps up his workdays with a daily morning "Coffee with BJ" video conference with his theater and artistic staff via Zoom. "And wow, Zoom, don't you wish you had some stock in Zoom?"

From there, in some ways his days are busier than before, planning for the theater's future. One big task: Trying to mothball and save the play "Intimate Apparel" that had been set to open at Northlight just before the shutdown. "We want to pick it up again later, but there's so much we all just don't know."

From there, he's been reading a play a day. "A theater like ours gets 300, maybe 400 play submissions a year and normally you don't get to nearly as many of those as you'd like to."

He's been more in touch with fellow artistic directors around the country. "If I read something I like, I share it." Theater is trying to find a way to be optimistic, he says. "We're trying to understand our present while looking to the future."

"But who's ever had this experience? Not me, and I've been in this business a long time."

He and wife stay in touch with his family, his kids and grandkids who live in the Chicago area. His grandson had a birthday so Jones dropped off a cake from Bannison's Bakery in Evanston.

He checks in with Mike

Nussbaum, a longtime actor at the theater, a couple times a week. Also Ann Whitney, recently in "Grey Gardens." He's been looking up folks he hasn't talked to in some time. It's been a small side benefit. "Facebook feels friendlier, warmer, more supportive. Doesn't it?"

### Jordan Savusa

Jordan Savusa is, or was, in the mainstage cast at Second City, part of the current "Do You Believe in Madness?" He lives with his wife in an apartment in the Albany Park neighborhood.

"My wife and I are pretty much hunkered down," he says. "It's very strange."

It was such an emotional whiplash, going from performing at Second City every night, in this highly charged environment on the mainstage, to sitting in an apartment with ... free time.

"We were performing to crowds of 300, it was always raucous, there's a lot of energy. Then, it seems like the next day?" He exhales. Just staying inside. The show's cast, like a lot of the payroll at Second City, has been laid off for now.

"I need to give myself a daily to-do list," he says. On the positive side, "my apartment has never been cleaner."

His piano playing has gotten a lot better, though his classes are all via Skype now.

"We were running low on groceries so I went to the Aldi," he says "Usually there's families, people chatting." Now people weren't talking, weren't looking at each other. "Everyone just seemed on alert."

Streaming video picks: "Van Helsing" on the Syfy channel. The entire horror genre on Netflix. The movie "Big Hero 6" on Disney Plus.

Savusa, who was raised in Hawaii, is also translating the Samoan bible into English, maybe two or three passages a day. "I've been taking everything slow."

### Chaon Cross

Chicago actress Chaon Cross has acting credits at a number of Chicago's major nonprofit theaters, including Court, Lookingglass and Chicago Shakes. She lives in Evanston with her husband and three boys.

A lot of her days are now spent homeschooling her sons, ages 10, 8 and 5. They venture outside as much as possible. "But it's been super weird," she says, staying off playgrounds, keeping their distance. They tried to head to the lakefront over the weekend but found it crowded with people and they headed home. Evanstonians have been vigilant about the social distancing but still neighborly, she says, putting encouraging signs in windows.

Cross had been about to open as the lead of the new play "The Lady from the Sea" at Court Theatre before the shutdown due to coronavirus. "We never even previewed once," she said. Their first time in front of an audience was supposed to have been the very night Illinois Gov. Pritzker issued the state stay-at-home order.

"We never had a chance to archive it. We didn't videotape," she says. It was heartbreaking.

"I don't want to be cheesy," she says, "But it felt like we drew this beautiful picture in the sand and then watched the tide roll up and wash it away."

In a strange way, if that had to happen to a work of theater, Ibsen's title wasn't a bad choice. "It's a mysterious and strange play," she says. "In some way, it almost felt fitting."

In place of passing on any book or Netflix recommendations, Cross asked the chance to make a plea on behalf of Chicago's theater-makers. Not only have they lost their livelihoods, even many folks' Equity health insurance is tied to how many hours they've been working.

Best place for theater fans to start? "If you have a subscription or paid ticket, consider donating that, instead of asking for money back."

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doesn't quite measure it. It's endless. It's an event horizon of a monologue and by the time it's over, you can't believe the coronavirus hasn't left yet.

5. Hyams made some diverting junk ("The Relic," a gory-ass monster movie set in the Field Museum) and some OK star-driven jolopies ("Running Scared," "Outland"). Also, he made a lot of movies that were a lot worse. My young "Capricorn One" viewing companion, who (like me) enjoyed the climactic aerial dogfight sequence — biplane vs. helicopters, best of all — asked me the other day: "What's the middlest movie you've ever seen?" I now have my definitive, unshakable answer to his question, so weirdly in tune with the in-between state we find ourselves in now.

The answer is "Capricorn One." "Capricorn One" is streaming now, \$3.99 on YouTube, Amazon Prime, iTunes, Google Play and Hulu.

Next: "Mildred Pierce" (1945)  
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# WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Viola Davis

**“How to Get Away With Murder”** (9:01 p.m., ABC): Last November’s midseason finale ended on a huge cliffhanger, with Wes Gibbons (Alfred Enoch), a character previously believed dead, showing up very much alive in a flash-forward to the funeral of Annalise Keating (Viola Davis), although earlier in that episode we had seen her fleeing for Philadelphia. Jack Falahee, Aja Naomi King and Conrad Ricamora also star.

**“Man With a Plan”** (7:31 p.m., CBS): After a check-up, Andi’s (Liza Snyder) doctor advises her to stop taking birth control pills, so she and Adam (Matt LeBlanc) realize they need to find another means of family planning. As they weigh their alternatives, however, Adam definitely has an adverse reaction to Andi’s proposal in the Season 4 premiere, which is called — spoiler alert! — “The V-Word.” Kevin Nealon, Kali Rocha and Stacey Keach also star.

**“The Real Housewives of New York City”** (8 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 12:32 a.m., Bravo): New housewife Leah McSweeney interjects a lively downtown edge into the cast chemistry as she joins this long-running reality series for its 12th season. In other story lines this season, Luann de Lesseps, her probation over, starts workshopping a new version of her cabaret show, while Ramona Singer is looking for a new romance and adjusting to her new space since selling her beloved apartment.

**“Total Bellas”** (8 p.m., 10 p.m., 1 a.m., E!): Brie and Nikki Bella return for a fifth season that will see the twins finally deciding to act on their desire to reconnect with their father while they work on their joint memoir. As they wait to learn more about their relatives on that side of the family, however, Brie and Nikki also worry about how this will affect their mother.

**“Siren”** (8 p.m., FREE): This spooky fantasy — Freeform’s most-watched series last year — returns for Season 3 with two back-to-back episodes that pick up the action shortly after the Season 2 cliffhanger, which saw Ben (Alex Roe) allowing a reporter to die to protect the secret of the mermaids and his other friends. Meanwhile, a dangerous new mermaid arrives and challenges Ryn’s leadership.

**“Broke”** (8:30 p.m., CBS): After a long run as quirky forensic scientist Abby Sciuto on the CBS procedural drama “NCIS,” Pauley Perrette switches gears as she returns to the same network in this new sitcom, which casts her as Jackie, a single suburban mom who is completely rocked when her long-estranged sister, Elizabeth (Natasha Leggero, “Another Period”) appears at her door. Izzy Diaz co-stars.

### TALK SHOWS

- “Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Sean Hayes.\*
- “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Hot Country Knights perform; 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): Actress Jennifer Aniston; Grouplove performs.\*

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## THURSDAY EVENING, APR. 2

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	Young Sheldon (N)	Man With a Plan (Season Premiere) (N) ©	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Broke: “Pilot.” (Series Premiere) (N) ©	Tommy: “Vic.” (N) ©	News (N) *	
	<b>NBC</b> 5	Superstore (N) ©	Brooklyn Nine (N)	Will & Grace ©	Indebted (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) *	
	<b>ABC</b> 7	Station 19: “No Days Off.” (N) ©		Grey’s Anatomy: “Sing It Again.” (N) ©		(9:01) How to Get Away With Murder (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) *	
	<b>WGN</b> 9	black-ish: “Chop Shop.” ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	3’s Comp. ©	3’s Comp. ©	Johnny Carson ©	Coach ©	
	<b>Court</b> 9.3	Closing Arguments (N)		OJ25 ©		OJ25: “A Plaintive Wail.”	Closing ©	
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Secrets of the Royal Kitchens (N) ©		Chewdaism: A Taste of Jewish Montreal (N)	Shelter Me: In (N) *	
	<b>CW</b> 26.1	Katy Keene ©		Legacies ©		Broke Girl   Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	<b>The U</b> 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall ©		The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops ©	
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith   Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero   Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek *		
<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	Exit Wounds (R,’01) * Steven Seagal, DMX. ©				Romeo Must Die (R,’00) ** Jet Li. *			
<b>FOX</b> 32	Last Man Standing (N)	Last Man Standing ©	(8:01) Mental Samurai: “Premiere.” ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©		
<b>Ion</b> 38	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago *		
<b>Telem</b> 44	Exatón EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacífico (N) ©	Chicago (N)		
<b>MNT</b> 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI	Chicago *		
<b>UniMas</b> 60	Stalked by My Ex (NR,’17)	Yves Bright, Tamara Braun.			Noticiero (N)   Vas con todo *			
<b>WJVS</b> 62	Paid Prog. ©	Paid Prog. ©	Joyce Meyer   Robison		Paid Prog.   Dn. Carson	Paid Prog. ©		
<b>Univ</b> 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Sin miedo a la verdad	Noticias (N)		
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	The First 48 (N) ©		Live PD: Wanted (N) ©		60 Days In (N) ©	First 48 *	
	<b>AMC</b>	Major League (R,’89) ** Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen. ©				Footloose (PG,’84) ** *		
	<b>ANIM</b>	The Zoo: San Diego		The Zoo: San Diego		The Zoo: San Diego	The Zoo *	
	<b>BBCA</b>	Seven Worlds, Planet		Yellowstone: “Winter.” ©		Yellowstone: “Summer.”	Yellowstone *	
	<b>BET</b>	*(6) “Til Death Do Us Part (PG-13,’17) *		We Belong Together (NR,’18) Cassidy Fralin. © *				
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	*(6) To be announced		To be announced		Big Ten	BIG Show *	
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC (Season Premiere) (N)		Top Chef (N) ©	TBA	
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) *	
	<b>COM</b>	The Office   The Office		The Office   The Office		The Office   The Office	Daily (N)	
	<b>DISC</b>	Naked and Afraid ©		Rob Riggle (N)		Moonskinners ©	Moonshine *	
	<b>DISN</b>	Bunk’d ©   Gabby		Sydney-Max   Roll With It		Coop   Sydney-Max	Bunk’d ©	
	<b>E!</b>	The Kardashians (N)		Total Bellas (Season Premiere) (N) ©		The Kardashians	Total *	
	<b>ESPN</b>	*(6) To be announced		To be announced			SportsC. (N)	
	<b>ESPN2</b>	*(6) To be announced					NFL Live *	
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	<b>FOOD</b>	Food Truck Race		Food Truck Race (N)		Vegas Chef Prizefight (N)	Restaurant *	
	<b>FREE</b>	*(5:30) Jumanji (*95) **		Siren: “Borders.” (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Siren: “Revelations.” (N)	700 Club *	
	<b>FX</b>	*(6) X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13,’16) ** *				Better (N)   Breeders	Better	
	<b>HALL</b>	Matching Hearts (NR,’20) Taylor Cole. ©				Golden Girls   Golden Girls	Golden Girls	
	<b>HGTV</b>	Flip or Flop   Flip or Flop		Flipping 101   Flip (N)		Hunters (N)   Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters (N)	
<b>HIST</b>	Swamp People ©		Swamp People (N)		Swamp People: Serpent	Swamp *		
<b>HLN</b>	Sex & Murder ©		Forensic   Forensic		Forensic   Forensic	Forensic		
<b>IFC</b>	*(6) Blade (R,’98) ** Wesley Snipes. ©		(8:45) Blade II (R,’02) ** Wesley Snipes. © *					
<b>LIFE</b>	Married at First Sight (N) ©				King   King	King *		
<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)		
<b>MTV</b>	Jersey Shore (N)		Busch (N)   Busch (N)		Ridiculous.   Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.		
<b>NATGEO</b>	Alaska State Troopers		Alaska State Troopers (N)		Alaska State Troopers (N)	Troopers *		
<b>NBCSCH</b>	*(6) To be announced		TBA		SportsTalk Live *			
<b>NICK</b>	Young Dylan   SpongeBob		SpongeBob   Friends ©		Friends ©   Friends ©	Friends ©		
<b>OVATION</b>	*(6) The Out-of-Towners		Major League II (PG,’94) * Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger. ©					
<b>OWN</b>	20/20: Homicide		20/20: Homicide		20/20: Homicide	Homicide *		
<b>OXY</b>	Killer Couples (N) ©		In Ice Cold Blood (Season Finale) (N) ©		Snapped ©	Killer *		
<b>PARMT</b>	*(6) Coming to America ***		Wife Swap (N) ©		Coming to America (R,’88) *** *			
<b>SYFY</b>	*(6:30) Pitch Black (R,’00) ** Radha Mitchell. ©				John Wick (R,’14) *** Keanu Reeves. *			
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang   Big Bang		Big Bang   Big Bang		Big Bang   Big Bang	Conan (N)		
<b>TCM</b>	Panic in Needle Park (PG,’71) *** Al Pacino. ©				Taking of Pelham *			
<b>TLC</b>	Dr. Pimple Popper		Save My Skin (N)		My 600-Lb. Life (N) *			
<b>TLN</b>	Wealth   Wretched		Everlasting Love		Life Today   Like You	IMPACT		
<b>TNT</b>	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (PG-13,’16) *** Felicity Jones. ©					Braveheart *		
<b>TOON</b>	Home Movie   Burgers		Burgers   Rick, Morty		Amer. Dad   Amer. Dad	Family Guy		
<b>TRAV</b>	Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost Adventures (N) ©		The Dead Files (N) ©	Dead Files *		
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond   Raymond		Raymond   Raymond		Two Men   Two Men	King		
<b>USA</b>	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago *		
<b>VH1</b>	Wild ‘n Out   Wild ‘n Out		Wild ‘n Out   Wild ‘n Out		Wild ‘n Out   Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out		
<b>WE</b>	Marriage-Reality Stars		Marriage-Stars (N)		Waka & Tammy (N) ©	Marriage *		
<b>WGN America</b>	Married   Married		Married   Married		Married   Married	Married		
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	To be announced		Yesterday (PG-13,’19) ** Himesh Patel. ©			Westworld *	
	<b>HBO2</b>	The Plot Against America		High Main.		The Scheme (NR,’20) ©		
	<b>MAX</b>	Doppelganger (R,’93) ** *		(8:45) The Hills Have Eyes (R,’06) ** *				
	<b>SHO</b>	*(6:33) Den of Thieves (R,’18) ** Gerard Butler, Pablo Schreiber. ©					Desus	
	<b>STARZ</b>	*(6:33) Surf’s Up (*07) ***		Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian **			Napoleon *	
<b>STZNC</b>	*(5:53) XXX (*02) **		American Gangster (R,’07) *** Denzel Washington. © *					

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (April 2): Your career leaps forward this year. Collaboration with a powerful team is essential. A change in summer travel destinations leads to a beautiful domestic phase. Challenges with a professional project and communications next winter lead to an educational epiphany.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Handle practical matters before setting into fun and games. Avoid controversy. Things may not go as expected. Wait for better conditions.  
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Household matters demand attention. Stay in rather than going out. Clean an unexpected mess. Find what you need nearby. Relax with good company and food.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Enjoy a good story. An unplanned twist carries you away. Don't get distracted by a troll. Prioritize good conversation. Craft an interesting plot.  
**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 9. The next few days are good for making money. Estimate what's needed to get the job done. Figure out different options and prioritize.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. You're gaining confidence. Take charge to produce the results you want. Flex your artistic power. Get creative and stay flexible with unexpected changes.  
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Consider all possibilities. Look back for insight on the road ahead. Clean house and make plans. Meditate on your dreams, realized. Imagine immense success.  
**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Your charm is captivating. Social interactions encourage collaboration and connection on a deeper level. Listen and learn. Discover something new about an old friend.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Consider your dream job. What would it look like? Who would be there? Make charts, pictures or collages. Imagine perfection and take notes.  
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Do the homework and review notes. Learn valuable tricks by studying and practicing. Travel to experience your subject in person.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Make sure the numbers add up. Determine financial strategies to maximize savings. Collaborate for a common goal. Pad the budget for potential shortfalls.  
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Remember what's most important and let the little stuff go. Withhold judgments and complaints. Cutting corners costs you. Coordinate with a partner for shared gain.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Maintain physical energy with steady practices, despite surprises or changes. Demand for your work is rising. Nurture yourself with good food, exercise and rest.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ A 8 7 4	♥ 8 4	♠ Void	♥ K Q 10 7 6 5 2
♦ A 8 7	♣ A 8 5 2	♦ K Q 4	♠ 10 7 6
<b>West</b>		<b>South</b>	
♠ 9 6 3 2	♥ 9 3	♠ K Q J 10 5	♥ A J
♦ 6 5 3	♣ J 9 4 3	♦ J 10 9 2	♣ K Q

It is usually a poor idea to use Blackwood with two top losers in an unbid suit. South, however, judged that the missing heart honors were probably on his right and that North would have enough strength in diamonds to make the five level safe. South carried on to slam when North showed all three missing aces.

**The bidding:**

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
1♠	Pass	2NT*	3♥
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All pass		

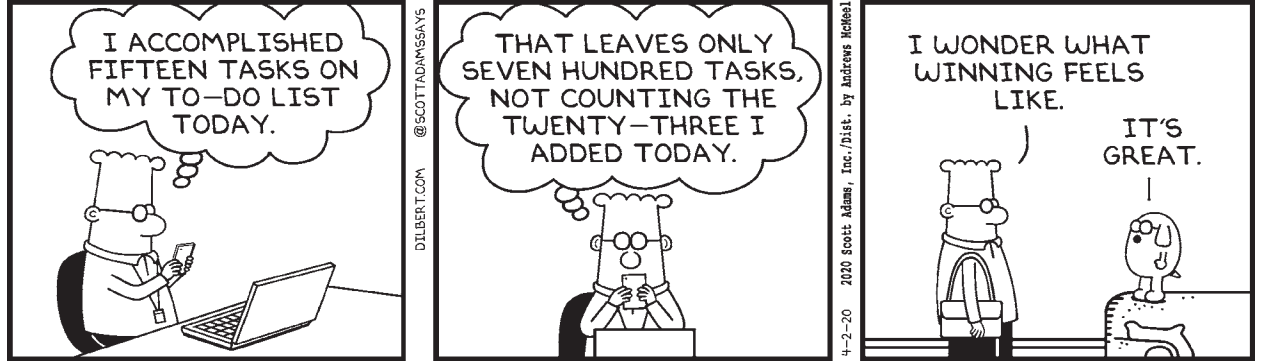
\*Game forcing spade raise, at least 4 trumps  
 Opening lead: Nine of ♥

thought, South came up with a line of play that offered a good chance for success.

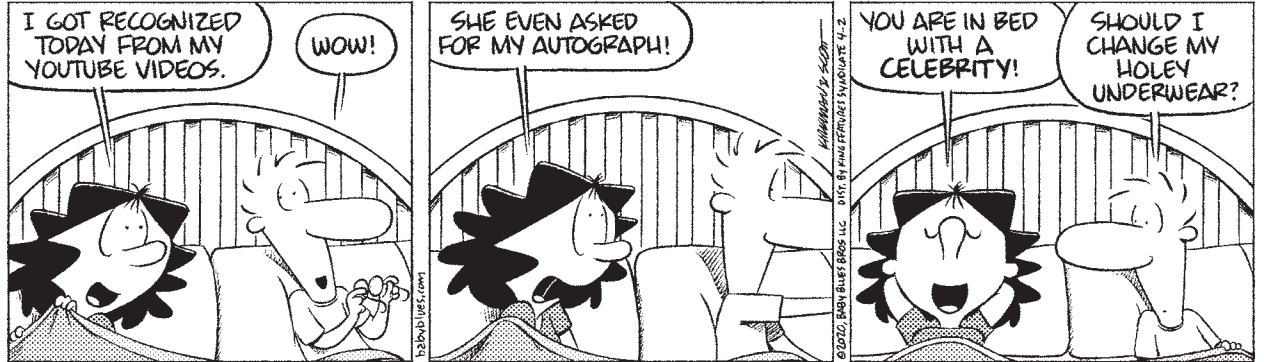
South cashed the king and queen of clubs and led the five of spades, inserting dummy's seven when West played low. South discarded his jack of hearts on the ace of clubs, ruffed dummy's last heart, and ran the jack of diamonds to East's queen. East had only red cards remaining and chose to lead a heart rather than a diamond from his king. South ruffed this in his hand while discarding a low diamond from dummy. A diamond to dummy's ace left South with a high cross-ruff for the rest of the tricks. Nicely played!

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



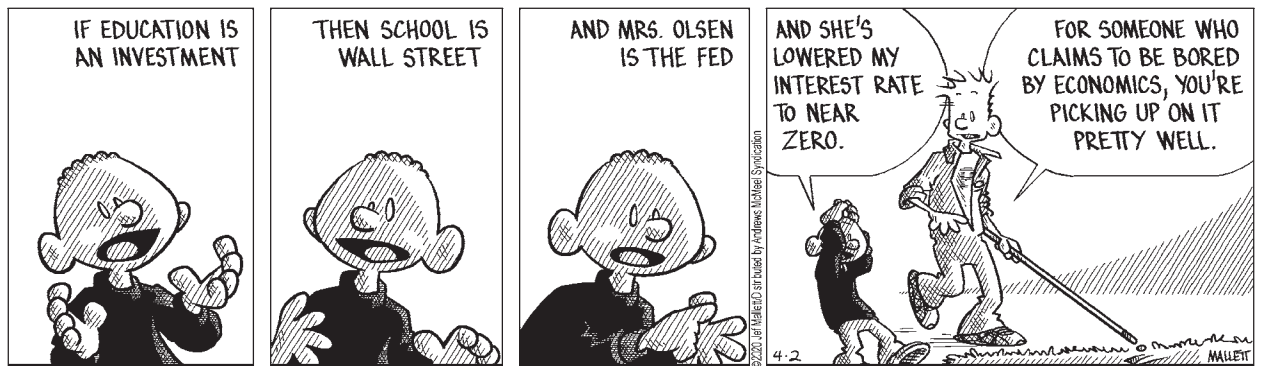
### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



### Pickles



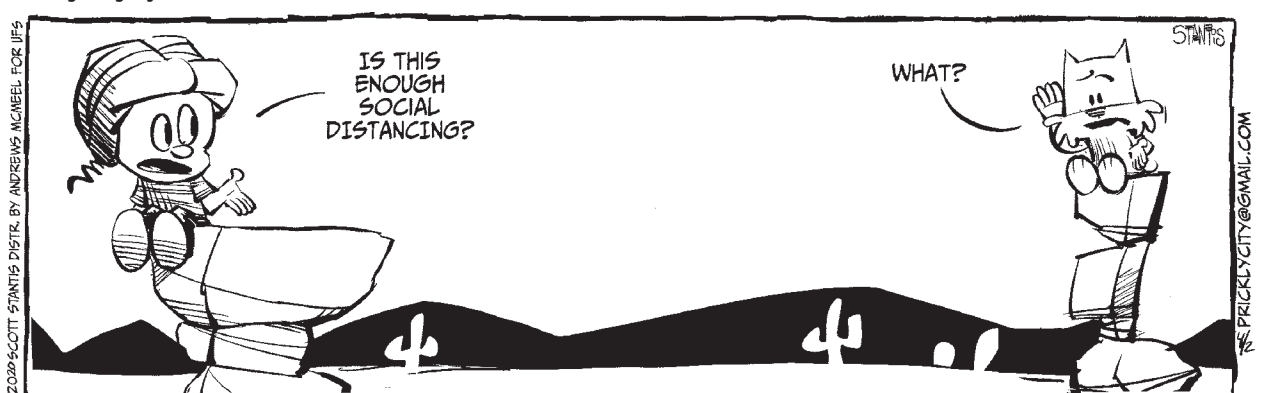
### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City





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THURSDAY, APRIL 2 NORMAL HIGH: 54° NORMAL LOW: 34° RECORD HIGH: 82° (1963) RECORD LOW: 18° (1899)

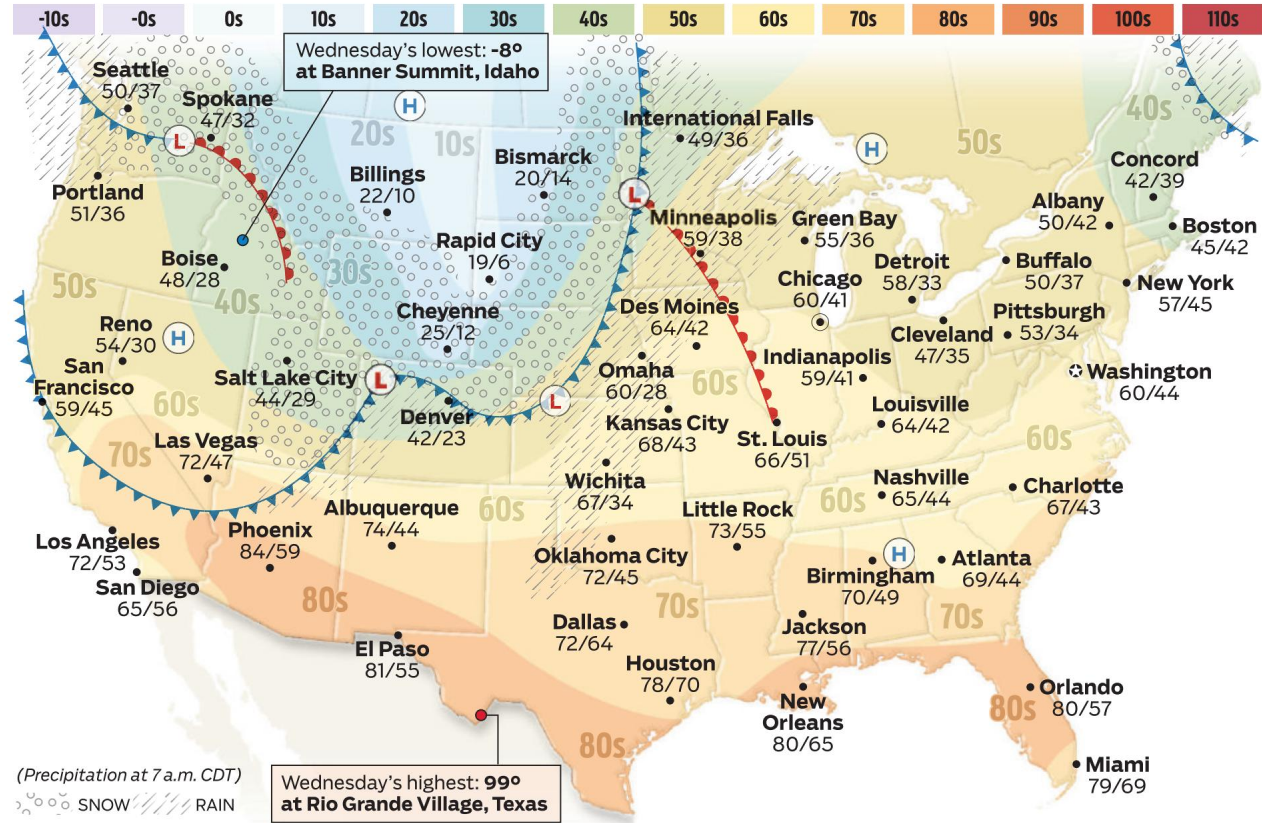
## Rain holds off until later Friday as temps rise

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH 60** **LOW 41**

- High pressure overhead with abundant sunshine and light winds — lake breeze sets up during the afternoon.
- Some patchy, dense fog develops early in the morning cutting visibility down to zero in spots and slowing the morning commute.
- Mostly sunny and warmer with above normal highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s.
- E to SE winds 5-10 mph make it much cooler near the lake.
- Partly cloudy overnight. Lows 40-45.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



Low pressure and the associated cold front are approaching out of the Plains, but at a very slow speed due to a "blocking pattern" aloft. Thus it looks like we will see abundant sunshine and temps warming close to 60 degrees Thursday, and despite increasing cloudiness readings should warm well into the 60s Friday. Rain ahead of the approaching weather system finally arrives in western sections later Friday afternoon spreading over our area Friday night into Saturday. The cooler high pressure behind the departing cold front will drop daytime temps back into the 50s over the weekend. But a major wind pattern change aloft will allow a surge of warmth into the Plains and Midwest next Monday and Tuesday. There will be an increase in moisture so cloudiness and showers/t-storms are forecast.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

**HIGH 66** **LOW 44**

Some sun early but increasing cloudiness during the day. Warmer with highs in the mid 60s. Breezy SE winds 10-18 mph keep it cooler lakeside. A good chance of showers spreading into the area later in the afternoon/overnight.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

**HIGH 54** **LOW 41**

Cloudy with showers likely. Cooler with highs in the low to mid 50s. Winds turn N 10-15 mph. Rain ends by evening and skies begin to clear from the west overnight.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

**HIGH 58** **LOW 44**

Mostly sunny highs in the upper 50s with cooler readings along the lakefront. Increasing and thickening clouds overnight. SSE winds 4-8 mph.

### MONDAY, APRIL 6

**HIGH 67** **LOW 55**

Mostly cloudy with an increasing chance of showers or t-storms by afternoon. A little warmer with a high in the mid 60s. Cooler lakeside with SSE winds 10-15 mph. Good chance of showers and thunderstorms overnight.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

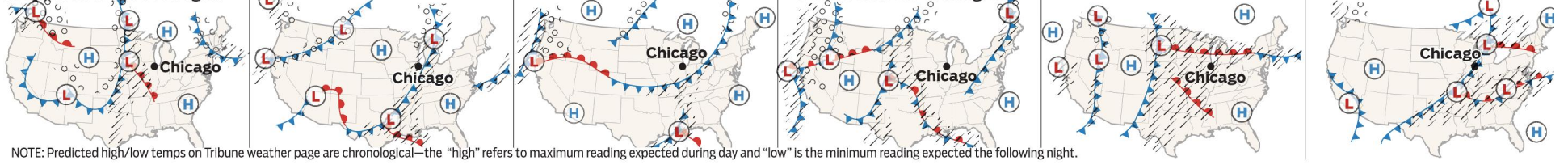
**HIGH 73** **LOW 55**

Showers and t-storms likely. Much warmer with highs 70-75. Breezy S winds. Showers/t-storms ending from the west overnight. Winds shift W late.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

**HIGH 63** **LOW 47**

Partly sunny and mild. Highs 60-65. Gusty winds out of the NW. Clear skies overnight.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
"April showers bring May flowers." How does its average rainfall compare to the rest of the year?  
Thanks.  
Tom Gregg  
Niles

Dear Tom,  
It's about in the middle of the pack. April's average monthly precipitation of 3.38 inches ranks as the city's fifth wettest month, behind August (4.90 inches), July (3.70 inches), May (3.68 inches), and June (3.45 inches). In terms of the number of days with measurable precipitation (at least .01 inches), April, tied with March and May, leads the year with 12 days, followed by January, June and December with 11, February and November with 10, and July, August, September and October with 9. Chicago climatologist Frank Wachowski reports that, dating to 1871, April precipitation totals range from a minimum to 0.14 inches in 1899 to 8.68 inches in 2013.

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Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

## Blocking pattern holds into Friday; temp surge next week

**DESPITE CLOUDS, IT WAS A MILD MARCH**  
Chicago (O'HARE) average temp **42.80°**  
■ 4.9° above normal  
■ 15th warmest on record since 1871  
■ 4th straight warmer than normal month

**MARCH 2020 SUNSHINE**  
4th-LOWEST ON RECORD DATING BACK TO 1893  
Only 1 day with 100% sunshine; 13 days with 0%

**PERCENT OF POSSIBLE MARCH SUNSHINE**  
Chicago's top 5 lowest on record  
1993 29% 1924 31% 1899 32% 2020 33% 2004 35%

**THURSDAY'S SET-UP**  
"Omega blocking" pattern  
JET STREAM  
Surface cold front  
Chicago

**NEXT MONDAY-TUESDAY SET-UP**  
Warmth flows north into the Midwest  
JET STREAM  
COOL  
"OMEGA BLOCK" FLATTENS  
WARM  
Chicago

**THURSDAY**  
Predicted high temps: Lake breezes keep downtown areas cool

**FRIDAY**  
Predicted high temps: Less lake influence

Water temp: SHORE: 44° CRIB: 43° MICH CITY: 41°

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives  
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MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES							
THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	THURSDAY	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	66	48	pc	69	52	36	Albany	su	85	74	Kyiv	su	53	32
Carbondale	pc	65	48	pc	69	52	36	Albuquerque	su	85	74	Lima	su	67	51
Champaign	pc	65	48	pc	69	52	36	Albuquerque	su	85	74	Lisbon	su	65	48
Decatur	cl	62	47	cl	66	47	31	Amarillo	su	82	33	Ankara	su	60	38
Moline	sh	62	50	sh	63	50	36	Anchorage	ss	35	31	Athens	pc	60	44
Peoria	cl	62	43	cl	66	43	31	Asheville	pc	58	36	Auckland	su	70	59
Quincy	sh	64	52	sh	62	37	31	Aspen	pc	64	49	Baghdad	pc	80	57
Rockford	pc	61	45	sh	62	39	31	Atlanta	su	69	44	Bangkok	pc	95	83
Springfield	cl	64	49	sh	65	45	31	Atlanta	su	69	44	Barbados	pc	85	77
Sterling	cl	62	47	sh	62	38	31	Austin	ts	72	66	Barcelona	pc	57	46
Indiana	pc	62	44	pc	68	48	32	Baltimore	pc	59	44	Beijing	su	77	46
Bloomington	pc	64	46	pc	68	48	32	Birmingham	pc	22	10	Beirut	pc	66	57
Evansville	su	57	37	pc	61	42	32	Bismarck	su	20	14	Berlin	pc	52	40
Fort Wayne	su	57	37	pc	61	42	32	Boise	su	48	28	Bermuda	pc	65	60
Indianapolis	pc	59	41	pc	65	47	32	Boston	rn	45	42	Bogota	su	69	49
Lafayette	pc	62	44	pc	66	50	34	Brownsville	pc	87	74	Brussels	cl	52	40
South Bend	pc	58	38	pc	64	46	32	Burlington	pc	87	74	Bucharest	su	54	31
Wisconsin	pc	55	36	pc	55	37	32	Buffalo	pc	50	37	Budapest	su	53	29
Green Bay	pc	55	36	pc	55	37	32	Buffalo	pc	50	37	Buenos Aires	su	69	49
Kenosha	su	50	36	pc	55	41	32	Carlsbad	su	67	43	Cairo	su	79	60
Madison	pc	59	43	pc	65	47	32	Charlottesville	su	69	45	Canary Islands	su	84	74
Milwaukee	pc	51	36	pc	56	40	32	Charlotte	su	67	43	Cancun	pc	84	74
Wausau	pc	55	39	pc	55	39	32	Charlottesville	su	67	43	Caracas	cl	84	68
Michigan	pc	58	33	su	56	35	32	Chicago	pc	62	44	Casablanca	sh	65	47
Detroit	su	58	33	su	56	35	32	Cincinnati	pc	61	38	Copenhagen	pc	50	38
Grand Rapids	su	58	33	su	56	35	32	Cleveland	pc	47	35	Dublin	cl	51	38
Marquette	pc	44	30	pc	53	33	32	Columbus	pc	56	33	Edmonton	pc	15	2
St. Ste. Marie	su	47	27	su	52	33	32	Colorado	pc	62	44	Frankfurt	su	62	47
Traverse City	pc	52	31	pc	60	42	32	Concord	pc	62	44	Geneva	pc	58	35
Iowa	pc	60	48	sh	55	32	32	Corpus Christi	ts	73	67	Guadalajara	su	89	54
Ames	sh	61	40	sh	45	26	32	Dallas	sh	72	64	Havana	su	84	63
Cedar Rapids	sh	62	49	sh	53	29	32	Daytona Bch.	sh	73	64	Heilsinki	su	62	40
Des Moines	sh	64	42	sh	46	27	32	Denver	su	42	23	Hong Kong	su	75	69
Dubuque	sh	60	48	sh	55	32	32	Des Moines	sh	64	42	Istanbul	rn	52	43
El Paso	su	81	55	pc	84	61	32	Duluth	sh	41	37	Jerusalem	pc	64	45
Florida	su	80	57	pc	84	61	32	El Paso	su	81	55	Johannesburg	cl	66	51
Fort Lauderdale	su	80	57	pc	84	61	32	El Paso	su	81	55	Kabul	su	62	40
Miami	su	80	57	pc	84	61	32	El Paso	su	81	55	Kingston	pc	85	75
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West Palm Beach	su	80	57	pc	84	61	32	El Paso	su	81	55	Kingston	pc	85	75
Yuma	su	80	57	pc	84	61	32	El Paso	su	81	55	Kingston	pc	85	75

**CHICAGO DIGEST**

**WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES**

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	56	36	Midway	53	39
Gary	46	36	O'Hare	53	38
Kankakee	54	47	Romeoville	56	37
Lakefront	46	36	Valparaiso	51	38
Lansing	49	37	Waukegan	48	37

**CHICAGO PRECIPITATION**

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.10"
April to date	0.00"	0.10"
Year to date	7.05"	6.12"

**CHICAGO SNOWFALL**

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	30.1"	30.2"
Normal to date	35.2"	36.2"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

**LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind	E 4-12 kts. SE 4-14 kts.
Waves	1 foot 1-3 feet
Wed. shore/crib water temps	44°/43°

**WEDNESDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL**

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	Moderate
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	Low

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Joseph Leija

**ILLINOIS AIR QUALITY**

Wednesday's reading **Good**  
Thursday's forecast **Moderate**  
Critical pollutant **Particulates**

**WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES**

	Sun	6:30 a.m.	7:17 p.m.
Moon	12:47 p.m.	3:21 a.m.	

**WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH**

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:45 a.m.	4:58 p.m.
Venus	8:14 a.m.	11:24 p.m.
Mars	3:40 a.m.	1:07 p.m.
Jupiter	3:14 a.m.	12:36 p.m.
Saturn	3:35 a.m.	1:07 p.m.

**BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION**

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	8:15 p.m.	32.5° W
Mars	5:30 a.m.	15.5° SE
Jupiter	5:30 a.m.	18.5° SE
Saturn	5:30 a.m.	16.5° SE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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**NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE** INSIDE

# 5 ways to brighten your home and neighborhood

BY JENNA SCHUSTER  
HomeAdvisor

These are uncertain times. But even as we maintain our social distance and do what we can to keep ourselves, our families and our communities safe, there's much we can do to lift our spirits and show solidarity with our neighbors.

Here, we've put together five ways to brighten your mood — and your neighborhood — while you're spending more time at home.

**1. Hang your holiday lights.** Have you seen this trend on the news? Neighbors across the country are banding together to hang their holiday lights and bring a bit of cheer to their communities. This is a great activity to get you out of the house for a quick project in the fresh air.

Then, enjoy your neighborhood's efforts with a nice stroll or drive to take in the twinkling view. If you'd rather not hang your own lights, consider supporting a small business and hire a local pro to do it for you, no face-to-face contact required.



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Pass the time with family and make neighbors' daily walks more enjoyable with chalk art.

**2. Create DIY decor.** Need a change of scenery to brighten up your home? Have a contest with your neighbors to see who can create the best DIY decor with items you already have laying around the house.

For example, you can create a new wreath by

wrapping ribbon around a bent wire hanger, hot-gluing it in place and adding baubles such as fake flowers and beads to make it stand out. Or make a festive paper garland for Easter using string, scissors, colored paper and tape. Once you've finished your crafts, hang

them outside. Or share photos and vote for the winner.

**3. Entertain with music or a movie.** Self-isolating from your neighbors doesn't mean you can't interact with them in some ways. Take this time to

entertain your neighborhood with your musical talents. Grab that old guitar, keyboard or saxophone and step onto the patio to serenade your surrounding community (keeping in mind business and sleeping hours).

Or, if you have a portable

projector, consider hanging a sheet on the back of your house and showing a movie for your family to enjoy.

**4. Chalk your driveway.** With a little chalk and inspiration, you can create a community art walk in your neighborhood.

Design murals to decorate your driveway and sidewalk, giving neighbors something to enjoy when they look out the window. Or consider writing a few riddles on the pavement for walkers to solve. You might even encourage a quick game of hopscotch for passing families.

**5. Focus on outdoor home projects.** If you're catching cabin fever, now's a great time to turn your attention to your yard.

Start clearing away any leftover winter debris and break out seeds to plant in your container garden. Pull out any patio furniture sitting in storage so you can begin enjoying the sun — you might even want to hang up that old hammock.

Hopefully, neighbors will follow your lead and take steps to brighten up their own outdoor space.

## Fresh ways to bring in spring colors

BY CATHY HOBBS  
Tribune News Service

It's time to liven up your space with fresh spring color. While floral colors are often thought of, some creative color combinations can help add a renewed sense of color to your home.

Here are some tips.

**Shades of gray:** While some grays are warm, others are cool and have lots of blue elements. Various

shades of soft and deeper cool gray can help create a soft, soothing spring space.

**Turquoise and orange:** This color combination is often popular because blue and orange are complementary colors on the color wheel. Using turquoise as the shade of blue adds a bright, vibrant color twist.

**Hot pink:** Pink remains a popular color for those looking to add an interesting pop to a space. Pink can

be paired with neutral colors such as gray, taupe, black and even brown.

**Chartreuse:** Tired of yellow? Chartreuse, which is a mix of yellow and green, is a modern color choice.

**White paired with taupe and brown:** This design scheme/concept is a color combination that is truly fresh and modern.

**Pastels:** While it may feel

like stating the obvious, from pastel blue to powder pink, consider bringing one of these soft shades into your home.

**Green:** When many people think of spring, they think of the transition from brown lawns to those that are lush, vibrant and bright. Why not bring either greenery or the color green into your space?

**Metallics:** Brass and silver serve as perfect accent



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colors in spring decor.

**Yellow and orange:** Traditionally considered to be more fall colors, this combination also works for spring.

**Indigo vs. black:** Indigo is a great base color and can provide a softer look than black for those looking for a reach deep color to incorporate into their spring decor.

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Molly Sprayregen's houseplants line the windowsill of her apartment.

# Sprouting joy

New leaves appear as plant parents shower extra attention while staying indoors

BY MOLLY SPRAYREGEN  
Associated Press

I have spent my first full week of isolation carefully observing one of my houseplants. Dylan, as my fiancée and I so fondly call her, has been growing new leaves at an uncharacteristically rapid rate.

It might be the longer hours of daylight. But I imagine Dylan's new zest for life also comes from the increased attention we've paid to her and the rest of our houseplants now that we're with them in our apartment 24/7. At a time when so little feels under control, one thing we know is up to us is the survival of these living things we have committed to taking care of.

We check on them more. We give them more water. Sometimes, we just stare at them, taking in the beauty and comfort they provide.

When we first decided to take the leap into plant ownership — before the outbreak of the coronavirus — I simply wanted to brighten our apartment. I'd been sprucing up the place with flowers but had grown tired of spending money on something that would die within days or weeks.

I had no idea how much joy the plants would bring me, or how much fun I would have learning to care for them.

Now, every morning at a time when I might usually be kissing my fiancée goodbye as she heads off to school, I amble over to where Dylan sits on the windowsill and smile at her buds, which seem to have doubled in size each day. These new ones are a bright, bold green.

My plants help satisfy a dog-size hole in my heart. Of course, they don't return love the way a dog would, and I promise I am fully aware they are not sentient beings. But they do make the apartment feel brighter, warmer and cozier. They need me, and that feels good.

The first thing we did when we brought the plants home was name them. We did it to be silly, yes, but it also felt instinctual. We had spent an entire weekend carefully selecting them from two different stores, and we hoped to keep them in our lives for many years.

Naming something, of course, breeds connection. I began to greet them when I came home, and I started speaking to them like they were more pet than



MOLLY SPRAYREGEN/AP

Molly Sprayregen, right, and her fiancée celebrate the purchase a new houseplant last year.

plant. I have purchased spray bottles, plant food, a watering can and newer, prettier pots because my plants, of course, deserve the best.

Plant parenting, it turns out, is no easy task. Though they are indeed difficult to kill, it takes effort to keep them looking bright, shiny and healthy. I am still learning to care for them, but especially now, I love the work of doing so. It brings comfort, consistency.

Early in our plant parenthood, we left town for the weekend. When we got home, we encountered disaster. Dylan was a mess. Almost all her shiny red-green leaves were browned, crumpled and scattered across the floor. A

few still hung limply from her now-muted green stem. The rest of our houseplants were fine, but I was convinced she was a goner. Still, I grabbed the watering can and sprang into action. I gave her as much water as I could without drowning her. I placed my phone beside her and blasted music just in case that could help. I prayed she liked Taylor Swift.

The next morning, Dylan looked better. Her stem stood straighter, and her remaining leaves had unfolded. Within days, little buds grew where the leaves had been lost. I couldn't believe it. She was going to make it.

Dylan has never looked quite the same since that weekend. Her frame has always looked a little

barer.

But now, it seems, just when we need her most, she is ready to grow again.

What I wouldn't give at a time like this to have a dog, to wake up to a furry, goofy, joyous face, to someone who doesn't understand at all what's happening and whose world has only grown fuller because humans are spending more time in it. But for now, caring for our plants will simply have to do.

We are clinging to the little things that bring us joy. Sometimes, it's the jokes on "Grace and Frankie." Other times, it's a video happy hour with friends. Right now, it's the sprouting of new leaves.



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Healthy yews should develop foliage from dormant buds on the stems, so feel free to significantly trim your yew shrubs.

## Cool spring means there's still time to prune yews

BY TIM JOHNSON

*I am planning to do some much-needed pruning in my garden. There are some overgrown yews near my deck that I would like to aggressively prune to reduce their size. Is it OK to do this now?*

— Bob Sanderson, Waukegan

I generally recommend only cutting evergreens back to where there is still green foliage, which can be very limiting as to how much you can reduce the size of an evergreen shrub.

With yews though, you can be more aggressive in how much you cut them back — even cutting back to stems with very little to no foliage. Healthy yews that are growing well should develop foliage from dormant buds on the

stems. A yew that is under a lot of stress with thin or yellowing foliage, though, may not respond well and end up dying.

You still have time to complete the pruning of your yews — cool weather is a good thing at this time of year to extend the pruning season. It's best to do the very hard pruning of yews in late winter or early spring, shortly before the plants have started to grow. Pruning them back too early in fall or winter will expose foliage deeper in the plant that was previously shaded by other foliage and can burn in the winter.

The more the yews are cut back, the longer it will take for them to fill back in again, so that should be considered when deciding whether you should re-

place your yews with smaller ones or prune.

As long as you are willing to give the yews two to three years to fill in again, then go ahead and prune them back hard now to reduce their size.

It's best to cut to a point where there is some foliage if at all possible, which still reaching your goal of size reduction. There may be a mix of cuts leaving some bare stems and others with foliage — whatever works best for you.

*For more plant advice, contact the Plant Information Service at the Chicago Botanic Garden at [plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org).*

*Tim Johnson is senior director of horticulture at the Chicago Botanic Garden.*

## Despite coronavirus crisis, nature stays right on track

BY BETH BOTTS

Spring is coming just as it does every year. Crocuses are in bloom and daffodils are getting there. Buds are swelling on forsythia shrubs. Soon, a red or green glow at the top of maple trees will tell us they've opened their flowers.

“Even when it feels as if everything is off the rails, nature stays on track,” said Julie Janoski, Plant Clinic manager at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. Watching the familiar march of springtime is a reminder of all that hasn't gone wrong.

The coronavirus pandemic is keeping most of us in our homes, but we can still enjoy springtime by going out in our yards, as long as we keep a safe distance between us. Follow the guidelines from your local officials, which usually call for staying at least 6 feet away from anyone other than members of your household.

“Spending time in my garden feels like it's giving me space to breathe,” Janoski said.

The virus is spread between people, not from plants to humans, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There is no evidence that it is transmitted through plants or soil, and plants aren't harmed by it.

Trees and plants keep their schedules through a combination of signals: day length, chilling, warmth and moisture. Because plant species evolved in a wide range of places and circumstances, each kind of plant gives its own weight to the various signals.

One important signal is the increasing length of days after the winter solstice (or actually, for most species, the shortening of nights).

Many plant species,



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The forsythia will be blooming soon, just as it does every March or April.

such as tulips and fruit trees, also need to go through a certain amount of chilling to be sure winter has passed. “If fruit trees such as apples haven't had the required number of cold nights, they won't bloom,” Janoski said.

As the days get longer, there is more sunshine to warm the soil and the air.

“It's usually warmer soil, more than warmer air, that triggers plants to grow,” she said. The air temperature can fluctuate, with warm days followed by freezing temperatures. The soil, on the other hand, warms up much more steadily: “It's a more reliable signal,” Janoski said.

Another part of the formula is rainfall. “Plants need water to grow,” Janoski said. “Fortunately, so far this spring, we haven't had any shortage of rain.”

Change is everywhere at this time of year; you just

may have to watch closely to notice it.

“Staying close to home this year gives us an unexpected chance to really see springtime come,” Janoski said. “You can watch it from a window, too. Pay attention to the tops of the trees where the blooms, and then the leaves, appear.”

Spend a little time in the yard each day and watch for small changes in your plants. Look for each day's new green sprouts or for the first twinkle of yellow peeking out of a forsythia bud. Everything is changing, and out in the garden and in nature, it's changing in a good way.

*For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum ([mortonarb.org/plantadvice](http://mortonarb.org/plantadvice), 630-719-2424 or [plantclinic@mortonarb.org](mailto:plantclinic@mortonarb.org)).*

*Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.*

## ASK THE BUILDER

# Poorly built decks are dangerous

BY TIM CARTER  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q: Tim, I need your help. I contracted with a large home center to have a deck built. I came home from work and saw that the carpenters had toenailed an outer joist to the side of my home. Many of the nails are close to the edge and I can already see some splitting of the wood. The deck railing post is connected to this joist and I'm worried about its strength. What's the right way to make this connection? How would you have done it?**

A: The reader sent me a photograph of the flawed workmanship. It shook me to my core. I also saw serious errors made in how the ledger board was attached to the house and how the flashing was applied.

Several years ago, I attended a workshop put on by the top deck hardware manufacturer in the United States. They estimated that more than 80% of decks are structurally defective.

Deck collapses are in the local news all the time. The internet is littered with stories of collapses. Just a year ago it became somewhat personal for me because a friend of my daughter almost died from a deck collapse. She broke her neck and ruptured her spleen.

Here's what I see in the reader's photo. First, there are two joists at the end of the deck. The first one, no doubt, is nailed into the end grain of the ledger board. This is the weakest of all connections because

the holding power of end grain is far lower than the holding power of a fastener installed 90 degrees to the end grain.

The visible nails used were installed by a nail gun. They may have a thin coating of galvanizing on them. Newer treated lumber has a higher copper content and it requires very special fasteners that have a much thicker coating of galvanizing to resist corrosion. When you purchase fasteners, most have an exposure rating on the label. Always purchase ones with the highest level of corrosion resistance.

Toenailing a horizontal beam to a wall is simply unacceptable. The nails shot by the nail gun were probably no longer than 3 inches. When you do the math, maybe just 3/4 inch of the nail passed through the outer oriented strand board of the house into what knows what.

There are all sorts of approved ways to connect this double joist at the end of the deck. The ledger board could have extended another 6 inches and then a double joist hanger could have supported the two joists. Special structural screws should be used to attach the joist hanger to the ledger, not nails.

The flashing detail is on my AsktheBuilder.com website. Go there and behold the magic discovered over a hundred years ago about fire cuts and how you can employ those to keep water out of your house when you flash up from a deck ledger board, over it and down the face of it.

**Q: Hey, Tim, I wonder**

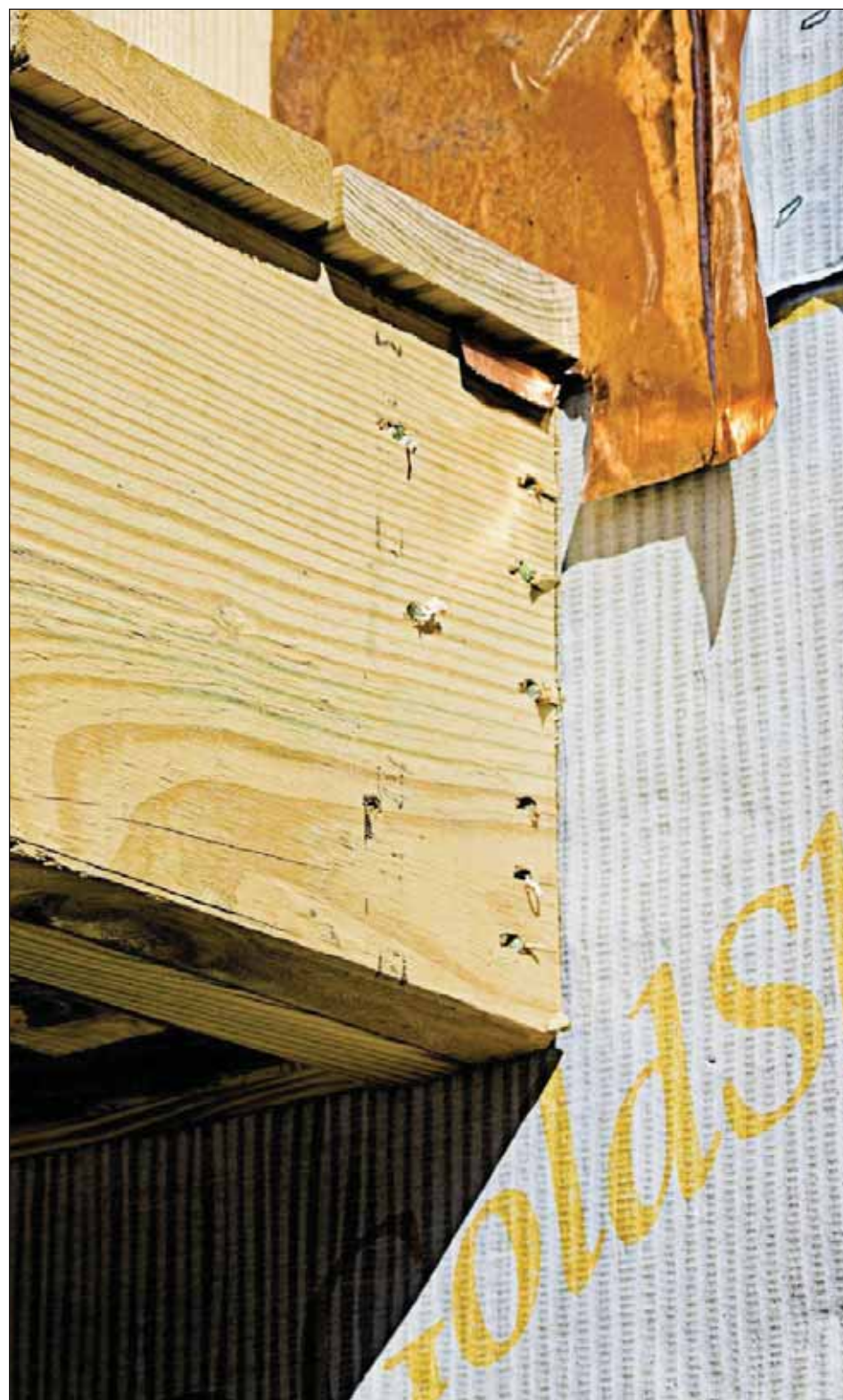
**what you know about washing windows. No matter what I try, the blue liquid, ammonia, paper towels, newspapers, etc., I get streaks. Can you help me? I'm tired of dirty glass and am more frustrated than an inebriated person trying to get a key in a door lock!**

A: I know all about being frustrated by dirty glass and door locks. I also know how to get glass perfectly clean. I used to watch a professional window washer clean the giant plate-glass windows at the chili parlor I worked at in high school and college. However, I didn't pay close attention to the actual process as I was too busy making cheese coney.

Years ago, I decided to discover how professionals clean glass, acres of glass. I called the presidents of two of the largest window-washing companies in the U.S. These are the companies that clean windows on skyscrapers. The answers from both were identical and I hung up the phone thinking, "There's no way it can be that simple."

Both men said the secret is to use regular water with a small amount of liquid dish soap in it. You can purchase special window-washing soaps for this purpose if you want. The second-most important thing is to use the correct tool to clean the glass. Pros use a lamb's wool tool that they rub across the glass. This tool is soaked in the water solution and the sweeping motions the pros use gets the dirt off the glass.

The brass squeegee you



TIM CARTER

In this reader-submitted photo, the outer deck joint is not safe. No structural engineer would approve this method of deck construction.

see the pros use is not a magic tool that's cleaning the glass. It's just removing the left-behind water! The pros will also use a rag to wipe any excess water from the edges of the glass. I use this method and my glass

here at my house is spotless.

The blue liquid, ammonia and all those other home methods are just a waste of time. If they worked, don't you think you'd see the pros use

them? After all, the faster and better they can clean glass, the more money they make. There's a reason you never see a pro use blue liquid and paper towels or rags. It's laughable when you think about it.

# Whether to purchase, lease or subscribe to add solar panels

BY CATHY BUSSEWITZ  
Associated Press

For homeowners weighing whether to buy, lease or subscribe to a solar energy system, it's worth considering whether there are hidden costs or pitfalls.

## Buying is best

If you have the cash, most experts agree that buying a solar system outright is a better investment than leasing or taking out a loan. Customers should check electric bills to estimate monthly energy use when deciding what size system to buy and calculate federal or state incentives. Make efficiency upgrades such as buying new windows or energy-saving appliances before choosing a system to help avoid purchasing an array that's larger than necessary. A good solar company will help calculate the appropriate size.

Solar panels can cost \$20,000 or more, and solar companies and others are increasingly offering loans to help alleviate the up-front cost. The solar loan market grew 40% in early 2019 from the same time last year, according to Wood Mackenzie.

## Leases can save money, but beware of pitfalls

Leasing a solar energy system may be an attractive option for people who want to use renewable energy but don't have the cash to buy a system.

Sunrun, which sells solar panels primarily through long-term lease agreements, estimates that customers who lease panels save 10% to 40% on their electric bills. Customers can choose a fixed monthly rate or start out with a lower monthly payment that increases over time. Leases at Sunrun typically last about 25 years.

Lease companies also



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handle repairs, and "if the system doesn't perform, the customer doesn't pay," said Thomas Plagemann, chief commercial officer at Vivint Solar.

But as prices fell and loan options increased in recent years, leases declined. About 28% of residential solar systems are owned by third parties, down from 62% in early 2014, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association.

"Usually it ends up being more expensive over the life of the project (to lease)," said Brett Simon, senior energy storage analyst at Wood Mackenzie. "It's economically more efficient if you have the capital to just buy a system."

Lease customers don't always save money, and entering into a lease agreement can complicate home sales. That was the case for Steve Hebert in Hillsboro, Oregon, who began leasing solar panels from Solar City in 2016 before the company was bought by Tesla. When Hebert recently decided to sell his house, his Realtor told him it would be difficult because of the solar lease. The lease could be transferred to a potential buyer, but some wouldn't want to take it on.

Hebert tried to find out what it would cost to buy out the rest of the lease agreement and found out he wouldn't be able to buy it outright until he was five

years into the contract. He wanted to find out more but had difficulty getting a Tesla representative on the phone.

"I feel like I'm probably at a wash or paying more than I was before solar," Hebert said. "I love that I can feel good about running my AC in the summer but I regret this whole thing."

When solar costs were very high, leases took off, but as prices have fallen leases have become less attractive, said Ricardo Rodriguez, research analyst at Navigant Research. "It just creates an extra hassle there, and especially if you just moved to your first house, you probably don't expect to live there for 20 years," he said.

## Subscribe and save?

Everything from diapers to cars can be bought with a subscription, and now you can add solar panels to the list. Tesla is among the companies offering solar subscriptions and will install a small, medium or large system on your roof, which provides energy to your home for a monthly fee. Customers, who are still hooked up to their electric utility, pay for any additional electricity that they pull from the grid.

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# NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

## Builders know the owner's suite not just a place to sleep

While kitchens and baths are top priorities for today's homebuyers, they also have expectations for every room in their new homes.

"The size and opulence of master suites varies by the amount of square footage in the home," says Jennifer Mencias, sales director for Toll Brothers, a national luxury home builder. "Many of our home designs have master suites with sitting room areas where residents start their day watching the morning news or exercising before transitioning into busy days or relax with a cocktail after work. Ceiling fans, decorative chandeliers and can lights are all popular ways of accenting tray and coffered ceilings.

"Wall accents, such as shiplap and decorative trims, give bedrooms a personalized look. Most buyers prefer carpeting in bedrooms for a comfortable, warm and cozy atmosphere, although those with allergies and pets may prefer wide plank wood flooring. Everyone wants a large walk-in closet, and his and hers closets are popular," Mencias says.

Deep, freestanding tubs continue as a popular trend from 2019 and a more streamlined, easy to maintain look. Herringbone patterned tile as well as wainscoting remain popular as does the spa shower, Mencias adds.

"Spa showers with multiple shower heads and drying areas are in demand along with door-less shower entries," Mencias says. "Built-in linen cabinets and the use of shaped porcelain or cement tiles from floor to ceiling, make the master bath a work of art."

Toll Brothers offers three new home communities, Bowes Creek Country Club in Elgin, Tanglewood Hills in Batavia and The Woods of South Barrington.

Shodeen Homes, a family-owned and operated builder for over 59 years and long-recognized for quality homes in the Fox River Valley as well as southern Wisconsin, offers ranch, two-story and first-floor master plans priced from \$219,000 to \$600,000.

"Today's buyers, more than ever, want their square footage in rooms where they spend the most time and are most important to them," says Jeremy Lund, sales director for Shodeen Homes. "Master bedrooms and baths are among the rooms where buyers want practical luxury with high-end features that are easy to main-



**New home builders bring luxury and practicality together in today's master bedroom suites.**

tain and have long-lasting durability and value. These features include dramatic tray ceilings in bedrooms, with expanded sitting room areas, and durable quartz for counters, decorative tiles for spa baths and

other personalizing touches."

In Illinois, Shodeen offers ranch and two-story designs at the following communities:

Mill Creek: South Mill Creek Village

Homes offer low maintenance living in an award-winning community. Homes range from 1,043 to 2,071 square feet and are priced from the \$270s.

Norton Lake: Luxury single-family homes with St. Charles schools with homes ranging from 2,373 to 3,545 square feet and priced from \$428,000.

Elburn Station: Three distinct collections of homes within minutes of the Elburn Metra train station with low-maintenance options priced from \$219,300.

Reston Ponds: A community of parks, lakes and ponds just blocks from quaint downtown Sycamore with homes priced from the \$270s.

Maple Park: Priced from the \$230s, Squires Crossing offers affordable living in a charming small-town setting with single-family homes ranging from 1,860 to 2,674 square feet in size.

In Lake Geneva, Wisconsin: Less than one mile from downtown Lake Geneva, Stone Ridge offers homes from 1,860 to 2,652 square feet, priced from \$348,000.

For more information, visit [tollbrothers.com](http://tollbrothers.com) or [shodeenhomes.com](http://shodeenhomes.com).

## NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

# Toll Brothers' new Chelsea design offers 'wow' factor

Discerning new home buyers in search of luxury living in a highly desirable location will want to visit The Woods of South Barrington, where award-winning national homebuilder Toll Brothers has introduced the Chelsea floor plan.

Featuring over 3,800 square feet of opulent living space and priced from the low \$800s, the Chelsea allows buyers the opportunity to personalize their home through a variety of structural options and endless interior finishes.

"Prepare to be 'wowed' by the Chelsea," says Alison Keifer, senior sales manager for The Woods of South Barrington. "This home exudes luxury with an elegant two-story foyer with curved staircase, gourmet island kitchen open to the spacious family room, formal living and dining rooms, study, master suite with its own private den and luxury bath, Princess suite and much more."

The Chelsea, which includes four bedrooms, 3½ baths, full basement and three-car garage, can be customized by adding a morning room, solarium, multi-generational suite, walk-out bay windows, conservatory, additional baths, open beam ceiling and finished lower level just to name a few options.

"Buyers appreciate the impressive list of luxury features included in our homes as well as the hundreds of options available



to them to customize their home," Keifer says. "Our 2,000-square-foot design studio, professional designers and online design tools help make your home everything you dreamed it would be."

Located just north of Route 72 (Higgins Road) and east of Route 59 (Sutton Road), The Woods of South Barrington is a picturesque, master-planned community served by highly touted Barrington School District 220. In addition to the Chelsea, buyers can choose from an impressive collection of single-family residences in two distinct series on ¾ to 1-plus acre homesites ranging from 3,523 to over 5,000 square feet in size.

Children attend Countryside Elementary School, Barrington Middle School Prairie Campus and Barrington High School.

The Woods at South Barrington is located at 2 Acadia Drive. The sales center is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. To learn more, call 847-381-4700 or visit tollbrothers.com.

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## NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



Shodeen Homes has introduced the Sundance ranch plan at Reston Ponds in Sycamore priced from \$266,300. The open-concept plan features a two-car garage.

## Shodeen introduces affordable new ranch plan at Reston Ponds

Shodeen Homes, a family owned and operated builder for over 59 years, has introduced the Sundance ranch plan priced from \$266,300 at Reston Ponds in Sycamore.

"The Sundance, with 1,860 square feet of living space as well as a two-car garage and full, unfinished basement, is ideal for first-time buyers as well as right-sizers," says Jeremy Lund, director of sales for Shodeen Homes. "The open-concept ranch plan with three bedrooms and two full baths maximizes practical living space and buyers who choose to finish their basement, either with Shodeen or after move-in, nearly double the size of their home."

Located just north of I-88 and east of Peace Road, Reston Ponds features 15-acres of parks, six ponds and South East Elementary School, part of Sycamore School District 427, which was rated in the top 10% among more than 500 school districts in Illinois.

The community is within walking distance of charming downtown Sycamore with a variety of shops and restaurants and is minutes from the I-88 employment corridor, Northern Illinois University and Kishwaukee Hospital, part

of Northwestern Medicine. The Sycamore Park District operates the public golf course, community pool and splash park as well as a community center and fitness facility.

In addition to the new Sundance plan, buyers may choose from a collection or ranch and two-story plans ranging from 1,860 to 2,6748 square feet in size with three or four bedrooms, two or 2½ baths, full basements and two-car garages priced from the \$260s.

"We understand that a home is an investment in the future and stand behind our homes with a one-, five- and 10-year warranty program," Lund says. "In addition, we build our homes to exceed energy-efficient standards, testing all houses for air infiltration. We use spray foam in rim joists and detailed air sealing of the home's enclosure. An energy-efficient new home costs a lot less to operate and our homes are about 40% more efficient than a home built just 10 years ago."

Reston Ponds is five miles north of I-88 and just east of Peace Road. The sales center is at 406 Mary Ann Circle. To schedule an appointment, call 877-901-5151 or visit [shodeenhomes.com](http://shodeenhomes.com).

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## 4 smart steps to take before opening a new CD

If you have money to sock away that isn't appropriate for the stock market, or you simply want to earn a safe, reliable return, certificates of deposit offer a virtually risk-free way to grow your savings.

CDs have much stricter rules than savings or money market accounts, in exchange for earning a higher interest rate than these other accounts pay. Because of this, savvy CD savers employ a handful of best practices before they open any new CD.

The first is simply shopping around, including among online banks and credit unions, as these two institution types often pay very competitive rates. Shopping for the best rate is critical as you can earn about 20 times more from a top-paying CD versus one paying the national average.

After narrowing your list, check the early withdrawal policy of any

institution you're considering, since the penalties vary widely. Even if you don't expect you'll need to cash out early, it's best to compare how mild or onerous a bank's penalties are, and to avoid any policy that allows the penalty to eat into your CD's principal.

Once you've chosen an institution and a CD, it's important to think through how much you'll deposit. That's because you only get one shot with your initial CD deposit. Unlike savings and money market accounts, where you can make a small deposit at the time of account opening and then add more later, CDs generally only accept a single deposit.

Lastly, as soon as you open your CD, make a calendar reminder for yourself 2-3 months before the maturity date. This gives you time to decide what to do with the money coming out of the CD, and alerts you to watch for the bank's notification letter with instructions on how to convey your wishes.

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