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ELECTION 2020

No results and long lines in Wisconsin

Dems miss chance to stump in key battleground state

By BILL RUTHHART

Wary voters clad in masks waited in long, socially distanced lines across Wisconsin on Tuesday amid a political firestorm over whether the state's election should have been held in the middle of a coronavirus pandemic that has left Americans in 42 states ordered to stay home.

With Republicans insisting democracy go on and Democrats calling the exercise reckless, Wisconsinites who had not already voted absentee by mail faced the choice between running the risk of contracting the highly contagious COVID-19 at the polls or abandoning their right to vote.

Those who did venture out under Wisconsin's "safer at home" order cast ballots in what became a ghost Democratic presidential primary between former Vice President Joe Biden and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. Both candidates bunkered in their East Coast homes, unable to campaign in what will be a

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Singer-songwriter Prine dies of virus complications

John Prine, the revered musician from Maywood, died Tuesday in a Nashville hospital after being stricken with COVID-19. **A+E**

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Boats remain in dry dock and Montrose Harbor is mostly empty Tuesday in Chicago due to the state's stay-at-home order.

Summer weather a temptation as stay-at-home order continues

By SOPHIE SHERRY, GREGORY PRATT, DAN PETRELLA AND MORGAN GREENE

On the first balmy spring afternoon that promised the return of hot summer days, Chicagoans wondering when the stay-at-home order would end were given an answer: not anytime soon. As the largest daily jump in reported deaths came Tuesday, officials cautioned the worst is on its

way. Seventy-three more deaths related to the coronavirus were reported Tuesday — the largest single tally for the state since the start of the outbreak. The total death toll is now at 380. Officials also reported 1,287 additional cases of COVID-19, raising the number of known cases statewide to 13,549. The virus has been detected in three-quarters of Illinois'

102 counties. On what originally would have been the final day of his stay-at-home order, Gov. J.B. Pritzker reiterated the best way to slow the spread of the virus is for people to remain at home as much as possible through April 30 — and perhaps beyond. "I know that, especially on a warm day like today, that's particularly hard to hear," Pritzker said Tuesday at his daily news con-

ference. On Tuesday, the forecast said hail as big as golf balls was possible, but as temperatures burst toward 80, just a few degrees shy of breaking a 127-year-old record, Chicagoans sat on stoops with Popsicles and strapped on Rollerblades. "Chicago, I know it's gorgeous outside but please behave," one tweet pleaded. "It's beautiful outside," someone else tweeted before echoing an infamous

bedtime story by actor Samuel L. Jackson. "STAY THE (expletive) HOME CHICAGO." Many appeared to be following that advice. At neighborhood parks, families played Frisbee and catch. They gave their dogs a break from being cooped up. Small groups shot basketballs. The Lakefront Trail in

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THE HUMAN TOLL

Suburbs brace for possible surge in deaths



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Kane County Coroner Rob Russell at the back of one of their transport vehicles outside of the Kane County Medical Examiner's Office on April 1 in Geneva.

"You can't put the pause on grief. Grief comes in waves. ... It's something that has to be acknowledged."

— John Kunsch, co-owner of Naperville's Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory

Coroners, funeral directors prepare for the worst

By ERIN HEGARTY AND MEGAN JONES

Surrounded by blue temporary fencing, an unmarked refrigerated semi-trailer sits quietly in the back of the DuPage County coroner's office, waiting for what suburban coroners predict will be a sharp uptick in COVID-19 deaths in the coming days and weeks.

Coroners in Kane County and Lake County have brought in similar refrigerated vehicles, sometimes called mobile morgues, for the first time. Last week, Cook County's medical examiner secured a refrigerated warehouse that can store at least 1,000 bodies.

The ominous preparations come as coroners and funeral home directors across the suburbs brace for what could be a surge in bodies with not enough space to store them all,

especially as some families delay burying loved ones until it is safe for large groups to gather again.

Kane County Coroner Rob Russell projects his county could have 300 to 1,000 death connected to coronavirus.

"I don't know the time frame, but my office will play coordination with the funeral homes because they will be inundated with people," Russell said. "At some point, it will overcome their capacity, and we will need to work with the funeral homes to help with body storage and cremation."

While the space issue looms, funeral homes are already making adjustments to services during the coronavirus pandemic. Some mourners are attending services electronically. Others arrive to mourn in shifts of 10 or fewer people at a time. One Wheaton funeral home director called it "controlled chaos." "We don't know how long this will go on or if

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Custodian Aadeeb Joude closes the entrance gate to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on March 25 in Jerusalem.

JOHN KASS

Lamentation for all the churches closed at Easter



The ancient Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem was last closed during the Black Plague of the 1300s. Then came the coronavirus pandemic.

And now a video circulates across social media of the caretaker, a Muslim man whose family, it is said, has reverently tended this holiest of all Christian churches since the 1100s.

The caretaker closes the doors. The heavy bolts fall into place, sounding like a hammer thudding on the hearts of the Christian world just before Easter.

Coronavirus is most certainly not the Black Death. But the doors of churches are closed just the same.

This is Holy Week for Western Christians. The Eastern Orthodox celebrate Easter on April 19. But the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is shared by all Christians. And the closing of churches all over the world, of the East and of the West, couldn't come at a worse possible time.

Other faiths have seen their houses of worship closed, too, Jewish synagogues and Muslim mosques and others, as part of the fight against the transmission of the deadly virus through social gathering.

Human beings ache for what we've been denied, like the diabetic yearning for chocolate soda. We're stubborn and willful that way. For some, the church doors closing isn't all that important. They put their faith in other things.

But for many others, for Christians at Easter, what's been lost is more powerful and meaningful than ever. And this, too, is the story of the pandemic, but it is a story largely untold.

Wasn't it just weeks ago that we thought we had everything?

We carried our phones in our pockets, and at the touch of a button we could pull forth the sum of all human knowledge. The economy was thrumming, there was money in our wallets, employers were desperate to find workers, and almost anyone who wanted to work could find a job.

Now many of those jobs are gone, people are afraid and the doors of the churches are closed. We watch our services, masses and liturgies at the end of Lent via laptop in our homes. Rather than infect others, we stay away. We isolate, not merely to protect ourselves, but to protect those we don't even know. Isn't this love too?

Yet even with our laptops to watch clergy hold services in empty churches, it just isn't the same, is it? The words are the same, the feelings they evoke are the same, but it isn't the same.

It isn't kneeling in a pew next to your family, your wife and children, near your brother's family, and your cousins and neighbors, people you've known all your life, everyone feeling the awesome weight of judgment from above as we whisper, Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy.

The word for church is ecclesia, an assembly, a gathering, and dates back before Christianity. That is what church is, a gathering, the kind of place that people seek out to be together, not alone, when desperate.

With coronavirus at Easter, we learn truths about ourselves. Some speak hopefully about this time of trial as a blessing, one that might trigger a new Great Awakening.

But those same hopeful voices had sung the same song before the pandemic, as it became increasingly clear that the world was on the edge of a new age, a revolution of automation and artificial intelligence that would cause as great an upheaval in the social order as did the Industrial Revolution.

Just how will this story of spiritual longing, with the doors of churches closed at Easter, be told? I can't say.

Secular media is extremely uncomfortable with religion, particularly Christianity, at times barely tolerant, at other times hostile. When athletes score touchdowns and praise the Lord, when politicians campaign in urban churches seeking the political blessings of clergy, journalists are

cautiously benign. They don't dare roll their eyes.

Other times you can hear the eyes rolling, popping out in rage, sounding like heavy ball bearings rolling around in a tin pan.

Consider what happened to Mike Lindell, the "My Pillow" guy who converted his factories to making masks to deal with the COVID-19 virus. He was vilified endlessly for daring to bring up his faith at a White House news conference during which he praised the president. The anger, from the usual media quarters, was vicious and predictable.

Yet with so many around the world still celebrating Easter during this pandemic, media feels an obligation to at least mention that houses of worship have been closed. We've found a safe space to tell the story of Easter, just as we tell of Christmas by glorifying a jolly fat man in a red suit and white beard, with his sack full of toys.

We talk about making this Easter special for the children, and we discuss chocolate bunnies, marshmallow Peeps, colored eggs, and where to order out for that brunch with those killer Bloody Marys.

When Constantine the Great, who'd converted to Christianity, built the Church of the Holy Sepulchre around the year 336, he had it constructed where his mother, St. Helen, found the place of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, and his tomb, the place of his resurrection.

The church wasn't built to commemorate chocolate bunnies or glorify the yellow Peeps.

Now it is closed because of the coronavirus, as are other churches, for Easter. You can feel the hearts breaking all over the world.

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Holding a Passover dinner in a pandemic — on Zoom



MARY SCHMICH

Right about now in an ordinary year, Barbara Brotman and her husband, Chuck Berman, would be lugging chairs up from their basement, moving the living room furniture aside to make space for three long folding tables and spreading plastic over the pale taupe carpet because you never know who will spill what during a four-hour Passover Seder.

One year, before they took to rolling out the protective plastic, someone dropped a whole plate of the Chicken Marbella, and the carpet never recovered.

In an ordinary year, the Seder guests would arrive around sundown, bearing charoset, kugel and green vegetables to go with the gefilte fish, matzo ball soup and chicken. In keeping with my culinary skills, I'd bring a couple of bottles of kosher-for-Passover wine.

For two decades, although I'm not Jewish, I've been lucky enough to be part of the Seder crew that Barbara and Chuck, both former Tribune colleagues, have hosted for more than 30 years.

During that time, their long Seder table has changed some. Babies were born. Kids grew up. Some longtime participants moved away. Barbara's mother, who became a special guest after moving from New York to Chicago, died. These were momentous changes in their way, but the ritual and the crew have remained remarkably consistent, and the changes — the ordinary

stuff of people growing up, moving on, growing older — happened in a familiar world.

That world is suddenly gone.

"We live in a very different time," Gov. J.B. Pritzker said during a recent news conference, noting that major holidays of several religions occur this month, during a time of enforced social isolation aimed at conquering a deadly virus.

"We all should start to think about how we're going to use technology in order for us to gather," Pritzker advised. He noted that, in a nod to our new dependence on Zoom, some Jewish people are calling their Seders "Zeders."

In any year, the Seder dinner is the time for telling the story of the Exodus, the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt.

"It's the foundational story of Judaism, and that means a lot to me as a Jew," says Barbara. "But it's universal. You can also look at it as escape from a narrow place in your life. It can be about personal growth. It doesn't matter at our Seder who's Jewish or who isn't."

In an ordinary year, guests take turns reading from the Haggadah, the Seder text that recounts the Exodus tale. At Barbara and Chuck's dinner, the reading is often interrupted by questions and arguments:

Wait. Is this story true? Does it matter if it's true? How does this story of slavery connect to slavery in today's world? Is there really a God? Can someone please pass the matzo?

It's a conversation meant for a shared table.

But in March it became clear that our social distancing rules would rule out a shared table this year.

So Barbara joined the ranks of Seder hosts looking for a safer way, which meant she had to school herself on the intricacies of the videoconferencing platform Zoom.

"Technology doesn't come easily to me and it makes me anxious," she says.

What would happen on Zoom to the readings that are done in unison? To the singing in unison? To the ritual beating of other guests with scallions? Will guests suffer from Zoom fatigue, a recently diagnosed ailment in this age of constant video contact?

Despite her worries, she's convinced it will be fun. And it might cast new light on the old story, on the discussion of plagues and hunger and freedom, on the expression of gratitude. The two ritual hand-washings will take on new meaning.

"It almost feels like this time was meant for the Seder," Barbara says, "or the Seder was meant for this time."

In every facet of life right now, we're living in a grand experiment. The religious rituals that so many people rely on are all part of the experiment.

But the essence of the rituals remains: to connect us to the past and to each other and to something beyond us. We don't pretend nothing is different. We adapt while looking for the truths that stay constant.

So on Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m., if technology cooperates, 25 people will gather for Barbara and Chuck's Seder. Each of us will set our own table, prepare our own food and appreciate something we no longer think of as ordinary. We're together.

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President Donald Trump said Mayor Lori Lightfoot "is extremely happy with what we're doing" in regard to helping Chicago deal with the coronavirus pandemic.

Lightfoot on Trump comment: 'I'm not going to take the bait'

BY GREGORY PRATT

Responding to President Donald Trump's comment that she's privately happy with the federal government, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Tuesday acknowledged telling Vice President Michael Pence that the Army Corps of Engineers did good work turning McCormick Place into an alternative care facility but denied being "one way publicly and another way privately with the administration."

At a briefing Monday, Trump said, "The mayor of Chicago, at least on the phone, is extremely happy with what we're doing — thanking us. I just wish the politicians would say to you what they say to us."

Lightfoot responded with her perspective.

"The president says a lot of things and oftentimes it's an attempt to bait people, and I'm not going to take the bait," Lightfoot said when asked about the comment. "I'm not one way publicly and a different way privately with the administration."

Lightfoot said she spoke with Pence over the weekend and asked for more ventilators. Monday night, the city's public health department received 125, "but that's a fraction of what we had requested," Lightfoot said.

In her call with Pence, Lightfoot also said she asked the administration to create a bipartisan task force of mayors to give the feds advice on handling the coronavirus crisis.

"What we've really seen from the beginning of this pandemic, going back to January, is a disconnect between what's happening at the federal level from the executive branch to what we have to execute and implement here in the localities," Lightfoot said. "I think it would do well for the task force to have this kind of bipartisan geographically diverse group of mayors because we're on the front lines. We're the people who have to implement all of the edicts that come down from the federal government and having our voice in the mix I think is incredibly important."

Lightfoot noted she's been "very outspoken" about the federal government needing to listen to municipalities but she will "give credit where credit is due."

Trump made the comments during his daily White House briefing Monday, when he highlighted McCormick Place as an example of the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Trump called the new alternate care facility a "fantastic place."

Since being elected mayor or last April, Lightfoot consistently has been critical of Trump. Last week, she blasted him for being "wildly wrong" about the coronavirus.

"I will tell you, I don't pay a lot of attention to the things that come out of the president's mouth in his daily briefings. Many of them are not based on fact or science and they're just wildly wrong. That's wrong in this case," Lightfoot said last Wednesday.

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"The most degrading thing that my husband can think of is being in a diaper," says Tina J. "Men's Liberty to the rescue. We attended our granddaughter's graduation in comfort and without the fear. You couldn't tell he had it on, which was a big concern for him."

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Americans were naive to think virus colorblind



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Everyone should have known that the coronavirus would come for African Americans ferociously. In this country, black people dwell at the top of the list of everything that is harmful and at the bottom of nearly all that is good.

That's the American way.

The coronavirus is having a disproportionate impact on African Americans across the country. In Chicago, blacks comprise 30% of the population, but account for 52% of the cases and more than 68% of the deaths.

When it came to this deadly virus, the playing field was never even. From the start, we were warned that everyone's individual health history would determine who recovered from COVID-19 and who succumbed to it.

Those with chronic health conditions would be singled out and shoved to the front of the line of those most likely to die. The lineup had long been determined, so by the time the pandemic hit, it was too late for anyone to alter their fate.

African Americans are most likely to suffer from the underlying health issues on which the coronavirus preys the hardest. Blacks rank at or near the top of the list for heart disease, lung disease, kidney disease, diabetes and high blood pressure — all contributing factors in how severely COVID-19 attacks the body.

In this country, African Americans have long been more likely than whites to die from heart diseases, stroke, cancer, asthma, influenza, pneumonia, diabetes and HIV/AIDS. It was inevitable that the coronavirus would be just as fatal.

How naive it was to consider COVID-19 to be the one thing that equalized us as a human race. We talked about it as if all Americans were in this together — as though each of us had an equal stake in ridding the nation of this unseen enemy that threatened to eviscerate life, as we once knew it.

We missed the "good life" that existed before the pandemic took hold, and we have been antsy for things to return to "normal." What has gotten most of us through this crisis is our faith that it would end soon — that we would again gather on the lakefront, smell the flowers in our neighborhood and enjoy all that this great city has to offer.

How selfish we have been.

For many African Americans, getting back to normal means returning to the very things that made them more susceptible to the coronavirus to begin with. In some neighborhoods, normality means a return to vulnerability.

It is common knowledge that African Americans have less access to quality health care. Many poor blacks have no medical coverage at all. Those who have Medicaid are limited in choosing doctors and specialists who are top in their fields. For many low-income African Americans, hospitalization is not an option.

We also know that poverty breeds illnesses. In many of the Chicago ZIP codes that have been hardest hit by COVID-19, residents can't drop by a grocery store on the way home and pick up fresh vegetables for dinner.

They don't have the luxury of deciding whether to shop at Whole Foods or Mariano's. Often the only choice is the tiny market on the corner, where the shelves are stocked with less healthy options than grocery stores offer.

That's assuming, too, that everyone has enough money to buy food. In the booming economy that Donald Trump and others have been boasting about, many African Americans were left behind. Even some who benefited were never able to lift themselves out of poverty because they were in too deep to begin with.

Poor food choices lead to obesity and other health impairments, which have a direct link to heart disease, stroke, diabetes and other chronic illnesses. Environmental issues lead to respiratory diseases, such as asthma.

African Americans are nearly three times more likely to die from asthma-related causes than white people. Again, it's partly because black people are more likely to live in poverty. That means higher exposure to triggers such as cockroaches, mold and air pollution in industrial neighborhoods, as well as gas and other chemical fumes.

It is one thing to simply order Americans to stay at home, and to advise them to remain 6 feet apart when in public. There is no evidence that African Americans are failing to abide by the orders any more than whites.

There are, however, extenuating circumstances that could make it more difficult to stop the spread of the virus. Black workers are severely underrepresented compared with whites in high-salary jobs in technology, engineering and business. They are most likely to work in blue-collar or low-wage service jobs.

So what about extended families who are packed into one home, sleeping three or four to a bed? What about families where the primary wage earner is a store clerk, who spends all day interacting with people who may have the virus? And what about that elderly grandmother who has to take the bus to the grocery store or the medical clinic because she has no other way to get there?

The coronavirus was never colorblind. Racial equity, in any form, has never existed in America, and there's a good chance it never will.

The greatest threat to African Americans is that white people will begin to feel less threatened and the country will return to normal too soon, having rendered the coronavirus just another health condition that kills black people.

For as long as we live, normal will never mean the same thing for every American. If we did not realize it before, the coronavirus has taught us.

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Grant Crowley, owner of Crowley's Yacht Yard on the South Side of Chicago, on Tuesday.

Chicago's bridge lifts join the list of delayed spring rituals

No movement until the city lifts virus restrictions

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Every spring, the city raises its steel bridges along the Chicago River to allow sailboats to pass from winter storage out onto Lake Michigan.

The bridge-lifting ritual, which typically runs twice-weekly from mid-April to June and again from September to November when boats go back into storage yards, is an occasion for sightseers to take photographs, and for drivers to grumble when they get stuck waiting for bridges to close.

But this year, the lakefront is closed because of the coronavirus pandemic. So boat yard operators say they won't be asking the Chicago Department of

Transportation to open bridges until restrictions are lifted, possibly in May.

"The lakefront is closed, as long as the lakefront is closed, the harbors are closed and there are no boats in the harbors," said Scott Stevenson of Westrec Marinas, which manages the harbors for the Chicago Park District and operates a couple of Chicago boat yards.

Stevenson said a few boat owners have said they've given up on having any kind of sailing season, though most look forward to being back on the water.

"People are looking forward to boating and to the opportunity to social distance on their boats instead of in their apartments or their homes. That is not allowed as long as the lakefront is closed," Stevenson said. "We're following the mayor's orders, and we completely support her and

we all have a social responsibility to be careful and to not spread this thing. As soon as it's safe to do so, we'll get out on our boats, and not until then."

Stevenson is a boat owner himself, and he said he misses it.

Grant Crowley, owner of Crowley's Yacht Yard on the Calumet River, said a couple of dozen boat owners had set April dates to move their boats out, but they've all had to reschedule for May.

"Everybody is understanding," Crowley said. He said a few owners have asked him to leave their boats inside, or in shrink wrap, because they don't know how long the lakefront might be closed. "If it doesn't open up until this summer, they might forgo the season," he said.

To let the boats through, the city has to raise 27 bridges on the South and Main branches of the Chi-

cago River, from South Ashland Avenue to Lake Shore Drive, according to the Chicago Department of Transportation. During the boat runs, bridges are raised sequentially, typically one at a time. Each bridge lift takes an average of 8 to 12 minutes, according to CDOT.

CDOT spokesman Michael Claffey said that in recent weeks, the city has been conducting the annual spring testing of its movable bascule bridges, which must be kept operable to accommodate any requests for boat traffic that does not fit under the bridges.

City officials say they will be prepared for any requests for a boat run on April 18, or thereafter, on the usual Saturday and Wednesday schedule. But no bridge lifts have been requested.

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'We're not looking for a bailout' say US chefs

But the restaurant industry may need one to survive virus

BY PHIL VETTEL

Speaking on behalf of independent restaurants across the country, the Independent Restaurant Coalition sent a letter to Congress Monday, detailing the new federal actions needed "to ensure we survive not just the near-term crisis, but the long-term negative impact on revenue."

Expressing gratitude for the recently established CARES Act, the group nevertheless likened it to a "temporary lifeline" that is insufficient to ensure the industry's survival.

In a teleconference call Monday afternoon, Tom Colicchio, Kwame Onwuachi and Naomi Pomeroy — three of the more than a dozen chefs and restaurateurs who established the coalition last month — spoke of the challenges facing the restaurant industry now and in the future, and the need to take action now.

"We don't want restaurants to be able to open, and then fail because the business is not there," said Colicchio, whose Crafted Hospitality owns and operates restaurants across the nation and who is well-known as a judge on Bravo's "Top Chef." "We're not looking for a bailout; we're looking to get back to work."

The COVID-19 shutdown hit the restaurant industry particularly hard. Restaurants are a low-margin industry — 10% profitability is much better than



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Pedestrians walk past a restaurant with chairs stacked near the window in Lakeview on Saturday in Chicago.

average — with high labor costs. Millions of restaurant workers have lost their jobs. Though some restaurants have managed to remain open via carryout and delivery service (often bringing in a fraction of the income needed for long-term viability), many have shut down completely, including small restaurants (Elizabeth, Piece Brewery and Pizzeria, Vie) and large groups (Boka Restaurant Group, One Off Hospitality).

Among the concerns voiced on the teleconference are the limits of the Paycheck Protection Program, which allows businesses — not just restaurants — to secure capital and rehire employees and, given certain conditions, have the loan forgiven. But that takes place within an eight-week window; for restaurant owners, who don't know when they will be allowed to open their doors, the timing most likely will be problematic.

"Without proper action, this will fundamentally alter our communities."

— Chef Kwame Onwuachi

"If we have to use the program now," said Pomeroy, chef/owner of the acclaimed Beast in Portland, Oregon, "we hire back our employees, and when the time is up, we have to lay them off because we still won't be open. Our concern is that 2020 is going to be a wash; we don't want to put businesses at risk by the very thing we're trying to help them with."

Waiting to apply for the program until a reopening time frame is better known has its own downside, as the fund, even at \$350 billion, is dwindling rapidly, and may

soon be oversubscribed.

And when restaurants are able to reopen, many, if not all, will begin with debt (money owed to suppliers at the time of the abrupt closing), low customer counts (nobody expects full dining rooms right away) and asset-determined new regulations.

"Once it's time to reopen, there will be huge obstacles ahead," said Onwuachi, the Rising Star Chef of the Year winner at last year's James Beard Awards. "Without proper action, this will fundamentally alter our communities."

"If kitchens are the heartbeat of the home," Onwuachi said, "restaurants are the heartbeat of the nation."

Among the actions requested by the coalition:

Extend the Paycheck Protection Program to run three months after restaurants are allowed to reopen.

Increase the amount of PPP funding, and reinstate the \$500 million gross-revenue cap that, the coalition argues, will make more funds available for small, independent businesses.

Increase loan repayment to 10 years from its current 2 years.

Create a jobs-provider rebate giving tax relief to restaurants based on how many people they employ; and a rent rebate to help restaurants maintain their leases through the recovery.

Create a dedicated restaurant-recovery fund.

Require business-interruption insurance to cover COVID-19 shutdowns.

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Youth inmate's positive test draws concerns

Lawyers, advocates alarmed after 1st case at detention center

BY ANNIE SWEENEY AND MEGAN CREPEAU

Attorneys were expected to seek more hearings this week on behalf of youths housed in the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center in the wake of the troubling news that the first young person in custody there had tested positive for COVID-19.

"We continuously said it was not a matter of if, it is a matter of when," said Cathryn Crawford, the litigation director for the Lawndale Christian Legal Center, who said she would be seeking hearings on behalf of clients. "I suspect there are more children who could be released if they would look at things through a slightly different lens."

The Cook County public defender's office also had scheduled some 40 hearings this week, even before yesterday's news that a 16-year-old had tested positive. Seven hearings were held Monday with five releases secured, and more were under consideration, officials said Tuesday.

The public defender's office said they have represented 31 juveniles who have been ordered released as part of expedited reviews after nearly 100 hearings last month. The office said judges have been granting releases on electronic monitoring for "a fair

number" of minors coming into the system on new cases.

"And where they haven't, we are asking for reconsideration of detention this week," said Peter Parry, a deputy Cook County public defender.

The announcement late Monday from Cook County officials that a 16-year-old in the detention center tested positive rattled attorneys who have already worked furiously over the past weeks, as the pandemic swept into adult jails and prisons, to seek releases of youth.

"I am pretty worried," said attorney Cristina Law Merriman, who was in contact with a client just as the news broke Monday. "There has been a change in tone, the way (he) is feeling. JDTC is restricting what they can do more and more."

While there is a national push to release inmates and detainees from jails and prisons to protect them from contracting the virus, the worry about the juvenile population is complicated by the fact that they are increasingly isolated by restrictions dictated by CDC guidelines calling for social distancing. Visits, school attendance and in-person programming has been canceled.

Youth at the detention center have been given teaching packets provided by teachers and have access to mental health services. Arts programming is available via video. But Law Merriman has heard reports of some detainees who are eating alone in their

rooms and that watching television is their primary activity.

Such restriction on movement and personal contacts was seen as a risk for young people who have already experienced trauma.

This concern was raised in a letter signed by dozens of advocates and attorneys and released just hours before officials announced the positive test. The letter to Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans and Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke called for an increase in the pace of court reviews and more releases.

"We recommend that you prioritize general public health and safety and the physical and mental health of detained youth, reviewing each young person for any possible release options that can reduce traumatic stress and risk of disease," reads the letter that is signed by the legal and social service organizations, including the Children and Family Justice Center at Northwestern Law School.

"We are concerned that the longer we wait, the more probable it is that there will be a devastating outbreak of COVID-19 in the JTDC, destabilizing the institution and preventing youth from accessing safety and care."

Evans responded Wednesday in a letter that he released to the Tribune in which he said the current population at the facility is 170, down from 210 on March 15.

Evans also said in the letter some youth have "no home or no suitable home" and that he has

written to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to see if they could expedite placement.

"The court is well aware of the reasons to avoid incarcerating juveniles (or anyone) during the difficult and perilous circumstances of a pandemic," the letter states. "However we ask those directly involved in or affected by the cases as well as the general public to understand the court's decision must balance to important competing interests: public health and public safety."

Advocates were hoping to build quickly on momentum to release youths.

"We are aware of several efforts to review youth cases for release to shelter-in-place at home. However, despite an increase in detention review hearings during the last week of March, many youth remain in custody," the letter states.

Law Merriman, who also works for the Lawndale Christian Legal Center, which represents youth and young adults, has tried multiple times to free clients, including twice on behalf of a teen being held because he was a passenger in a stolen car, a misdemeanor violation, she said.

"I think it is just absurd that a kid who is presumed innocent is being held on a nonviolent misdemeanor," she said. "I am really appalled because there have been all these directives from (the court system), expressing that those are the people we should be review-

ing detention for."

The teen who tested positive was admitted to the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center on March 30 and by Saturday had a fever and a headache, officials said. The youth was moved from the holding area designated for new residents into the medical unit after showing symptoms, according to a statement from the chief judge's office Monday, and was never in the facility's general population.

The youth was to remain in the medical unit until April 18. Six other residents who had contact with the teen will be tested for the virus, officials said, and they will not be admitted to general population until the same date at the earliest.

A new policy requires that juveniles admitted to the facility stay in a receiving area for 14 days before being moved to the general population, officials have said. New admissions are screened for COVID-19 exposure; anyone who says they may have been exposed, or who has a fever, will not enter the facility "until medical clearance is granted," according to the news release from the chief judge.

Also Monday, the office of the chief judge announced two new cases of employees who tested positive, including one who works at the center and another who works for Juvenile Probation and Court Services there.

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Activists protest outside Cook County Jail on Tuesday calling for the mass release of incarcerated people to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Dart defends effort to curb virus in jail

Federal judge mulls lawsuit seeking release of vulnerable inmates

BY JASON MEISNER AND MEGAN CREPEAU

Lawyers for Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart on Tuesday vigorously defended his handling of a coronavirus outbreak at the county jail, telling a federal judge that a lawsuit seeking the immediate release of medically vulnerable inmates was without merit.

During two hours of arguments held by telephone before U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly, Dart's legal team said the sheriff was ahead of the curve in recognizing the threat of the virus in the jail's cramped conditions.

Over the past several weeks, the sheriff has worked with prosecutors and defense attorneys in their attempts to release hundreds of at-risk detainees, established treatment protocols, implemented preventive measures and handed out personal protective equipment to staff, according to his lawyers. Attorney Robert Shannon acknowledged that the situation at the sprawling jail facility is changing on a daily basis and has left many sheriff's office employees struggling and exhausted. The last thing they need to be doing is fighting a lawsuit in court, Shannon said.

"We need to focus on (the coronavirus response)" Shannon said. The lawsuit filed Friday by the Loevy and Loevy law firm and the MacArthur Justice Center at Northwestern University alleged Dart has failed to stop a "rapidly unfolding public health disaster"

at the jail, which so far has seen 234 detainees and 78 staff members test positive for the virus — including one inmate who died earlier this week.

The suit seeks class-action status for all of the jail's remaining 4,500 detainees and also a temporary restraining order that would result in the immediate release of any prisoner whose constitutional rights are being violated by their continued detention amid the coronavirus crisis.

Dart said in his response that he has no legal authority to release detainees as the lawsuit seeks.

While Kennelly did not rule on Tuesday, he did indicate that the plaintiffs had yet to clear an important hurdle for a temporary restraining order: proving that there was no remedy for detainees to argue at the state court level that they should be released due to the COVID-19 crisis.

"You've got some convincing to do on the likelihood of success problem," Kennelly said.

The judge ordered both sides to file additional briefs answering questions he posed at the hearing. A ruling could come as soon as Wednesday. The hearing came a day after the announcement of the first death of a jail inmate from what appears to be COVID-19-related causes.

According to the sheriff's office, Jeffery Pendleton, 59, was booked into the jail in July 2018 to await trial on charges including armed habitual criminal and armed violence. He was taken to Stroger Hospital on March 30 after testing positive for COVID-19, and he died Sunday night.

Cook County Public Defender Amy Campanelli and other

"We're in an unprecedented crisis and we need unprecedented actions. Emptying the jails is a beautiful part of that."

— The Rev. Jason Lydon

county authorities have pushed hard in recent weeks to reduce the jail population amid the coronavirus pandemic.

As a result, the jail population has plunged to its lowest level in memory. Those who are allowed early release are being screened for symptoms as they exit, authorities have said. Outside the jail's campus on Chicago's Southwest Side Tuesday morning, dozens of cars drove in slow circles for more than an hour in a "solidarity caravan" to call for the mass release of county detainees.

"Release them b4 corona takes them," read a sign attached to the side of one car. "Detention = Death," said another. "Infection is murder."

Longtime activist Mark Clements shouted from his passenger seat a slogan with a Biblical bent: "Let my people go!"

The virus calls for extraordinary measures, said the Rev. Jason Lydon, who stood in the parkway on California Boulevard and raised his fist in solidarity with the passing cars.

"We're in an unprecedented crisis and we need unprecedented actions," he shouted as car

horns blazed nearby. "Emptying the jails is a beautiful part of that."

The protest was designed to keep all its participants in cars "socially distant" from each other, as is recommended to stop the virus' spread.

Meanwhile, during arguments in Kennelly's largely empty courtroom, attorney Locke Bowman, who represents the detainees, said that while many of the sheriff's policies have been in line with directives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it's clear that implementation of those policies has been problematic.

Bowman said he would like Kennelly to order a public health official to tour the jail and observe conditions on the ground and make recommendations "to make things better."

There also should be an immediate assessment of all detainees who are vulnerable to COVID-19 due to medical conditions or age so their release can be immediately secured, Bowman said.

Lawyers for Dart assured Kennelly that they had ramped up protocols for personal protection equipment, including stockpiling a 30-day supply of surgical masks for staff to wear and about 35,000 N95 masks.

A "PPE Enforcement Team" has also been formed that roams the jail making sure the equipment is being properly used.

The staff goes through 1,000 to 1,500 surgical masks a day if everyone wears them.

"They're flying off the shelves," one of Dart's attorneys told the judge.

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NY judge says R. Kelly must stay behind bars

BY MEGAN CREPEAU AND JASON MEISNER

The threat of COVID-19 behind bars is not enough to release R. Kelly from federal custody to await trial, a New York federal judge ruled Tuesday.

"While I am sympathetic to the defendant's understandable anxiety about COVID-19, he has not established compelling reasons warranting his release," District Judge Ann M. Donnelly wrote.

Donnelly noted that there are no confirmed infections at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in downtown Chicago, where Kelly has been held since July.

And there is a real danger that he will try to tamper with witnesses, Donnelly wrote.

"The defendant is currently in custody because of the risks that he will flee or attempt to obstruct, threaten or intimidate prospective witnesses. The defendant has not explained how those risks have changed," her ruling states.

Kelly faces wide-ranging federal charges in Chicago and New York. His attorneys have also filed petitions for his release in front of Judge Harry Leinenweber in Chicago's federal courthouse.

Leinenweber ordered prosecutors to respond by April 14 to explain what measures are being taken at the MCC to protect detainees from the virus. It is unclear whether that will go forward now that the judge in his New York case has denied bond.

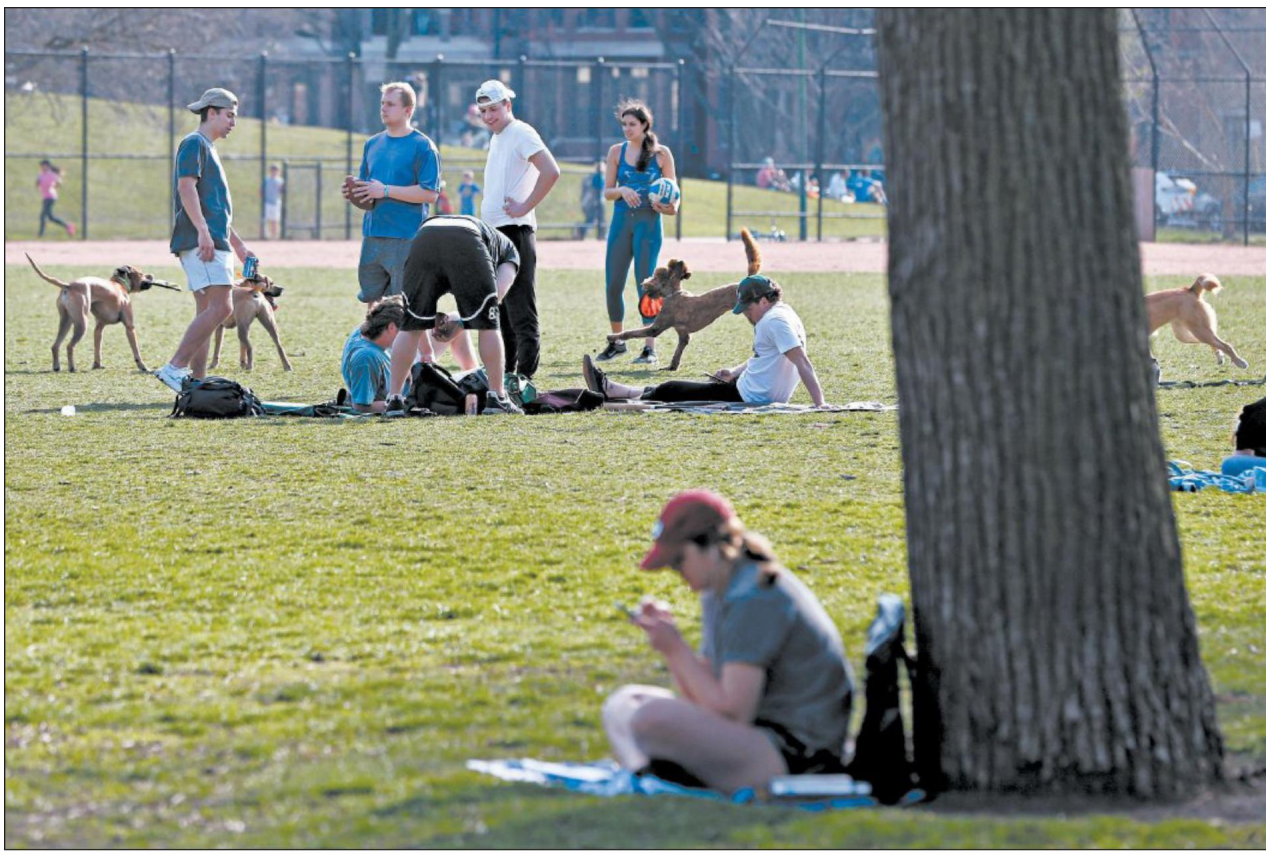
If released, Kelly would have lived at the Roosevelt Collection Lofts, a large South Loop apartment complex, with girlfriend Joycelyn Savage, who until last year had lived with Kelly at the Trump Tower, his attorney said.

Kelly, whose full name is Robert Sylvester Kelly, was charged in U.S. District Court in Chicago with conspiring with two former employees — longtime manager Derrell McDavid and Milton "June" Brown — to rig his 2008 child pornography trial in Cook County by paying off witnesses and victims to change their stories. The indictment also alleged Kelly and his co-defendants paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to recover child sex tapes before they fell into the hands of prosecutors.

He also faces a separate racketeering conspiracy indictment in U.S. District Court in New York alleging he identified underage girls attending his concerts and groomed them for later sexual abuse. A jury trial in that case is currently set for mid-July, though Donnelly said in her ruling Tuesday that it is unlikely to go forward as scheduled. The singer is also charged in four separate indictments in Cook County alleging he sexually assaulted or abused four women, three of whom were underage at the time.

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People hang out in warm weather at Oz Park in Chicago during the coronavirus pandemic Tuesday.

Weather

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Lincoln Park was mostly deserted in the middle of the afternoon as patrols of Chicago police enforced social distancing guidelines and the statewide stay-at-home order.

People rode bikes and ran along paths on Lake Shore Drive, usually alone, and some rollerbladed in the parking lot of Lincoln Park Zoo.

It was quieter farther north along the lake, with officers blocking the intersection at Montrose Avenue and Lake Shore Drive, so cars could not approach the lakefront parks.

At a news conference earlier Tuesday, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said the growing number of coronavirus cases has slowed. But she cautioned "we're a long way away" from ending the order.

At one point, cases were doubling every one to two days, Lightfoot said. They are now doubling every nine to 10 days, which is prog-

ress. "But we're not near the peak," she said. "So I don't want to raise false expectations that it's coming sometime soon. We don't know that based upon the modeling that we've seen, but we're closely looking at that and looking at what would be the way in which we would come out of a stay-at-home order."

Even though Chicagoans endure winter to embrace warm summer days, they must continue social distancing efforts, Lightfoot said. Otherwise, progress might be compromised.

"This is a moment we live for in Chicago. We weather the winter, and the first rays of sunshine and (warm) weather, we embrace it with gusto," Lightfoot said. "Unfortunately at this time ... we cannot."

The city still allows people to take part in "outdoor activity," including walking, running and biking, but it prohibits gatherings of 10 or more people. Officials have also banned close-contact sports, such as basketball, soccer and football.

The stay-at-home order

urges residents to remain inside unless they are engaging in an essential business, like grocery shopping. Those who don't adhere to these mandates will be warned by Chicago police and may be cited or arrested the next time.

The situation outside Illinois might prove instructive on how long the state's stay-at-home order will last. California Gov. Gavin Newsom said Tuesday that he's standing by his prediction that cases won't peak there until mid-May.

Also Tuesday, China reported no new deaths from the virus for the first time since January, though some remain skeptical of the government's numbers. Wuhan, the city where the outbreak began, loosened its lockdown, but, according to The New York Times, "neighborhood authorities continue to regulate people's comings and goings, with no return to normalcy in sight."

Pritzker has said projections show the number of cases in Illinois might peak later this month.

"Believe me, I, too, would

do just about anything for an immediate solution to this," he added. "Here's what you need to know, though: That solution isn't coming tomorrow or next week or next month. But it is coming. Every day that we support our health care systems, every day that we flatten the curve, that's another day that the incredible roster of scientists and researchers and innovators in the world come a little bit closer to finding solutions in the fight against COVID-19."

The known cases announced Tuesday included a staffer in Pritzker's office. The governor said he did not have close contact with the employee, who started to feel sick on March 26 and immediately went home. The staffer is feeling better, and no one else in the office has showed symptoms, he said. Pritzker and Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said they have not been tested for COVID-19 because they haven't exhibited symptoms.

Illinois coronavirus tracker

Data from Illinois Department of Public Health and Chicago Tribune reporting as of April 7.

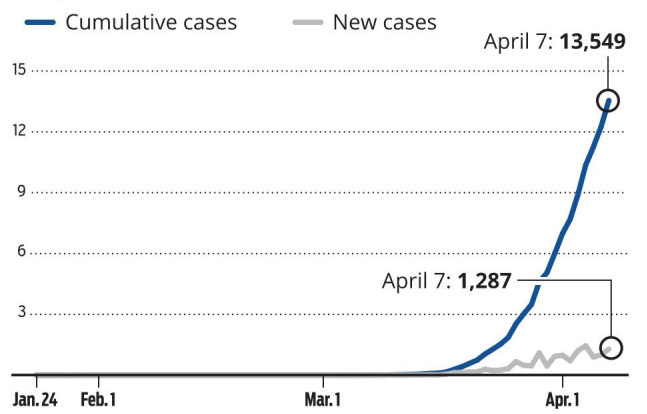
Total reported cases:	Total deaths:	Total tested:	% of Ill. residents tested:
13,549	380	68,732	0.54%

Reported coronavirus cases and deaths

Geography (Population)	Number positive tests	Rate per 100,000 residents	Deaths
Chicago (2.7M)	5,513	203.7	135
Suburban Cook (2.5M)	4,005	161.9	114
Lake (700,832)	923	131.7	20
DuPage (928,589)	795	85.6	26
Will (692,310)	840	121.3	30
Kane (534,216)	255	47.7	18
McHenry (308,570)	156	50.6	4
Kendall (127,915)	61	47.7	2

Note: 2018 population figures

Reported Illinois coronavirus cases: Daily vs. cumulative cases



Reported Illinois coronavirus cases by county



Note: Total for all Illinois counties doesn't equal total Illinois cases because locations for all cases isn't known

SOURCES: Tribune analysis of state health and census data, Illinois Department of Public Health, Chicago Tribune reporting

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Lowest percentage of free ICU beds in Chicago suburbs

Regions southwest and north of the city top state list

BY LISA SCHENCKER AND DAVID HEINZMANN

Chicago's north and southwest suburbs have the lowest percentages of available intensive care unit beds in Illinois, according to data released by the governor's office Tuesday.

In the north suburbs, 16.7% of 150 total ICU beds were reported to be available Tuesday; in the southwest suburbs, 20.7% of 372 total ICU beds were available.

Those were the lowest percentages of 11 regions across the state. The city of Chicago had 24.7% of its 774 ICU beds available — the third lowest percentage.

The Marion area in southern Illinois had the highest percentage of available ICU beds, at 75.9%. Among suburban Chicago regions, the northwest suburbs had the highest percentage of available beds at 50.8% of 250 beds.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker, however, cautioned that no one, in any part of the state, should feel complacent.

"For those of you who didn't hear your region listed as one operating with a lower percentage of available beds, that is not a sign that COVID-19 isn't a problem in your community — far from it," Pritzker said at a news conference Tuesday.

He noted that it wasn't too long ago that only one county had confirmed cases of COVID-19. Now, 77 Illinois counties have confirmed cases, up from 54 counties a week ago.

"We have to be operating as if COVID-19 is circulating not just in every county but in every community," Pritzker said. "We need to maintain our course, and we need to keep working to flatten the curve."

The figures on available ICU beds, by region, that were released Tuesday reflect only available ICU beds, not additional ones that hospitals may set up in coming weeks. A number of local hospitals have said they have plans in place to add more ICU beds as needed.

For example, Glenbrook Hospital in Glenview had 28 intensive care patients as of Monday, exceeding the hospital's typical 21 intensive care beds. But the hospital has already added beds and could triple its normal number of intensive care beds in coming weeks and months if needed, according to hospital President Jesse Peterson Hall.

Glenbrook was recently converted to a COVID-19-focused facility, meaning that its emergency room is still open but it is admitting only patients with COVID-19 or suspected cases. In Evergreen Park, OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center has already expanded its intensive care capacity from 17 to 26 beds but is looking to add another six beds, said President John Dolan.

As of Tuesday morning, the hospital had a total of 66 COVID-19 patients and another 70 suspected cases awaiting test results, he said. The numbers accounted for 73% of the hospital's total census.

The ICU has had its own surge over the last week. "Last Tuesday was a big day for us — we had to intubate nine patients overnight," Dolan said. "We went from 16 to 25 intubated on a single day."

Little Company sits in a bit of a "hospital desert," he said. Advocate Christ Medical Center is a couple of miles away along 95th Street in Oak Lawn, but the two hospitals serve a mammoth swath of the city's South Side and southwest suburbs.

Little Company serves many low-income people with underlying conditions of asthma, hypertension, chronic kidney disease or diabetes, all conditions that increase the risk of dying from COVID-19, Dolan said. However, he noted that the hospital also diagnosed and sent home more than 100 patients with the disease.

"There are patients being sent home and doing OK," he said. "While this is a bad disease, the vast majority of our patients do OK."

Advocate Christ Medical Center spokeswoman Johnna Kelly declined Tuesday to provide any information about capacity at the Oak Lawn hospital, which is among the largest in the state.

Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox is seeing about 100 COVID-19-related patients a day, including those in intensive care, Dr. Amar Garapati, medical director of the intensive care unit, said in a video posted to the hospital's Facebook page Tuesday. A spokeswoman for the hospital said she didn't have numbers on how close Silver Cross is to reaching ICU capacity.

Garapati also said the hospital has enough ventilators for now but "we are getting close to running out of regular ventilators."

About 57% of the state's 2,791 ventilators were still available as of Monday, according to the latest data from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Pritzker thanked California on Tuesday for lending Illinois 100 additional ventilators. Illinois has also received 450 ventilators from the federal government.

Illinois has also placed orders for 3,620 ventilators, according to Pritzker's office.

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Embattled acting Navy secretary resigns

Duckworth among those seeking move after comments

BY LISA DONOVAN

Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly has submitted a letter of resignation to Defense Secretary Mark Esper, following calls for his ouster, including two members of Illinois' Washington delegation.

Modly faced a wave of criticism over what's been characterized as fiery, even offensive remarks he made over the weekend to the crew of the USS Theodore Roosevelt after removing the ship's commander.

In a televised news briefing Monday, President Donald Trump described Modly's comments about Crozier as "rough." Hours later, Modly issued a written apology.

On Tuesday, before the



Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., joined by Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., left, speaks to reporters in Washington, on Feb. 13.

news broke of Modly's resignation, U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth and U.S. Rep. Brad Schneider, both Illinois Democrats, condemned Modly's profanity-laden comments about Capt. Brett Crozier, in which he called the fired commander "too naive or

too stupid."

"Acting Secretary Modly's inappropriate comments to the crew of the USS Theodore Roosevelt ... are the opposite of the clear and steady leadership the Navy needs during this crisis," Duckworth, an Army combat veteran, said in a

news release. "I can reach no other conclusion than this situation has overwhelmed his ability to act professionally when acting professionally was what was needed most."

Last week, Modly relieved Crozier of command of the ship, saying he had lost confidence in him for widely distributing a memo pleading for an accelerated evacuation of the crew members to protect their health. At least 173 sailors aboard the ship had tested positive for the coronavirus as of Monday, and about 2,000 of the 4,865 crew members had been taken off the ship to be tested.

Crozier also has tested positive for COVID-19, The New York Times reported.

Modly reportedly flew to Guam and on Sunday addressed those stationed on the USS Roosevelt and had served under Crozier. In his remarks aboard the aircraft

carrier, Modly said — among other things — that Crozier should have known his letter voicing urgent concerns about the virus aboard his ship would leak to the media. He said if Crozier didn't think this would be the result, he was "too naive or too stupid to be a commanding officer of a ship like this."

On Tuesday morning, Duckworth said in a statement: "We do, and we should, expect more from those in charge of our Armed Forces."

Duckworth, of Hoffman Estates, seemed to be echoing a comment Modly made to reporters last week about Crozier's firing, stating: "I could reach no other conclusion than that Captain Crozier had allowed the complexity of his challenge with the COVID outbreak on his ship to overwhelm his ability to act professionally, when acting professionally was what was

needed most at the time. We do, and we should, expect more from the commanding officers of our aircraft carriers."

Duckworth, who lost both legs when the Army helicopter she was piloting was shot down in Iraq in 2004, along with Schneider were part of a growing chorus calling for Modly's exit.

Modly, a 1983 Naval Academy graduate, became the acting Navy secretary last November after Richard Spencer was ousted from the position. Trump last month nominated retired Rear Adm. Kenneth Braithwaite, the current ambassador to Norway, to be the next Navy secretary.

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critical Midwestern swing state in the November election against Republican President Donald Trump.

The missed opportunity: two or three solid weeks of stumping by the candidates in the state, a build-out of critical on-the-ground campaign infrastructure and a key moment for Democrats to connect with voters in a battleground state that was key to delivering the presidency to Trump four years ago.

In fact, by the time the polls opened, the presidential campaigns and many Democrats had abandoned any effort to get out the vote, not wanting to encourage people to risk their health to cast a ballot. As voters waited in line at the polls, health officials announced Wisconsin's coronavirus death toll had risen to 94 with 2,578 known cases of COVID-19.

Like Democrats, Republicans had urged voters to request and mail in absentee ballots, but many insisted steps had been taken to ensure polling places were safe, with GOP state Assembly Speaker Robin Vos even volunteering to work one.

With thousands of local races on the ballot across Wisconsin, including a highly contested state Supreme Court race, Republicans and Democrats alike missed out on a window to bolster their efforts to identify new voters they can turn out in the fall.

In the presidential primary, Biden entered the contest with a nearly insurmountable national delegate lead and is considered a heavy favorite in Wisconsin, despite the fact Sanders won the state easily in 2016. However the vote transpires, no results will be released until next Monday under one of the many court orders issued in the legal brouhaha that ran right up until just hours before the polls opened.

From LaCrosse to Sheboygan, Tuesday became, in many ways, a lost election.

"I think there are lost opportunities and lost hopes all over the map here in Wisconsin," said Charles Franklin, a political science scholar and director of polling at Marquette University Law School. "It's a lost opportunity for the campaigns and both parties, but it's also an important election that inevitably has become muddled by the circumstances it's taking place in."

'This is ridiculous'

Wisconsin's election almost wasn't on Tuesday.

Democratic Gov. Tony Evers issued an executive order Monday to delay the election until June 9 to protect the health of the state's citizens. Hours later, the state Supreme Court's conservative majority overruled Evers, determining the governor had overstepped his constitutional authority.

Adding another setback for Democrats, the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 conservative majority on Mon-



Bridget McDonald receives a ballot from poll worker Patty Piek-Groth on Tuesday at the Janesville Mall in Janesville, Wis.

day evening overturned a lower court's ruling that gave voters in the state more time to receive and send in the mail-in absentee ballots. With most voters wanting to stay home and both parties pushing the absentee option, local election clerks received an unprecedented crush of more than 1.28 million requests for the mail-in ballots.

According to state election data, at least 9,000 of the ballots had not been mailed out by Election Day, making it impossible for those voters to exercise the absentee option, since the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling required the ballots to be postmarked by Election Day or dropped off in person by 8 p.m. Tuesday.

There also were numerous reports of voters showing up at the polls after not receiving absentee ballots. Many of them said they requested absentee ballots last month and that the state's elections website indicated they had been sent one in the mail when they, in fact, had not. The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel reported that at least 50 voters had reached out to the newspaper with that concern, with some local clerks responding that they did not have records of voters' requests for the ballots.

Complicating matters further was a statewide poll worker shortage, with many of the typically elderly volunteers who are most at risk of dying from COVID-19 saying they would not work. That led election officials to dramatically reduce the number of polling locations. Even then, election officials had to tap some 2,000 members of the Wisconsin National Guard called up by Evers to help work the remaining election sites.

Milwaukee has accounted for more than half of the state's coronavirus deaths, with the city's predominantly black North Side hit the hardest. Even so, when the polls opened at a pair of voting locations there, hundreds of voters were spaced out in long lines snaking down sidewalks, according to various reports and social media posts.

Photos of a woman waiting in line at Milwaukee's Washington High School wearing a mask and holding a cardboard sign that read, "THIS IS RIDICULOUS" circulated on social media.

At the city's Hamilton High School, a line of several hundred people ran through a parking lot and down several sidewalks to encompass an entire block. Orange cones were set out every 6 feet for voters to keep the recommended social distance, although there were far more voters than markers.

By evening the Milwaukee lines remained long with voters in some cases waiting more than two hours, some of them huddled under umbrellas as it poured rain and hailed.

In Green Bay, where the city's 31 polling sites had been reduced to just two high school gymnasiums, social media posts showed similarly long lines. In Madison, home to the state Capitol and thousands of state workers who had been asked to work the polls, 66 locations remained open with reports of no lines at many of them. There also were reports of shorter wait times in smaller towns and suburban areas. Some cities, such as Beloit, opted to use drive-thru voting where voters were handed ballots in their cars.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission stated in a blog post that there were no reports of any polling places being unable to open, despite the unprecedented challenges. At some sites, temporary sinks were set up outside for hand-washing, plastic cough and sneeze guards were erected in front of poll workers and tape on tables marked where voters should place their IDs, while similar marks on the floor measured out the 6-foot separation required while voters waited in line. Most of them wore masks.

In preparation for the pandemic primary, the elections commission distributed to the polling sites some 6,000 liters of hand sanitizer, 10,000 spray bottles of sanitizer, 750,000 isopropyl wipes and 1 million ballot pens — enough for

each voter to use their own.

Vos, the Republican assembly speaker, posted photos on Facebook showing him working a Racine County polling place wearing a plastic gown over his clothes and a mask. "Working the polls in Racine County today," Vos wrote. "An impressive amount of planning and organization went into ensuring everyone can safely exercise their right to vote."

The governor expressed more caution, but nonetheless lauded voters and poll workers.

"Although I remain deeply concerned about the public health implications of voting in-person today, I am overwhelmed by the bravery, resilience and heroism of those who are defending our democracy by showing up to vote, working the polls and reporting on this election," Evers said. "Thank you for giving our state something to be proud of today. Please stay as safe as possible, Wisconsin."

Former first lady Michelle Obama also preached caution, tweeting, "If you have an absentee ballot, make sure to drop it off or mail it in today. If you are going to vote in person, make sure to prioritize your safety and the safety of others."

There was no such caution from Trump. For the second straight day, the president weighed in on the state's hotly contested Supreme Court race between Daniel Kelly, whom former Republican Gov. Scott Walker appointed to finish a term, and Judge Jill Karofsky, who is backed by Evers and Democrats.

"Wisconsin, get out and vote NOW for Justice Kelly," Trump tweeted. "Protect your 2nd Amendment!"

Biden vs. Sanders

In the final days leading up to the primary, both the Biden and Sanders campaigns called off their get-out-the-vote efforts, although the Vermont senator was more vocal in his opposition to holding the election.

"It's outrageous that the Republican legislative leaders and the conservative

majority on the Supreme Court in Wisconsin are willing to risk the health and safety of many thousands of Wisconsin voters for their own political gain," Sanders said in a statement. "Let's be clear: holding this election amid the coronavirus outbreak is dangerous, disregards the guidance of public health experts, and may very well prove deadly."

Biden did not offer any public comment in reaction to the governor's order to postpone the election or the court's decision to overturn it. Last week, he was asked in a virtual news conference whether in-person voting should be held, and expressed confidence in sanitizing polling stations and having voters take social distancing measures while voting.

"I think it could be done," Biden said, while noting it would be "for the Wisconsin folks and the courts to decide."

In the run-up to the primary, both candidates largely emphasized a national message focused on how best to respond to the pandemic while criticizing the Trump administration's handling of the crisis. There were no digital events focused on Wisconsin voters from either campaign, and the candidates made little mention of the contest with the exception of Biden and Sanders both endorsing a pair of education referendums in Milwaukee and Racine.

Even though the voting will conclude Tuesday, no results will be reported. The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling upheld a lower court's decision that no results should be reported until after the deadline for election officials to receive ballots expires Monday at 4 p.m.

Biden entered the Wisconsin primary with a nearly insurmountable delegate lead over Sanders, 1,217 to 914 with 1,991 needed to clinch the nomination. While Sanders remained in the race, Biden already has moved on to the vetting process for his vice presidential nominee.

Many of the remaining primaries have been pushed deep into the spring or have

been converted entirely to mail-in ballots. If Sanders were to suffer a sizable defeat to Biden in Wisconsin, the chorus among Democrats urging him to end his campaign and unite the party would continue to grow louder.

A new Marquette University Law School poll found Biden with a significant advantage in Wisconsin ahead of the primary, with 62% of voters backing the former vice president compared with 32% for Sanders. The poll's margin of error was 4 percentage points.

That survey is a dramatic reversal from the previous Marquette poll taken in February just before the South Carolina primary, when Sanders held a 29% to 15% lead over Biden in the state. Franklin, the poll's director, said that "more than usual caution should be applied" in predicting an outcome in the race, given the uncertainty about turnout, absentee ballots and the known enthusiasm and dedication of Sanders' supporters. But he also emphasized Sanders' support had barely grown despite the field shrinking dramatically since February.

The poll served as a forecast of sorts for what promises to be a bruising general election battle. Despite the coronavirus pandemic, Trump's approval rating in the state has held remarkably steady at 48% in January, February and in this latest survey. About 85% of Republicans approved of Trump's performance in office compared with 59% among independents and 10% of Democrats.

However, the poll found Wisconsin voters favor their governor's response to the virus far more than Trump's, with 76% approving of Evers' handling of the pandemic compared with just 51% for Trump. The Democratic governor's overall job approval jumped 14 points in the last month while Trump's did not move.

Democrats have made Wisconsin a cornerstone of their 2020 efforts, including scheduling the Democratic National Convention for July in Milwaukee. The party recently delayed the convention by more than a month until Aug. 16, and Biden repeatedly has said the event may need to be held virtually.

In the poll, 62% believed the convention should not be held in person compared with just 22% who did. Not being able to hold the marquee event in the swing state would mark another lost opportunity in the state, just as Tuesday's election largely was for both parties.

"Wisconsin would have been the center of a hard-fought, late-season Democratic primary, which would have brought attention, campaigning here and familiarity with the candidates building organizations. Almost all of that is now lost," Franklin said. "And both parties have lost the chance to use Wisconsin as an early trial of how well their voter identification and get out the vote efforts are working, because all of these complications came into play."

"None of that happened."

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Deaths

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we'll run out of space," said John Glueckert of Glueckert Funeral Home in Arlington Heights.

Mobile morgues

DuPage County Coroner Rich Jorgensen says the refrigerated semi-trailer parked outside the back entrance of his Wheaton office has the capacity to hold up to 50 bodies.

Jorgensen said he started looking for additional morgue space weeks ago in preparation for a wave of COVID-19 deaths. This is the first time DuPage has had to find such space, he said.

"The idea behind that is to be able to help hospitals and the funeral director community in handling any overflow in the number of deaths that may occur," Jorgensen said. "We decided it was better to be prepared and have that in place, rather than try to scramble once we're behind the 8-ball."

Kane County has similar nondescript, refrigerated trucks waiting outside Elgin's Sherman Hospital and behind the coroner's office in Geneva. Each truck can hold up to 24 bodies.

Russell and Jorgensen both plan to store any COVID-19 bodies in the mobile units to keep them separate from other deaths.

Russell said he does not want to bring any coronavirus bodies into the coroner's office because the building is not equipped to handle it and has air circulation problems to begin with.

The Cook County medical examiner's office has arranged for access to a 40,000-square-foot refrigerated warehouse that can store at least 1,000 bodies, said spokeswoman Natalia Derevyanny. The office wants to be prepared for every possible outcome during the worldwide pandemic, she said.

"That is our surge center," Derevyanny said. "Our hope is that we've done all this planning and we're not going to use it."

Derevyanny would not identify the location of the warehouse but said it is about 5 miles from the Cook County medical examiner's office near Harrison Street and Damen Avenue. It will service the county, including the suburbs, and is expected to be operational this week, Derevyanny said.

Like other suburban coroners, Deputy Chief Coroner Laurie Summers said Will County is not handling known COVID-19 cases.

"The reason for that is it is a natural death," Summers said. "We have other cases we have to sign out."

When Will County does examine bodies that may be carrying coronavirus, the coroner is handling the situ-



Funeral director Daniel Symonds places an American flag next to an urn at Symonds-Madison Funeral Home on March 30 in Elgin.



Symonds wheels the body of a COVID-19 victim to his van outside of a hospital on April 1.

ation as if employees could contract the virus from the body.

"We've got to treat it that way," Summers said.

Funeral homes anticipate surge

As coroners prepare to store more bodies than usual, local funeral homes are on the front lines preparing to store bodies for longer periods of time while people wait to bury their loved ones.

Daniel Symonds of Symonds-Madison Funeral Home in Elgin is encouraging families to delay burial services until the shelter-in-place order is over and large groups can safely gather.

"I'm a smaller funeral home and I have that flex-

ibility to give to my families," Symonds said. "If I was a larger home doing 300 to 400 cases a year, I might not have that flexibility."

The only coronavirus patient Symonds has received so far came frozen and double-bagged from the hospital, he said. With the family's permission, he took the body straight to the crematorium.

Symonds said he plans to buy another cooler to help with the possible influx of bodies.

John Kunsch, co-owner of Naperville's Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory, said the funeral home right now is not getting back-logged, but they are preparing for families to postpone services.

He does not believe they will run out of space.

"We are prepared to postpone as many as we can," Kunsch said. "We do have the space available."

Beidelman-Kunsch, which has two locations in Naperville, has had one family postpone a burial so far. The funeral home is also allowing families to bury their loved ones now, and come back for a larger memorial service once groups are allowed to gather again.

Susan Hultgren, co-owner of Hultgren Funeral Home in Wheaton, said they have begun taking pictures of the deceased to share with relatives who couldn't attend services in person.

And Elgin-based Laird

Family Funeral Services is offering a webcast option for families, said owner Steve Laird. At its main funeral home location in Elgin, social distancing recommendations have forced Laird to use only one of its three visitation rooms.

Still, holding proper memorial and burial services helps with the grieving process. Arranging a funeral exposes families to the power of grief and allows them to make the right choices for their loved one, Kunsch said.

"You can't put the pause on grief," Kunsch said. "Grief comes in waves. It comes when you're thinking you're OK, you're hit with an idea, a song on the radio. It's something that has to be acknowledged."

Glueckert Funeral Home in Arlington Heights has hosted services for two coronavirus patients. John Glueckert said families have found creative ways to still host services from live streaming through Zoom or Facebook Live or video recording services for playback. Another family wanted to have more than 10 people at the services, so they held it in their house.

Hultgren said a major focus this week is ensuring embalmers have enough personal protective equipment so they can safely embalm bodies of coronavirus patients.

Funeral home workers have also seen an increase in hours worked.

Aurora's Daleiden Mortuary places two of its six directors on call for 28 days straight to work in the funeral home for day-to-day operations and then

"We don't know how long this will go on or if we'll run out of space."

— John Glueckert of Glueckert Funeral Home in Arlington Heights.

rotates them. If someone tests positive for COVID-19, Owner Anastasia Daleiden Yokosawa said only two of the six would need to be removed for a quarantine.

"It's stressful and exhausting but it's working, and our goal is to be able to keep serving these unfortunate families who have had to endure the experience of losing a loved one at such a horrific time," she said.

As state officials continue to announce more deaths due to coronavirus daily, suburban coroners say they are not yet overwhelmed with deaths, and there is still capacity in the regular morgues. They hope their planning goes well beyond what will actually be needed.

"Very hopefully we will not need to use this, but we don't know when we're going to peak," Jorgensen said.

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Ill. lawmakers will seek ban on prone restraints in schools

Response comes after board allows technique until '21

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State lawmakers said Monday that they will push for a law to ban face-down restraint of children in Illinois schools after learning that education officials had reversed their positions and decided to allow the controversial practice.

The lawmakers' response came after the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois reported Monday that the Illinois State Board of Education, pressured by a few schools that regularly use prone restraint, quietly decided to allow the technique until July 2021 with the hope that it would then be phased out.

"Prone restraints carry the most serious risk to students and are unacceptable. When students return to school after the Stay at Home order, they should



Sen. Ann Gillespie chairs a hearing on solitary confinement in public schools Jan. 7 in Chicago.

not be put in a situation where their most basic dignity can be stripped away," Sen. Ann Gillespie, a Democrat from Arlington Heights, said in a statement.

Gillespie and Rep. Jonathan Carroll, a Democrat from Northbrook, introduced legislation in the Senate and House last fall that would ban isolated timeouts and limit the use of physical restraints in schools after a ProPublica Illinois-Tribune investigation. "The Quiet Rooms," revealed widespread misuse of both.

Their bills, as filed, did not directly address prone restraint.

More than 30 states already ban prone restraints. ISBE had originally voted to ban the practice, but the agency then reluctantly "negotiated" with the legislative rule-making committee to allow prone restraint for a year, a spokeswoman said.

The rules also restrict the reasons schools can use isolated timeouts, require schools to alert the state every time it uses seclusion or restraint, and mandate

more annual training for workers. Prone and supine, or face-up, floor restraints can be used only in narrow circumstances and with additional staff review.

ISBE spokeswoman Jackie Matthews said Monday that the agency was under pressure to allow prone restraint because the legislative rule-making committee had said it would seriously consider not accepting the new rules otherwise.

"Following weeks of conversations, it became clear that it would not be possible to move forward with a ban on the use of prone restraint via rule-making at this time," Matthews said in response to questions about why ISBE changed course.

"ISBE will fully support legislation to ban prone restraint," Matthews said.

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, which reviews new and existing rules proposed by state agencies, voted last week on the new rules.

Of the 149 public comments submitted to ISBE to advocate for prone restraint, more than 60% came from individuals affiliated with Giant Steps or Marklund Day School, two small pri-

ate schools that serve students with autism. They said the restraint is effective for students who have difficulty regulating their emotions and is safe when done properly.

The co-chair of the joint committee, Rep. Keith Wheeler, a North Aurora Republican, said he found the pleas from the two schools to be reasonable given the challenging students they enroll. Both schools are in his district.

House Republican leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs is on the Giant Steps Advisory Board. Durkin's chief of staff asked that Giant Steps' preferred language for laws governing seclusion and restraint be sent to ISBE and the legislative rule-making committee, and it was, according to an email obtained through a public-records request.

Wheeler said Monday that he's not championing prone restraint as a practice, but is concerned about whether the rules and law consider students with more challenging behavior.

"If we were to follow through the initial intent of banning prone restraint, then what do we expect to do to help these students

and, more importantly, the staff members who help these students?" Wheeler asked.

Durkin did not respond to a request for comment.

Carroll said Monday he was disappointed that "special interests have manipulated this process" to keep prone restraint in schools even though the consensus among disabilities advocates and many educators was that it should be banned.

"We're trying to thread a needle here that's based on science, based on the consensus of medical communities, and it's distressing when politics get in the way," Gillespie said in an interview.

"The Quiet Rooms" investigation found that few public schools use floor restraints, but those that do, use the restraints regularly: About two dozen districts used prone and supine restraint nearly 1,800 times in the 15-month period analyzed.

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Trump widens watchdog attacks

Inspector general for virus rescue oversight is ousted

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is moving aggressively to challenge the authority and independence of agency watchdogs overseeing his administration, including removing the inspector general tasked with overseeing the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus rescue package that passed Congress with bipartisan support.

In four days, Trump has fired one inspector general tied to his impeachment, castigated another he felt was overly critical of the coronavirus response and sidelined a third meant to safeguard against wasteful spending of the coronavirus funds.

The actions have sent shock waves across the close-knit network of watchdog officials in government, creating open conflict between a president reflexively resistant to outside criticism and an oversight community tasked with rooting out fraud, misconduct and abuse.

The most recent act threatens to upend scrutiny of the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus rescue effort now underway, setting the stage for a major clash among Trump, government watchdogs and Democrats in Congress who are demanding oversight of the vast funds being pumped into



President Donald Trump holds a virtual meeting Tuesday with bank executives to discuss boosting small-business relief.

the American economy.

"We're seeing since Friday a wrecking ball across the IG community," said Danielle Brian, executive director of the Project on Government Oversight, a government watchdog group.

The latest broadside came Tuesday when the Defense Department revealed that Trump had removed acting inspector general Glenn Fine, an experienced watchdog official, from his role as head of a coronavirus spending oversight board. It was unclear who might replace Fine, who also lost his title as acting inspector general.

A day earlier, Trump had asserted without evidence

that an inspector general report warning of shortages of coronavirus testing in hospitals was "just wrong" and skewed by political bias. The report surveyed more than 300 U.S. hospitals.

"Did I hear the word inspector general? Really?" Trump said when pressed about the Health and Human Services watchdog report.

"Give me the name of the inspector general," Trump demanded, before asking, "Could politics be entered into that?" The acting Health and Human Services inspector general, Christi Grimm, is a career employee who took over the position early this year in an interim capacity.

Most dramatic of all was Friday's late-night firing of Michael Atkinson, the intelligence community inspector general who drew Trump's disdain for notifying Congress of an anonymous whistleblower complaint on Ukraine. The complaint led to the president's impeachment.

Trump defended the firing by complaining that Atkinson had never spoken with him about the complaint, even though Atkinson's job is to provide oversight independent of the White House.

The dismissal prompted an unusual, sharply worded statement from Justice Department watchdog Michael Horowitz, who

chairs a council of agency inspectors general and who last month had announced Fine's appointment to the pandemic oversight board.

Diverging from Trump's condemnation of Atkinson as "terrible," Horowitz called Atkinson's handling of the whistleblower complaint an example of "integrity, professionalism, and commitment to the rule of law."

And he pointedly noted that the inspector general community will continue to do its job, including oversight of the more than \$2 trillion in coronavirus aid.

The role of the modern-day inspector general dates to post-Watergate Washington, when Congress in-

stalled offices inside agencies as an independent check against mismanagement and abuse of power. Though inspectors general are presidential appointees, some, like Horowitz, serve presidents of both parties. All are expected to be non-partisan.

Over the years, inspectors general have exposed grave problems through their investigations and humbled, or even embarrassed, agency leaders and presidential administrations.

Monday's Health and Human Services report that angered the president chronicled long waits for tests and supply shortages at hospitals across the country.

Horowitz, meanwhile, has identified significant flaws in the FBI's surveillance during the Russia investigation. Trump has praised Horowitz's findings even as he's attacked his credibility for not finding evidence of political bias in the Russia probe, pejoratively describing him as an Obama appointee.

Former Justice Department inspector general Michael Bromwich said Trump perceives inspectors' general offices to have a "uniquely threatening function within the executive branch, which is to provide independent oversight of governmental functions."

"It's just something that doesn't compute for him," Bromwich added. "He understands the value of loyalty. He doesn't understand the value of independence because that can conflict with loyalty."

Trade adviser sounded virus alarm in January

Memo warned of impact as Trump downplayed risks

By MAGGIE HABERMAN
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A top White House adviser starkly warned Trump administration officials in late January that the coronavirus crisis could cost the United States trillions of dollars and put millions of Americans at risk of illness or death.

The warning, written in a memo by Peter Navarro, President Donald Trump's trade adviser, is the highest-level alert known to have circulated inside the West Wing as the administration was taking its first substantive steps to confront a crisis that had already consumed China's leaders and would go on to upend life in Europe and the United States.

"The lack of immune protection or an existing cure or vaccine would leave Americans defenseless in the case of a full-blown coronavirus outbreak on U.S. soil," Navarro's memo said. "This lack of protection elevates the risk of the coronavirus evolving into a

full-blown pandemic, imperiling the lives of millions of Americans."

Dated Jan. 29, it came during a period when Trump was playing down the risks to the United States, and he would later go on to say that no one could have predicted such a devastating outcome.

Navarro said in the memo that the administration faced a choice about how aggressive to be in containing an outbreak, saying the human and economic costs would be relatively low if it turned out to be a problem along the lines of a seasonal flu.

But he went on to emphasize that the "risk of a worst-case pandemic scenario should not be overlooked" given the information coming from China.

In one worst-case scenario cited in the memo, more than a half-million Americans could die.

A second memo that Navarro wrote, dated Feb. 23, warned of an "increasing probability of a full-blown COVID-19 pandemic that could infect as many as 100 million Americans, with a loss of life of as many as 1.2 million souls."

At that time, Trump was

still downplaying the threat of the virus. The administration was considering asking Congress for more money to address the situation, and the second memo, which circulated around the West Wing and was obtained by The New York Times, urged an immediate supplemental spending appropriation from Congress of at least \$3 billion.

"This is NOT a time for penny-pinching or horse trading on the Hill," Navarro wrote in the second memo, which was unsigned but which officials attributed to him. It was unclear whether Trump saw the second memo, whose contents were first reported by Axios.

The second memo seemed aimed at members of the White House Task Force established by Trump to manage the crisis, and reflected deep divisions within the administration about how to proceed and persistent feuding between Navarro and many other top officials about his role and his views.

"Any member of the Task Force who wants to be cautious about appropriating funds for a crisis that could inflict trillions of dol-



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White House trade adviser Peter Navarro, with President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence last week, wrote a memo in January warning of the potential devastation.

lars in economic damage and take millions of lives has come to the wrong administration," the memo said.

Among other things, the memo called for an increase in funding for the government to purchase personal protective equipment for health care workers, estimating they would need "at least a billion face masks" over a four- to six-month period. The administration ended up asking for \$2.5 billion. Congress then approved \$8 billion.

Navarro is now the administration's point person for supply chain issues for medical and other equipment needed to deal with

the virus.

The January memo written by Navarro was dated the same day that Trump named a White House task force to deal with the threat, and as the administration was weighing whether to bar some travelers from China, an option being pushed by Navarro. Trump would approve the limits on travel from China the next day, though it would be weeks before he began taking more aggressive steps to head off spread of the virus.

Questions about Trump's handling of crisis, especially in its early days, are likely to define his presidency. Navarro's memo is evidence that some in the upper

ranks of the administration had considered the possibility of the outbreak turning into something far more serious than Trump was acknowledging publicly.

Neither Navarro nor spokespeople for the White House responded to requests for comment.

The memo was sent from Navarro to the National Security Council and then distributed to several officials across the administration, people familiar with the events said. It reached a number of top officials as well as aides to Mick Mulvaney, then the acting chief of staff, they said, but it was unclear whether Trump saw it.

Trump replaces press secretary amid communications shake-up

By ZEKE MILLER AND JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump shook up his communications team Tuesday, replacing his press secretary and adding new staffers as he grapples with the coronavirus pandemic.

Stephanie Grisham, who had held the titles of press secretary and White House communications director since last June, is out after never holding a formal

press briefing. She will be rejoining the first lady's office in a new role as Melania Trump's chief of staff.

Kayleigh McEnany, a top Trump campaign spokeswoman, will take over as Trump's fourth press secretary. Also returning to the White House: Pentagon spokeswoman Alyssa Farah. She will lead strategic communications, according to a senior ad-



Grisham

ministration official familiar with the moves who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The shake-up comes as Trump is facing the biggest crisis of his administration, with the deadly coronavirus spreading across the country, fundamentally transforming American life while plunging the economy into what is expected to be a major recession.

Grisham, who succeeded

Sarah Sanders and Sean Spicer, was arguably the nation's least visible press secretary in modern history, having never held a press briefing during her nine months on the job. While she made

occasional appearances on the Fox News Channel, she preferred to tape her interviews in a studio to avoid having to speak to reporters on the White House driveway after appearing on TV



McEnany

cameras set up outside the executive mansion.

Her departure was not a surprise.

Grisham had been largely sidelined since the start of the pandemic, with the press team for

Vice President Mike Pence, the head of the coronavirus task force, taking the lead. In addition, Mark Meadows, the president's new chief of staff, has been working to bring on his own

team, including senior adviser Ben Williamson.

McEnany is a regular defender of the president on television. Farah has deep ties to the White House, having served in the past as press secretary to Pence and as Meadows' communications director.

Grisham's new role was announced Tuesday by Melania Trump. The first lady said Lindsay Reynolds, her chief of staff for the past three years, had resigned to spend more time with her family.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Gaps in virus testing exposed in US

Communities are 'flying blind' due to shortages, delays

BY SHEILA KAPLAN AND KATIE THOMAS
The New York Times

Several weeks ago, Dr. Elaine Cham, a pathologist at a large children's hospital in California, had a sense that the nation's coronavirus testing mess was finally getting under control.

She could send tests to a lab at Stanford University Medical Center and get the results within a day.

When backlogs grew at Stanford, she started sending tests to Quest Diagnostics, a major laboratory company that has been ramping up its testing capacity. But the turnaround for results could be 13 days, she said, so her hospital switched to the University of California, San Francisco, for a two- to three-day wait.

"We simply said, 'This is ridiculous,'" said Cham, who works at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland.

Testing availability remains a signature failure of the battle against the coronavirus in the United States, despite President Donald Trump's boast last week that he got a rapid test and results within minutes. And Vice President Mike Pence has repeatedly promised that Americans will be able to get tests at their doctors' offices, although the timeline for routine access may be months away.

And even as more rapid tests come onto the market and private companies like Quest and LabCorp are running thousands of tests a day, interviews with doctors and officials around the country indicate that lengthy delays and uneven access continue to influence test rationing and to hamper patient care. In



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A sample is collected at a drive-thru coronavirus test site March 18 in Jericho, New York.

addition, swabs and chemicals needed to run the tests are in short supply in many of the nation's hot zones.

"Many local communities are flying blind, making decisions in the absence of full information largely due to the failure of the federal government to provide sufficient testing capacity," said Chrissie Juliano, executive director of the Big Cities Health Coalition, which represents executives in 30 urban public health departments, among them Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City and Seattle. "This testing shortage, and lack of available information about the actual burden of the virus, has set our country's response back by an order of magnitude we will never know."

Federal inquiries have begun to determine how the nation's testing capacity turned into such a debacle.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had manufacturing errors with the first test it devised for public health labs around the country, and so testing in the states stalled as the virus began to spread in Washington state, New York and California. The Food and Drug Administration, charged with approving the test, was so frustrated that the agency pushed for the CDC to stop making it on site and instead send it to Integrated DNA Technologies, an outside lab.

The FDA, for its part, was slow to recognize the danger of the pandemic, and how critical testing by commercial labs and hospitals would be as the virus spread.

In early March, the nation's two largest commercial labs, Quest Diagnostics and LabCorp, started test-

ing, and they have acknowledged that their labs around the country were overwhelmed in the last month. Quest's backlog is 80,000, according to the company, down from 160,000 on March 25. LabCorp says it has caught up, and now has a turnaround time of four to five days from pickup.

The latest test approvals by the FDA include one by Abbott Laboratories, called ID Now, which can provide results in just a few minutes; and others, like Roche and Hologic, which perform automated, high-volume testing in commercial and hospital labs.

These tests work by finding fragments of genetic material from the virus to indicate a current infection. On April 1, the agency announced a blood test by Cellex Inc. that can determine whether a patient has ever been exposed to the

coronavirus.

But these tests will take weeks, if not months, to be manufactured on a scale that can be widely shipped to most institutions. For many hospitals, however, the cost of the instruments needed to run those tests will be prohibitive. And even the nation's top hospitals have reported that they are very low on the materials needed to run the tests.

Darcy Ross, a spokeswoman for Abbott, said the company had shipped its new, fast-turnaround test to 18 states, including those with the highest number of infections like New York, New Jersey, Michigan and California.

In addition, the federal government is buying the Abbott test instruments for state public labs. Mia Heck, a spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Human Services, said it was

sending 15 machines each to public health labs in all 50 states and the Pacific islands, and 250 to the Indian Health Service. Alaska will get 50. Twenty will go to the CDC and 50 to the Strategic National Stockpile.

Heck said the department had requested only 5,500 test cartridges, to be used in the ID Now devices, in order to leave a sufficient supply for private hospitals and clinics. As of Friday, Abbott had already shipped 190,000 test cartridges, and planned to produce 50,000 more each day. Test resupply for the state health labs will be routed through the International Reagent Resource, which is funded by the CDC, Heck said.

On Monday, CVS Health announced it would open drive-thru test sites, using the ID Now test, in Georgia and Rhode Island.

At UC Davis Health in Sacramento, California, like many places around the country, testing is not recommended for patients with mild symptoms of COVID-19. But Dr. David Lubarsky, the health system's chief executive, said that was only because there was a lack of available testing.

He said the health system had a large testing instrument from Roche that could run more than 1,000 tests a day, but the company had been sending enough supplies to run only a few hundred tests per day.

"Every single person should be tested who presents with symptoms that suggests they have COVID-19," Lubarsky said. "But the reason we are not suggesting that is the lack of available test kits."

Lubarsky said UC Davis was working on developing new tests that could be run on the Roche machine, which he said were expected to be approved in a couple of weeks.

With Johnson ill in hospital, UK faces leadership quandary

BY MARK LANDLER AND STEPHEN CASTLE
The New York Times

LONDON — The British government hurtled into uncharted territory Tuesday, with its foreign secretary, Dominic Raab, taking up the day-to-day duties of Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who was being treated in an intensive care unit as he battled a worsening case of the coronavirus.

Britain, with no written constitution, does not have a codified order of succession. That legal lacuna has prompted questions during prior episodes where prime ministers fell ill or underwent surgery, and now looms large at a time when Britain faces its greatest crisis since World War II.

Raab, 46, as first secretary of state, would become the government's de facto leader if the prime minister could not carry out his duties. He was "deputized" by Johnson on Monday, led the government's daily meetings about the pandemic and will probably take on additional duties, with Johnson's prognosis so uncertain.

The government said Johnson, who has suffered symptoms of the virus for 11 days, was moved into intensive care Monday evening after his condition deteriorated sharply. He has received "standard oxygen treatment" but is breathing on his own and has not been put on a ventilator, officials said Tuesday. Nor has he been diagnosed with pneumonia, they said.

"I'm confident he'll pull through because if there's one thing I know about this prime minister, he's a fighter," Raab said at a news conference.

Still, how the government will function if the prime minister is out for a prolonged period, or dies, is not yet clear.

"If he is incapacitated for quite a long time, then



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British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab has taken on the daily duties of Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who is ill.

you're in totally different circumstances," said Jonathan Powell, who was chief of staff to Prime Minister Tony Blair. "In the middle of a crisis like this, in the modern world, it is quite impossible to function without a prime minister."

The government will face momentous decisions, including when and how to lift the lockdown on Britain. Johnson, 55, had been leading that process and communicated the government's measures to the public in daily briefings, where his familiar shambling style gave way to a graver mien.

Raab, by contrast, has been a peripheral figure in the government's response, mostly focusing on organizing flights to bring back Britons overseas. He is best known for his hard-line views on Brexit, which helped him get his post in Johnson's pro-Brexit Cabinet.

Raab, officials said, was working from his quarters in the Foreign Office. He would chair meetings on national security, although in the case of an emergency, the Cabinet would make decisions on a collective basis.

While he is trusted by the prime minister, Raab is only one of several ambitious ministers who may assert their right to step up. Michael Gove, a senior Cabinet minister and long-

time rival of Johnson, was the face of the government on television Tuesday morning, although he announced that he, too, was now in isolation at home after a member of his family showed mild coronavirus symptoms.

Other ministers — like the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak, and the health secretary, Matt Hancock — have been leading key parts of the response and will have strong voices. Keeping discipline could be difficult, analysts said, with much of the responsibility for that falling to the Cabinet secretary, Mark Sedwill.

If Johnson died or were permanently sidelined, said Mujtaba Rahman, an analyst at Eurasia Group, the Cabinet would probably agree on a caretaker prime minister — probably Raab — and schedule a vote for the Conservative Party to choose a new leader.

But holding a vote would be difficult until the worst of the pandemic passed, and a full-blown campaign seems out of the question for now.

Johnson is only one of several prominent officials to be struck by the virus. Hancock had symptoms and emerged from self-isolation late last week. The chief medical officer, Chris Whitty, made an appearance Monday after a week of self-quarantine.

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NYC death toll tops total from 9/11

Around the nation, infections close in on 400,000 cases

BY MARINA VILLENEUVE AND LORI HINNANT
Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York City's death toll from the coronavirus rose past 4,000 Tuesday, eclipsing the number killed at the World Trade Center on 9/11.

The development came even as the crisis seemed to be easing or at least stabilizing, by some measures, in New York and parts of Europe, though health officials warned people at nearly every turn not to let their guard down.

COVID-19's toll in New York City is now more than 1,000 deaths higher than that of the deadliest terror attack on U.S. soil, which killed 2,753 people in the city and 2,977 overall, when hijacked planes slammed into the twin towers, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11, 2001.

New York state recorded 731 new coronavirus deaths, its biggest one-day jump yet, for a statewide toll of nearly 5,500, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said.

"A lot of pain again today for many New Yorkers," Cuomo said.

But in an encouraging sign, the governor said hospital admissions and the number of those receiving breathing tubes are dropping, indicating that measures taken to force people to keep their distance from one another are succeeding.

And alarming as the one-day increase in deaths might sound, the governor said that's a "lagging indicator," reflecting people who had been hospitalized before this week.

Over the past several days, the number of deaths in New York appeared to be leveling off.

"You see that plateauing



A patient is transferred from Elmhurst Hospital Center to an ambulance amid the pandemic Tuesday in New York City.

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— that's because of what we are doing. If we don't do what we are doing, that is a much different curve," Cuomo said. "So social distancing is working."

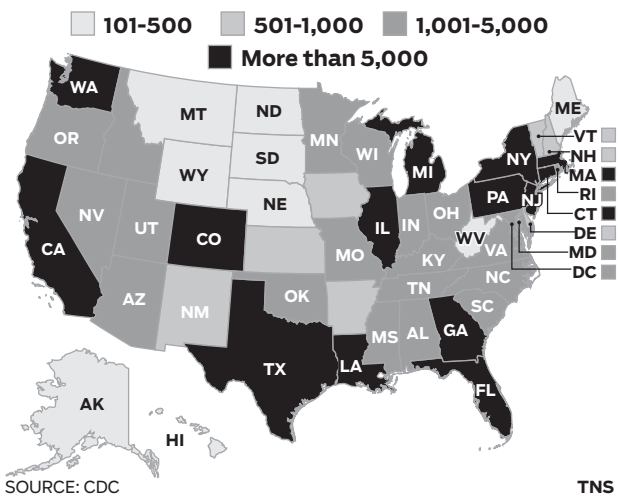
In Washington, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday he will attempt to swiftly pass additional funds for small businesses to keep making payroll as Congress looks to provide more aid during the coronavirus crisis.

The Republican leader plans a vote this week — possibly as soon as Thursday — to supplement the \$350 billion approved for companies in the just-passed \$2.2 trillion rescue package with an immediate additional \$250 billion or so, according to GOP operatives.

The aid is the top GOP priority for an expected fourth coronavirus relief bill. But trying to jam it through a nearly abandoned Capitol without elements sought by Demo-

Coronavirus cases across the US

Confirmed coronavirus cases by state as of April 6



SOURCE: CDC

TNS

crats could threaten the fragile political peace going forward.

The vote requires unanimous agreement since it's planned for a "pro forma" session that wouldn't typically involve Senate business.

House Speaker Nancy

spots were Detroit, New Orleans and the New York metropolitan area, which includes parts of Long Island, New Jersey and Connecticut. New Jersey has recorded more than 1,200 dead, most of them in the northern counties where many residents commute into New York City.

Louisiana's Health Department released more information about the state's coronavirus deaths showing victims are disproportionately black and two-thirds of those who have died suffered from high blood pressure.

Although African Americans account for one-third of Louisiana's population, they represent more than 70% of the deaths from the COVID-19 disease caused by the virus in a state deemed one of the nation's most unhealthy.

Elsewhere around the globe, China listed no new cases Tuesday, though the country's figures are re-

Pelosi wants the boost in small business fund as part of much broader aid package topping at least \$1 trillion.

Across the country, the death toll topped 12,800, with more than 398,000 confirmed infections.

Some of the deadliest hot



Passengers line up Tuesday at a railway station in hard-hit Wuhan, a city of 11 million.

China ends 76-day lockdown of city at outbreak's epicenter

BY SAM MCNEIL
Associated Press

WUHAN, China — The lockdown that served as a model for countries battling the coronavirus around the world has ended after 11 weeks: Chinese authorities are allowing residents of Wuhan to once again travel in and out of the sprawling city where the pandemic began.

The city's 11 million residents are now permitted to leave without special authorization as long as a mandatory smartphone application powered by a mix of data-tracking and government surveillance shows they are healthy and have not been in recent contact with anyone confirmed to have the virus.

The occasion was marked with a light show on either side of the broad Yangtze River, with skyscrapers and bridges radiating animated images of health workers aiding patients, along with one displaying the words "heroic city," a title bestowed on Wuhan by president and Communist Party leader Xi Jinping. Along the embankments and bridges, citizens waved flags, chanted "Wuhan, let's go!" and sang

a capella renditions of China's national anthem.

It didn't take long for traffic to begin moving swiftly through the newly reopened bridges, tunnels and highway toll booths, while hundreds waited for the first trains and flights out of the city, many hoping to return to jobs elsewhere.

Restrictions in the city where most of China's more than 82,500 virus cases and over 3,300 deaths were reported have been gradually relaxed in recent weeks as the number of new cases declined. The latest government figures reported Tuesday listed no new cases.

While there are questions about the veracity of China's count, the lockdown of Wuhan and its surrounding province of Hubei have been successful enough that countries around the world adopted similar measures.

"The people in Wuhan paid out a lot and bore a lot mentally and psychologically," resident Zhang Xi-ang said.

necessary. Some were allowed to leave the city, but only if they had paperwork showing they were not a health risk and a letter attesting to where they were going and why. Even then, authorities could turn them back on a technicality such as missing a stamp, preventing thousands from returning to their jobs outside the city.

Residents of other parts of Hubei were allowed to leave the province starting about three weeks ago, as long as they could provide a clean bill of health.

Prevention measures such as wearing masks, temperature checks and limiting access to residential communities will remain in place in Wuhan, the capital of Hubei.

In an editorial, the Communist Party's flagship newspaper's Daily warned against celebrating too soon.

"This day that people have long been looking forward to and it is right to be excited. However, this day does not mark the final victory," the paper said. "At this moment, we still need to remind ourselves that as Wuhan is unblocked, we can be pleased, but we must not relax."

Stranded Americans ask why they weren't warned earlier

BY KAI SCHULTZ AND BHADRA SHARMA
The New York Times

NEW DELHI — Ana Pautler, a trekker from San Francisco, was partway up a Himalayan mountain trail in Nepal when she noticed something peculiar: People were turning around.

As fears of the coronavirus spread around the world, German hikers told Pautler March 17 that their embassy had advised them to return to Kathmandu, the capital, and was discussing flying people out. Israeli tourists were doing the same thing, she said, spurred by messages to leave.

But Pautler, 32, who has been living in China, received no such alert from the State Department's travel advisory system until March 23, though she was signed up for regular updates.

By then, Nepal's international airspace had already been closed for a day, following similar worldwide shutdowns and her flight out had been canceled.

"Other embassies seemed to be giving more information," Pautler said by telephone from Kathmandu, where she is waiting out a nationwide lockdown that will last until at least mid-April. "The U.S. Embassy wasn't really saying anything."

While the United States struggles with surging cases of the coronavirus and life-or-death decisions in a fast imploding health care system, citizens stranded thousands of miles away fear that they may be left behind.



Ana Pautler, left, and Mike Dobie return to their hotel through deserted streets Thursday in Kathmandu, Nepal.

TOM VAN CAKENBERGHE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

than other nations.

As coronavirus cases surpassed 1 million worldwide, Americans on three continents said government repatriation efforts had seemed slower and less certain than those of other countries, pointing to embassy social media posts and emails through the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, which provides travel updates to citizens abroad.

In India, American beachgoers in Goa, where many shops have closed during a 21-day lockdown, said they were rationing food as other countries loaded their citizens onto buses bound for the airport.

In Ghana, Halima Mahdee, 40, a student from California, said she was furious about not having been evacuated weeks ago, when South Korean and Chinese students were sent home from her study abroad program in Accra, the capital.

In Peru, hundreds of Americans are still trapped, and activists warned that a humanitarian crisis was unfolding as tourists reported being forcibly evicted from hotels and unable to find medicine for critical health conditions.

Some tourists pointed out that communication had been far smoother with

garded with suspicion by some public health experts.

In Japan, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe declared a monthlong state of emergency in Tokyo and six other prefectures because of a spike of infections in the country with the world's oldest population. The order will close entertainment businesses.

In some European hot spots, authorities saw signs that the outbreak was turning a corner, based on slowdowns in new deaths and hospitalizations.

In Spain, new deaths Tuesday rose to 743 and infections climbed by 5,400 after five days of declines, but the increases were believed to reflect a weekend backlog. Authorities said they were confident in the downward trend.

In Italy, the hardest-hit country of all, with over 16,500 deaths, authorities appealed to people ahead of Easter weekend not to lower their guard and to abide by a lockdown now in its fifth week, even as new cases dropped to a level not seen since the early weeks of the outbreak.

In France, the number of dead climbed to more than 10,300, said Jerome Salomon, national health director.

U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams said that if Americans continue to practice social distancing for the rest of April, "we will be able to get back to some sense of normalcy."

Worldwide, about 1.4 million people have been confirmed infected and more than 82,000 have died, according to Johns Hopkins University.

The true numbers are almost certainly much higher, because of limited testing, different rules for counting the dead and deliberate underreporting by some governments. Nearly 300,000 people have recovered.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Health care jobs a casualty of crisis

As priorities shift to virus, some workers sidelined

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Tens of thousands of medical workers across the country are suddenly out of work as operating rooms and doctor's offices go dark, casualties of urgent calls to prioritize coronavirus patients at overwhelmed hospitals and of the economic waves the crisis is churning.

Even as hospitals scrounge for professionals from the industry to treat the burgeoning numbers of people with COVID-19, others are on the sidelines as elective procedures, diagnostics and appointments are canceled or postponed.

For instance, many nurse anesthetists in Pennsylvania have been laid off, even though they are particularly critical to the coronavirus response because they can help intubate patients and manage them on ventilators.

"I certainly never thought there would be a day as a nurse that I would be filing for unemployment, so it's quite surreal for all of us," said Jess Poole, a nurse anesthetist who, until a couple weeks ago, worked for an anesthesia practice in the Pittsburgh area.

Big-city physician and specialist groups, tiny independent hospitals from Oregon to Connecticut, and big multistate hospital systems are seeing big dropoffs in revenue and laying off or furloughing hundreds of workers.

A tally of out-of-work medical professionals is elusive, since the coronavirus began taking a devastating toll on jobs only in mid-March. Many institutions have said nothing publicly, quietly making cutbacks, and the monthly jobs report issued Friday by the federal government showed 42,000



KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

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— Jess Poole, a nurse anesthetist in the Pittsburgh area who was laid off

job losses in health care — just a small indication of what's to come, because the government surveyed employers before the heaviest layoffs hit.

Not all states release that data in real time, although Minnesota reported that from March 16 through March 31, more than 13,600 health care practitioners or technicians filed unemployment claims in that state alone.

Some layoffs, the generally permanent loss of a job, and furloughs, a reduction in hours or a leave of absence with the option to return, are focused on nonclinical staff. Elsewhere, clinical professionals — specialists, lab techs, operating room staffs, nurse specialists, support staff — suddenly find themselves with a cut in pay or hours, or sitting at home, including some in hot spots.

Mercy Health and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, which runs eight hospitals in hard-hit Michigan, said it will furlough 2,500 workers, including an undisclosed number of clinical staffers, and shift others to jobs "needed to respond to the crisis."

The cuts are driven primarily by pressure from state and federal officials to shelve elective procedures, appointments, diagnostics and other services to preserve hospital beds, while many patients are postponing appointments to observe social distancing.

Erlanger Health System, which operates six hospitals in Tennessee and one in western North Carolina, reported it lost millions of dollars in the past week alone.

"The financial bleeding was immediate," said Chip

Kahn, CEO of the Federation of American Hospitals.

The federation said it believes hospitals are eligible to apply for loans in the federal emergency relief bill to maintain payroll or rehire workers, loans that can then be forgiven.

In the meantime, states reeling from the pandemic are calling for help from medical professionals or relaxing regulations to allow retired workers, students or out-of-state professionals to come to the rescue.

Some hospitals — such as rural hospitals or urban ones with a heavy Medicaid caseload — were on precarious financial footing when the crisis struck, sending some states scrambling to keep them open, including in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

In North Carolina, Cape Fear Valley Health system is

furloughing about 300 employees but offering idled specialty nurses the opportunity to fill open positions as floor nurses.

Hospital executives say they have no choice but to issue furloughs and meet the most immediate needs, while shifting to telemedicine and retraining or moving some clinical staff.

Mercy Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, gave nurse Bruce Moore the option of a furlough from the cardiac catheterization lab — with no guarantee of a recall — or retrain to care for coronavirus patients on ventilators in the intensive care unit.

Moore, 37, took the retraining, with a mix of emotions: worried that he would never be recalled if he went on furlough, wanting to help, and apprehensive about the adequacy of two or three

weeks of retraining and the prospect of using rationed masks and gowns, which are in short supply.

"Nurses are being expected to do things that they've never done," Moore said.

Hospital officials say furloughed employees, in most cases, can expect to be recalled if they are needed or when the crisis subsides.

Clinical staff members being sent home are not treating coronavirus patients, or they have little to do in suddenly quiet offices and facilities where there is no crisis, the institutions' leaders say.

"But they may be in areas where there will be growth in the virus, which makes layoffs particularly alarming, because hospitals are gearing up or should be gearing up even in places where coronavirus is not an emergency as it is in other parts of the country," said Tricia Neuman, who directs the Medicare policy program at the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Alex Hlumyck, of Hubbard, Ohio, a certified medical assistant, had been helping screen potential coronavirus patients before his physicians' practice furloughed him.

"I was pulled into a backroom and told, 'We're furloughing you because we don't have the money,'" Hlumyck said.

He's not sure how he would sign up to help in areas slammed by the virus, and his employer didn't give him any guidance, he said. In recent days, hospitals watching the spreading outbreak in the Pittsburgh area are building disaster relief plans and contacting Poole, the nurse anesthetist, to see if she would come in in an emergency.

She's saying yes.

"We don't know if or when we're going to be called back to work," Poole said. "We're kind of stuck in between right now."

Anger, stigma, shaming hide in pandemic's midst

By CHRISTINE ARMARIO
Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — No one should have known Bella Lamilla's name.

But within hours of her diagnosis as Ecuador's coronavirus "patient zero," it was circulating on social media along with photos showing the retired schoolteacher unconscious and intubated in a hospital bed. Her large, close-knit family watched in horror as a dual tragedy began to unfold: While Lamilla fought for her life in intensive care, strangers began tearing apart her reputation online.

"Knowing she had it, the old lady didn't care and went all around," one person commented on Facebook.

"It was ugly," said Pedro Valenzuela, 22, Lamilla's great-nephew. "It hurt a lot."

The spreading global pandemic has tested the competing interests of public health and privacy, with thousands of individuals and families experiencing both physical illness and the less-discussed stigma that can come with it. While

there are many stories about good deeds and people coming together, the coronavirus is also bringing out another, darker side of some people: Fear, anger, resentment and shaming.

In India, doctors have reported being evicted by landlords worried they'll spread coronavirus to other tenants.

In the town of St. Michel in Haiti, people stoned an orphanage after a Belgian volunteer was diagnosed.

In Indonesia, an early coronavirus patient was subjected to cruel innuendo suggesting she contracted it through sex work.

Psychologists say it harks back to an age-old instinct to protect oneself and relatives from catching a potentially fatal disease — and a belief, however unfounded, that those who get it bear some responsibility.

"Illness is one of the fundamental fears humans have been dealing with their entire evolution," said Jeff Sherman, a psychology professor at the University of California, Davis. "It's not really surprising they would be hostile toward someone

they believe is responsible for bringing illness into their community."

Bella Lamilla followed a daughter to Spain three years ago to enjoy retirement alongside three grandchildren in a sleepy Madrid suburb. At least once a year, she flew back to Ecuador, where a flock of relatives would greet her at the airport.

On Feb. 14 she made the 12-hour flight to Ecuador and sailed through immigration, no questions asked, even though she'd started feeling feverish.

Over the next week, relatives took her to two different local doctors, who dismissed her ailments as side effects of a urinary infection or a possible muscular problem, and finally to a private clinic in the city of Guayaquil. Struggling to breathe, Lamilla was put on a ventilator.

After then-Health Minister Catalina Andramuño announced Ecuador's first case in a live news conference, the rumors and fury almost immediately began swirling on social media.

A medical document with Lamilla's name surfaced. So did photos and videos showing the petite woman with short blonde



MARIUXI ORELLANA/AP

Relatives of Bella Lamilla, Ecuador's "patient zero" for the coronavirus, maintain quarantine in their home March 26 in Babahoyo, Ecuador. Lamilla was shamed on social media.

hair in a hospital bed. A map with addresses of the family's homes made the rounds.

"How irresponsible," one man remarked on pictures of relatives celebrating Lamilla's recent return before her diagnosis.

A few family members defended Lamilla, while others, too distressed by the vitriol, avoided social media entirely. They knew Lamilla would have been mortified to discover she'd potentially spread it to relatives.

"I couldn't look at anything," Lamilla's daughter said. "I didn't want to hurt my heart."

Patients elsewhere

whose identities became public have endured similar attacks.

Minutes after Indonesia announced its first two cases, the names of Sita Tyasutami and her mother leaked online with their phone numbers and home address. Hundreds of WhatsApp messages flooded in.

People shared photos of Tyasutami, a 31-year-old professional dancer, shimmering in a feathered Brazilian samba bikini, and spread baseless speculation that she contracted the virus after being "rented" by a foreign male client.

"My face is everywhere

now, I can't hide it," she said.

Studies show that when people link disease to behavior, they are more likely to blame the sick and ostracize them.

A survey in Hong Kong several years after the 2003 SARS outbreak, another coronavirus that killed nearly 800, found a small portion of the population still held negative views of those who had contracted it.

"Generally speaking, stigma of infectious diseases can be as devastating to the infected individuals as the diseases themselves," the authors wrote.

Lamilla eventually died.

Rwandans mark genocide anniversary under lockdown

By IGNATIUS SSUUNA
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KIGALI, Rwanda — For Augustine Ngabonziza, a survivor of Rwanda's genocide, it's difficult not to wonder whether God has become more distant these days. How else can one explain why a country that always comes together for the anniversary of the killings is now confined at home?

Every year on April 7, the 49-year-old Ngabonziza and friends visit a memorial

site in the capital, Kigali, where they lay a wreath for the more than 800,000 genocide victims, including his family members, and pray for the dead.

But on Tuesday, 26 years after the genocide, they could not go. The East African nation is under a national lockdown because of the coronavirus and has deployed police and military to make sure people stay indoors.

"It's terrible not to be able to honor the dead," Ngabonziza said. "We have

gone through difficulties, but this is horrifying."

The government banned the annual Walk to Remember and a night vigil at the national stadium, among the most significant events to mark the genocide. The national commission for the fight against genocide said even guest visits to genocide memorials have been suspended.

Instead, Rwandans followed commemoration events on television or social media as President Paul Kagame lit the flame of

remembrance and addressed the nation.

"These unusual circumstances will not prevent us from fulfilling our obligation to commemorate those we lost and console survivors," he said. "The only change is the way we commemorate."

More than 800,000 ethnic Tutsi and Hutus who tried to protect them were killed during 100 days in 1994. The mass killing of the Tutsi was ignited April 6 when a plane carrying President Juvenal Habyarimana

was shot down and crashed in Kigali, killing the leader who, like most Rwandans, was an ethnic Hutu.

Now Kigali remembers the dead in silence. Streets are deserted. Ngabonziza called them reminiscent of the days of the genocide.

"The only difference is that we don't see dead bodies and hear gunshots," he said.

Rwanda has 105 confirmed coronavirus cases. Last week the government extended the lockdown by two weeks.



AP

Genocide survivor Mary Bahizi watches events on television Tuesday from her home in Kigali, Rwanda.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Virus afflicts Israel's ultra-Orthodox

Insular community ignored warnings to stay at home

BY ARIEL SCHALIT
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Associated Press

BNEI BRAK, Israel — Early last week, the streets of the central Israeli city of Bnei Brak were bustling with shoppers as ultra-Orthodox residents — obeying their religious leaders — ignored pleas to stay home in the face of the coronavirus threat.

By Friday, Bnei Brak had become the country's worst hot spot and resembles a ghost town. The military was sending troops in to assist local authorities. One expert estimated that nearly 40% of the city's population might already have been infected.

The city has become a lightning rod for anger and frustration by some secular Israelis who allege insular Haredi communities — with disproportionately high numbers of confirmed cases — are undermining national efforts to contain the virus.

The pandemic also has threatened to upend deep-seated customs in the religious world, including blind obedience to religious leaders and the belief that religious studies and traditions take precedence over the rules of a modern state.

The crisis is rooted in a combination of factors. Israel's ultra-Orthodox tend to live in poor, crowded neighborhoods where sickness can quickly spread. Synagogues, the centerpiece of social life, bring men together to pray and socialize in small spaces.

"I am very, very concerned that we'll see a broader contagion in the ultra-Orthodox community and to the broader Israeli population," said Hagai



Ultra-Orthodox Jewish men and children wearing protective masks and gloves cross a street Thursday in Bnei Brak, Israel.

Levine, a Hebrew University professor who chairs the Israeli Association of Public Health Physicians.

Since Israel's founding, secular and ultra-Orthodox Israelis have viewed each other with suspicion, and tensions have erupted repeatedly over hot button issues such as the military draft. Ultra-Orthodox leaders have used their considerable political leverage to help maintain the community's insular lifestyle with government grants, feeding secular complaints that the haredim are a burden to the collective.

A new debate erupted this month when Health Minister Yaakov Litzman, a powerful ultra-Orthodox politician meant to lead the battle against the virus, was confirmed to be infected.

This forced Prime Min-

ister Benjamin Netanyahu, the ministry's director general and reportedly the head of the Mossad spy agency, into quarantine because of exposure to Litzman. Netanyahu, who tested negative, went through an identical experience after a previous exposure to an infected ultra-Orthodox aide.

A television report said ministry officials were furious with Litzman, who had resisted calls in recent weeks to impose restrictions on gatherings at religious institutions. The channel said Litzman had quietly been breaking the rules and attending prayer sessions at synagogues.

"An outbreak in Bnei Brak is the same as an outbreak in Tel Aviv. Litzman did not just betray his own voters. He betrayed all Israelis," Zehava Galon, a

former leader of the secular Meretz party, wrote in the Haaretz daily.

When Israel began shutting down schools, workplaces and its international airport last month to slow the outbreak, Litzman was not the only religious leader to resist.

Influential Rabbi Chaim Kanievsky of Bnei Brak said closing religious seminaries is more harmful than the virus.

"The Torah protects and saves," he said.

In recent weeks, attempts by police to enforce quarantine orders in Bnei Brak and religious neighborhoods of Jerusalem resulted in standoffs with angry crowds. Some shouted "Nazis" as police arrested or fined violators.

Police say officers have been assaulted multiple times and several paramed-

ics have been injured by ultra-Orthodox crowds.

In recent days, defiance has subsided as the scale of the outbreak became clear. Kanievsky, 92, now urges followers to stay at home.

For most people, the virus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. But for others, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause severe symptoms like pneumonia that can be fatal.

Israel has more than 8,000 reported cases, with at least 47 deaths. Jerusalem and Bnei Brak, home to large ultra-Orthodox communities, have the largest concentrations.

Ran Saar, who runs the Maccabi Healthcare Services, a leading provider, told parliament he estimates about 75,000 people in Bnei Brak, or 38% of the

population, could be infected. He said the city has many elderly residents and called for urgent action.

Saar said his estimates were based on test data. He believes thousands of people are refusing to be tested because they don't want to disrupt the Passover holiday.

The government declared Bnei Brak a "restricted zone" Thursday, limiting movement in and out of the city. Earlier in the day, police patrols were already out in large numbers to make sure residents remained indoors.

Streets normally crowded with Passover shoppers were deserted. Police in white hazmat suits raided a synagogue, sending some 15 worshippers home with fines of over \$100 each. One police car broadcast stay-home appeals in Yiddish, a language still common in ultra-Orthodox circles.

The government is also sending in troops to help local authorities in Bnei Brak. Two battalions, each numbering around 450 soldiers, will distribute food, medicine and supplies and help to relocate symptomatic or high-risk people to quarantine facilities.

The soldiers will not be policing the area or enforcing movement restrictions, and most will be unarmed, according to Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, a military spokesman. He acknowledged it was a "delicate situation."

Anshel Pfeffer, a commentator at Haaretz, said the crisis presents a major challenge to the rabbis' traditional authority and the ultra-Orthodox way of life.

"The community was already facing challenges before the coronavirus crisis," he said. "But this is certainly bringing a lot of these challenges to a head."

NEWS BRIEFING

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Court allows Texas to ban most abortions amid virus outbreak

AUSTIN, Texas — A federal appeals court sided Tuesday with Texas in allowing it to ban most abortions while the state is under an emergency order that limits nonessential surgeries during the coronavirus pandemic.

A panel of judges at the New Orleans-based Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a decision by a lower court that blocked the ban last week. The ruling allows the ban to stay in place.

Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott last month ordered hospitals to cancel nonessential surgeries in order to free up hospital space and supplies that might be needed for coronavirus patients.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton then said the order would cover any abortions except for those needed to protect the health safety of the mother. Planned Parenthood and other abortion rights groups then sued.

Ga. Rep. Lewis, a civil rights icon, backs Biden for president

ATLANTA — Civil rights icon and Georgia Rep. John Lewis is backing Joe Biden for president, giving the prospective Democratic nominee perhaps his biggest symbolic endorsement among the many veteran black lawmakers who back his candidacy.

"We need his voice," Lewis, 80, said ahead of the campaign's announcement Tuesday.

Lewis described the

former vice president as "a man of courage, a man of great conscience, a man of faith," and said the former vice president would "help us regain our way as a nation."

A 17-term Atlanta congressman, Lewis is battling pancreatic cancer but said he'd "travel around America" for Biden, 77, if social distancing guidelines are eased amid the coronavirus pandemic.

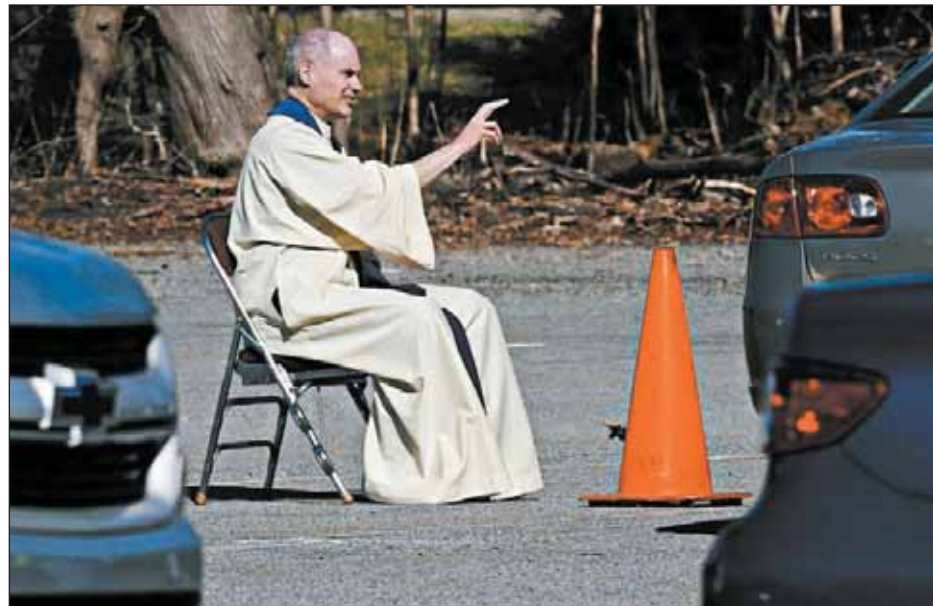
Sen. Paul volunteers at hospital after recovering from virus

FRANKFORT, Ky. — U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., said Tuesday that he has recovered from the coronavirus and has started volunteering at a hospital in his Kentucky hometown. Paul tested positive in March, becoming the first case of COVID-19 in the Senate.

"I appreciate all the best wishes I have received," Paul said Tuesday. "I have been retested and I am negative."

Paul, an eye surgeon, is volunteering at TriStar Greenview Regional Hospital in Bowling Green while the Senate is on a break amid the coronavirus outbreak. Paul worked in emergency rooms early in his career as a physician, his office said.

Hospital CEO Mike Sherrad said the senator is "lifting the spirits of patients and our colleagues" by volunteering.



Drive-thru confessions: The Rev. Brian Mahoney concludes a confession Monday in the parking lot of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Chelmsford, Mass. The outdoors confessionals are occurring amid crowd limits amid the coronavirus in the state.

Afghan prisoner swap hits wall after Taliban pull out of talks

KABUL, Afghanistan — A week of talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban on a prisoner swap — seen as crucial to preserving a fragile peace deal between the insurgents and the United States — appeared to be collapsing Tuesday, as Taliban leaders ordered their team to pull out of the discussions.

An agreement signed between the U.S. and the Taliban in February that started the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan calls for the swap of thousands of prisoners before the two Afghan

sides sit together for talks over a future power-sharing. But the prisoner swap, which was to be done in batches, has faced opposition and hurdles all along, threatening the unraveling of a deal that the Trump administration hoped would signal the end of America's longest war.

After weeks of pressure from U.S. diplomats, the government of President Ashraf Ghani agreed to a phased release of 5,000 Taliban prisoners. In an unprecedented move, a small technical team of the insurgents arrived in Kabul for discussions with

Afghan officials over verification of identities before the release. But those technical discussions now appear to have collapsed after a week as each side accused the other of insincerity.

Even after the Taliban released a statement saying they were pulling out of the talks, Afghan officials hoped another meeting between the technical teams scheduled late Tuesday would go ahead, but it did not. The Afghan government has been working under pressure from the U.S., which cut \$1 billion in aid over bickering among political leaders.

Ex-Ecuador president found guilty of corruption

QUITO, Ecuador — An Ecuadorian court found former President Rafael Correa guilty of corruption Tuesday and sentenced him to eight years in prison, further sully the legacy of one of the nation's most enduring and polemic political leaders.

Judge Ivan Leon said

prosecutors had proved the existence of a "structure of corruption" led by Correa and 19 other high-profile politicians and business leaders accused of participating in the bribery scheme.

The decision could effectively end any aspirations by Correa to return to

politics, as the sentence bars him from running for office for 25 years.

Correa, 57, has denied the charges against him.

He has been living in his wife's native Belgium since 2017. Ecuadorian authorities have demanded his arrest and extradition previously.

Crew member on Comfort infected with coronavirus

NEW YORK — A crew member aboard the Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort tested positive for the coronavirus, and several others have gone into isolation, the Navy said Tuesday, the latest setback in the ship's troubled mission to New York to assist in the pandemic response.

News of the infection came a day after President Donald Trump relented to pressure from New York hospitals and allowed the Comfort to begin accepting patients who had contracted the virus.

The ship arrived last week. By Thursday, the 1,000-bed ship had only 20 patients. The empty beds angered hospital leaders, whose facilities have been overwhelmed with people sick with COVID-19.

On Monday, Trump agreed that the Comfort would begin taking in people who tested positive for the virus.

In Germany: Germany plans to take in up to 50 unaccompanied minors staying at refugee camps in Greece, while Luxembourg has agreed to accept 12, government officials said Tuesday.

Interior Minister Horst Seehofer will propose to the Cabinet on Wednesday a plan to bring the children to Germany and recommend that "the transfer should begin in the next week, if possible," his ministry said.

More than 42,000 people live in the overcrowded camps on the Greek islands, including about 5,500 unaccompanied minors.

Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, France, Ireland, Lithuania and Portugal also said they were prepared to take in children from the camps.

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The pandemic few saw coming: Assessing how Trump, Pritzker have responded to COVID-19

Across the globe in a single 24 hours, the World Health Organization declared coronavirus to be a pandemic, the National Basketball Association suspended its season and Tom Hanks quarantined himself in Australia.

That was March 11 — just four weeks ago, the day many Americans began to recognize COVID-19 as the menace it might become. On that Wednesday, Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Gov. J.B. Pritzker canceled Chicago's St. Patrick's Day parades. It was the right call in retrospect, but Lightfoot wasn't yet the beloved Mike Ditka of social distance disciplinarians. She didn't bark out her order. "This was not an easy decision," the mayor acknowledged.

At that point, President Donald Trump was — unhelpfully — still a COVID-19 skeptic. "It will go away. Just stay calm," Trump said on March 10, even though he had signed emergency legislation on March 6 providing billions of dollars for vaccines and tests. He would repeat missteps through the weeks to come, even as he led the federal response.

Why look back a month at the first hesitant efforts to react? Because understanding the timeline to this unfolding pandemic is an important aspect of defeating COVID-19 and preparing for the next public health crisis. The timeline also helps in apportioning — or withholding — blame or credit. It is context.

Mid-February: A 'minuscule' threat

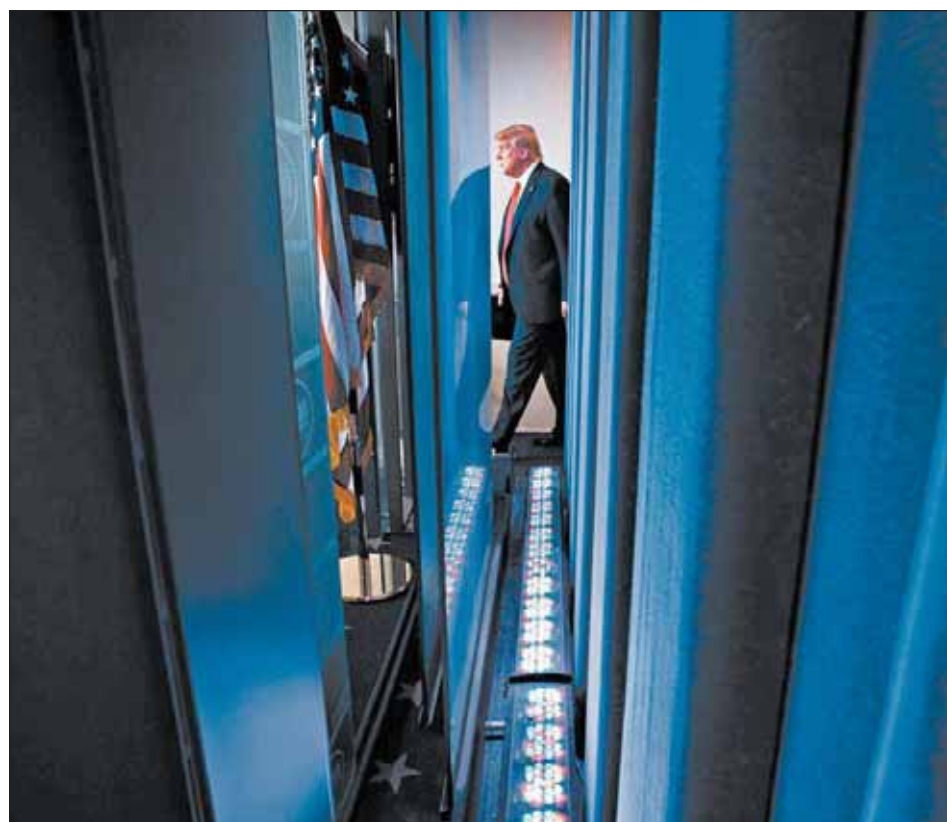
One lesson already learned from coronavirus 2020 is that it's easier to demand an immediate, coordinated response from government than to accept that acts of God, like acts of war, rarely arrive as scheduled events. Federal, state and local governments can spend fortunes equipping themselves for once-in-a-lifetime catastrophes that don't happen. What's critical is the gearing up of the response after the alarm sounds.

Not surprisingly, Trump, Pritzker and public officials around the world are scrambling because they didn't see COVID-19 coming. At least three dozen governments in the month of March banned or limited their own manufacturers from exporting medical equipment needed to fight the virus. At one point, Swiss officials accused the German government of intercepting a shipment of face masks.

Should a previous epidemic have acted as a warning? Not necessarily. The 2003 SARS outbreak, which similarly emanated from China, did not spread around the globe. It faded out. When coronavirus was noticed in Wuhan in January, it looked like SARS, another dangerous but containable virus. Even in mid-February, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious disease specialist, said Americans should worry more about the flu than the new viral strain. The danger of coronavirus is "just minuscule," he said on Feb. 17, though testing of travelers had just begun.

Mid-March: COVID-19 in the 'Wild West'

On March 2, the day after the first coronavirus patient was diagnosed in New York City, Gov. Andrew Cuomo didn't flinch: "We have to be serious, but the fear,



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President Donald Trump arrives for the daily briefing on the coronavirus Monday.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Gov. J.B. Pritzker tours the COVID-19 alternate site Friday at McCormick Place in Chicago.

in my opinion, is outpacing reason at this point." He underestimated the threat. Within five weeks, New York would report 130,000 cases and more than 5,000 deaths. And still Cuomo would emerge as a national leader in the fight to safeguard constituents, in contrast to Trump, who vacillated between sounding fearful of COVID-19 and rooting for the economy.

In Illinois, Election Day was held as planned on March 17. Pritzker then issued the stay-at-home directive on March 20, making Illinois the third state behind Cali-

fornia and New York to do so. A week later, Trump signed the Senate's \$2.2 trillion rescue package designed to stave off a cratering of the economy. Lightfoot closed the Lakefront Trail, and thousands of Illinoisans temporarily lost their jobs as the number of cases rose.

By March 22, Pritzker was at war with the Trump administration over looming shortages of surgical masks, gowns, ventilators and COVID-19 tests. China is a major manufacturer of personal protective equipment and China was still reeling from its

own epidemic. Pritzker argued that the federal government should be managing the emergency supply chain because otherwise, Illinois was competing against other states for purchasing. He called it the "wild west."

Pritzker's right. But then if the feds were solely in charge and states weren't acquiring their own equipment, frustrated governors would rail against bureaucratic snafus in Washington while asserting they know best what their states needed. The best answer is throwing every bit of organizing muscle and ingenuity at COVID-19 from every direction.

In April, Trump vs. himself vs. the virus

The most effective days of the coordinated crisis response are when Washington and the states put aside political antagonisms and work together. On Sunday, as the Army Corps of Engineers was building a field hospital at McCormick Place, Vice President Mike Pence said the feds had sent 600 ventilators to Illinois. "At the president's direction, we're going to make sure the people of Illinois, people of Michigan have the resources, equipment and support that they need," Pence said.

Trump fell severely short by downplaying the threat of COVID-19 for weeks and by failing to unite the country in its urgent national mission. He cast doubts and squandered time that could have been used to ramp up national testing and compel governors to initiate lockdowns. In front of microphones, Trump has sown frustration by overstating the availability of testing and extolling the efficacy of unproven coronavirus drugs.

At times, administration officials have appeared grossly disorganized and uninformed. The Washington Post reported that the United States missed a narrow window in early March to stockpile ventilators. Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, sounded misguided as to whether the Strategic National Stockpile of emergency supplies could be tapped by desperate states. That is its purpose, despite his denial. Afterward, a government website updated its description to match what Kushner said.

Trump, being Trump, has continued to use social media to antagonize his critics, taunt detractors and self-congratulate when it isn't warranted. Even in a national health crisis, he has shown he isn't equipped to make adjustments, to be circumspect, to be not Trump. We should not expect it.

Pritzker, through enforcing early discipline upon us — closing bars and restaurants before St. Patrick's Day, canceling school and gradually tightening stay-home orders — has been a proactive governor. And an empathetic one. How it looks today: The state and the city of Chicago are better prepared for whatever may come.

Could the Trump administration have managed more urgently the first signs of coronavirus contagion? Yes. Would another administration have performed better? Hard to say. No one can assess the response to a past pandemic that didn't happen, just as no one could predict the path and scope of this pandemic.

What matters most is the next day of the response. And the next after that.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The Everybody Boos the Astros Tour, with dates scheduled in cities across the country, was supposed to have started March 26, baseball's opening day.

Fans bought tickets weeks in advance for the chance to jeer baseball's version of a Bond villain. Rival ballpark organizers were firing up their versions of Ace of Base's "The Sign" and "Been Caught Stealing" by Jane's Addiction.

That won't happen now. Nobody knows when — or if — it ever will. ...

Amid an unprecedented situation and its catastrophic ramifications, the plight of a bunch of men in pajama pants and silly socks cheating to win at a children's game suddenly seems entirely unimportant.

But few things in life bring people together quite like sports, especially when there is a collective enemy for everybody outside of Southeast Texas to root against. That was the role the Astros were meant to fill for the next six months. ...

Whenever baseball does come back, booing the Astros will almost certainly rise to the forefront again.

But it probably won't be the same. Parts or all of this season could be played behind closed doors, with no fans filling the seats. The playoffs could be held entirely at neutral sites with warm weather or roofed ballparks to allow baseball to be played later into the year.

Or there could be no 2020 season at all.

Jared Diamond, The Wall Street Journal

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PERSPECTIVE



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Molly Scott poses for her friend Ty Bartholomew at Hot Dog Fest, a three-day festival sponsored by the History Museum in 2015. This year's fest has been canceled.

It's sad but, frankly, not surprising that pandemic has canceled Hot Dog Fest



ERIC ZORN

It may seem odd that organizers on Monday officially canceled the Chicago Hot Dog Fest, a three-day event in Lincoln Park that had been scheduled to begin four months from Tuesday.

Four months! That sounds like an eternity when you think of how slowly March alone unfolded. By Aug. 7, what was to have been the first day of the Chicago History Museum's eighth annual jubilee in honor of one of this area's most beloved, uh, delicacies, who knows what life will be like?

By then, public officials may have lifted the stay-at-home orders and rescinded the suggestion that we stay 6 feet away from those who aren't members of our households. The general fear may have all but passed that every close brush with a stranger poses a grave risk to our health or the health and safety of others, including the medical personnel on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Or maybe not. We're in a highly uncertain moment right now, when

epidemiologists and infectious disease experts are modeling various trajectories for this crisis and the rest of us are making what amounts to wild guesses about how the summer and fall will unfold.

You can manage that uncertainty if you're planning a block party or company outing several months from now. But with bigger events, the risks are daunting and they grow nearly every day, even this far in advance.

Last year, the Chicago Hot Dog Fest featured roughly a dozen musical acts and a dozen food vendors as well as a busy speakers' stage. The process of lining all that up — signing the contracts, pulling the permits, recruiting literally hundreds of volunteers, designing marketing materials, lining up the corporate sponsors and so on — begins in December, according to John Russick, the museum's senior vice president for interpretation and education.

The margins are slim. Russick said the organization generally invests about \$250,000 in putting on the festival and, as long as the weather holds out, realizes about \$50,000 in "profits," which go toward supporting the museum.

Four months out is when those upfront investments and other financial commitments really begin to ramp up, Russick said. So the question recently became, even if the stay-at-

home order is lifted by August, will the parks be open? And even if the parks are open, will the public be sufficiently comfortable again in large crowds to jostle together at what's billed as "the city's largest picnic," an event that last year drew an estimated 35,000 visitors over three days?

That nearly unanswerable question has been on a lot of minds lately. Just about every conversation I have ultimately gets around to someone asking, "when will we feel comfortable again in big groups of strangers?"

I put that question in a "state-of-mind" click poll on social media Monday, and only 42% of 450 respondents indicated that they now think they'll feel comfortable in crowded public settings before September unless a vaccine or extremely effective drug treatment for COVID-19 becomes available.

But even if such therapies become widely available, will the economic damage wrought by the pandemic leave potential Chicago Hot Dog Fest goers feeling too financially stressed to attend? "Ultimately," Russick said, "this health crisis is going to be experienced by most of us as an economic crisis. That stands to hurt the museum as well, so ultimately we decided we just couldn't chance taking a big loss."

The museum outsources the handling of many of the logistics to Big

Buzz Idea Group, a Chicago company that helps not-for-profits put on events. Big Buzz founder and President Melissa Lagowski said it's always better to cancel or postpone events early because "it's very difficult to untangle the web once you begin to weave it. It's even hard just to try to hit 'pause.'"

So what's odd, in the end, is not that the Hot Dog Fest is off, but that so many other events scheduled for August are still on. Notably Lollapalooza, the mammoth, four-day music festival that draws 400,000 spectators to Grant Park, is still set for July 30 through August 2.

Organizers usually announce the lineup of featured performers in mid-March, and that they have made no such announcement yet seems to be a sign, as Billboard put it, that the festival's "fate is uncertain."

Lollapalooza did not respond to my request for comment, but the festival's Twitter feed says, "While we stay in close contact with local officials, we are well underway with planning for Lolla to take place as soon as it's safe for us all to be together in Grant Park."

That will be a lovely day indeed. But the idea that it will be in early August seems more like a fantasy than a plan.

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The key to beating the coronavirus? Innovation.

BY THOMAS D. KUCZMARSKI

We call ourselves a nation of innovators. As one who has taught and written about the innovation process for more than 30 years, I believe it can be a lens that provides a strikingly different view of all that is being done to fight COVID-19.

Innovation starts with identifying unmet needs and designing and putting into practice what is needed to meet those needs.

Overcoming COVID-19 is the ultimate unmet need. What has become clear from the painful experience of the last three months is that there are three key innovations needed to meet its challenge.

Flatten the curves: There is not one big curve, there are many. This innovation would focus on the many hot spots where the fight is already underway. The nation has health care providers who are fully engaged, capable and heroic in treating COVID-19 victims. But they can't get ahead of the virus without fully funded and comprehensive testing to learn who has the virus, including when no symptoms are present. The person leading this part of the effort would be clear about the enormous scale of testing needed and the resources required to get the job done.

It is one thing to say there are millions of tests out there. It is a travesty that so many people still say they have symptoms but cannot get a test. Even if we are late in



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Drive-up testing for the coronavirus at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle on Monday.

getting this testing underway, it is still needed as new hot spots emerge and more feasible as testing techniques improve. At the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in March, President Donald Trump said that "as of right now and yesterday, anybody that needs a test (can have one)." It wasn't true then and it still isn't. It should be.

Testing data will set the stage to flatten the curves, and provide the information needed to build the top-to-bottom logistics system this innovation calls for. It includes knowing what is needed and where, and the supply chain that will move each item — protective equipment, ventilators and anything else needed to fight the battle at hand — to exactly where it is needed when it is needed.

This nation has enormous expertise in logistics. There is no reason we cannot know exactly where each piece of equip-

ment is going from the moment it is manufactured to the person who will use it. There would be no more health care providers saying they need masks and federal officials saying the masks exist, go find them. Each state would be integrated into this federally led logistics plan. To use the well-worn World War II analogy, we did it with millions of troops and supplies. We can certainly do it now.

Reopen the economy: This innovation is based on building confidence and again, testing is key but testing of a different type. It is the testing that will tell us, before controls are lifted, if a region is virus-free or if it is just waiting to explode into a hot spot. It will include tests that can be used by individuals to see if they and the people they interact with are free of the virus. It will reveal who has antibodies. With widely available and easy-to-use testing, people will have the confidence to go back to work, school or dinner with a friend. There is plenty of talk about the need to reopen the economy, but no sign of a clear plan to meet such an obvious need. Sure, it would be expensive, but cheap compared with the alternative.

Develop the vaccine: This is the innovation that will eliminate our fear once and for all. In the early 1950s, fear of polio was second only to fear of nuclear war among the American people. The sense of relief

when Jonas Salk announced his vaccine was enormous. When he announced the vaccine in a radio interview with the legendary broadcaster Edward R. Murrow, Salk was asked who would own the patent. "Well, the people I would say," he replied. "There is no patent. Could you patent the sun?" The leader of the COVID-19 vaccine effort would take into account everything from coordinating and funding the massive research effort already underway to a fully funded plan for making it available to all.

Leadership is clearly an issue. We see a lot of speakers at Trump's daily press briefings, but I challenge you to tell me who is responsible for what. Imagine a briefing in which the president said: "My friends, as you know, we face three huge overlapping needs as we meet and beat the COVID-19 challenge. I will now let the leader of each of these three elements update you on progress and challenges."

Imagine also an organization chart that would show each of the key people, their primary responsibility, and to whom each reports. It would have the president at the top with three people immediately below.

We are seeing a lot of action, but action is not a substitute for strategy. Innovation is needed to get us to the other side of the COVID-19 challenge as quickly as possible.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Then-presidential nominees Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton debate at Washington University in St. Louis on Oct. 9, 2016.

Watching 'Tiger King' a bit like a Trump vs. Clinton rematch



CLARENCE PAGE

Why is "Tiger King" on Netflix the biggest hit so far for the vast audience created by the coronavirus lockdown? For starters, it contains every weird and therefore addicting trope that tabloid TV ever imagined.

It also seems to connect in unexpected ways with the side of America that ever since childhood has wanted to run away and join the circus.

Or at least, that's what I thought until I was talked into binge-watching a few episodes by Grady Page, my millennial and highly opinionated (where does he get that?) son.

Why, I asked skeptically, should I spend hours of my life watching a show about a gay, gun-toting, mullet-wearing, half-showman, half-conman private zoo owner who wages a war against an obnoxiously zealous female animal rights advocate who is trying to put him out of business?

Just watch, said my son. "It's really about Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump."

Ah, isn't everything? But politics aside, the show already had caught my interest, mostly as a punchline among late-night comedians. After it premiered on Netflix on March 20, "Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness" quickly became the most popular new show on TV, according to Rotten Tomatoes, which gave it a 97% critic's rating

and a 96% audience score — and No. 1 on Netflix's own Top 10 shows list.

The show, billed as a true-crime series, has more colorfully oddball characters than an Elmore Leonard or Carl Hiaasen novel. The star of its narrative is Joe Exotic, formerly Joseph Allen Maldonado-Passage, and several other names who, before the world went sideways, claimed to own more tigers than anyone else in North America.

Spoiler alert, although it doesn't spoil much: Joe Exotic ends up in federal prison serving a 22-year sentence for violating the Endangered Species Act and plotting to carry out a murder-for-hire plot against his arch nemesis in this story line, rival big cat owner and animal welfare activist Carole Baskin.

I later learned that my offspring was not the first observer to perceive a Trump-Clinton connection. Among other critics, feminist author-commentator Jill Filipovic blasted the series on CNN's opinion site as a "victim-blaming" example of "how misogyny in America is alive and well — or how we elected Donald Trump as president."

Indeed, Baskin, who heads the respected nonprofit Big Cat Rescue, has posted her side of the story on her organization's website for those who want to take the time to hear about it. But the "Tiger King" series says little about her achievements compared with complaints about her from Joe Exotic and his fellow "Big Cat" men.

When I showed that to my Bernie Sanders-supporting son, he saw Baskin as guilty, too, at least of excessive "virtue signaling," a charge that I find to be at least superior to having no virtue at all.

He invited me to hash it out with him on "Generation Fringe," the podcast that he started, which you can hear here (SoundCloud "Generation Fringe, Episode Four: "American Wildlife"), to explore our generational differences without disrupting family dinners.

More than one debate continues. Netflix has announced an additional episode to update the narrative. Sheriff Chad Chronister of Hillsborough County, Florida, has reopened his investigation into the disappearance of Baskin's husband, Don Lewis, who ran a big cat sanctuary in the Tampa area before he disappeared 23 years ago.

And Investigation Discovery network has announced its own follow-up, "Investigating the World of Joe Exotic."

More to come, I'm sure. Comparisons to the Clinton-Trump contest may seem to fall apart as the tiger tales unfold. Yet I still hear a familiar conflict as Baskin, once the would-be victim in a murder plot, now pushes back against rumors and suspicions raised by her rivals.

As I said after Trump's election, we can all benefit in these polarized times from taking a peek at how the world looks to those who happen to be on the other political side. The same holds true in the freak show world of reality TV where what you are in reality can mean less than what you represent in other people's imaginations.

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First responders need more info

In the past two weeks, local police and fire chiefs, local councils of government and local mayors have beseeched the state and various counties to release to first responders the location of people who have tested positive or are suspected of having COVID-19. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Civil Rights has specifically stated that this information may be provided to help "prevent or control spread of the disease," and "when first responders may be at risk of infection." The Illinois attorney general and Illinois Department of Public Health have confirmed this view. Will County has been releasing this information to first responders for over two weeks.

Other counties and the state have so far refused to release this vital information despite the clear absence of legal proscriptions. Instead, they have said that first responders should treat every call as if it is to a COVID-19 location. They have also claimed that releasing such information might create a false sense of security among first responders and make them think they need to take precautions only when responding to calls at known COVID-19 addresses.

Our police and fire personnel and paramedics understand better than anyone the risks involved in this crisis and are taking steps to protect themselves. They also know that responding to a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 location requires exceptional levels of personal protection and safety protocols that far exceed masks and gloves. That is why they have uniformly and repeatedly asked for information about these locations as an additional necessary layer of protection and safety.

There is a limited supply of personal protection equipment, a supply that will quickly be depleted if first responders adhere to the full panoply of protection and safety protocols for every service call. Riverside is small — about 9,000 people — and our police and fire personnel and paramedics responded to 654 calls in March alone. Telling first responders to treat every service call as if it is to a COVID-19-positive address ignores the practical and logistical realities on the ground. It is time to listen to the voices that matter, of those who are confronting the real risks every day, not to lawyers concerned about potential liability issues.

Our first responders deserve the tools they need to stay safe, and that includes information about the challenges they face.

— Benjamin Sells, president, village of Riverside

The trauma of being intubated

I was 41 years old and in good health. I didn't have COVID-19, but I definitely had a virus and was intubated and put on a ventilator. Being intubated for any substantial amount of time is dangerous, but the struggle doesn't end when the tube is pulled. I was heavily sedated but would still wake up on occasion. I remember thinking that if I could just pull it out, maybe I wouldn't feel like I'm drowning. I would try to reach for it, realize my hands were strapped to the bed and fall back asleep.

After eight days, many complications and a hospital transfer for me, doctors decided to pull out the tube. This is a bizarre experience. I was unable to speak and had pain medication withdrawal, and every part of my body throbbed in pain. After two or three days, I was transferred to a regular room. Things were still confusing, but the pain lessened. Next came inpatient rehabilitation, which included speech, occupational and physical therapy for three hours throughout the day. I learned how to walk again, take a shower and climb the stairs.

The next six months included numerous doctor's visits, continued physical therapy, tests, side effects and nightmares — just to name a few of my experiences. Yet I feel lucky. My family and friends were able to visit me. I had amazing nurses, doctors and therapists who could give me the attention I needed.

My heart breaks for all the patients and medical staff right now. Patients' recoveries will be long and hard-fought. There can be life after the ventilator, but it is a journey.

— Mary Kerrigan, Chicago

What will post-pandemic GOP politics look like?



JONAH GOLDBERG

I've been telecommuting for decades, so for me sheltering in place isn't remotely the burden it is for a lot of Americans. But it does make the job of following politics more difficult for two reasons.

First, to a certain degree, politics are on lockdown too. To the extent that the Democratic primaries are in the news, it's mostly as a public health story, thanks to questions of how to conduct a convention while social distancing. Bernie Sanders — who is still running, by the way — wants to debate presumptive nominee Joe Biden again, but few in the party are interested in that. Biden himself is running a pandemic version of a front porch campaign via teleconference from his home office.

The second reason is more vexing: Nobody has any clue what post-pandemic politics will look like.

On the left, some fantasize about somehow replacing Biden with New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, which makes a lot of sense given Cuomo's impressive performance of late, except for the near impossibility of orchestrating such a handoff. Meanwhile, progressive groups, still licking their wounds over the almost instantaneous marginalization of Sanders, are suddenly seeing their massive grassroots organizations starved of money and the ability to organize.

The situation on the right is even more opaque. For good or ill, the pandemic has made President Donald Trump an even more central figure in our politics, thanks to the role the White House plays in a

national emergency and his nightly, often rambling, news conferences.

That's not all to the GOP's advantage. Trump's refusal to admit any error in how he's handled the crisis has had the unintended effect of starving Republicans of some useful talking points. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell tried to float the idea that the Democrats' impeachment fixation distracted Trump from following through after the travel ban with a more robust response to the pandemic when it would have made a difference, but Trump himself threw cold water on that.

Regardless, as the right gears up for either a Trump win or a lame duck presidency amid a hard period of recovery, it's possible to glean some contours of post-pandemic Republican politics.

Trump was always going to be the nominee, but his set of issues has been reshuffled entirely. He was all set to run on a roaring economy, pitting himself against "socialism" — even though his preferred foil, Sanders, was sidelined on Super Tuesday. Now, the economy has headed south, and our anti-socialist president is ordering businesses to do the government's bidding and handing out direct payments to millions of Americans.

Trump's vacillation between the need to clamp down on the virus and his desire to open up the economy is somewhat symbolic of the broader divides on the right. Longtime MAGA consigliere Steve Bannon tells The New York Times that the GOP's commitment to "limited government" is gone forever. Others in the Trumpist orbit, such as Donald Trump Jr., are still pushing the idea that the corona-hype is overblown and just part of an effort to take down his dad.

Somewhere in the middle, conservative politicians and intellectuals are trying to find a less Trumpcentric path.

Long before the coronavirus emerged in Wuhan, China, Sen. Marco Rubio and a coterie of eggheads were firing salvos at "unfettered capitalism" — as if that described the status quo at any point in the last century of American politics — and offering a blueprint for "common good capitalism." Meanwhile, Nikki Haley, Trump's former U.N. ambassador (for whom my wife worked), resigned from the board of Boeing last month in protest over its request for a federal bailout. It was a principled stand, but it's anyone's guess whether corporate bailouts will be as unpopular on the right as they were before the pandemic.

While it's hard to know whether crony capitalism will remain out of favor, you can count on China to stay in the doghouse for years to come.

That's good news for one politician worth watching: Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas. Long a China hawk, Cotton is credited with convincing Trump to implement the China travel ban (though Trump didn't go as far as Cotton wanted). He deserves credit for spotting the threat and speaking out early on. Widely assumed to have presidential aspirations, Cotton has also deftly managed to avoid being seen as a Trump yes man — unlike, say, Sen. Lindsey Graham — while remaining a favorite of the president's.

If the GOP ultimately sours on Trump's handling of the crisis, Cotton would be ideally situated to highlight his prescience. But that's a long way off, and for now it's worth noting that Cotton is running ads supporting the president's response to the pandemic.

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From Dr. Ronna Fisher, Au.D.

Founder and President, Fisher Foundation and Hearing Health Center, Inc.

Easter and Passover, times of coming together to observe traditions of faith and hope, are difficult for everyone this year...and for some, in this time of isolation, these days bring added hopelessness and deprivation.

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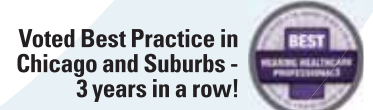
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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Cook County launches \$10 million loan fund to help small businesses

Money will be offered — interest-free — to those affected by coronavirus pandemic

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Cook County unveiled a \$10 million Community Recovery Fund Tuesday that will offer no-interest loans to suburban small businesses, gig workers and independent contractors whose livelihoods have been battered by the new coronavirus.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle announced the program, which will provide one-time, five-year loans of up to \$20,000 for small businesses and up to \$10,000 for independent contractors.

To be eligible, small businesses must have less than \$3 million in annual revenue and fewer than 25 workers. Independent contractors like hair stylists, nail technicians, service repair workers and freelance writers must have less than \$100,000 in gross annual income and earn at least half of their income from contract work. Small business, gig workers and contractors must have locations or reside outside of Chicago in Cook County to be considered for those loans.

Interested companies that want to be notified when appli-

cations are open should fill out a form on Cook County's website. The funds will begin accepting applications on a first-come, first-served basis later this month.

"This is an unprecedented time," Preckwinkle said at a news conference. "Small businesses, gig workers and entrepreneurs are at the heart of municipalities throughout Cook County and we are doing all that we can to support them. This virus may dictate our present, but it will not write our future."

The Chicago Community Loan Fund will administer the loans, and a network of community lenders will be involved, Preckwinkle said.

Cook County is launching the \$10 million fund with a mix of county funds and federal funding received through the Community Development Block Grant program. Preckwinkle said the county hopes to augment the fund with donations.

"This fund has been designed to meet the immediate need of the most vulnerable local businesses and workers during the pandemic," Preckwinkle said.

Cook County officials encouraged businesses owners to register for a webinar scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday on how to access federal assistance from the stimulus bill.

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Federal stimulus checks likely are to begin arriving in the second week of April.

Stimulus checks may arrive this week

Questions linger as to how everyone will receive the payments

BY DAVID LIGHTMAN
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The stimulus checks coming to taxpayers, probably starting later this week, are expected to help people for a little while.

And while most people will get payments, questions linger whether many others will receive them. How do divorced parents qualify? Newborns? College students?

And for all the people who get the money, "what happens after that month or two? If we are looking at a lockdown that extends into May, June, or even longer, those one-time stimulus checks will be stretched pretty thin," says Jacob Vigdor, professor of public policy and governance at the University of Washington's Evans School.

Most taxpayers will get the payments of up to \$1,200 per adult and \$500 per dependent child. But not everyone, and there are no solid estimates of how many people will get the cash.

If the IRS has your direct deposit information, you don't need to do anything. If your 2018 tax return showed an adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or less if you filed as an individual or \$150,000 or less if you filed jointly, you should see \$1,200 per adult and \$500 per child in your account shortly.

Those payments are reduced until those who earned more than \$99,000 if filing individually or \$198,000 jointly no longer qualify. If you've filed a 2019 return, that data will be used.

But many may not qualify or need help figuring out if they do. With the help of the nonpartisan Tax Foundation and the National Taxpayers' Union Foundation, local congressional offices and the Internal Revenue Service, here are answers to some questions people are raising:

Q. My 2019 income was too high to qualify for the stimulus check. But now I'm out of a job. Will I get any cash?

A. Yes, says Garrett Watson,

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Pedestrians pass a temporarily closed Pottery Barn as stay-at-home orders continue due to the coronavirus March 30 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

'A zero-revenue scenario'

Retail thought it was facing the apocalypse — then along came the coronavirus outbreak

BY LAURENCE DARMIENTO
Los Angeles Times

As operator of one of the country's biggest liquidators, Bryant Riley has profited from what's been called the retail apocalypse — the destruction of shops and big chains largely because of competition from online upstarts.

In retrospect, the term might have been thrown about a bit loosely over the last decade considering what's happening today: the sudden and indefinite

closure of countless stores across the nation and the likelihood that many will not reopen.

"Nobody planned for a zero-revenue scenario," said Riley, chairman and co-chief executive of B. Riley Financial, an LA company that owns Great American, which liquidated Payless, Toys R Us and other big chains either solely or with partners. "I think you are going to see a lot of liquidations, toward the end of the year most likely."

More than 15,000 stores could

permanently close this year, according to Coresight Research. That's approaching double the 9,548 stores that big chains announced they would shutter in 2019, a particularly brutal year for retail with the bankruptcies of Payless, Gym-boree, Charlotte Russe and others.

The year had started out well with 2,910 openings and 1,883 planned closures through March 22 — far under the 5,399 closures that were announced for the same period last year. Coresight had predicted closures to pick up by the end of the year to roughly 8,000, but that's barely more than half the num-

ber expected now.

The toll of virus-related closures, which for now are temporary, is immense, with at least 600,000 mostly low-wage workers furloughed last week despite President Donald Trump signing a \$2.2 trillion stimulus package that includes billions in loans to damaged industries.

Among the chains that announced furloughs were Macy's, the Gap and Kohl's. The collateral damage extends to commercial landlords. Taubman Centers, the owner of upscale malls, warned tenants that they still needed to pay rent because of its

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Frank Lloyd Wright groups seek donations as tours stop

Architecture organizations are appealing for help as virus shuts down revenue stream



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

Two of Chicago's prominent architecture organizations, the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust and the Chicago Architecture Center, are appealing for donations as the new coronavirus crisis wipes out a key part of their revenue stream at the start of the busy spring tour season.

The Wright Trust on Tuesday sent out an email appeal for funds, saying it is one of many nonprofits nationwide that are "in a precarious position that threatens their survival."

The group, which has been forced to close tours at sites including Wright's Home & Studio in Oak Park and the architect's Robie House in Chicago, announced in an email it is launching a campaign to raise \$500,000.

"With very limited capacity to meet payrolls and essential property expenses now and in the months ahead, we are working to raise the immediate funds needed to sustain us through this crisis," the email said.

The Wright Trust's appeal follows one made March 20 by the nonprofit Chicago Architecture Center, which had to shut down its architecture boat tours along the Chicago River and other docent-led tours because of the need for social distancing.

"The devastating economic impact of these new restrictions will greatly diminish our ability to



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Staff and visitors look over a Frank Lloyd Wright display at the Chicago Architecture Center. The center is seeking donations.

generate revenue we need to operate for weeks and perhaps months to come," the group's email said. "We will not be able to navigate these uncharted waters alone."

Since the appeal, 135 donors have given the center \$116,000 to help the organization get through the crisis, Lynn Osmond, the center's president and chief exe-

cutive officer, said in an email Tuesday.

The center, located at 111 E. Wacker Drive, closed its doors March 13, eight days before Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order requiring people to stay at home as much as possible and maintain social distancing when outside. Last week, Pritzker extended the order through the end of April.

Osmond said in an email Monday that the center has not laid off or furloughed any employees because it is anticipating support from the federal Paycheck Protection Program.

Part of the \$2.2 trillion virus relief package passed by Congress, the program provides federally backed loans to employers for payroll expenses through June 30.

"We applied when it first opened up on Friday and have no reason to believe that we will not be successful," Osmond wrote.

Both the Wright Trust and the Chicago Architecture Center depend on revenue from spring and summer tours to replenish their coffers after tour activity comes to a standstill in the winter months. Both are doing online programs while their tours are closed.

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own obligations to lenders and service providers, while New York City has reported a sharp rise in burglaries of closed stores, prompting owners to board up there and elsewhere.

Liquidations have been big business since last decade's financial crisis, which saw Circuit City, department store chain Gottschalks and other stores close. More recent, amid the continuing shift to online sales, there have been a host of shutdowns by chains such as Toys R Us. Critics blame some of the failures, including Payless, on leveraged buyouts by private equity owners who loaded firms up with cheap debt to pay themselves dividends.

Riley said the current crisis hit as many oversized retailers were still trying to figure out how to best reconfigure themselves in the new retail environment. "There are a lot of companies out there that still have too much debt. If you look at any big box or small box, it's not been thriving and they've been trying to get their footprint down to a place that made sense for them," he said.

Retail's ongoing struggles have been good business for anyone who makes money dealing with distressed companies. That includes Great American, a Los Angeles company that

prior to its 2014 merger with B. Riley had a long track record of liquidating marquee brands such as Borders and Tower Records.

Gary Wright, founder of G.A. Wright Sales, a Denver-based marketing company that does sales promotions and liquidations, said he's gotten "frantic" calls from some retailers about how to handle reopenings given that the shutdown is a "blow to retailers that they've never seen before."

"I don't believe that brick and mortar retailing is ever going to go away, but certainly it will contract considerably and it already has," said Wright, whose diverse client list has included Louis Vuitton, Ace Hardware and now-defunct retailer Casual Corner.

A playbook for surviving the crisis, he said, would involve cutting expenses to the "bare bones," getting a rent abatement from the landlord, a break on debt payments from lenders and taking out a government loan. Then, once mandatory closures lift, he expects there will be pent-up demand.

"They have spent two or three months not being able to sell inventory on the floor. Manufacturers may have continued to ship to them. They are not going to have enough cash and they are going to be overstocked — that's a problem we are really good at solving," said Wright, who expects to handle more promotions

than liquidations once the coronavirus outbreak is over.

"The question is of course did they dig a hole while they were closed that was so deep that they are not able to find their way out of it," he said.

One of the few hopes that retailers have to dig themselves out of "the greatest crisis we will hopefully see in our lifetime" is to start planning the all-important Christmas season, said Deborah Weinswig, chief executive and founder of Coresight, a global retail and technology advisory firm.

"If retailers are focused on that, I think we do see less bankruptcies and less permanent store closures. If they are just focusing on the immediate, we are in hell, which is what this is," she said.

Erika Morabito, a partner at Foley & Lardner in Washington, D.C., who handles bankruptcy and restructurings, expects a wave of bankruptcies across multiple industries. "COVID-19 is going to change the world and many different companies and industries in terms of how they do business. It's just inevitable," she said.

Even prior to the outbreak, her firm had a lengthy "watch list" of troubled retailers that included J.C. Penney, Macy's, Rite Aid, Neiman Marcus and Bed Bath & Beyond. She said that everyone is in the "triage stage right now, which is how does this impact my business and



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Shoppers head to their cars in front of Bed Bath & Beyond at Randhurst Mall on Jan. 29 in Mount Prospect.

what relief can I get from the government?"

The crisis is so unprecedented that it has upended bankruptcy proceedings already underway. Restaurant owner CraftWorks Holding and home furnishings retailer Pier 1 have sought to mothball their operations in their current Chapter 11 bankruptcies as the outbreak has either completely dried up, or significantly reduced, revenues anticipated by earlier court-approved proposed operating budgets.

"Who knows how long this will last, so I think companies are sitting back waiting to see what judges are going to do," Morabito said.

CraftWorks, the Nashville-based owner of several eateries, including Gordon

Biersch Brewery Restaurants, filed for bankruptcy on March 3 with plans to sell itself, but then fired most of its 18,000 workers last week after having to shut restaurant doors.

Morabito added that a disturbing trend she is witnessing with clients is lenders playing hardball if borrowers don't meet all loan covenants, which typically might require adherence to a certain cash flow figure or other financial metric. Prior to the outbreak, covenant violations might prompt a bank to seek new financial projections, but suddenly they are requiring onerous terms more consistent with a payment default, such as additional collateral. "Everybody is worried," she said.

Weinswig at Coresight

said it appears the retail sector was not overly impressed with the \$2.2 trillion stimulus package, which is why chains announced furlough after furlough last week. Clothing retailers face particular challenges, because the industry is losing its spring season, leaving it with huge inventories of dated clothes. Weinswig said she spoke to a fast-fashion chain that was considering holding on to its inventory for next spring.

"Normally we would see them flood T.J. Maxx or Ross or have this product end up in a landfill or barter it for advertising," she said. "There are all kinds of things that happen to old inventory."

Retailers also are interested in getting their fresh inventory to China where sales can be robust on the Alibaba e-commerce platform, Weinswig said. Well-positioned companies include Lululemon Athletica, Estée Lauder and L'Oréal, which did big business on International Women's Day on March 8 with live streaming and other special marketing. But doing so, she said, takes three to four months, and involves setting up an online store and payment processing, as well as shipping inventory to the platform's warehouses.

"I am looking for every single lining that I can get, because there are so few," said Weinswig, whose consultancy assists American firms enter the Chinese market.

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senior policy analyst at the Tax Foundation, you can get a rebate on your 2020 taxes if you earn a lower income in 2020 and didn't get a rebate based on 2019 returns. So you would get the credit when you file if your 2020 income is low enough.

Q. Do I get the \$500 per child payment if I'm divorced?

A. "Only the parental taxpayer claiming the child

as a dependent will receive the \$500," the Tax Foundation advises.

Q. Do I need to pay federal income tax on the stimulus payment?

A. No. You do not have to pay any tax on the money, according to a House Ways and Means Committee Republican "Coronavirus bulletin."

Q. My daughter goes to college. Will I get the \$500 per child payment for her?

A. Not as a dependent, unless she's 16 or under.

Only children 16 or under living at home qualify, and they have to meet certain conditions. Among them: They have to have lived with the adult for at least six months of the qualifying year.

Q. We had a baby last month. Can she qualify for the \$500 credit?

A. Yes, but not until you file your 2020 return next year. You'll claim the \$500 as a credit. Any change in status is likely to be remedied on the tax form you file next year, Kaeding said.

Q. I get Social Security and don't normally file a tax return. What do I do?

A. From the IRS: It will use information Form SSA-1099 or Form RRB-1099 to generate the cash payments to people who get those forms.

"This includes senior citizens, Social Security recipients and railroad retirees who are not otherwise required to file a tax return," the IRS says.

Q. Can immigrants with green cards or people here on H-1B and H-2A visas receive payments?

A. If you don't have a Social Security number, no.

Q. What if I make too much this year to qualify for the payment — but made enough last year so that I do get the rebate — do I need to return it?

A. No. "There is no penalty for receiving a rebate based on a lower income on 2019 or 2018 tax returns," the Tax Foundation says. "If the IRS is given too much, the IRS will not penalize them."

Q. I have no taxable in-

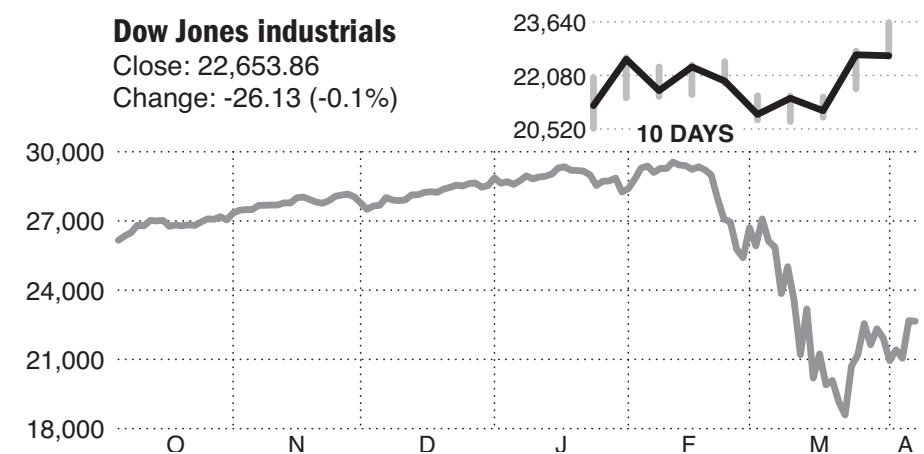
come. What do I do?

A. You will be able to file "a simple form provided by the IRS specifically for the purpose of receiving the rebate check."

The IRS will soon provide additional information instructing people on how to file the simple form that includes information such as their name, address, Social Security number, number of dependents, and direct deposit bank account information" on its website, according to a fact sheet from the House Ways and Means Committee Republicans.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 23,617.24 Low: 22,634.45 Previous: 22,679.99



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-25.98 (-.33%)	-4.27 (-.16%)	+39 (+.03%)
Close: 7,887.26	Close: 2,659.41	Close: 1,139.17
High: 8,146.43	High: 2,756.89	High: 1,190.98
Low: 7,881.22	Low: 2,657.67	Low: 1,133.55
Previous: 7,913.24	Previous: 2,663.68	Previous: 1,138.78

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+06 to .73%	-12.20 to \$1,664.80	-20 to 108.85/\$1	-0091 to .9171/\$1	-2.45 to \$23.63

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +3.36	NASD +2.43	S&P +2.89	DOW -9.45	NASD -5.48	S&P -7.73	DOW -13.37	NASD -2.8	S&P -7.60

FUTURES	COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	cents per bushel	May 20	555.25	555.75	545.25	549.25	-6.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	cents per bushel	May 20	328	335.50	328	331.50	+3.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	cents per bushel	May 20	856	862.25	854.25	854.75	-.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs-	cents per lb	May 20	26.87	27.70	26.78	27.48	+6.5
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons-	dollars per ton	May 20	297.40	297.50	293.70	293.80	-3.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl-	dollars per bbl.	May 20	26.34	27.24	23.54	23.63	-2.45
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's,	\$ per mm btu	May 20	1.759	1.911	1.747	1.852	+1.21
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons-	dollars per gallon	May 20	.7058	.7349	.6350	.6482	-0.0534
			Jun 20	.7654	.7938	.7027	.7148	-0.0473

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.
Abbott Labs	N	81.93	-.80	Envestnet Inc	N	49.95	+98
AbbVie Inc	N	75.39	-.34	Equity Commonwealth	N	32.25	-.50
Allstate Corp	N	92.53	-.99	Equity LifeStyle Prop	N	57.64	-.93
Anixter Intl	N	87.50	+15	Equity Residential	N	60.68	+57
Aptargroup Inc	N	101.12	+36	Exelon Corp	O	35.79	-.53
Arch Dan Mid	N	35.98	+20	First Indl RT	N	33.17	+16
Baxter Int'l	N	82.51	-2.42	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	43.65	+3.03
Boeing Co	N	141.58	-7.19	Gallagher AJ	N	82.28	+07
CBIO Global Markets	N	93.50	-1.39	Grainger WW	N	257.93	+6.75
CDK Global Inc	O	33.70	+6.4	GrubHub Inc	N	42.09	+2.40
CDW Corp	O	98.63	+2.79	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	108.38	-.62
CF Industries	N	28.96	+1.46	IAA Inc	N	28.10	+2.09
CME Group	O	176.81	-5.63	IDEX Corp	N	146.09	+2.13
CNA Financial	N	30.85	+97	ITW	N	152.27	+1.23
Cabot Microelect	O	118.54	+2.84	Ingredion Inc	N	79.16	-1.40
Caterpillar Inc	N	121.92	+1.49	John Bean Technol	N	76.34	+1.70
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	30.45	-.85	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	102.11	+8.56
Deere Co	N	142.82	-.67	Kemper Corp	N	63.97	-3.31
Discover Fin Svcs	N	35.00	+1.54	Kraft Heinz Co	O	26.61	+70
Dover Corp	N	85.51	+78	LKQ Corporation	O	20.94	+88

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Carnival Corp	11.30	+1.09
Ford Motor	4.71	+18
Delta Air Lines	22.25	-.07
Gen Electric	7.03	-.20
Bank of America	22.14	+75
Chesapckng Oil	.16	-.01
Marathon Eng	3.68	+06
MFA Financial	1.25	+13
Energy Transfer LP	5.58	+04
Norwegian Cruise Ln	11.01	+1.00
Boeing Co	141.58	-7.19
Occid Petl	13.84	+40
AT&T Inc	30.08	+64
Royal Caribn	33.55	+3.94
Macy's Inc	5.91	+28
Exxon Mobil Corp	41.24	+77
Freeport McMoran	7.59	+40
Annaly Capital Mgmt	4.45	+20
Petrobbras	6.32	+18
MGM Resorts Intl	13.63	+72
Halliburton	8.04	+13
Wells Fargo & Co	28.77	+14
Apache Corp	6.52	+65
Uber Technologies	25.74	-.25

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	198.00	+1.55
Alphabet Inc C	1186.51	-.41
Alphabet Inc A	1182.56	-.63
Amazon.com Inc	2011.60	+4.01
Apple Inc	259.43	-14.04
Berkshire Hath B	185.25	+01
Facebook Inc	168.83	+3.28
HSBC Holdings prA	25.12	+17
Intel Corp	58.40	-.03
JPMorgan Chase	90.64	+1.18
Johnson & Johnson	137.48	-2.28
MasterCard Inc	259.08	-6.86
Microsoft Corp	163.49	-1.78
Procter & Gamble	112.77	-5.04
Taiwan Semicon	49.72	-.25
UnitedHealth Group	248.04	-.30
Verizon Comm	56.98	+28
Visa Inc	168.59	+.85
WalMart Strs	121.99	-4.08

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	25.50	-.02	-1.8
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	42.17	+07	-11.3
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	53.47	-.02	-8.4
American Funds FdmIntInvSA m	49.97	+06	-9.8
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	44.24	-.05	-4.6
American Funds IncAmrcA m	19.56	+01	-7.5
American Funds InvAmrcA m	32.68	+03	-8.9
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	39.37	+09	-6.9
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	38.75	-.06	-9.6
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.86	+06	+5.5
Dodge & Cox InstStk	30.61	+40	-24.1
Dodge & Cox Stk	138.64	+55	-19.4
DoubleLine TRtRetBd	10.45	...	+3.0
Fidelity 500IntlXmPrm	92.70	-.15	-6.2
Fidelity Contrafund	11.99	-.06	-2.0
Fidelity InvMGrdeBd	11.56	+02	+7.0
Fidelity TlMtdlXlnsPrm	73.40	-.03	-9.0
Fidelity USBdXlnsPrm	12.29	+02	+9.8
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	1.94	+01	-12.6
Metropolitan West TlRetBdZ	11.14	+01	+8.6
PGIM Investments TlRetBdZ	13.89	...	+4.0
PIMCO Inc	10.99	+07	-3.8
PIMCO IncInstl	10.99	+07	-3.7
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.53	...	+8.2
Schwab SP500dX	40.87	-.07	-6.1
T. Rowe Price BCGR	110.12	-.38	-3.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	63.65	-.08	-4.3
Vanguard 500dAdmrl	245.54	-.39	-6.2
Vanguard BalldXAdmrl	34.95	-.01	-1.3
Vanguard DivGrInv	25.91	-.16	-3.2
Vanguard GrldXAdmrl	83.04	-.35	+1.8
Vanguard HCAdmrl	77.05	-.67	+2.8
Vanguard IntTrInGAdm	9.85	+01	+5.8
Vanguard IntTrTEAdmrl	14.21	+05	+3.1
Vanguard InsdXlns	237.28	-.37	-6.2
Vanguard InsdXlnsPlus	237.29	-.37	-6.2
Vanguard IntSMlInPls	55.03	-.02	-8.9
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	88.77	+79	-4.0
Vanguard LdtTrmTEAdmrl	10.96	+02	+1.9
Vanguard MdCpdxAdmrl	167.58	+13.2	-16.4
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	115.95	-.54	-9.4
Vanguard SInvMGrdAdmrl	10.52	+01	+2.3
Vanguard SInvMGrdAdmrl	55.49	+35	-25.1
Vanguard TgrtRtr2020Inv	29.39	+02	-2.4
Vanguard TgrtRtr2025Inv	17.51	+02	-4.1
Vanguard TgrtRtr2030Inv	31.56	+05	-6.2
Vanguard TgrtRtr2035Inv	19.13	+04	-7.1
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Wall Street's rally fizzles as oil prices suddenly plunge

US crude falls more than 9%, offsetting week's strong start

By STAN CHOE AND ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A big rally on Wall Street suddenly vanished Tuesday, undercut in part by another plunge in the price of oil.

The S&P 500 dipped 0.2% after erasing a surge of 3.5% earlier in the day. The market's gains faded as the price of U.S. crude oil abruptly flipped from a gain to a steep loss of more than 9%.

It dampened what had been an ebullient day for markets worldwide, following up Monday's 7% surge for the S&P 500 on encouraging signs that the coronavirus pandemic may be close to leveling off in some of the hardest-hit areas of the world.

Even though economists say a punishing recession is inevitable, investors this week have recently begun to look ahead to when economies will reopen from their medically induced coma. A peak in new infections would offer some clarity about how long the recession may last and how deep it will be.

Investors could then, finally, envision the other side of the economic shutdown,

after authorities forced businesses to halt in hopes of slowing the spread of the virus. In the meantime, governments around the world are talking about pumping trillions of dollars more of aid for the economy.

Many professional investors say they've been wary of the recent upsurge and expect more volatility ahead. The S&P 500 has rallied nearly 19% since hitting a low on March 23, though it's still down 21.5% from its record set in February.

"It's important to remember we shouldn't over-extrapolate temporary trends," said Patrick Schaffer, global investment specialist at J.P. Morgan Private Bank.

Such concerns were borne out in Tuesday's trading, when the S&P 500 swung up, down, up, down and back up again through the day.

"We are still in what you would call the relief rally off of the prior low," said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA. He noted that this kind of a rally is common within deep bear markets, Wall Street-speak for when stocks decline 20% or more from a peak.

"There's no guarantee that the worst is behind us, yet traders believe that at least there is some short-term money to be made," Stovall said.

The S&P 500 fell 4.27 points to 2,659.41. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 26.13 points, or 0.1%, to 22,653.86 after losing an earlier gain of 937 points. The Nasdaq composite dropped 25.98, or 0.3%, to 7,887.26.

Oil prices have been even more volatile than the stock market in recent weeks as demand has dried up for energy amid a global economy weakened by the coronavirus outbreak. Russia and Saudi Arabia have also been locked in a price war, refusing to cut production sharply even as the world is awash in excess oil.

President Donald Trump said last week that he hoped and expected the two sides could agree on production cutbacks, which helped prices spurt higher temporarily. But investors still aren't convinced about a deal, and benchmark U.S. crude oil fell \$2.45, or 9.4%, to settle at \$23.63 per barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, fell \$1.18 to \$31.87 per barrel.

Employers posted solid job openings before virus

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers posted a healthy number of job openings in February, evidence that the job market was in decent shape before the viral outbreak brought the economy to a near standstill.

The report, released Tuesday by the Labor Department, is largely an artifact from the pre-virus era, before nearly 90% of the U.S. population was subject to shutdown orders. Job postings have likely plummeted since February and layoffs have soared.

The number of available jobs fell modestly in February to 6.9 million, down from 7 million in January, the government said. There were still more open positions than unemployed people, a once-rare situation that prevailed for two years until the coronavirus struck.

The job listings website Indeed said that openings on its website were down nearly 25% last week compared with a year earlier.

Nearly 10 million Americans lost their jobs in the second half of March and sought unemployment benefits, likely pushing the unemployment rate above 10% when the Labor Department issues the April jobs report in early May.

Last week, the government's March employment figures showed the economy lost 701,000 jobs last month, the most in more than a decade. Still, that figure was held down by the fact that the government compiled the numbers from a survey of payrolls in the middle of the month, before the flood of layoffs occurred. The unemployment rate jumped to 4.4% from 3.5% in March, the largest one-month increase since 1975.

The job market has nearly collapsed with head-snapping speed. In February, the unemployment rate matched a 50-year low, but job losses soared at a record pace after restaurants, gyms, shops, and casinos closed across much of the country.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Lufthansa retiring larger jets in fleet

FRANKFURT, Germany — German airline group Lufthansa said it was permanently removing some of its large aircraft from service and reducing capacity for the long term, saying it will take years for demand for air travel to return to levels seen before the coronavirus pandemic.

The company said in a statement Tuesday that it was retiring six Airbus A-380s, five Boeing 747-400s and seven Airbus A340-600 aircraft, a step that anticipates less traffic long term at its Frankfurt and Munich hubs in Germany.

The company was unable to say what eventually would happen to the planes.

Seven hundred of the group's 760 planes are parked. The company also is ceasing operations for its Germanwings brand.

European Central Bank eases rules

FRANKFURT, Germany — The European Central Bank took action Tuesday to support lending to companies across the 19-country eurozone by easing rules for banks that tap the central bank for ready money.

The action comes amid widespread efforts by central banks such as the European Central Bank and the U.S. Federal Reserve to keep the economy supplied with credit so that businesses can weather a devastating period of shutdowns, travel restrictions and social distancing amid the global pandemic.

The impact is to make life easier for banks so they can keep lending to companies and have less reason to restrict credit by calling in or not making loans.



KATHY WILLENS/AP

People are turning more to local media for coronavirus news, but a steep reduction in advertising threatens publications' futures.

Print news has own virus crisis

Pandemic adds stress on US industry facing an uncertain future

By TALİ ARBEL AND DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Just when Americans need it most, a newspaper industry already under stress is facing an unprecedented new challenge.

Readers desperate for information are more reliant than ever on local media as the coronavirus spreads. They want to know about cases in their area, where testing centers are, what the economic impact is. Papers say online traffic and subscriptions have risen — the latter even when they've lowered paywalls for pandemic-related stories.

But newspapers and other publications are under pressure as advertising craters. They are cutting jobs, staff hours and pay, dropping print editions — and in some cases shutting down.

Circulation and web traffic are up at the Sun Chronicle, a daily in Attleboro, Massachusetts, as it scrambles to cover the pandemic.

It's "all we do," said Craig Borges, executive editor and general manager.

But with many local restaurants, gyms, colleges and other businesses closed, the paper has laid off a handful of sales and mailroom employees and a political reporter. It has about a dozen newsroom employees left.

"Hopefully, we can work this out and make it through," Borges said.

Researchers have long worried that the next recession — which economists say is upon us — "could be an extinction-level event for newspapers," said Penelope Abernathy, a University of North Carolina professor who studies the news industry.

More than 2,100 cities and towns have lost a paper in the past 15 years, mostly weeklies, and newsroom employment has shrunk by half since 2004. Many publications struggled as consumers turned to the internet for news, battered by the Great Recession of 2007-09 and the rise of giants such as Google and Facebook that dominated the market for digital ads.

More recently, big national newspapers such as The New York Times, The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal have diversified revenue by adding millions of digital subscribers. Many others, however, remain heavily dependent on advertising.

In the U.S., newspaper ad revenues have dropped 20% to 30% in the last few weeks compared with a year ago, FTI

Consulting's Ken Harding wrote in an International News Media Association report.

On March 30, the largest U.S. newspaper chain, Gannett, announced 15-day furloughs and pay cuts for many employees. The next day, another major chain, Lee Enterprises, also announced salary reductions and furloughs.

Further down the food chain, many smaller publishers — particularly local alt-weeklies with a heavy focus on dining, arts and entertainment — are making even harder decisions.

In rural Nevada, Battle Born Media is scaling back or ceasing publication of six rural weekly newspapers. The Reno News & Review, an alternative weekly, suspended operations and laid off all staffers. C&G Newspapers, which publishes 19 weekly newspapers near Detroit, suspended print publication. Alternative paper Pittsburgh Current went online-only.

A \$2.2 trillion relief act signed March 27 by President Donald Trump could provide loans or grants to smaller local publishers who maintain their payrolls. Industry executives are also discussing future government bailout requests that would preserve the independence of news organizations, two newspaper-industry trade groups wrote last week in a letter to Trump and congressional leaders.

Keystone XL pipeline work starts in Montana

By MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — A Canadian company said that it's started construction on the long-stalled Keystone XL oil sands pipeline across the U.S.-Canada border, despite calls from tribal leaders and environmentalists to delay the \$8 billion project amid the coronavirus pandemic.

A spokesman for TC Energy said work began over the weekend at the border crossing in northern Montana, a remote area with sprawling cattle ranches and wheat fields. About 100 workers will be involved in the pipeline's early stages, but that number is expected to swell into the thousands in coming months as work proceeds, according to the company.

The 1,200-mile pipeline was proposed in 2008 and would carry up to 830,000 barrels (35 million gallons) of crude daily for transfer to refineries and export terminals on the Gulf of Mexico.

It's been tied up for years in legal battles, and several court challenges are still pending.

TC Energy's surprise March 31 announcement that it intended to start construction came after the provincial government in Alberta invested \$1.1 billion to jump-start work. Montana's Department of Environmental Quality on Friday issued the final state permits the company needed.

Leaders of American Indian tribes and some residents of rural communities along the pipeline route worry that workers

could spread the coronavirus. As many as 11 construction camps, some housing up to 1,000 people, were initially planned for the project, although TC Energy says those are under review because of the virus.

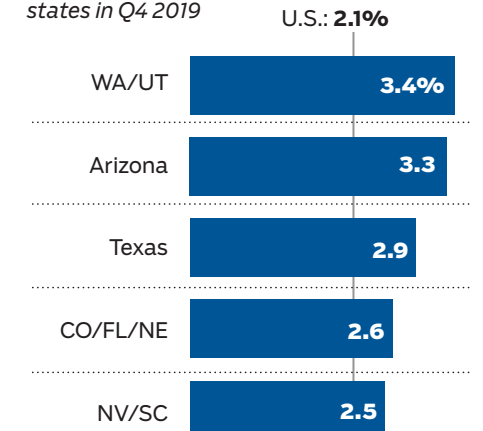
TC Energy says it plans to check everyone entering work sites for fever and ensure workers practice social distancing.

Work on the pipeline is allowed under an exemption to Gov. Steve Bullock's March 26 "stay at home" directive, which is intended to prevent the spread of the virus by discouraging many daily activities, according to state officials.

Keystone XL was rejected twice under former President Barack Obama because of concerns it would make climate change worse. President Donald Trump revived the project.

GDP growth by state

Percent change in gross domestic product from previous quarter, top five states in Q4 2019



SOURCE: Bureau of Economic Analysis

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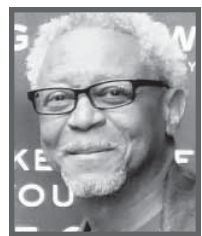
OBITUARIES

REMEMBERING THE LIVES OF THOSE IN ILLINOIS WHO DIED FROM CORONAVIRUS

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

SHERMAN PITTMAN, 61

From Chicago. Died March 27.



FAMILY PHOTO

Twenty-five years ago, volunteers helped build a two-story brick church in one of Chicago's poorest neighborhoods. The Rose of Light Baptist Church became a symbol of hope for Engle-

wood. For Sherman Pittman, it would offer even more. The Chicago man found the church years ago after a co-worker whose cousin serves as its pastor told him about it. By then, Pittman had kicked a drug habit from his youth and was yearning to give back to his community, especially its younger people and those struggling with addiction.

He dedicated his life to the church and his Brainerd neighborhood on the South-east Side.

"If only two people signed up to volunteer, Sherman would be one of the two," the Rev. Jasper Edwards Jr. said. "Everything he did, he put his whole heart into it."

Pittman died late March 27 after being infected with the coronavirus. Authorities listed underlying health conditions, including diabetes, as contributing factors. He had just turned 61 in January.

He grew up on the city's South Side in a large family anchored by two hard-working, churchgoing parents. His nephew Sentral Pittman II said his uncle ended up buying a bungalow directly across the street from his childhood home in Brainerd and became one of its most recognizable and beloved residents.

It was there that Pittman often brought his family together through block parties and cookouts.

"You could talk to him about anything," his nephew said. "He was never judgmental."

Sherman Pittman never married or had children. But, Pittman II said, his uncle was the favorite among his nieces and nephews. He treated them as if they were his own, and the family's younger generation looked up to him.

When asked whom his uncle looked up to, his nephew answered, "God." When asked what he most valued in life, his nephew replied, "his family."

He remembered Pittman's constant smile, upbeat personality and impeccable style. Another nephew in a Facebook tribute called Pittman "unbreakable."

Sherman Pittman met longtime friend Vanessa Edwards while the two were union employees at Chicago-based Tootsie Roll Industries. Vanessa Edwards said she often spoke about her church, where her cousin was the pastor. She said Pittman decided to check it out.

"To know him was to love him," she said. "He had a helping heart and very generous spirit."

The Rev. Edwards Jr. said Pittman was the rock of the church. An online tribute to Pittman includes photos of him surrounded by kids in the Rose of Light's summer camp program, holiday parties and other church events. But his true calling, the pastor said, was mentoring people recovering from addiction.

"He drew from his own personal expe-

rience," Edwards Jr. said. "He would tell them, 'Don't let this determine the course of your life. Set your own future. You can overcome this,' and then he would tell them his story."

Edwards Jr. said he spoke to Pittman by phone after he was admitted to the hospital days before his death.

"Sherman was a guy who didn't really show fear," his pastor said.

For the first time, Pittman — the man who had given so much of himself to his church — asked his pastor for something in return.

"Just, please, tell the church to pray for me," Edwards Jr. said Pittman had asked. "The next call I got, he was gone."

— Christy Gutowski

ALBERTO CASTRO, 86

Died March 30.



ALICIA CASTRO

Alberto Castro was chasing the American Dream, his family said, and across almost nine decades, he succeeded.

Castro, who left Mexico and eventually ended up in Melrose Park, died

March 30 of complications from the coronavirus. He leaves behind a large family, including more than a dozen grandchildren. He was 86.

Castro only went to school through the second grade, his daughter Claudia Castro said, but he worked his way up, eventually becoming a U.S. citizen. In Melrose Park, he worked at Zenith, and he later started his own landscaping business.

His family said he loved to work. But he made time to create and listen to music. With his children, he was personable and protective, his family said.

He was also proud. Claudia Castro said she once told her dad she wanted to be a nurse. He said, "Why not a doctor?"

"He was all about education," said Claudia Castro, who became an attorney. "He would always tell people, 'Oh, my daughter, the attorney,'" she said.

"He was a good man," said his son, Jose Alberto, who worked for years as his father's caretaker.

Alberto Castro, who had dementia, was at Aperia Care in Forest Park when he developed the infection, family members said. He was admitted to Gottlieb Memorial Hospital for pneumonia, his family said, and they learned he tested positive for COVID-19.

"I think we were all just in shock, because it happened so fast," his daughter said. "We thought of our dad being a strong type of man, who has overcome many types of obstacles."

Over that weekend, it appeared that her father was improving, she said.

"We had hope," she said. "We were given hope."

But Jose Alberto suited up in protective gear last week for a few-minute goodbye. "I don't know if he heard me when I was trying to talk to him," he said.

The family hopes to have a memorial this summer. "We didn't feel that this was our dad's time," Claudia Castro said.

— Morgan Greene

Chicago Tribune Death Notices
Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.
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Death Notices

Antoniadis, Pete

Pete Antoniadis age 82 of Chicago passed away on April 4, 2020. Dear brother of Anna (Stratos) Matzichristou, the late Kostandinos (Mary) Antoniadis and the late Eleni (Basil) Paoulos. Proud Uncle to many. Private family service will be held at Ridgewood Memorial Park. Funeral care provided by G.L. Hills Funeral Home. For info please call (847) 699-9003 or glhillsfuneralhome.com
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August, Joseph F.

August, Joseph F. 90. April 5, 2020. Husband of late Peggy. Father of Joanne August, Donald (Gert) August, James (Michelle) August, Barbara (James) Holloman. Grandmother of 10. Brother of Eleanor Schwark, James August, Sandy Reckner, Frank August and Betty VanBuskirk. Private family inurnment at St. John's Cemetery. Due to



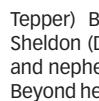
funeral restrictions a memorial service will be held at a later date and will be updated on funeral home website Haaselockwoodfhs.com. Memorials St. Jude's Children Hospital. The Haase-Lockwood & Assoc. Funeral Home and Crematory of Twin Lakes, WI. is assisting the family.
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Barker-Grober, Carol

Carol, of St. John Indiana, formerly of Orland Park, Illinois, passed away on March 23, 2020. Beloved wife of Gordon Grober and the late Jack Barker. Loving mother to Kimberly (Tom) Stotts, Glen Barker and Lisa (Mark) Gouwens. Beautiful grandmother to Erica Stotts, Lauren (Mike) Klimson, Matthew Gouwens, David Gouwens, Ashton Barker and Kayla Barker. Great-grandmother to Addison and Michael Klimson and fond sister to Charles Wagner. Burial is private due to current circumstances. To express your condolences, visit www.castlehillfuneralhome.com.
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Brower, Marcy

Marcy Brower, nee Gordon, 91, died of heart failure on Friday, April 3. Loving wife of Bob Brower for 71 years, cherished mother of Todd (Steve MacIsaac) Brower, Aaron (Nancy) Brower and Adam Brower, adored grandmother of Jake (Katya



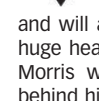
Tepper) Brower and Nat Brower, dear sister of Sheldon (Danna) Gordon, fond aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Beyond her deep love for her family, Marcy had three passions, her love for children, her love for equality and her love of painting. Marcy taught elementary school in Chicago; La Mesa, Calif.; and Wheeling, Ill. She and Bob founded and operated Circle M Day Camp in Wheeling for 45 years, one of the first private camps to hire minority staff and enroll minority children. Her interest in opportunities for children eventually influenced the whole of private camping in the national organization of private camps.

Marcy was active in the civil rights movement and in the struggle for the rights of the LGBTQ community. She raised funds for civil rights groups and labor unions by sponsoring folk music concerts on the campgrounds during the 1960s, and marched with Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington in 1963. She was a gifted artist, and painting was one of her lifelong passions. She started painting at the age of 12 under the direction of teachers at Hull House in Chicago and at the Art Institute of Chicago. She had a natural eye for bold color, design and composition and was a master in non-objective painting. Private burial was held on April 5th at Memorial Park, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her honor can be made to the American Camp Association - Illinois Section, 5 S. Wabash, Suite 1406, Chicago, IL 60603. Specify: Marcy and Bob Brower Campership Fund on the memo line.
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Halperin, Morris 'Papa Moe'

Morris "Papa Moe" Halperin, 86 years young, left us peacefully in his sleep Tuesday morning, April 7, at his Northbrook home, with his loving wife and daughter at his side. He was a "prize fighter," fighting to have more time. He lived a long life of love and laughter, and will always be remembered for his amazing huge heart and being the life of any celebration! Morris was a veteran of the Navy. He leaves behind his loving wife Barbara Strongin, daughter Jennifer Halperin (Glen Moore), son Benjamin (Jeri) Halperin, children Ira Scott Strongin (Rik Elwood), Ilyse Strongin (Jeff Handelman), Marc (Samantha) Strongin, grandchildren Graham, Stephen, Penny, and Matthew Hawthorne, Brandi, and Joie Bombicino, and Dex, Bryce, and Sophie Strongin. Cheers to Papa Moe and all the amazing memories that will be cherished forever. Services and shiva will be private. Celebration of life to follow when we are allowed out of our homes. For Information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Harris, Jerome

Jerome Harris, 97, of Rancho Mirage, CA and formerly of Highland Park, IL; beloved husband of Arlene, nee Drew, for 61 wonderful years; loving father of Mark, Kenneth (Ellen), Robert (Melanie) and Richard Harris; cherished grandfather of Zachary, Max, Anna, Talia, William, Joshua, Mia and Olivia; treasured uncle of Gary and Glenn Drew, and friend and colleague of many.

A decorated war veteran, Jerome Harris served his country as 1ST Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Force where he flew 35 missions over enemy occupied Europe and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and 3 Oak Leaf Clusters to Air Medal. When his military service ended, he became a founding partner in the Chicago public accounting firm, Shepard, Schwartz & Harris, and served as senior managing partner, for half a century. Jerome's steady leadership was considered a cornerstone in the firm's development and his counsel earned him the admiration and respect from trusted colleagues and clients. Of all his accomplishments he believed the greatest was his family. As a devoted husband, loving father, and grandfather, he is fondly remembered for his kindness, generosity and passion for life. He had an insatiable thirst for knowledge and a true interest in family, friends and colleagues. Those who knew and loved him will always remember his remarkable ability to listen and guide with compassion, and humor. He always said, "There's a reason why God gave us two ears and only one mouth." Jerry will forever be in our hearts and memories.

Due to the pandemic and out of concern for our extended family and friends, services and shiva will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Kacich, John M.

John M. Kacich, 59, of Lisle formerly of Berkeley, IL and Munising, MI died April 6, 2020. Dear brother of Tom (Helene) Kacich, Janet (the late Raymond) Brito and the late Patrick Kacich; Fond uncle of five and great uncle of nine; Loving son of the late Jean (nee McElroy) and John Kacich. John retired from the National Park Service. Funeral services and interment will be private. Arrangements by Elmhurst Community Funeral Home - Ahlgim Chapel of Elmhurst (630) 834-3515 or www.ahlgim.com

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Kaganove, Jerry J.

Jerry J. Kaganove, age 88, loving husband of Arlene (nee Savitz), devoted father of Steven (the late Miriam), proud grandpa of Josefa and Nathan, dear brother of the late Celia (the late Milton) Sternstein, caring brother-in-law of the late Harold (Gert) Savitz, treasured uncle of many nephews and nieces. A memorial service will take place later in the year, when we can all be together. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

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Kilkus, Lucille N.

Lucille N. "Lucy" Kilkus (nee Staisiunas) age 89. Beloved wife of the late John Charles Kilkus. Devoted mother of John Paul (Diane Deplewski) Kilkus. Loving grandmother of Jenna and Nathan. Dear sister of the late Al Staisiunas. Fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Proud doggie grandma to "Harley". Longtime parishioner of Immaculate Conception Parish (Brighton Park), member of Knights of Lithuania Council 36, member of Sisters of St. Casimir Auxiliary and proud alumnus of St. Casimir Academy. Private funeral services. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com (708) 974 4410

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Kopp, William W.

William W. Kopp age 92 of Elmhurst WW II Navy and Korean War Army Veteran. Preceded by his parents Herman and Eliza nee Clausen his syblings Eleanor, Bernice, Lucille and Herman Jr. Survived by many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. A private funeral service at **Brust Funeral Home** 135 S. Main St. Lombard and a private burial at Elm Lawn Cemetery. Please omit flowers, a donation may be made to a charity of your choice. Info 888-629-0094
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Kulka, Casimir Francis 'Casey'

Casey, age 98, of Chicago passed away peacefully on his birthday, Monday, April 6, 2020 surrounded by the love of his family at his daughter's home in Minooka, IL.

He joins his beloved wife of 67 years, Evelyn A., who preceded him in death on August 30, 2018. Loving and Supportive Father of Lynn (Ronald) Ciezki, Cassandra (Michael) Vinci and Adrienne (Marlin) Hartman; Cherished "Gpa" of Lauren (Jon) Bivens, Stephany (Sean) Wojtczak, Jenna (Chase) Gibbs, Casey (Lauren) Ciezki, Lynsey (Bobby) Gunnells, Dana (David) Peltz, Taylor (Jordan Weth) Hartman; Proud Grandfather of Eli, Nadia, Evelyn, Gibson, Hayden and Brooklyn; Dear Uncle and Friend to many.

In honoring the wishes of Casimir F. Kulka Cremation Rites have been accorded. Preferred Memorials made in Casey's name may be directed to Joliet Area Community Hospice. Interment will take place at a later date with Military Funeral Honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Arrangements entrusted to The Maple Funeral Home, 24300 S. Ford Rd, Channahon. Please visit www.themaplefuneralhome.com to post expressions of sympathy or share a memory. For information 815-467-1234.
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In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration was approved by Congress.

In 1952, President Harry Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike.

In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th

career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record. The round-tripper was off pitcher Al Downing.

In 1988, televangelist Jimmy Swaggart was defrocked as a minister of the Assemblies of God after he rejected an order from the church's national leaders to stop preaching for a year.

In 1995, former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, in an interview with

AP Network News and Newsweek magazine to promote his memoirs, called America's Vietnam War policy "terribly wrong."

In 1998, the nation's major cigarette makers withdrew support for a historic tobacco settlement, saying Congress had twisted their offer to help cut teen smoking into a harsh attack on their industry and sharp tax increases for American smokers.

In 2000, the Central Intelligence Agency confirmed that personnel action had been taken following the mistaken bombing of the Chinese embassy during the NATO war against Yugoslavia; one employee was reportedly fired.

In 2008, American Airlines grounded all 300 of its MD-80 jetliners amid safety concerns about wiring bundles; the carrier ended up canceling more than 3,000 flights over the next four days.

In 2015, Rahm Emanuel defeated challenger Jesus "Chuy" Garcia to win a second term in Chicago's first-ever runoff election for mayor.

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ILLINOIS
April 7
Mega Millions 25 33 43 51 68 / 20
Mega Millions jackpot: \$127M
Pick 3 midday 643 / 9
Pick 4 midday 9285 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto midday 08 18 19 23 28
Pick 3 evening 930 / 9
Pick 4 evening 0165 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto evening 04 29 31 35 40
April 8 Powerball: \$190M
April 9 Lotto: \$8M

WISCONSIN
April 7
Pick 3 095
Pick 4 7644
Badger 5 02 15 17 20 27
SuperCash 02 05 10 33 34 35

INDIANA
April 7
Daily 3 midday 795 / 6
Daily 4 midday 4365 / 6
Daily 3 evening 995 / 2
Daily 4 evening 2430 / 2
Cash 5 10 21 24 38 41

MICHIGAN
April 7
Daily 3 midday 579
Daily 4 midday 5541
Daily 3 evening 924
Daily 4 evening 2097
Fantasy 5 10 18 19 22 33
Keno 13 14 15 18 19 20
24 27 28 29 33 37 39 44
45 52 56 64 68 70 78 80

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Mulhern, Robert C.

Age 81; Died April 5, 2020; Loving son of the late John and Marie, nee Judson; Caring brother of the late John, the late Margaret "Sis" (late William) Quinn, and Rose Ann Mulhern; Generous uncle of William (Kay) Quinn, Peggy Quinn-Valente (Joe), K.C. (Dan) Brennan, Michael (Kim) Quinn, Patrick (Sandra) Quinn, John (Chris) Quinn; and many grand and great grand nieces and nephews; Interested cousin and faithful friend to many; Proud U.S. Army Veteran; All Funeral Services are Private; Arrangements entrusted to Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Pearson, Timothy J.

Timothy J Pearson 62 of Crystal Lake died suddenly April 4th at his home. Timothy was born in Kankakee, IL to Robert and Marjorie Pearson. He was a graduate of Kankakee Westview High School and graduated from the University of Illinois Champaign in accounting to become a CPA. He later joined Paschen Contractors then moved on to McCue Construction. Tim became CFO of F.H. Paschen and later Albin Carlson. Recently he was a franchise owner of SERVPRO Barrington and CFO of SERVPRO Wheaton/Glen Ellyn/Lisle along with owning The Winterberry Companies in Lake Barrington with his wife Julie. Tim coined himself a historical preservationist restoring many homes including the Oscar Balch/ FLW home in Oak Park and most recently Trails End in Crystal Lake, IL, the retirement home of William Day Gates, founder of American Terra Cotta. Tim was a member of the Frank Lloyd Wright Unity Temple Board and a member of the FLW Conservancy. He was an arts and crafts movement historian, collector and trader. Tim enjoyed history, pottery, architecture, antiques and the thrill of the hunt. His biggest joy was seeing his friends yearly at the Grove Park Inn for the annual Arts & Crafts Conference. Tim was "one of the good guys" and someone you were proud to know. He loved a good conversation over coffee in the morning and a bourbon in the evening. He read everything he could get his hands on and remembered it all. "We heard because you shared" Tim was a lifelong Chicago Cubs Fan holding season tickets for years. He was also a fanatic of college basketball and March Madness was like Christmas to him. For several years, he took his son Ben to the Final Four where they made lasting memories. His favorite team was always his beloved alma mater The Illini! The Pearson family was his treasure. A close knit family who knew how to love and have loads of fun. Tim touted the fact that his grandparents were an integral part of the inception of Dairy Queen and his parents operated a Dairy Queen in Kankakee for 38 years. He and his wife, Charlene adopted a son, Ben in 1999 which became his pride and joy. After losing Charlene, his wife of twenty-one years, he built a new life with Julie; his wife, partner and best friend for the last 9 years. Timothy was preceded in death by father Robert T Pearson, mothers Marjorie Pearson, and Colleen Pearson, wife Charlene Pearson and brother-in-law Chuck Gole. Timothy is survived by wife Julie Pearson, sons Ben Pearson, Dominic Lancia and daughter Mandy Lancia. Brothers Jeffrey and Mary Pearson of Lexington, Ky., Marty and Lynn Nickels of Bull Shoals, AR., special cousin Tom and Laura Pearson of Flagstaff, AZ and many nephews and nieces. There will be a private family funeral due to the restrictions. A "Celebration of Tim's Life" will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a GoFundMe page has been set up to create a Tim Pearson Memorial Prairie on the grounds at Trails End, a project Tim had wanted to complete in his lifetime; <https://www.gofundme.com/tim-pearson-memorial-prairie>. For online condolences visit www.davenportfamily.com or call 815-459-3411 for information.

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Poduch, Marcella L.

Marcella Poduch, age 97, of Chicago, IL, passed away on Friday, April 3rd. She was born in Norway, MI to Theresa and Louis Massa on April 29, 1922. Marcella married Michael Gotz in 1941; he passed away in 1969. Marcella later married Chester Poduch who preceded her in death in 1991. Marcella is survived by her three children: Joy (the late Roger) Olson, Stephen (Kathryn) Gotz and Paul (Judy) Gotz. As a young girl, Marcella loved the wintry landscape of the Upper Peninsula, and enjoyed outdoor sports, particularly ice skating. Marcella never knew a stranger. Everyone she met became a friend. When she moved to Chicago, she built a tight-knit community with the people around her. She loved to bake and generously shared cookies with friends, neighbors, even local charities. A fixture on her Schwinn bicycle, Marcy, was sporty, quick with a laugh and quite the cardsharp. An avid sports enthusiast, Marcella enjoyed listening to the Cubs on her radio and watching the Bears while she baked peanut butter cookies. Though, remembering her Northern roots, she wasn't opposed to occasionally supporting "the Pack." Her children, many grandchildren and great grandchildren are already baking cookies in her honor and missing her terribly. Her family will remember her infectious smile, bubbly, social nature and her kindness. Marcella's family wishes to express their gratitude to Avantara nursing home of Park Ridge, IL for their extraordinary care and support. Funeral services private. A celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations in Marcella's name can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Donate on line at stjude.org/tribute; 1 800 873-6983 or a charity of your choice. For info www.kolbusmayfh.com or (773)774-3232.

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Ross, Rev. Clark Norman

The Rev. Clark Norman Ross, 98, devoted husband of Lynette, nee Carr, for 65 years; beloved father of four, grandfather of four, and great-grandfather of one. Clark was a veteran Navy officer who served in World War II before continuing his life of service as a minister in the United Church of Christ. Services private.

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Rubinstein, Lawrence

Lawrence Rubinstein, 87. Beloved husband of Elissa nee Rolnick. Loving father of Adina Herman, Elana Dor and Dr. Adam (Dr. Joyce Ho) Rubinstein. Proud grandfather of Sarah, Samuel, Nathan, Shani, Noam, Max and Lior. Dear brother of Dr. Rita (Ben) King and Cynthia Rubinstein and brother-in-law of B. Reina (the late Dr. Milton) Alter. In order to protect everyone's health, all services are private. There may be a public service at a later date. Interment Ridgeland. Memorials in his name may be made to Aitz Hayim Center for Jewish Living, 1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe, IL 60022, www.aitzhayim.org or Solomon Schechter Day School of Metropolitan Chicago, 3210 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, www.schechter.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel**, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Salzbrunn, Mr. Bernard John 'Benny'

Ben Salzbrunn of Downers Grove, IL, died April 4, 2020 at the age of 73 years. Ben was born in Melrose Park, IL, to his parents the late Fred and Mary Alice Salzbrunn. Beloved husband of 52 years to Janice Ludwig. Loving father of Michelle and husband Colin Turner and Steven Salzbrunn and wife Valerie. Proud Grandfather to Benjamin, Caroline and Cole Turner and Chloe and Hailey Salzbrunn. Dear brother of William, James, Renee, and the late Richard and Don Salzbrunn, Ellen Shelfo, Carol Pohlman, and the late Rose Mary Haas, uncle to many nieces and nephews. A proud Teamster of forty four years, Ben worked as a truck driver at Jorgensen Steel, in Schaumburg IL where Ben was recognized for driving one million miles without incident until his retirement eight years ago. Ben loved his family, traveling with his wife and enjoyed helping people. His passions included working in his garden, visiting with his grandchildren, playing the lottery and looking after his friends and family. Ben most enjoyed being out on the road, he was a walking road map always opting for the back roads of life. He was happiest with the wind in his hair, country music playing on the radio and the hum of the engine carrying him down the road to new adventures. Ben would give you the shirt off his back, a loving and caring man that will not soon be forgotten. The world lost a special person on April 4, 2020, it is up to his family and friends to carry on his legacy. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic a private memorial will be held Thursday April 9, 2020, at the Vandenberg Funeral Home in Tinley Park with a public celebration of life service to be held at a later date... In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for pulmonary fibrosis awareness.

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Shanahan, Geraldine 'Jeri'

Geraldine ("Jeri") Shanahan, 77, of Orland Park, daughter of the late Geraldine M. and the late John E. Shanahan Jr., died suddenly at home March 11 of coronary disease. Jeri taught in both the Catholic and public school systems for a total of 39 years. She also served as religious education coordinator at St. Damian Parish in Oak Forest. She will be remembered by her family and by many close friends. Interment at Mount Olivet cemetery was private; a Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. John Fisher Church at a future date.

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Vick, Estelle

Estelle Vick, nee Zieminski. Devoted wife of the late George for 68 years. Beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Veronica Zieminski. Loving sister of the late Walter (late Estelle) Zieminski, the late Mary (late Arthur) O'Leary, the late Nellie (the late Edward) Barry and the late Joseph Zieminski. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Private funeral service and interment entrusted to **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home** (773)779-4411

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Vucich, Joseph R.

Joseph R. Vucich. Age 94 of Park Ridge. Beloved husband of the late Betty K. Vucich. Loving father of Cathy Vucich, Joseph Vucich and the late Richard Vucich. Devoted grandfather of Ricky Vucich, Stacy Hankner, Derek Vucich, Christina Vucich Hennessy, Bryant Vucich, and Victoria Vucich. Dear great-grandfather of Graham Hankner and Jack Hankner.

Joseph was born in Benld, IL to Katherine and Joseph Vucich, he was the youngest of four children. Married to Betty Wilhite in 1952 and remained married for 65 years until her death in 2017. Together they raised three children. He loved his family above all else and was happiest when he was with his children and grandkids. His other love was Germany and collecting military vehicles.

During WWII, Mr. Vucich served as a sergeant in the US Army and was awarded two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart for action during the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, he became a real estate developer of medical facilities in the Midwest and on the East coast. Funeral Services and Entombment at St. Adalbert Cemetery were private. Funeral Arrangements were entrusted to **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Wilde, Charles E.

Charles E. Wilde, age 90, passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2020.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Carla Wilde, in 1990 and his brother, James Wilde in 2013. He is survived by his wife; Deborah (Debbie) Zima of Orland Park, IL; son, Mark C. Wilde of Houston, TX; son, Kurt and Ruth Wilde of Hamilton, IL; daughter, Celia Wilde and Michael Koch of Chicago, IL; granddaughter, Sophie Koch; sister-in-law, Sheila and Ross Caputo of Bloomingdale, IL; sister-in-law, Patricia Wilde of Pennsylvania; nephews and nieces, James and Tracy Wilde, Michael and Natalie Wilde, and Lauren Caputo and Christine Caputo. Burial to take place in Port Sheldon Cemetery. Condolences may be left online at www.langelandersternberg.com.

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Zech, Kenneth S.

Beloved husband of GeorgeAnn nee Hurley for 54 years. Cherished father of Kim (the late Danny) Shelton, Kelle (Daron) Reynolds and Kenny. Proud grandfather of Pat, Katie, Liz, and Kyle. Preceded in death by his siblings - Art, Wally, Alice, and June. Uncle of 19. Ken was a retired Chicago Tribune driver after a career of over 30 years. A memorial mass in his honor will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 10050 W. Ivanhoe Ave, Schiller Park, IL 60176. Arrangements by **Sax-Tiedemann Funeral Home**, (847) 678-1950 or www.sax-tiedemann.com

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Zielinski, Joseph John

Joseph John Zielinski, 89, sixty-year resident of Elk Grove Village Illinois, passed away peacefully on Friday April 3rd, 2020 in his home with loved ones by his side. Beloved Husband of (the late) Rita Josephine (nee Walsh). Loving Father of (the late) Joseph (Donna), Robert Thomas (Helena), James, Diane (Jay), Christina Anne (Scott), Deborah Anne (Matteo). Beloved Son of Joseph and Helen Zielinski (nee Mazur). Cherished Grandfather of Matthew Joseph (Lisa), Michael Thomas, Ryan Joseph (Carrie), Carissa Ann, Matthew, Shannon, Sarah Josephine, Ashley Christina, Aiden Matteo, Emily Catherine. Dear Brother of the late Robert Zielinski (Elaine) and Richard (Dorothy) Zielinski. Fond Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Veteran of the Korean war. Graduate of Illinois Institute of Technology. Dedicated mechanical engineer for many years. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Foundation appreciated: <https://www.copdfoundation.org/Take-Action/Donate/Donate-Now.aspx> Interment private. Funeral mass and memorial to be held at a later date.

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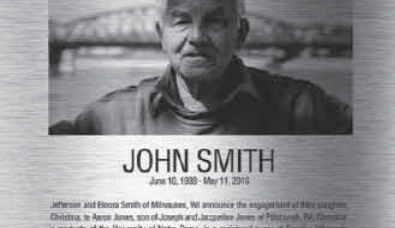
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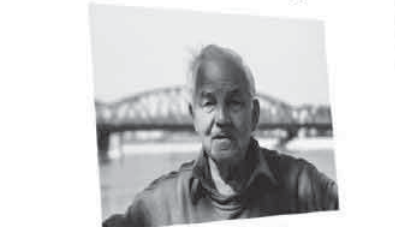
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The President declared a major disaster for the State of Illinois on March 26, 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This declaration, numbered FEMA-4489-DR-IL, has authorized Individual Assistance (IA) limited to crisis counseling for all areas in the State of Illinois, and reimbursement through the Public Assistance Program for emergency protective measures (Category B) for all areas in the State of Illinois. Additional authorizations may be designated at a later date.

FEMA intends to provide IA program funding in the form of crisis counseling. These actions are not anticipated to have an impact on the environment. This will be the only public notice concerning these actions.

The Public Assistance Program is authorized by Section 403 of the Stafford Act. FEMA may provide financial assistance under the Public Assistance Program for the State of Illinois, local governments, and private nonprofit organizations to perform emergency protective measures in response to COVID-19. These actions may include the establishment of temporary medical facilities, enhanced medical/hospital capacity, temporary staging locations, and non-congregate medical sheltering. This will be the only public notice concerning these actions.

This public notice concerns activities that may affect historic properties, activities that are located in or affecting wetlands areas or the 100-year floodplain, and critical actions within the 500-year floodplain. Such activities may adversely affect the historic property, floodplain or wetland, or may result in continuing vulnerability to flood damage.

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FORECLOSURES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION 1900 CAPITAL TRUST III, BY U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS CERTIFICATE TRUSTEE PLAINTIFF V- HANY N. ELREGDAWY AKA HANY ELREGDAWY DEFENDANTS 17 CH 11780 1165 APRICOT STREET HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 10, 2020, an agent for the Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 11, 2020, at the Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: LOT 1 IN BLOCK 4 IN HOFFMAN ESTATES I, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THAT PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 AND THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 10, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING NORTH OF HIGGINS ROAD, TOGETHER WITH THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 10, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING NORTH OF HIGGINS ROAD ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF REGISTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TITLES OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON AUGUST 5, 1955, AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 1612242, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1165 APRICOT STREET, HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169 Property Index No. 07-15-203-001-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$311,866.97. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is included on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgage acquirer the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in, and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, or a unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(G)(1)(h-1) and (h-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the property, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 E-Mail: ljpl@anselmolindberg.com Attorney File No. F19040077 Attorney ARDC No. 3126232 Attorney Code. 58852 Case Number: 17 CH 11780 TJSC#: 40-908 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 17 CH 11780 4/1, 4/8, 4/15/2020 6645629

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DIRECT ACCESS CAPITAL, LLC, PLAINTIFF, vs. VELOCITY HOUSING SOLUTIONS, LLC, RODNEY FUNDERBURK, JR., UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2020CH03379 Subject Property Addresses: 9218 S. Green Street Chicago, Illinois 60620 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS and ALL NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above mortgage foreclosure claim was filed on or about March 19, 2020, and is now pending. Plaintiff, Direct Access Capital, LLC, is the party foreclosing. The legal description of the real estate is as follows: SOUTH 1/6 OF BLOCK 7 IN CENTRAL ADDITION TO SOUTH ENGLEWOOD BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8 OF HALTED STREET ADDITION TO WASHINGTON HEIGHTS IN THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 9218 S. Green Street, Chicago, IL 60620 TAX ID# 25-05-411-026-0000 Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed: a. Mortgagee: Velocity Housing Solutions, LLC b. Mortgage: Direct Access Capital, LLC, as ultimate assignee of CK Capital, LLC c. Date of Mortgage: August 23, 2018 d. Date and place of recording: October 24, 2018 at the Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Cook County Illinois e. Document number: 1829719254 Know therefore, unless you UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60602 on or before April 24, 2020 default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a judgment of foreclosure entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint for foreclosure. Circuit Clerk Vincent Tessitore, Attorney for Plaintiff Lindell & Tessitore P.C. 1755 Park Street, Suite 200 Naperville, IL 60563 Ph: 630-225-8255 Fax: 630-701-1169 Attorney Code 49408 3/25, 4/1, 4/18/2020 6639743

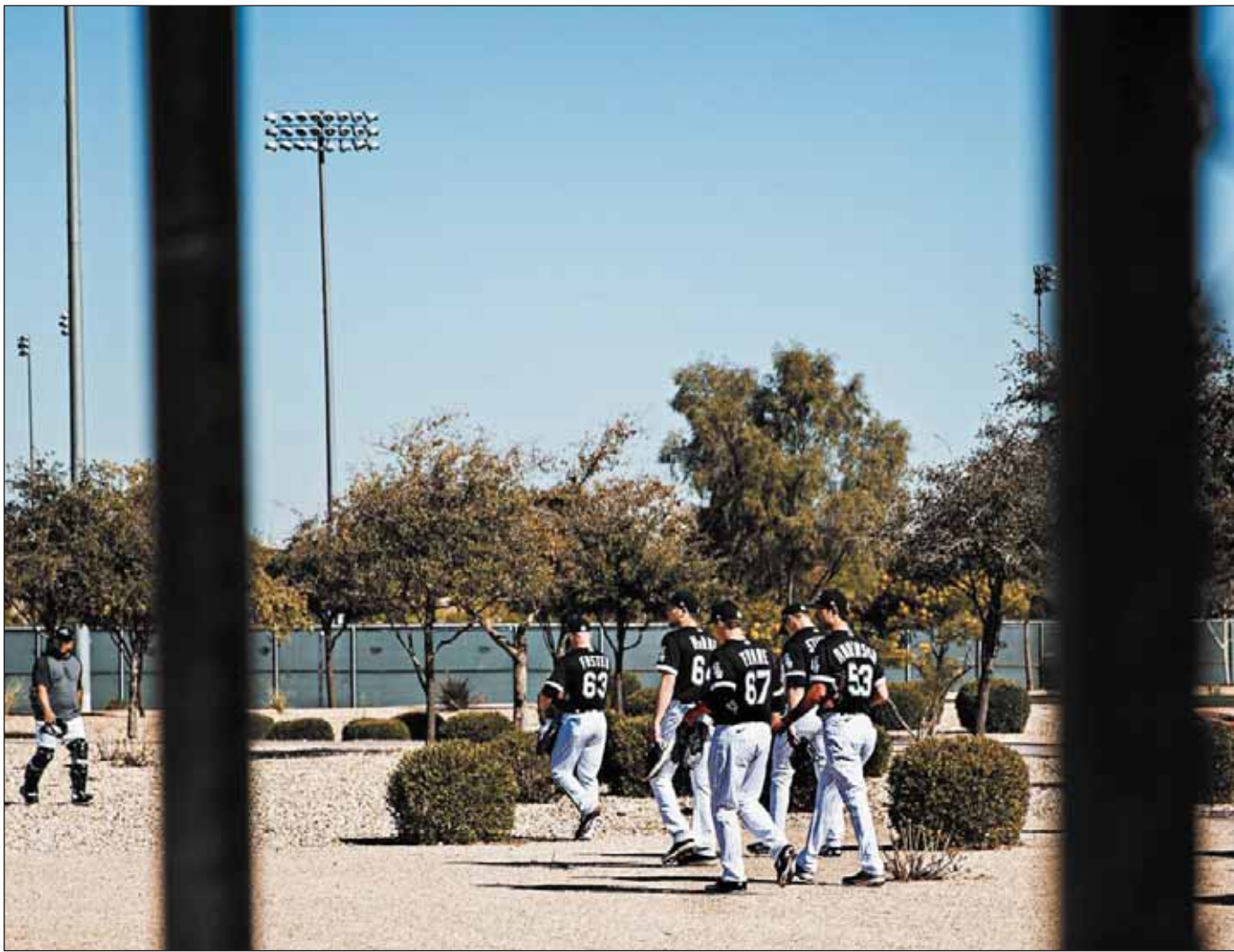
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IT MIGHT BE ... IT COULD BE ...

Nine reasons MLB's Arizona plan only has warning-track power — and one reason it has a chance to be a games-saving home run



PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake of the News

Major League Baseball is considering playing the delayed 2020 season in empty stadiums in Arizona, using the 10 spring training ballparks in the Phoenix area and Chase Field as the venues.

Details of this plan haven't been revealed, but according to various outlets, including The Athletic, ESPN and the Associated Press, the idea is to begin in May or June, sequester teams in hotels for 4 1/2 months without their families and even play seven-inning doubleheaders to get in more games.

MLB said in a statement Tuesday it has "not settled on that option or developed a detailed plan," though someone must have leaked the idea of the Arizona plan to gauge fan reaction.

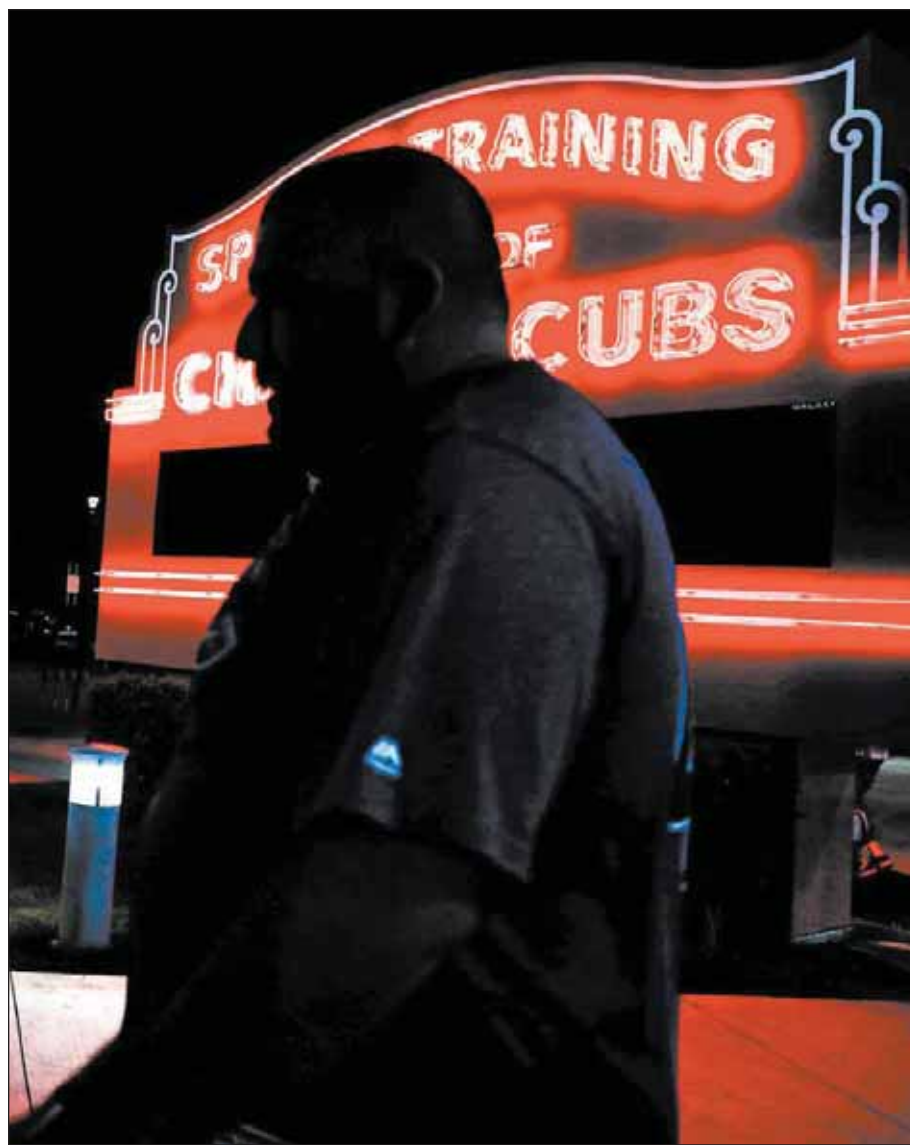
It's easy to see why. People are getting antsy for their sports, and the return of baseball would be a soothing balm to a country dealing with the depressing daily updates of the coronavirus pandemic.

Plus it would give us something to watch on TV instead of reruns of classic games.

"It allows for immediacy of a schedule, where you might be able to begin it and televise it, provide Major League Baseball to America," agent Scott Boras told AP.

"(I) think players are willing to do what's necessary because I think they understand the importance of baseball for their own livelihoods and for the interest of our country and providing a necessary product that gives all the people that are isolated enjoyment."

Boras added that the plan would give players "a sense of a return to some normalcy" and that psychologists would say "it's really good for a culture to have sport and to have a focus like that, where for a few hours a day they can take their minds off the difficult reality of the virus."



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Camelback Ranch, top, and Sloan Park could be used to host regular-season games.

It's hard to dispute that, though Boras forgot to mention anything about players wanting to receive their regular paychecks.

Who knows whether the Arizona plan is just being floated or will soon become reality? But the only way to respond properly to this idea is Facebook style, meaning it's quiz time, everyone.

For those who aren't on Facebook, I salute you for your self-restraint. For the rest, you're probably aware your news feed recently has been infested with quizzes in which someone posts a list of 10 things and makes you guess which one doesn't belong.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Illini center Cockburn declares for NBA draft

Freshman hasn't hired agent, plans to get teams' feedback

BY SHANNON RYAN

Illinois center Kofi Cockburn declared for the NBA draft Tuesday, another potential blow for coach Brad Underwood's 2020-21 team if the Big Ten Freshman of the Year forgoes his three remaining years of eligibility.

Cockburn has not hired an agent and plans to receive feedback from NBA teams

to determine whether his decision is permanent, his brother Nagash Cockburn told the Tribune in a phone interview. Rule changes that went into place last year allow college athletes to hire an NCAA-certified agent and still return to school.

The current deadline is June 15 for a player to withdraw his name from the draft, although ESPN reported the draft might be pushed back from June 25 to August or September because of the coronavirus pandemic. NBA teams are



Cockburn

for it. Opportunity does not wait around. It would have been nice to stay one more year in college and get extra development."

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WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the impact of the coronavirus crisis:



MLB ponders all games in Arizona

Putting all 30 teams in the Phoenix area this season and playing in empty ballparks was among the ideas discussed Monday by Major League Baseball and the players' association.

The sides held a telephone call to talk about paths forward for a season delayed by the coronavirus pandemic, people familiar with the discussion told The Associated Press.

Ideas are still in the early stage, and the Arizona option would have many obstacles to overcome, the people said.

"MLB has been actively considering numerous contingency plans that would allow play to commence once the public health situation has improved to the point that it is safe to do so," the commissioner's office said in a statement Tuesday. "While we have discussed the idea of staging games at one location as one potential option, we have not settled on that option or developed a detailed plan."

Baseball officials intend to study which options may be viable.

"While we continue to interact regularly with governmental and public health officials, we have not sought or received approval of any plan from federal, state and local officials, or the players' association," MLB said. "We are not ready at this time to endorse any particular format for staging games in light of the rapidly changing public health situation caused by the coronavirus."

Half of the MLB clubs hold spring training in Arizona, the other half in Florida.

Arizona's advantage is having 10 spring training ballparks plus the Diamondbacks' Chase Field all within about 50 miles. Florida's spring training ballparks are spread out by as much as 220 miles.

Baseball's season had been set to start March 26 but spring training was halted on March 12.

After the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended restricting events of more than 50 people for eight weeks, MLB said it wouldn't open until mid-May at the earliest.

Both the league and union have agreed to attempt to play as full a season as is possible.

— Associated Press

THE QUOTE

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Average high temperature in Phoenix in July and August of 2019, according to Weather Underground.

Last year's high/low monthly averages	■ June: 103/79
	■ July: 107/83
	■ August: 107/86
	■ September: 99/79
	■ October: 88/64



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



NCAA
Spring sports schedule canceled

Others: PGA Tour suspended until at least May 21.
NASCAR suspended until at least May 9.
WTA, ATP suspended through at least July 13.

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:

No. 715! Aaron tops Ruth

(APRIL 8, 1974)

This story was published when Hank Aaron passed Babe Ruth as baseball's all-time home run leader on April 8, 1974.

By **DICK YOUNG**
New York Daily News

ATLANTA — It will say in the record books, perhaps for the remainder of your lifetime: most home runs, career, Henry Louis Aaron, and after it will come a number. Right now, that number is 715, because Monday night, with a flair for the dramatic that would have made the Babe smile, Hank Aaron smashed a home run to place George Herman Ruth No. 2.

And for the rest of your life there will be arguments about that, in ballparks, in bars, among kids in classrooms. Who is really the greatest home run hitter who ever lived? Is it Hank Aaron, who hit the most, or is it the Babe, who hit them when nobody else was doing it; who hit his 714 in 8,399 at bats, compared to Henry's 11,295.

Accentuating some debate, unfortunately, will be the fact that Hank Aaron is black, and the Babe was white. But that depraved approach is fading. Monday night, in the deep South, a black man was cheered to the heavens by a crowd of 53,775, predominately white.

They had come to see history made. They were the most people ever to pack into this round ballpark, and they came festively, as though Henry Aaron had promised he would do it. There was no doubt in their mind, not if Al Downing dared get the ball over the plate.

Leading off the second inning, the first time up, Al Downing did not dare. The Dodger southpaw worked cautiously, almost nervously:

Ball one, high (Booooooo).
Strike called, outside corner (Booooo. Not for Downing: for the plate umpire, Satch Davidson).
Ball two in the dirt (Booooo).
Ball three, low (Boooooo).
Ball four, outside (Booooooo).
When Aaron next came up, in the fourth, Darrell Evans was on base and the Braves trailed, 3-1.
Ball one, in the dirt (Booooooo).



Teammates greet Hank Aaron after he hit his 715th career home run at Atlanta Stadium.

Then it happened. Fast ball, right down the pipe. With the short compact swing, Hank Aaron's bat flashed at the old cowhide — and the ball took off, toward left-center. A roar ascended to the sprinkling black sky overhead. The people were on their feet, pushing the ball with their voices go ... go ... go.

Bill Buckner, the Dodgers' leftfielder, turned and raced back to the wire fence, near the 385 sign. He dug his spikes into the mesh and went up, trying to abort history. You can't fool Mother Nature.

Into the bullpen beyond, it sailed, and into the glove of a wind-jacketed Atlanta pitcher,

who stuck up his hand near the rear wall.

Now Henry danced around the bases to the tune of 50,000 voices singing his praises — jogging in that shot-strided gate of his. When he reached second, he was picked up by a young convoy, two boys in their late teens who had appeared as if from nowhere. They jogged behind him by a step then left him at third base and dashed for the stands, two fully clothed streakers, hoping to escape the arm of the law. They failed.

Later, when asked what the kids might have said to him, Hank Aaron said "were

OTHER APRIL 8 MOMENTS

- 1971:** The first legal off-track betting (OTB) system in the United States opens in New York City.
- 1975:** Frank Robinson, the first black manager in the majors, debuts as player-manager for the Indians. Robinson also hits a home run in his first at-bat to help beat the Yankees 5-3.
- 2001:** Tiger Woods claims the greatest feat in modern golf by winning the Masters, giving him a clean sweep of the four professional majors in a span of 294 days. Woods, with his winning score of 16-under 272, sweeps the majors with a combined score of 65-under.
- 2006:** Wisconsin wins its sixth NCAA men's ice hockey title and first since 1990 with a 2-1 victory over Boston College.
- 2007:** Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby finishes with 120 points to become the youngest player to win the Art Ross Trophy. Crosby, 19, had 36 goals and 84 assists.
- 2009:** In beating the Wizards 98-86, the Cavaliers become the first team in NBA history to have two 15-game winning streaks at home in the same season.

there two boys running behind me?" He was in a dream world. What was he thinking about? What does a man's mind think about when he has broken one of the most revered records in the world?

"I just wanted to touch all the bases," said the uncomplicated hero.

He started the last 90 feet alone and, as he approached it, there was Ralph Garr, little Ralph Garr, in the midst of the other Braves, to take Henry by the hand and guide him to the plate. There is something a little special between Hank Aaron and Ralph Garr.

"Ralph told me he was going to guide me that last step," said Hank at the press conference that followed.

Before meeting the newsmen in a special conference room, Aaron had been toasted privately in the clubhouse by teammates, Moet Chardon champagne.

"I give you Henry Aaron," proposed Eddie Mathews, one-time teammate and now the manager of the Braves, "the greatest ballplayer and the greatest guy I have ever known."

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 - 40 "___ say!"; phrase of agreement
 - 41 Male singing voice
 - 42 Linda Lavin sitcom
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- 1 Thumb one's nose at
 - 2 Morning hour
 - 3 Good enough
 - 4 Hairstyling goo
 - 5 Makes beer
 - 6 Gmail alternative
 - 7 "What Kind of Fool ___?"
 - 8 School term
 - 9 Natural; inborn
 - 10 Take a ___ off; sit down
 - 11 Not on time

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- 12 Garden shack
- 14 Bring back to life
- 19 Climbing plants
- 22 Flamenco shout
- 25 Punches
- 27 Skippy skirt
- 28 Vocal exams
- 29 Blend ingredients
- 30 Not accidental
- 31 Spaghetti topper
- 33 Musical group
- 34 "What'll ___"; Irving Berlin song
- 36 Bamboo shoot
- 38 ___ to say; obviously
- 39 Clumsy fellow
- 41 Mountain path
- 42 Take into custody
- 44 Subsides
- 45 Kettle
- 47 Actor Tom
- 48 Doesn't just sit there
- 49 Dress for Indira
- 50 Staircase piece
- 53 Urgent entreaty
- 54 Rx pills
- 56 Name with Fannie or Ginnie
- 57 King topper
- 59 Folding bed

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We'd like to express our profound gratitude to all the medical professionals, first responders and other essential workers keeping our families and communities safe during the coronavirus crisis.

We know the hours are long, the stress intense, the fear all too real. Your commitment and bravery are admirable beyond words.

As our medical professionals and first responders continue battling on the front lines of this outbreak, we commend your endless perseverance, resilience and hope.

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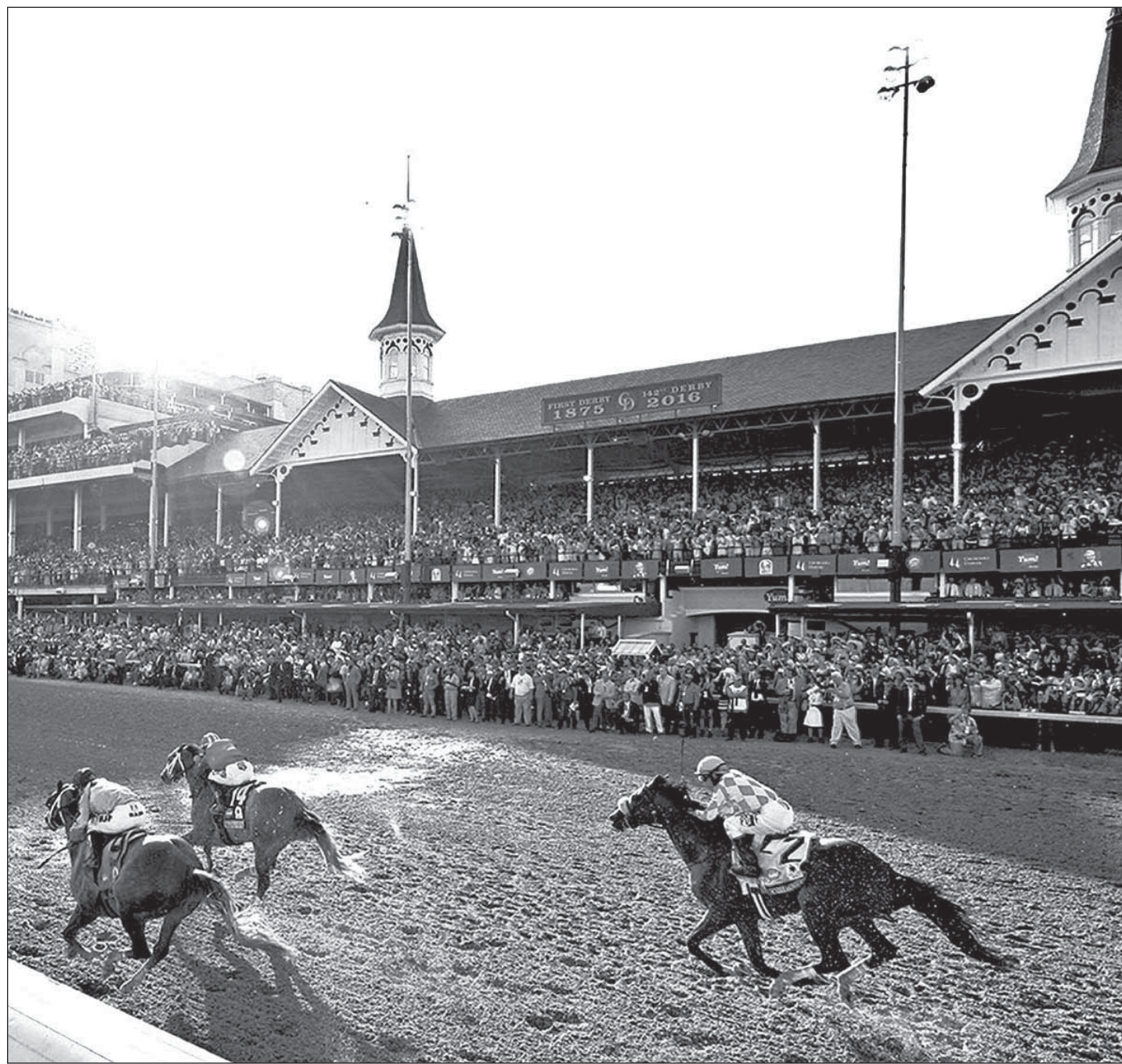
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Since the sports world went mainly dark



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Hard hit: Virus delivers blow to iconic sports cities

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

They are cities defined by iconic sporting events.

When Augusta comes up, one instantly thinks of the Masters. If Omaha, Nebraska is mentioned, it's often in the same breath with the College World Series. It's hard to imagine Louisville without the Kentucky Derby.

In the coming weeks, The Associated Press will look at those cities and others like them — from Williamsport, Pennsylvania to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Cheyenne, Wyoming — to examine how the shutdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic is an especially wrenching blow.

"This is who we are," said Jason Fink, the chamber of commerce president in Williamsport, which has been synonymous with the Little League World Series since it was founded in 1947.

They can certainly relate to that sentiment in Augusta, Georgia.

The Masters got its start in 1934 on the grounds of a former nursery and the golf tournament is usually held the first full week of April.

This week, the city looks like a ghost town. Augusta National Golf Club is all locked up. Washington Road, which should've been teeming with cars and commerce and humanity, is desolate instead.

A tradition unlike any other has become a year unlike any since the end of World II.

No ticket brokers offering to buy and sell the coveted badges. No long lines trying to land a table at TBonz steakhouse.

"It's a big hiccup," said Mark Cumins, who co-founded TBonz in 1985 and serves up a who's who of golfers, athletes and celebrities during Masters week. "It's not going to destroy us, but it hurts."

While the Masters has been rescheduled for November, it won't be quite the same.

Another event seeping in tradition, the Kentucky Derby is headed for quite a shakeup — assuming it actually gets to the starting gate.

The Run For The Roses is usually held on the first Saturday of May. Because of the pandemic, hold those mint juleps until Labor Day weekend, when the first leg of the Triple Crown is crammed into a slot that also marks the start of college football season.

Not so fortunate: the College World Series in Omaha, and the Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City, both of which have already been wiped from the 2020 calendar.

The NCAA Division I baseball championship has been decided in Omaha for the last 70 years. The eight-team tournament is such a part of the city's identity that \$100 million TD Ameritrade Park was constructed a decade ago in exchange for a 25-year promise not to move the event.



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The coronavirus will hurt sports cities like Louisville, Kentucky, home to Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby, above, and Omaha, Nebraska, home to the College World Series.

Rich Tokheim's sports apparel shop is right across the street from the 24,000-seat stadium, which is dark most of the year other than the occasional local college game played before sparse crowds. More than half Tokheim's annual revenue comes from those 11 or 12 days when the CWS is held each June.

"We're here because of the College World Series," he said. "It's just so many people."

Oklahoma City will feel a similar blow in late May and early June, when it was supposed to host the Division I softball tournament for the 30th time.

To accommodate what were expected to be record crowds, USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium underwent a 4,000-seat expansion that raised its capacity to about 13,000.

All the new seats were already sold out. Turns out, they won't be needed this year. Other prominent events are still clinging to the hope of being held.

But each day of mounting deaths tolls and millions of people locked down in their homes makes it increasingly unlikely that either the Little League World Series — actually played in South Williamsport — or the Cheyenne Frontier Days will carry on as planned in 2020.

"If we were going to play the world series, traditionally like we have done for many, many years, we need to be playing and picking teams by the middle of June," said Little League President Stephen Keener, who has yet to set a drop-dead date for deciding whether the season-ending tournament will be held in its usual August slot.

Cheyenne Frontier Days, billed as the "Daddy of 'em all," has celebrated the

cowboy way of life for 123 consecutive years. It is essentially a supersized county fair, a mix of rodeo events, musical acts, artery-busting food and carnival rides stretching over 10 days in July.

For now, Frontier Days remains on the calendar.

But the countdown clock on the festival's website is a stark reminder that time is running out on a festival that generated nearly \$28 million for the county a year ago.

"Through all the wars, through the depression, we've never missed a year," lamented CEO Tom Hirsig, whose event is scheduled from July 17-26. "It certainly wouldn't be the end of Cheyenne Frontier Days, but it could change the face of it to miss a year."

Augusta National, which includes some of the world's wealthiest and most influential people among its members, can weather the pandemic's financial impact better than most sports institutions.

But it's going to be a much tougher blow for those outside the gates, who rely on the Masters to provide a huge boost to their bottom lines. It remains to be seen how many will still be around in November to reap the benefits of a rescheduled tournament.

The Masters is even more intertwined with the local community because of all the private homes that are rented out to handle the huge influx of tournament spectators, sponsors and media who descend on Augusta each year — far more than can be handled by the limited hotel space.

This is usually a week when thousands of locals head for the beach or take a cruise.

Now, most everyone is stuck at home. Sports — and some of its most iconic cities — have gone dark.

IN BRIEF

Qualifying standards set for Tokyo '21

Associated Press

About 6,500 athletes who already have earned their spots for the Tokyo Games are in for 2021 under redrawn qualifying regulations published Tuesday by the International Olympic Committee.

The IOC released its rewritten roadmap for qualifying for the games, which were rescheduled due to the coronavirus. They'll be held July 23 through Aug. 8 next year.

The new deadline for qualifying is June 29, 2021, and entry lists are due a week later. Individual international sports federations will still be in charge of their qualifying procedures.

Many sports allow athletes to qualify by compiling results over a series of events. The IOC urged the federations to find a balance "between protecting those athletes who were close to qualifying based on the previous 2020 deadlines and also ensuring the best athletes at the Olympic Games" by taking into consideration performances in 2021.

The IOC announcement confirmed reports last week that the sports had agreed to let athletes keep spots they already had earned. It clarified a number of points, including the need for boxing to relax a rule that sets the top age in the sport at 40. It also requires sports such as gymnastics to decide whether to allow athletes who would've been too young to compete in 2020 to try to be eligible for 2021.

The IOC also said "athlete health is the guiding principle in the scheduling of any remaining Olympic qualification events." It urged sports not to confirm rescheduling until the impacts of COVID-19 can be assessed.

Along those lines, World Athletics announced it was shutting down all qualifying procedures through Nov. 30. Its new window for qualifying will run from Dec. 1 through June 29, 2021.

Auto racing: Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jeff Burton and Carl Edwards are among the new nominees for NASCAR's next Hall of Fame class. All are first-time nominees. NASCAR had no announcement on when Hall of Fame voting will be conducted.

Colleges: Obi Toppin of Dayton won the John R. Wooden Award as the nation's outstanding men's college basketball player. Toppin, along with Saddiq Bey of Villanova, Luka Garza of Iowa, Myles Powell of Seton Hall and Peyton Pritchard of Oregon, also won positional awards from the Basketball Hall of Fame. Toppin is the first player from Dayton to win the Wooden Award and the first Atlantic-10 Conference player to do so since Jameer Nelson of St. Joseph's in 2004. Toppin averaged 20 points, 70 rebounds and shot 60% from the field. He led the nation in dunks with a school-record 107 and his 190 career slams also set a school mark.

NHL: For the first time since halting play four weeks ago, NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman raised the possibility of not completing the regular season in order to squeeze in time to award the Stanley Cup. Bettman also acknowledged during an interview with NBCSN the league is considering having games played at neutral sites in the event not all teams will be allowed into their home rinks. ... A third player for the Avalanche tested positive for the coronavirus. The unnamed player is in self-isolation, and according to the league, he hasn't had close contact with any other Avs players or staff members. He's the eighth NHL player to test positive. The five others are on the Senators. The Avs and Senators played games in California in March before the season was paused.

ON THE CLOCK

15 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	

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Could MLB warm to these suggestions too?



MARK GONZALES
On baseball

The locals like to say of the searing summer temperatures in Phoenix that it's only a "dry heat."

The arid conditions, however, give way to the "monsoon season" that starts around the All-Star break and lasts through the end of September.

That parallels the traditional second half of the baseball season, making the reported plan for a makeshift regular season a potentially soggy and uncomfortable one.

Several hours after ESPN's Jeff Passan reported details of the plan late Monday, Major League Baseball issued a statement acknowledging it had discussed a plan in which the season could start in May with all 30 teams playing in empty stadiums in Arizona but that it hadn't "developed a detailed plan."

The statement added that MLB has "not sought or received approval of any plan from federal, state and local officials or the (Major League Baseball) Players Association."

Millions of dollars are at stake, and MLB and the MLBPA agreed last month on a set of rules if there is a regular season after spring training was suspended because of concerns regarding the coronavirus.

According to Passan's report, several federal health officials have been supportive of a plan that would emphasize isolation and promote social distancing.

But this would require flawless medical testing, ironclad security and complete buy-in from players, who could be separated from their families for up to 4½ months. Reported proposals such as an electronic strike zone, seven-inning doubleheaders and no mound visits from the catcher or pitching coach are secondary to the need to protect players, coaches, managers and essential staffers.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Preserving intradivision games such as Brewers-Cubs, top, or Twins-White Sox is something that would have to be addressed in a shortened baseball season.

Chase Field, home of the Diamondbacks since 1998, is a logical choice to host games because of its spacious amenities and retractable roof. But creating enough distance could be an issue in many of the smaller minor-league and spring training dugouts, where the manager and coaches often sit outside in folding chairs.

MLB appears determined to salvage a season, as evidenced by efforts to establish some rules in the event the season starts.

But even if it does, it would be accompanied by an asterisk. So why not wait a little longer to see if a season can be salvaged and not limited to Arizona?

Health conditions permitting, an 85- to 100-game schedule could start after the All-Star Game, currently scheduled for July 14 at Dodger Stadium, and stretch into late October.

The All-Star Game represents the biggest stage for the top players and would provide a forum for honoring those who helped make the return possible.

The schedule also could include the first Field of Dreams game between the Yankees and White Sox, currently set for Aug. 13 in Dyersville, Iowa. Construction on the

8,000-seat park remains on schedule, according to a source. And playing the game would boost community spirit.

The latter part of the schedule should tilt toward warm-weather cities and domed stadiums for a better chance to complete the schedule.

The biggest stipulation, however, should be that a large bulk of the schedule involves intradivision games. Teams play 76 games against division opponents in a 162-game schedule, and there's little reason they couldn't come close to that total in a condensed season.

All six division winners in 2019 posted the best record in intradivision play. The Cardinals clinched the National League Central on the final day by beating the Cubs to hold off the Brewers, who finished one game behind the Cardinals in division play and two games overall.

This would cut into the number of games outside of the division. But retaining some of the traditional interleague series, such as Cubs-White Sox, Mets-Yankees, Giants-Athletics and Dodgers-Angels, would preserve local fan interest — albeit from the living room.

Sullivan

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So here are nine reasons the Arizona plan would not work and one reason it could. (Guess which one is the reason it could.)

1. It's 110 degrees in the summer in Phoenix.

Like Chicago in January, no one goes outside. Every game would be played in conditions that would sap a player's strength on a daily basis. Starting pitchers would average four innings. And because many spring training clubhouses are a long walk from the playing field, players would not be able to enjoy an air-conditioning break between innings.

2. There are no real road games.

If teams are sequestered in a hotel in downtown Phoenix, the longest trip would be a 40-minute drive to Surprise, Ariz., or about two hours in Phoenix traffic. Then they would return to their hotel rooms afterward. Players would not be able to properly bond without road trips, and ultimately it would affect their chemistry.

3. Every team would have to play the same number of games at Chase Field.

Because it's an air-conditioned retractable dome, Chase Field would be the Valhalla of the new Arizona Baseball League. Players wouldn't care if they were the home team or the visitors as long as they could play most of their games there. (Of course, turning on the air conditioning for 70 to 80 uniformed players and staff might be considered excessive). The Diamondbacks also could not play any games at Chase because it would be an unfair advantage.

4. There would be no one around to boo the Astros.

All of our hopes and dreams for 2020 would be shattered.

5. Players would not be able to have normal relationships.

While it may be OK to be separated from their wives or girlfriends for a while, sooner or later it would drive them crazy. That would affect their performance.

6. Ratings would go down once the novelty wears off.

Once summer arrives and statewide shutdowns end, everyone will want to go outside instead of staying in and watching TV. Ratings would fall, though the love affair with baseball on the radio would be rekindled.

7. There's not enough room in dugouts for social distancing.

ESPN reported one idea is to have players sit in the empty stands instead of the dugouts. That's cool. But then the manager would be looking around the stands for a pinch hitter, which would render pace-of-play rules meaningless.

8. No fans in the stands means no hot dogs and beer.

What's the point of a baseball game without hot dogs or beer? It's like going to a beach without water.

9. Many spring training press boxes are too small to accommodate the media.

Regular-season games typically draw much more media than spring training games. Even if the MLB regular season was rebooted as the irregular season, there would not be enough seats for the press. Naturally, MLB and the players union would call this a win-win.

10. No baseball at all is preferable to watching baseball played in empty stadiums.

Unless you're a Marlins or Rays fan. So which is the reason it could work? Your guess is as good as mine.

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Cockburn

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After Illinois closed its campus and began online classes last month, Cockburn has been at home with his mother in New York.

The 7-foot, 290-pound Cockburn averaged 13.3 points, 8.8 rebounds and 1.4 blocked shots as a freshman with 12 double-doubles. He announced his plans Tuesday in a post on his Instagram account, thanking coaches, teammates and fans.

"Ever since I began playing basketball, a fire has been lit inside me which I knew I had to pursue to the fullest extent," the post read. "With that being said, I have decided to declare for the 2020 NBA draft. Embarking on this new journey is something I have always dreamt of and I have a special love for everyone who's helped me get there."

It has been a rough offseason for the Illini, who were poised to make their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2013 before postseason play was canceled because of concerns about the spread of the coronavirus.

Sophomore guard Alan Griffin announced March 24 he would transfer, and he confirmed Saturday that he is headed to Syracuse. Little-used sophomore wing Tevian Jones also has entered the transfer portal.

And Illinois could lose sophomore guard Ayo Dosunmu, the team's leading scorer, who also is considering leaving early for the

"Ever since I began playing basketball, a fire has been lit inside me which I knew I had to pursue to the fullest extent."

— Illinois center Kofi Cockburn in a post on Instagram on Tuesday

NBA. The deadline is April 26 for early entrants to declare for the draft.

"We are in full support of Kofi's decision," Underwood said in a statement. "We're recruiting players to Illinois who have career aspirations of playing at the highest level. We will continue to help Kofi in every way possible as he goes through this process and with the information he receives from the NBA Undergraduate Advisory Committee."

Cockburn didn't start playing basketball until he was an eighth grader in Jamaica, prodded by his older brother. He moved to the United States and played for two high school basketball powerhouses at Christ the King in New York and then Oak Hill Academy in Virginia.

He told the Tribune at the beginning of his freshman season he hopes to become a sports icon in Jamaica one day.

"I know they'll show me love," Cockburn said. "I think I'm better than anyone if I put in the work because of what I've seen my people accomplish. When I'm on the court, I'm not just representing myself or my family, I'm representing the whole nation."

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Whole new set of challenges

Paralympians adapting with Tokyo Games pushed back to summer of '21

BY JAMES ELLINGWORTH
Associated Press

DÜSSELDORF, Germany — Sam Grewe could end up missing the start of medical school to go to the Paralympics, and that will be fine with him.

With the games postponed until 2021, the Notre Dame student and Paralympic silver medalist in the high jump will face a packed senior year and graduation.

"I would expect an extra element to the sense of urgency for the training next year," the American said. "I might miss my first two weeks of medical school to be in Tokyo, which is so far from ideal ... but I wouldn't miss Tokyo for anything."

Along with the Olympics, the Paralympics have been pushed back to 2021 because of the coronavirus pandemic. The new dates are Aug. 24-Sept. 5.

For many Paralympians, a delay seemed like the only option amid lockdowns around the world. Paralympic athletes often have specific medical and training needs which can't always be met at a time when people are staying home and doctors are helping out overloaded ERs.

"Sports are important but I think health is more important, frankly, and I think that this postponement has really, I would hope, enabled athletes to pause from those immediate concerns to train and really to prioritize their own health," said Dr. Cheri Blauwet, who won a Paralympic gold medal in wheelchair racing for the United States in 2004.

Specialized facilities are closed, leaving athletes training at home off video guidance from coaches. Different athletes are affected in different ways.

Visually impaired runners train and compete with a guide, and can't necessarily meet up with them while complying with social distancing rules. Sprinters' carbon-fiber "blade" prosthetics work great on a track, but aren't suited for asphalt or grass. Wheelchair rims can transmit the virus onto the user's hands if not disinfected regularly.

"Many of us operate with equipment and that equipment is essential," Blauwet said.



EUGENE HOSHIKO/AP

The Tokyo Paralympic Games are delayed a year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"I think everyone is taking extra precautions to ensure we're doing everything we can to maintain sterility of our day-to-day equipment."

While Paralympians are in general much fitter than most people, some have condi-

tions which make them vulnerable to the virus, said Dr. Feranmi Okanlami, the director of adaptive sports at the University of Michigan.

Athletes with a spinal cord injury may have reduced lung capacity, making it

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harder to cough, and they may also be susceptible to bed sores while being treated, said Okanlami, who was himself left paralyzed by a spinal injury and uses a wheelchair.

As the virus outbreak spreads in the United States, Okanlami has been seeing patients virtually and working on a coronavirus hotline.

"There are going to be even more patients treated as outpatients than there will be in the hospital and these patients need to have someone to talk to as well," he said in a text message.

Training conditions vary sharply across the world for Paralympians at the best of times. Specialized training facilities, coaching and equipment are often expensive.

Better-resourced national Paralympic bodies have set up online coaching resources for athletes, but many organizations in poorer countries don't even have a website.

In New Zealand, athletes training at home have support from strength and conditioning coaches and nutrition advice, as well as regular group calls with a sports psychologist.

"As a small nation with approximately 53 Para athletes targeting Tokyo we are able to provide very personal and individualized support," Paralympics New Zealand spokeswoman Melissa Dawson said in an e-mail.

The head of the International Paralympic Committee, Andrew Parsons, said he is only leaving his home in Brazil to buy food.

"This momentaneous and extremely tough new reality would be easier if we knew how long it would last but, the truth is, nobody knows. The uncertainty is hard to process," Parsons said in a letter to athletes dated Thursday.

"It is OK to not be OK and at a time when we are encouraged to be apart, we must unite like never before. We must look out for and support each other and prioritize health and well-being above everything else."

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Boston	43	21	.672	3	Tampa Bay	43	21	6	92	245	195	N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	1	4	4	3	2.	Jon Rahm	Spain	8.48	2019	Zion Williamson	Duke	1979	Larry Bird	Indiana State
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	7½	Toronto	36	25	9	81	238	227	Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3	3.	Brooks Koepka	U.S.	7.73	2018	Jalen Brunson	Villanova	1977	Phil Ford	N Carolina
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16	Florida	35	26	8	78	231	228	Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2	4.	Justin Thomas	U.S.	7.41	2017	Frank Mason III	Kansas	1977	Markes Johnson	UCLA
New York	21	45	.318	26	Montreal	31	31	9	71	212	221	Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1	5.	Dustin Johnson	U.S.	6.45	2016	Buddy Hield	Oklahoma			
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Miami	41	24	.631	—	Washington	41	20	8	90	240	215	Chicago	0	1	1	2	3	7.	Patrick Reed	U.S.	5.87	2014	Doug McDermott	Creighton	2019	Sabrina Ionescu	Oregon	
Orlando	30	35	.462	11	Philadelphia	41	21	7	89	232	196	New England	0	1	1	1	2	3	8.	Patrick Cantlay	U.S.	5.87	2013	Trey Burke	Michigan	2018	A'ja Wilson	S. Carolina
Washington	24	40	.375	16½	Pittsburgh	40	23	6	86	224	196	Chicago	0	1	1	1	2	3	9.	Webb Simpson	U.S.	5.84	2008	Anthony Davis	Kentucky	2017	Kelsey Plum	Washington
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18	Columbus	33	22	15	81	180	187	Inter Miami CF	0	2	0	0	3	5	10.	Tommy Fleetwood	England	5.58	2011	Jimmer Fredette	BYU	2016	Breanna Stewart	UConn
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22	N.Y. Islanders	35	23	10	80	192	193	N.Y. City FC	0	2	0	0	1	3	11.	Tiger Woods	U.S.	5.44	2010	Evan Turner	Ohio State	2015	Breanna Stewart	UConn
WESTERN CONFERENCE					PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	12.	Xander Schauffele	U.S.	5.38	2009	Blake Griffin	Oklahoma	2014	Chiney Ogumike	Stanford
Houston	40	24	.625	—	San Jose	32	30	8	72	212	220	Western	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	13.	Bryson DeChambeau	U.S.	5.15	2005	Andrew Bogut	Utah	2013	Brittney Griner	Baylor
Dallas	40	27	.597	1½	Los Angeles	28	29	12	68	189	230	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	14.	Justin Rose	England	5.02	2008	Tyler Hansbrough	N Carolina	2018	A'ja Wilson	S. Carolina
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½	San Jose	35	26	8	78	215	217	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	8	3	15.	Marc Leishman	Austria	4.79	2007	Kevin Durant	Texas	2010	Maya Moore	UConn
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12	Vegas	39	24	8	86	227	211	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	8	3	16.	Tony Finau	U.S.	4.62	2006	J.J. Redick	Duke	2015	Candace Parker	Tennessee
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½	Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	8	3	17.	Matt Kuchar	U.S.	4.43	2007	Kevin Durant	Texas	2009	Maya Moore	UConn
NORTHWEST					PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	18.	Gary Woodland	U.S.	4.38	2007	Kevin Durant	Texas	2010	Tina Charles	UConn
Denver	43	22	.662	—	San Jose	35	26	8	78	215	217	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	19.	Louis Oosthuizen	S. Africa	4.33	2006	J.J. Redick	Duke	2011	Maya Moore	UConn
Utah	41	23	.641	1½	Los Angeles	28	29	12	68	189	230	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	20.	Shane Lowry	Ireland	4.27	2005	Andrew Bogut	Utah	2011	Maya Moore	UConn
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½	San Jose	35	27	7	77	220	220	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	21.	Tyrrell Hatton	England	4.23	2004	Jameer Nelson	St Joseph's	2009	Candace Parker	Tennessee
Portland	29	37	.439	14½	Vegas	39	24	8	86	227	211	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	22.	Hideki Matsuyama	Japan	4.14	2003	T.J. Ford	Texas	2007	Candace Parker	Tennessee
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½	Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	23.	Sungjae Im	S. Korea	4.04	2002	Jason Williams	Duke	2006	Seimone Augustus	LSU
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L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—	Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	25.	Matt Fitzpatrick	England	3.79	2000	Kenyon Martin	Cincinnati	2004	Alana Beard	Duke
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½	Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	26.	Bernd Wiesberger	Austria	3.77	1999	Elton Brand	Duke	2004	Alana Beard	Duke
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½	Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	27.	Rickie Fowler	U.S.	3.50	1998	Larry Johnson	N Carolina	2003	Maya Moore	UConn
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24	Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	28.	Francesco Molinari	Italy	3.46	1996	Marcus Camby	UMass	2008	Candace Parker	Tennessee
Golden State	15	50	.231	35	Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	29.	Abram Ancer	Mexico	3.11	1995	Ed O'Bannon	UCLA	2015	Steve Fisher	San Diego State
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					PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	37.	Chez Reavie	U.S.	2.69	1985	Chris Mullin	St. John's	2019	Lon Kruger	Oklahoma
					PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	38.	Sergio Garcia	Spain	2.62	1984	Michael Jordan	N Carolina	2010	Billy Donovan	Florida
					PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	39.	J. Jarewattananond	Thailand	2.60	1983	Ralph Sampson	N Carolina	2009	Rick Barnes	Texas
					PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	40.	Victor Perez	France	2.60	1982	Ralph Sampson	Virginia	2008	Pat Summitt	Tennessee

Tentative date for the MLS All-Star Game July 29 vs. La Liga MX All Stars Banc of California Stadium in Los Angeles

BEARS

No place like home? Not when it comes to NFL draft



DAN WIEDERER
On the NFL

We know what you're thinking: This year's NFL draft has the potential to be a bit of a circus, a quagmire, a full-blown cluster-kerfuffle.

Two weeks from Thursday, with its standard "show must go on" determination, the NFL will push ahead with its 2020 player-selection process but in a truly unorthodox manner.

All the pomp and circumstance had to be scrapped weeks ago, visions of a packed Las Vegas Strip and boat rides across the Fountains of Bellagio tossed away. And so much for the possibility of Tua Tagovailoa circling around the High Roller Ferris wheel shortly after being selected.

Because of the stifling but necessary restrictions stemming from the coronavirus emergency, the NFL is eschewing theatrics and thumbing deep into its "Plan B" binders.

The essential alterations, however, have zipped way beyond the mere elimination of excessive extravagance. Now the basic procedural elements of the draft are being modified and overhauled on the fly.

On Monday, in yet another COVID-19-related memo from Commissioner Roger Goodell, the league informed teams it will strictly enforce the shelter-in-place guidelines established in the communities of all 32 organizations.

The bottom line: All team facilities will remain closed for the draft and beyond.

Off limits. Verboten. No access allowed. No exceptions possible.

As the commissioner's memo laid out: "Clubs have been advised to prepare to conduct the 2020 draft entirely outside of their facilities and in a fully virtual format, with club personnel in separate locations and able to communicate with one another and draft headquarters by phone or internet. We have reviewed this matter in the past few days with both the Competition Committee and CEC (the NFL Management Council Executive Committee), and this will confirm that clubs will conduct their draft operations remotely, with club personnel separately located in their homes."

Those last three words — "in their homes" — left general managers and personnel directors across the league shuddering a bit. Obviously, they all understand and accept these extreme times and the accompanying extreme measures. But there's also an understandable fear of the unknown, a legitimate phobia that the trap doors of every Joe Blow fantasy league could soon be triggered.

You can picture it now, can't you? NFL GMs involved in the biggest night of their offseason yet forced to juggle spotty Wi-Fi service and frequent interruptions from their kids.

GM: Uh, honey? Have you seen my big-board printout with the prospect clouds for Days 2 and 3?

Wife: Not lately. At breakfast, it might have been on the counter with our census reminder and the Clipper Magazine with that Omaha Steaks Butcher's Bundle coupon.

GM: I don't see it.

Wife: Maybe I tossed it. I don't remember.

Yep. A potential circus. A quagmire. A cluster-kerfuffle.

What could possibly go wrong?

NFL executive texting new Browns GM Andrew Berry: What're you doing, man? Are you going to make your pick or what?

Berry: Is it our turn?

Exec: Has been for like five minutes.

Berry: Sorry, my computer froze. I had to restart it. And then I ran to the fridge but got summoned to fix the flapper valve in the downstairs bathroom. Anyway, we'll take Michael Ojemudia. Done and done.

Exec: Great. Only one problem: The Texans took him four picks ago.

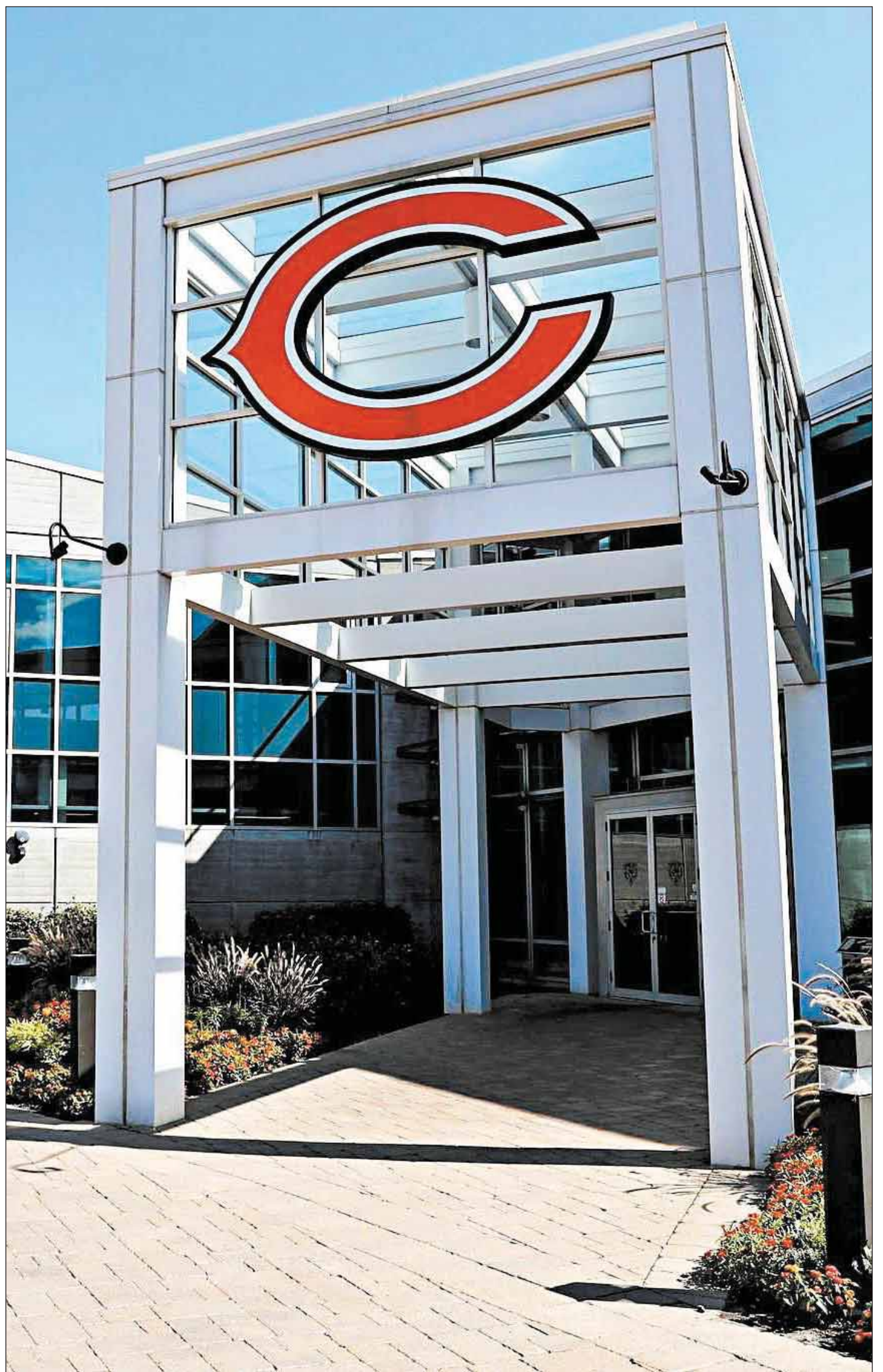
Of course, NFL teams have enough time to prepare and test and retest their at-home draft setups to be ready to go later this month. Bears GM Ryan Pace has credited the organization's information technology team for mobilizing quickly and efficiently to help smooth the bumps of the setup.

Pace said Friday the Bears were juggling three options for their draft weekend arrangement.

Option A: getting clearance from the league to have a small gathering of key decision-makers admitted to Halas Hall to do business from the team's state-of-the-art and technologically souped-up draft room.

Option B: Setting up shop at an off-site location with a small gathering.

Option C: Rooting down at home if so ordered and trying to make the best of it.



As Pace noted about Option C: "Obviously there are some challenges with that ... Whatever they tell us to do, we'll be ready. We're just going to follow the experts in that area."

Option C it will be.

These draft mandates present obvious challenges: Working the phones for trades will be more difficult and chaotic; keeping everybody within an organization on the same page during the fast-paced selection process will prove tricky; and multitasking will be a must.

From start to finish, this draft will be a little more unusual and uncomfortable. It also will test a team's ability to adapt and react. In that regard, Pace has been impressed with his Bears support team over the past month.

"It's been good in that you are forced to quickly adapt to the changing landscape," Pace said. "So when we talk about our IT and video departments, they've been outstanding. The silver lining is it has pushed us further (forward) from a technology standpoint."

Following this year's NFL draft from Halas Hall or live in Las Vegas won't be possible because of the coronavirus pandemic.

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Since being pushed out of Halas Hall in the middle of March, Pace and his staff have become regulars in the virtual meeting world.

"Whether that's Skype or Zoom," Pace said, "it has actually been highly efficient and in some ways better. ... Since we moved out of Halas and have been working from home, it has really been seamless with our ability to watch video and the ability to have meetings and communicate and interview players. That part has been really good."

As Goodell's memo detailed, the guidance from medical advisers pushed the league down the most logical path.

"We are operating in an environment unlike anything that we have experienced before, one that requires flexibility, patience and cooperation," Goodell wrote. "As we work through those challenges together, we should not lose sight of the magnitude of this global health crisis."

Flexibility. Patience. Cooperation. And resourcefulness.

"We have to adapt," Bears coach Matt Nagy said. "We have to figure out solutions. We can't complain."

Fox-32 hires Milwaukee's Sharkey as Bears reporter, replacing Peppler

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Ahead of the NFL draft, Fox-32 has reached into Packers country for its new Bears reporter: Kaitlin Sharkey, who previously worked in Milwaukee, Green Bay and Wausau, Wis.

Sharkey has spent the last three years covering the Packers, Bucks, Brewers and college sports for Milwaukee's Fox affiliate, WITI-TV. She also has been a weekly contributor for WRNW-FM 97.3, also known as "The Game."

Sharkey replaces Shae Peppler, who

resigned in January to join husband and fellow broadcaster Jordan Cornette in Connecticut. Peppler last month joined SiriusXM as an NFL Radio host.

Sharkey was born in Milwaukee and grew up in Theresa, Wis., about 20 miles south of Fond du Lac.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, she previously covered sports for WBAY-TV in Green Bay and WSAW-TV in Wausau, Wis.

Siera Santos, who also covered sports for Fox-32, left last week for KSAZ-TV in her hometown of Phoenix.



A photo taken by a Springfield woman showing a variety of toilet-paper cakes at a local grocery store is one that has been submitted to the Illinois State Museum's 'Illinois in the COVID-19 Pandemic' project.

BROOKE MORGAN

Toilet-paper cakes and more

Illinois museums already seeking coronavirus artifacts

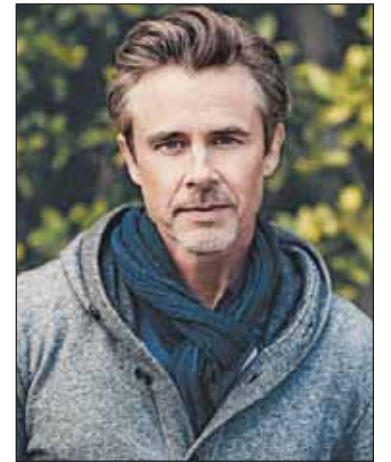
BY STEVE JOHNSON

In the struggle to stay safe and adapt to new, more conscripted realities, it can be easy to forget the coronavirus pandemic isn't just a challenge to daily existence. It's a chapter in history. That's where museums are stepping in. Downstate, in the suburbs and in

Chicago, institutions already are asking people to document their experiences as COVID-19 disrupts norms and sickens fellow citizens. "It's the realization that we're in the middle of a historical event," said Erika Holst, curator of history at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield. "We wanted to get out there and start collecting and preserving it for posterity." Her museum — as Naper Settlement in Naperville has done and the Chicago History Museum is planning to do — put out the call last week to "Share Your Story: Illinois in the COVID-19 Pandemic."

Asking folks, for now, to "Share Your (Digital) Stuff," the state museum counsels, "Don't worry about how trivial it might seem; trust us, someone in the future will be interested to know that the stores ran out of toilet paper and how you felt about it." "Everyone saw life as they knew it disappear a few weeks ago," Holst said. "We're getting used to this new normal. We're feeling anxious, we're feeling sad, maybe we're feeling some hope for the future. And we want to see what that looks like for people."

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LAURA ISE

Sam Trammell on his shrink-wrapped guest appearance on "Dexter": "I just didn't think it through — I didn't think about the fact that we wouldn't be able to unwrap me until the whole scene was done."

MY WORST MOMENT

Being all wrapped up with no place to go

Trammell recalls guest shot on 'Dexter' that trapped him for hours

BY NINA METZ

On the eighth and final season of Showtime's "Homeland," Sam Trammell has joined the ensemble as the stubborn veep-turned-president, which puts him in a position of authority over CIA brainiac Saul Berenson, played Mandy Patinkin.

"Mandy's such a legendary actor, so him being deferential to me, in character, it's definitely a bizarre experience," Trammell said. "I was blown away by how committed he was even in the eighth season."

Depending on the age of his fans, Trammell is either best known for the 2014 movie "The Fault in Our Stars" as Shailene Woodley's dad or from the long-running HBO series "True Blood" as the shapeshifter Sam Merlotte.

"My kids are like, 'What is "True Blood" and when can we watch it?'" he said. "And I'm like, 'Guys, it's not appropriate!' And they'll be like, 'But Dad, we know all the curse words' — which is hilarious (because they're 8-year-old twins — and I'll be like, 'Well, it's inappropriate in other ways.' And they're like, 'How?' and I'm like, 'I can't tell you.'"

"When it first came out my great aunt watched the show and I forgot to warn my parents; I'm always getting in trouble with my mom for that. She's like, 'Sam, why didn't you tell us?' Oh God, she's watching a vampire having vampire sex!"

When asked to share a worst moment from his career, though, the story Trammell shared is far more intense than that of a family member cringing through one of his shows.

My worst moment ...

"Way before 'True Blood' I did an episode of 'Dexter' and it was actually the second episode of the show. I think I was the first person that he took to his chamber to enact his revenge. (The Showtime series ran from 2006-2013 and centered on a vigilante serial killer targeting those who eluded justice.)

"I play an alcoholic who would drive drunk and I've killed a few people and I keep getting off because I cry on the stand. And Dexter is watching me during my trial and he doesn't buy it, so he takes me to his chamber and wraps me in Saran Wrap like a mummy and then he tortures me and stuff."

"So my arms are to my side, my feet are straight out and I'm lying on my back. I couldn't bend my knees, I couldn't move my arms and couldn't move my head because there was something holding it in place. I was completely vulnerable and immobile. The only thing I could do was talk."

"And what I didn't realize is that I would be fully wrapped — and I was fully, fully wrapped. I was supposed to be naked except for this flesh-colored underwear, and I was game for it, but I didn't realize how long I would be

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APPRECIATION

A pianist who nobly upheld jazz standards

Ellis Marsalis displayed his affinity for Chicago during frequent visits



HOWARD REICH
 Tribune arts critic

In 1991, pianist Ellis Marsalis sent me a letter that I've held onto ever since.

In fact, I framed it, so that I would see it every day, to remind myself of what he wanted me to know.

Marsalis, who died April 1 at age 85 from complications of the coronavirus, told me that I should "keep up the good work" so that others "may recognize you as a significant model of jazz criticism."

But it occurs to me now, as the jazz world mourns one of its most revered elders, that in those words the eminent musician encapsulated what he himself had spent a lifetime doing — at significant personal cost. For



ALEX GARCIA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ellis Marsalis leans back after performing a segment of the Big River Concert: Celebrating New Orleans during "Jazz at Symphony Center" in 2006. Marsalis died April 1 after contracting the coronavirus.

he had served as a model for what jazz is and ought to be, and how we shouldn't lower our standards to suit popular tastes and fashions.

He certainly didn't. In the 1960s, when Ellis L. Marsalis Jr. — his full name — was emerging as a pianist and saxophonist, the

jazz world he aspired to enter was imploding. Youth-oriented rock music was destroying everything in its path in the marketplace, and extraordinarily accomplished jazz musicians were finding clubs closing, record labels shuttering or shunning them, the broader audience

turning away.

None of which escaped Marsalis' notice, nor deterred him from a life in jazz.

"Let's put it this way — there wasn't much work you could get, except maybe on the Fourth of July and Christmas," he told me in a 1991 interview.

So Marsalis supported his family playing assorted dives, touring with trumpeter Al Hirt, taking low-paying teaching gigs and otherwise subsisting in a jazz world that was crumbling around him.

"It was rough on daddy all the way," trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, one of Ellis and Dolores Marsalis' six sons, told me that year. "There was hardly anyplace to play the music. And it wasn't easy sitting behind screens on buses."

Meaning that in addition to the economic hardship of the jazz life, there was the brutal weight of pervasive racism.

"We went to a Catholic school with 1,500 kids in which 20 were black, and it was strange," saxophonist Branford Marsalis, another Marsalis son, told me at the time.

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CELEBRITIES

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Winfrey picks new Kolker book

Oprah Winfrey's new book club pick is Robert Kolker's "Hidden Valley Road," an in-depth account of a 1950s family in which six of 12 children were diagnosed with schizophrenia. Winfrey says she will continue picking books during the coronavirus outbreak.

In announcing her choice Tuesday, Winfrey called "Hidden Valley Road" "a riveting true story of an American family that reads like a medical detective journey. It reveals the shame, denial, shock, confusion and misunderstanding of mental illness at a time when no one was really sure what schizophrenia was or how to treat it."

"Hidden Valley Road" tells the story of the Galvins, an attractive, high-achieving Colorado family that was devastated by the illness. Kolker learned about them four years ago through a mutual friend and received extensive cooperation, speaking with nine of the siblings and their mother, and also drawing upon family letters, diaries and medical records.

Kolker's new book, released this week, is Winfrey's fourth selection since starting a partnership with Apple last fall. Because of the coronavirus, she will interview Kolker and Galvin family members remotely for a program expected to air in May.

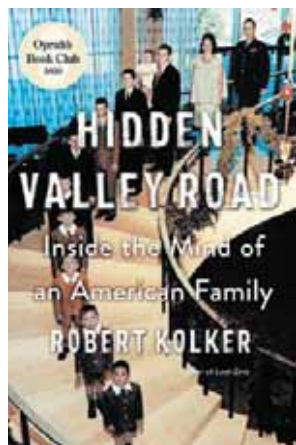
Winfrey said she had chosen "Hidden Valley Road" before the virus became widespread.

Dr. Drew's mea culpa: Celebrity doctor Drew Pinsky has apologized for a series of statements unspooled in a recent video where he downplayed the coronavirus and suggested it was a "press-induced panic."

"I wish I had gotten it



Oprah Winfrey says she will continue making book club picks during the coronavirus outbreak.



right, but I got it wrong," said Pinsky in a video posted over the weekend. Pinsky is known as "Dr. Drew."

Pinsky's apology was prompted by an online video that put together clips from a series of appearances he made over a two-month period.

He repeatedly suggested the coronavirus would be not as bad as the flu.

Rowling may have had COVID: "Harry Potter"

author J.K. Rowling could have used a healing spell.

The British writer has revealed a two-week battle, now over, with a probable case of coronavirus, she said.

"For last 2 weeks I've had all symptoms of C19 (tho haven't been tested)," she tweeted Monday. "I'm fully recovered."

Rowling also posted video of breathing exercises recommended by her husband, who is a doctor, that she said "helped me a lot."

Also, she has launched a site aimed at magically zapping boredom for kids in quarantine, called Harry Potter at Home.

April 8 birthdays: Singer Peggy Lennon is 79. Guitarist Steve Howe is 73. Singer Julian Lennon is 57. Actress Robin Wright is 54. Actress Emma Caulfield is 47. Singer-guitarist Ezra Koening is 36. Actor Taran Noah Smith is 36. Guitarist Jamie Sierota is 27. Actress Sadie Calvano is 23.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Sandwich dilemma made for Costanza

Dear Amy: I'm a man in my 50s working in a small office. My workplace problem is extremely insignificant and frankly embarrassing in the scheme of things. Honestly, it is like something out of a "Seinfeld" episode.

I'm on friendly terms with my co-workers. Occasionally "Donald" goes out at lunchtime and picks up sandwiches for the group. Donald goes around the office and takes the orders. He does this for everyone except me. I've never been included (sniffle, sniffle).

What's worse is that Donald isn't discreet about it. He'll yell from across the room, "Hey, Kim, what kind of cheese do you want?" Then he'll call the shop and give long detailed instructions for each sandwich, for everyone to hear. He seems to take great pride in his position as master sandwich organizer and orderer.

I don't know what's more upsetting: Not being invited or the blatant way it's done in front of me. Is it rudeness, meanness or just insensitivity?

It's actually so ridiculous it's almost funny.

Friends and family suggest I invite myself, but that would make things even more awkward and is not my style at all.

Any insight into why this is happening, and how I can stop resenting it?

— George wants Pastrami on Rye!

Dear George: First off — yes, this is an ideal "Seinfeld" episode. I can see it now: George frustrated and whining about being excluded by the Master Sandwich Orderer, while everyone weighs in with

absurd solutions.

However, you are not George. You aren't whining. In fact, your reaction — to see this as an absurd situation and to see the "rye" (get it?) humor in it — means that you are handling this frustration with some perspective. You are also being emotionally honest. This hurts!

Where you are failing is in your refusal to say, "Hey, 'Donald,' next time you do a sandwich run, can I get in on that?" You could also offer to go on a sandwich run yourself, but that might unleash an absurd escalation ("Newman!").

Donald might have made an assumption about you — that you're not a "sandwich guy."

The way not to resent this is to ask yourself, "What would Jerry (Seinfeld) do?" and train yourself to let this periodic absurdity trigger a smile.

Dear Amy: After 25 years of marriage, it has dawned on me that my husband may have (mild) Asperger's syndrome.

So much of what I've read online about Asperger's matches up to our experiences, and it would explain so much that has been odd, hurtful and frustrating for me over these years of marriage.

Should I share this possibility with him, and if so, how, and then — what next?

— Wondering Wife

Dear Wondering: Asperger's is not an illness or disease. It is simply a unique way of thinking, seeing and interacting.

Yes, you should share your insight with your husband. Manage your

expectations when you do.

You have to imagine that your husband might wonder why his own (normal, to him) behavior has been misinterpreted by you — and others — throughout his lifetime.

I have heard from many people who say that an adult diagnosis of Asperger's has been revelatory and ultimately liberating.

Don't present this as: "Ah-ha! I finally know what's WRONG with you!" Pose this as a possibility: "I've been reading about Asperger's. Have you ever read about it? Some of this information reminded me of you, and I feel like I understand you a little better."

Dear Amy: "Upset" was concerned about her best friend hanging out with Upset's abusive former boyfriend.

I am now free from a marriage that held similar circumstances. While kindness is important to me, I've learned its equally important to no longer be passive when it comes to my safety or needs.

Being kindly direct with people can really go a long way. Upset should say: "You know my history with him. Your friendship with him makes me feel very unsafe. I've loved our friendship, but if you are going to rub shoulders with him, you and I can no longer be friends."

— Healthy After Abuse

Dear Healthy: This is empowering. Thank you.

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Museum

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Indeed, one of the early submissions that caught the eye of curators, Holst said, was a Springfield woman's photograph of a very special kind of cake at a local grocer's.

"She took a picture of toilet-paper-shaped cakes at the grocery store, which is poignant and hilarious," Holst said. "It's the grocery store being tongue-in-cheek because they didn't have any toilet paper in stock. Who knew this would be such an issue?"

"I took this photo because the cakes are funny, but also because it is amazing how access to a single commodity (that doesn't even have to do with COVID-19 symptoms) has affected the nation," the woman wrote with her online submission.

Another person, said Holst, sent a picture of her full refrigerator, which didn't seem that telling until you read her accompanying story about a neighbor, already having economic struggles, whose fridge was empty.

"We want to see pictures of your homemade mask," the curator said. "We want to see pictures of a coronavirus test kit, if anyone's seen one."

"Thinking as a historian, the numbers will be preserved. We'll know how many people got sick and passed away, eventually."

"But we really want to

know the experience of it: How did it feel to be a parent during this? How did it feel to be a home-school teacher?"

The impulse is similar at Naper Settlement, the historical museum in the western suburb that includes vintage buildings on a campus.

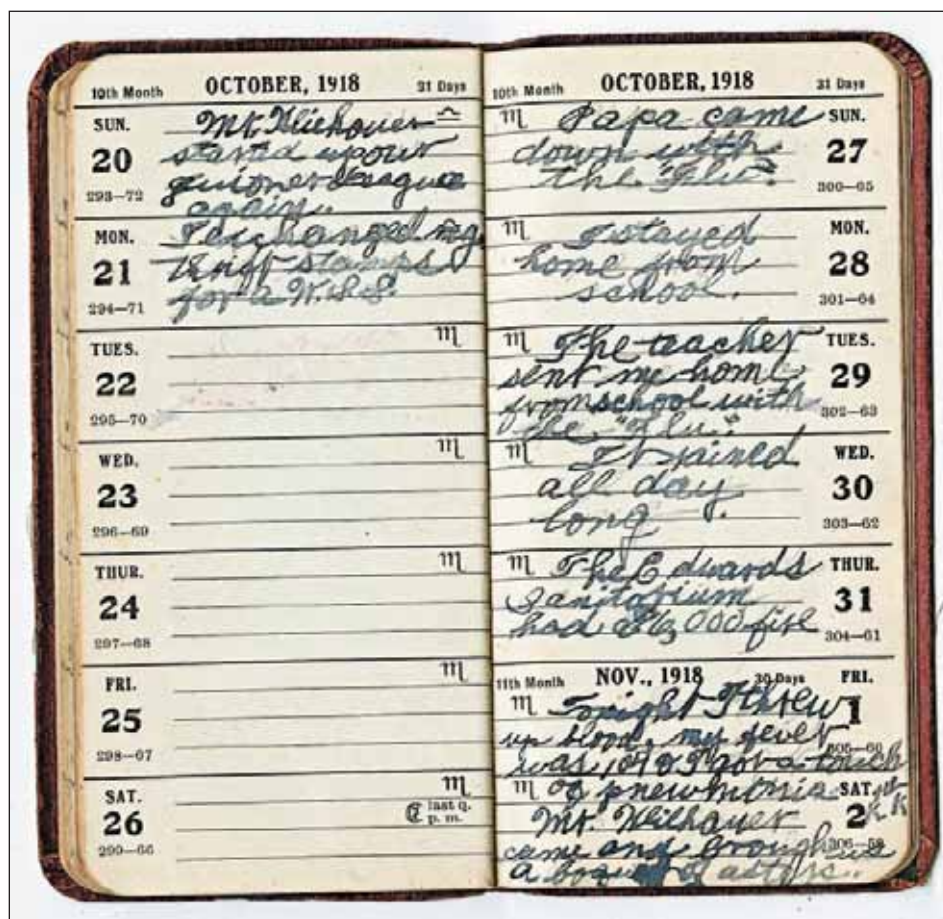
"In the museum field it is called 'rapid response collecting,'" said Rena Tamayo-Calabrese, the settlement's president and CEO. "It is a term of art and it is a methodology."

The "Naperville 2020: Pandemic Collecting Initiative" asks people from Naperville and the broader community to donate writings and photos and, later on, when it becomes safe to do so, physical artifacts. There's a parallel "Naper Journals initiative" to encourage people to record and submit their thoughts and feelings in the moment.

"One of the greatest questions history helps us to answer is, 'How do life's big changes affect who we are and who we've become,' and to answer the why," Tamayo-Calabrese said. "When people are journaling and it is their words, their videos, we have those primary resources for the future."

The museum is also reaching out to the Chamber of Commerce and to Naperville government to document how businesses and the municipality are handling things. A curator has been out taking pictures.

"Showing the complete



NAPER SETTLEMENT

Pages from the journal of Merle Clarke, a Naperville resident who documented her family's struggle with the 1918 influenza pandemic, part of the Naper Settlement collection. The historical museum is asking modern-day residents to keep COVID-19 journals.

isolation, desolate streets, it doesn't need any words," she said. "The picture says everything. It's Saturday night and there is nothing going on downtown."

And if the early submissions, in Naperville and in Springfield, are any guide, toilet paper is going to be the comic relief in this history, the counterpoint to the parts about lives and

ways of making a living being lost.

"We have received some very funny posts — for example, about going on the voyage to search for toilet paper," said Tamayo-Calabrese. "You know, 'It's stop No. 3 and we still haven't found toilet paper, but, hey, we've got 50 pounds of flour and we've made five loaves of bread.'"

Chicago History Museum, on the North Side, is working to get a similar initiative going.

"We want to know ways the general public is receiving and understanding the impact of this," said John Russick, vice president for interpretation and education.

"At the end of the day, this is so much a human

experience. We hope we can share how people got through this crisis, and what were the challenges and some of the heart-wrenching moments. What are the ways that people are coping?"

Like the others, the Chicago museum will be asking for uploadable materials first but later, when it becomes safer, physical artifacts. And Russick hopes people will keep an eye out for telling items, such as a sign a friend told him about in Evanston.

"Keep Calm and Carry Out," it says, a melding of the British World War II message to the populace and the desire to try to keep restaurants afloat in 2020 by ordering to-go.

And like rapid response collecting, the curation is being done in real time too. At Illinois State Museum, Holst hopes the material will lend itself to being presented back to the public soon.

"In the short term we definitely see some online exhibitions being put together," she said. "It's almost like holding a mirror up to ourselves."

"Just the submissions we've gotten in the last couple of days, it's heart-breaking, but it's also beautiful. You really see the strength of the human spirit and the desire to connect."

"We're eager to put it out there."

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Moment

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wrapped. And how tight it would be. And how hot.

"Also, I just didn't think it through — I didn't think about the fact we wouldn't be able to unwrap me until the whole scene was done and that they'd have to do lighting changes and move the camera, which could take hours."

"When they first rolled me in everybody was like, 'Oh my God, there's a naked guy wrapped in Saran Wrap!' and I was paid a lot of respect."

"But then during the lighting setups — there were maybe four or five — the actors and the director would leave to get out of the way so the crew could reset everything, and the crew didn't know what to say to me so they just started working around me and wheeling me around and talking as if I wasn't there. And they sort of forgot that I was an actual person."

"Somebody actually rested a roll of tape on my chest, as if I was suddenly a table. Like, they were putting tools on me! And I was too embarrassed to say anything. But also I was like, 'I'm fine being a table. I want to help out!'"

"And then everybody would come back in and remember I was there. The director would be like, 'Oh, Sam! You're here! Lunch is in an hour and then we'll get you out of this. Would you mind staying wrapped up?'"

"That was one of the first things they asked me, actually: If I would stay wrapped up for the whole thing because it would take a long time to unwrap me and then rewrap me. And so I was like, 'it'll be easier for me just to stay wrapped up. And they wrapped me tight.'"

This sounds like an incredible claustrophobic experience.

"Absolutely. Here's the deal: I thought it would be an hour — they'd get the wide shots they needed and then move in close and focus on my head, so they would be able to cut me out from the waist down. But the way they shot it, somehow I wasn't able to do that and I had to stay, neck to toe, in Saran Wrap for four hours total."

"They weren't intentionally dehumanizing me. The crew had business to do. And anybody that could have humanized me, like the directors or actors, had leave the room. So there was nobody to say,



SHOWTIME

Sam Trammell as Benjamin Hayes in "Homeland."

"This guy has a name, you know? 'This person's breathing; this isn't a dummy.'"

"I think some people thought I was a mannequin because I was so still. I couldn't move and I didn't have anybody to talk to. But the funniest part was when the guy put his roll of tape on me. Put your sandwich there too or your screwdriver — I'm fine."

"I was trying to use this (state of mind) to stay horrified because in the scene I'm completely at Dexter's mercy and I was pretty claustrophobic by the time we got to the closeups. I had sustained some, you know, (real-life) trauma being in the same position looking up at the ceiling for 3 1/2 hours and feeling vulnerable."

"It was exhausting because I was trying to stay in character the whole time, and then I'd lose it and space out and then someone would bump me and I'd be like, 'Where's the director again? Where are the other actors?' 'Oh, they're getting snacks.'"

"Or they'd be on their phones while I'd be staring up at guys on ladders fixing lights and taping wires."

It's amazing anyone in charge thought this was mentally or physically healthy.

"(Laughs) You know what? I think they may have offered me a choice and I turned it down."

"My arm started to go numb, and I also really needed to go to the bathroom. I started getting worried and they were like, 'Just two more setups.

You can get unwrapped if you want, but it's going to take a long time,' and I thought, 'Yeah, no — just stayed wrapped.'"

"So I think a lot of it was my fault because I didn't want to have to go through the 30 minutes of getting unwrapped and wrapped again. I thought I could deal with it. And then I realized that I had become a piece of furniture and then it was too late and I had to stick to my guns: 'No, I'm fine, I'm fine. I don't have to go to the bathroom. My arm is fine.' And I was literally falling apart inside."

"When any of your appendages go numb, you know it's probably just a nerve and feeling will come back, but you don't know for sure. It's just a scary thing. And it was like, 'am I giving an arm for this guest-starring role on 'Dexter'?! The show wasn't even out yet!'"

"I didn't think I could change anything about the situation at that point (laughs), so I think it was my own undoing."

The takeaway ...

"Every once in a while you have to think about what your needs are, and I really needed to be cut out of that thing every hour. I didn't want to be a problem, I didn't want to be trouble — and it probably wouldn't have been much trouble. So ask for what you need."

"And I learned that you can't get Saran Wrapped for four hours."

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"The teachers weren't openly hostile, but their ignorance was even more detrimental to us than if they had been. To them, (N-word) was an accepted part of the English language."

Against this backdrop, Ellis Marsalis pushed forward, refusing to compromise his art or aspirations. Instead, he and his wife developed a strategy that appears to have influenced their high-achieving sons and the generations of jazz musicians who followed his artistic lead.

"They taught us that whatever you do, if you're not going to be the best, don't do it," trombonist Delfeayo Marsalis, another son, told me in 1991. "That was how you survived — by being the best."

"And we did it with music because of my dad."

Long before the Marsalis name became internationally known — thanks to the acclaim won by the Marsalis progeny — Ellis Marsalis toiled for small change while creating great art.

You could hear it on several superb but little-heralded recordings, such as "Solo Piano Reflections," a 1978 album he reissued as a CD on his own label, ELM Records.

The recording shows that at an early stage in his career, Marsalis was embracing the influence of the greatest of all jazz pianists, Art Tatum. The running scales, florid arpeggios and other technically expansive devices affirmed Marsalis' virtuosity, while his profoundly lyrical playing in John Lewis' "Django" and Chick Corea's "Spain" illuminated the substance beneath the glitter.

His 1997 reissue of his 1983 recording "Symdrome: Ellis Marsalis" (ELM Records), attested to the man's harmonic adventurousness and orchestral conception in a small-group setting, with bassist Bill Huntington, drummer James Black and flutist Kent Jordan.

But over time, like many great artists, Marsalis distilled his work to its essence, in his case via carefully chosen notes and succinctly stated gestures. That was apparent in 2008's "An Open Letter to Thelonious" (ELM Records), with its tough and unvarnished approach to Monk landmarks such as "Straight, No Chaser," "Crepuscule with Nellie" and "Epitaphy."

You could savor Marsalis' work in live performance, as well, especially at Snug Harbor, on Frenchmen Street in New Orleans. For decades, Marsalis played the landmark club once a week, and tickets were hard to come by. He last performed there in December.

Marsalis appeared often in Chicago, offering crisp, concise playing at the Chicago Jazz Festival in 1995; shimmering pianism at the Chicago Cultural Center in May of that year; and unmistakable integrity and reverence for jazz fundamentals during a concert at the College of Du Page Arts Center in Glen Ellyn in 1991.

"Consider his characteristically suave version of the old standard 'Someday My Prince Will Come,'" I wrote in my review of that performance. "In just the opening bars, Marsalis spelled out the hallmarks of his pianism: warm tone, articulate touch, gently swinging rhythm, an unusually sophisticated sense of harmony and an elegant way of shaping a melody. Through the course of the evening, these elements remained constant, even if the historical reference points were in flux."

Marsalis' frequent visits to the Chicago area reflected his affinity for this city and its deeply held jazz traditions.

"In 1953, Jesse Bell, my friend and schoolmate at Dillard University in New Orleans, decided to go to Chicago," Marsalis wrote in the foreword to my book "Let Freedom Swing: Collected Writings on Jazz, Blues, and Gospel."

"It was August and, just before starting our junior year, we thought it would be a good idea to take the City of New Orleans train to Chicago. We had many classmates from Chicago and Detroit, and we timed it so we would all come back to school together. This was the year that Chicago became one of my favorite cities for all time."

"I was eighteen and looked and acted sixteen, which caused me to get tossed from the Crown Propeller nightclub with a poorly doctored draft card. However, we were more successful getting to hear Nat 'King' Cole downtown."

Marsalis' love for life and music in Chicago never waned, a bond nurtured by Wynton Marsalis, whose uncounted performances here with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra always are sold out. Like his father, Wynton Marsalis has built his

career on the ethos of upholding jazz standards and yielding no ground to the commercial interests of the pop music industry.

As he put it to me in 1991, "I'm not for the use of the name of jazz to co-sign anything that doesn't truly represent jazz."

Wynton Marsalis has been criticized for this stance by those more willing to make artistic concessions, a fact that has had zero influence on his music, just as was the case with his father.

Nor is there any doubt as to where Wynton Marsalis acquired his reverence for what jazz musicians have fought, bled and died to create during the past century-plus.

"I suppose he picked up some of that from my classes," Ellis Marsalis told me, referring to the many future artists the elder Marsalis taught at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, including Wynton and Branford Marsalis, singer-pianist Harry Connick Jr., and trumpeters Nicholas Payton and Terence Blanchard.

So Ellis Marsalis' legacy endures not only through his recordings and through the memories of those lucky enough to have heard him in performance, but also through the work of his sons and other musicians who have tried to live up to his example.

"I only ever wanted to do better things to impress HIM," wrote Wynton Marsalis on his blog the day after his father's death (Dolores Marsalis died in 2017).

"He was my North Star, and the only opinion that really deep down mattered to me was his, because I grew up seeing how much he struggled and sacrificed to represent and teach vital human values that floated far above the stifling segregation and prejudice that defined his youth but, strangely enough, also imbued his art with an even more pungent and biting accuracy."

"For me," concluded Wynton Marsalis, "there is no sorrow only joy. He went on down the Good Kings Highway as was his way, a jazz man, 'with grace and gratitude.'"

"And I am grateful to have known him."

So am I.

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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search, Jumble and other tests to help you pass the time at home

SUDOKU

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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WORD SEARCH

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE
 3 letters = 1 point
 4 letters = 2 points
 5 letters = 3 points
 6 letters = 4 points
 7 letters = 6 points
 8 letters = 10 points
 9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING
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 101-150 = Expert
 61-100 = Pro
 31-60 = Garner
 21-30 = Rookie
 11-20 = Amateur
 0-10 = Try again

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WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.
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JUMBLE

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

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OPITTE

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

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FIND 10 DIFFERENCES

SKY WORD SEARCH

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Jimmy Kimmel

"Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" (9:01 p.m., ABC): Less than a year after this game show ended a 17-year run in syndication, ABC brings it back as an eight-episode special event tied to the 20th anniversary of the original ABC premiere of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." Jimmy Kimmel will host this new celebrity-driven version, which will feature stars playing for charity. A new game app also allows viewers at home to play along.

"Ghost Hunters" (7 p.m., 11 p.m., AE): Grant Wilson and the rest of the "Ghost Hunters" team return for their second season, which opens with "Terror Town Part 1," a two-part premiere airing tonight in two back-to-back episodes. This outing finds the paranormal investigators in the remote mining town of Clifton, Ariz., where a small populace still lives despite a violent and tragic history since the town was founded in 1873.

"Modern Family" (8 p.m., ABC): The Emmy-winning sitcom ends its 11-season run with a one-hour series closer, "Finale Part 1, Finale Part 2." As Mitch and Cam (Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Eric Stonestreet) settle into their new normal, Phil and Claire (Ty Burrell, Julie Bowen) decide one of their kids must move out before they can take back control of their home. Meanwhile, Gloria (Sofia Vergara) becomes more successful at work.

"Motherland: Fort Salem" (8 p.m., 9 p.m., FREE): As the base is sent reeling by a traumatic event, Raelle (Taylor Hickson) is left to struggle with the role she played in that tragedy in the new episode "Hail Beltane." While Scylla (Amalia Holm) tries to evade Raelle's pointed questions, Abigail (Ashley Williams) seeks to impress Libba (Sarah Yarkin), who is proving to be a formidable rival.

"LEGO Masters" (8:01 p.m., FOX): For an epic "Star Wars" episode, host Will Arnett welcomes beloved sci-fi robot characters BB-8, C-3PO and R2-D2 to issue a challenge to the contestants that's consistent with the theme: Build your own droids and then use them to replicate iconic scenes from, or inspired by, this blockbuster movie franchise.

"Liar" (10 p.m., 2 a.m., SUN): This acclaimed psychological thriller returns for Season 2, picking up the action as the body of Andrew Earlam is found in the Kent marshes, three weeks after damning evidence proved he had sexually assaulted nearly 20 women. The placid seaside community is rocked when the case turns into a murder investigation headed by out-of-town Detective Inspector Karen Renton (Katherine Kelly) and Detective Sgt. Rory Maxwell (Danny Webb).

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor-comic Tracy Morgan.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Taraji P. Henson, Dua Lipa talks and performs; best of Fallon.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (11:05 p.m., ABC): Cast members of Modern Family.*

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BROADCAST	CBS 2	Survivor: "War Is Not Pretty." (N) ©		(8:01) SEAL Team: "Draw-Down." (N) ©		S.W.A.T.: "Stigma." (N) ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	Chicago Med: "Just a River in Egypt." (N) ©		Chicago Fire: "Light Things Up." (N) ©		Chicago P.D.: "Buried Secrets." (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	Modern Family: "A Modern Farewell." (N) ©		Modern Family: "Finale Part 1; Finale Part 2." (Series Finale) (N) ©		(9:01) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (Series Premiere) (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©		WGN News at Ten (N) ♦
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	3's Comp. ©	3's Comp. ©	Johnny Carson ©		Coach ©
	Court 9.3	Court TV Live (N) (Live) ©						Court TV (N)
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	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall ©		Steve Wilkos Show (N)		Cops ©
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Ion 38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: "Cursed." ©		Blue Blood ♦	
TeleM 44	Cennet (N) ©		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacifico (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Dateline ©		Dateline ©		Chicago ♦	
UniMas 60	Eddie the Eagle (PG-13,'16)		*** Taron Egerton.		Noticiero (N)		Vas con todo ♦	
WJVS 62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer Robison		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno				Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Ghost Hunters (Season Premiere) (N) ©	Ghost Hunters (N) ©	Ghost Hunters (N) ©	Ghost Hunters (N) ©	Ghost Stories (Series Premiere) (N)		Ghost ♦
	AMC	Star Trek (PG-13,'09) ***	Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto. ©					Fantastic ♦
	ANIM	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed: "Until the Party Stops." (N)				Lone Star Law		Lone Star ♦
	BBCA	Saving Private Ryan (R,'98)	**** Tom Hanks, Edward Burns. © ♦					
	BET	Diary of Mad		Tyler Perry's Sistas (N)		Twenties (N)		Boomeran. Sistas ♦
	BIGTEN	BTN Basketball in 60 ©		The Journey BTN Basketball in 60 ©		The Journey		Indiana ♦
	BRAVO	Summer House (N) ©		Summer House (N) ©		Housewives/NYC		Watch (N)
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	South Park South Park		South Park South Park		South Park Yankers (N)		Daily Show ♦
	DISC	Expedition Unknown: Uncovered (N) ©				Legends of the Wild (N)		Expedition ♦
	DISN	Descendants 3 (NR,'19) Dove Cameron.		Fam Jam		Coop Sydney-Max		Bunk'd ©
	E!	Wedding		The Wedding Planner (PG-13,'01) **		Jennifer Lopez. ©		Funny Dnc
	ESPN	(6) NBA Basketball From June 18, 2013.		NBA Basketball From June 20, 2013. ♦				
	ESPN2	(6) Golf Programming (N)				Golf Programming (N) ♦		
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Grocery ♦
	FREE	(6) Matilda (PG,'96) ***		Motherland (N)		Motherland: Fort Salem		700 Club ♦
	FX	(6) Trolls (PG,'16) ***		Trolls (PG,'16) ***		Voices of Anna Kendrick. ©		Despicable
	HALL	You're Bacon Me Crazy (NR,'20) Natalie Hall. ©				Golden Girls Golden Girls		Golden Girls
	HGTV	Property Brothers (N)		Property Brothers (N)		Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N)		Hunters
	HIST	Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		Eating (N) Eating (N)		Forged ♦
	HLN	Forensic		Forensic		Forensic		Sex & Murder ♦
	IFC	(6:30) Major League (R,'89) **		Tom Berenger. ©		Brockmire (9:31) Major League ♦		
	LIFE	Married at First Sight: "Forever or Never." (N) ©				Bride & Prejudice (N)		Married ♦
	MSNBC	All in With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	The Challenge (N) ©		Ridiculous.		Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.
	NATGEO	Locked Up Abroad ©		Borderforce USA: Bridges		Borderforce USA (N) ©		Borderfor ♦
	NBCSCH	To be announced				TBA		Bulls (N)
NICK	Young Dylan SpongeBob		Friends ©		Friends ©		Friends ©	
OVATION	(6) Eat Pray Love (PG-13,'10) **		Julia Roberts.		The Talented Mr. Ripley (R,'99) ****			
OWN	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 ♦	
OXY	Snapped: "Tonya Miller." ©		Snapped: "Ashley Hoath." ©		Snapped ©		Snapped ♦	
PARMT	(6:30) Friday (R,'95) ***		Ice Cube. ©		Next Friday (R,'00) **		Ice Cube, Mike Epps. © ♦	
SYFY	(5:45) John Wick: Chapter 2 (17) ***		John Wick: Chapter 2 (R,'17) ***		Keanu Reeves. ♦			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	Conan © ♦	
TMC	Carmen Jones (NR,'54) ***		Dorothy Dandridge. ©		Odds Against Tomorrow ('59) *** © ♦			
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Ashley T's Story." (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper		Save-Skin ♦	
TLN	Baptist	King	Focus on		The Three		Life Today	
TNT	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©				47 Ronin (PG-13,'13) ** © ♦			
TOON	Home Movie Burgers		Burgers		Rick, Morty		Amer. Dad Amer. Dad	
TRAV	These Woods Are Haunted (N) ©				True Terror (N)		True ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men Two Men		King	
USA	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©				Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU ♦	
VH1	Black Ink Crew (N) ©		Wild 'n Out		Wild 'n Out		Wild 'n Out	
WE	Law & Order: "Untitled." ©		Law & Order: "Narcosis." ©		Law & Order ©		Law ♦	
WGN America	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	
PREMIUM	HBO	Westworld ©		Shaft (R,'19) **		Samuel L. Jackson. ©		Friend (Subt)
	HBO2	Bohemian Rhapsody ***		Atlanta's Missing		Westworld ©		Kill Chain ♦
	MAX	The Thing (R,'11) ** ©		(8:45) Hanna (PG-13,'11) ***		Saoirse Ronan. ♦		
	SHO	Twin Peaks: The Return		Twin Peaks: The Return		Twin Peaks: The Return		Peaks ♦
	STARZ	(6:16) The Vow ('12) **		(8:02) No Country for Old Men (R,'07) ***				Once ♦
STZNC	(6:16) Land of the Lost ♦		Rent (PG-13,'05) **		Rosario Dawson, Taye Diggs. ©			

'Mira, Royal Detective' highlights magical India

Two west suburban friends 'on the case' in Disney Jr. series

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

If you haven't seen Disney Junior's latest animated series, "Mira, Royal Detective," be forewarned that the main title song "We're on the Case" has a hook that is very hard to shake. It's that catchy. You will sing or hum it after hearing it. Just letting you know.

OK, now that's settled. Here's the rundown: Mira is a young girl who is appointed to the role of royal detective by the queen. She's a little young, but no less savvy when it comes to solving mysteries in the magical land of Jalpur with the help of her friend Prince Neel, cousin Priya, and mongoose sidekicks Mikku and Chikku.

Her adventures, created for the young set (ages 2-7), highlight critical thinking and encourage deductive reasoning, while also celebrating the cultures and customs of India with music and dance numbers and a cast of all South Asian actors.

The impressive list includes Freida Pinto, Kal Penn, Utkarsh Ambudkar, Hannah Simone, Jameela Jamil, Aparna Nancharla, Aasif Mandvi, Karan Soni, Maulik Panchoy, Sarayu Blue and Sarita Choudhury. Newcomer Leela Ladnier stars as the voice of Mira, alongside additional cast members Roshni Edwards, Kamran Lucas and Karan Brar.

Two of those Los Angeles-based actors are Parvesh Cheena, a Naperville native, and Sonal Shah, a native of Wheaton. The longtime friends play bandits Manish and Poonam, and their episode premiered on the Disney Junior and the Disney Channel last Friday.

"Working on a show like this, it's so special," Shah said. "It has so much mean-



DISNEY JUNIOR

Disney Junior hosted the world premiere of the animated series "Mira, Royal Detective" at The Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, California, last month. Longtime friends Parvesh Cheena (Naperville native) and Sonal Shah (Wheaton native) voice Manish and Poonam, the bumbling bandits.

ing behind it — being a show that tells stories through music and dance and amazing writing, it showcases South Asian culture and the magical world of India and just how it really celebrates the joy, the community, and the kindness and compassion of India. Being a part of this show is so awesome and that's on top of working with our friends."

"You're absolutely correct," Cheena said. "And also 100 percent, every actor on the show is from the diaspora — they are people from India: Indian-born to Indian-Americans, Indian Brits and they even let in a few Canadians. It's been amazing."

We chatted with Shah and Cheena before their characters' debut on "Mira" and talked about some details of the show and holding on to sanity during this COVID-19 isolation. FYI: the show has already been ordered for a second season. The interview has been condensed and edited.

Q: Let's talk about the song.

Shah: It's catchy. It's perfect for people at home — it's the best music to have on and be dancing around your apartment because it's so positive and you can't help but smile when listening to it.

Cheena: I get why so much of kids programming has these nods, winks and hooks for the parents who have to watch them over and over. I'm so happy that the music is such a great way for the parents, let alone the kids, to be so interested and involved in it.

Q: Being from musical theater here in Chicago, was singing for the show a big deal for you?

Shah: Oh no, I was definitely trying to call in sick the day of. I did do a lot of theater in Chicago, but the last show that I felt like I sang in was "A Christmas Carol" at the Goodman, which was a long time ago. I was very scared of the songs.

Cheena: Sonal and I have known each other since college — she's the closest thing I have to a sister, but as soon as Sonal sang, I got super nervous and super scared because I was like: "Where did this Indian pop princess friend of mine come out of, where has she been hiding?"

Shah: Thank you for that. (Laughter)
Cheena: Yep, I didn't set you up for that at all. (Laughter)

Q: How did "Mira" land in your lap?

Shah: They were looking for Indian writers and my friend suggested me. I met with Sascha Paladino, who is the executive producer, and Becca Topol, who developed the show, to interview as a writer. I write, but I had not written that professionally at that point. I had done some voice-over. Once they told me about this show, I just wanted to be a part of it in some way because it is so special — not just for South Asians, but for everyone, and lo and behold a few

months later, I got this part.

Cheena: A lot of us have pivoted to voice-overs — Sonal, me and our third older brother Danny Pudi, who is also on the show. We all got to L.A., literally within a year of each other. Danny has been on Disney doing "Ducktales." I've been doing a couple of recurring shows like "The Owl House" and "The Rocketeer." So, when "Mira" came calling, it was just a normal audition. But when they came back and said: "We want you to be a bandit with your best friend Sonal." My first question was like: "How do you know I'm best friends with Sonal?" and my second response was of course.

Q: The show premiered in the States and in India on March 20, right when coronavirus was keeping us inside. Perfect timing?

Shah: Even though it's a crazy time that we're in, it's very nice to know that kids can turn to look for inspiration and feel that connectedness. With kids being at home, I think it's challenging. Even though it is a dark time, there is a lightness that Mira brings. Hopefully comedians, performers and creators, we can continue to do our part to provide some joy wherever we can.

Q: Manish and Poonam are your characters and they are bandits?

Cheena: We're misunderstood. Maybe we weren't loved at home. Manish's ultimate goal is still just food and snacks. (Robbery) it's just a means to an end to get some more samosas and chips.

Shah: I think Poonam's goal in life is to be in control.

Q: How has the feedback been, so far?

Shah: It's been great. I have a huge South Asian community in Chicago and they're sending me pictures

of their kids singing "We're on the case. We're on the case" but a lot of my friends who are not Indian are also calling and sending pictures and loving the show.

Cheena: You know when you get the Twitter and Instagram videos of people with their kids — white, black, let alone brown and yellow — singing along with the song, sending it to you and tagging you in it, that is when I'm like: got it! Whenever I see kids singing along, I feel like we did it. Those earworms, those hooks, it's the most adorable thing to see red-headed 2-year-olds around the country singing "We're on the case. We're on the case." That's why we do it.

Q: What's keeping you sane during COVID-19?

Cheena: I have a dog. I was not a very athletic, active person, but I am really cherishing these half-hour, one mile walks at the beginning and ending of the day. I like being at home, playing video games and watching DisneyPlus. I can't even imagine doing this if we had to isolate 10-15 years ago, let alone in the '90s or '80s.
Shah: Connecting with FaceTime and also having the space to meditate and journal every day and also be sad. It's not all the time, but there are days where I feel that weight and heaviness of what is happening and how many people are affected, so just taking that time to kind of feel it and then taking time to write. I dance a lot in my apartment. I'm just finding different ways to stay connected to others, but to also take the time to connect with myself.

New episodes of "Mira, Royal Detective" premiere Fridays at 10 a.m. on the Disney Channel and will also be available on Disney Junior and DisneyNOW.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 8): Your career takes flight this year. Your team is your secret superpower. Educational challenges next summer inspire domestic renovation and beautification before your work takes a shift. Adapt to a new story next winter, before an investigation or exploration heats up.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Collaborate to manage a joint financial challenge. Study money and review your resources. Discover a structural problem and address it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Consider consequences before acting. Don't make assumptions about your partner's point of view. Go ahead and ask them directly.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Routines could get tested. Reinforce structural supports. Slow to strengthen the basics. The possibility of technical error is high. Stay practical, especially with resources.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Take it easy. Slow the action to address foundational matters. An unexpected twist could interfere with romantic plans. Offer practical support and comfort.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Settle into your cozy nest. Make repairs and upgrades without breaking the bank. Strengthen foundational infrastructure. Plan carefully. Get into the design. Imagine perfection.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Study the basics before you explore details and frills. Review the materials carefully. Present your case tactfully. Wait for developments before jumping to conclusions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Focus on making money. Adapt to changing circumstances and potential shortfalls. Avoid unexpected expenses. Old assumptions get challenged.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. You can't be two places at the same time. Stay in communication. Maintain objectivity in a tense situation. Hold yourself to high standards.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 6. You're especially sensitive. Enjoy soothing, familiar comforts like tea and good music in peaceful surroundings. Simplify plans and expectations.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Resolve structural issues with a team project. Avoid provoking short tempers. Use gentle pressure rather than brute force. Maintain an open mind.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Professional responsibilities require your attention. You may come up against a conflict with the status quo. Strengthen infrastructure for changing circumstances. Provide stable leadership.

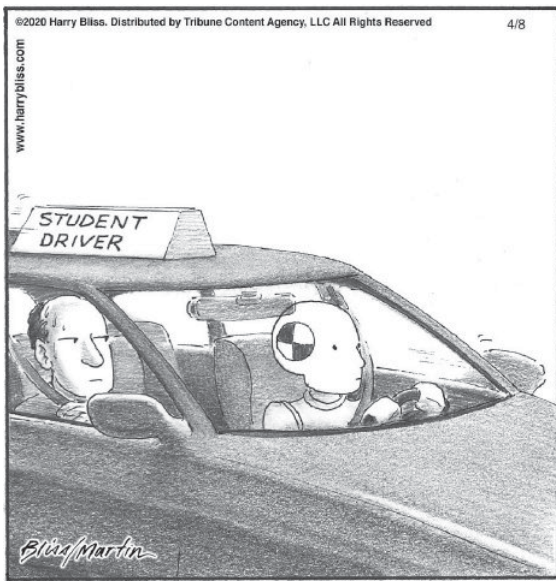
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Your journey might take an unexpected turn. Find a comfortable spot to wait for better conditions. Double-check reservations and connections.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ J10 9 5 2	♥ A 2	♠ K 8 4 3	♥ 7 6 3
♦ A 9 7 4 3	♣ A	♦ Q J 5	♣ Q 9 2
South		West	
♠ A Q 6	♥ K Q 4	♠ 7	♥ J 10 9 8 5
♦ K 8 2	♣ K 7 6 5	♦ 10 6	♣ J 10 8 4 3

South won the opening heart lead with dummy's ace and ran the jack of spades. A spade to the queen revealed the bad trump split and South went into the think tank. He

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♣	All pass

*Transfer to spades

Opening lead: Jack of ♥

a diamond from dummy. Another diamond went on the king of clubs and a club was ruffed in dummy. The ace of diamonds and a diamond to the king left this position:

North		East	
♠ 10 9	♥ Void	♠ K 8	♥ Void
♦ 9	♣ Void	♦ Q	♣ Void
South		West	
♠ A	♥ Void	♠ Void	♥ J
♦ 8	♣ 7	♦ Void	♣ J 10

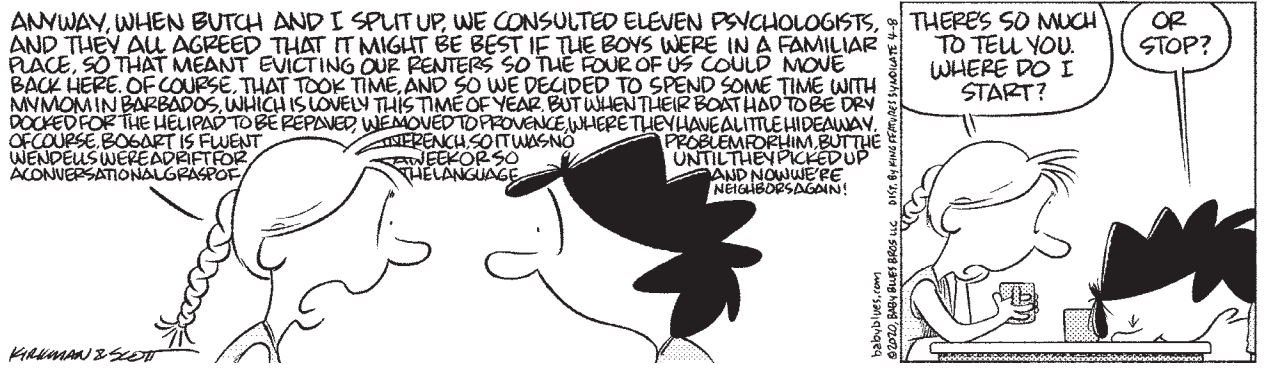
South led his last club and had to decide what to do when West played the 10. Should East's last minor-suit card be the jack of clubs, a club ruff would make the contract. South judged that East's last minor-suit card was a diamond and not a club, so he discarded dummy's diamond. East also shed a diamond. In the two-card ending, West led a club and East's king of trumps was smothered. Dummy ruffed and East couldn't take a trick whether he over-ruffed or under-ruffed. Beautifully played!

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

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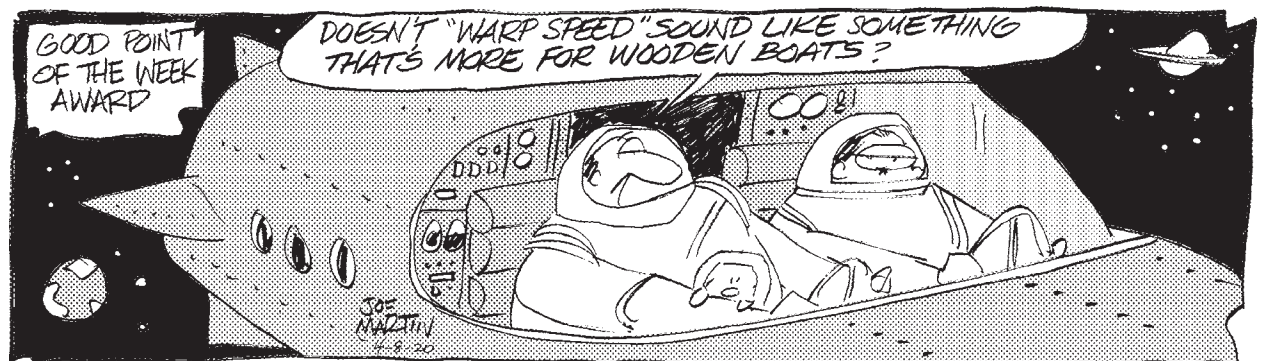
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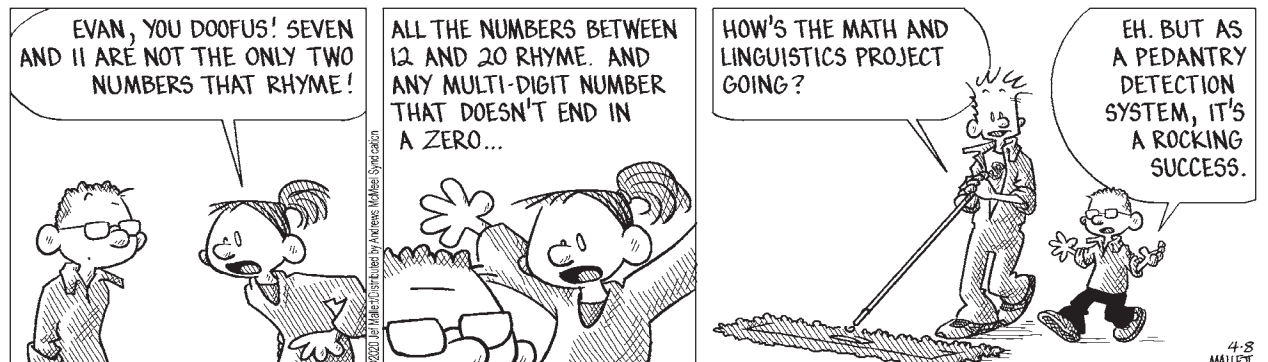
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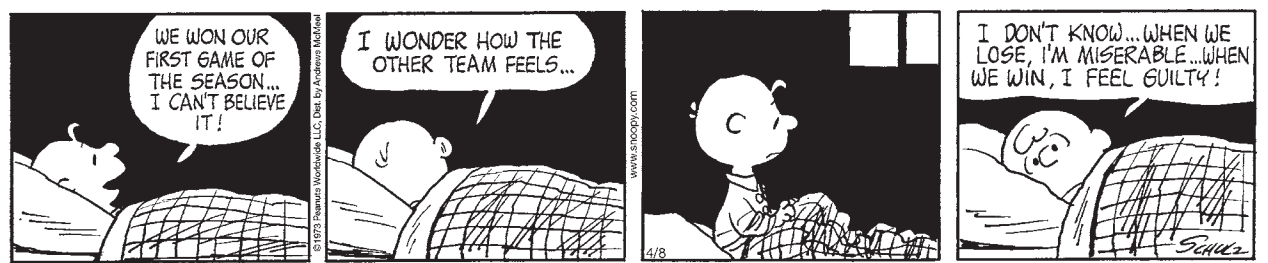
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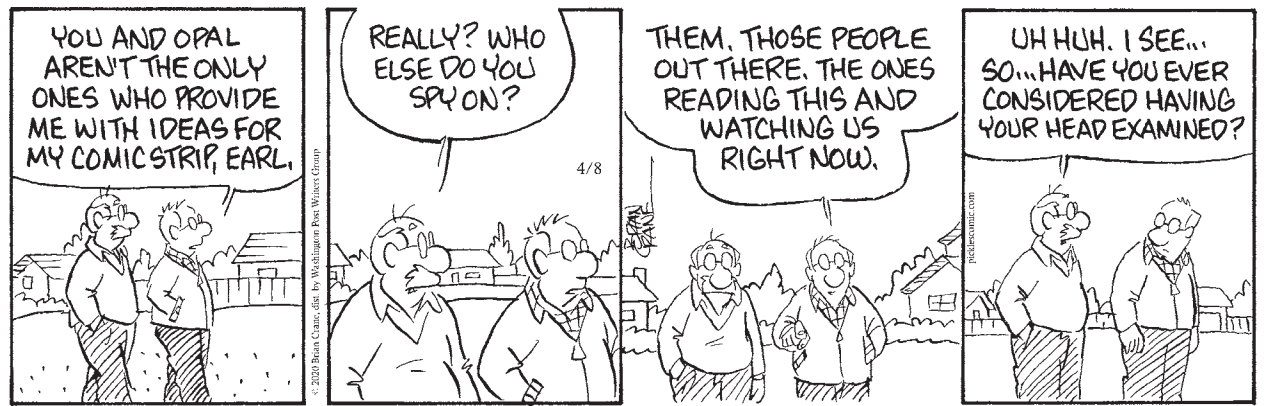
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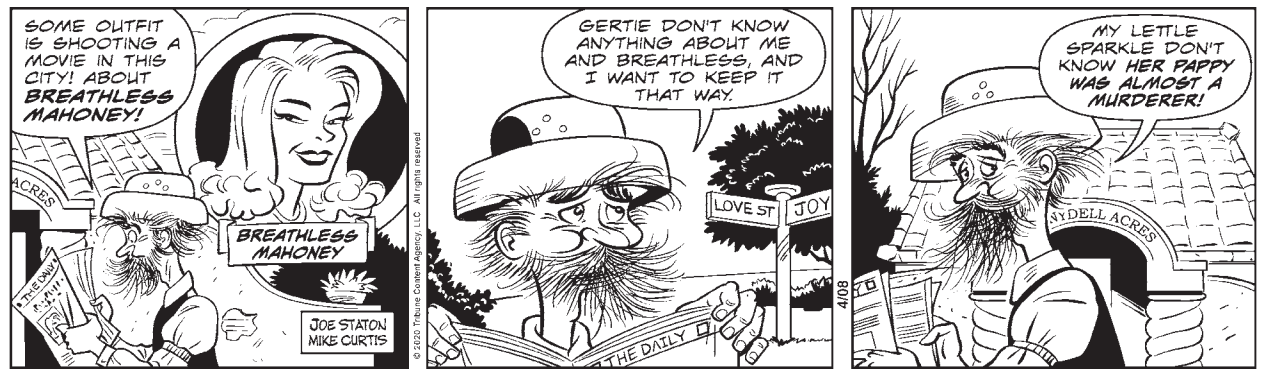
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Pickles



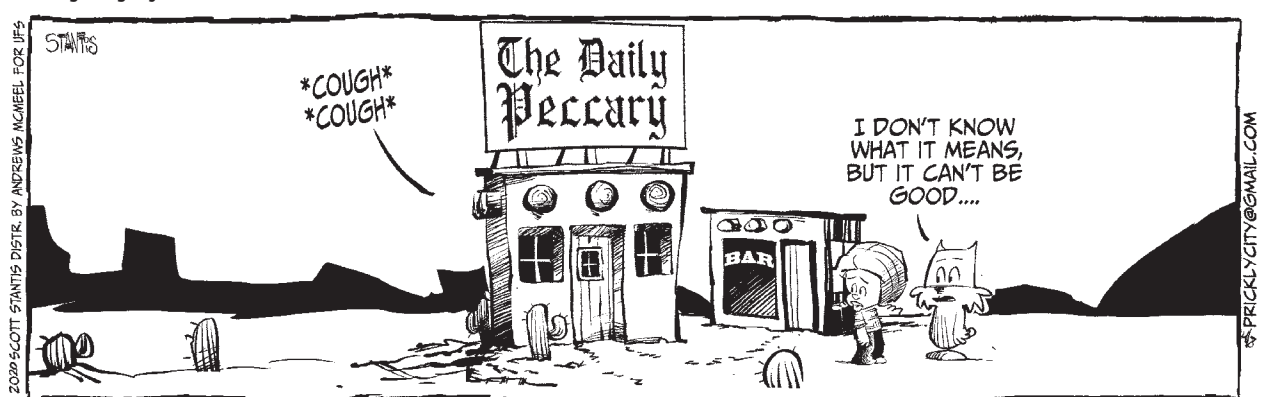
Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



Prickly City



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 NORMAL HIGH: 56° NORMAL LOW: 36° RECORD HIGH: 80° (1931) RECORD LOW: 20° (1972)

Warm day ahead before chilly winds drop temps

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 74 **LOW 38**

■ Fog early followed by a mostly sunny morning. Continued quite mild with a high in the mid 70s, about 20 degrees above normal.

■ Clouds increase in the afternoon. Rain develops by late afternoon with scattered thunderstorms possible.

■ SSW winds 7-18 mph increase and turn NW by sunset. Overnight winds 10-20 mph gusts to 30.

■ Evening showers and possibly a thunderstorm, especially during the early evening. Rain chance ends by midnight.

■ Much colder overnight; low in the upper 30s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Wednesday will bring one more day with well above normal temperatures for early April. A high in the mid 70s would be the first time Chicago has had two consecutive days reaching 70 or higher since Oct. 9 and 10, when the temperature reached 70 on consecutive days. A cold front will pass late in the afternoon bringing a chance for rain, a thunderstorm, strong northwest winds and much colder temperatures Wednesday night. Wind chills will likely be in the upper 20s by sunrise Thursday morning.

The high temperature will reach the 40s on Thursday and Friday. A slight warmup to the lower 50s for the weekend before high temperatures return to the 40s early next week. Overnight low temperatures in the 30s on Monday and Tuesday enhance the possibility of light nighttime snow or flurries.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

HIGH 46 **LOW 32**

Blustery, much colder. A sunny start to the day but clouds increase, becoming partly sunny by late afternoon. Breezy NW winds 20-30 mph, gusting to 40 mph. High in the mid 40s. Clouds break overnight.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

HIGH 48 **LOW 35**

A sunny morning. Clouds increase in the afternoon but remaining mostly sunny. Breezy NW winds 15-25 mph. Continued cool. High in the upper 40s. Partly cloudy overnight. Winds diminish, becoming light from the SW.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

HIGH 52 **LOW 41**

Mostly cloudy. High in the low 50s. Slight chance of scattered a.m. rain showers. Rain chances increase in the afternoon. S winds 8-15 mph diminish overnight. Overnight showers. Warmer with a low in the low 40s.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

HIGH 53 **LOW 35**

Breezy and cloudy with scattered rain showers. High in the low 50s but colder at the lake with NNE winds 10-18 mph. Scattered rain showers continue into the evening but end overnight. NNW winds 10-18 mph.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

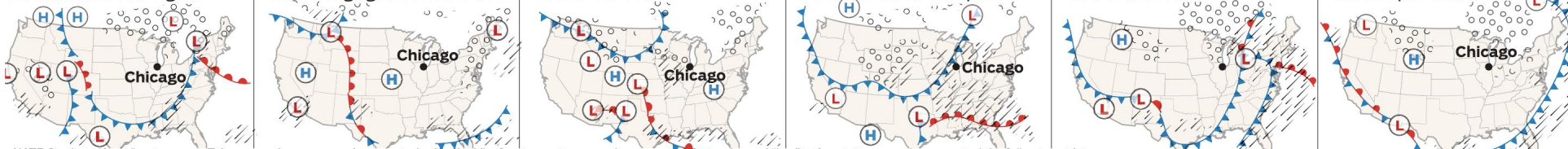
HIGH 46 **LOW 32**

Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of scattered rain showers. Colder with a low in the mid 40s. Chilly NW winds gusting to 25 mph. Slight chance of overnight showers, possibly mixing with flurries. Low in the low 30s.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

HIGH 44 **LOW 32**

Cold with a high in the mid 40s, nearly 15° below normal. Partly cloudy with scattered rain showers possible but mainly dry. W winds 10-15 mph. Mostly cloudy overnight with flurries possible.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
With the approach of summer, what is the number of days with temperatures in the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and 100+ in Chicago?
Mark Chester, Bolingbrook

Dear Mark,
Defining summer as the three warmest months of the year (June, July, August), and looking at Midway Airport daily maximum temperatures, highs in the 40s were 2; 50s 38; 60s 426; 70s 2,227; 80s 3,890; 90s 1,704; 100s 85 and 110-plus 0, for a total 8,372 days in the period from Jan. 1, 1929 through Dec. 31, 2019.

At the official reporting station from Jan. 1, 1871, through Dec. 31, 2019: highs in the 40s were 6; 50s 156; 60s 1,393; 70s 4,531; 80s 5,628; 90s 1,933; 100s 61; and 110-plus 0, for a total 13,708 days. However, these official numbers were gathered from reporting stations at several different locations in Chicago during the period of record.

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Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Warm temps, stormy weather to be followed by big temp drop

TUESDAY'S HIGH TEMP

Chicago's warmest day of the year to date

O'Hare ■ 24° above normal

80° ■ Warmest temp since Oct. 1

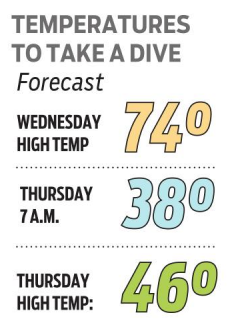
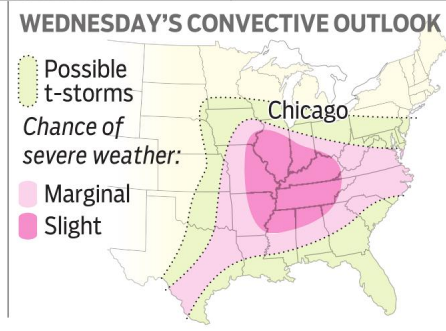
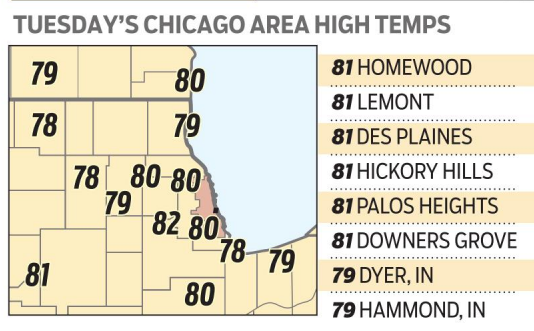
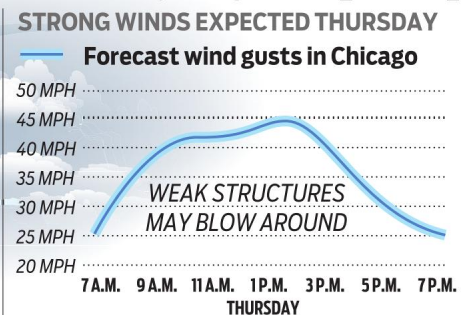
■ Equals the normal Chicago high temp on June 15

■ Average date of first 80°+ temp is April 20

POWERFUL T-STORMS PRODUCE VERY LARGE DAMAGING HAIL UP TO TEA CUP SIZE!

45,000 ft.-top thunderstorms producing large hail up to 3"

Winnebago, Ill.	3.00"
Marion, Iowa	2.50"
New Milford, Ill.	2.00"
Rockford, Ill.	1.25"
Belvidere, Ill.	1.00"



MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	79	45	pc	56	34
Carbondale	pc	74	38	pc	49	30
Champaign	pc	76	39	pc	50	31
Decatur	pc	76	39	pc	50	31
Moline	pc	73	37	pc	49	30
Peoria	pc	76	38	pc	50	31
Quincy	pc	76	38	pc	50	31
Rockford	pc	78	34	pc	51	30
Springfield	pc	78	39	pc	51	30
Stirling	sh	70	34	pc	47	29
Indiana	pc	76	44	pc	51	34
Bloomington	pc	78	46	pc	55	35
Evansville	pc	69	39	pc	44	32
Fort Wayne	pc	73	43	pc	49	34
Indianapolis	pc	75	41	pc	50	34
Lafayette	pc	75	41	pc	50	34
South Bend	pc	69	38	pc	43	33
Wisconsin	pc	75	43	pc	51	34
Green Bay	sh	60	33	pc	41	29
Kenosha	pc	63	36	pc	45	31
La Crosse	pc	68	34	pc	43	30
Madison	sh	62	32	pc	43	29
Milwaukee	pc	58	34	pc	44	30
Wausau	cl	56	29	cl	40	27
Michigan	pc	68	41	pc	46	32
Detroit	pc	68	41	pc	46	32
Grand Rapids	pc	61	38	pc	42	32
Marquette	pc	50	31	pc	36	27
St. Ste. Marie	cl	49	34	pc	37	28
Traverse City	cl	58	35	pc	40	31
Iowa	pc	63	33	pc	48	27
Ames	pc	63	33	pc	48	27
Cedar Rapids	pc	63	34	pc	48	28
Des Moines	ts	67	34	pc	49	28
Dubuque	sh	63	34	pc	42	29

OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albion	pc	88	54	sh	59	50
Albuquerque	pc	57	43	sh	50	37
Albany	sh	75	47	su	71	43
Amarillo	su	84	45	pc	64	42
Anchorage	pc	37	19	su	35	19
Asheville	pc	76	56	ts	63	38
Aspen	su	59	35	pc	59	33
Atlanta	ts	81	65	ts	76	49
Atlantic City	sh	68	47	su	58	40
Austin	cl	94	70	ts	79	56
Baltimore	pc	77	54	su	62	47
Billings	pc	50	28	su	57	30
Birmingham	ts	82	66	pc	74	50
Bismarck	pc	44	25	pc	41	25
Boise	su	69	41	su	71	45
Boston	sh	48	41	su	52	38
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Buffalo	pc	53	40	sh	45	34
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Compassion gets creative

Chaplains finding ways to ensure no one dies alone

BY KATE THAYER

As a man lay dying of COVID-19 at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, hospital chaplains Marie Coglianesi and Bob Andorka stood just outside his room, praying and singing.

They held up a phone so his mother and sister could hear. The man's mother asked to talk to her son, so the chaplains allowed her voice to flood through the room's intercom system. They did the same for his sister.

In a time when hospitals must enforce strict no-visitor policies due to the coronavirus pandemic, hospital chaplains are finding creative ways to fulfill their role as spiritual guides, providing comfort and making sure the unthinkable doesn't happen. No one should die alone.

"That becomes their story then," Coglianesi said of the dying man's family as she described their interaction. "They were able to (be there) ... but we were their eyes. We were there with him."

"What's different for us now," she added, "is we are in the moment trying to decide, what's the best way to add compassion for this patient? We're learning as we go."

The man, whom Coglianesi described as young, died soon afterward. His family was able to stay on the phone as he slipped away, Coglianesi said. Then, she talked to them about their loved one and asked how else she could help.

The chaplains are used to dealing with families in times of tragedy, but now the pace and intensity are heightened, Coglianesi said.

"This is so different because the families can't be here," she said. "We're used to seeing their eyes and giving them a hug. Now we have to do this all verbally."

Coglianesi, 62, Loyola Medicine's regional director of spiritual care and education, leads a team of 28 chaplains serving Loyola, along with Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in Melrose Park and MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn. The team works on rotating shifts 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is paged every time someone dies, for every "code blue" and when traumas come into the emergency department. They're alerted by hospital staff when a patient takes a downturn or is facing something difficult, and offer help to the patient and the family.

They also are called to help noncritical patients when they're feeling anxious, scared or simply want a prayer or a moment of peace. Chaplains come from various faiths and are trained to serve all religions, along with



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Sister Xiomara Méndez-Hernández, a chaplain, from left, COVID-19 unit nurse Tiffany Fulton, chaplain Bob Andorka and Marie Coglianesi, regional director of spiritual care, pray over a basket of messages at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood.

those who don't identify with any. The Loyola Medicine chaplains not only complete their certification training, but also train to be in a clinical setting and have at least a master's degree.

Clinical chaplains are used to working in high-risk situations, but the coronavirus pandemic has created challenges and restrictions they've never seen.

At Loyola, like most hospitals, chaplains must stay just outside the room of a patient suspected of having COVID-19 and have to wear masks and gloves. When nurses go into a patient room, Coglianesi and her staff will hand them prayer cards to give to the patient, or ask if the patient wants to talk to them on the phone.

Andorka, 61, who is typically assigned to the emergency department or intensive care units, said patients awaiting COVID-19 test results are especially anxious. And those suspected of having it have unique worries.

He said he recently spoke with a man suspected of having the virus who was about to be discharged but wasn't sure where to go. The man didn't want to infect his elderly mother whom he cares for in his home.

"What do I do? I can't go back home," Andorka said the man told him. "It's a situation that I'm finding as we talk to people. It's not just the impact on the patient. There's other complications from this."

The chaplains also are serving the hospital staff during this especially trying time, Coglianesi said.



Coglianesi shows a basket of messages reflecting the hopes of patients at Loyola. Chaplains are used to dealing with families in times of tragedy, but now the pace and intensity are heightened, she said.

As the virus began to spread and worry started to grow, Coglianesi bought 60 pounds of Life Savers candies. The chaplains slip a handful in the pockets of their blue lab coats and hand them out to staff throughout their shift. "We go up to staff and say, 'Thanks for being a lifesaver,'" she said, adding that the candies aren't just for doctors and nurses but for all staff members, including housekeeping.

The chaplains also have staff members fill out cards, writing down something they hope for, and the chaplains take the cards to the chapel and say a prayer.

They've seen the stress of the pandemic weighing not only on the staff, but also on patients in the hospital for reasons unrelated to COVID-19.

Sister Xiomara Méndez-

Hernández, 45, a chaplain who works mainly with cancer patients at Loyola, said she recently spoke to critical patients who could not have visitors, which is leading to fear and isolation. "I feel lonely," she said one patient told her. "This is killing me."

Méndez-Hernández said she also talked with two women on the phone whose mother recently died at the hospital, unrelated to COVID-19, and they were not allowed to be there with her. "I'm sorry you lost your mom and you were not here," she told them.

"I think I've never prayed so much in my whole life," she added of her recent weeks working in the hospital.

At Rush University Medical Center, the Rev. Mishca Smith, 53, is one of 12 chaplains. She

agreed that while the pandemic is creating challenges, it's also inviting creativity.

Smith said she's used iPads to communicate with patients and families and is "really leaning into being present when you can't be present."

"If I'm face-to-face with someone, I can get cues from a furrowed brow or their eyes looking out and up or a smile on their face," she said. "But in a phone conversation ... I really have to let the silence be there because I don't know when they're thinking or they're not."

She said she invites relatives not able to be with loved ones in the hospital to "name their feelings, even if it's anger."

And Smith said she can see the stress on patients when she can't come to their bedside to offer support or a prayer, and she invites them to talk about it.

"When engaging in it, we're just engaging in the abnormality of the times," she said. "We're just acknowledging this is something very stark and different than what we're used to ... (and) how hard and stressful that is."

Smith said she's also sure to make up for the fact that patients can't see most of her face because it's behind a mask by nodding or otherwise showing them she's engaged and listening.

Andorka, at Loyola, said the creativity leads to new ways to connect with people, amid all the uncertainty and chaos.

"And in the chaos, there is God," added Coglianesi.

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Memoir explores a timely, complicated subject



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Deborah Cohan couldn't have known how prescient her new book would feel.

She couldn't have known it would publish shortly before a pandemic held the world in its grip and the rituals we take for granted started disappearing and our connections to the outside started to feel simultaneously

more imperiled and more urgent than ever.

She couldn't have known that caretaking — for elderly parents, for partners, for children — would suddenly sit at the center of so many lives, just as it sat at the center of hers for all those years.

She couldn't have known any of that when she sat down to

write a memoir about caring for her elderly father, a man with an outside personality. (She compares him to "an inflatable character you put on your lawn during the holidays, very much larger than life.") A man who verbally and mentally abused Cohan for most of her life.

She couldn't have known any

of that when she titled that memoir, "Welcome to Wherever We Are," an apt mantra for these times of chronic uncertainty and head-spinning change.

"I had no idea," Cohan told me over the phone, both of us quarantined in our houses — mine in

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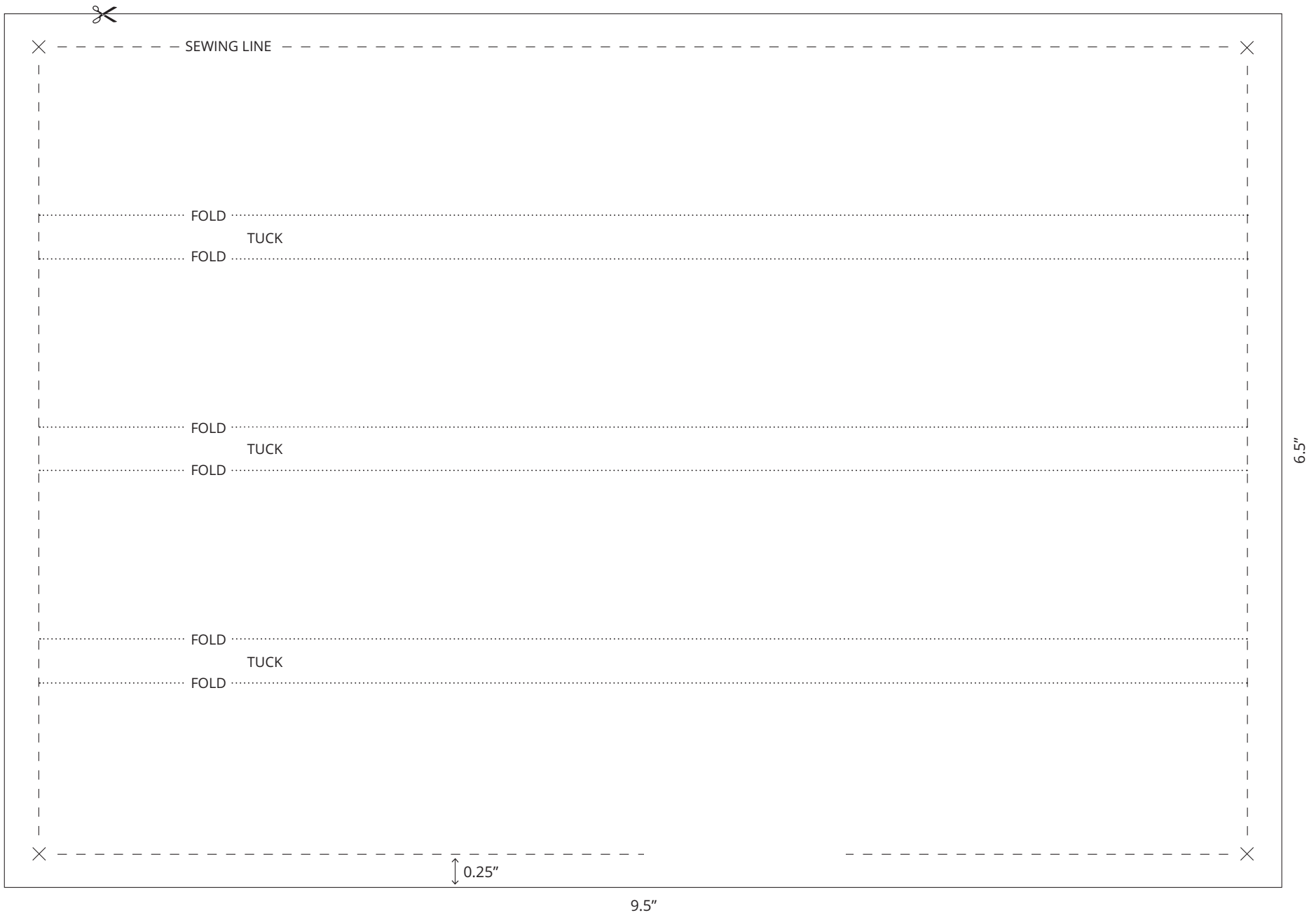
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How to sew a face mask

By TRACY MA AND NATALIE SHUTLER | The New York Times

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention encourages people, especially in areas hit hard by the spread of the coronavirus, to use rudimentary coverings like T-shirts, bandannas and non-medical masks to cover their faces while outdoors.



TOOLS

- Needle and thread (and a sewing machine, if you have one)
- Scissors
- Pins or clips to hold fabrics in place (safety pins and paper clips will also work in a pinch)

MATERIALS

- At least 20 by 20 inches of 100% cotton fabric, such as a flat tea towel
- 4 strips of cotton fabric for ties, about 18" long and (1/8") wide
OR 4 flat, clean shoelaces
OR Two flat (1/4") sewing elastics that are 7" long each

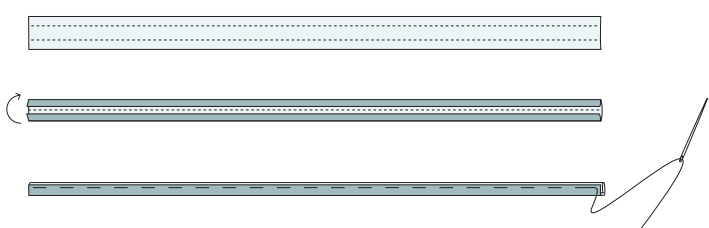
STEP 1

Prepare Your Materials

Choose your fabric, wash it on the warmest setting, and dry it on high heat. (Tea towels are better to use than T-shirts or linens, according to the Stanford Anesthesia Informatics and Media Lab.)

Fold the fabric in half. Measure and cut out a 9.5" x 6.5" rectangle to create two identically sized layers **using the sewing pattern above**. This is your mask base.

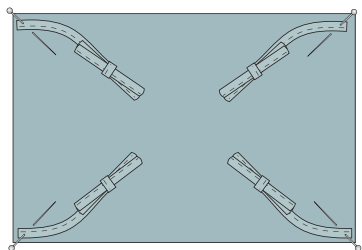
Now it's on to the fabric ties:



Cut 4 thin pieces of material, about 18" long and 3/8" wide **on the right-hand side of the page**. Fold each piece of fabric twice lengthwise, then once more to tuck the rough edges inside. Sew a straight line along the middle. This will prevent the fabric ties from having frayed edges.

STEP 2

Adding the Ties

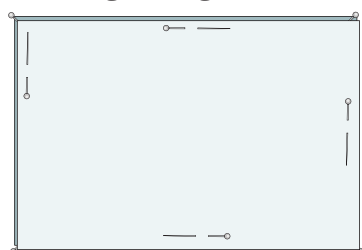


Take one of your rectangular fabric layers. With the "right side" (or the outer-facing side, where the pattern might be) facing you, pin down the 4 fabric ties, one piece per corner. Make sure that the ties are gathered in the center of the fabric layer before advancing to the next step.

You can also substitute sewing elastic for fabric ties, but note that elastic cannot be bleached (and therefore, is not as easy to clean) and that anyone with a latex allergy cannot wear it. (Elastic is also increasingly in short supply.) Attach elastics to the first layer of fabric by securing the ends at the corners, forming little hoops. Make sure the elastic lies inside the perimeter of your fabric.

STEP 3

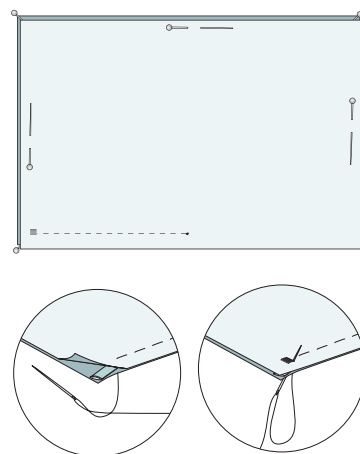
Putting It Together



Take the second layer of fabric and line it up with the first. The "right sides" (or patterned sides) of the fabric should be facing each other, sandwiching the fabric ties or elastics. Secure the fabric sandwich together with pins.

STEP 4

Start Stitching



Eyeball a midway point. From the middle, sew a straight line across the mask, about 1/4" above the bottom edge of the fabric, toward the bottom left-hand corner. Remove any pins as you sew past them.

Make sure that the elastic or fabric ties are secured in the corners, sandwiched by your two layers of fabric, as you sew over their ends. You want to make sure your needle goes through the three pieces: the top layer, the end of the fabric tie, and the bottom layer. Add a couple stitches forward and backward (in both directions) to secure your ties in place.

STEP 5

Stitch Around

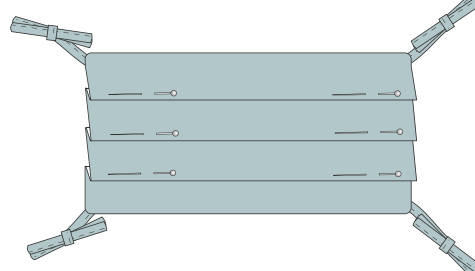


Stitch around the perimeter of the fabric layers, repeating the forward and backward motion at each corner to secure all the elastic ends or fabric ties.

Continue to stitch your way toward the starting point, but stop to allow for a 1 1/2" gap.

STEP 6

Turn Out

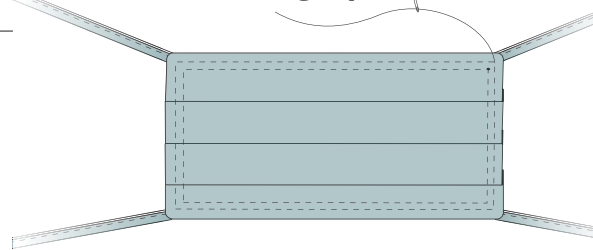


Turn your project right-side out from the little 1 1/2" gap. Your fabric ties or elastics should now stick out, like little legs.

Make three staggered pleats lengthwise on the mask, as if folding a paper fan. This helps the mask conform to the wearer's face. Secure each pleat with pins.

STEP 7

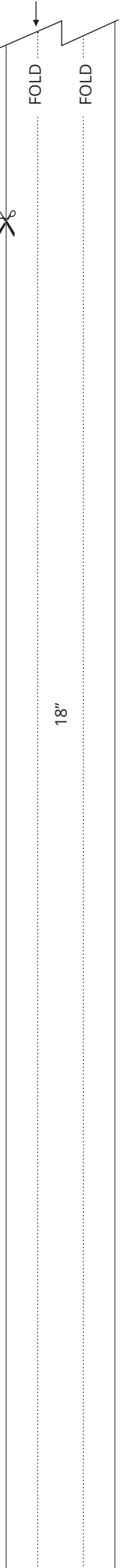
Finishing Up



With your pleats held in place by pins, stitch around the perimeter of the mask, 1/4" away from the edge of the top stitch. Take care when stitching over the pleats as the fabric may be quite thick.

Top stitch a second time around, about 1/4" in from the first round of stitching. Now you have a completed mask.

Total length should be 18"



0.75"

Telemedicine emerges as care option during outbreak

BY TOM MURPHY
Associated Press

Got a worrisome rash? You can still see a doctor if you can't leave home during the coronavirus outbreak.

U.S. public health officials, hospitals and insurance companies are pushing people to try telemedicine for their allergies, earaches and other minor problems and skip the doctor's office or clinic.

It's also a way to check in with a doctor if you have symptoms of COVID-19.

Virtual care has long been touted as a way to get help quickly instead of waiting days to see a doctor, yet Americans have been slow to embrace it. There are signs that may be changing because of COVID-19.

Here's a closer look at how telemedicine works.

What is telemedicine?
Got a smartphone, tablet or computer? That's all you really need to use telemedicine, sometimes called telehealth or virtual visits. It refers to a video visit with a remotely located care provider like a doctor or therapist over a secure connection. The patient uses a website link or an app to connect.

Some telemedicine outlets also offer a version using text messages between a doctor and patient who may not actually speak to or see each other.

Telemedicine often involves diagnosing and treating a new health problem but is also used to keep tabs on an existing, long-term conditions like diabetes. It's more than calling to get a prescription refill, although doctors can write some prescriptions, like antibiotics, after a telemedicine visit.

Who offers it?
Insurers and hospital systems are frequent sources. In fact, your email inbox may have an offer from one of those providers urging you to try it now because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The federal government said recently that it will immediately expand telemedicine access to help people with Medicare, its coverage program for those 65 and older as well as younger patients who qualify because of a disability. And it urged states to expand the service to those enrolled in Medicaid, the government coverage program for people with low incomes.

What does it cost?
Prices vary. But many insurance companies and other providers are temporarily waiving fees to push more people to use some virtual care.

Check before your visit with the insurer or employer that provides your coverage. The plan may not cover some specialty care like virtual therapy sessions or it may offer limited coverage.

What if you don't have insurance? You can pay out-of-pocket through some telemedicine providers. MDLive treats mostly through video chats and charges \$75 for an urgent care visit. Another company, 98point6, charges a \$20 annual fee and then \$1 for each visit. The company diagnoses and treats through secure text messaging.

What is telemedicine for?
Sinus infections, bronchitis, the flu, asthma, pink eye or fevers are just a few examples. Telemedicine can handle a lot of care that would normally send patients to a doctor's office or drug-store clinic. Dermatologists can examine warts or moles



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A patient sits in her apartment in Brooklyn, New York, for a telemedicine video conference.

remotely. Therapists also can treat anxiety, depression or stress while allowing patients to remain at home where they feel more comfortable.

Patients worried about the coronavirus also can get a quick cyber consultation with a doctor.

What are its limits?

A virtual physician cannot treat chest pains, broken bones or cuts that need stitches. That doctor also won't be able to perform a coronavirus test.

In some cases, they also may have to refer

patients to another doctor for an in-person visit.

Telemedicine providers often tout their ability to connect patients with help in a matter of minutes. But a surge in coronavirus-fueled demand has slowed response times for some providers.

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Deborah Cohan writes about taking care of her elderly dad, who abused her as a child, in her new book, "Welcome to Wherever We Are."

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Chicago, hers in South Carolina. "Most of the writing for this book was done during the Obama presidency."

But books, the best ones anyway, have a way of both illuminating and transcending the time and circumstances in which they're set, even as they help us make sense of the time and circumstances in which we're living.

"Welcome to Wherever We Are" does all of that.

Cohan writes about her father unflinchingly but lovingly. "Abusers aren't some monolithic enemy," she writes. "There's much to love before we learn exactly what to hate."

She chronicles the final years leading up to her father's death and revisits the childhood and adult memories that shaped her. The constant threats of violence. The vulgar names. The biting criticism. "You'd make my life easier if you'd commit suicide," followed by, "You're the most beautiful girl in the world."

And she chronicles it all with kindness and grace that, I imagine, may feel liberating for readers who can relate to loving someone who hurts them deeply, for readers tasked

with caring for someone who seems unlikely to return the favor.

"When you first heard me say that my father was abusive, you might have assumed you could or would hate him," Cohan writes in her epilogue. "If you found yourself loving him, or liking him, or finding him complicated and troubled yet strangely endearing, you get it. In fact, you might better understand how it's so common to want and to desperately need bad, mean, abusive behavior to stop while still wanting and needing the relationship with the person to continue."

I think the book may have arrived just when it was most needed.

"I want people to understand that even if you've grown up in this sort of difficult, traumatic experience or in this way that's made an indelible imprint on you, that you can chart a different course and your life can look different and hopeful," Cohan told me. "I really want the book to be a source of healing for people. People don't have to have a black-and-white view of the person who's hurt them and they have to then care for. That seems like a pretty important message right now, when we're at a real reckoning point in the world."

Cohan works as an

associate professor of sociology at the University of South Carolina at Beaufort. Her father has passed away. She finds herself navigating her professional and personal roles right now, as so many of us do, as what's needed from her changes by the day.

And even that feels tied to themes in her book.

"To me, the age-old question will always be, what is home?" Cohan said. "What is home to us? How do we make our homes? How do we inhabit them? Do we feel stifled in them, constrained in them? Do we have fun in them? And then how do we come home to ourselves?"

"So I guess the book is about that," she continued, "and I want people to be able to read that and then reassess for themselves how at home are they in their minds, their bodies, their hearts. It's a meditation on home and that whole idea of what we hold onto and what we let go of."

It couldn't have arrived at a more poignant, more perfect time.

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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Dandruff shampoo could curb eczema, rosacea

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
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Q: I read on your website about using Selsun Blue to help control eczema. Intrigued, I tried it. To my surprise, it has greatly reduced the itching, and I now have almost none. This is after many years applying many prescription and nonprescription products. Since I use it on my legs in the shower, it is hard to keep it from washing off.

I've searched for an ointment or cream that could be used outside the shower. I wonder if you are aware of such a product.

A: The original Selsun Blue dandruff shampoo contains selenium sulfide. We have heard from many readers that this ingredient can be helpful against rosacea when diluted as a face wash. People rinse it off after washing.

There are prescription-strength (2.25% to 2.5%) formulations of selenium sulfide for seborrheic dermatitis and tinea versicolor (a fungal infection of the skin). They need to be rinsed off just like shampoo. If you are getting good results with an OTC product like Selsun Blue, you may find that both safer and more cost effective.

Q: I have had cold sores for years, generally when I've been stressed. While working, I had good insurance and I always used prescription Zovirax cream. Now that I'm retired, this cream is not covered by my Medicare. The cost for a small tube requires a home mortgage.

My dermatologist recommended two prescription valacyclovir pills every 12 hours for



HANDOUT

Some readers say Selsun Blue helped their rosacea.

one day. At the first sign of a tingle, I take two pills, and the cold sore is gone the next day. The cream used to take several days to get rid of it and the pills cost a lot less than the cream.

A: Thank you for the testimonial. Until you alerted us, we had no idea that Zovirax cream was so pricey! In our area we found it would cost over \$900 for a 5-gram tube. Even the generic acyclovir cream is unbelievably expensive at more than \$800.

Cold sores are caused by herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV1). There's no cure for this virus that shows up as a lesion when the immune system isn't able to hold it back. But oral medications like acyclovir and valacyclovir can quickly heal the lesion. It makes sense to use the tablets as you do. The cost is minimal, a few dollars for a day's supply.

Q: D-mannose has been more effective than antibiotics for my urinary tract infections. I've suffered with chronic UTIs

for a long time, and I never want to go back on antibiotics because I feel they make things worse. When the doctor prescribes an antibiotic, I have to take probiotics as well.

A: There is growing interest in the simple sugar D-mannose for preventing urinary tract infections. It is found in foods like cranberries, cabbage, currants, apples and peaches. Many cells in the body also use mannose in their metabolic processes.

An overview of D-mannose for UTI prevention and treatment concluded that this natural product may be helpful (Nature Reviews Urology, December 2018). A more recent study concluded that D-mannose is a good alternative both for preventing and treating many UTIs (Molecules, Jan. 13, 2020). Anyone who contemplates such an approach should ask her doctor for guidelines and monitoring.

Q: I have been using petroleum jelly on a daily basis to moisturize my lips since I was a teenager. I am now 70. I know that a great deal of this product probably ends up being swallowed, just like lipstick. Is there any evidence that ingesting petrolatum over these many years will be harmful to my health in some way?

A: An evaluation of exposure to mineral oils and waxes in cosmetics concluded that this is not a significant problem (Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology, November 2019).

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via peoplespharmacy.com.

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What it's like to treat a COVID-19 patient

Springfield nurse explains the process

BY ALISON BOWEN

Tom McClure is a nurse in the intensive care unit at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield who has treated multiple patients with the novel coronavirus. In his unit, which has 15 beds, four patients are diagnosed with COVID-19 and four are awaiting test results.

He answered questions about what is involved in caring for a coronavirus patient at his hospital. This interview has been edited and condensed.

Q: What happens when a patient comes in who might have the coronavirus?

A: The ER has been quarantining them in their own special corona area, and then we have a dedicated general floor that's just for people that are suspected of COVID or that have COVID that are not that sick yet. Most of the people that we've got in the ICU are coming directly from the general floor.

Q: What are health issues that patients are experiencing in the ICU?

A: For the really sick ones that we have had, they're going into ARDS (acute respiratory distress syndrome). All we can do to fix it is supportive care. We can put you on the ventilator; we can do this thing called proning, where we put you belly-down on the bed. But doing it in an airborne infection isolation room, usually it's a six-person job. The last time I had to do it, because of our isolation policies, we did it with three. It's much more difficult; it's much riskier.

Q: The availability of ventilators has been a concern across the country. How is the situation



JESSICA ADAMS

Tom McClure works in the intensive care unit at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

there?

A: Ventilator supply so far has been OK. That said, everything's subject to change. The only supplies that we've been getting low on, we were low on bleach for about two weeks, and there have been some community donations of Lysol wipes.

Q: What is involved in caring for a patient with coronavirus?

A: ICU nurses are creatures of habit. Every day we start off with a safety huddle, where we talk about updates on the corona pandemic. We go room by room and say what each person has. That way

if you hear the alarm going off, you know that you need to respond to it.

Every two hours we try to turn our patients. Every day we do mouth care. That includes cleaning out their mouths.

Our staffing ratios have stayed the same. We can go up to three patients. Prepandemic, three ICU patients, it's tough. Now, it's impossible. You do not feel like the best nurse. There are things that get missed — mouth care, turns. You just have to focus on triage, on the absolutely life-sustaining stuff, which is unfortunate. It hasn't happened a lot, but it definitely has happened.

Q: How many people can be in a room?

A: They don't want us to be in the rooms for too long, but with ICU rooms, it's not possible. We can't not be in the room. If we're not in the room, then they're going to die, unfortunately.

You have the nurse that's taking care of the patient; you have the attending physician. No residents are allowed. We're trying to limit it.

Q: Have any of your co-workers been diagnosed with the coronavirus themselves?

A: I only know of one person that's quarantined

with symptoms. But it could have been community acquired. So far, knock on wood, we've been fairly safe on our unit. They have us checking our temperature every day. But latest reports I've read, 25% of people could be afebrile (without fever). There's not a good way to tell who's got this and who doesn't.

Q: How are rooms cleaned?

A: We clean the rooms. Housekeeping will come and clean the rooms afterward. We let them sit for hours to blow out any of the particles. After that they will Tru-D the room — it's a machine that throws UV light all over the room. It looks like a big chunk of a tanning bed. It's pretty wild-looking.

Q: What is the process to go into a room?

A: I'm using a special mask, the PAPR (powered air-purifying respirator). You wear the actual respirator unit around your waist on a belt, and then it has a hose that comes up your back, and it goes into a hood that comes over your face, and then it forces the air out of the mask. It's very loud.

I grab my PAPR unit, turn it on, and then we have a pressurized tester that you put on the end of the tube. It's like a small pingpong ball on the inside. If that pingpong ball floats to the top, you know your unit's working. You always check the battery. Then you put that on around your waist. You have to get the gown on over the unit, which is a pain. You put on your hood, and you put on your gloves. I usually do a little turn for the safety officer (who checks that everything is correct).

Once my nursing stuff's done, I knock on the door (to the anteroom, a room that is between the patient's room and the hallway). You do hand hygiene with sanitizer over your

gloves, pull off the gown, gown goes in the garbage. Hand sanitizer again, because your gloves come off with the gown. Then you enter the anteroom; you make sure your door closes on the patient side. You knock on the hallway door. Disassemble PAPR, clean it. You do hand hygiene again. You're doing hand hygiene a total of five or six times.

Q: For family members who might have a patient, especially with visitors limited, any advice for checking on their relative?

A: We'll take the patient one of our iPad tablets, so they can see their family, that we can bring to the bedside. We're able to bleach those.

The biggest thing that I would tell families upfront is nominate a spokesperson for your family, because any time a nurse is on the phone with you, they're not taking care of your family member. We don't mind giving updates, but we like to talk to one family member. That frees up our time, so we can do our job for them.

I would just ask the nurse their general impression — how do you think they're doing right now? If somebody's not doing well, my key phrase is I say, "They're critically stable at the moment." That's my code that they're not doing so hot.

Q: What do you wish people knew? What would help?

A: I would like if people could write their representative in government and tell them we do need to make sure that manufacturers are making the things that we need. The ventilators, the masks, the bleach wipes, the stuff that we know protects us and protects the people we're taking care of. I think it's going to last longer than a lot of people think.

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A chorizo and poblano pepper crustless quiche is perfect for Easter brunch.

Quiche for an easy Easter brunch



The roasted vegetable quiche gets added richness from goat cheese. Young feta would work well, too.

Pick from 4 variations,
2 that go crustless



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

Sunday brunch ranks as one of my favorite meals. We forgo thoughts of calories and indulge in breakfast meats, fluffy pancakes, muffins, sauced eggs, smoked fish, fresh fruit and plenty of mimosas. No need to eat much the rest of the day. The perfect day includes a long walk afterward.

My mother started our tradition when her five children entered their teens. After church, she transformed into a short-order cook, firing up

Turn to **Quiche**, Page 2

Which meal kits deliver the best flavor for your money?

BY JENNIFER DAY

Meal kits hold such promise, particularly as we all stay home to help prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus. Pay the fee, and a box of food will appear on your doorstep, saving you not only a trip to the grocery store but the mental expenditures involved in meal planning. But do the kits deliver?

I tested a dozen services, and here's what I found.

I cooked these meal kits in February and early March, before the COVID-19 pandemic inspired shoppers to decimate grocery-store shelves. Since then, most of the meal-kit companies have issued statements reiterating their plans to fulfill orders during the pandemic — all of the services ranked here were operating at the time this story was posted — and outlining enhanced sanitary protocols. Some also pointed out the food packed in meal kits likely is handled by fewer people en route to consumers, especially since it doesn't sit on store shelves.

While it is true that a meal kit may help to reduce the risk of community exposure if it elimi-



This hoisin-pork sloppy joe proved to be the best of a mediocre batch from Every Plate.

nates visits to grocery stores, the New England Journal of Medicine reported last week that the SARS-CoV-2 virus potentially could live up to three days on plastic. It may be possible to transmit the coronavirus via contaminated food packaging, said Vincent Racaniello, Colum-

bia University professor of microbiology and host of the podcast "This Week in Virology." He suggests using bleach wipes on food packages and avoiding cold cuts and other food that can't be washed or cooked — whether it comes from a meal kit or the grocery store.



Gobble offered decent meals but overlooked details, including specific seasoning guidance for this Wagyu beef burger.

"The way I look at it now, everything is a potential vector," he said. "If you're touching boxes, if you're unpacking things, wipe them down and wash your hands afterward. You can prevent it."

We've ranked the following meal kits, from worst to best, based primarily on flavor after

testing at least three meals from each company. Keep in mind: Taste is only one factor in deciding whether a meal kit is right for you. We've added notes about ease of preparation, packaging waste, portion size and cost.

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Quiche

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waffles and made-to-order omelets. We idled at the table, enjoying her cooking and each other's company.

This year, we'll certainly do the long walk — it's the key to sanity during the COVID-19 crisis. But an elaborate meal with family and friends will have to happen over video chat. Our plan is to brunch virtually after streaming the Easter church service to our family rooms.

While we chat, I'll serve quiche, enhanced with flavorful ingredients that I have on hand. We'll eat as a gathering of two, but celebrate as a family.

My adult children embrace the practicality of always having a stock of ingredients for pie crust (brownies, too, but that's another story). They had lots of practice rolling dough when they lived at home. Start in the middle and roll out between sheets of floured waxed paper, turn the dough and roll again to ensure an evenly thick round 2 inches larger than the pie plate. Then, it's simple enough to fill the prebaked crust with an egg mixture. No judgment from here if they chose the convenience of a premade crust. Or, they can skip it all together and serve crustless quiche.

Served warm, the golden, crispy crust and soft, rich egg filling please everyone. Quiche transports easily to neighbors in need and can be made in advance. Tuck a note with reheating directions in the package.

For flavoring the quiche, think of bold add-ins, such as roasted peppers, pitted olives, cooked potatoes, bacon bits, etc. When I'm roasting vegetables, I'll tuck a few into a container to save for the Sunday quiche. Same for bits of ham or shreds of chicken.

If you decide to use a premade crust, select one with the most natural ingredients possible. Always follow package directions

Tips for quiche success

■ Always prebake the crust before adding the filling; this helps guard against a soggy bottom.

■ Use cooked — not raw — vegetables in the filling to prevent a watery filling; the exception includes tomatoes and herbs.

■ Use higher fat dairy when possible to ensure the creamiest filling.

■ Shred your own cheese so there are no fillers that prevent nice melting.

■ Don't over bake — the center of most quiches should jiggle slightly when removed from the oven; a resting period will help finish the cooking.

■ Serve quiche warm; leftovers reheat best in an oven.

for thawing or resting at room temperature before using.

Know this: Most premade crusts are simply too skimpy to work with successfully. For a 9-inch quiche, I prefer at least 10 ounces of dough. Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crust and Simple Truth Organic packages of two crusts weigh 14 and 15 ounces, respectively, meaning each crust is only about 7 ounces of dough. That means you'll likely struggle rolling it to fit the pan and risk tears that allow filling to leak underneath.

My favorite is the 22-ounce two-pack of pie crust sold in the freezer case at Trader Joe's. The crusts weigh in at 11 ounces each — no problem fitting them into a 9-inch pie pan. Be forewarned that you will need a rolling pin to repair cracks when the dough is thawed and unrolled.

Some Whole Foods sell Rustic Tart's Ready-To-Roll Dough in the freezer case.

Roasted vegetable and soft cheese quiche

Prep: 25 minutes **Cook:** 55 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

1 pie crust (9-inch), homemade, see recipe (or store-bought crust, thawed)

1 ½ cups assorted roasted vegetables in bite-size pieces (homemade or bottled roasted bell peppers)

½ cup halved assorted colors raw cherry tomatoes

½ cup (2 ounces) bite-size chunks of soft goat cheese or feta cheese

2 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs (such as basil or cilantro) or green onion tops

Freshly ground black pepper

4 large eggs

½ cup whole milk

½ cup half-and-half or heavy cream

½ teaspoon salt

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Roll the crust between two sheets of waxed paper to an 11-inch circle about ⅛ inch thick. Fit the circle into a deep 9-inch pie pan. Fold and crimp the edge with the tines of a fork. Line the crust with a piece of foil and fill with pie weights or dried beans. (This will help prevent shrinkage and puffing while the crust bakes.) Bake until the edges are golden, usually about 25 minutes. Remove foil and pie weights. Cool on a wire rack.

2. Put the roasted vegetables into the crust. Top with tomato halves, cheese, herbs and pepper to taste. Beat the eggs with milk, half-and-half and salt in a small bowl. Carefully pour over the vegetables.

3. Bake until the filling is puffed and golden, about 30 minutes. Cool on wire rack until warm. Serve warm, cut into wedges. Refrigerate covered for up to several days. Serve at room temperature or warm slightly in a 400-degree oven or a microwave.

Nutrition information per serving: 579 calories, 42 g fat, 21 g saturated fat, 229 mg cholesterol, 38 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar, 13 g protein, 1,004 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Ham and potato crustless quiche

Prep: 15 minutes **Cook:** 35 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

Shred your own cheese so it melts nicely; preshredded cheeses often are packaged with preservatives that interfere with melting.

1 cup (6 ounces) diced roasted small potatoes (leave skins on if desired)

¼ cup sliced roasted onion

½ cup (about 3 ounces) diced smoked ham

1 cup (3 ounces) shredded Gruyere, Swiss or Jarlsberg cheese

1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill or green onions

Freshly ground black pepper

4 large eggs

½ cup each: milk, half-and-half

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Generously butter a 9-inch glass or ceramic pie plate.

2. Put roasted potatoes, onion, ham and cheese in prepared pie plate. Sprinkle with dill and pepper. Whisk together eggs, milk and half-and-half in small bowl.

3. Pour egg mixture over potato mixture. Bake in the center of the oven until puffed and golden, about 30 minutes — center will jiggle slightly. Cool on wire rack until barely warm. Serve warm.

Nutrition information per serving: 188 calories, 11 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 156 mg cholesterol, 8 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 13 g protein, 306 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

The single disk of dough weighs 13 ounces — very generous to work with for a 9-inch pie plate or deep tart pan. The ingredient line

reads like homemade.

Pillsbury's frozen deep dish pie crust works, too, and you don't need your own pie plate — perfect if

cooking for neighbors. There's no passing this off as homemade, but good-quality fillings will redeem your quiche.

Chorizo crustless quiche

Prep: 20 minutes

Cook: 45 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

1 small white onion, diced

½ of a 12-ounce package pork chorizo, removed from casing

2 thick slices bacon, peppered if possible, cut crosswise into ¼-inch wide strips

1 poblano pepper, seeded, diced

1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Chihuahua or Monterey jack cheese

¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro or green onion tops

4 large eggs

½ cup milk (skim is fine here)

½ cup half-and-half

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Generously butter a 9-inch glass or ceramic pie plate.

2. Cook onion, chorizo, bacon and poblano in a large skillet over medium heat, stirring often, until chorizo is cooked, about 10 minutes. Drain any excess fat. Cool. (Refrigerate covered up to 2 days; use at room temperature.)

3. Scrape cooled chorizo mixture into the prepared pie plate. Top with cheese and half of the cilantro. Whisk together eggs, milk and half-and-half in a small bowl.

4. Pour egg mixture over chorizo mixture. Bake in the center of the oven until puffed and golden, about 30 minutes — center will jiggle slightly. Cool on a wire rack until barely warm. Serve warm, sprinkled with remaining cilantro.

Nutrition information per serving: 298 calories, 23 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 179 mg cholesterol, 5 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 17 g protein, 574 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Butter dough for a 9-inch crust

Prep: 15 minutes **Chill:** 1 hour or more **Makes:** 1 crust, serves 6

This recipe makes a generous amount, which means easy rolling and fitting into the pie pan. If you do not have a food processor, use a large bowl and a pastry blender or your fingers to work the butter and shortening into the flour mixture.

2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon each: salt, sugar

1 ½ sticks (6 ounces) unsalted butter, cold, diced

¼ cup (2 ounces) trans-fat free vegetable shortening, very cold, nearly frozen

1 large egg

2 tablespoons cold water

1. Put flour, salt and sugar into bowl of food processor fitted with steel blade. Pulse to mix. Add butter and shortening. Pulse at 1-second intervals until mixture resembles coarsely ground cornmeal and no large pieces of butter remain visible.

2. Beat egg and cold water together in small bowl and pour over flour mixture. Pulse just until dough begins to form ball. Add dribbles of more cold water if needed.

3. Scatter some flour over a work surface and scrape dough out onto it. Use your hands to press dough into a circle. Sandwich between 2 pieces of plastic wrap and press into a 6-inch circle. Refrigerate dough until firm, or until ready to use, or at least 1 hour. Dough can be frozen for several weeks; thaw in refrigerator overnight.

Nutrition information per serving: 453 calories, 34 g fat, 17 g saturated fat, 92 mg cholesterol, 33 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 6 g protein, 404 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Smoked salmon and cream cheese tart

Prep: 30 minutes **Cook:** 55 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

You can use drained canned red salmon here along with ½ teaspoon smoked paprika. Do not use lox.

1 pie crust (9-inch), homemade, see recipe (or store-bought crust, thawed)

1 cup large flakes of skinless smoked salmon, loosely packed (about 6 ounces)

2 ounces cream cheese, diced (one-quarter of an 8-ounce package)

2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives or green onion tops

Freshly ground black pepper

3 large eggs

½ cup half-and-half or heavy cream

Fresh herbs

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Roll the crust between two sheets of waxed paper to an 11-inch circle about ⅛ inch thick. Fit the circle into a deep 9-inch tart pan with removable bottom. Use the rolling pin to trim off the excess dough. Roll the rolling pin over the rim of the tart pan to trim off the excess dough. Line the crust with a piece of foil and fill with pie weights or dried beans. (This will help prevent shrinkage and puffing while the crust bakes.) Bake until the edges are golden, usually about 25 minutes. Remove foil and pie weights. Cool crust on a wire rack.

2. Set tart crust in the pan on a baking sheet. Arrange salmon, cream cheese and chives in the bottom of the shell. Sprinkle with pepper. Beat eggs with half-and-half in a small bowl. Carefully pour over the salmon mixture.

3. Bake until filling is puffed and golden, about 30 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Remove the sides of the tart pan. Serve warm.

Nutrition information per serving: 580 calories, 43 g fat, 21 g saturated fat, 208 mg cholesterol, 34 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 15 g protein, 672 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

DRINK

Flip the script on Easter brunch with a Bunny Mary

BY LISA FUTTERMAN

Why not make brunch cocktails with carrot juice this spring? The vibrant orange color catches the eye, and nutrition-wise, vitamin C, niacin and beta carotene are all in attendance, especially if you don't peel the carrots before juicing them.

On top of that, carrot juice also shows an incredible affinity with many other ingredients. Botanically, carrots are members of a huge plant family (Apiaceae), whose other relatives include parsley, celery, dill, fennel, caraway, coriander/cilantro and cumin. So pairing carrot juice with its fresh herb, spice and vegetable cousins just makes sense.

You know what also makes sense? Exploring its natural sweetness. Carrot juice plays nicely with honey and ginger, but also contrasts with acidic things such as citrus juices or vinegar. (Try it with pickle

Bunny Mary

Prep: 15 minutes **Makes:** 1 cocktail

We adapted this recipe from Tiny Diner for home use. For the vodka, Prairie Organic Cucumber Vodka or Ketel One Botanicals cucumber and mint vodka are great choices. Juice carrots yourself if you have a juicer, or buy it at the grocer.

8 ounces carrot juice

½ cucumber, peeled and chunked

1 tablespoon fresh lime or lemon juice

1 tablespoon fresh dill leaves

1 dash hot sauce

Pinch kosher salt

2 ounces cucumber vodka (or aquavit or tequila)

Garnish: carrot tops, pickle spears, celery, dill and/or parsley sprigs

1. In a blender, combine the carrot juice, cucumber, lime or lemon juice, dill, hot sauce and salt. Puree until smooth.

2. Fill a tall glass with ice. Add the vodka, aquavit or tequila. Top with carrot juice mixture. Garnish as you like with carrot tops, pickle spears, celery, dill and/or parsley sprigs. Serve at once.

juice or caper brine.) Its savory earthiness (carrots grow in the ground, after all) also gets along with

turmeric or agave (in syrup or tequila form).

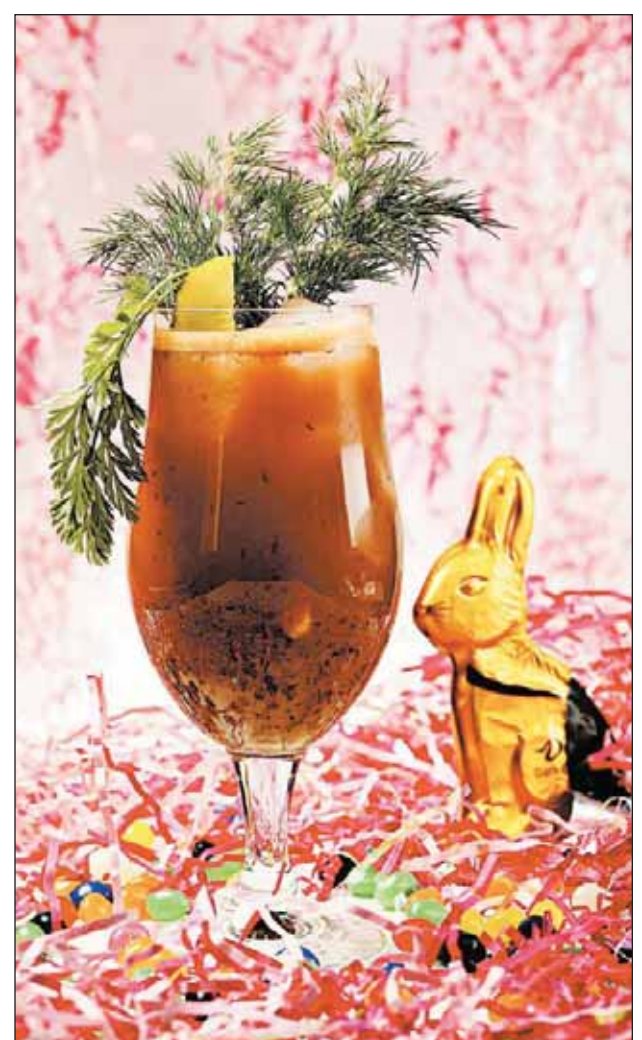
Tiny Diner in Minneapolis offers one of the most

varied bloody mary menus around, to be sipped come warmer days on the restaurant's verdant patio.

Listed among the classic (made with poblano chile-infused vodka) and the more creative (the Beet-root, the green Tomatillo and the Bacon and Eggs) lies the Bunny Mary, a simple blend of carrot juice, fresh dill and housemade, cucumber-infused vodka. Or choose locally made dill or caraway (remember the carrot cousins?) aquavit.

I asked owner Kim Bartmann to tell me more about Tiny Diner's delightful garden, and the garden-to-glass approach to a drink menu.

"It's meant to be a perma-culture demonstration garden — to teach the variety and quantity of things you can produce in a small urban footprint," Bartmann said. "We allow that to drive our beverage program. For example, in summer we encourage people to pick herbs like



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lovage and put them in their cocktails."

This Easter season, switch your marys from

bloody to bunny.

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Seeking solace in the perfect glass

BY ERIC ASIMOV
The New York Times

Like so many others, my wife and I have been self-isolating in our apartment, doing our best to stay close to our loved ones from afar, and cooking the foods that we find most comforting: split-pea soup, various bean dishes, spaghetti and meatballs, just for starters.

The other night, with the soup, I opened one of my favorite wines from the Northern Rhone Valley, Domaine de Pergaud St. Julien-St. Alban Vieille Serine from Eric Texier.

It's a mouthful of a name for a Cotes-du-Rhone that, unusually, is made entirely from syrah, or more accurately, serine, a form of syrah that is often said to be the precursor of modern syrah clones.

This was a 2011, and, like many Texier wines that evolve for years, it was just rounding into form. It was savory, both salty and peppery, without the overt olive notes of an easier-going syrah, but more complicated, floral and meaty and, for me, an utter joy to drink, intriguing yet comforting.

It's not just this particular wine that makes me feel that way, but many syrahs from the Northern Rhone.

They are rarely exalted bottles from Hermitage or Cote-Rotie. Usually they are more accessible wines from St.-Joseph, Cornas or Crozes-Hermitage, and even the rare Cotes-du-Rhone that, like the Texier, is from the north and made of syrah rather than the typical grenache-based example from the Southern Rhone.

In moments of anxiety or need, I am often drawn to syrah. Not always from the Northern Rhone, either. I've had wonderful, satisfying examples from California, Washington, Australia and South Africa. And somehow, when I find a good one, I'm happy, the way split-pea soup makes me happy, or memories of my mother's flanken, which I have not sullied by trying to make myself.

We take for granted the ability of food to affect us emotionally.

Often that sense of comfort is felt through nerves and sinews tied directly to childhood. Wine generally works on another level, liberating knots of feelings derived from more adult experiences.

Ask some people and they will tell you that any wine is comforting, any alcoholic beverage, in fact. That's the glib response. A full belly is undeniably comforting, but what we prefer to fill it with is highly individual.

So I talked to other people in the wine and food world to see whether they were turning to particular bottles in these strange, nervous times, and why.

I learned that comfort is found not necessarily in a particular style of wine, as with my syrahs, but in what those wines connote, whether they are reminiscent of particular people or somehow represent relief from stress.

Stephen Satterfield, a founder of Whetstone, a periodical on global food culture, said he's drinking a lot of bubbles to keep his spirits up in Atlanta.

"Having a bottle of chilled bubbly in the fridge is its own

kind of tonic, and as a result I'm somewhat comforted each time the fridge opens," he said. "I've also been drinking white wine spritzers and vermouth-and-lime cocktails, at a 50-50 booze-to-lime ratio. And light, chilled reds too."

He especially recommended cava from Avinyo and Biutiful.

In Vermont, Deirdre Heekin, who with her husband, Caleb Barber, produces the wonderful La Garagista wines, said they were spending time "in an isolation cell of three households," sharing work and meals and including their assistant winemaker, Camila Carrillo, and their neighbors, Edie Crocker, and her daughters, Willa and Claudia Deeley.

"Camila and I agreed that we are drawn to two things right now: bubbles and chardonnay, sometimes they are one and the same," Heekin said by email.



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"Bubbles because they are hopeful, cheerful, celebratory so therefore tricking us into a moment of laughter and joy, of interconnectiveness."

She described the chardonnays she was enjoying as "ample but shot through with minerality, that old friend you call up to meet for drinks or dinner."

Among the chardonnays, she mentioned those from Lioco and Failla in Sonoma, Domaine Guillot-Broux in the Maconnais, and in the Jura, Francois Rousset-Martin, an unusual, oxidative chardonnay and a particular favorite of Willa Deeley's.

My friend Eric Ambel, a guitarist and producer in Brooklyn, said he was looking for "good old drinkability." He mentioned two reds, both excellent values, that he gets from his local wine shop: Domaine des 2 Anes Corbieres L'Enclos, a biodynamic blend from Languedoc, and Aurora Barbera from Cantine Volpi, a fresh, organic red from the Piedmont region of Italy.

Some find their current life experiences to be shaping their desires. Kelli White, a sommelier

and wine writer, and her husband, Scott Brenner, a sommelier and winemaker, moved to Portland, Oregon, from Napa Valley a few years ago, and now are just about to move back to Napa, where White is taking a new job.

Their period of social distancing has mostly been spent packing, including their wine collection.

"We've been selecting wines based more on emotional resonance than on any particular flavor profile," she said. "For example, a 2009 Domaine Mercuri Estate Red that commemorates our first trip to Greece, and a 1985 Togni Cabernet Sauvignon that is one of our favorite wines from our time in Napa."

"In short, we're opening the good stuff."

Levi Dalton, host of the "I'll Drink to That" podcast, also has been drawn to producers he knows and cares about, particularly family wineries. Partly, he says, that's because he feels having one's name on the label is an incentive to make better wines, but he has a deeper reason.

"More fundamentally, as a parent trying to make it in a world that isn't always so family friendly, I want to support other families when I drink a glass of wine," he said. "Then I know the dollars that I am spending are going to feed and clothe children who may well be the next generation of vignerons at that winery."

As an example, he cited Dirty & Rowdy Family Winery, a California producer. Recently, he said, his wife roasted a chicken and they opened a bottle of Dirty & Rowdy's Spring Street Petite Sirah, a wine named after the daughter of Hardy Wallace, one of the proprietors.

Dalton has an intimate connection to the winery. He's helped out with several harvests there, he knows the family and has stayed in their home. He and his wife loved the wine with their dinner.

"Afterward, my son, who is too young to drink, asked if he could smell the glasses," Dalton said. "He wanted to know what mom and dad were so happy about. We let him experience the smell, but the wine itself was only half of what we were enjoying. The other part was personal, about the human connection."

Even so, it may be that a childhood bond was formed with a wine. One day, in a different crisis, another man may find great comfort in a petite syrah.

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Meal-delivery kit taste test

Every Plate

Our first Every Plate meal, bay-scallop linguine, left an aftertaste that reminded me of childhood Rice-a-Roni, but I kept an open mind. Our second meal, Italian pork-sausage gnocchi bake? Lousy cafeteria food. By the third meal, hoisin-pork sloppy joes, I had zero expectations — and it proved significantly better and kid-friendly to boot. This is one of the cheapest meal kits in our testing, and it showed in the quality of the ingredients. Your time and money is better spent elsewhere. everyplate.com

Ease of preparation: Easy enough, but illogical at times. Why chop crummy out-of-season tomatoes for a pasta sauce when canned, diced tomatoes would be far superior?

Packaging: Typical; useful cardboard tray in place of bags.

Portion size: Plenty. Overpowering, processed flavors made two of them difficult to finish.

Cost: \$4.99 per serving; \$8.99 shipping.

Gobble

Gobble's banh mi vermicelli bowl, featuring a truly tasty black-pepper tofu, hit a snag with its choice of greens: kale. Yes, it cried out for a bitter green — but not that bitter. Or maybe the flavor was out of whack because the Thai basil had wilted and was mostly unusable. Or because there wasn't enough fish sauce, since its package had leaked. Whatever the issue, this was a recurring theme: The meals were almost good, but details were overlooked — often literally, as in the case of the almonds for a cilantro salmon recipe that were omitted from the box altogether. gobble.com

Ease of preparation: Some chopping and prep, but fairly minimal. No overall approximate cooking times listed on recipe cards.

Packaging: Typical; plastic bags.

Portion size: Satisfying.

Cost: \$11.99-\$13.99 per portion; \$6.99 shipping.



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A pork-and-veggie bibimbap was the highlight of our HelloFresh box.

HelloFresh

A pork-and-veggie bibimbap was the standout in our HelloFresh batch. No, it wasn't as good as what you'd find in a dine-in restaurant, but it could certainly sub for takeout. A sweet cherry balsamic chicken was offset by garlic couscous studded with crisp almonds and roasted carrots, while a crispy Parmesan chicken was served alongside couscous and lemony green beans. Nothing exciting, but good enough. The one potential problem I noted in the recipes was an abundance of salt. It seemed unnecessary to salt the bibimbap dish in two separate steps, even after adding soy sauce, so I didn't. Had I, the dish would have been inedible. hellofresh.com

Ease of preparation: Some chopping, pre-measured liquids; moderate attention required.

Packaging: Typical for subscription service; paper bags.

Portion size: Satisfying.

Cost: \$7.49-\$8.99 per portion; \$7.99 shipping.



Green Chef offered the best version of panko-crusted chicken breasts with pesto helping to moisten the meat and Parmesan used to liven it up.

Green Chef

If you surf through enough meal-kit menus, you'll find iterations of one recipe over and over again: oven-fried, panko-crusted chicken breasts. Green Chef takes the prize for the best one we tried, using pesto to moisten the meat and Parmesan to liven it up. It was paired with a garlicky kale Caesar salad for a thoroughly satisfying homestyle meal, as opposed to other more rubber-chicken-banquet style riffs on this dish. The other Green Chef dishes were fine but missed opportunities. An Italian sausage puttanesca could've been dramatically improved with more flavorful sausage and broccoli rabe, rather than plain old broccoli. Shaved steak fajita salad was substantial, but the produce at this time of year is so-so and its accompanying cilantro-lime crema didn't pop. On the plus side, though, organic ingredients are a Green Chef priority. greenchef.com

Ease of preparation: Some chopping and measuring. Recipe cards are generously sized and feature step-by-step photos.

Packaging: Typical; paper bags.

Portion size: Satisfying.

Cost: \$9.99-\$12.99 per portion; \$7.99 shipping.



The scallion-ginger relish in Sun Basket's steak with sweet potato dish — along with the charred kale — make it something special.

Sun Basket

Sun Basket's fare aims for a more restaurant-style approach. It hit the mark with its kit for steak and sweet potato, finished with scallion-ginger relish. The relish, along with the suggestion to char the accompanying kale, help to make this dish something special. Similarly, the company offers thoughtful tips, such as pressure-cooker instructions when appropriate and tips for how to involve the kids in making its rich mushroom risotto with spinach and Parmesan. The only disappointment was a pumpkin-seed-crusting sole with warm carrot salad, which turned out to be beautiful but bland. sunbasket.com

Ease of preparation: Some chopping and prep required; significant attention required.

Packaging: Typical; paper bags.

Portion size: Satisfying.

Cost: \$10.99-\$12.99 per portion; \$7.99 shipping.



Home Chef's pulled-pork pot-sticker bowl took about 15 minutes to prepare.

Home Chef

Home Chef offers a range of options, from pre-prepped kits that require minimal assembly to more labor-intensive recipes requiring full attention. More effort, however, didn't necessarily result in a better dish. Our favorite meal, in fact, was a pulled-pork pot-sticker bowl, which required boiling noodles in one pot, while dumping a series of ingredients into a skillet to produce a cozy bowl of spicy zest. It took 15 minutes, max. The more involved meals — the best of which was a crispy-prosciutto-and-mushroom farfalle — had the feel of banquet food. In any case, the simpler skillet and oven kits, which are available at Mariano's, offer a decent option for novice cooks. homechef.com

Ease of preparation: Several options available, from no-chop to full prep.

Packaging: Minimal if purchased in store; typical packaging with plastic bags if shipped. Subscriptions come with recipe binder and cards featuring step-by-step photos.

Portion size: Satisfying and, in some cases, generous.

Cost: From \$6.99 per portion, depending on product.



Tortelloni alfredo with peas was our favorite meal out of the Dinnerly box, Marley Spoon's budget meal-kit line.

Dinnerly

Dinnerly is a budget-friendlier option from Marley Spoon, and it delivers a cheaper version of its better endowed sister kit. Think burgers instead of steak. Indeed, we tried the cheeseburger and green beans. We would've preferred to leave the cheese on top, rather than stuffing it inside to be unevenly distributed during cooking, but it wasn't bad for a stove-cooked burger. The best meal we tried was tortelloni alfredo with peas. An "extra credit" tomato salad mentioned in the recipe notes added brightness. Chicken meatballs with spinach salad was well-rounded but required more prep than the resulting meal deserved. dinnerly.com

Ease of preparation: Some chopping, moderate amount of attention required. No printed recipe cards; online only.

Packaging: Typical; plastic bags.

Portion size: Satisfying.

Cost: \$4.49-\$4.99 per portion; \$8.99 shipping.



Shiso peppers provided a smokiness to Blue Apron's Spanish-spiced beef and kale salad.

Blue Apron

Blue Apron menus have broken out of the meat-potato-veggie mold to serve up something more contemporary. Shiso peppers lent a smokiness to a Spanish-spiced beef-and-kale salad, drizzled with a perky orange-juice-and-saffron dressing. Salmon isn't usually my go-to for fish tacos, but they worked here in a spicy chipotle version. Curried cauliflower, served over rice, had a cool, herbaceous cilantro sauce that served as an excellent foil to an accompanying sweet-chile sauce. The only drawback: In every case but the salad, we were left hungry for more — which is both a strength of the recipes and a weakness of the portions. blueapron.com

Ease of preparation: Some chopping and prep; moderate attention required.

Packaging: Typical; plastic bags.

Portion size: Stingy. Not even an extra tortilla for the fish tacos.

Cost: \$7.99-\$9.99 per portion; shipping ranges from free-\$7.99, depending on order size.

Freshly

For all the parents who are trying to work from home right now while caring for children, get Freshly now. A tasty, fully prepared meal comes packaged in a plastic, microwave-friendly tray. It can be ready in minutes, but I suggest, however, that you dump it onto a sheet pan and bake it, as recommended by Freshly, for 30 minutes under foil and 5 more minutes uncovered. That'll give you just enough time to clean up whatever domestic disaster has unfolded while you were teleconferencing. And, bonus: Your meals will brown slightly, offering richer flavor. (If you prefer to microwave, consider scooping meals onto a plate to avoid cooking in plastic.) Our favorite meal was the cod cakes, featuring an excellent fish-to-filler ratio,

nestled in a smoky chipotle sauce. Spaghetti squash with well-spiced turkey meatballs and cauliflower-shell Bolognese both satisfied. freshly.com

Ease of preparation: Opening the package is the most taxing part.

Packaging: Meals come in plastic trays with cardboard sleeve in a shipping box with freezer pack.

Portion size: Skimpy for hearty eaters.

Cost: \$7.99-\$11.50 per portion; variable shipping.



Our favorite meal from Freshly, an ideal service for those watching children while working during the pandemic, featured cod cakes in a smoky chipotle sauce.



Masala tofu is just one solid example in Amazon Meal Kit's line of easy prep, subscription-free options.

Amazon Meal Kits

Amazon Meal Kits has two major things going for it: well-seasoned food featuring modern flavors and a no-subscription-required pricing model. Available for order from Amazon or for pickup in Whole Foods, these individual meal kits offer a tidy package of convenience. Pre-chopped, mostly pre-prepped ingredients easily combine, thanks to succinct recipes. Shwarma-spiced lamb meatballs, warmed by notes of cinnamon, were offset by a lemony bulgur salad. Masala tofu might've been better with paneer, but mop up enough of the silky tomato sauce, and who's complaining? Pan-roasted za'atar chicken reminded us how much we love za'atar seasoning. The only major misstep was a package of baby arugula for an accompanying corn salad that was too slimy to use; would've been a nice touch, but we didn't miss it. In all, these are reliable kits that'll send you back to your phone to order another. amazon.com/fmc

Ease of preparation: Minimal. Most ingredients pre-chopped or pre-measured.

Packaging: Minimal, especially if you purchase in store.

Portion size: Satisfying.

Cost: \$15.99-\$19.99 for two portions.



The Martha & Marley Spoon recipe for this tandoori salmon dish provided specific instructions to ensure a crisp, perfectly cooked piece of fish.

Martha & Marley Spoon

If you're aiming to serve restaurant-quality food — and you're willing to put in a little more effort to achieve that — then go with Martha & Marley Spoon. The recipes are well-conceived and clearly written, illustrated with step-by-step photographs. Three of the dishes we tried — butter-basted steak and fries, one-pot crispy gnocchi Florentine, and Parmesan-thyme chicken — made smart use of the broiler to deepen flavor. Thoughtful touches — such as the surprising roasted-romaine salad that paired with the chicken dish or the housemade garlicky mayo that accompanied the steak and fries — helped to elevate these meals beyond the usual weeknight fare. marleyspoon.com

Ease of preparation: Requires chopping and full attention for proper timing. Two of the recipes significantly exceeded estimated cooking time.

Packaging: Typical for a shipped subscription: shipping box, insulated sleeve with freezer pack, plastic bags and packaging.

Portion size: Satisfying.

Cost: \$6.99-\$10.25 per portion, depending on plan; \$8.99 shipping.

Meez Meals

Evanston-based Meez Meals sets you up to cook Sunday dinner with the energy you have left after a bad Monday. The menu is inventive and often uses local ingredients. Bennison's Bakery pie crust topped an earthy Italian chicken-and-sausage pot pie that was as lively as it was comforting. Udon noodle salad with Sriracha-roasted Brussels sprouts balanced sweet-tart heat atop a tangle of hearty noodles. And massaman steak curry offered a delightful mix of texture that could compete with any take-out. Beyond the flavor, though, Meez hits the mark in the prep department. The company's name is a riff on *mise en place*, the cooking concept of having everything in its place when it's time to cook, and it lives up to it: Everything you need to make a successful meal is pre-chopped and pre-measured. Voila. meezmeals.com

Ease of preparation: Ideal. Easy to assemble.

Packaging: As good as it gets. Within Chicagoland, company provides reusable cooler bag stocked with most ingredients in paper bags.

Portion size: Satisfying.



Evanston-based Meez Meals, our top pick, offered massaman steak curry during the week we sampled it.

Cost: \$9-\$15 per serving; free delivery.

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SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Springtime pasta from what's in your pantry

BY DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON
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We are all having trouble finding ingredients right now. Grocery stores are mobbed, and shopping online is overtaxed. This vegetarian pasta dish celebrates spring with ingredients that are easy to procure or already in your pantry.

Picture a plate of pasta with an array of colors: green asparagus and peas, yellow sweet peppers and red tomato sauce sprinkled with straw-colored grated Parmesan cheese.

This is a dish that can bring some much-needed cheer during this bleak time. Don't worry if you can't find some of the ingredients. Just use what is available.

Springtime signals the peak season for asparagus. I love to use it in dishes that show off its unique flavor. The neutrality of pasta provides a perfect backdrop that allows the delicate, grassy-flavored asparagus and sweet baby peas to shine through.



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In this recipe, bottled tomato sauce is accented by chipotle chile pepper, adding an unexpected touch of smoky heat. Use canned chipotles packed in adobo sauce for the best flavor. You can also use a bit of the adobo sauce to add even more heat,

but be careful; these chiles can be very hot. If you don't have access to chipotles, use crushed red pepper.

Seared scallops or grilled chicken breasts make this dish a substantial main course. Serve the pasta in wide, shallow soup bowls.

Pasta with spring vegetables and tomato sauce

Prep time: 25 minutes **Cook time:** 30 minutes **Makes:** 4 to 6 servings

1 pound pencil-thin asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1½-inch lengths

1 pound dried spaghetti, linguine or angel hair pasta

3 cups store-bought tomato sauce

½ canned chipotle chile in adobo, coarsely chopped, or bottled chipotle hot sauce

3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh basil, optional

1 yellow or orange sweet pepper, cut into ¼-inch-wide strips, optional

1½ cups frozen petite peas, defrosted

1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley

½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1. Fill a saucepan with water and bring to a boil over high heat. Place the asparagus pieces in a kitchen strainer basket with a handle, lower into the boiling water, and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, or until crisp-tender. Immediately transfer the asparagus to a bowl of ice water.

2. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package instructions, or until al dente.

3. Meanwhile, place the tomato sauce in a saucepan over medium heat. Add the chipotle or a few dashes of chipotle hot sauce and optional basil and bring to a simmer. Add the asparagus, peas, and optional yellow pepper; heat just until sauce is hot and the vegetables are warmed through.

4. Reserve ¼ cup of the sauce. Drain the pasta well and transfer to the tomato sauce. Use tongs and toss to coat the pasta with the sauce. Place the pasta in a serving bowl. Spoon the reserved sauce on top and sprinkle with the parsley and Parmesan cheese. Serve immediately.

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Comfort of pantry foraging

Stay fortified by using what you already have on hand

BY MELISSA CLARK
The New York Times

Cooking something good to eat is a comfort that I always feel grateful for, but especially now. Whether seasoned chefs or complete novices, many people are cooking breakfast, lunch and dinner, day after day, perhaps for the first time in their lives. We've all stocked our pantries as best we could, and are now trying to figure out what to do with all those beans and cans of tuna.

These pantry-focused recipes — some of which are riffs on old favorites — are highly adaptable, and all keep perishables in mind.

Yes, some may mention optional fresh ingredients for color and verve, but use them only if you have them on hand.

You can build on the recipes, taking them apart and putting them back together again to use available ingredients, and to suit yourself and whom you-

er else you might be sheltering with.

The first solves the “what to do with all those beans” conundrum. A big vat can be a hearty meal unto itself, the starting point of so many others, or both. Eat some right after cooking, drizzled with olive oil and sprinkled with flaky sea salt, and save the rest — yes, they freeze well — for turning into chili or soup.

There's breakfast, too: baked steel-cut oats made creamy and rich with almond butter. Baked oats aren't faster than the simmered kind. But they are more convenient, since you don't have to worry about stirring them. And the pot won't boil over if you get distracted.

Finally, there's crumb cake. Because now more than ever, we need to bake something sweet, buttery and cinnamon-scented to gladden our souls — and maybe tempt our children away from their screens long enough to help squish up the topping.



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A big pot of beans can be a hearty meal unto itself, the starting point of many other dishes, or both.

A hearty answer for all of those beans

Chances are good you have some dried beans on hand, and that is a great thing. Especially since one basic recipe works for so many kinds, from red beans to white cannellini to black turtle beans. And you can use that very recipe for a pot of red beans simmered in an electric pressure cooker.

First, give them a soak, though it's not strictly necessary. But I think soaking helps beans cook more

evenly, and doing so in salted water speeds up cooking because the salt breaks down their skins. Anywhere from 4 to 12 hours does the trick, then you can drain and rinse them. But if time is an issue, don't soak.

To cook the beans, you can use a regular pot or a pressure cooker (electric or stovetop). Add the beans and cover them with water. If you're using a regular pot, add enough water to cover the beans by about 2 to 3 inches. If using a pressure cooker, add less water, more like 1 1/2 to 2 inches to cover the beans. Add a drizzle of oil and whatever aromatics you like.

To my pound of red beans, I added six peeled garlic cloves, a halved onion and a celery stalk. Herbs add depth: I had a bay leaf, but a few thyme or rosemary sprigs or a pinch of those herbs dried would have been just as good.

Now — and, to me, this is the most important part — add enough salt to make the cooking water taste like the sea. If using a regular pot, simmer the beans anywhere from 30 minutes to 3 hours, depending on the variety you used, how old they were and whether you soaked them. Check on them periodically, adding water if the level gets too low (as in, lower than the beans). When done, they will be tender but not mushy, and still look intact, without splitting or falling apart. For the pressure cooker, the timing is 5 to 10 minutes at high pressure. (Smaller beans will take 5 to 10 minutes, while larger beans, like chickpeas, may



Baked steel-cut oats made creamy and rich with almond butter can keep you going all day.



Pantry crumb cake provides something sweet and buttery to lift up our souls.

take up to 35 or 50 minutes.) Let the pressure release naturally.

If you want to add a Parmesan rind, or a hunk of smoked or cured meat, to the bean pot, you should. I had a chunk of last summer's kielbasa in the freezer that needed a home, so I threw it into the pot.

That's it. I always garnish with a drizzle of oil, a sprinkle of flaky salt and red-pepper flakes and any herbs I may have around. Grated or crumbled cheese and crisp bacon are two other options, as is a fried egg, which, after all, makes everything better. And as always, feel free to serve this with rice, polenta or other grains, or some crusty bread.

Oatmeal in the oven, not on the stovetop

For a simple, filling breakfast, baked steel-cut oatmeal, enriched with almond butter and cinnamon, is the recipe I'd go to. If you've never done it, the beauty of baking oats instead of simmering them is twofold.

First, I get to leave the oven on for an hour or so, which I find incredibly comforting when it's still chilly out. Second, I don't have to do much in the way of stirring or tending it. The oats just cook themselves.

To make enough oatmeal for three or four servings, heat your oven to 350 degrees, and bring a kettle of water to a boil.

In a shallow casserole or baking dish, combine 3 cups boiling water and 1 cup steel-cut or cracked oats. Stir in 1/4 cup peanut butter (or almond butter) until somewhat smooth. (Don't worry about a few lumps.) Season the mix with a big pinch of salt, and some cinnamon or nutmeg if you like. Cover with foil and bake for 1 hour, stirring halfway through. Taste, and if the oats aren't cooked enough, let it bake a few

minutes longer.

I like this splashed with cream and drizzled with maple syrup or brown sugar. But it's good on its own, or maybe with sliced bananas. And it will keep you going all day long.

The sweet comfort of crumb cake

Crumb cakes are very adaptable. You probably have all the ingredients in your pantry. To make one, butter an 8- or 9-inch pan (square or round, it doesn't matter).

First, prepare the topping. In a bowl, mix together four tablespoons melted butter, 1/4 cup each flour and rolled oats, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a teaspoon of cinnamon or other spices. I used cinnamon, allspice and cardamom, and loved the combination. If you don't have oats, use more flour or chopped nuts.

Now, whip up the cake batter. Using an electric mixer, beat 1/2 cup (one stick) of softened butter with 1/2 cup granulated sugar. Add two eggs and 2/3 cup fermented milk product (sour cream, yogurt, buttermilk, crème fraîche, milk acidified with a tablespoon of lemon juice, nondairy yogurt, whatever you've got). Beat in two teaspoons vanilla extract, one teaspoon baking powder, 1/4 teaspoon baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1 1/2 cups flour until smooth.

If you want to, you can fold in a teaspoon grated lemon or orange zest, and 1/2 cup fruit (fresh, frozen and thawed, or canned). I used fresh blueberries, but another favorite is canned chopped pineapple. Spoon batter into the pan, scatter the crumb mixture over the top. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes, until the top springs back when lightly pressed.

Let it cool completely before you dive in. It will be gone before you know it.

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