



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Suit: Pritzker runs 'police state'

GOP rep seeks to expand 1st exemption granted from stay-at-home order



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
 Rep. John Cabello is the second representative to file a lawsuit challenging Gov. J.B. Pritzker's order.

By **JAMIE MUNKS, ANTONIA AYRES-BROWN AND DAN PETRELLA**

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's extension of a statewide stay-at-home order continued to face pushback Wednesday, with a second Republican state lawmaker challenging the order in a lawsuit accusing the governor of creating "a police state."

The lawsuits, along with calls for more rallies later this week to protest the governor's order, reflect a growing frustration over the state shutdown in some quarters even as state officials said the number of known COVID-19 cases in Illinois had pushed past 50,000.

The state on Wednesday began its efforts to fend off a court ruling that exempts downstate Rep. Darren Bai-

ley, a Xenia Republican, from Pritzker's stay-at-home order, asking the Illinois Supreme Court to take up its appeal directly.

The Clay County court's narrow ruling only allows Bailey to ignore the directive. Rep. John Cabello, a Machesney Park Republican and a Rockford police officer, said he seeks broader results from the lawsuit he filed Wednesday

in Winnebago County.

"Once we heard the arguments and that it really only seems to be applying to Bailey, I didn't want that, I wanted it to apply to the rest of the state," said Cabello, co-chair of President Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign in Illinois. "So we're trying to find a way of doing it so that it applies to anyone that wants to do it, not to just one

person. And make no mistake — this does not force anyone to leave their homes. This would give them the option."

Illinois has been under a statewide stay-at-home order since March 21. The order was originally set to expire April 7 but Pritzker announced last week that residents would be under a

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MEDICINE

Fauci: Drug shows promise

Remdesivir helped ill patients recover faster during trial

By **GINA KOLATA**
 The New York Times

A federal trial has shown that treatment with remdesivir, an experimental antiviral drug, can speed recovery in patients infected with the coronavirus, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said Wednesday.

The Food and Drug Administration is likely at some point to announce an emergency approval for remdesivir, a senior administration official told The New York Times.

Eventually the drug, made by Gilead Sciences, could be the first approved treatment for COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus.

The virus has killed more than 60,000 people in the United States and infected more than 1 million, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. Worldwide, the death toll is now at least 226,000.

Doctors and patients are desperate for an effective treatment.

Earlier Wednesday, Gilead had announced that the company was "aware of positive data" from the federal trial.

Trading in the company's

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School's alumni donate masks

Rosetta Miller puts a mask on Kalia, 3, and other grandchildren as Leo High School faculty and staff members distribute meals and give away 1,000 masks for families in Chicago on Wednesday. The meals and masks were donated by a relief fund created by Leo alumni and Big Shoulders Fund.

THE HUMAN TOLL

Days before the rest of his life, virus took life

34-year surgical tech was set to retire

By **ALISON BOWEN**

After decades of scrubbing in on surgeries as a surgical technologist, Juan Martinez was looking forward to retirement. He planned to travel with his wife and spend more time with his grandchildren.

His final work day was scheduled for April 30.

He was so dedicated to his job that he kept working even as the coronavirus crisis coincided with the final weeks before his retirement.

He died days before reaching it.

"My dad was a very dedicated man to work," said his son, Juan Martinez Jr., who was so enthralled by his father's zest for his work that he, too, chose the same career. "He was so passionate."

Father and son worked together at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago. On Monday, Mar-

tinez, 60, died after testing positive for the coronavirus.

"He just didn't make it," said Martinez Jr.

He described his father as a man of faith who often spent weekends bringing his family to church services. He traveled to minister and was a leader in the education program of El Shaddai Ministries. He was also a pastor at the Rios de Agua Viva church.

As a young man, Martinez served three years in the Army before enlisting in the Illinois National Guard, where he received multiple awards during his 21 years of service.

Martinez and his wife, Martha, had three children: Juan, Angela and Rebecca. They raised the kids on Chicago's South Side.

"He just had this charisma and personality," said

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NATURE AMID PANDEMIC



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A piping plover named Violet, who's missing most of a foot, walks on Waukegan Beach this month. Plovers have a high return rate to spots where they've successfully nested.

Hopes fly as plovers sighted

Season's 1st sighting may mean a summer that's for the birds

By **MORGAN GREENE**

The birds are back in town.

After a summer that brought ornithologists from all over to Chicago for the dramatic coupling of two federally endangered piping plovers, a few of the dapper shorebirds have been spotted along the Lake Michigan coast.

Monty and Rose, the main attractions of Montrose Beach, haven't yet appeared. But plovers have

a high return rate to spots where they've successfully nested. Last summer, the couple overcame a music festival, Fourth of July fireworks, the loss of their first clutch of eggs and the death of a chick to become the first pair of plovers to nest successfully in Chicago in decades.

Monty and Rose fledged two chicks by the end of August.

If the lakefront shutdown continues, and Monty and Rose decide to

give Montrose a second shot, a nesting season without volleyball players and beachgoers could mean a better chance of fledgling success. Still, the plovers are up against near-record high lake levels and disappearing beaches, and, if throngs of Chicagoans are reintroduced to the lakeshore after courting begins, the plovers may face their own social distancing night-

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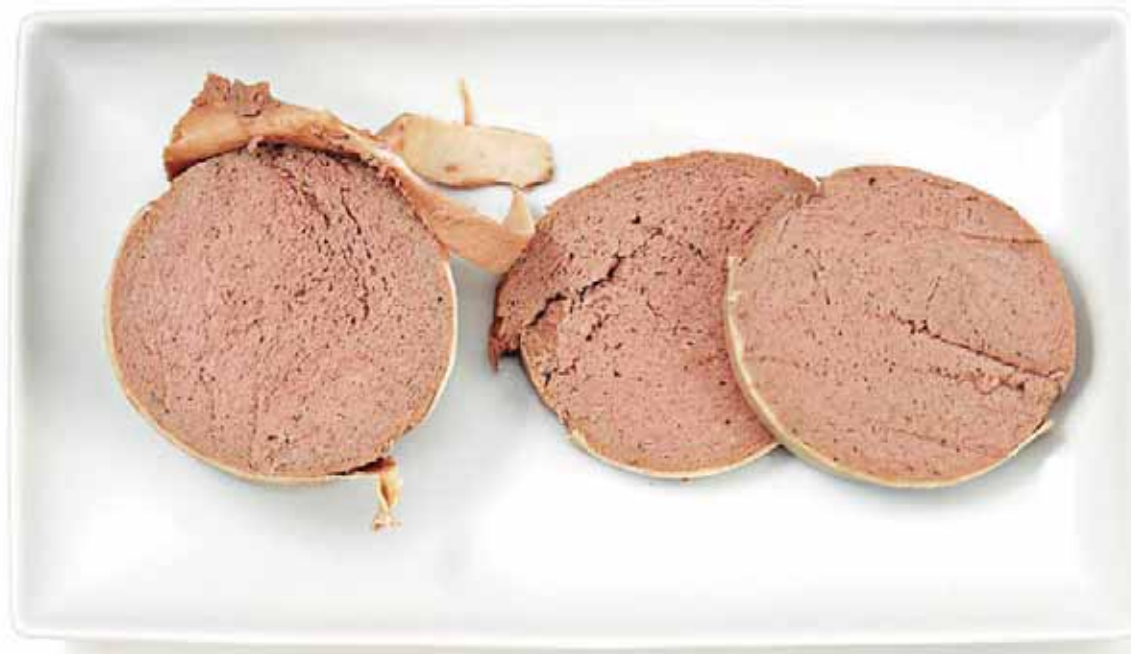
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E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

If you thought the supermarket fights for toilet paper were bad, wait until we're all clamoring to buy liver sausage.



JOHN KASS

Cure your coronavirus ennui with liver sausage

It started with the liver sausage. That's when I knew that our long coronavirus shutdown was finally getting to her.

She's been shut down here with me since we sold our home in early March and moved into our quaint Hobbit hole, across from the picturesque windmill.

I love her. Always have, and always will. But I love liver sausage too. Apparently, this is a conflict.

"I mean who eats liver sausage?" she said. "With raw onions? Who the heck eats this stuff? Nobody! I just can't stand watching you eat it."

I kept chewing, albeit wordlessly. She left the room, only to return a moment later.

"You really should do a survey and ask women if they eat liver sausage sandwiches, because they don't," she said.

Sexist. Yes, they do. "No!" she said. "No woman likes liver sausage with onions and pickles."

Honey, I'm not pregnant, I said. Can I have a kiss?

"No," she said and left me to my sandwich.

I have no wish to provoke her, but if she ever does read this, then she must know that soon, all Americans will clamor for liver sausage.

Americans won't only eat liver sausage. They'll love liver sausage.

If you thought those supermarket fights over toilet paper were a sign of the collapse of civilization, just think about Americans fighting for meat.

With meat processing plants shut down due to the coronavirus, it will happen. We're predators. We have eyes in the front of our faces. Do you think anyone would fight over tofu or navy beans? No. But meat is a different animal altogether.

And liver sausage might just be the only meat left to us, next to Slim Jims and beef jerky from the gas station.

If the meat plants don't reopen, we'll probably cannibalize ourselves, just like those Chicago cannibal rats in the Tribune story the other day. I couldn't finish reading it. When I was

a boy, we lived in a two-flat near the Union Stockyards. Enough said.

And now we have coronavirus rats. We also have coronavirus liver sausage, coronavirus domestic issues over old-school luncheon meats, coronavirus cabin fever, coronavirus Chicago Bulls nostalgia, coronavirus shamers and government coronavirus dictators who've turned the Bill of Rights into a face mask.

Coronavirus, all the time. I can't wait to sign up for my coronavirus tracker cellphone app, to let the government watch me for my own good.

And please, don't forget the coronavirus snitches who'll rat me out the next time Zeus the Wonder Dog takes me for a walk outside the Hobbit hole, and I dare enjoy a fine maduro cigar in an empty park.

As I type this, it's chilly and raining outside. These are perfect conditions for the breeding of coronavirus ennui. This is a French mental disease that we're all suffering from now, since we're stuck at home and so zonked out from binge-watching bad TV shows that we don't give two figs about anything.

It's getting to me too. And if the meat plants stay closed, I just might have to eat coronavirus sardine sandwiches with onions on rye.

Wait! Honey! I just found I have two cans of King Oscar sardines in the pantry! Aren't you happy?

"Stop it! Stop it!" she said from the other room. "And you can quote me." She's probably thinking about leaving me. But really, where can she go? We're stuck together.

There. I've written "coronavirus" in this column at least a dozen times, maybe more, so I've done my journalistic duty in spreading fear throughout the republic. Will it win me the Pulitzer? No. But on the bright side, the government may give me bonus points if I fulfill my coronavirus column quota.

Yes, there is other coronavirus news. New York Mayor Bill De Blasio, the lefty who wants New Yorkers to snitch on their neighbors as if they're North Koreans, did something par-

ticularly stupid. He viciously harassed Jews at a funeral. He wanted them arrested for violating the coronavirus shutdown order.

Harassing funeral mourners is probably bad politics, even for lefties who once pretended to respect civil liberties.

De Blasio is definitely worth a column, and if readers don't nominate him for the Golden Moutza of April — to give Nancy Pelosi's fancy coronavirus chocolate ice cream addiction some competition — I don't know what I'll do.

Everything is coronavirus in the news these days, and that's the problem. Because, as I mentioned, I've just diagnosed myself as suffering from coronavirus ennui.

No mask can protect you. The symptoms are feeling utter coronavirus weariness and coronavirus discontent resulting from deep, soul-crushing boredom anytime coronavirus is mentioned gratuitously in news columns.

And then it hits you: You just don't care about anything anymore, except for maybe watching Michael Jordan and "The Last Dance."

"You're not the only one," said a colleague over the phone. "Everybody's sick of coronavirus. We're all in the same boat, we're sick of the shutdown, sick of the word 'coronavirus.' Your readers are probably sick of it too. Don't you care what they think?"

Yes, always. Except, maybe, today.

But my extreme coronavirus ennui is nothing that a tasty liver sausage sandwich won't fix, unless of course, there's a can or two of sardines in the pantry.

The King Oscar Coronavirus Sanguich with raw onions.

It should cure anything.

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'Happy tears' for seniors' #PandemicPals cards



REX W. HUPPKE

With Illinois under a coronavirus lockdown for at least another month, I'd like to share a rare commodity: some good news.

About a month ago, I wrote a column floating an idea: What if people sheltered in place reached out to equally sheltered seniors and people with disabilities, giving folks feeling isolated a little boost? Because I'm not good at naming things, I called it "#PandemicPals."

Since then, hundreds — and I do mean hundreds — of Tribune readers have stepped forward and written hundreds upon hundreds of cards and letters to seniors and people with disabilities throughout the Chicago area.

Here's one example:

Mary O'Reilly is director of the Senior Companion program at the Center of Concern in Des Plaines. She oversees 65 seniors who, under normal circumstances, would be volunteering their time visiting other seniors and helping them remain independent. Since last July, these senior dynamos provided 56,000 hours of service to their clients.

But they've all been sidelined and isolated under the stay-at-home order. O'Reilly reached out to me after the initial column ran in March and requested some #PandemicPals love for her senior volunteers.

Chicagoans delivered.

She emailed this late last week: "I want to talk about the good in people, the very best of people. There are no adequate words for me to express my thanks and gratitude for the outpouring of cards/letters to my Senior Companion Volunteers. ... The volunteers are so completely surprised and so moved with all of the cards people have sent to them. They feel important, loved, and valued which they should feel and deserve."

O'Reilly received more than 200 cards and letters, and is still getting more.



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Elease Jackson-McBride would normally be volunteering with the Senior Companion program, but has been isolated during the pandemic.

"For a couple of the Senior Companions they told me how the card they received turned their whole day around," O'Reilly wrote. "They were having an 'off' day and feeling down and it completely changed when they read their card. The phone calls I have had with all of them have been filled with gratitude and a lot of happy tears."

That's all you, readers. You did that. And O'Reilly's example is just one of many.

I'm hearing from #PandemicPals volunteers who have already gotten letters back from seniors. A reader shared one with me Tuesday and it read, in part: "I received your sweet card today, and it made my day. Thank you for thinking of me."

I've responded to more than 350 people who emailed asking to get involved writing cards and letters. Most of those people represent

larger groups: families looking to keep kids busy and do something positive; book clubs; a Girl Scout troop; teachers getting entire classes involved; faith groups.

It's a reflection of the average person's immense capacity to do good. And since most of us aren't going anywhere for a while, why stop now?

I'm still hearing from groups and facilities that have residents or clients who would benefit from a kind greeting. Or a kid's cool drawing. Or a simple card.

Just this week I spoke with Debbie Harris, director of the Pritzker Pucker Inspire Center at Keshet, a Skokie organization that works with hundreds of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the Chicago area. Harris said she would love to get mail to distribute to people Keshet serves.

"During this time, there's lots of

Zooming going on and lots of virtual stuff," she said. "It's great and it's fun, and it's really good for those people who can engage. But not everyone can do that. Who doesn't like to get a piece of mail, and who doesn't like to be read to? There's such a need for it, just to make somebody happy for 30 seconds."

I'm sure there are other people, groups and facilities that feel the same way. So I encourage anyone in that category to email me at rhuppke@chicagotribune.com and pass along an address. I'm glad to send mailing information along to the people volunteering to be #PandemicPals.

And on the "Pals" front, zing me an email if you want to volunteer. Or if you want to volunteer your children. Or if you want to volunteer your staff or your soccer club or your entire extended family, including that one cousin

you haven't heard from in ages.

I'm happy to continue being the go-between and marveling at the kindness of so many. As an added bonus, by becoming a #PandemicPal, you're also supporting the U.S. Postal Service, which is struggling mightily.

Without our dedicated mail carriers — heroes during this pandemic, as far as I'm concerned — none of this would be happening. As Harris said, who doesn't like to get a piece of mail?

We all need some good news right now. And you amazing people managed to create some.

So with at least a month of sheltering to go, why not make some more?

Consider joining the growing league of #PandemicPals.

I'll be waiting by the email inbox.

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PE class jumps into the virtual fray

School shutdown changes how kids, teachers stay active

BY KAREN ANN CULLOTTA

As a physical education teacher at Winston Campus Junior High in Palatine, Emmie Galan used to lead spirited volleyball matches and handball games in the school gym. Now she's hosting Instagram Live workout sessions for students from her living room.

"My first thought was, I need to engage them in a way that will lead to maximum participation for all of my students, which is always sort of difficult, even when PE is not online," Galan said. "We're trying to keep our students' spirits high, and we don't want to penalize them, because they're going through a difficult time right now, and they need our positive support more than ever."

So far, Galan estimates that of her 180 students, which includes six eighth-grade classes, about half the kids are consistently responding to her daily questions, including "What was your workout like today?"

While joining in the Instagram Live workouts is encouraged, Galan said they're not mandatory, and her primary goal is to encourage her students to stay active and healthy during the sudden halting of their daily PE classes at the Palatine school.

"Some of the kids send me videos of them doing their workouts, and I send feedback, and they love it," Galan. "But it's kind of an honor system, because I know there are students who are home alone, and have to watch their younger siblings when their parents are at work."

While it's no simple feat to teach students the finer points of adjectives or algorithms from a Google classroom, keeping kids active, moving and participating in physical education from the confines of a computer screen has its unique challenges.

Still, teachers and other experts agree that ensuring students of all ages stay physically active and embrace a healthy lifestyle is more important than ever during this uncertain and anxious time in their lives.

"Remote learning does not allow us to offer kids a typical PE class, but we know how important it is for both their bodies and minds that they're getting exercise right now," John



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From her home, phys ed teacher Emmie Galan conducts a workout via Instagram for her eighth-graders from Winston Campus Junior High in Palatine.



Kate Macias, 14, exercises Monday along with Galan, her teacher, and others in her eighth-grade class as the latter conducts virtual workouts via Instagram.

Dolniak, a PE teacher at Patton Elementary in Arlington Heights, said.

"Any time the kids turn on the TV or their phone, they're getting bombarded constantly with everything that's going on in the world with the coronavirus right now, and that's certainly not uplifting for their social emotional health," Dolniak said.

A provision of the Illinois School Code that mandates fitness assessments for students was recently suspended because of the

COVID-19 school closures. But given Illinois' reputation as a national leader in PE and health instruction, teachers like Dolniak say even during school closures, the classes remain a priority.

In Illinois, public schools must offer students a PE class three days a week, but some school districts choose to surpass the requirements and many hold daily PE instruction for students in sixth through 12th grades.

Dolniak said he and his

fellow District 25 PE teachers aim to offer virtual instruction that is fun, healthy and creative. That has included using a digital platform to post links to online yoga practices and "minute-to-win-it" challenges, like flipping a water bottle, and holding drop-in fitness classes and pep talks on Zoom.

"We'd love to see kids up and active for 60 minutes each day, but we have to ask ourselves, is this realistic? And maybe instead, we need to look at how many

kids looked, clicked and tried it, even if it took only 20 minutes," said Dolniak. "I also try to jump in their regular classroom meetings, which is my opportunity to touch base with the kids, and remind them to try and stay active with their families."

Across the U.S., there are roughly 200,000 physical education and health teachers in kindergarten to 12th grade schools, according to the Maryland-based Society of Health and Physical Educators, and many of them are now teaching virtually.

Senior Program Manager Michelle Carter said that in addition to wide disparities in students' access to digital resources, the ability to lead a successful online PE class also varies dramatically, and often hinges on a teacher's level of expertise and confidence with using the technology.

"I think teachers are making a heartfelt effort to really come together as a community, to tutor each other in things like Google Classroom and how to record and upload videos for their students," said Carter, adding PE teachers are also sharing advice and lessons on Twitter at #HPE@home.

As teachers rally to bolster their students' physical,

social and emotional health during the global pandemic, Carter said some educators worry that the economic downturn could prompt budget cuts that threaten PE programs nationwide.

"Unfortunately, in many parts of the country, health, PE, and music and art classes are already marginalized, and we might have to fight to prevent them from being cut," Carter said.

For students like Winston Campus eighth grader Kate Macias, who on a recent morning participated in a 20-minute high-intensity interval training workout led by her teacher, Emmie Galan, on Instagram Live, PE class has always been a favorite part of her school day.

"I've always loved Ms. Galan's class ... playing lacrosse, basketball and volleyball, and coming together as a group is really fun. So following her Instagram workout makes me feel like I'm doing something productive, instead of just walking around the house procrastinating," Kate said. "I do it because staying fit makes me feel good about myself, which is really important during this whole quarantine."

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In videos, new details of police shooting at Red Line station

Scramble by cops to tend to wounded man also seen

BY WILLIAM LEE AND JEREMY GORNER

The independent agency that investigates Chicago police on Tuesday released more than a dozen video and audio clips from a controversial shooting by an officer that wounded a man who had been struggling with her and her partner at a Red Line subway station earlier this year.

While cellphone video was released shortly after the shooting at the Grand Avenue station — with Mayor Lori Lightfoot calling it "extremely disturbing" — the new footage provides closer views of the struggle as well as the scramble afterward as officers tended to the man and passengers squeezed by his body on the floor.

In one of the clips, the two officers are shown struggling for several minutes to handcuff Ariel Roman, 33, on the platform in the 500 block of North State Street the end of February

after he was stopped for passing between two cars of a moving train. The partners press on top of Roman while repeatedly demanding that he stop resisting.

"Please let me go," Roman says. "I didn't do nothing to you. I didn't do nothing to you."

"Stop resisting," one of the officers says, repeating it nearly a dozen times.

He then yells, "Shoot him."

Roman appears to say, "No, no, no."

The officer says again, "Shoot him."

The struggle continues, and the female officer draws her weapon and shouts, "Put your (expletive) hands down."

By this time, Roman is standing up and bends to pick up his coat. He appears to stagger toward a railing in the officer's direction, and a shot rings out. Roman rushes past her partner and runs up the escalator.

Both officers chase him, and a second shot rings out. "Get down," the officer who fired yells. "Get (expletive) down."

A station camera shows Roman falling face down at

the top of the escalator. The partner appears to use his radio as the one who fired bends over Roman. Their yellow Tasers can be seen bobbing up the escalator behind them.

The clips also show a quick, heavy response of officers who tend to Roman while paramedics are on the way.

"Where's all the blood coming from," one officer asks as they search for the wound.

"Keep breathing, guy," an officer says. "Hey, man, breathe, breathe, breathe."

As the officers work on Roman, the partner tells them that Roman kept fighting them. "He started fighting with us. He wouldn't stop."

Roman survived his wound and is suing the city and the Police Department.

Reaction to the shooting by city officials was unusually swift and direct, perhaps driven by the availability of cellphone video taken by a CTA customer.

Charlie Beck, the interim police superintendent at the time, stripped Officers Melvina Bogard and Bernard Butler, the two

officers involved in the incident, of their police powers. The shooting is under criminal investigation by the Cook County state's attorney's office with assistance from the FBI.

The officers' conduct is also under the investigation of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, which released the 18 videos, mostly of the aftermath of the shooting, along with six police audio transmissions and four police documents, including the official police reports.

"While critical steps remain, COPA's investigation into the actions of the two officers are ongoing," the agency said in a statement. "COPA is committed to conducting a full, thorough and objective investigation before reaching a determination of the appropriateness of the officers' use of force and is also working in coordination with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office."

The shooting on Feb. 28 was arguably among the most explosive videos the CPD has grappled with since the 2014 killing of teenager Laquan McDonald

— an incident that resulted in criminal charges and a second-degree murder conviction for Officer Jason Van Dyke.

In Roman's federal lawsuit, he said he was suffering from an anxiety attack when he was "harassed, chased, tackled, pepper-sprayed, tasered and shot twice" without justification by Bogard and Butler. His lawyers say Roman was expected to make a long recovery from being shot in the abdomen and buttocks.

Greg Kulis, one of Roman's lawyers, said some of the new videos from COPA were helpful in understanding what happened to Roman.

"He is not causing an issue. He's not pushing people. Not aggressive. Not doing anything," Kulis said. "There was really no reason that I could see to actually grab him and take him into custody in that form or fashion. It's true to form as to what we've alleged in the (lawsuit), there was no reason to use deadly force."

Kulis said Roman has since been released from the hospital but may need at

least one more surgery.

The shooting happened at a time when the Chicago Police Department had added patrols to the CTA's train system due to a rise in crime there. The following week, a new unit with about 50 officers was activated to specifically address that crime spike.

While police-involved shootings among Chicago cops have dropped over the years, Kulis said the Feb. 28 incident serves as an example of how officers need to be more aware of what's going on around them before choosing to use their guns.

"I think just traditionally there's a lot of police officers that just skip past some of their training or don't get the appropriate training. And they think, 'OK, so he's resisted me ... or pulled away from me, therefore, I can jump to this level and use deadly force,'" Kulis said.

"God forbid (those bullets) went astray and hit another person," he said. "That would have been even more of a tragedy than what occurred on that afternoon."

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Window for redistricting reform narrowing

Deadline to pass constitutional amendment looms

BY ANTONIA AYRES-BROWN

After years of unsuccessful legislative and citizen-led efforts to strip the General Assembly of the power to draw congressional and legislative district boundaries, the coronavirus shutdown appears to have doomed any chance of constitutional redistricting reform before the state's maps are set for another decade.

Going into the spring legislative session, backers of change were hoping to make one more effort at getting something done before a looming deadline. In February, lawmakers filed identical state constitutional amendments in the Illinois House and Senate that would hand over the power to draw and approve district boundaries to an independent, citizen-led commission.

The amendment's ratification would require a three-fifths majority in both legislative chambers as well as approval from Illinois voters. Legislators have until May 3 to put the amendment on November's ballot, and the joint resolution's sponsors admit that's essen-

tially impossible.

The General Assembly, which has not convened since early March, has canceled session days in Springfield until at least May 5.

"I'm very disappointed that it's come to this moment in time — in an effort that we've been working on for all of the past decade," said Rep. Ryan Spain, a Peoria Republican who is sponsoring the bill in the House. "It just makes me look back and really feel such tremendous disappointment and frustration that we didn't engage and get this issue solved much earlier on, when we had so many chances to do so."

Redistricting occurs every 10 years after the U.S. census to account for changes in population. This spring is the last chance for Illinois legislators to overhaul how district maps are decided before they are redrawn in 2021.

Under the Illinois Constitution, the General Assembly has the power to approve the state's legislative boundaries. Without any constitutional or legislative changes to the redrawing process, Democrats — who control the state legislature and governor's office — could decide the next decade's maps without Republican input.

"What we cannot have happen is for another 10 years — and, you know, a generation — to go by before we end what is essentially now happening in a back room with partisan gerrymandering," said Madeleine Doubek, executive director of CHANGE Illinois, a nonpartisan organization that advocates for redistricting reform.

The Illinois Supreme Court has struck down previous petition-driven attempts to change the state's method of redistricting, saying they did not meet strict legal requirements for citizen initiatives to alter the state constitution. These rulings have basically determined that only Illinois legislators can change how the state's legislative maps are decided.

With Democrats holding supermajorities in both chambers of the General Assembly, redistricting reform faced a difficult road this spring even without the pandemic, since party leaders have little political incentive to give up control over the maps.

House Speaker Michael Madigan, who holds significant control over the redistricting process and also chairs the state Democratic Party, opposed a pro-



Bush

posed referendum in 2016, saying it could harm minority representation in the General Assembly.

Known by supporters as the Fair Maps Amendment, the amendment proposed this session would create a 17-person commission appointed by the state Supreme Court's chief justice and the most senior justice of a different political party. The commission would consist of three nonpartisan members and 14 partisan members, split equally between the two parties.

Proponents of the proposal say it would tackle gerrymandering — the process by which politicians draw districts to their political advantage — by requiring 11 of the 17 commissioners to approve the redrawn maps.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who supported the idea of removing legislators from the map-making process while campaigning, has said he will veto any partisan map that reaches his desk.

The governor's office did not respond Friday or Monday to requests for comment on the redistricting amendment's upcoming deadline.

Grayslake Democrat

Melinda Bush and Woodridge Republican John Curran, who are sponsoring the amendment in the Senate, said they are exploring backup legislation that could reform the redistricting process even if the General Assembly has final approval over the state's maps.

"My hope would be that we're able to get most of these things done — the important pieces of it done — legislatively. And look, we can always come back with the constitutional amendment question in 2022," Bush said.

Among preliminary ideas for legislative improvement is the possibility of still creating an independent, citizen-led commission that would submit map proposals for the General Assembly's final approval, Doubek said.

John Patterson, spokesman for Senate President Don Harmon, said Harmon still sees ways to increase public participation in the map-drawing process and will explore possible legislative action.

"Given the unfortunate realities we now face during the COVID-19 pandemic, he looks forward to working with Sen. Bush and other advocates to try to find ways to improve the map-making process going forward," Pat-

erson said.

In a statement Monday, Senate GOP leader Bill Brady of Bloomington urged Democratic leaders to convene the Illinois legislature "to take up the timely and important issues facing Illinois and its residents such as the fair maps amendment and COVID-19 related issues."

Curran said that while the COVID-19 pandemic has complicated the timeline for passing the proposed amendment, it has also underscored the importance of nonpartisan redistricting reform in the state.

"It certainly does highlight that partisanship — when we need to be the best Illinois we can be, and meet the crisis at hand — partisanship is not the preferred method for the general public, nor the leaders of the state," Curran said.

Bush likewise said she has learned from the current predicament in which advocates of redistricting reform find themselves.

"I guess that's a lesson from this — is, you know, you can't kind of expect anything. And don't be basing your decisions based on deadlines. Be working on things earlier," Bush said.

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A food donation to first responders

Chicago firefighters from District 4 carry boxes of food donated by Phil Stefani Signature Restaurants to first responders in the city.

Man apologizes for party that went viral, didn't realize risks

BY ALICE YIN

Janeal Wright says he hasn't been the same since his two friends were gunned down in 2018.

The double shooting on the West Side claimed the lives of Darius Brown and Johnathan Jeter, both 23. The absence of their laughter and generosity was "heartbreaking," he recalled Wednesday. He became afraid of staying in the Austin neighborhood, wondering if he would be next.

"It was monumental, that event," Wright, 26, said Wednesday. "That was the first dramatic event I ever really took to heart. ... I didn't really heal from it."

Consumed by the gun violence on the West Side, Wright said he hadn't been paying much attention to the coronavirus pandemic, even as it hit neighborhoods around him particularly hard. He had been mostly staying at home, except to work shifts as a security guard, and decided it was time to honor Brown and Jeter with a party.

At least 50 people packed into a house on the Northwest Side on Saturday night

through early Sunday morning. The crowd was captured by a viral Facebook Live video that has drawn the ire of social media and politicians who have scolded the partygoers about the severe health risks of such a large, close gathering.

Wright insisted he didn't understand the importance of social distancing. He said he would casually browse Facebook and Twitter for news but didn't see much information on the dangers of the coronavirus.

He feels the government and the media have long neglected the needs of young black Chicagoans. If the city turned its back on them when it came to shootings, he reasoned, why should he listen to politicians this time around?

"Gun violence is taking everybody around my age group," Wright said. "That's why I was so oblivious. Because you know, diseases, viruses, they're very serious and everything like that, but they're not (gun violence)."

As of this week, at least 700 people have been shot

in Chicago this year and about 150 of them have died, according to Tribune data. Before the stay-at-home order in mid-March, homicides were up 34% over the same time last year, and shootings up by 27%.

After the worldwide uproar over the party video, Wright said he now understands the coronavirus is just as serious. He has agreed to work with state Rep. LaShawn Ford, who represents parts of the West Side, on educating his community about the coronavirus.

"It's really hard for them to go on through life, being so young and losing a friend," Ford said. "We're going to make sure that he's a voice."

Wright said he will be reaching out to youth through videos and other means about his experience. He will also work with Ford and Loretto Hospital to arrange testing for people who attended the party.

Ford said it's important to understand young adults like Wright and give them a chance to grow from mistakes. He said the lack of



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Janeal Wright, 26, said Wednesday he didn't understand the importance of social distancing.

government outreach has resulted in many people on the South and West sides being unaware of the extent of the crisis, even as the coronavirus has disproportionately hit those neighborhoods.

According to data from the Illinois Department of Public Health, the ZIP code 60639, which includes the location of the party, had the highest number of coronavirus cases of all Chicago ZIP codes with 1,089.

"We have a president telling people to put disinfectant in your veins," Ford said, citing Trump's controversial remarks last week. "I know this kid deserves a break."

Wright's main goal right now is forgiveness from his mother, who he said owns the home where he threw the party and was cited by police. He hopes his new sense of duty to spread the word about the coronavirus will temper her anger, especially because she had nothing to do with the party, he said.

"I've been really remorseful over having that party during the pandemic," Wright said. "The best way I can do this is if I could really make up with my mother, make sure she's good, that would be enough for me."

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As riders stay home, more cuts at Metra

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Faced with an ongoing ridership slump due to the coronavirus pandemic, Metra is sharply cutting service on its three least busy lines starting Monday.

On the Heritage Corridor, which runs between Union Station and Joliet, and the North Central Service, which goes between Union Station and Antioch, the schedule will be reduced to one inbound trip in the morning and one outbound trip in the evening, Metra said in a news release on Wednesday.

On the SouthWest Service, which runs between Union Station and Manhattan, Illinois, there will be two inbound trips in the morning and two outbound trips in the evening, Metra said.

The cuts come on top of cuts already made to Metra's weekday schedule last month. The new schedules can be viewed at metrarail.com. The Heritage Corridor currently has three inbound and four outbound trains, while the North Central has seven trains in each direction. The SouthWest Service has 10 trains in each direction.

"We are trying to find the balance between providing service for essential workers while stemming the huge losses we are seeing in fare revenue and sales taxes, our two major sources of operating funding," Metra CEO Jim Derwinski, said in a statement. "We are being forced to make some tough decisions."

During its board meeting earlier this month, Metra revealed that it would lose more than \$500 million in fares and sales taxes collected by local governments in 2020 and 2021 due to the crisis, which knocked ridership down by 97%. The railroad expects about \$480 million in federal relief aid.

Metra said that the temporary schedule reductions that will take effect Monday will save about \$470,000 a month in labor and fuel costs. No furloughs or layoffs are planned, said Metra spokesman Michael Gillis.

All transit agencies have been hit hard by the stay-at-home order. But Metra is suffering more than the CTA and Pace because the railroad is almost totally dependent on commuters, while people also use CTA and Pace for grocery trips and other travel.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Fatal stroke fells firefighter who fought virus

River Grove man had seemed to be healing from illness

BY JOHN KEILMAN

A River Grove firefighter and paramedic who had tested positive for COVID-19 but appeared to be on the mend died early Wednesday from a stroke, officials said.

Robert "David" Reisinger, 57, who had been with the department for nearly 18 years and was the long-time EMS system coordinator at Stroger Hospital in Chicago, became ill several weeks ago along with a co-worker who had been on the same ambulance, fire Chief Sean Flynn said.

Reisinger had gotten better and was scheduled to return to work Wednesday, Flynn said, but suffered a



RIVER GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT

David Reisinger, a River Grove firefighter and paramedic, died from a stroke.

stroke Monday. The Cook County medical examiner's office does not list COVID-19 as a factor in Reisinger's death, but researchers have found links between the virus and some

types of strokes. His husband, Kuanwu Lin, does not consider the two events to be coincidental.

"It's still unpredictable what this virus will do to a human body," said Lin, a psychologist who is also recovering from COVID-19. "We are still learning about it. ... If this was related to COVID-19, then it makes this virus even more powerful, and therefore we cannot be too cautious."

Reisinger grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, and was drawn to the medical field from his teens. His friend John Hultgren said Reisinger was part of a Boy Scout Explorers group that introduced high schoolers to emergency medical services, and rode along on city ambulances to assist on calls.

"He was always in demand because he was

someone they could count on," Hultgren said. "He could keep his cool at a difficult scene, and he was helpful. As he learned more and more, he became even more helpful."

Reisinger went on to get a nursing license and work at a Louisville hospital while volunteering as an EMT in a nearby town, Hultgren said. He later moved to Chicago and worked at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and then Stroger Hospital, becoming its EMS system coordinator before retiring in 2018.

Lin said he met Reisinger in 2001, and they married three years later.

"He was a very good-natured guy, very easygoing and understanding, with a heart of gold," Lin said. " ... He was always upbeat and could always see the rainbow even through a thick

cloud. That often cheered people around him up, and always put a big smile on people's faces, including mine."

In 2002, he became a part-time firefighter and paramedic in River Grove, a small suburb west of Chicago. Flynn said he had a knack for teaching EMS techniques to his colleagues.

"He was just very kind and gentle," Flynn said. "He could take something very complex and break it down to almost every learner's ability to absorb it."

Kellie Newcomer, a Chicago paramedic who works part-time in River Grove, said Reisinger had a passion for the job that kept him going even after he retired from Stroger.

On top of that, she said, "he was a great human being. One of the nicest

people I know. He just always was helping others. If you needed anything, he would be there before, whether it had to do with work or your personal life."

River Grove hung dark bunting on its firehouse Wednesday to memorialize Reisinger. River Grove Village President David Guerin said with Reisinger's death, the town had "lost a hero."

"His job of protecting the public, not only through firefighting but the constant threat of COVID-19, has taken its ultimate toll," Guerin said. "Our firehouse is like family, and this is a tragedy that has affected our entire village."

A celebration of life will be held when circumstances allow.

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Waterfowl are seen at Montrose Beach on Sunday even as experts think the empty beaches may specifically help plovers' survival and reproduction.

Plovers

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mare.

Experts are preparing and adjusting for a plover summer during the pandemic. Everyone from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Chicago Park District to the Lincoln Park Zoo and local enthusiasts are anticipating the return of two little birds.

The seasonal homecoming of the birds who have a day named in their honor has reminded birders that even as our lives are upended by the coronavirus, other creatures' routines are holding steady. It's like the Emily Dickinson poem, except hope is literally the thing with feathers.

"I saw my first plover at Waukegan on Sunday, and all of a sudden, it's just such a happy thing to happen in the midst of all of this," said Tamima Itani, of the Illinois Ornithological Society. "It's kind of like, life continues, somehow."

'Double-edged sword'

Last summer, the plovers nested as Mamby on the Beach loomed. The EDM festival could have brought thousands of revelers to Montrose before its sudden cancellation.

"We did so much planning over the winter, discussing how to prepare for this year," said Carl Giometti, former president of the Chicago Ornithological Society. "We did not take into account that there would be a global pandemic." But, Giometti said, "As sad as it is to not be able to go to one of the greatest spots for spring migration in the country as we enter into the high holidays for birding, it may be good for the birds."

Ornithologists are curious to see how the shutdown affects the birding world at large. Noise pollu-

tion can affect nesting, and with more people inside, some areas may be more hospitable. But there are fewer people out collecting data that would show long-term trends. One major survey was canceled entirely.

The empty beaches may specifically help the plovers' survival and reproduction, said Brad Semel, an endangered species recovery specialist with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. After a long trek north, birds in busy areas feed in spurts, adding on body fat in between encroaching walkers and wandering dogs. Fewer disturbances could be an advantage.

On the flip side, the birds may have benefited from all the eyes on them last summer.

"It really is kind of a double-edged sword," Semel said. "Because in previous years we've had almost instantaneous reports of where these plovers are because there are just so many bird watchers."

Monitors were helped out by sightings posted on the eBird database, Semel said, where information from anyone along the lakefront could be shared immediately. "And now we've got miles of beach with nobody out there really looking on a daily basis."

There will be no crowds to shoo away hungry predators like raccoons or skunks.

"I would say that they're a bird that is helped out by more humans watching them," said Stephanie Beilke, a conservation science manager with Audubon Great Lakes. "Because they're in this unique situation where they are nesting on beaches where they're quite exposed to predators."

Fewer people could mean less garbage, which could keep predators at bay. But if those critters are struggling to find food, they might scope out other areas, Beilke said.

"And eggs are kind of the big food for just about anything that will eat animal protein," she said. "An egg is a sitting duck."

'Plucky plover'

A few plovers have been spotted in recent days on their migration north, giving fans hope that Monty and Rose are on their way. Because of a major banding effort, many plovers can be tracked throughout their lives, with stories created along the way from their triumphs and mishaps.

At Waukegan, Itani, of the Illinois Ornithological Society, saw a Great Plains plover — a rarity in the region. The next day she saw Violet, a Sleeping Bear Dunes native named for the color of her band and known for her "very distinctive tracks," according to the Great Lakes plover recovery site.

A few years ago, fiber got tangled around Violet's left foot during her journey south and she lost her toes. She then lost her sister, with whom she wintered. Last summer, after a likely predator attacked, Violet lost her mate.

The Waukegan sighting meant she managed to survive another migration. This week, she was spotted back in Michigan with a new mate by her side.

Violet is "a plucky plover," joked Louise Clemency, a field supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She's also "a great example of why we encourage people to do beach cleanups," referring to the harmful effects litter can have on wildlife.

"The fact that we're seeing other plovers on their way back north means at any point now we could expect Monty or Rose to show up," Clemency said.

A Chicago Park District worker recently spotted a plover at Montrose.

That male plover is about 5 years old, according to the recovery effort's tracking system, and after flying from Florida he's

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expected to eventually land at North Manitou Island at Sleeping Bear.

Spokeswoman Michele Lemons said the Park District is monitoring the lakefront beaches for plover activity.

"We are keeping an eye out for Monty, Rose and their two un-banded chicks," Lemons said.

'Wonderful partnership'

This year's Plover Watch kicked off on Zoom, in a call with dozens of enthusiasts — one in a full-on plover suit, others in "Chicago is for Plovers" T-shirts. There were varying plover backgrounds.

First, a sum-up of last season's numbers from Sarah Saunders of National Audubon: 71 pairs of nesting Great Lakes plovers, almost halfway to the 150 goal. Then, a reminder of ongoing threats: habitat loss from shoreline development and beach use, human disturbances, climate threats like more frequent and intense storms coupled with high lake levels.

Finally, some stories of notable birds. Like Old Man Plover, who lived to be 16 and fathered 37

fledglings. And Rocky, who as a first-time father incubated some rocks instead of eggs.

As for Monty and Rose, it's still early in nesting season, Saunders said. Males generally show up first to secure their territory. Nests start popping up by late May. Monty and Rose started scraping their nest last summer in early June.

The pandemic has rendered the massive volunteer project organized last summer impossible, so supporters are getting creative about filling in the blanks.

Those involved in the watch effort are asking essential workers on the lakefront to keep a lookout. A local police sergeant even posts on eBird sometimes, said Semel, of IDNR.

"So it's really a very wonderful partnership," Semel said. "To pull a ragtag team of those interested in ornithology together to have somewhat of a monitoring system going on down there."

There won't be any binocular sharing this year, but Bob Dolgan, the director of a Monty and Rose documentary — which will air on WTTW-Ch. 11 on Saturday — is thinking of how to document the plovers' ongoing story.

"I think a lot of birders are just wondering, man, what is going on out at Montrose?" Dolgan said. "All those days we can't be there, what rarities are we missing?"

For now, birders have their fingers crossed from their homes for Monty and Rose's return, with excitement building anytime there's word of another Montrose landing.

"There's so many bad things going on," Semel said. "It really is nice to anticipate the good things that are still going on in the world. Thinking about these two plovers, and will they return, and just the excitement of, if they do return, how many people were involved."

NU turns down stimulus millions

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

Northwestern University says it will turn down about \$8.5 million in federal stimulus money that it was set to receive from the U.S. Department of Education, following similar moves by wealthy universities that returned funds so schools in greater need could benefit.

But a spokesman for Northwestern did not provide the same rationale on Tuesday night. In an emailed statement, Jon Yates said, "After careful consideration, Northwestern University determined we are unable to accept the requirements and evolving guidance regarding the CARES Act. Therefore, the University has decided not to apply for or receive the funds allocated to us."

The CARES Act, which set aside about \$14 billion for higher education, reserved money for universities and colleges based on the number of students it enrolled and how many of them came from low-income backgrounds. Half of the money that schools received must be used to offer students emergency financial aid grants, and the rest of the money can be put toward other costs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Elite private universities with large endowments have drawn criticism in recent days for being awarded the relief money. Last week, President Donald Trump singled out Harvard, which had been allocated \$8.6 million of the taxpayer funds even though it has the largest endowment of any college, worth about \$41 billion before the pandemic.

After Harvard decided that it wouldn't apply to access the money, other wealthy Ivy League schools followed its lead. Yale University, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton and Stanford also said they would not seek the funds.

Northwestern's endowment totaled about \$10.8 billion before the pandemic, making it among the richest schools in the country.

In an interview on CNBC on Tuesday, Northwestern President Morton Schapiro said that while some of the school's endowment can be used to soften the economic blow, much of the funds are restricted and can't be used to cover all of the new expenses from the pandemic.

"We are not going to accept the government money. A lot of our peers are not," he said. "That's no criticism for those schools who do."

The University of Chicago, which has an endowment of about \$8.2 billion, has also been allocated \$6.2 million from the CARES Act.

In an emailed statement Wednesday morning, spokesman Gerald McSwiggin said, "The University is continuing to evaluate this issue, and has not received funds from the act."

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Virus numbers shift at Chicago's federal jail

Swing from 20 to 7 not explained; lawyers skeptical

BY JASON MEISNER

A week ago, federal prison officials reported that 20 inmates at Chicago's Metropolitan Correctional Center had tested positive for the coronavirus.

But by Wednesday, the number of infected detainees at the downtown high-rise jail had dropped to just seven, according to the official tally from the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

So far, the wild swing in the numbers has gone unexplained. Did initial positive cases turn out to be wrong? Does it reflect that sick inmates are being moved out of the MCC? Or has the number dropped as detainees have been reported?

Prisons bureau officials did not respond to multiple requests from the Chicago Tribune this week for an explanation of how its coronavirus data — which is updated every afternoon on the agency's website — is being tabulated.

One thing is certain: A different tally of MCC cases being kept by federal prose-



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The U.S. Bureau of Prisons now reports seven cases among inmates at Chicago's Metropolitan Correctional Center.

cutors is much higher.

Earlier this week, prosecutors said in a court filing that 32 of the roughly 650 inmates at the MCC had tested positive for COVID-19, representing about 5% of the population. In addition, 23 staff members were infected, prosecutors said. So far, no fatalities have been reported.

Prosecutors said their numbers were based on information received directly from MCC officials. Most of the infected inmates were quarantined in their cells, but at least one inmate has been hospitalized and would not return to the facility until medically cleared to do so, prosecutors said.

Meanwhile, the lack of explanation from the Bureau of Prisons continues to raise alarms in Chicago's legal community, where criminal defense attorneys have been trying — mostly in vain — to get clients released due to the disease's presumed ability to spread quickly in the MCC's notoriously cramped quarters.

"Clearly, the numbers on the BOP website cannot be trusted," said John Murphy, the executive director of the Federal Defender Program in Chicago.

Murphy said he's frustrated over the lack of any effort to reduce the population of the jail, which he said is the only feasible way to prevent the spread of infec-

tion in a building that was never intended for social distancing.

"The virus is in that building, and it's such a tight fit for everyone," Murphy said. "You've got staff members moving between floors ... There really is no way to meaningfully separate healthy people from sick people."

Prosecutors have largely opposed the release of prisoners due to COVID-19, saying strict protocols are in place to contain the situation, from increased sanitation and protective gear to a ban on visitors and a near-total lockdown of inmates in their cells.

Last week, the prisons bureau announced in a news release that it was expanding testing around its system on asymptomatic inmates, since it's now understood the virus can be quietly spread by an infected person who is not showing symptoms.

The release did not state whether the MCC was among the facilities where the new testing machines would be used.

For some defense attorneys, even increased testing is not enough to declare their clients are safe.

Steve Greenberg, who has made repeated attempts to get his most famous client, singer R. Kelly, released on home detention while awaiting trial for sexual abuse-related charges, said the BOP is refusing to acknowledge the ongoing crisis.

"If you control the information, you can control the message," Greenberg said. "The fact is that in a jail environment, everything about it is the antithesis of what you have to do to stop this virus from spreading."

In asking for Kelly's release pending trial, the singer's attorneys have said stress levels have skyrocketed throughout the inmate population since news hit two weeks ago that the virus was spreading.

"Inmates are reportedly banging on doors, walls, and windows begging for help," Kelly's attorney, Michael Leonard, stated in one motion.

Greenberg said he received an email from Kelly on Tuesday night reporting that he'd been locked alone in his cell for 29 days and that the lack of communication was causing him severe anxiety.

"There's no fresh air. I'm suffocating," Greenberg

said, reading from the email. "There's a lot of people in here that have this virus ... No one's saying anything."

In a court filing last week, prosecutors in New York, where Kelly is facing a racketeering indictment, confirmed that an inmate on Kelly's tier was recently taken to a hospital, where he tested positive for the coronavirus.

Still, prosecutors have successfully argued against Kelly's release, saying he "still has the financial means" to flee and is a continued threat to tamper with witnesses in his case.

Murphy, the federal defender, said that while there are "no easy solutions" to preventing the spread of the virus in a setting like the MCC, jail and court officials should be taking any reasonable steps to reduce the population until the pandemic subsides.

And Murphy said it shouldn't take the death of an inmate or staff member to spur action.

"You don't wait for the house to burn down before putting water on the fire," he said.

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Victim

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Martinez Jr. Within minutes of meeting a stranger, his dad would have found a friend, he said.

"My dad was such a lovable person. He could just make friends on the spot, just like that."

Throughout his childhood, Martinez Jr. recalls, his father was energized by his work as a surgical technologist, which involves tasks ranging from meticulously gathering equipment and preparing trays to assisting with bed positioning.

"We anticipate the needs of pretty much everyone in the room," Martinez Jr. said. "We're essentially mind readers in surgery. To be honest with you, a great case for a surgical technologist is if a surgeon says absolutely nothing to you, because he knows that you know what you're doing, and he doesn't need to say anything."

In an email sent to University of Illinois Hospital staffers, CEO Michael Zenn wrote, "It is with heavy hearts that we share UI Health has lost a second staff member due to COVID-19. ... Our thoughts and prayers are with Juan's family, friends and co-workers during this difficult time."

After turning 60 on April 14, Martinez had begun planning for retirement. But after he began to feel ill, his wife took him to get tested for the coronavirus. Martinez Jr. didn't feel well either.

Both father and son got tested April 17. Both tests came back positive.



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Juan Martinez Jr. stands Wednesday outside his parents' home in Oak Lawn, where they moved in 2001. Martinez Jr. also tested positive for the virus.

"My dad was such a lovable person. He could just make friends on the spot, just like that."

— Juan Martinez Jr.

"We've been going through a lot," said Martinez Jr.

Coronavirus changed

what was supposed to be a celebratory time for the family. His children were planning to finance a well-

deserved vacation for their dad and mom as a retirement gift.

"That was one of the things that he talked about the most before all of this," his son said. "He was so excited about retiring. He had worked so, so hard to just get to the point where he could retire."

Now the family is making funeral arrangements. A

fundraiser to support the family features photos of Martinez with his grandchildren and speaking at church.

Before Martinez got sick, he posted on Facebook Live a video his son now considers his father's own eulogy.

"He was encouraging people to trust in God and believe that we were going to get past this whole pan-

dem," Martinez Jr. said. "He was just encouraging people that it's scary, but to have faith and trust in God that everything's going to be all right."

He said his father added, "If we don't see each other here anymore, we'll see you in heaven."

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CPS trying to boost its neediest schools with 'equity grants'

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Budgets announced Tuesday for individual Chicago public schools include \$125 million in additional resources, a small fraction of a typical annual budget for the whole 642-school district.

While Chicago Public Schools officials didn't say where all that money is coming from and have yet to determine the coronavirus' impact on the district's overall finances, they said they don't anticipate changes to the school budgets released Tuesday.

"We will continue to monitor the impact that COVID-19 has on our school system, and if there are any impacts to our operational or capital spending for the district, we will release that information with our full operating budget this summer," said CPS CEO Janice Jackson during a Zoom call with reporters Tuesday.

The "lion's share" of the

new money — \$97 million — is set aside for special education services, she said. The budgets also include \$18 million to expand free full-day pre-kindergarten and \$5 million to help students at neighborhood high schools access college and career "readiness" programs.

On top of the regular funding, 255 schools identified as those that need the most support will get equity grants totaling \$44 million, Jackson said.

District officials said the budgets would be made publicly available after principals review them, and did not immediately provide the total amount allocated to schools, though they say it's a \$125 million increase. The \$7 billion CPS budget announced last August included \$3.8 million for individual schools.

The district already passed an amended budget for the current school year to reflect provisions of the Chicago Teachers Union

contract signed after an 11-day strike in the fall. Those include pay raises for educators and a nurse in every school by the 2023-24 school year, along with more social workers and case managers.

For next school year, CPS budgeted \$13 million to hire 55 more nurses, 44 social workers and 40 special education case managers, bringing the total to a "record high" for the district, officials said.

But CTU President Jesse Sharkey said hiring needs to speed up starting this fall, "not years from now."

"I'm struck by the lack of detail on how the extra burden of the global COVID-19 pandemic will be addressed in the mayor's CPS budget," Sharkey said in a statement. "... CPS says it's providing \$13 million in additional funding to increase nurse, social worker and case manager staffing levels to an 'all-time high.' To be clear, that 'high' remains incredibly defi-

cient without a nurse and a social worker in every school the minute our schools reopen."

CPS leaders crafted the school budgets considering recommendations from a working group including Board of Education members, current and retired CPS educators and administrators, and teachers union officials. The district also held six public forums on the school budgeting process.

Along with public feedback, the group's recommendations "played an important role" in expanding the equity grant program, according to CPS.

The working group's report, also released Tuesday, notes that the district, which gets most of its local funding from property taxes, does not have enough revenue to adequately fund schools, and "current state funding levels bring CPS to just 66% of the funding it needs to fully fund schools and reach its own definition

of equity."

Though local funding has historically been a more reliable revenue source, the report acknowledges that "we cannot forecast future changes to local funding due to the COVID-19 public health crisis."

While the district expects to get \$205 million through the CARES Act, it's not yet clear if the federal money will lead to reduced state revenues "due to the economic impact of COVID-19," according to the report.

In light of the stay-at-home order and shift to remote learning, and considering that the CPS budget process is ongoing, the working group made recommendations in three phases.

Immediate and ongoing recommendations include giving more support and resources to principals and local school councils and identifying minimum funding levels for each school.

The second set of recom-

mendations, according to the working group, "should be implemented as soon as is practicable based on the prioritization of the city's and district's COVID-19 response." This includes more consistent and meaningful opportunities for community members and under-represented groups to be part of the school funding conversation.

They also asked for CPS to give more budget information to local school councils and school communities in a way that's transparent and easy to interpret.

Finally, they recommended measures that could have a "significant structural impact" and would be implemented starting in the 2022 budget year: the creation of adequacy targets for each school, determination of needed staffing levels and resources, and aggressive advocacy for more local, state and federal funding.

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Lightfoot seeks landlord-tenant cooperation

Urges them to work together during crunch

BY GREGORY PRATT

Under pressure from activists and elected officials calling for rent relief and other measures to help struggling tenants, Mayor Lori Lightfoot unveiled a “Chicago Housing Solidarity Pledge” encouraging landlords and renters to work together through the coronavirus pandemic.

The pledge, which Lightfoot outlined at City Hall on Wednesday, calls for land-

lords to consider grace periods for rent payments, written repayment plans and no late fees. It also calls for housing lenders to agree to grace periods on mortgage payments, neutral reporting to credit agencies and suspension of foreclosures for certain mortgage holders “who demonstrate a significant financial impact from the pandemic.”

Signatories to the mayor’s pledge include the Chicago Landlord Apartment Association, Chicago Association of Realtors, Bank of America, BMO Harris Bank, Byline Bank, Fifth Third Bank, PNC, Wintrust

and Seaway Credit Union.

But in response to questions, Lightfoot acknowledged she can’t force landlords to follow through and said the pledge is about “public accountability.”

“We can’t mandate that it happen, but I think the moral imperative that has been expressed by every single speaker who’s come to this podium hopefully will prick the consciousness of everybody, including landlords, to step up and say ‘I can do better,’” Lightfoot said.

The pledge is Lightfoot’s latest attempt to address the thorny issue of affordable

housing amid widespread economic tumult.

In March, Lightfoot announced one-time \$1,000 grants to help residents who have suffered financially due to the coronavirus outbreak with rent and mortgage payments.

But she’s also been criticized for not going further or taking bolder action.

Lightfoot’s announcement drew criticism from freshman Ald. Andre Vasquez, 40th, who tweeted: “Hey y’all. The rent problem in Chicago has been solved. Apparently there’s a pledge.”

And, before Lightfoot’s

latest announcement, the Autonomous Tenants Union released a statement blasting the mayor for “inaction” on addressing the city’s housing crisis.

“Chicago’s working class cannot afford the rent on May 1st,” the group said. “We are now six weeks into a shutdown that put millions of Americans out of work. Over 83,000 Chicago residents have applied for emergency rental assistance through the COVID-19 Housing Assistance Grant Program, a lottery which offered \$1,000 grants to only 2,000 fortunate recipients.”

Asked about the group’s criticism, Lightfoot said: “That’s one perspective.”

Ald. Matt Martin, 47th, earlier this month introduced an ordinance to the City Council that would provide renters who have lost income due to COVID-19 and are unable to pay rent during the stay-at-home order with up to 12 months to pay that rent.

Lightfoot criticized the measure, saying it wouldn’t solve the problem because it doesn’t address the hardships landlords face.

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stay-at-home order through May 30, with modifications due to take effect Friday.

The modified order will require people to wear face coverings in stores and other public places but also begins a gradual reopening of state parks and allows activities like golf, with strict social distancing guidelines.

Trump said Wednesday the federal government’s coronavirus social distancing guidelines will be “fading out” when they expire Thursday, with a reliance on states taking charge as they pivot to reopening.

The administration says its cautionary guidance issued 45 days ago has been incorporated into recommendations given to the states on how they can begin gradually easing restrictions and reopening their economies.

Change can’t come quickly enough for some Illinoisans. Small protests over the past two weekends at the state Capitol in Springfield have urged that the state’s economy be reopened, while some downstate leaders have pushed for regional reopening plans. More protests are planned for Friday in Chicago and Springfield.

The Chicago event, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Loop, is being organized by Freedom Movement USA, which on its website describes itself as “a group of like-minded Republican activists.” The organization has held pro-Trump rallies in other parts of the state.

In another sign of partisan discontent, three Republican state lawmakers in a Wednesday video news conference criticized Pritzker for what they contend is exceeding his emergency powers by extending Illinois’ stay-at-home order past 30 days without legislative approval.

“Whether you agree with the governor or disagree with the governor, we believe that a separate but equal branch of government — the General Assembly — should have input in the direction of the state of Illinois,” said Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer of downstate Jacksonville.

GOP Rep. Dan Ugaste of Geneva said Pritzker was “bucking a system of checks and balances” by acting alone in extending the



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State Rep. Darren Bailey, R-Xenia, secured a court ruling that exempts him from Gov. J. B. Pritzker’s stay-at-home order extension.

state’s stay-at-home order.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act grants the governor emergency powers for 30 days following the declaration of a disaster, but “beyond that, the statute is silent,” said Ugaste. “It doesn’t provide for the governor to extend it, but it also doesn’t state how the legislature will be involved.”

Pritzker has said throughout the COVID-19 crisis he would leave decisions about reconvening the General Assembly to legislative leaders, though he said he’s suggested they consult with the state Department of Public Health about how to do so safely. The General Assembly has canceled weeks of session already and no plans for reconvening have been announced.

“It is possible to meet at any time. It doesn’t have to be today or next week, or even next month, it really could be at any time, and again, that’s up to the legislature,” Pritzker said at his Wednesday briefing. “If I started dictating a date for them to meet, I’m sure there would be blowback from legislators, so I have left it to them to make decisions.”

Pritzker, who over two days earlier this week harshly criticized Bailey over his lawsuit, called Cabello’s lawsuit “another attempt at grandstanding.”

Both lawsuits argue that Pritzker has gone beyond his legal boundaries in extending the stay-at-home order.

Cabello’s lawsuit accuses Pritzker of distorting the state’s Emergency Management Agency Act to create a “police state” through his stay-at-home orders. The suit contends Pritzker has used police powers reserved for the legislature to enforce his order and that he has usurped powers to limit travel that are reserved for local health departments.

Pritzker maintains he’s using powers granted to him by the Emergency Management Agency Act.

“Even if well-intentioned by Pritzker, his actions as governor have left every citizen of this state completely devoid of any procedural due process rights to protect their liberty afforded them by the United States and Illinois Constitutions, and further guaranteed them by the legislature under IDPH’s own admin-

istrative rules,” the lawsuit said.

The state responded to the judge’s ruling in Bailey’s lawsuit on Wednesday with a filing in Illinois 5th District Appellate Court arguing that the representative’s “request — besides being dangerous — is flawed as a matter of law.”

“It rests on an erroneous reading of the act and ignores the governor’s independent authority under the Illinois Constitution to take the actions Bailey challenged,” the brief says. “It also contradicts the long-standing practice by numerous governors of issuing multiple and often successive emergency disaster proclamations that have allowed them to continue exercising emergency powers for the duration of the disaster.”

The attorney general’s office also seeks to poke holes in Bailey’s argument that approval from the General Assembly is required to extend a disaster declaration beyond 30 days.

Pritzker and his two immediate predecessors, Republican Bruce Rauner and Democrat Pat Quinn, all issued disaster proclamations for flooding and ex-

tended them beyond 30 days, according to the filing. When Pritzker did so amid flooding in May 2019, “his efforts were celebrated by Bailey himself,” the filing said.

Later Wednesday, the attorney general’s office asked the Illinois Supreme Court to take the matter up directly. If the high court agrees, it would skip over the appeals court.

The legal wrangling came as state officials on Wednesday announced 2,253 new known cases of COVID-19, including 92 additional deaths. The known case count statewide stands at 50,355, while the known death toll is 2,215 since the outbreak began this year.

Pritzker acknowledged Wednesday that the death toll related to the new coronavirus may be higher than the current counts indicate, and that some deaths may have been attributed to pneumonia or some other cause.

“There’s no doubt that we’re going to need to go back through the records,” he said. “... We’re probably going to have to go back and see how many of these probably, based on all the symptoms, were based on

COVID-19.”

Pritzker also said Wednesday that health care workers hired to staff the alternate care facility at McCormick Place who now may not be needed there will be redeployed to different areas, potentially at nursing homes and other health care facilities.

Officials have been scaling back the scale of the McCormick Place facility. When it was announced last month, build-out plans called for the facility to eventually hold beds for up to 3,000 patients.

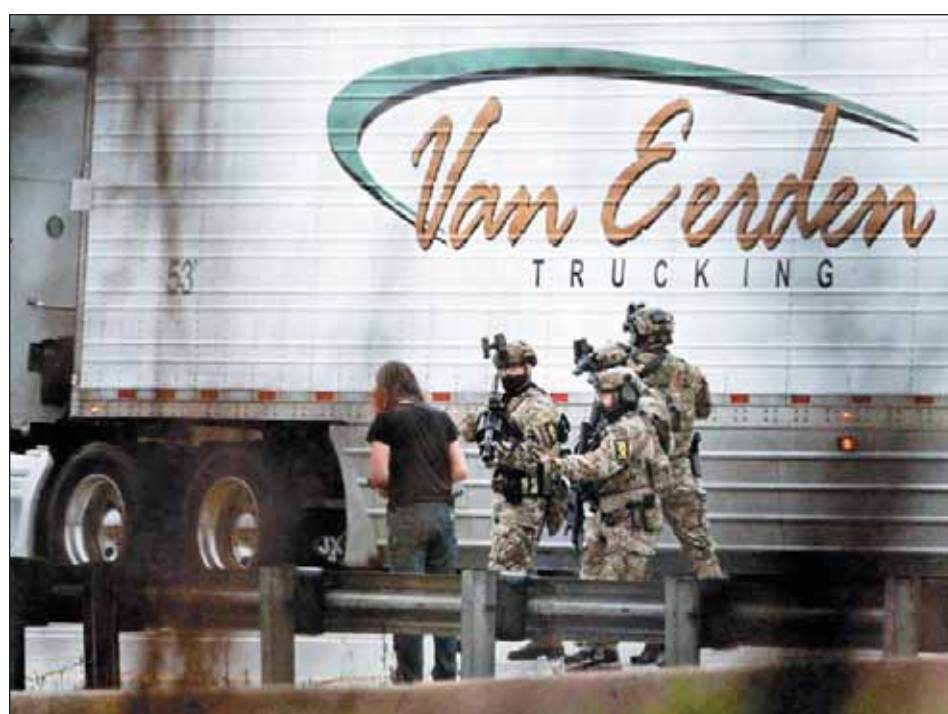
“So we’ve stood down 1,000 of those beds, and it looks like we’re going to have the ability to stand down much more of that facility,” Pritzker said. “But again, I don’t want to speak too soon because all of these identified alternate care facilities need to be in a state of some kind of readiness.”

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Illinois State Police SWAT officers work on taking a subject into custody following a standoff on the Edens Expressway Wednesday in Skokie.

Standoff near Old Orchard on Edens ends with man in custody

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND STACEY WESCOTT

About 3½ hours after state police closed part of the Edens Expressway near Skokie because a man was barricaded in the cab of a semitrailer, the man was taken into custody, officials said.

About 9:15 a.m. Illinois State Police began trying to communicate with the man barricaded inside the vehicle on Interstate 94 north of Old Orchard Road, according to an email from state police. Expressway lanes in both directions were closed.

During the standoff, there were at least a dozen police vehicles around the

parked semitrailer with a trucking company logo on it. Authorities could be heard telling an occupant to exit and get on the ground with hands up. At an office building near the large parking lot where squad cars gathered — just north of Niles North High School — a witness was told there were “snipers on the roof.”

The man had a weapon and began to emerge from the vehicle with it. He spoke with a person who appeared to be a negotiator and at one point appeared to be praying with the man.

The man also tore pages from a book and continued speaking with the negotiator. Nearby authorities hung back and let the man

walk around outside the semitrailer for some time before gently moving him to the ground and placing him in handcuffs.

About 12:30 p.m., the standoff ended with the man in custody, police said in an updated email. Police have not publicly identified the man.

Police had urged motorists to stay away and blocked off roads in the area.

About 12:55 p.m. police said all southbound lanes were reopened.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Trump: No extension for guidelines

Distancing falls to states; Kushner bullish on economy

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that the federal government will not be extending its coronavirus social distancing guidelines once they expire Thursday, and his son-in-law and adviser, Jared Kushner, predicted that by July the country will be “really rocking again.”

Putting a positive face on the latest grim numbers — the U.S. death toll has now surpassed the American deaths in the Vietnam War — Trump delivered his daily upbeat update and Kushner described the administration’s much-criticized response to the pandemic as “a great success story.”

Trump also talked up the good news the day provided: Hopeful results for a possible COVID-19 treatment. But the government announced dismal new economic numbers as the pandemic took hold and shut down much of the country.

The U.S. economy shrank at a 4.8% annual rate in first quarter of the year — a precursor to far grimmer reports that are expected this summer from the severe recession triggered by the pandemic.

The White House has been trying to pivot to a new stage of the crisis, focused on efforts to reopen the economy state-by-state amid concerns that lifting restrictions too quickly and without sufficient testing



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President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence participate in a discussion Wednesday on reopening the economy.

and contact tracing will spur a resurgence.

As part of that effort, Trump, who has both threatened to force states to reopen and said decisions will be left to them, said the White House will not be extending its “30 Days to Slow the Spread” guidelines when they expire Thursday.

“They’ll be fading out because now the governors are doing it,” Trump told reporters in the Oval Office as he met with John Bel Edwards, the Democratic governor of Louisiana.

Those guidelines — which were originally supposed to last 15 days and were then extended an additional 30 — encouraged

Americans to work from home and avoid restaurants and discretionary travel and advised older Americans and those with serious underlying health conditions to isolate themselves.

Vice President Mike Pence said the guidelines have been incorporated into the new guidance issued by the White House earlier this month that lays out how states can gradually ease restrictions and begin to reopen as the rate of new cases slows.

Edwards, who extended Louisiana’s stay-at-home order through May 15, is under fire from Republican lawmakers in his state. As he was in Washington, some

GOP legislators were trying to rally support to take the extraordinary step of trying to override the governor’s emergency decision-making about the state’s outbreak.

But Trump commended Edwards on the job he’s done after New Orleans became one of the nation’s coronavirus hot spots. “I just wanted to congratulate you,” Trump said.

The White House on Wednesday was also pointing to the prospect of an experimental drug, remdesivir, which proved effective against the virus in a major new study run by the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation’s top infectious dis-

eases expert, said the drug reduced the time it takes patients to recover by 31% — 11 days on average versus 15 days for those just given usual care.

“It’s highly significant,” he said. “What it has proven is that a drug can block this virus.”

The White House and Trump in particular have been eager to give the country positive news, even as the country’s death tally continues to rise. The U.S. has now recorded more than 60,000 deaths from the virus, surpassing the roughly 58,000 Americans who were killed in the Vietnam War. More than 1 million people have now

tested positive.

Trump said that number has risen so high in large part because of increased U.S. testing.

“That’s a tremendous amount and the reason is because of testing,” he said.

The U.S. has dramatically increased its testing after a slow and rocky start, but many health experts say the country still must do more — as many as 5 million a day — to safely reopen the economy. Otherwise, they warn, cases will skyrocket as Americans return to work, creating another deadly spike.

Trump has dismissed that recommended number, calling it unnecessary and a “media trap.”

Meanwhile, Kushner, who has been helping with the effort to get medical supplies to states that need them, suggested in an interview with “Fox & Friends” that the federal government has accomplished its mission.

“We’re on the other side of the medical aspect of this. And I think that we’ve achieved all the different milestones that are needed. So the federal government rose to the challenge, and this is a great success story,” he said.

The administration, he added, is preparing the country to “get as close back to normal as possible as quickly as possible.”

“I think what you’ll see in May, as the states are reopening now, is May will be a transition month,” he said. “And I think you’ll see by June, a lot of the country should be back to normal and the hope is that by July the country is really rocking again.”

Mosque’s morgue reveals virus toll on UK minorities

Volunteers create mortuaries to make room for the dead

BY JO KEARNEY AND JILL LAWLESS
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BIRMINGHAM, England — The holy month of Ramadan is underway, and the Central Jamia Mosque Ghamkol Sharif in Birmingham should be full of worshippers. But this year, the main arrivals are the dead.

While the mosque in the central England city has been closed in response to the coronavirus pandemic, its parking lot has been transformed into a temporary morgue with room for 150 bodies.

The volunteer-run mortuary, with its white tents, industrial refrigerators and neat stacks of coffins, is evidence of the toll the virus is taking on Britain’s Muslim and ethnic-minority communities. The two most diverse regions of the U.K. — London and the Midlands area centered in Birmingham — have had the largest number of deaths in the outbreak.

Mohammed Zahid, 44, a mosque trustee who helped

set up the mortuary with a firm of Muslim funeral directors, said the mosque in Birmingham’s predominantly South Asian Small Heath district normally has one or two funerals a week.

In the past few weeks, “we were doing five to six a day,” he said.

“You can see how the families were grieving,” said Zahid, who wears a mask, coveralls and gloves as he moves among the coffins.

Local government social-distancing rules allow only six people to attend each burial.

“Especially when they can’t get their own cousins and brothers and sisters around them — it’s made it really hard for the people who’ve lost their loved ones,” said Zahid, who has lost two aunts to COVID-19. “What do you say to a family who’s got five sons or daughters, and some of them have to stay home?”

It’s a similar story at the nearby Green Lane Mosque, where coffins lie stacked up inside the prayer hall. Usually the mosque holds about 25 funerals a year. For the past three weeks it has had five a day.

“Everybody’s worrying about whether it will be their family members next,

their loved ones,” said Saleem Ahmed, the mosque’s head of welfare and services.

Britain has recorded tens of thousands of hospital deaths from coronavirus. Thousands more are likely to have died in nursing homes.

The virus has hit people of all ages and backgrounds, including Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who spent three nights in intensive care. But evidence suggests that ethnic-minority Britons are feeling a disproportionate impact.

Statistics show 16% of those who died in Britain with the coronavirus up to April 17 were from black, Asian or minority ethnic backgrounds. About 14% of the U.K. population comes from those backgrounds.

Even more starkly, data from Intensive Care National Audit and Research shows that a third of people in intensive care with COVID-19 in the U.K. are nonwhite. And many of the more than 100 health care workers who have died in the outbreak were black, Asian or minority ethnic.

In France, the poor and largely immigrant neighborhoods on the fringes of Paris have had had some of



MATT DUNHAM/AP

To deal with deaths from COVID-19, the parking lot of the Central Jamia Mosque Ghamkol Sharif in Birmingham, England, has been transformed into a temporary morgue.

the highest increases in mortality since the outbreak began.

Kamlesh Khunti, a professor of primary care, diabetes and vascular medicine at the University of Leicester, said complex factors may be involved. While black Americans often have worse access to medical care than white Americans, “in the U.K. we have a free health care service, so we can’t put it down to just inequalities in care,” he said.

Khunti said ethnic-minority Britons are more likely to live in large, multi-generational families and cramped housing. Many

have hold jobs with a high risk of infection: doctors, nurses, taxi drivers and transit workers.

Black and South Asian people, in Britain and elsewhere, also have higher rates of cardiovascular disease, diabetes and hypertension, conditions that have been linked to more severe COVID-19 symptoms.

Others argue that racism is a factor. Gurch Randhawa, professor of diversity in public health at the University of Bedfordshire, said extensive research shows that minority nurses and health care assistants “often

receive poorer treatment than their colleagues.”

“In the context of the present crisis, this means they may have worse access to (personal protective equipment), more trying shift patterns and greater exposure to COVID-19 patients,” he said.

Zahid said the number of bodies arriving at the mosque has ebbed but the anxiety has not.

“There is fear in people about the corona, there’s no doubt about that,” Zahid said. “Whatever comes, comes from God. We just have to carry on doing what we’re doing.”



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The Navy is launching an investigation into the spread of the coronavirus aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt.

Navy taking deeper look into spread of virus

BY ROBERT BURNS AND LOLITA C. BALDOR
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WASHINGTON — The Navy is launching a wider investigation of the coronavirus crisis aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, suggesting closer and deeper scrutiny of actions and decisions by senior admirals in the Pacific that led to the controversial firing of the ship’s commander nearly a month ago.

The move announced

Wednesday effectively delays a decision on whether to go ahead with a Navy recommendation that Capt. Brett E. Crozier be restored to command of the Roosevelt, which has been docked in Guam for weeks. Crozier was fired after pleading for urgent Navy action to protect his crew.

The expanded inquiry suggests the Navy is looking to hold someone accountable for the most severe virus outbreak to strike the U.S. military. It has infected nearly 1,000 sailors, killing

one, and temporarily hobbled an aircraft carrier vital to the Navy’s mission of countering China’s power in the Asia-Pacific region.

The new investigation was announced by James E. McPherson, the acting Navy secretary, who said in a brief statement that an initial inquiry proved insufficient.

“I have unanswered questions that the preliminary inquiry has identified and that can only be answered by a deeper review,” said McPherson, a retired

rear admiral who had served as the Navy’s judge advocate general, its top lawyer.

The investigation is expected to examine communication and leadership actions in the Navy chain of command in the Pacific, to include events before the initial virus outbreak in late March, officials said. This likely includes the decision to make a port visit to Da Nang, Vietnam, which has been cited as a possible source of the infection aboard the Roosevelt.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

For Dems, hopes in Senate on rise

Stalled economy, pandemic could help turn the tide

BY ALAN FRAM AND MATT VOLZ
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Steve Bullock was the lame-duck governor of solidly red Montana, fresh off a failed Democratic presidential bid, when he announced he'd challenge Republican Sen. Steve Daines for his seat.

Days after declaring his candidacy last month, Montana's first coronavirus cases appeared. That shifted the spotlight onto Bullock as he leads the state's pandemic response, leaving Daines in the unusual position of a sitting senator competing for attention.

"I look forward to when I can spend more time thinking about the campaign and doing that work," Bullock said last week. Right now, he said, he's making sure "lives are being saved."

The coronavirus, the resulting economic shutdown and President Donald Trump's stumbles addressing the crises have abruptly scrambled this fall's battle for Senate control. Democrats have rising hopes of gaining the minimum three seats they'll need to capture a majority, while Republicans who once banked on a robust economy and improving Trump approval ratings are showing signs of nervousness.

Old GOP assumptions about the political climate "are totally upside-down," said GOP pollster Neil Newhouse. "Republicans have to be prepared for an all-out battle, and it's going to be a challenge."

Although much can change by Election Day, favorable signs for Democrats are evident.

Self-described democratic socialist Sen. Bernie



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

The current climate could help Democrat Steve Bullock win a Senate seat. He has been governor of Montana since 2013.



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP
Sen. Steve Daines, R-Mont., is facing a challenge.

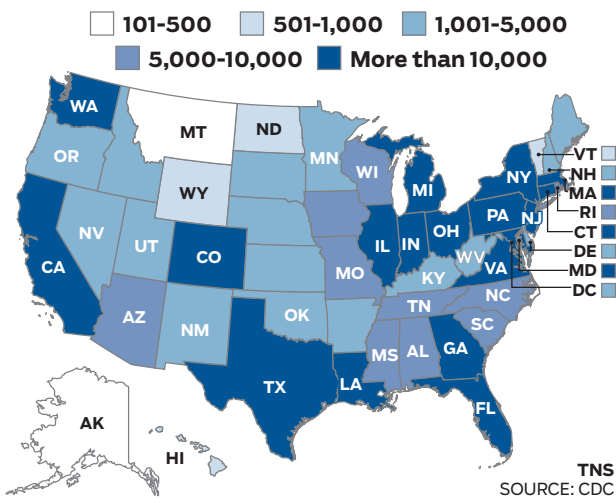
Sanders, I-Vt., ceded the Democratic presidential nomination to former Vice President Joe Biden, a relief to moderate Democratic candidates everywhere.

Democrats outraised Republicans in nine of 12 higher-profile Senate races in this year's first quarter.

Besides Bullock outperforming Daines, Demo-

Coronavirus cases across the US

Confirmed coronavirus cases by state as of April 28



cratic challengers raised more than GOP Sens. Martha McSally of Arizona, Cory Gardner of Colorado, Susan Collins of Maine and Thom Tillis of North Carolina.

Even Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and South Car-

olina Sen. Lindsey Graham raised less than Democratic opponents.

Underscoring the direction the political arrow now points, two major GOP committees reserved \$100 million for autumn ads in eight states. The spending by the National Republican

Senatorial Committee and Senate Leadership Fund is entirely for defending GOP incumbents except in Michigan, where Democratic Sen. Gary Peters faces well-funded GOP businessman John James.

The Senate Democratic campaign committee went on offense, reserving \$31 million for spots challenging GOP incumbents McSally, Daines, Tillis and Iowa's Joni Ernst.

Polls this month indicate the potential peril for GOP candidates. Fewer than 1 in 4 surveyed said they highly trust Trump's characterizations of the outbreak, an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research survey showed. Trump's favorable rating tumbled to 43% in a mid-April Gallup poll, down from 49% two weeks earlier.

A recent Republican National Committee survey of 17 battleground states showed Trump's support eroding since the virus out-

break, a warning for GOP Senate candidates. The Republican senatorial committee sent candidates a 57-page memo by strategic communications firm O'Donnell & Associates, urging them to blame China for the pandemic and advising, "Don't defend Trump, other than the China Travel Ban — attack China."

"More and more are signs the voters are looking for change, they're looking for greater stability," said J.B. Poersch, who runs the Senate Majority PAC, an outside ally to Democratic leadership.

Illustrating one Republican's approach to Trump, Collins said his speculation about the virus is "not helpful." Trump mused the next day about injecting disinfectants as a treatment, which doctors warned could kill.

Happily for Republicans, their candidates have accumulated more cash than their Democratic challengers in most of the Senate's closest races. Indications the economy's revival may drag mean fundraising could be tough all year, helping those already boasting formidable bank accounts.

Both sides' advisers say stay-at-home orders shackling most Americans' movements generally disadvantage challengers, ominously for Democrats who must out more incumbents to prevail.

Indefinitely eliminated are attention-grabbing public events and big-dollar fundraisers, forcing a reliance on virtual town halls and money-raising events.

"All you can do is hold a Zoom meeting your supporters show up at and a few bored reporters," Steven Law, who runs Republicans' Senate Leadership Fund, said of challengers.

Republicans control the Senate 53-47 but are defending 23 of the 35 contested seats.

McConnell shifts on state aid in next virus relief package

BY LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Reversing course, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Wednesday that he is "open" to considering additional funds for state and local governments in the next coronavirus relief bill as Democrats seek more than \$500 billion to cover costs of police, fire and other front-line workers.

But McConnell insisted the new package must include federal liability protections from what he warned will be an "avalanche" of lawsuits against businesses that reopen during the pandemic.

"There's no question all governors, regardless of party, would like to have more money, I'm open to discussing that," McConnell, R-Ky., said on Fox News Radio.

The about-face from the Republican leader comes after governors across the country heaped criticism on his suggestion that states should simply be allowed to go bankrupt.

Chief among them was New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who urged the nation's political leaders Wednesday to support the states, including thousands of doctors and nurses who descended on New York to help in the crisis.

"You have human suffering, you have people dying. You can't stop the politics, even in this moment?" Cuomo, a Democrat, said during a press briefing.

As Congress delves into the next round of aid, Democrats are putting forward their own priorities, including a new effort to federalize the nation's medical supply chain.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said new rules are needed to prevent the favoritism some argue the Trump administration used in handing out vital gear during the



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell had suggested that states should simply be allowed to go bankrupt.

health care crisis.

The proposal would rely on the Defense Production Act to ensure adequate supplies.

President Donald Trump's "failed leadership" during the crisis "has put our front-line health care workers in a scavenger hunt for their lives and forced governors to bid against each other for desperately needed resources," Schumer said in a statement.

McConnell said Wednesday that as the new package takes shape, he wants to prevent "the second pandemic — which is going to be lawsuits against doctors, nurses, hospitals and brave businesspeople opening up."

House and Senate leaders are reaching beyond the nearly \$3 trillion already provided to fight the pandemic crisis even as they face the stark, startling reality that Congress may not be able to fully resume for a year.

McConnell is reconvening the Senate next week, but House Speaker Nancy Pelosi dropped plans for her chamber to return after a revolt from lawmakers and a warning from the Capitol physician that the health risks of reconvening the 400-plus representatives were too great.

"We'll practice the proper safeguards," McConnell said. "We're not

going to sit on the sidelines."

McConnell's office would not say if he consulted with the Capitol physician on his plans to resume Senate operations.

It's not just the elected officials at risk.

The U.S. Capitol is a throwback of crowded hearing rooms, packed hallways and thousands of congressional staff crunched in office cubicles and cafeteria lunch lines — all unwelcome in the new era of social distancing.

It additionally relies on an army of cooks, custodians, electricians and police, who keep the iconic domed building and sprawling maze of offices running.

The House and Senate sergeants at arms extended a halt in public tours through mid-May.

Closing normal operations for weeks, months or even longer seems unthinkable to some, more dire than actions taken during the deadly 1918 Spanish flu or the Sept. 11, 2001, attack.

There really is no direct comparison in U.S. history.

Trump scoffed from the White House that the stay-home House members were "enjoying their vacation."

The Capitol physician has privately warned key lawmakers that it will be at least a year before Congress can return to business as usual.

Field hospitals that went unused to be shut down

BY MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gleaming new tent hospitals sit empty on two suburban New York college campuses, never having treated a single coronavirus patient. Convention centers that were turned into temporary hospitals in other cities went mostly unused. And a Navy hospital ship that offered help in Manhattan is soon to depart.

When virus infections slowed down or fell short of worst-case predictions, the globe was left dotted with dozens of barely used or unused field hospitals. Some public officials say that's a good problem to have — despite spending potentially billions of dollars to erect the care centers — because it's a sign the deadly disease was not nearly as cataclysmic as it might have been.

Many of the facilities will now be kept on standby for a possible second wave of infections. Some could even be repurposed as testing sites or recovery centers.

"It will count as a huge success for the whole country if we never have to use them," said Simon Stevens, chief executive of the National Health Service in England, where sparsely used field hospitals have been criticized as costly, unnecessary "white elephants."

"But with further waves of coronavirus possible, it is important that we have these extra facilities in place and treating patients," Stevens said.

In Italy and Spain, field hospitals were seen as crucial to relieving strain on emergency rooms as the disease exploded in March. Those countries rank behind only the United States for the largest number of infections and deaths, according to a Johns Hopkins University tally.

Spain built at least 16 field



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Uncertainty in pandemic planning has left barely used field hospitals empty. Above, a tent hospital in New York.

hospitals, ranging from a few beds under tents to one with more than 5,000 beds at Madrid's big convention center. That facility has treated more than 4,000 patients, accounting for 10% of the total infected population in the disease-ravaged capital.

For all the successes, there have also been mistakes.

In Milan, in Italy's hardest-hit region, a field hospital funded with \$23 million in private donations came too late and was built too far from the city center to be much help.

The 200-bed hospital, put up in less than two weeks at a conference center on the outskirts of town, opened to great fanfare March 31, but by then pressure on the region's intensive care units was already starting to fall. It has treated only a few dozen patients.

"We had to prepare a dam in case the epidemic overcame the embankment," Lombardy Governor Attilio Fontana told Italian all-news station Radio 24.

In New York, the hardest-hit state in the U.S. with nearly 300,000 cases and more than 18,000 deaths, Gov. Andrew Cuomo has used the mantra "plan for the worst, hope for the best" to defend his push for field hospitals that have, so far,

gone largely unused.

Looking at projections in mid-March that the state would need to double hospital capacity to 110,000 beds by the end of April, Cuomo asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build at least four field hospitals and the Navy to deploy the Navy's Comfort hospital ship to Manhattan.

At the same time, hospitals were discharging patients to free up beds and adding new ones, and the public was starting to embrace social distancing measures to stem the spread of infection.

With the number of disease-related hospitalizations cresting far below forecasts, at 18,825 on April 12, just one of the Army Corps-built temporary facilities opened, at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. It will close Friday after treating little more than 1,000 patients.

The three other field hospitals that Cuomo requested were completed and mothballed for possible future use, including ones on the campuses of Stony Brook University and the State University of New York College at Old Westbury on Long Island. Plans for four other field hospitals were scrapped, and the Comfort is set to leave Thursday.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Virus can't keep them off front lines

First responders return to work after COVID-19

By STEFANIE DAZIO, MICHAEL R. SISAK AND JAKE BLEIBERG
Associated Press

The new coronavirus doesn't care about a blue uniform or a badge. Police, firefighters, paramedics and corrections officers are just a 911 call away from contracting COVID-19 and spreading it.

With N95 masks hanging off their duty belts and disposable blue gloves stuffed in their back pockets, they respond to radio calls, make arrests and manage prisoners. But their training never covered something quite like this — what has been called an “invisible bullet.”

It's sickened thousands of America's first responders and killed dozens.

But many have recovered, and they're going back to work — back to the crime scene, into the ambulance, to the jail. Going back to this deadly pandemic's front lines.

Some of their stories:

The risk

HOUSTON — In Deputy Ravin Washington's squad car, risk rides shotgun. The threats she faces on her solo patrols are usually more immediate than reports of some new unseen virus.

On the beat in northwest Houston, Washington, 28, has been in fights and drawn her gun. In 2017, three months after she finished the police academy, her partner at the time was shot in the leg.

But last month, she was following up on a robbery call when it suddenly felt like someone was sitting on her chest. By the time she navigated her cruiser to her sister's apartment, she could barely keep her hands on the wheel. She had no idea what was wrong.

Certainty came a few days later. On March 25, Washington tested positive — one of the first of about 180 Harris County Sheriff's Office employees to be sickened.

In isolation, her temper-



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Ravin Washington was one of about 180 Harris County Sheriff's Office employees to be sickened by the coronavirus.

ature spiked. Her stomach roiled. She lost her sense of taste and could barely rise from bed for days.

When she finally healed, she worried about getting sick again — about whether her colleagues would want her back.

She returned to patrol this month and found the situation suddenly reversed. Her colleagues gave her hugs. “People feel like, ‘Hey, you have the antibodies. You're the cure,’” she said.

Back on patrol, Washington has the familiar weight on her hips of a Taser, handcuffs and gun. But her safety also depends on gloves and a mask.

“It's like you're risking your life even more now.”

Guilt

NEW YORK — Paramedic Alex Tull of the New

York Fire Department feels out of breath after walking up a few flights of stairs and has a cough that just won't quit. After some recent chest pains, an X-ray showed inflammation in his lungs.

As he treats coronavirus patients in the Bronx, he thinks about his own battle with the disease and his rush to return to duty late last month before he was fully healed.

At the height, about a quarter of the city's 4,300 EMS workers were out sick. Nearly 700 fire department employees have tested positive for the coronavirus and eight have died, including three EMS workers.

Tull, 38, says he felt guilty convalescing at home for two weeks, flipping through Netflix and Hulu between naps as his colleagues risked their lives.

But it wasn't just a matter

of loyalty for the 10-year fire department veteran. A policy put in place as the virus ravaged the ranks mandated that personnel who no longer showed symptoms return to work as soon as possible.

“I definitely went back to work earlier than maybe I should have,” Tull said.

Without definitive proof he's immune from spreading or contracting the disease, Tull fears his nagging cough might infect his partner or their patients. And with little more than a face mask and gloves for protection, he worries he'll come down with the virus again.

“Is my body ready for round two? I don't know. It is scary,” Tull said.

‘The Hotbox’

AURORA, Ill. — Chief Kristen Ziman spent hours in a cramped conference room strategizing on ways

to keep her 306 police officers safe from the coronavirus.

Turns out, they needed to stay away from the chief.

Ziman, a patrol commander, her wife — a detective on the force — and Aurora's mayor all contracted COVID-19 around the same time. They most likely passed the virus during those planning meetings.

The rank-and-file, however, is fine.

“If we had to be the sacrificial lambs,” Ziman said, “putting these plans in place to keep our officers safe, then I will gladly take it any day.”

The chief recorded videos from her home, sending them to the officers as part of routine operations plans. She wanted them to comprehend the pandemic's reality on the streets of Illinois' second-largest city.

The officers responded with text messages of well-wishes, and a new nickname for the station's third floor — the home of her office and the infamous conference room.

They're calling it “The Hotbox” — and avoiding it altogether.

The line

LOS ANGELES — In jail-speak, it's called “the line.”

For correction officers, it means any duty that requires working directly with inmates. Custody assistant Sonia Munoz's line is a 184-bed inmate hospital ward at the Twin Towers jail, with its beige walls and powder blue doors.

It's where she most likely contracted the coronavirus. And passed it along to her younger sister and her father.

Right now, Munoz, 38, is safe. She's 10 pounds lighter and has been transferred to an office gig, where she can line up three bottles of hand sanitizer on her desk and work alone.

Still, the line is there. Any overtime shift could bring Munoz back. Her mother, 3-year-old nephew and 94-year-old grandmother escaped illness last time, but they may not be so lucky again.

It's something her 27-year-old partner, Christopher Lumpkin, worries about.

On March 18, he became the first member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, which oversees the nation's largest jail system, to test positive for COVID-19. He likely passed it to Munoz and three other custody assistants. More than 60 sheriff's personnel countywide and at least 28 inmates have tested positive for the virus.

Lumpkin is recovered and back on the line. He changes his gloves and sanitizes his hands each time he works with an inmate and keeps an extra mask hanging off his duty belt.

Munoz takes similar precautions in her office, separate from the inmates. But she can't avoid the line forever.

“I have to go back to the lion's mouth.”

Drug

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stock was halted before the market opened, and the glimmer of good news drove stocks higher, despite poor economic data.

In a news briefing at the White House, Fauci and President Donald Trump hailed the early results of the federal trial, holding out hope that the drug could help very ill patients recover more quickly.

“It is a very important proof of concept, because what it has proved is that a drug can block this virus,” Fauci said.

The trial enrolled 1,063 patients who were given remdesivir or a placebo, according to the NIAID.

The time to recovery averaged 11 days among those who got the drug, compared with 15 days for those who got the placebo.

There were fewer deaths in the remdesivir group, but the result did not reach statistical significance, Fauci said. Deaths were not a primary measure in the trial.



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Dr. Anthony Fauci expresses optimism that remdesivir could help patients with COVID-19. Above, he meets with Dr. Deborah Birx, President Trump and Gov. John Bel Edwards, D-La.

Fauci cautioned that the results of the study still need to be properly peer reviewed, but he expressed optimism that remdesivir would become “the standard of care” for patients with COVID-19.

“Certainly it's positive, it's a very positive event,” Trump said.

In the past, he has hailed remdesivir as a potential “game changer,” despite spotty evidence.

Dr. Robert Finberg, an investigator in the trial, noted that the sample was huge, and the results finished in record time.

But the disclosure of trial results in a political setting,

before peer review or publication, is unusual, said Dr. Steven Nissen, a cardiologist at the Cleveland Clinic who has conducted dozens of clinical trials.

“Where are the data?” he asked.

Dr. Michele Barry, global health expert at Stanford University, said she had

faith in Fauci's assessment.

Still, she added, “It is unusual to call a drug the ‘standard of care’ until peer review of data and publication, and before studies have shown benefit in mortality.”

Remdesivir has never been approved as a treatment for any disease. It was developed to fight Ebola, but results from a clinical trial in Africa were disappointing.

But as the coronavirus pandemic took hold, the drug emerged as one of the more promising potential treatments. It interrupts the production of the virus in lab studies and seems safe in animals.

Until now, high expectations for remdesivir have been fueled largely by anecdotal reports of COVID-19 patients who took the drug and recovered.

Two such reports were published in the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine, lending credibility to what researchers said were actually uncertain results.

Without trials comparing the drug to a placebo, it has been impossible to know

whether the drug made a difference or patients got better on their own with normal supportive care.

A separate study of remdesivir, published Wednesday in the Lancet, found no benefit to the drug, compared with placebo.

“Unfortunately, our trial found that while safe and adequately tolerated, remdesivir did not provide significant benefits over placebo,” said the lead investigator of the new study, Dr. Bin Cao of the China-Japan Friendship Hospital and Capital Medical University in Beijing.

The results are hard to interpret, because the study was far smaller than planned — enrolling 236 patients instead of the 453 that had been expected, because there were too few severely ill patients now in China.

Dr. Eric Peterson, a clinical trials expert at Duke University, said that with too few patients, “all you can say is it doesn't seem to work in this population.”

If there had been a big effect of the drug, he added, that would have been seen.

Trump's ‘Operation Warp Speed’ aims to rush coronavirus vaccine

By JENNIFER JACOBS AND DREW ARMSTRONG
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is quietly organizing a Manhattan Project-style effort to drastically cut the time needed to develop a coronavirus vaccine, with a goal to have 100 million doses ready by year's end, according to two people familiar with the matter.

Called “Operation Warp Speed,” the program will pull together pharmaceu-

tical companies, government agencies and the military to try to cut the development time for a vaccine by as much as eight months, one of the people said.

As part of the arrangement, taxpayers will shoulder much of the financial risk that vaccine candidates may fail, instead of drug companies.

President Donald Trump's top medical advisers, led by the infectious disease expert Anthony Fauci, have repeatedly said that a coronavirus vaccine

won't be ready for 12 to 18 months at best.

Last month, Trump directed Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar to speed development of a vaccine, and administration officials have been meeting on the effort for three to four weeks, one of the people said.

The people asked not to be identified because the project hasn't yet been publicly announced.

Vaccine development is typically slow and high risk. The project's goal is to cut

out the slow part, the people said. The project will use government resources to quickly test the world's most promising experimental vaccines in animals, then launch coordinated human clinical trials to winnow down the candidates.

The best prospective vaccines would go into wider trials at the same time mass production ramps up.

The project will cost billions of dollars, one of the people said. And it will almost certainly result in significant waste by making

inoculations at scale before knowing if they'll be safe and effective. But it could mean having doses available by the end of this year.

The Trump administration isn't alone in trying to fast-track a vaccine. One of the world's most promising vaccine candidates has been developed by a team at Oxford University in London. Last month, scientists at the U.S. National Institutes of Health inoculated six rhesus macaques with the Oxford vaccine and then exposed them to the

coronavirus, The New York Times reported.

All six were healthy more than four weeks later, according to the Times. The researchers are currently testing their vaccine in 1,000 patients and plan to expand to stage two and three clinical trials next month involving about 5,000 more people.

The Oxford group told the Times they could have several million doses of their vaccine produced and approved by regulators as early as September.

Biden allegation prompts GOP attacks, Dem worries

BY ALEXANDRA JAFFE
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WASHINGTON — A sexual assault allegation is raising Joe Biden's first big challenge as the Democrats' presidential nominee, fueling Republican attacks and leaving many in his own party in an uncomfortable bind.

Biden's campaign has denied the allegation from his former Senate staffer, Tara Reade, who has said Biden assaulted her in the basement of a Capitol Hill office building in the 1990s. But the story garnered fresh attention this week after two of Reade's associates said she previously told them about elements of her allegations.

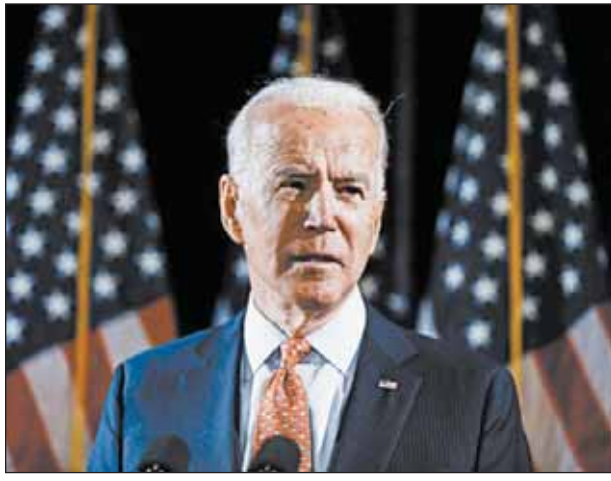
Republicans who are worried about President Donald Trump's increasingly precarious political standing are seizing on the allegation to portray Democrats as hypocrites who only defend women who allege wrongdoing against conservatives. Democrats, meanwhile, are in an awkward position of vigorously validating women who come forward with their stories while defending the man who will be their standard-bearer in what many in the party consider the most important election of their lifetimes.

The tension is heightened because Biden himself is saying nothing about the allegation.

Like many Americans, he has spent the past several weeks at home to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. He hasn't held a press briefing since April 2, before multiple news organization's reported Reade's story. The public appearances he has made, such as fundraisers or events alongside prominent Democrats, have been controlled.

Some Democrats say that approach isn't working and are urging a more forceful response.

"The campaign has is-



MATT ROURKE/AP

Democrats say Joe Biden needs to make a statement of his own about the allegations from the 1990s.

sued statements, but he hasn't issued any statements in his own voice," said former Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Donna Brazile. "It's not helping, it's just damaging — not only to the person who has come forward, but it's also damaging the candidate."

Lis Smith, who worked as a top strategist on former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg's campaign, also called on the Biden campaign to speak up.

"These accusations have not been found to be credible, so it's in the Biden campaign's interest to nip this in the bud directly and do it quickly," she said.

The November contest between Biden and Trump will be the first presidential race of the #MeToo era, which has led numerous women to come forward with allegations of sexual assault.

Trump himself has been accused of assault and unwanted touching by numerous women, charges he denies. He was forced to apologize during the 2016 campaign after he was heard on a recording bragging about using his fame to assault women.

Women are a core constituency for Democrats, and Biden has a mixed history. While he authored the Violence Against Wom-

en Act as a senator, he also came under heavy criticism for his handling of Anita Hill's Senate testimony in the 1990s. Just before he launched his 2020 campaign, several women accused him of unwanted touching, behavior for which he apologized.

Biden has pledged to pick a woman as a running mate, and the allegation has left those thought to be in contention in a tough spot.

Stacey Abrams, the former Georgia Democratic governor candidate, said "women deserve to be heard and I believe they need to be listened to, but I also believe that those allegations have to be investigated by credible sources."

"The New York Times did a deep investigation and they found that the accusation was not credible," she added. "I believe Joe Biden."

That echoed talking points issued by the Biden campaign to surrogates last week that were obtained by The Associated Press. They pointed to investigations by The New York Times, The Washington Post and AP that found no other allegation of sexual assault and no pattern of sexual misconduct.

Some Democratic donors and fundraisers say the issue has not come up in calls with party financiers.

IRIS LOVE 1933-2020

Stylish archaeologist, socialite, champion dachshund breeder

BY PENELOPE GREEN
The New York Times

She was Indiana Jones in a miniskirt, a celebrity archaeologist hatched out of old New York aristocracy. Iris Love, art historian, champion dog breeder and the longtime romantic partner of gossip columnist Liz Smith, was just as comfortable in the ancient world as in the society pages.

Love died of the novel coronavirus April 17 at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan, a friend, Carri Lyon, said. She was 86.

Sunburned, leggy and with a mop of cropped blond hair, Love was catnip to the press. When, in 1971, The New York Times wrote about her for the third time, she was 38 and several years into what would become an 11-year dig at Knidos, an ancient Greek city that is now part of Turkey. There she discovered a temple to Aphrodite on the same summer day in 1969 that Neil Armstrong walked on the moon.

"A previous reporter from a woman's magazine has been disappointed to learn that Miss Love can't wear skin creams at Knidos because the dust would cling to her face," the Times reporter wrote on a visit to her Upper East Side apartment in Manhattan. "A grocery carton bulging with the week's fan mail occupies the center of the carpet like an icon."

Love had already made headlines when she was a graduate student at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, for outing as forgeries a prized group of Etruscan warriors at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She made headlines again when, on a visit to the British Museum's collection of antiquities, she identified a crumbling marble head stashed in its basement as being a remnant of



EMILY BERL/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Iris Love with her dachshunds Euphrosyne, left, and Diomedes, in 2012. Love died of the novel coronavirus April 17.

Praxiteles' lost statue of Aphrodite.

Neither storied institution was pleased. Chalk it up perhaps to the sexism of the time, and the parochialism of her field. Also, though she had completed the course work for a doctorate, Love never wrote a thesis, and as The New Yorker noted in a profile of her in 1978, her degree-less status further irritated jealous peers.

"Amazons," one archaeologist scoffed, referring to Love's mostly female crew at Knidos. "Beautiful girls in bikinis," said another.

Love's Turkish workers, however, called her Mister Director.

"She had a formidable energy and enthusiasm that separated her from the more cautious of her peers," said Maxwell Anderson, a past curator of the department of Greek and Roman Art at the Met. "She was a public intellectual in a way that was not typical of archaeology."

Iris Cornelia Love was born on Aug. 1, 1933, in New York City. Her father, Cornelius Ruxton Love Jr., was a diplomat, an investment banker employed by his father-in-law, a collector and a descendant of Alexander Hamilton. Her mother, Audrey B. (Josephthal) Love, was an heiress

and arts patron, the daughter of Edyth Guggenheim and Louis Josephthal, an admiral and the founder of a brokerage firm.

In her memoir, "Natural Blonde" (2000), Smith recalled falling for Love — "a Givenchy-clad scientist with a name like a movie star" — at a dinner party in 1977. She said she had been taken by Love's guilelessness and energy, her complete lack of interest in pop culture, her intellect and her love of a good party.

They traveled the world together, and Love and her many dachshunds moved into Smith's apartment. By the late 1980s, she had begun to breed dogs in earnest from her property in Vermont, including a number of Westminster Kennel Club champions.

Smith was proud of her companion's new métier, though it came with complications. Love, always peripatetic, spent months in Italy, often with another longtime partner. After 15 years, Smith had had enough, she wrote, though they remained friends until Smith's death in 2017. Love left no immediate survivors.

"I had lovely times with Iris, who might have been a headache, but literally never was a bore to me," Smith wrote.

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China's congress to meet in a sign of confidence in virus fight

BEIJING — China, taking a step toward a return to business as normal, announced Wednesday that its previously postponed national legislature session will be held in late May.

The National People's Congress, delayed from early March because of the coronavirus outbreak, will start May 22, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the 3,000 or

so delegates would come to Beijing for what is the biggest political meeting of the year, or if it would be held through videoconference.

A 2,000-member advisory body that meets in tandem with the Congress will start one day earlier, Xinhua reported.

The meetings are largely ceremonial, with the legislature rubber-stamping decisions reached earlier by Communist Party leaders.

Under pressure, Bolsonaro revokes police nomination

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro yielded Wednesday to growing criticism around his nomination of a new federal police chief seen as too close to his family, revoking the appointment just hours after it was temporarily suspended by the Supreme Court.

Bolsonaro's abrupt removal last week of the former federal police chief, in the midst of a

health crisis, and the nomination of Alexandre Ramagem, who has been photographed with Bolsonaro's sons, had prompted concern that Bolsonaro would give his family preferential treatment. At least one of the president's sons is reportedly under investigation.

The ouster of the former police chief had led to the resignation of Bolsonaro's popular justice minister, Sergio Moro.

Russia slams US arguments for low-yield nuclear warheads

MOSCOW — The Russian Foreign Ministry on Wednesday rejected U.S. arguments for fielding low-yield nuclear warheads, warning that an attempt to use such weapons against Russia would trigger an all-out nuclear retaliation.

The U.S. State Department argued in a paper last week that fitting the low-yield nuclear warheads to submarine-launched ballistic missiles

would help counter potential new threats from Russia and China. It charged that Moscow was pondering the use of non-strategic nuclear weapons as a way of coercion in a limited conflict, an assertion that Russia has repeatedly denied.

A Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said Wednesday that the U.S. shouldn't view its new low-yield warheads as a flexible tool.



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Independence day in Israel: Medical professionals wave flags of Israel and their facility Wednesday as air force aircraft fly over their Jerusalem hospital to mark Israel's independence day. Public celebrations were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Michigan congressman to seek Libertarian nod for president

LANSING, Mich. — Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan said Wednesday he is seeking the Libertarian nod for president because millions of Americans do not feel well-represented by either major political party and their standard-bearers: President Donald Trump and presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden.

Amash, a Trump critic who left the Republican Party to become an independent and later supported his impeachment, said too many people vote Republican or Democrat because they do not feel they have any other choice.

"It's important that we present them with that alternative. The first step to moving toward no political parties or all independent candidates is to provide some big challengers to the main two parties right now," he said. "The Libertarian Party can be that challenger."

But third-party presidential campaigns can have unpredictable consequences.

In 2000, Ralph Nader's Green Party presidential bid cost Al Gore crucial support and was a contributing factor in George W. Bush's eventual win. Hilla-

ry Clinton's 2016 loss, meanwhile, has been blamed in part on the support Green Party candidate Jill Stein picked up in crucial battlegrounds such as Pennsylvania.

Amash was elected in 2010 as part of the tea party wave that toppled Democratic control. If Libertarians select him as their nominee, he would face nearly impossible odds of winning the presidency.

Amash, who became an independent last July, said he is running as a Libertarian because it is "very difficult to make headway" without a party apparatus.

Boris Johnson, fiancée announce birth of baby boy

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his fiancée, Carrie Symonds, announced the birth of a son Wednesday, just two days after Johnson returned to work following hospitalization for the coronavirus.

Johnson's office said Symonds gave birth

Wednesday morning to a "healthy baby boy" in a public hospital in London, and that both mother and infant were doing well.

Johnson was present for the birth but was back at work in 10 Downing St. within hours, as his government faces a deadline of next week to amend or

extend the country's coronavirus lockdown.

Johnson's office said he would take paternity leave later in the year.

Johnson returned to work Monday after a bout of coronavirus. He spent a week in a hospital, including three nights in intensive care.

Biden wins Ohio's mail-in primary amid coronavirus

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Joe Biden won Ohio's presidential primary, clinching a contest that was less about the Democratic nomination and more about how states can conduct elections in the era of the coronavirus.

Tuesday's primary was the first major test of statewide elections via mail amid an outbreak.

There were reports of confusion but no widespread disruption. It wasn't like Wisconsin earlier this month, when voters were forced to overlook social distancing guidelines to stand in line wearing masks to cast ballots.

Overall turnout was surprisingly strong, said Secretary of State Frank LaRose. His office said about 1.5 million votes had been cast as of midday Saturday, down sharply from the 3.2 million cast in Ohio's 2016 presidential primary.

In Kansas: A federal appeals court panel ruled Wednesday that Kansas can't require voters to show proof of citizenship when they register, dealing a blow to efforts by Republicans in several states who have pursued restrictive voting laws as a way of combating voter fraud.

The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals panel in Salt Lake City upheld a federal judge's injunction nearly two years ago that prohibited Kansas from enforcing the requirement, which took effect in 2013. The appeals court found the statute former Gov. Sam Brownback signed into law violates the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause and the National Voter Registration Act, known as the "motor-voter law."

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Unionized SEIU Healthcare Illinois workers, who staff many Chicago-area nursing homes, are threatening to walk out May 8 if their contract demands aren't met.

A nursing assistant strike during COVID-19?

SEIU Healthcare, don't do it. Don't risk lives.

Nursing assistants and other support staff at Chicago-area nursing homes are threatening to go on strike May 8 if their demands in a new contract aren't met. Walk off the job during a global pandemic that is hitting nursing home patients the hardest? It would be irresponsible.

But that's what unionized SEIU Healthcare Illinois workers at 40 nursing homes are threatening to do, even though the one-year contract they would be rejecting includes an 11% pay hike. Raise your hand if you're receiving an 11% pay increase at this time. Anyone?

The strike would start with roughly 2,300 workers, mostly in the Chicago area, but SEIU Healthcare union leaders say the walkout's scope could expand later. The union represents 10,000 certified nursing assistants and dietary, laundry and house-keeping workers at 100 nursing homes in the state.

Deaths of people who live or work at Illinois nursing homes reached 625 as of last weekend, doubling what the count was

a week earlier. As of last Friday, 4,298 residents and workers from at least 278 facilities had tested positive for the coronavirus. Nursing homes are at the front lines of this fight, and the people they care for.

The role nursing assistants play is both critical and demanding. They feed, bathe and dress residents who cannot care for themselves. They keep rooms clean, make beds, take vital signs and help residents when they need to be moved. If you've ever had a family member stay at a care facility, you know the important and difficult role nursing assistants fulfill. They are largely underpaid for their work. But an 11% raise is on the table, and the alternative of walking off the job unconscionable.

A strike at nursing homes at a time when the pandemic is peaking in Illinois would needlessly put at risk the health and lives of elderly residents at those facilities. Nursing homes' abilities to provide proper care for residents would be compromised.

A walkout that uses the ongoing health crisis as leverage would be reckless — and

selfish.

The workers' current contract expires Thursday. The union's demands include an across-the-board wage of at least \$15 an hour, along with a 50% hazard pay increase while the pandemic continues, the Tribune's Robert McCoppin reported. Workers also want better training and more personal protective gear to safeguard against COVID-19.

The offer from nursing homes, represented by the Illinois Association of Healthcare Facilities, includes the 11% pay raise, paid sick time during the pandemic in addition to contractual sick leave, the setup of a training fund, and earlier access to sick days. Bob Molitor, an association board member and CEO of the Alden Network of nursing homes, told state lawmakers in an April 24 letter that nursing homes are trying to keep workers supplied with protective gear at a time when it is scarce, and that the association's offer is a fair one.

Both sides held a negotiating session Wednesday. Let's hope they made progress.

"Now more than ever, the health and safety of our vulnerable seniors and infirm residents should be our shared priority," Molitor told lawmakers. "We sincerely hope the union is not using this once-in-a-lifetime crisis to incite a walkout and put our seniors at even greater risk."

That's exactly what the union would be doing if they follow through with their threat. They shouldn't. They should continue negotiations with nursing homes and stay on the job. If it comes to it, they can call a work stoppage at a later date when the pandemic, which has isolated the elderly at nursing homes for weeks and prohibited visits from loved ones, has subsided.

The reason is the same as to why Illinoisans should adhere to the stay-at-home order, the same reason why authorities should push hard to continue ramping up testing and gearing up contact tracing. COVID-19 cannot be reined in unless everyone commits to battling the pandemic.

Striking in the middle of this crisis doesn't represent a commitment to the cause. It's an abandonment of it.

ABOUT TARA READE'S CLAIMS

We do not know whether the accusations that Tara Reade has leveled against Joe Biden are true or false. That is a question of evidence and of inquiry that might be answered as time rolls on.

We do know, by contrast, that the double standard that has been exhibited by Biden's campaign and by the political press in tandem is a national disgrace. Both culturally and legally, due process must be habitually applied to nobody or to everyone. If, upon the most frivolous and protean of pretexts, it is routinely accorded to one faction while being denied to another, it is effectively lost.

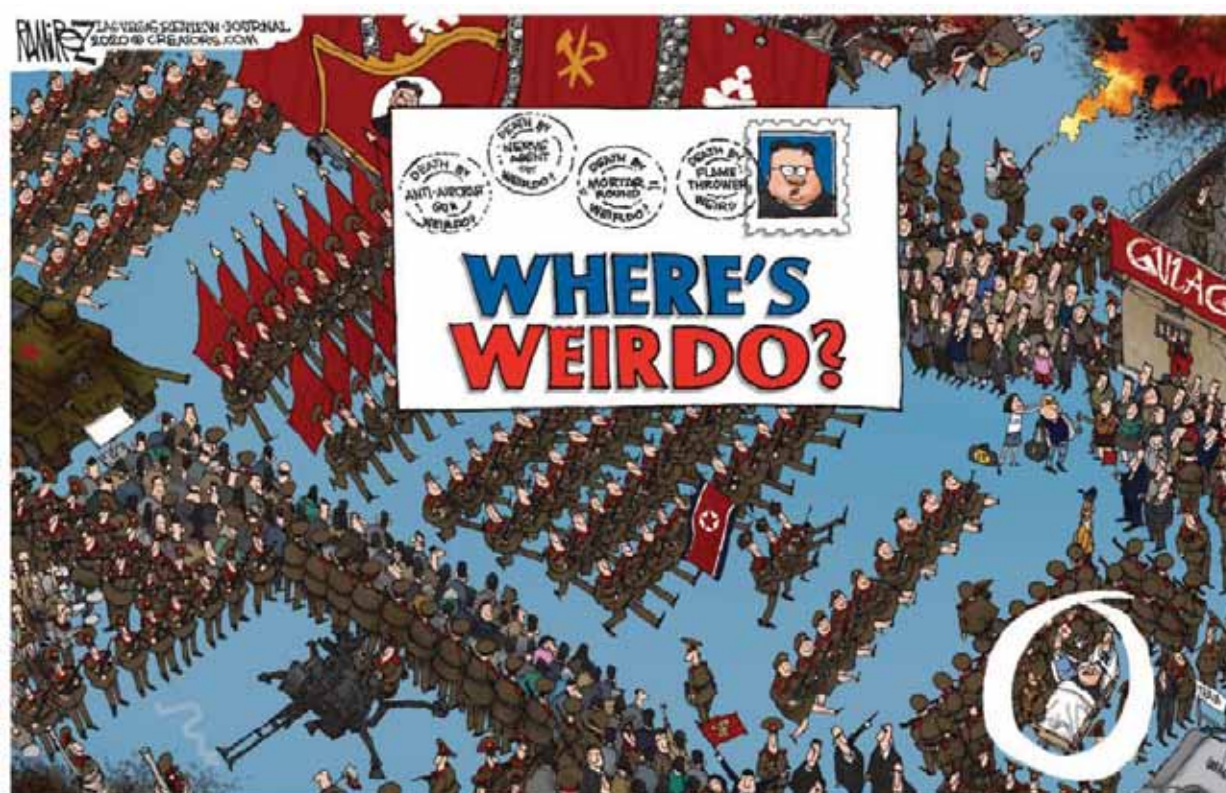
Though he has not deigned to address it directly, Joe Biden insists that he is innocent of the charge that he (assaulted) an intern back in 1993. "It is untrue," his communications director says. "This absolutely did not happen." If so, we hope that this incident has taught Biden that his previous approach toward accusations of sexual assault was dangerous, illiberal and ultimately untenable.

During the summer of 2018, with Brett Kavanaugh under the national spotlight, Biden was unequivocal in his demand that Americans must believe women as a matter of unwavering reflex. "For a woman to come forward in the glaring lights of focus, nationally," Biden argued, "you've got to start off with the presumption that at least the essence of what she's talking about is real, whether or not she forgets facts, whether or not it's been made worse or better over time ..."

... Why, we must ask, should his own accuser not be granted the same privilege?

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Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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President Donald Trump looks on last week during the signing of a coronavirus aid package to direct funds to small businesses and hospitals.

A confession about sarcasm, by Donald Trump



STEVE CHAPMAN

It isn't easy being Donald Trump, and I can say that with confidence — because I'm Donald Trump. And no, I'm not being sarcastic about how hard it is. But here's the problem: When I am being sarcastic, nobody can tell.

Stephen Colbert got rich and famous pretending to be a right-wing blowhard with an idiotic opinion on every topic. Comedy Central viewers had no trouble understanding that every sentence out of his mouth meant the opposite of its literal meaning. And they laughed tremendous laughs till their ribs ached.

Where do you think Colbert came up with that idea? He stole it from me. I practically invented parody. I've spent many, many years saying ridiculous things with a straight face. But everyone took me seriously, no matter what I did.

Remember when I was in the private sector? I would sit down with some big bankers and tell them, with my beautiful deadpan: "I've gone bank-

rupt several times. So it would be really, really smart to lend me \$100 million."

I mean, sarcasm can't get any more obvious than that, right? I was always hoping to get a big laugh, but they never got it.

What always happened was that the bankers would look at me with serious expressions, confer briefly and say: "We'd love to. But maybe you'd like \$200 million?" And they wouldn't let me leave until they had cut me a check!

When I ran out of money while running a moneymaking machine, also known as a casino, I thought everyone would grasp the comic brilliance of my act. But no. I kept doing my impersonation of a deluded, incompetent tycoon, and people with large sums of money kept taking me for a stable business genius.

Being a dedicated comedian, I decided to take my act to the next level: I would run for president as a total goof, making preposterous statements, doing clownish things and giving satire-starved Americans something to laugh about. I mean, it worked for Julia Louis-Dreyfus in "Veep," didn't it? She won six Emmys as a vain, bumbling, power-hungry politician who is completely lacking in self-awareness.

Sound like anyone you know? You bet it does. But did I win an Emmy?

No, I got the presidency! Which I didn't even want!

I thought I had made my game blindly obvious during the campaign. I said Ted Cruz's dad was in on the JFK assassination. I said the unemployment rate was 42%. I said I would win the Hispanic vote. C'mon! Who could possibly miss the joke?

Well, 63 million people, apparently. Makes me wonder what's wrong with people. Every time those folks at my rallies cheered instead of laughing, I responded with something even more obviously untrue. Like, "I will build a great, great wall on our southern border. And I will have Mexico pay for that wall."

Could sarcasm be any more obvious? I always tried to say it in the tone of a sullen 15-year-old being asked how her classes were going: "Oh, *fabulous*, Dad! I just love my teachers. And I'm going to make *valedictorian*." But irony was lost on these people.

Even after I ended up in the White House, no one could grasp that I don't believe anything I say. I tried to highlight how puny my inauguration crowd was by sending my press secretary, Sean Spicer, out to insist it was bigger than Obama's. And the news media reported it like he actually meant it! Do they think I'm blind?

Everyone knows that Kim Jong Un

is one of the most vicious dictators who ever lived. The guy executed his own uncle! So when I said, "We fell in love," I assumed everyone would realize that what I meant was: "Can't stand him. Total loser. And a worse hairdo than mine." But nooooooooo.

The other day, I had what I thought was some great new stand-up material to illustrate how badly I've handled the coronavirus crisis. I suggested you could cure the disease by shining bright lights and injecting disinfectants, thinking no one could possibly think I was serious.

But I was wrong! Some guys drank some cleaning products, and the maker of Lysol put out a statement saying, "Under no circumstance should our disinfectant products be administered into the human body (through injection, ingestion or any other route)." Well, duh.

This is another chance for my critics to accuse me of being an incompetent fraud. All I can say is: It looks like satire is dead. But I really didn't mean to kill it.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Salvadoran Health Minister Francisco Alabi, right, supervises the delivery of hydroxychloroquine pills in San Salvador last week.

Science on the fly: Resist the urge to jump on every new COVID-19 theory

BY DAVID WEILL

Each morning during these most unusual of times, I find an inbox filled with messages from both my medical colleagues and well-informed laypeople attaching articles or links to webpages referencing the latest “breakthroughs” in the fight against the coronavirus.

Hydroxychloroquine is the cure. Young people don’t get COVID-19. Patients who take an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI), a common drug to treat hypertension, are more susceptible. People with asthma don’t get it. Or do get it.

Here’s one that I must admit is my favorite. The makers of Lysol emphatically state that the product should not be injected or ingested to “clean” the lungs, a headline says without apparent irony, affirming what should be fairly obvious. But there may be a different standard for “obvious” now.

All of this makes me think that we have entered the “silly season” of the pandemic, characterized by fast science, science that doesn’t get peer-reviewed. Clickable science.

Call it what you want, but I call it dangerous science. Welcome to the new era of Science on the Fly, where the data can be right, or wrong, misleading or even harmful, but routinely reported with only minimal or incomplete evidence.

In a world starved for news about the coronavirus we are supposing that if we just keep spreading information about it, then things will be all right. But we have confused information with knowledge, which, under normal circumstances, would only be annoying or distracting but now could negatively affect people’s health beyond that of the viral effects.

So what are we to do when we are bombarded — on the television, internet, and newspapers — with a constant dose of

medical “findings?”

As consumers of this avalanche of information, we need to be skeptical, circumspect about what we are being told. I learned skepticism in medical school, and I haven’t forgotten it. We were taught to use our common sense, described by one of my medical school professors as a sense not commonly had.

He was on to something, I think especially now. In confronting a new headline, one that screams something works, or doesn’t, we would do well to have as a first reaction, *I doubt that’s true*.

If we think hydroxychloroquine is the answer, then the medication flies out of the pharmacies, hoarded by folks preparing for the apocalypse, and unavailable to people who actually need it, for diseases such as malaria and lupus in which efficacy has been proved. If someone stops taking an ACEI and their hypertension gets out of control, they may suffer a stroke or heart attack.

The current environment, in some ways, harks back to when I was in medical school and residency, when HIV had emerged. Remember when we read in the newspapers back then that one could get AIDS from a doorknob, or only if one was Haitian, or homosexual, that heterosexuals were protected from this new “gay cancer?”

None of that turned out to be true and it seems likely — no, probable — that our early coronavirus information will be equally untrue and may enhance, not diminish, the anxiety we all feel about this crisis. But one significant difference from then to now is how quickly we receive information — how it spread in the late ’80s and early ’90s might as well have been by pony express compared with today’s warped speed dissemination, which has no regard to whether something is true or untrue but primarily whether attention grabbing or not.

As a medical doctor, I have some ability to separate out the wheat from the chaff, as the saying goes. So when reading something about any medically related topic, I first think to myself, *I doubt it*, then work my way toward acceptance from that starting point.

Right now, we have a beast to feed, fostered by a partnership among an information-starved public, a media that knows it has our captive attention, and medical scientists who want to provide new information and, yes, wouldn’t be opposed to publishing novel findings to enhance their careers.

So what should we do? First, take a deep breath. The practice of medicine has always had an element of uncertainty and necessitated an acceptance that we may not know everything we want to know *at that moment*. We should be comfortable with risk, especially the risk that we will need to act with an imperfect data set, especially as we make tentative steps toward coming out of our houses and reopening society.

The science will come, and it is our only way out of this. And it will emerge in the quiet moments in scientists’ laboratories or by statisticians’ careful calculations. It will not come as a blaring headline on a news webpage or, dare I say, from a briefing room podium.

So next time you see a new treatment being touted or a finding about for whom among us the virus has a predilection, say a simple phrase to yourself: *I doubt that’s true*.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The dreams of a 71-year-old

Regarding the house party in Chicago that made the news: I get it. The young and healthy want to get out there and enjoy life, be with their friends, connect and just celebrate living during this crazy time.

I am now in the “vulnerable” category, for I am 71. But I do not think of myself as “elderly” in any sense. I am healthy and have miles to go before I sleep. I want to enjoy my 25-year-old son, see him get married, hold my first grandchild and travel the world. I want to write books, hike near my home, tutor the young woman who is struggling to get through college.

And I, too, want to just celebrate living during this difficult time. I want to live. I don’t want to be discounted as “old” and expendable. I am a person with hopes and dreams and plans for the future, just as young people are.

I remember very clearly what it was like to be young. In all likelihood, I, too, would have felt I was invincible, that despite all the warnings it would never happen to me. I would have wanted to ignore the warnings, ignore the fact that I might contract the virus and bring it home to my mom, my dad, my grandparents. I loved those family members, and I would never have done anything to hurt them — but the pull of connecting with that new guy who seems to like me or going to the house party so I am on the scene — that pull may have outweighed what I considered the remote chance that I would do harm to those I love.

So, I do get it. But one of the things age gives you is wisdom: the ability to look beyond your own individual desire to live in the moment. It gives you a perspective that helps you realize your actions do have consequences — sometimes unintended and seemingly innocent — but consequences nevertheless.

You realize that although what one single person does seems insignificant, it is quite the opposite — the actions of each of us taken together as a larger group can save not only those dear to us but also the world.

Give us all a chance to continue to chase our dreams, for dreams are not only in the hearts of the young.

— Elaine L. Small, Bellingham, Washington

First responders need COVID locations

When the call comes in about the next emergency, we are in immediate motion. From structure fires to vehicle accidents to medical emergencies, our firefighters and emergency medical technicians are often the first on the scene.

The coronavirus crisis doesn’t change our members’ desire to put their lives on the line to help others. It’s what we take an oath to do. But it does make everyone think twice as they head to the scene.

What if this patient is unconscious or there is a language barrier? How will we know if we are exposing ourselves and our families to this deadly virus?

In Chicago and other Illinois communities, there is a debate about providing first responders notice if a residential address we are responding to has someone who is COVID-19-positive. The reason is obvious: If we know the disease is present when we respond, we can prepare and wear extra protective gear.

Our association has urged its more than 15,000 members in 224 communities to treat each patient as having COVID-19, to protect themselves. But we agree with Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul: Each community has the authority under Illinois law to institute these necessary protective protocols, and firefighters and emergency medical services personnel should receive these patient notifications.

The more information we have as we prepare to respond, the better the outcome for all involved. When someone calls 911 for help, we want to be able to administer the best care possible and keep everyone safe and healthy. We always have and always will respect everyone’s privacy. It’s one of the reasons why our profession is consistently rated as one of the most trusted and ethical in America.

— Chuck Sullivan, president, Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois, Springfield

What will future look like?

I enjoyed Jonah Goldberg’s column of April 27 (“Shared experience will change us in countless ways”) that made me look at this crisis in a new light because of what makes it so unique. It made me think about the future.

Many years hence will people be saying, “Believe it or not, there was a year when we had to socially distance for months, and there was no public entertainment all summer?” Or will they be saying, “Believe it or not, there was a time when you shook hands with strangers and thousands of people would gather together in a park, stadium or theater.” I hope it is the former and not the latter.

— Joyce Porter, Oak Park

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Once upon a time in another America



CAL THOMAS

The Wall Street Journal, which is generally considered conservative when it comes to economic issues, published a front-page story Monday with this headline: “Coronavirus Means the Era of Big Government Is Back.”

Rahm Emanuel, former chief of staff for President Barack Obama and a former mayor of Chicago, is quoted: “The era of Ronald Reagan, that said basically the government is the enemy, is over.” He didn’t mention Bill Clinton’s remarks after his party received an electoral drubbing in the 1995 off-year election. In his State of the Union address on Jan. 23, 1996, Clinton said, “The era of big government is over.”

Clinton added: “We can’t go back to a time when our citizens were just left to fend for themselves.” That has always been a false choice. The issue is: What is government’s responsibility and what is the responsibility of the individual?

The Founding Fathers wanted government to be limited so the people would be unlimited in their pursuit of whatever made them happy. Today’s government thinks it can make people happy by dishing out gobs of cash with no end in sight. It is a form of vote-buying designed to keep politicians in office, enjoying benefits unique to them.

Here’s the way it seems to work today: If you work hard, don’t take drugs, live within your means, get married before having children and stay married, and



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

operate your business with integrity, you are penalized with regulations and ever-higher taxes to pay for those who live irresponsibly, or who embrace “victimhood.”

No, we don’t want everyone to “fend for themselves,” but if government is to be involved in the lives of the poor, for example, the objective should be to help them become self-sustaining so they no longer need government. And if they continue to make wrong decisions harmful to themselves and to the country, there should be consequences, not subsidies, to bring them to their senses.

The Journal story reminds readers of previous crises, when government expanded to meet military and civilian needs, but only partially returned to its constitutional boundaries when the threats ended. When people become addicted to government and see it as a

cash machine, they become hooked.

Politicians then seek to outbid each other to prove their “compassion” and the debt grows with no end point. Massive debt has contributed to the collapse of great empires and superpowers in the past and there is no guarantee the U.S. will escape a similar fate if we don’t change our ways and expectations.

I have long argued, as former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich once did, that we need a bipartisan commission to conduct a top-down audit of government and government programs. If Americans can be shown how unnecessary, overreaching, costly and unconstitutional government will damage this and future generations, perhaps they will join those few politicians, such as Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky, who regularly speak about the danger of national debt.

There are so many outmoded, irrelevant and unnecessary government agencies and programs. The commission could start with the most extreme and laughable ones. Then, it could move on to entitlement programs that are desperately in need of reform. That’s what occurred with the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. In 2005 that bipartisan commission recommended the shutdown of military bases that were no longer needed, saving taxpayers millions of dollars.

If we don’t do something to reverse the debt, other than raising taxes on the productive in order for Congress to continue its irresponsible spending, America as we know it may cease to exist. In fact, America, like great nations of the past, may expire.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Illinois delays awarding 75 dispensary licenses

Recreational marijuana businesses will not be able to operate until after disaster proclamation ends

BY ALLY MAROTTI

The state will delay awarding licenses for 75 new recreational marijuana dispensaries due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Applications for the licenses were due Jan. 1 and were set to be awarded May 1. The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, which regulates dispensaries, said Wednesday it will not award the licenses until Gov. J.B. Pritzker's disaster proclamations end, or until the state announces another date.

The governor is expected to

sign a new order this week extending the disaster proclamation through May 30.

The licenses offer the first path into Illinois' burgeoning marijuana industry for people who didn't already operate a cannabis facility. Though recreational sales started in the state Jan. 1, only existing operators were allowed to participate.

The delay means those existing operators will continue to control Illinois' marijuana market, which has delivered some of the highest first months of revenue in the nation. Customers spent about

\$110.2 million on legal weed in the first three months of sales.

It is unclear how long the new dispensaries will be delayed in opening. Once the state awards a license, the recipient has 180 days to find a location for the dispensary. The state must then inspect the location.

More than 700 applicants applied for the 75 licenses. Many of those seeking the dispensary licenses are social equity applicants. To qualify as a social equity applicant, a person must either have a marijuana-related arrest on their record, live in an area disproportionately hit by the war on drugs, or meet another qualifier.

Toi Hutchinson, senior adviser to the governor on cannabis con-

trol, said the Pritzker administration is still committed to creating a marijuana industry "that reflects the diversity of Illinois residents."

"We recognize that countless entrepreneurs were looking forward to May 1 and the next step it represented for Illinois' adult use cannabis industry," she said in a statement. "However, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has caused delays in the application review process. This executive order will help ensure that we continue to build out this industry in a deliberate and equity-centric manner."

In all, about 50 dispensaries already are selling recreational marijuana in the state, though the coronavirus pandemic has forced

some of them to change how they operate.

Some have halted recreational sales in an effort to enforce social distancing in their stores. Others have implemented online ordering systems, and will take products out to medical patients' cars. Plans to open new dispensaries have also been put on hold.

The state also has pushed back application deadlines for 40 craft grower and 40 infuser licenses due to the pandemic. The Illinois Department of Agriculture planned to issue those licenses in July. It has not said if it would delay the awarding of those licenses.

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Workers in late March head out a gate at a Boeing airplane manufacturing plant, where a mural of a jet covers a massive door behind them.

Boeing to cut 16,000 jobs

CEO calls pandemic 'a body blow' as company looks to reduce production of planes

BY DAVID KOENIG

Associated Press

Boeing is cutting about 10% of its workforce, or about 16,000 jobs, and slowing production of planes to deal with a downturn in business that started with the grounding of its best-selling 737 Max jet and has accelerated because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Chicago-based Boeing Co. said Wednesday it has started to shrink through employees volunteering to leave, attrition and "layoffs as necessary."

The company began the year with about 161,000 employees.

In a letter to employees, Boeing President and CEO David Calhoun said it will take years for the aviation industry to return to the levels it was at just months ago.

"The pandemic is also delivering a body blow to our business — affecting airline customer demand, production continuity and supply chain stability," Calhoun said in the letter, a copy of which was posted on Boeing's website. "The demand for commercial airline travel has fallen off a cliff,

with U.S. passenger volumes down more than 95% compared to last year. Globally, commercial airline revenue is expected to drop by \$314 billion this year."

Shares began the day down 60% so far this year, mirroring the plunge in airline stocks.

Boeing announced the job cuts as it reported a loss of \$641 million in the first quarter. It earned \$2.15 billion in the same period last year. Revenue fell 26%, to \$16.91 billion.

The job cuts will be deepest — more than 15% — in the large division that makes airline jets. Deliveries of those planes has plummeted by two-thirds in 2020, compared with a year earlier. Boeing's defense and

space unit will likely see the fewest jobs eliminated.

"I know this news is a blow during an already challenging time. I regret the impact this will have on many of you. I sincerely wish there were some other way," CEO David Calhoun said in the memo to employees.

Calhoun said Boeing will reduce production of its large 787 and 777 jets and slowly resume production of the grounded 737 Max at "low rates" this year, gradually rising to 31 a month next year. Boeing was building 52 Max jets a month before regulators around the world grounded the plane in March 2019 after

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Meat plants kept open, but fears stay close

Effect of Trump actions on Ill. facilities, staff safety is uncertain

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

President Donald Trump has ordered meat processing plants to remain open during the COVID-19 pandemic even as they have emerged as hotspots for worker illnesses in Illinois and elsewhere, laying bare the challenge of keeping the nation's food supply chain intact while protecting workers on crowded production lines.

Trump, in an executive order signed Tuesday, invoked the Defense Production Act to prevent meat plant closures, saying they "threaten the continued functioning of the national meat and poultry supply chain, undermining critical infrastructure during the national emergency." Unions and workers rights advocates said the action jeopardizes worker safety.

The order came as COVID-19 cases prompted a growing number of major slaughterhouses and meat processing facilities to temporarily shut down, sometimes under pressure from local authorities. The closures have sent ripples across the supply chain as farmers lost markets for their livestock and grocers braced for a shortage of meat on their shelves.

More than 20 meatpacking plants have closed temporarily over the past two months, including three in Illinois that shuttered last week. It wasn't immediately clear Wednesday what the order means for those facilities.

Smithfield Foods, the world's largest pork producer, indefinitely shuttered a large pork plant in Monmouth on Friday after a "small portion" of its 1,700 em-

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Chicago-area unemployment rate hit 4.8% in March

As coronavirus's toll continues, experts expect number to jump

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

The Chicago-area unemployment rate rose to 4.8% in March, up from 4.2% during the same month last year, as the coronavirus pandemic began to take a toll on the job market.

Labor economists expect the rate to move much higher in April.

Nearly two-thirds of metropolitan areas across the U.S. saw higher year-over-year unemployment rates last month, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Wednesday.

The national unemployment

rate in March was 4.5%, not seasonally adjusted, up from 3.9% a year earlier.

Like many states, Illinois enacted a stay-at-home order in March, temporarily closing non-essential businesses in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. Since then, many companies have implemented hiring freezes, furloughs and layoffs, with more than 26.5 million Americans filing for unemployment benefits.

In Illinois, more than 737,000 residents have filed initial claims for jobless benefits since the state closed bars and restaurants March 16.

Most of that fallout is not included in the March data.

"March data ... reflects some of the early effects of the coronavirus

pandemic on the labor market," the Labor Department said in a news release. "However, it is clear ... the increases in unemployment can be ascribed to the effects of the illness and efforts to contain the virus."

With 1 in 6 American workers losing their jobs since mid-March, the unemployment rate is expected to jump in April.

Michael Horrigan, the former associate commissioner with the Bureau of Labor Statistics who now serves as president of the not-for-profit Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, published a report Wednesday projecting the April unemployment to hit 20.6% nationally.

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A man looks at the closed sign in front of the Illinois Department of Employment Security in Chicago on April 15.

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ployees tested positive for COVID-19, and it closed a smaller plant in St. Charles, where 325 people work, on orders from the Kane County Health Department to improve social distancing and take other safety measures.

Hormel closed an 800-worker plant in Rochelle that makes bacon and deli meats on orders from the Ogle County Health Department, with plans to reopen May 4.

Monmouth Mayor Rod Davies said he is eager to see work resume at the Smithfield plant, which is a huge employer in his town of about 10,000 people, but is concerned about doing it in a way that keeps workers safe.

"I certainly appreciate what the president is trying to do, but it will be a difficult challenge to make that happen when we have a certain number of people who are sick and people around those individuals who are sick," Davies said.

Smithfield, in a statement, applauded the president's order, which it believes will prioritize meat processors to receive an ongoing supply of personal protective equipment and COVID-19 testing. The Virginia-based company, a wholly owned subsidiary of WH Group in China, said it is "evaluating next steps to open its currently shuttered facilities and will make announcements when it is ready to resume operations in each location."

The order, along with

government guidance issued this week for worker safety at meat processing plants, "provides a much-needed framework that prioritizes employee health and well-being, while also stabilizing the country's food supply and preventing the collapse of the agricultural economy," Smithfield said.

Kane County Health Department spokeswoman Susan Stack said the agency did not immediately have a comment about Trump's order. Hormel and Ogle County did not respond to requests for comment.

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker's office and the state Department of Public Health did not respond to requests for comment.

The United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, which represents 1.3 million food and retail workers, said Tuesday that 20 food-processing and meatpacking union workers in the U.S. have died of the virus. An estimated 6,500 are sick or have been exposed while working near someone who tested positive, the union said.

As a result of plant closures and slowed production from worker absenteeism, industry leaders have warned that consumers could see meat shortages and higher prices in a matter of days. Tyson Foods Inc., one of the world's largest food companies, ran a full-page advertisement in The New York Times and other newspapers Sunday warning, "The food supply chain is breaking."

Tyson suspended operations at its pork plants in Waterloo, Iowa, and Logansport, Indiana, which



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

A Tyson Fresh Meats plant employee leaves the plant Thursday in Logansport, Ind. The plant will temporarily close its meatpacking plant in north-central Indiana after several employees tested positive for COVID-19.

together employ 5,000 people, after a slew of infections. Smithfield Foods halted production at its pork plant in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where 853 of its 3,000 workers have tested positive.

The 15 largest pork-packing plants account for 60% of all pork processed in the U.S., and the country has already seen a 25% reduction in pork slaughter capacity, according to the union. UFCW.

Tyson, in response to Trump's order, said it appreciates the administration's efforts to help the food supply chain and "the safety of our team members will remain our top priority as we work with the USDA on next steps."

The order, which was developed in consultation with industry leaders in-

cluding Tyson and Smithfield, is designed, in part, to provide companies with additional liability protections in case workers get sick.

Trump on Tuesday said the order would address what he described as a "legal roadblock." It will "solve any liability problems where they had certain liability problems and we'll be in very good shape."

But UFCW International President Marc Perrone said that more must be done to protect the safety of workers.

"Simply put, we cannot have a secure food supply without the safety of these workers," he said in a statement urging the administration "to immediately enact clear and enforceable safety standards" and compelling companies to provide protective equipment, make

daily testing available to workers, and enforce physical distancing, among other measures.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration on Sunday issued extensive guidelines on steps meat processing companies and workers should take.

In a letter Wednesday to the National Governors Association, the UFCW said the new federal guidelines were "a step in the right direction" but called on state governors to issue additional enforceable protective measures for meatpacking workers, such as mandating six feet of social distancing on production lines, even if it means slower production speeds, and providing N95 respirators.

Protecting workers can

be especially challenging at plants that typically employ thousands of people who often work side-by-side carving meat, making social distancing all but impossible. Some companies have been working to reduce infections by checking workers' temperatures, staggering breaks and altering start times. Owners said they have also done more to clean plants and added plastic shields between workstations.

When outbreaks have happened, local public health agencies have pushed in some cases for temporary closures so they can limit wider outbreaks in communities and conduct mass testing to determine who is carrying the virus. Some plants have briefly closed for deep cleaning and to install new safety measures.

OSHA, in enforcing the new guidelines, will take into account "good faith attempts" by employers to follow them, which includes documenting the reasons certain safety measures are not feasible, the U.S. Department of Labor said Tuesday. The agency added that the guidance should not be "construed to indicate that state and local authorities may direct a meat and poultry processing facility to close, to remain closed, or to operate in accordance with procedures other than those provided for in this Guidance."

Bloomberg News and the AP's Ryan J. Foley in Iowa City, Iowa; Amy Forliti in Minneapolis; and Stephen Groves in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, contributed.

Boeing

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two crashes that killed 346 people.

The virus outbreak has added to Boeing's troubles by causing airlines to delay purchases of new jets.

Boeing temporarily shut down assembly lines in Washington state and South Carolina after workers tested positive for the virus. The Seattle-area plants are

beginning to resume activity, and workers are scheduled to return to the South Carolina plant beginning Sunday night.

Boeing was in financial trouble crisis before the virus outbreak, however. The grounding of the Max added billions in costs and cut deeply into revenue last year, leading to Boeing's first money-losing year in two decades. The company faces criminal and civil investigations and a flurry of lawsuits by families of the people

killed in the crashes.

Globally, airlines have parked about 2,800 planes and don't need new ones immediately. Some have canceled orders for the Max.

Boeing is considering applying for a federal loan made possible by last month's \$2.2 trillion virus-recovery measure. Calhoun said the company could turn to private sources instead, a move that would avoid giving the government an equity stake in Boeing.

The company ended March with \$15.5 billion in cash, up from \$10 billion three months earlier, but piled on \$11.6 billion in new debt, which now totals \$38.9 billion.

Over the weekend, Boeing terminated a deal with Brazilian aircraft-maker Embraer, which analysts said will help Boeing conserve cash but weaken its position in the market of building smaller passenger jets.

Boeing's European rival,

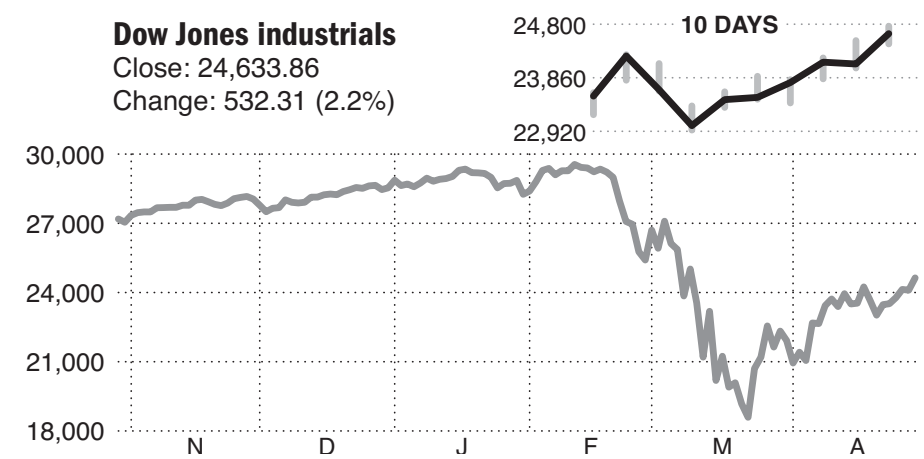
Airbus, reported a first-quarter loss of 481 million euros (\$515 million). Airbus recently decided to cut production of jetliners by about one-third, and CEO Guillaume Faury said Wednesday that the company — which has already furloughed more than 6,000 workers — will study further "resizing" when the post-pandemic size of the airline industry is more clear. That is a worrying prospect on a continent where Airbus has factories in four countries.

"We are still at an early stage of this crisis," said Faury, who called it the gravest situation ever for the aerospace industry.

Faury said airline customers are asking for delays in receiving new planes, which he called the company's biggest current issue. Some Boeing customers, notably Southwest Airlines, are also negotiating to delay deliveries, and with fewer planes flying, Boeing's service business has dropped too.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 24,764.77 Low: 24,453.99 Previous: 24,101.55



Nasdaq
+306.98 (+3.57%)

S&P 500
+76.12 (+2.66%)

Russell 2000
+62.68 (+4.83%)

Close: 8,914.71
High: 8,957.26
Low: 8,765.01
Previous: 8,607.73

Close: 2,939.51
High: 2,954.86
Low: 2,912.16
Previous: 2,863.39

Close: 1,360.76
High: 1,373.39
Low: 1,314.04
Previous: 1,298.08

10-yr T-note
+0.01 to .62%

Gold futures
-7.20 to \$1,703.40

Yen
-.28 to 106.58/\$1

Euro
-.0029 to .9201/\$1

Crude Oil
+2.72 to \$15.06

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+4.93	+4.94	+5.01	+17.62	+21.11	+18.98	-6.80	+10.75	+5.4

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	525	525	512.75	519.50	-7.25
		Jul 20	526	526.25	510.50	516.50	-9.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	302.75	308.75	300.25	304.50	+1.75
		Jul 20	311.75	318	309.25	314.50	+2.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 20	825.50	835	824.75	831.75	+5.75
		Jul 20	831.75	840.75	830	837.50	+5.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 20	25.30	25.88	25.22	25.78	+4.8
		Jul 20	25.76	26.29	25.66	26.17	+4.0
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 20	281.50	284.30	278.80	283.20	+1.40
		Jul 20	288.10	290.20	285.60	288.60	+2.0
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Jun 20	13.35	16.78	12.67	15.06	+2.72
		Jul 20	18.01	20.36	17.40	19.12	+1.52
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jun 20	1.949	1.973	1.860	1.869	-0.79
		Jul 20	2.186	2.198	2.085	2.091	-0.79
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 20	.6775	.7680	.6775	.7272	+0.0600
		Jun 20	.7241	.7990	.7119	.7545	+0.0505

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.

Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	92.28	+8.2	Envestnet Inc	N	65.07	+3.66	Littelfuse Inc	O	156.33	+13.42
AbbVie Inc	N	83.76	+1.00	Equity Commonwlt	N	33.85	+0.06	McDonalds Corp	N	187.82	+1.89
Allstate Corp	N	105.82	+3.98	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	61.28	-1.78	Middleby Corp	O	60.07	+4.57
Aptargroup Inc	N	110.08	-1.10	Equity Residential	N	65.82	+9.5	Mondelez Intl	O	51.05	-1.2
Arch Dan Mid	N	38.41	+1.24	Exelon Corp	O	38.32	+4.8	Morningstar Inc	O	145.89	+2.79
Baxter Intl	N	91.49	+4.9	First Indl RT	N	38.36	+8.3	Motorola Solutions	N	148.92	+3.49
Boeing Co	N	139.00	+7.70	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	51.53	+1.87	NiSource Inc	N	25.93	-7.1
Brunswick Corp	N	48.72	+2.34	Gallagher AJ	N	79.67	+2.45	Nthn Trust Cp	O	82.04	+1.91
CBOE Global Markets	N	99.32	+8.2	Grainger WW	N	280.64	-5.38	Old Republic	N	16.43	+3.4
CDK Global Inc	O	39.03	+2.49	GrubHub Inc	N	47.47	+1.14	Packaging Corp Am	N	100.20	+1.91
CDW Corp	O	111.29	+4.17	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	114.89	+7.8	Paylocity Hldg	O	112.75	+12.73
CF Industries	N	29.01	+9.7	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	58.74	+3.02	RLI Corp	N	77.22	+1.49
CME Group	O	181.47	-2.85	IAA Inc	N	39.67	+7.0	Stericycle Inc	O	51.25	+1.41
CNA Financial	N	32.74	+4.9	IDEX Corp	N	157.88	+1.0	TransUnion	N	81.14	+3.03
Cabot Microelect	O	132.45	+17.10	ITW	N	167.51	+1.03	US Foods Holding	N	22.37	+1.35
Caterpillar Inc	N	120.06	+4.60	Ingredion Inc	N	83.12	+0.1	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	226.16	+7.48
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	34.21	-1.9	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	110.23	+3.92	United Airlines Hldg	O	31.21	+3.37
Deere Co	N	147.10	+5.54	Kemper Corp	N	70.49	+1.99	Ventas Inc	N	32.66	+3.50
Discover Fin Svcs	N	45.91	+5.85	Kraft Heinz Co	O	30.53	+1.0	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	45.36	+7.1
Dover Corp	N	96.31	+1.40	LQK Corporation	O	25.30	+1.31	Zebra Tech	O	244.97	+16.49

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	6.58	-1.2
Ford Motor	5.26	-22
Carnival Corp	16.69	+2.23
Swst Airlines	30.97	+1.28
Hertz Corp	4.00	-1.00
Delta Air Lines	27.32	+2.98
Bank of America	24.78	+8.9
Callon Petrol	.78	+1.89
Norwegian Cruise Ln	16.41	+3.32
Boeing Co	139.00	+7.70
Occid Petl	16.78	+1.61
Nordic Amer Tanker	6.29	-1.05
Transocean Ltd	1.12	+1.18
Ambev S.A.	2.19	+0.06
Marathon Oil	5.85	+8.86
Macy's Inc	6.07	+0.8
SM Energy Co	3.30	+1.41
Energy Transfer LP	8.14	+8.9
Snap Inc A	17.83	+1.42
Itau Unibanco Hldg	4.47	+2.23
Wells Fargo & Co	30.00	+1.13
Petrobras	7.14	+5.8
Halliburton	11.02	+1.50
Vale SA	8.76	+6.5

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	206.70	+5.55
Alphabet Inc C	1341.48	+107.81
Alphabet Inc A	1342.18	+109.59
Amazon.com Inc	2372.71	+58.63
Apple Inc	287.73	+9.15
Berkshire Hath B	189.61	+2.49
Facebook Inc	194.19	+11.28
HSBC Holdings prA	25.71	+0.1
Home Depot	221.81	+4.18
Intel Corp	61.80	+3.05
JPMorgan Chase	97.86	+2.57
Johnson & Johnson	150.24	-1.15
MasterCard Inc	283.69	+19.09
Microsoft Corp	177.43	+7.62
Procter & Gamble	117.08	+1.9
Unitedhealth Group	287.65	-7.1
Verizon Comm	58.12	+2.9
Visa Inc	181.79	+10.54
WalMart Strs	123.60	-4.40

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	27.21	+3.6	+3.9
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	45.74	+1.02	-4.3
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	56.42	+6.8	-3.3
American Funds FdmtlnvsA m	55.06	+1.34	-2.2
American Funds GrAmrcA m	49.66	+1.38	+4.9
American Funds IncAmrcA m	20.74	+2.3	-2.2
American Funds InvAmrcA m	35.80	+8.5	-1.7
American Funds WmPrspctvA m	43.34	+1.04	+1.0
American Funds WAMtlnvsA m	42.46	+9.6	-2.1
Dodge & Cox Intl	14.23	+0.4	+7.9
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	33.18	+1.11	-18.1
Dodge & Cox Stk	157.56	+5.90	-10.5
DoubleLine TtlRetBdl	10.54	...	+3.8
Fidelity 500ldxInsPrm	101.97	+2.64	+1.9
Fidelity Contrafund	13.42	+4.2	+6.1
Fidelity InvMGrdAdm	11.85	+0.2	+9.4
Fidelity TtlMktldxInsPrm	81.82	+2.32	+1.1
Fidelity USBldxInsPrm	12.46	...	+11.3
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.04	+0.2	-8.1
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl			

Stocks higher on hopes for progress in virus fight

Experimental drug buoys optimistic momentum in markets

BY STAN CHOE, DAMIAN J. TROISE AND ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

Stocks around the world whipped higher Wednesday, riding a wave of optimism on encouraging data about a possible treatment for COVID-19.

The upswell of hope was so strong that investors completely sidestepped a report showing the outbreak drove the U.S. economy to its worst quarterly performance since the Great Recession. The S&P 500 vaulted 2.7% higher and extended a rally that's brought the U.S. stock market to the brink of its best month in 45 years.

The spark for Wednesday's rally was a report that an experimental drug proved effective against the new coronavirus in a study run by the National Institutes of Health. The nation's top infectious diseases expert said the drug reduced the time it takes patients to recover, and it raised hopes that life around the world may eventually tiptoe back toward "normal."

The S&P 500 rose 76.12 points to 2,939.51. It has surged 13.7% in April, and

it's a day away from closing out its best month since late 1974.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 532.31, or 2.2%, to 24,633.86, and the Nasdaq climbed 306.98, or 3.6%, to 8,914.71.

"What you're finding now is you have this debate between optimism and realism," said Adam Taback, chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Wealth Management.

The Federal Reserve said Wednesday that it expects the health crisis to weigh on the economy "over the medium term," as it promised to keep in place massive amounts of aid and interest rates at nearly zero. Oil prices, bonds and other markets besides stocks have also been dominated in recent weeks by worries about the economic impact of the virus outbreak.

"Everything except equities is telling you things are not great," Taback said. "This market is overly optimistic."

Gilead's release about its remdesivir drug hit markets at the same moment as a government report showing the U.S. economy shrank at a 4.8% annual rate in the

first three months of the year.

Job losses have exploded since early April, as layoffs sweep the nation following widespread stay-at-home orders, and economists expect to see even worse numbers for the second quarter of the year.

The first quarter figure was "merely the tip of the iceberg," said Michael Reynolds, investment strategy officer at Glenmede.

But stocks have been rallying over the last month as investors look beyond the current economic devastation and focus instead on the prospect of economies gradually reopening. Some U.S. states and nations around the world have laid out plans to relax restrictions keeping people at home and businesses bereft of customers. Any new treatment for COVID-19 could also lower the dread so prevalent among households and businesses around the world.

"My concern is that the market is starting to get a little bit more focused on the rewards and less focused on the risks right now," said Sal Bruno, chief investment officer at IndexIQ. "Maybe investors are getting a little too enthusiastic."

US putting 5 Amazon operations on blacklist

BY PAUL WISEMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States for the first time added five of Amazon's overseas operations to its list of "notorious markets" where pirated goods are sold. The e-commerce giant dismissed the move as part of the Trump administration's "personal vendetta" against it.

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative on Wednesday added the Amazon.com Inc. domains in Canada, France, Germany, India and the United Kingdom to its annual blacklist.

USTR cited complaints from U.S. businesses that consumers can't easily tell who is selling items on the Amazon platforms and that the e-commerce company's procedures for removing counterfeit goods "can be lengthy and burdensome."

Amazon fired back with a statement Wednesday: "This purely political act is another example of the administration using the U.S. government to advance a personal vendetta against Amazon."

The Seattle-based company said it has taken aggressive steps to combat counterfeiting and to vet sellers. The company said that last year it weeded out 2.5 million potential bad actors before they could start selling.

President Donald Trump has clashed repeatedly with Amazon. The company's founder, Jeff Bezos, also owns The Washington Post newspaper, which has written critical stories about Trump and his business dealings.

Chinese e-commerce colossus Alibaba Group's Taobao.com online marketplace also remained on the list.

USTR also said Wednesday that Algeria, Argentina, Chile, China, India, Indonesia, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine and Venezuela remained on its "priority watch list" of countries that do not adequately protect intellectual property. It removed Kuwait from the priority list.



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Empty shelves for sympathy cards offer a snapshot of the coronavirus pandemic's toll last week in Long Beach, New York.

The most poignant shortage

First toilet paper, now sympathy cards nearly sold out in pandemic

BY MICHAEL CORKERY AND SAPNA MAHESHWARI
The New York Times

The coronavirus pandemic has left retailers scrambling to meet a crushing demand for everything from milk to toilet paper to flour and yeast.

But there is another shortage, perhaps less obvious but more heart-wrenching. In stores, next to an ample supply of birthday cards and thank-you notes, the sympathy cards are nearly sold out.

The greeting card aisle, with its pastel-colored envelopes and messages for every occasion, offers a snapshot of the virus's wicked toll. While many celebrations and milestones have been put on hold, grief is in abundance.

"The number of orders we see coming in for sympathy is stunning," said Alan Friedman, who runs a silk-screen card company, Great Arrow Graphics, in Buffalo, New York, and is a board member of the Greeting Card Association, the industry trade group. "It seems like just about everyone knows someone who has died."

Even at a time of perpetual Zoom gatherings and virtual hugs, big retailers are struggling to keep up with the demand for old-school sympathy cards.

CVS, one of the nation's largest sellers of greeting cards, said that it was seeing "higher demand for sympathy cards than most other types of greeting cards during the pandemic" and was experiencing shortages in certain stores. Shoppers across the country have posted on social media that their local Winn-Dixie or ShopRite was running out of cards.

On Etsy, the online marketplace for crafts and jewelry, searches for sympathy cards more than doubled from March 1 to April 17 compared with the same period a year ago.

"It makes me sick in my heart, every order that comes in," said Elizabeth Avalos, who sells greeting cards online from her home in Valley Springs, California. In a typical month, she sells about six sympathy cards. She sold 37 in March and more than 275 this month.

Some of the shortages have been caused by distribution problems. Pharmacies and grocery chains, focused on keeping their shelves stocked with household staples, are not allowing card companies to come into the stores and restock regularly. With stores running out and people unable to leave their homes, many card sales have

moved online and are at record levels, suppliers say.

Before the pandemic, the greeting card industry had experienced declining sales. Some big retailers recently cut back on the aisle space devoted to cards. The parent company of high-end card retailer Papyrus declared bankruptcy in January and closed all of the brand's stores.

But virtual communication has its limits, especially in times of grief.

With many people unable to attend funerals or drop off food for a grieving neighbor, or even offer an embrace, mailing a sympathy card seems more necessary.

For some, the upending of their card-sending rituals has been another cruel outcome of the virus.

Deb Toye-Sweppenheiser was grieving this month when she visited a Winn-Dixie supermarket in Marco Island, Florida. Her 79-year-old aunt, who lived in Hillsborough, New Jersey, had died from the coronavirus and she wanted to send cards to her family, including at least five cousins.

But the shelves of sympathy cards were empty and the scale of the pandemic hit her anew. She posted a picture of the card display on Facebook, expressing her shock with the remark, "Not fake news people are dying."

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Banks see more SBA loan success

NEW YORK — Banks are reporting a little more success in getting small business owners' applications for coronavirus relief loans into government processing systems.

Bank industry groups said Wednesday that changes the Small Business Administration made in its procedures apparently are helping lenders trying to submit thousands of applications for \$310 billion in loans.

While banks were frustrated during the first two days of applications for the current round of coronavirus relief loans, the SBA said late Tuesday that it had approved nearly 476,000 loans totaling more than \$52 billion. Banks have thousands more loans to submit, and many owners are still applying for the relief.

Feds pan Shkreli's bid for release

Federal prosecutors say a judge should not release convicted fraudster Martin Shkreli early from federal prison, even though the former pharmaceutical company CEO says he plans to come up with a cure for the new coronavirus if sprung.

The feds panned his claims Wednesday as typical "delusional self-aggrandizing behavior" by Shkreli.

"Even if Shkreli were somehow able to develop a potential cure, there is no evidence that he would in fact use it to 'contribute to the betterment of society,' as he claims, rather than to enrich himself to the maximum extent possible, including by concealing his work or declining to provide such a cure to others unless he were paid an exorbitant sum," prosecutors wrote.

JetBlue to require face masks for passengers

BY JOHNNY DIAZ
The New York Times

JetBlue will require passengers to wear face coverings starting next week, becoming the first major American airline to compel its customers to cover their noses and mouths since the start of the coronavirus outbreak.

The policy, which takes effect Monday, covers the duration of a passenger's flight, from check-in through boarding and deplaning, the airline said.

"Wearing a face covering isn't about protecting yourself, it's about protecting those around you," Joanna Geraghty, JetBlue's president and chief operating officer, said in a statement. "This is the new flying etiquette."

JetBlue already had been requiring its crew members to wear face coverings while on duty. The airline said it modeled its new policy on a recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that people cover their noses and mouths in public to help slow the spread of the coronavirus.

JetBlue referred to the CDC's definition of a face covering as a cloth that should fit snugly against the side of a person's face, is secured with ties or ear loops, "and include multiple layers of fabric for unrestricted breathing."

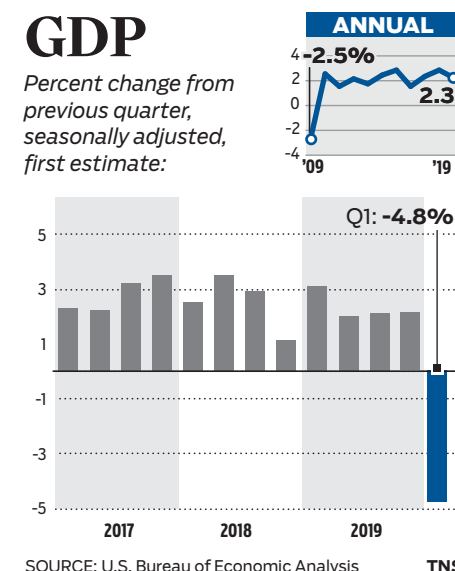
The company said it would remind passengers of the new policy before their flight by email and through announcements and signage at airports. Small children who are not able to wear a face

covering are exempt from the requirement, the airline said.

United Airlines announced last week that it was requiring masks for its flight attendants. And Delta announced Monday that it was requiring its employees to wear masks or face coverings when they are "unable to maintain at least 6 feet" of distance.

Since late March, JetBlue has limited the number of seats for sale on most flights to allow for more space between passengers who are not traveling together, the company said.

Last month, American Airlines announced that it would not assign 50% of main-cabin middle seats or seats near attendant jump seats. United and Delta are also blocking sales of middle seats.



OBITUARIES

Remembering the lives of those in Illinois who died from coronavirus

They were mothers and fathers, daughters and sons. Many were proud grandparents. Two were sisters from a tight-knit South Side family. All were loved, relatives say, and will be forever missed. As the number of deaths attributable to COVID-19 ticks upward, the Tribune is working to chronicle those who have lost their lives in the Chicago area or who have connections to our region. These are some of those victims.

CONRAD DUNCKER, 99
From Chicago, died April 8.



FAMILY PHOTO

As one of the first Chicagoans drafted for World War II, Conrad Duncker lined up with other cadets for a Tribune photograph in front of a downtown federal building. Before the photo was snapped, an Army jeep drove up and the driver yelled out Duncker's name, summoning him to quickly hop in. A colonel in Michigan had a toothache and heard Duncker had learned dentistry.

Duncker performed such a fine job on the colonel he was stationed at Fort McCoy in Wisconsin, performing dental work on soldiers in the medic unit instead of being shipped overseas to fight.

"He even worked on Japanese prisoners," his son Conrad Duncker said. "One guy was a kamikaze (pilot). He dove into a chimney of a battleship and didn't die, but his face was messed up. He reconstructed his mouth. He fixed prisoners' of war jaws and all the soldiers who came through."

Duncker lived an active life, working into his 80s as a dentist and taking family fishing expeditions to Canada.

He died April 8 from complications stemming from the coronavirus. He was 99.

Duncker contracted the virus at a nursing home he had moved into only a month or two ago, his family said.

Duncker was the youngest of six children born to an immigrant family in Chatham. His mother, Marie, who was born in Switzerland, sold gloves at Marshall Field's. His dad, William, who was from Germany, worked as a Chicago trolley driver.

Duncker overcame trying circumstances in his youth. As a toddler, he fell from a second-story balcony during home remodeling and remained in a coma for several months, his son told the Tribune. Duncker awoke but was left with speech delay.

It wasn't until a teacher worked diligently with him that he overcame the impediment in his early teens.

Duncker got to work as a teenager when the Great Depression hit, plucking feathers from chickens. At nights, his uncle Hans Madsen trained him to be a dental technician. He furthered his dental certification in the military.

When he was on a military leave, he met Jeanette Costello while dancing at the White City Ballroom on the South Side. They married and she returned with him to Fort McCoy, where she worked as a secretary.

At the end of the war, they returned to Chicago and bought a six-flat in Bridgeport. They lived on the first floor, where they raised their four children, Janis, Raymond, Jerry and Conrad.

After his military service, Duncker had his own dentist practice and worked for others. He once worked at the Drake Hotel, where the Queen of England stayed and needed dental work, his son said.

Duncker is survived by 10 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Jeanette Duncker died in 1990. He remarried to Meredith Acey, who also died several years ago.

When his children were young, Duncker enjoyed family trips to their cottage in Indiana. Duncker played ball and went fishing with his children outside.

He later took fishing trips to Canada with his sons and some grandchildren.

"There wasn't a fish he liked to throw away," his son Conrad Duncker said. "Being a man of the Depression, everything looked good enough for a keeper."

He was also an avid golfer and a softball player in his younger years. Duncker enjoyed handyman projects and creative tasks.

He built a gigantic model railroad train set. When his wife was expecting a child, he made a charm bracelet that included a baby carriage with wheels that spun.

"There was something unique about everything he did," his son said. "He was just amazing."

— Shannon Ryan

JIM SCHWARK, 68
From Wheaton, died April 1.



JAMES SCHWARK

A devoted Cubs fan, Jim Schwark even converted his grandsons growing up in Virginia to root for his North Side team and to follow his love of baseball.

"Papa would pitch 100 times and I'd hit 60 home runs," his grandson Brayden, 7, said.

Schwark visited recently and brought Brayden and his brother Noah, 5, a basketball and soccer ball too.

"Brayden and him would talk about the Cubs all the time," said Meghan Garner, Schwark's daughter and mom to his grandsons. "They would play basketball here and somehow the kids always won."

Schwark died from complications stemming from the coronavirus on April 1. He was 68.

His children remember him as a loving family man who supported others' passions.

His three children, Caitlin Schwark, James Schwark and Garner, marvel at how he would wake at 5:15 a.m. to beat traffic downtown from Wheaton, exercise and still be in the office before colleagues.

Caitlin Schwark, a nurse in Michigan, would call her dad after her overnight shifts as he was headed into his office as a CPA.

"I'd call him and he's already downtown," she said. "Every single morning, I'd call to see if he already worked out."

They appreciated how he somehow managed to beat traffic home to consistently attend their sporting events — from baseball and basketball games to cross-country and volleyball meets.

"We could probably count the number of games he missed of ours on a single hand," James Schwark said.

Heading to Wrigley Field was a special family bond, especially for Jim and his son.

Jim Schwark once bought Cubs playoff tickets for his own dad in the 1980s. James Schwark was excited to do the same for his dad when he won a lottery for Cubs tickets during the 2015 playoffs.

The two watched in awe as Kyle Schwarber hit a homer that disappeared into the stands on top of the right-field video board, helping the Cubs beat the Cardinals.

"It was the first (home) playoff game in a while," his son said. "It meant something to me on a personal level to share that same story he told about his dad."

Jim Schwark married his wife, Beth, in 1981. She loves gardening and he helped her plant in the backyard.

James Schwark went through his briefcase after his dad died and found three books on perennials.

"He was just trying to do his homework to help her," he said.

Said Garner: "There was nothing he wouldn't do for anyone who would need it. He did anything and everything for my mom."

Jim Schwark began golfing in recent years, often adding it to his early morning regiment. He was rarely sick and had no underlying conditions, his family said.

He was visiting Garner's family when he began to feel ill and returned to Wheaton — a sign of concern to his family.

"He would joke, 'I haven't been sick in 25 years,'" James Schwark said. "He worked with the same people forever. They just said the same thing: 'Jim is never sick.'"

Garner enjoyed sharing a story about her childhood with her own children. She, her siblings and dad would sit in the family garage with the door open to watch storms roll in.

She said the day after he died, a sunny day gave way to an evening lightning storm. The sudden weather shift comforted her.

"It's silly," she said, "but it's his way of saying he's OK."

— Shannon Ryan

MARY CHRISTIEN, 97
From Des Plaines, died April 17.

Growing up in Portage Park, Mary Christien was the youngest of seven children. Her father ran a dry goods store and struggled to maintain it, once the worst economic crisis of the 20th century hit with full force. Her mother died when she was seven.

She was "a stoic," as Christien's youngest daughter, Anne Christien, described her.

"Matter-of-fact. A child of the Depression, always concerned about saving money," Anne Christien said. "She used to say she shed all her tears when her mother died. But she was also a loving mother."

Born Mary Densberger, she met her future husband, Carl J. Christien, in high school at a Chicago event for Catholic teenagers. A seven-year friendship led to a romance. Carl, longtime vice president of sales for Joyce Bros. Storage and Van, died in 2003.

After a three-week stay in Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Mary Christien died April 17 of a novel coronavirus infection.

For 15 years, according to her daughter, she'd been living independently in a two-bedroom Des Plaines condominium. The extended family gathered there March 7 to celebrate her 97th birthday.

"She didn't have any underlying health conditions," Anne Christien said. "Her biggest issue was arthritis in her knees. And she was starting to use a walker. But she was in her own place, unassisted, with a caregiver coming in twice a week."

In the words of Christien's firstborn, Mary Lynn Bower, "she was healthier than all five of her kids."

Mary and Carl Christien married in 1948. A 2003 Tribune obituary of her late husband recounted how the couple traveled by train through the American West and the Pacific Northwest after Carl's graduation from DePaul University. In their time together over the decades they visited Europe and Canada and every state, according to Mary, except Alaska and Hawaii.

"He loved to do side trips when he traveled and he sort of dragged me along," she told the Tribune in 2003. "We tried to get away whenever we could. I've always been grateful to him for wanting to travel, even after he retired."

Anne Christien and her siblings are trying to make peace with not knowing how their mother contracted the coronavirus. "It's just something we have to live with," Bower acknowledged, "that there's no clear answer."

Her mother went to long-scheduled doctors' appointments March 23 and March 24, Anne said. By March 27 she had developed diarrhea and fatigue. Paramedics took her to Lutheran General on March 28. She tested positive for COVID-19 a few days later.

One of Mary's sons-in-law, Richard Zidek of Beverly, received nurses' permission for the Rev. Nat O'Donnell, pastor of St. Columbanus Parish on Chicago's South Side, to pray for her in person on Palm Sunday and offer the anointing of the sick.

She lived nearly a century. With such a long life, Anne Christien said, "you think you're preparing yourself for what's about to happen. But when you get that final notice, it's not easy."

In addition to Anne Christien, of Oak Park, and Bower, of Denver, Christien is survived by her children Carol Brown, of Kansas City, Missouri; Stephen Christien, of Forest Park; and Nancy Zidek, of Beverly. She is also survived by six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

— Michael Phillips

HERBERT NYGREN, 91
From Carol Stream, died April 18.



JIM GARRINGER/TAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Herbert Nygren grew up in the teeming neighborhoods of Depression-era Brooklyn, but spent most of his adulthood in a pastoral Indiana town where he was a professor of religion and philosophy and a traveling pastor for churches so humble they paid him in eggs and vegetables.

Nygren, who spent the last years of his life at a retirement community in Carol Stream, died Saturday from causes related to COVID-19, his family said. He was 91.

Nygren's father was a sailor from Sweden and his mother was a housekeeper who hailed from Norway. They met after a service at Brooklyn's Bethelship Norwegian Methodist Church, founded to minister to maritime workers. Nygren grew up in the borough, a zealous Dodgers fan who saw Jackie Robinson's first game at Ebbets Field.

A math and engineering savant who fashioned airplanes out of scrap balsa wood, Nygren attended a high school that trained him to design actual planes for the military. But World War II ended before his graduation, so he switched gears and headed to Taylor University, a Christian liberal arts school in Upland, Indiana.

There, he studied psychology and met Louise Whitton, the woman who would become his wife of 65 years. They married after graduation and moved back to the East Coast, where Nygren continued his studies and was ordained as a Methodist minister.

In 1969 he returned to Taylor to become chairman of the university's religion and philosophy department. He was a creative teacher, sometimes using Peanuts or Garfield cartoons to make a theological point, but a demanding one.

Phil Collins, executive director at the Taylor Center for Scripture Engagement, took classes with Nygren as an undergraduate and remembered them as formidable experiences.

"He wasn't easy," Collins said. "He was rigorous. But he was such a brilliant man. Understood his field completely. He had a way of making things clear but also challenging. He really made you think deeper and more broadly than an undergraduate was necessarily doing on his or her own."

Nygren also worked as a pastor for nearby churches that couldn't afford a full-time minister. Most of the time he volunteered his services, though his son Steven said he would sometimes be paid in eggs or produce.

"At first (rural churchgoers) were intimidated by him, but they soon saw he was interested in relating to them, getting to know them, teaching them at their level and becoming their friend," Steven Nygren said.

Nygren retired from the university in 1991, and in 2012, he and his wife moved to the Windsor Park retirement community in Carol Stream. Louise Nygren passed away four years ago, but Nygren continued on in excellent health, attending musical performances and reading plenty of books before falling ill with the virus in late March, his son said.

In a Facebook post from Taylor University announcing Nygren's death, dozens offered their memories of him as a teacher and pastor.

"I was baffled by his brilliance, but my faith has been preserved by his compassion for my understanding," one former student recalled.

Aside from Steven Nygren and his wife, Katherine, Nygren is survived by his son Herb Jr. and his wife, Annie; grandchildren Erik, Zachary, Jenna and Maxwell; and great-grandchildren Anders, Quincy and Britta.

— John Keilman

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON APRIL 30 ...

In 1789, George Washington took office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, the U.S. bought the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about \$15 million.

In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state.

In 1904, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition opened in St. Louis.

In 1939, the New York World's Fair opened.

In 1945, as Russian troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

In 1947, President Harry Truman signed a measure changing the name of Boulder Dam to Hoover Dam.

In 1970, President Richard Nixon announced the United States was sending troops into Cambodia, an action that sparked widespread protest.

In 1996, President Bill Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres signed an accord in Washington extending U.S. help to Israel in countering terrorism.

In 2001, Chandra Levy, a federal government intern, was last seen at a health club near her Washington apartment; her remains were found more than a year later in a city park.

In 2002, Benevolence International Foundation, an Islamic charity based in suburban Chicago, and its director were charged with per-

jury; authorities accused the charity of supporting terrorists.

In 2004, Arabs expressed outrage at graphic photographs of naked Iraqi prisoners being humiliated by U.S. military police; President George W. Bush condemned the mistreatment of prisoners, saying "that's not the way we do things in America."

In 2008, the Federal Reserve cut interest rates for a seventh straight time, reducing the federal funds rate a quarter-point to 2 percent.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

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Adelman, Rebecca M.

Rebecca M. Adelman, age 36, recently of Brooklyn, was fatally injured on April 22, 2020 in a traffic accident on her way to work at the NY Presbyterian Hospital NICU. Rebecca, known to her extended family as "Bess," was the light of our lives, and the beloved spouse of Caroline Lemelin and devoted mother of twin two year old sons, Rory and Finn Adelman. After graduating from Wellesley College in 2004, she saw the world as her oyster. She headed to DC focused on public service, eventually joining the Obama Presidential Campaign staff. She later worked in the HHS Dept under both Obama terms, rising to the position of its Deputy Liaison to the White House. Inspired by her HHS colleagues to be a "doer rather than a talker" she achieved her RN and MPH with Honors from Johns Hopkins University. Her RN career began in NY as a NICU nurse at Mt Sinai, where she rose to its Clinical Nurse Manager position before becoming the Patient Care Director at the NYP NICU last year. No matter the professional arena or personal circumstances, her natural skill set enabled her to serve at the highest level of proficiency and to love with the fullest and most joyful heart imaginable. In addition to her spouse and sons, she leaves her adoring parents, Patricia T. Adelman and Howard Adelman of Chicago, Ill., sister Mara (Patrick) Cotter of Chicago, brother Michael (Danielle) Adelman of NYC, loving relatives, friends from her childhood home of Flossmoor, Ill., TNT Triathletes in DC, and those she served alongside in her NYC health care communities. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a contribution in Rebecca's memory may consider donating to the Rebecca M. Adelman Memorial Trust f/b/o Rory and Finn Adelman, Wells Fargo Advisors, 500 Lake Cook Road, Suite 300, Deerfield, IL 60015. Contact Tea at (847) 405-7364 for further info. Arrangements for a celebration of her all too short but profoundly purposeful life will be held after the pandemic restrictions have been withdrawn.

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Marjorie Barron, nee Shapira, 89; beloved wife for 62 years of the late Howard; devoted mother of Ellen (Joel) Feldman and Laurie (Michael Yelnosky) Barron; cherished grandmother of Ilana Beth (Jeffrey) Gross, Rebecca Leah (Robert) Schur, Samuel Martin Yelnosky and Hannah Ada Yelnosky; dear sister of the late Corinne (late Paul) Leopold; caring sister-in-law of the late Barbara (Bernard) Baum; treasured aunt of Mark (Jacque) Leopold, Robert (Wanda) Leopold, Kathy (Stephen) Rosenblatt, and Richard (Wendy) Baum; loving daughter of the late Lillian and Richard Shapira; fond daughter-in-law of the late Ada and Irwin Barron. Marjorie graduated from the University of Chicago Lab School in 1946. She attended The College at the University of Chicago and graduated with a bachelor's degree from Smith College in 1952. She earned a master's degree in learning disabilities from Northeastern Illinois University and taught for over 20 years. Margie married Howie, her high school sweetheart and love of her life, in 1953. She was an active volunteer for numerous organizations, including the Highland Park Hospital Auxiliary and the Great Books Program. Margie was completely devoted to her family and friends and will be deeply missed. Services are private by necessity. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Vision for Tomorrow Foundation, www.visionfortomorrow.org, or the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter, www.alz.org/illinois.

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Bloch, Beverle

Beverle Bloch nee Swift, age 72, beloved sister of Bonnie (John) Cotter, cherished friend and companion of Shawn O'Donnell, and beloved teacher, mentor, inspiration and friend to others too numerous to mention passed away on April 27, 2020 in Chicago. She is survived by her sister Bonnie, brother-in-law John, her uncle Bob (Ann) Kibort, sister-in-laws Maureen (Ned) Cotter and Anne Cotter, John's stepfather Peter O'Brien, John's children Timothy, Kelli, and Erin, and many beloved cousins, former students, colleagues and friends.

Beverle was born in Chicago on April 6, 1948 to Ray Swift and Gertrude Kibort Swift. She attended Mather High School, completed a BS in Speech at Northwestern University and earned a Masters Degree in Mass Communication and a doctorate in Theatre History from Denver University. While living in Vancouver, Canada she worked in radio and television broadcasting and as a disc jockey. In Denver she formed and was artistic director of The Comedy Connection, an improvisational Theatre Group modeled on Chicago's Second City. After earning her doctorate she was an Educator for 30 years, teaching Popular Culture at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, serving as Chair of Communication and Theatre at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg North Carolina, as Assistant Professor at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois, and as adjunct Professor at Truman College.

After returning to Chicago to help care for her mother, Beverle became active in the Chicago theatre scene, most notably as co-director and later as a board member of Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre. Her last involvement in Chicago theatre as a judge for the Jeff Awards. She always joked about what a tough job it was to HAVE to go watch plays.

Beverle will be remembered for her kindness, her beautiful smile and her joie de vie.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre, GreaterGood, PAWS Chicago, ACLU, or Center for Biological Diversity

Private Graveside services will be held on Friday at 1:30 PM. To attend the funeral live stream, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com

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Bogolub, Harve R.

Harve R. Bogolub, age 91, beloved husband of the recently late (April 4, 2020) Joyce, nee Sirota; devoted father of Phillip (Sheryl), David (Toni), and the late Helene (Edie) Bogolub; cherished grandfather of Carli, Joshua, Danielle, and Joel Bogolub; brother of Donald (Sally) Bogolub. Due to the current health crisis, services and shiva will be private. Remembrances may be made to Congregation Etz Chaim, 1710 S. Highland Ave., Lombard 60148. Info: **Chesed v'Emet Funeral Home**, Rudy Lerner, Funeral Director, 847-577-0856, www.chesedvemet.com.

Brust, John Bartlett 'Jack'

John "Jack" Bartlett Brust, age 92, longtime resident of Lombard & Civic Leader, died April 27, 2020 at his home in Hayward, Wisconsin. Vet U.S. Army WWII. Founder of **Brust Funeral Home** in Lombard and Carol Stream. Jack was the beloved husband of Jacqueline J. nee Kahrs, the late Marilyn Fritz nee Kelley and the late Anita nee Raasch; dear father of John Brandon (Karen) of Lombard, Clara Bonnie (the late James) Fiebrandt, of Lombard, Thomas E. (Susan) of Minnesota and James F. of Carol Stream; dear step-father of John (Germaine) Fritz of Arizona, Denise (Steve) Sheehan of Glen Ellyn and Suzanne (Mark) Marshall of Glen Ellyn; grandfather of 13, James Bartlett (Kate) Fiebrandt, Tom (Brittany) Fiebrandt, Katherine A. (Adam) Dickens, Kristin (John) Robinson, John Christian (Ashley) Brust, Kelsie (John E.) Schmit, Margaret Brust, Max Brust, T. Erik (Sarah Beth) Brust, Heidi A. Brust, Ted Brust, Kristina Brust, and Erik John Fiebrandt; loving step-grandfather of 12 and great-grandfather of 20; brother of the late Kenneth. A drive-through visitation for the public will be held Sunday from 1-4 pm at **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St, Lombard. Family Funeral Service will be held Monday, Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jack's memory may be made to Lombard YMCA or St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Lombard, or any of the deserving Lombard churches or charities. Info www.brustfuneralhome.com or 888-629-0094.

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Cella, William J.
William (Bill) J. Cella passed away on April 10, 2020. Nicknamed "Chip", Bill was a beloved father, husband, brother, uncle, and friend to many. Growing up in Park Ridge, IL, Bill attended St. Paul of the Cross and Loyola Academy. In 1969, he graduated with a BA in English Literature from Notre Dame University (known to his friends as "Snake"). Bill loved history, the Beatles and Beach Boys, Chicago sports and Notre Dame football, animals and his pets, a good book, a sunny day, and his family. Bill is remembered for his quote "Keep a Smile." His family and friends will celebrate Bill's wonderful life at a later date.

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Davies, Barbara

Barbara Davies, age 88; of Westmont, IL, passed away April 26th, with her loving family at her side, born December 5, 1931 in Hinsdale, IL to her loving parents Arnold and Amy Jung. Beloved wife of the late Ramon "Pinky" Wild, the late John Davies and her loving companion the late George "Babe" Brownlee; loving mother of Stephen (Linda) Wild, Judy (Dale) Kubis, and the late Robin Rae Wild; cherished grandmother of Jen (Dave) Garcia, Ricky Wild, Robin Rae Hejnar, Chrystal Kubis, and Nick Kubis; dearest great-grandmother of Reagan Lovelady; dear sister of Judith Jones and the late Kenneth Jung; niece's Kerrie Jung and Amy Jones; nephew's KJ Jung and John Jones. Barbara was artistic, excellent seamstress & quilter, good cook, enjoyed outdoors & gardening. Her latest passion over the last 20 years was researching the family's genealogy. She also volunteered her time with the Clarendon Hills Historical Society. With the current guidelines restricting large gatherings a private family interment will be held at Clarendon Hills Cemetery in Darien, IL. Please support Barbara's family by signing the online guestbook and tribute page at www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com in lieu of flowers, memorials to Clarendon Hills Historical Society are appreciated. Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale**. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com

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Gebbia, Stephen L.

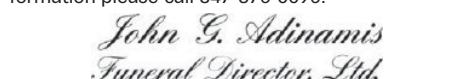
Stephen L. Gebbia, 89, died peacefully after a long, full life. Steve was a devout Catholic, who believed in family and a good education. A descendant of Sicilian immigrants, he and his sister, the late Frances (Jerry) Roethle, were born and raised in Rockford, Illinois, by their parents Fred and Frances (Palmer).

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Full obituary and online condolences: MyersMortuary.com. Arrangements through Myers Mortuary, Lebanon, IN.

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Gerakaris, Irene

Irene Gerakaris, nee Fovos, age 93, passed away on Monday, April 27, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Gus; loving mother of Nick and James (Susan) Gerakaris; devoted daughter of the late Nick and Erylne Fovos. Dear sister of the late Catherine N. Fovos and fond aunt of many. Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, Funeral service Interment are private. Memorial tributes may be made in Irene's name to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 601 S. Central Ave., Chicago, IL 60644. Arrangements made by **John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd.** For more information please call 847-375-0095.



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Gray, Mary Jane

Dr. Mary Jane Gray, a 58 year resident of Homewood. Died April 28, 2020. She received her Ph.D degree from the University of Chicago and was a long time professor in the School of Education at Loyola University in Chicago. She had also taught at a variety of public schools including Homewood-Flossmoor High School. Daughter of the late Thomas and Frances Halbach Gray. Loving sister of Marion (John) Henneberry of Homewood. Dear aunt of Thomas (Patti) Henneberry of Montgomery. Great Aunt to Sean Henneberry. Services and interment will be private. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300.



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Guinane, G. Joseph

G. Joseph Guinane passed away peacefully on April 27, 2020.

Beloved husband of fifty years to Kathleen (nee O'Brien). Loving father of Joe (Stephanie), Maureen (Kevin), Michael (Annie), Katie (Brian), Eileen (Tom), Bill (Katie), Meghan (Morgan), Colleen, Erin (Matt), and Kevin (Annie). Grandfather of 27: Connor, Ryan, Brendan and Callie Guinane, Bridgid, Grace, Owen, Bernadette, and Annie O'Malley; Ellen, Beth, and Brian Guinane, Nora and Tommy Casey; Mia Lopez, Mary Kate, Jimmy, and Jack Guinane, Kieran, Fiona, Finbar, and Molly McGarry; Rose, Maggie, Bridie, and Kate Barry; and Marty Guinane. Fond brother of Pat (late John) Barry, Nancy (late Joe) McNally, and Jim (Joann) Guinane. Brother-in-law to Bill (Kathy) O'Brien, and Maureen Buending. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Joe was a longtime parishioner, coach, and Holy Name member of St. John Fisher Parish. Friends and family will miss Joe's "Irish wit", sense of humor, storytelling, and top-notch hospitality. All funeral services are private. A memorial celebration of Joe's life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Masses or donations to St. John Fisher School in memory of Joe Guinane, 10200 S. Washtenaw, Chicago, IL 60655 or sjfschool.net would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Homes**

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Hosfield, Ruby L.

2/20/1937- 4/15/2020

Beloved wife of Michael, Mother of Michael (Elizabeth), and Jeffrey. Grandmother to Lillian, Natalia, Hope, and John. Her long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease is over. Services held privately.

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Kosin, Elizabeth Ann

Elizabeth Ann Kosin (85), nee Svehla, aka Betty, Max, Moosie and Granny B. Betty moved on from this world on April 24, 2020. Known as Max to her loving and softhearted husband Robert, who predeceased her in 2016. Adoring and nurturing mother to Catherine and David (Marilyn). Caring, tender and devoted grandmother to Michael and Elizabeth. Living angel to her dog-babies, Elmer, Stanley, Happy, Jessie, Curly, Eddie, Buddy and Buster. Tolerant admirer of the cats, Stella, Basil, Bubba, Frida, Zoe, Vera, Figaro, Ebenezer, Sam, Louie, Mickey, Milo and Henry. Gracious fan of Nora the bunny and Jazz the horse. Noncommittal to the various gerbils, rats, mice and salamanders we foisted upon her in our youth.

Betty was always happiest when with her family and while patting a fuzzy head and a cold nose. She enjoyed travel and outings with friends. Her greatest pleasures were the simplest the world could offer. Moosie appreciated a good book and a quiet seat by a stream. Always the voice of compassion and quiet strength, she moves on leaving the world a better place. These will be her legacy to her family and for that we are thankful. Special thanks to Ilona who gave mom the dignity she deserved during her final years. Maxie, when you see dad again, give him a break before you start getting him back in shape. Rome wasn't built in a day. Love you and rest in peace.

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Kreger, Elwood 'Woody'

Elwood "Woody" Kreger, CPA, age 86, of Skokie, he was a respected certified public accountant and practiced for over 50 years; beloved husband for 58 years of Joan "Joni", nee Franklin; loving father of Mitchell (Bobbi) Kreger, Mark (late Robyn) Kreger, and Shari (Chris) Ribordy; adored Papa of Ilana, Ethan, and Emmett; devoted son of the late Jerome and the late Bess Kreger; cherished brother of Donald (Vicki) Kreger; treasured uncle and friend to many. Woody was an active member and bowler with the David S. Platt Bnai Brith Lodge. Due to the pandemic virus and our concern for the health of our extended family and friends the grave-side service and shiva will be private. The service on Friday, 11:45 a.m. CT will be live streamed at www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com. Click LIVE STREAM on the menu bar. Donations may be made to Beth Hillel Bnai Emonah, www.bhbe.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group** (847) 478-1600.



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Lasin, Arthur J.

Dr. Arthur J. Lasin, 80. Beloved husband of Nancy Carson nee Gilbert and the late Nancy Lasin nee Gelman. Loving father of Donna (Dr. Jonathan) Rosin, Gail (Mark) Brodson, Karyn Lasin and caring stepfather of Jonathan (Stephanie) Carson, Julie Carson (Sheldon Gelber) and Dr. Joshua (Amy) Carson. Proud Poppy of Joey, Sorrel, Beau Danny, Jacob, Jenna, Avi, Addison, Adler, Itai, Cecelia and Isadora. Adored son of the late Philip and Belle Lasin. Special brother of Dr. Gerald (Adrienne) Lasin, the late Helen and Jonathan Simon and Jack Gelman.

Loving uncle and supportive friend. Arthur served as a Major in the United States Army. For 43 years he practiced pediatrics and was the former Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Lake Forest Hospital and President of Lake Forest Pediatrics. Arthur was affectionately called the "King of Peds". He felt privileged to care for people's most valuable possessions—their children. He was always in awe of the magnificence of children. In order to keep everyone safe and healthy, services and shiva will be private. Public memorial service at a later date. Contributions in his memory to Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015, www.bjbe.org, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, www.pancan.org, or Chicago Botanic Garden, www.chicagobotanic.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com



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Montalto, Michelle Therese

Michelle Therese Montalto, age 47, of Plainfield; beloved wife of John Montalto; loving daughter of Rita & the late Jesse Bowman; sister of Brian & Laura Bowman (Steve) Golyzniak; aunt of Tyler. A private service will be held with Michelle's immediate family. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the family are appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Mroz, Irene B.

Irene B. Mroz (nee Bogacz), 94, passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 28 at her Bartlett home surrounded by her son and favorite pups. Born in Chicago, Irene enjoyed riding her bicycle and dancing. Beloved wife of the late Walter whom she met at a dance hall and then married for over 60 years; loving mother of Robert and the late Daniel (Mary Jo); cherished grandmother of Michael (fiancée Isabel Dec) and Lauren (Ryan) Quinn; proud great grandmother of Colin and Kylie; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews and friend of many great friends. Given today's COVID restrictions, services will be private. Interment Assumption Cemetery. Info (630)289-7575

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Pacyniak, Thaddeus "Tad"

Thaddeus "Tad" A Pacyniak, age 73; Beloved husband of the late Teresa "Dziunia" Pacyniak; dearest father of Adam (Rene) and Peter Michalak; loving son of the late Jan and the late Katarzyna, loving brother of Bernard (Basia), the late John (the late Jadwiga) and the late Ryszard; Dear brother-in-law of Bozena (Tadeusz) Wozniak; Nephew of the late Stanislaw (Marianna), Dear cousin, uncle and great uncle of many in the United States and in Poland. Ted was an architect, a lover of all things beautiful: from art and architecture to fine cuisine and adventurous travel. He was a veteran, serving in the Army Reserves during the Vietnam era. Funeral Services will be private. Private interment at Maryhill Cemetery. A Memorial service will be scheduled for a later date.



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Panagiotis, Bessie J.

(April 27, 2020)
Bessie J. Panagiotis (nee Kliros), Succumbed to Covid-19, Beloved wife of the late James, Jr.; Proud mother of James (Patricia S.O.), Thomas (Gayle) Panos, Anita (James Ekonomou) and Jeannie (Peter Dryan); Cherished Yiayia of 9 and Great Yiayia of 7;

Dearest sister of Helen (William) Sousounis and the late Gus (the late Toula) Kliros.

She was a loving Cousin, Aunt and Dear Friend of Many. Bessie was a longtime member of the Daughters of Penelope, Medea Chapter and The OES. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Shriners Hospitals for Children or Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, IL would be appreciated.

Funeral Services and Entombment for Bessie J. Panagiotis will be private due to the pandemic. Arrangements entrusted to Hills Funeral Home, Ltd. Info. 708-598-5880 or www.hillsfh.com "May Her Memory Be Eternal"

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Paneitz, Susan L.

Susan L. Paneitz left us on April 19th, she was 68. A proud graduate of the UIC School of Nursing, BSN '74, Susan will be remembered by all as a skilled nurse, avid gardener and connoisseur of trash to treasure antiques. An active member of both book clubs and knitting groups, Susan cared deeply for the numerous friends in her life and will be missed by all who crossed her path. Susie left a piece of her love, kindness, talents and knowledge in all of us to be carried on for generations. She was happiest when she was with her grandchildren. Preceded in death by parents John and Norrine Engelhardt and brother Ken Engelhardt. Survived by her husband Phil Paneitz, son Tim Paneitz, daughter-in-law Brooke Paneitz, grandchildren Hayden, Margaret & Jace, brother Norman Engelhardt and sisters Laurie (Ed) Schaefer, Cathy (Randy) Block, Jodi (Jeff) Brooks and sister-in-law Pam Martin. A funeral mass and celebration of life will be planned for a time when all can gather to remember Susan.

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Rosenberg, Seymour

Seymour Rosenberg, 95, beloved husband of Ruth nee Watman for 71 years; loving father of Cynthia Rosenberg (Bob Levy) and Leigh (Judy) Rosenberg; cherished grandfather of Daniel, Hannah, Lois (Alan), David, Carl, Natalie, Claire and the late Molly; adored great grandfather of Aaron; devoted son of the late Herman and Sarah Rosenberg; dear brother of the late Lester Rosenberg. Due to the pandemic and out of concern for extended family and friends, services and shiva are private. For information or to leave condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** (847)255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Schwarz, Marie Lucille

Marie Schwarz, age 89 of Glenview and formerly of New York. Loving wife of the late Raymond M. Schwarz. Loving mother of Raymond E. (Pompisuit) Schwarz and Laurie (Jacques) Trudel. Dear grandmother of Jacques Trudel and William Trudel. Dear daughter of the late Laura and Joseph Menard and stepdaughter of the late Joseph Bodnar. Marie was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Glenview and worked for 25 years at Scott Foresman. She volunteered at Lutheran General Hospital in Des Plaines and volunteered and participated at the Glenview Senior Center. A visitation will be held Friday from 10 AM until the time of the service at 11:00 AM at Ahlgrim and Sons Funeral Home, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Interment will be Private, at a later date, at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association. Funeral information or online condolences www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Sheppard, Julie A.

Julie A. Sheppard, nee Cahill; Age 45; Loving wife of Ray; Devoted mother of Joey; Beloved sister of Michael, Mary Foertsch, Michelle (Glenn) Tatro, Jim (Stephen Leaver), and the late John; Cherished daughter of the late Margaret "Peg" Cahill, nee Canavan; Adoring aunt of Michael Jr., Mackenzie, John, Mikayla, Tyler, Anthony, Danny, Glenn, Joey, and the late Alexia; Dear niece of Rita (Bob) Cecich, late Tommy (Jo Ann Piersanti), Donna, late Billy (Nancy), late Mary (late Pat) Darcy, late James, and the late Patricia Canavan; Beloved daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, cousin and friend to so many; Wonderful, and invaluable, administrative assistant of **Curley Funeral Home** for the past 10 years; 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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Sorensen, Ruth K.

Ruth K. Sorensen, 89, a longtime resident of Mt. Prospect, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 27, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Gunnar Sorensen; loving step-mother of Karen (Robert) Everett, Jeffrey (June) Sorensen, Nancy (the late Joseph) Reiss; cherished step-grandmother of Brittany and Courtney Everett, Ryan (Jill) Sorensen, Nicole (Frank) Holthouse, Katie (Andrew) Bazan, and Sherry Reiss; adoring step-great grandmother of Ellie, Lily, Graham, and Brynn. Loving cousin of Elaine Krueger and Marion Vierow. Ruth worked for 15 years at the First National Bank of Chicago. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed world travel with her husband Gunnar. She also cherished all of the friends and neighbors she had in Mt. Prospect.

Services are private. Interment Mount Olive Cemetery, Chicago.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ruth's name to The Greater Chicago Food Depository, P.O. Box 74008557, Chicago, IL 60674-8557.

Information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Suchinski, Ellen Catherine Keough

Age 87; Formerly of Chicago and Evergreen Park; Beloved wife of the late William Suchinski for 62 years; Loving mother of James (Rosario), Terese Escalona, CCSD, John (Marcie), Julie Suchinski and Joyce Sutkus; Cherished grandmother of 13 and Proud great grandmother of 24; Dear sister of Eileen (the late John) McNally, Jaqueline (Roger) Fisher, Lynne (the late Gilbert) Tumey, the late Dr. Robert Keough (the late Julianne), the late Patricia (Alex) Andrulis, the late Joan (the late Lawrence) Roloff, the late Margaret (the late Michael) Manhart; Fond aunt and great aunt of many nieces and nephews; Visitation and Funeral Services are Private. Arrangements entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Sullivan, Kathleen Mary 'Bobba'

Kathleen Mary "Bobba" Sullivan, nee Smith, 95, died peacefully in New York City on April 6, 2020. Loving wife of the late Daniel for 67 years; devoted mother of Katie (Michael) Flanagan, Dan (Patty), Jim (Karen), Molly (Mike) Riley, Marita and Maggie; caring grandmother of Michael, Timothy, Patrick, Molly Rose, Kathleen, Daniel, Kevin, Marianne, Mike, Renee, Cole, Elizabeth and Nina; fond sister of Ann (Jim) Geraghty, Joan (Pat) Costello and the late Doda (Bill) Sherlock and James (Elsa) Smith; loyal sister-in-law of William (Margot), the late Kathleen (Jack) Searle, Sheila (Bill) Cronin, Kevin, Marita and Angela; proud great-grandmother to fourteen; fun-loving aunt and cousin to many. Kathleen was a graduate of Sienna High School, St. Xavier University and Loyola University School of Social Work. At the start of her career, Kathleen worked at Travelers Aid Society; she then worked as a school social worker in the Glenview Public Schools for 29 years. She was a resident of Deerfield and member of Holy Cross Church since 1952. Funeral services will be private at this time; she will be buried at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60607. For information, please contact Woodlawn Funeral Home, 7750 Cermak Rd, Forest Park, IL 60130.

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Valente, Olive Sheila

Olive Sheila Valente (nee Moore), 92, of Schaumburg, IL born Jan 11, 1928 in Wilton, Wiltshire, England; daughter of Margery (nee Shepherd) & Arthur Moore, passed away peacefully on Apr 21, 2020. Sheila is survived by her beloved husband Carlos of 54 years, sons Oliver (Anne) & Rudolfo (Stacy), grandchildren Tess, Paige, Bethany, Samantha, Trent & Alec; and in England, her cherished sister Pamela & many loved nieces, nephews & cousins. A private service will be held in Arlington Heights where Sheila & Carlos raised their sons & lived for over 30 years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Salvation Army, who provided steadfast support to Sheila's father during World War I. www.salvationarmyusa.org.

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Witkowski, Roman A.

93, the son of the late Valentine and late Stella Witkowski, loving husband of the late Theresa M. Witkowski (nee Novak), cherished father of Donna Murray, Janice (Mark) Racinowski, Deborah (Mark) Vetos and David Roman Witkowski; Dear grandfather to Joel Murray, James (Trisha) Firneno, Jacqueline Murray, George Murray, Markie Racinowski, and Jessie Racinowski; Great-grandfather to Jason "JJ" Murray and Roman Firneno. Retired City of Chicago Sewer Department and WWII Veteran. Private services will be held at Pomierski F.H. A memorial mass will be celebrated at St. Mary of Perpetual Help Church at a later date. INT. St. Mary Cemetery. www.pomierskifuneralhome.com (773)927-6424

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PROJECT BASED VOUCHER WAIT LIST OPENING THORNCREEK SENIOR LIVING IN THORNTON

The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) will be re-opening its site-based wait list for one bedroom project-based voucher (PBV) units at Thorncreek Senior Living located at 410 East Margaret Street in Thornton IL. The PBV Program is a rental assistance program where the resident pays 30% of his/her income towards the rent to the owner and the HACC subsidizes the remainder.

To be eligible for Thorncreek Senior Living PBV units, applicants must be age 62 or older. Additionally, to be eligible, applicant's total household income may not exceed the very low income limit (50% AMI), which is \$31,850 for a 1 person household and \$36,400 for a 2 person household.

Priority preference will be given to applicants who are currently on the HACC's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) wait list. Preferences may also be given to families who are literally homeless; who are Veterans; who are disabled; or who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (referred to as VAWA collectively). Applicants claiming a preference must be able to demonstrate they qualify for the preference when requested. Preferences are assigned a point value and applied cumulatively before the time/date of application.

Applications will be available beginning on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 10:00am. To apply, applicants need to log onto the HACC's website at www.thehacc.org and then click on the link "See Our Open Wait Lists" on the HACC's home page. Applications must be submitted electronically through the website; no other form of application will be accepted. The wait list will close at 4:00pm on Thursday, May 7, 2020.

If you need assistance or require a reasonable accommodation, please send an email to pbwaitlist@thehacc.org, with Thorncreek Reasonable Accommodation as the subject.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
To patrons of Commonwealth Edison Company: Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd") hereby gives notice to the public that on April 16, 2020, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC" or "Commission") its annual formula rate update, including updated cost inputs, reconciliations of ComEd's applicable revenue requirement and return on equity; and supporting testimony and other information, all for the purpose of determining, pursuant to Section 16-108.5 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act (the "Act"), updated rates for delivery rates applicable throughout ComEd's service territory in northern Illinois to be applicable beginning with the first monthly billing period of 2021. As provided in Section 16-108.5 of the Act, the updated costs are based on final historical cost data for calendar year 2019 reflected in ComEd's most recently filed annual FERC Form 1, plus projected plant additions for calendar year 2020, as well as the associated adjustments to accumulated depreciation (change in depreciation reserve), depreciation expense, and accumulated deferred income taxes. In addition, ComEd's 2019 actual costs, which are now known, are reconciled with the corresponding costs that had been used as part of the prior formula rate update filing. Those updates through ComEd's reconciliations, collectively result in a distribution revenue requirement on which new delivery services rates are to be based (referred to in the filing as the "2021 Rate Year Net Revenue Requirement") of \$11,465,000 from the revenue requirement approved by the ICC in last year's formula update, ICC Docket Number 19-0387. For residential customers receiving bundled fixed price electric service from ComEd, the delivery services charges are only a portion of the total bill. The remaining portion includes the cost of the electricity supply and other services, which are subject to the procurement process established by Section 16-108.5 of the Act and the provisions of Section 16-115.5 of the Public Utilities Act and/or to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Using rates applicable with the January 2020 billing period for such other components, the estimated total bill impacts of changes in the delivery component are provided herein. Increases are denoted by a + sign and decreases are denoted by a - sign. For such customers, the delivery portion of electric bills represents approximately 41% of the total electric bill, on average, while the supply portion accounts for about 43%, the transmission portion accounts for approximately 9% and other charges such as taxes account for the remaining 7%. Using these electricity supply and other charges, the estimated total bill impacts of the delivery portion result in an overall change in the total residential bills, on average, of approximately -\$1.07 per month or an estimated -1.3%. Total bill impacts for residential customers vary by delivery class and electric space heat, on average, the estimated total bill impact, on average, for multi-family residential customers without electric space heat utilizing on average 326 kilowatt-hours ("kWhs") per month, is -\$1.07 per month or -2.2%. Likewise, the estimated total bill impact, on average, for single-family residential customers without electric space heat utilizing on average 721 kWhs per month, is -\$1.05 per month or -1.1%. Furthermore, the estimated total bill impact, on average, for multi-family residential customers with electric space heat, utilizing on average 790 kWhs per month, is -\$0.41 per month or -0.5%. Additionally, the estimated total bill impact, on average, for single family residential customers with electric space heat, utilizing on average 1,661 kWhs per month, is -\$0.07 or less than -0.1%. ComEd does not estimate total bill impacts for residential customers supplied by Retail Electric Suppliers. The updated delivery service rates for nonresidential customers in the Water Heat and Small demand (less than 100 kilowatts ("kW") or less of demand), with varying usages result in an overall average percentage change in the total bill of +1.3% and +0.5%, respectively. Nonresidential customers with larger electric loads (greater than 100 kW) have a wide range of electric load characteristics in addition to electricity supply costs that cannot be reasonably estimated; therefore, the overall effect of the updated delivery service rates on an electric bill for such customers cannot be determined. The updated delivery service rates include ComEd's updated costs of delivering electricity through its distribution system and apply to all ComEd customers independent of whether electricity supply is procured and provided by ComEd or by a third party (i.e., a Retail Electric Supplier). These updated rates will take effect beginning with the first day of the January 2021 monthly billing period. A copy of the materials filed with the Commission and supporting data and documents may be inspected by any interested party at ComEd's office located at Three Lincoln Centre in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. In addition, Commonwealth Edison Company will place an electronic version of this Public Notice with estimated bill impacts on its Internet website www.ComEd.com. Customers are advised that the Commission may alter or amend the rates after hearings held pursuant to Section 16-108.5 of the Act and 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 200, and may increase or decrease individual rates in amounts other than those requested by ComEd. All parties interested in this matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from ComEd or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62706. COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY by: T. R. Donnelly, President and COO 04/23, 04/30/20 6659415

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FORECLOSURES

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff -vs- JEROME KARP, LINDA B. KARP A/K/A LINDA BOYD KARP, TOWN OF GICERO, 222 EAST CHESTNUT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, THE KELSEY KARP TRUST, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 17 CH 06234 Property Address: 222 E. Chestnut, Unit 138 Chicago, IL 60611 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, THE KELSEY KARP TRUST, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s) in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the First Judicial Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, by the Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: UNIT NO. 138 IN 222 EAST CHESTNUT CONDOMINIUM AS DELINEATED ON THE SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING: LOT 33 AND THE WEST 15 FEET 6 INCHES OF LOT 34 IN LAKE SHORE DRIVE ADDITION TO CHICAGO, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF BLOCKS 14 AND 20 IN CANAL TRUSTEE'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED TO DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED ON APRIL 25, 1979 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS DOCUMENT NO. 24933769; TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS Commonly known as: 222 E. Chestnut, Unit 138 Chicago, IL 60611 Permanent Index No: 17-03-221-011-1054 and which said Mortgage was made by, The Northern Trust Company, Mortgagee(s) and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois as Document No. 096006929. And for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the said Circuit Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending, NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant(s), file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at the Courthouse, in the RICHARD J. DALEY CENTER, 50 W. WASHINGTON STREET, ROOM 802, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602, on or before the 1st day of June, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. Dated: at Chicago, Illinois, Dorothy Brown Clerk of the Circuit Court, Cook County, Illinois HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD. Attorney for Plaintiff - Atty # 04452 29 E. Madison St., Suite 950 Chicago, IL 60602 (312)372 2020 4/30, 5/7, 5/14/2020 6664465

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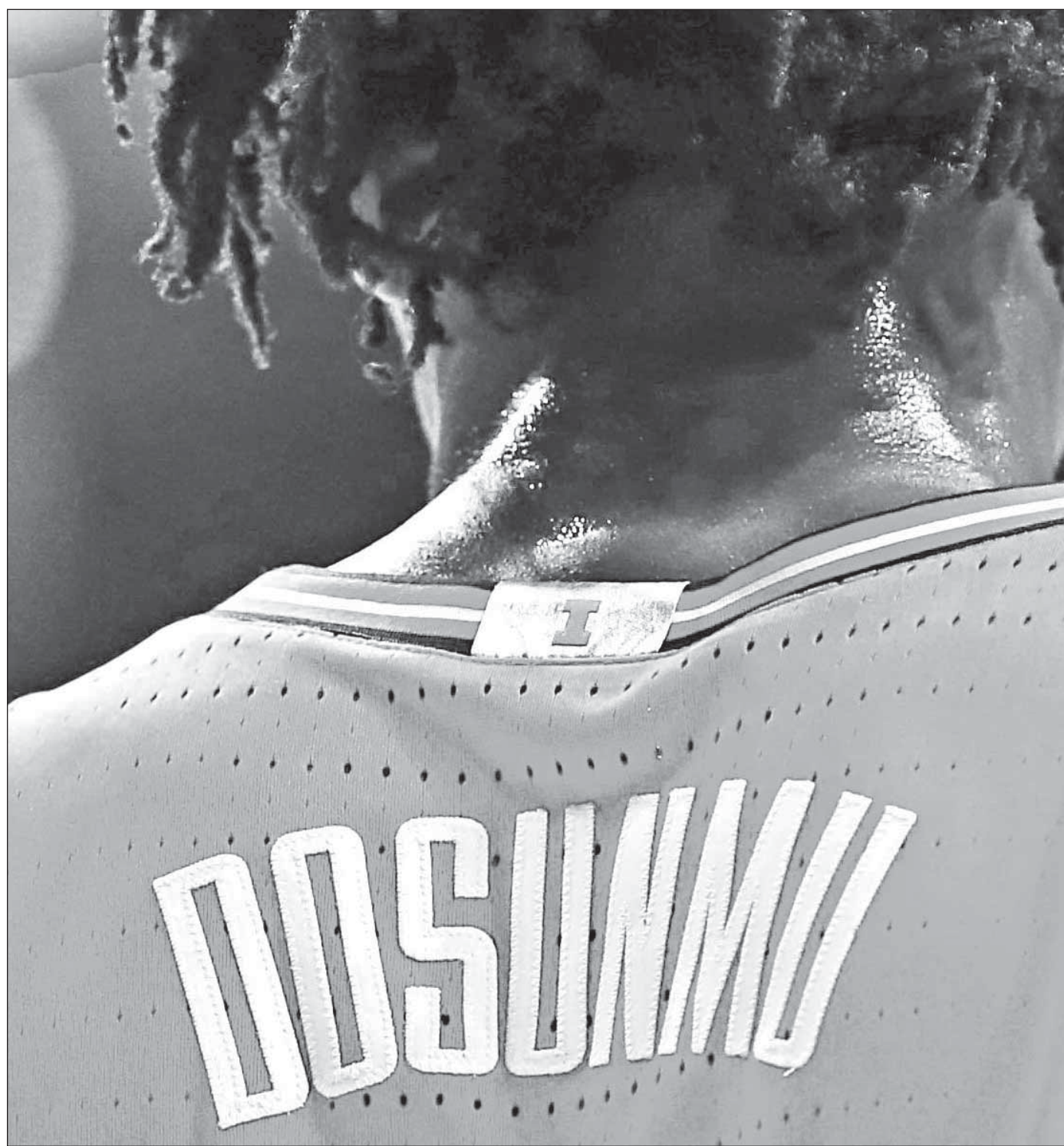
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Naming rights

The NCAA's proposed endorsement rules for athletes could change the face of college sports

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

When Johnny Manziel was at Texas A&M, he celebrated big plays by rubbing his fingers together in a "show me the money" gesture.

Turns out he was ahead of his time. College athletics is taking a huge leap toward professional sports with the NCAA Board of Governors announcing Wednesday it supports rules changes that would allow athletes to cash in on their names, images and likenesses — and social media accounts — by January 2021.

Will student-athletes give Mike Ditka, the king of endorsements, a run for his money? In terms of athletic programs, will the rich get richer? How will this affect the likes of Illinois, Northwestern, Notre Dame — and schools such as DePaul and Loyola that don't field football programs?

Here are eight things to know as the NCAA tears open the ultimate Pandora's box.

1. Even those in the know don't know everything.

As NCAA President Mark Emmert said Wednesday, there is still "a lot to be determined going forward."

Yes. What role will agents play? What prevents a school from promising a recruit: Come here and you'll get \$1,000 an hour for signing autographs at the auto dealer?

"There are probably more questions now than before," Illinois men's basketball coach Brad Underwood said. "But we've got time. It's not like this kicks in June 1. Excuse the cliché, but it will become the new normal. It's exciting to consider the possibilities."

Northwestern athletic director Jim Phillips pushed hard for the changes, calling them "a major step forward into the overall modernization of college athletics." "It's a great day because student-athletes will be allowed to monetize elements that are unique to them, and it can still be done in the collegiate model," Phillips said.

Phillips, whose son Luke is a track and field athlete at Notre Dame, said it will be largely incumbent on schools to act responsibly during recruiting.

"It will be their responsibility to act in the spirit of the legislation," he said.

And if that fails? "The NCAA will invest in compliance even further," he said.

Yup. The honor system deters in conferences such as the SEC as well as the 55 mph speed limit on the highway.



PATRICK SMITH/GETTY

NCAA players may now be able to benefit financially from their names, images, likenesses and social media accounts.

2. Which schools stand to benefit?

The big-time programs in rural towns and smaller cities. Think Clemson, Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, Iowa State, Penn State, Texas A&M — and Illinois basketball. And how about the programs that are the only game in town, such as Nebraska, Iowa, Arkansas and Kansas basketball?

Illinois basketball star Ayo Dosunmu built his name in Chicago and could have cashed in along I-57 during a sensational sophomore season.

"Some people will automatically think: It will be just the stars," Brad Underwood said. "I don't think so, especially for in-state kids. Tyler Underwood (the coach's son and a walk-on guard) is probably not going up on a billboard, but he may be able to teach young people in a camp or clinic and can come up with another way to be creative in social media."

3. Which schools stand to lose?

The small fish in a big pond. The ones in pro sports towns. Think UCLA, USC, Stanford, Minnesota, Miami, Boston College and, yes, Northwestern.

Has Northwestern had a truly marketable football player since Darnell Autry from the 1995 Rose Bowl team? The school made dumbbells to promote quarterback Dan Persa and handed out dimes to publicize point guard Bryant McIntosh. Maybe Nate Taphorn and Dererk Pardon could have hawked communication devices after their cross-court connection stunned Michigan. Maybe Chicagoan Vic Law could have pitched Italian beef.

But in general, Northwestern loses out. True, its No. 1 supporter is Pat Ryan, a billionaire. But it likely just got harder for football coach Pat Fitzgerald to beat out Notre Dame and Wisconsin for recruits. Same for men's basketball coach Chris Collins when he's up against Illinois or Indiana.

It's also hard to envision DePaul or Loyola players profiting much in a pro sports town.

4. This is a huge win for players (duh).

They can't use school logos or trademarks in ads, same as the coaches, same as the pros. But there is no cap on how much they can be paid.

Chris Collins was a Duke assistant coach when J.J. Redick's No. 4 jersey blew up. Redick didn't see a penny.

"That's the one kid in my time where everybody said: Man, he deserves an opportunity to get something from his fame," Collins said. "I've always been very supportive of guys being able to maximize their value because they have a small window. I'm all for it as long as we figure out a way to level the playing field and make it fair for everybody."

5. Will borderline pros remain in school?

Would Ayo Dosunmu, likely a second-round NBA draft pick, have stayed more than two years if he could have signed hundreds of autographs for \$20 a piece? How about Illinois center Kofi Cockburn, who has declared for the NBA draft but can remove his name by June 3?

"I don't think it hurts," Brad Underwood said. "Everybody's situation is different, but when you think in terms of people helping their families, that can impact. Will it? We'll see."

6. Coaches like this; they also are wary of it.

What would it do for team dynamics when a player averaging 18 points gets more for his autograph than the one whose main functions are to rebound and set screens? How much jealousy would enter the locker room?

On the other side, if the stars are cashing in, coaches can remind players: Work harder to get what's yours.

7. This should kill talk of 'paying' players.

The concept was always absurd, given that it's impossible to have a salary structure that addresses a range from Zion Williamson to a third-string left guard at Northwestern to a fencer at Ohio State. And if athletes are paid, can they be fined? Traded? Cut? And if athletics are run solely like a business, why even bother with non-revenue sports?

This legislation allows others to pay athletes their fair market value. In that way, the schools' hands are clean.

8. How will this hurt athletic departments?

The big-ticket alumni who donate, buy suites and have their companies advertise in the arena could shift those dollars to the athletes themselves. Would that trickle down and reduce the salaries of coaches as the power dynamic shifts toward players?

So many questions.

WHEN SPORTS STOOD STILL

Keeping an eye on the world of sports during the coronavirus crisis:



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Hawk's Hall call postponed until '21

The National Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony has been pushed back to 2021, and that means former White Sox announcer Ken "Hawk" Harrelson will have to wait a little bit longer.

"This was absolutely the right decision," Harrelson said in a statement. "Everyone's safety — the fans, the Hall of Famers, their families and friends — is the most important concern. We all need to stay safe and healthy."

"I do feel badly for the people of Cooperstown and the staff at the Hall of Fame because of what the weekend means to the area, but we all will have fun in July 2021 when we all can join together safely to celebrate two classes on induction weekend."

Harrelson, whose 42 years as a major-league broadcaster included 33 with the Sox, was this year's Ford C. Frick Award winner.

Harrelson's selection by a panel of the 11 living Frick honorees and four historians/columnists was announced in December at baseball's winter meetings.

Harrelson, 78, is the fifth Chicago announcer to earn the honor — joining Milo Hamilton (1992), Harry Caray (1989), Jack Brickhouse (1983) and Bob Elson (1979) — since the Frick was first awarded in 1978.

In addition to Harrelson, the Class of 2020 was to include players Derek Jeter, Larry Walker and Ted Simmons, former Major League Baseball Players Association executive director Marvin Miller, Boston Globe writer Nick Cafardo and former Phillies President David Montgomery.

— Mark Gonzales


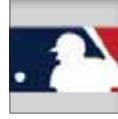



THE QUOTE

"I hope we can give them and their families something cool that makes their accomplishment feel special."

— LeBron James on hosting a star-studded prime-time special next month on NBC, ABC, CBS and Fox that will honor and celebrate the high school class of 2020, which has had its graduation season upended by the coronavirus pandemic

THE NUMBER

\$0 Commissioner Roger Goodell has reduced his salary to \$0 and other NFL employees will be taking pay cuts or furloughs due to the coronavirus pandemic. Goodell, who makes about \$30 million a year from salaries and bonuses, voluntarily had his salary reduced this month, The AP reported. The league also is implementing tiered reductions (5%-15%) in base salary. No employee earning a base salary of less than \$100,000 will be affected by these reductions.

		
NBA Season suspended indefinitely	NHL Season suspended indefinitely	MLB Opening day delayed indefinitely
		
MLS Season suspended until at least June 8	NFL Camps scheduled to start in mid-July	NCAA Spring sports schedule canceled

Others: PGA Tour suspended until June 11. NASCAR suspended until May 17. WTA, ATP suspended through at least July 13.

BASEBALL

The crowdless Sox game

Stone recalls 'almost a surreal experience' 5 years ago in Baltimore

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Between the lines, it was major-league baseball as usual. Yet the crowdless White Sox-Orioles game on April 29, 2015, in Baltimore is properly remembered as anything but normal.

"It was very, very strange, almost a surreal experience, one I never thought would be repeated," Sox TV analyst Steve Stone, who called the game with Hawk Harrelson for WPWR-50, recalled last month.

As sports leagues consider various plans on when and how to return from the coronavirus shutdown, playing games without fans in the stands, at least to begin with, seems all but certain.

The idea of sports pushing on without spectators brings back the memory of the Sox-Orioles game five years ago Wednesday, thought to be without precedent in MLB.

Originally scheduled at night, it was played on a sun-splashed, 73-degree afternoon. It was a beautiful day for baseball, but the empty stands gave the proceedings a ghostly, nearly post-apocalyptic vibe.

Fans were not allowed to attend so that police and National Guard resources wouldn't be diverted amid civic unrest. Sox-Orioles games had been postponed the previous two nights because of rioting and protests in Baltimore sparked by the death in police custody of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old African American.

"We went to the park on the first day and we knew the situation on the riots," Stone said. "We could see the riots from our hotel. We could see the areas burning and everything else. We were sent home with guards as we walked because we stayed at a hotel that was within walking distance of the ballpark."

The Sox were confined to their hotel, left to play video games and watch movies while ordering in food, until they finally got word they would play what was supposed to be the finale of a three-game series with the Orioles.

A few scouts sat behind home plate. A larger-than-normal media contingent was in the press box. There were photographers, cameramen and team personnel. Some fans peered in from behind the outfield gates.

But the official attendance, recorded for posterity, was zero.

While circumstances took the crowd out of the game, the Orioles took the Sox out early with a six-run first inning that included Chris Davis' three-run home run down the right-field line off Jeff Samardzija.

The crack of the bat reverberating off empty seats said just about all that needed to be said.

"That's way out of here. Wow," Harrelson said. "Get foul! It won't."

Without crowd noise to drown it out, WPWR viewers also could hear Orioles announcer Gary Thorne's home run call for Mid-Atlantic Sports Network in the back-ground.

Everyone in the park could hear Thorne — players, umpires, reporters.

"That was kind of weird," Stone said. "That and the fact that you could hear the infielders talking among themselves and with the pitcher."

"It was absolutely astonishing to hear things that I only heard as a player. I heard all the infield chatter, and I occasionally heard the umpire talking about certain things."

Later in the game, Thorne playfully adopted the almost-whisper of a golf announcer for a double to center by the Orioles' Adam Jones.

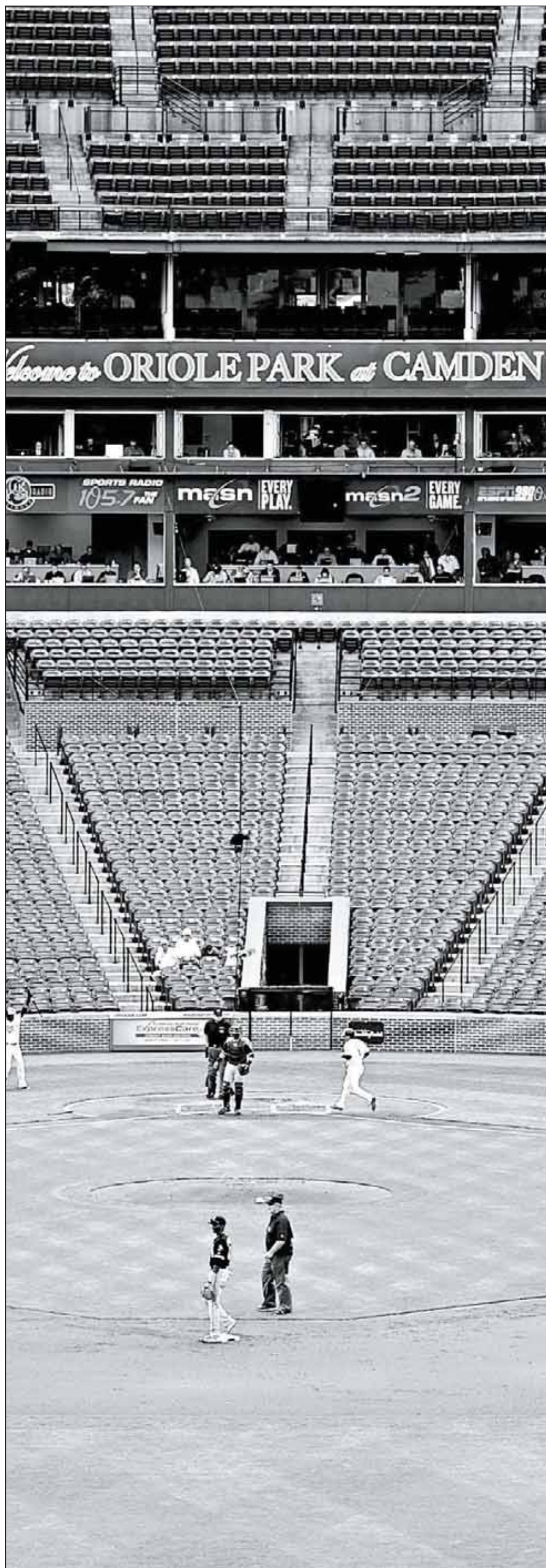
But his full-throated "goodbye" call could be heard throughout the park on Manny Machado's solo homer in the fifth to make it 8-2. That wound up the final score in a game that took only 2 hours, 3 minutes to play.

In a bizarre effort to replicate some sense of normalcy, the public address announcer introduced players as usual, and music accompanied players when they came to bat and warmed up between innings.

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and John Denver's "Thank God I'm a Country Boy" were heard during the seventh-inning stretch, and players' stats and pictures were shown on the video board.

Whether for amusement, due to habit or out of superstition, Davis threw balls to imaginary fans behind the Orioles dugout between innings.

Orioles catcher Caleb Joseph pantomimed high-fives to absent fans in the crowd and signed pretend autographs, explaining to reporters afterward that "laughter does something for the soul,"



GAIL BURTON/AP

On April 29, 2015, Camden Yards was closed to fans because of riots in Baltimore.

according to the New York Times.

In the Sox broadcast booth, once Harrelson and Stone sat back, relaxed and strapped it down, they played it straight.

It wasn't long before Hawk stopped referencing the historic nature of playing without fans present in favor of harping on first baseman Jose Abreu's first-inning error, which cost the Sox two outs in a probable double play and helped the Orioles bust the game open.

"We're doing a game. We're bringing that game to the fans," Stone said. "For us it literally made no difference, except for noise and we have headphones on."

Occasionally the fans outside could be heard on the WPWR telecast, which can be found on YouTube.

"There weren't that many," Stone said. "They might have specifically mic'd that area out there because we couldn't hear them too much."

"(The Orioles) jumped on Samardzija early, and Davis hit the three-run homer. You could hear the crack of the bat and you saw the ball was going. It looked like the ball was going 475 feet and ... then there was nothing. It was dead silence. It was a three-run homer and Gary Thorne was screaming, and that's about that."



PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake of the News

More testing needed before MLB plays ball

Major League Baseball's latest plan to return to action, featuring three geographically divided, 10-team divisions, has one similarity with previous plans of playing games only in Arizona; in both Arizona and Florida; and in Arizona, Florida and Texas.

All include playing in empty ballparks, at least at the outset of the season.

But the latest MLB plan at least has teams playing in their own ballparks, which would provide a small bit of comfort for fans and allow players to live in their houses or rental units.

Whether any of the plans will get the approval of owners and players remains to be seen, but as long as MLB keeps floating new ideas, I suppose we should be happy. It keeps hope alive that there will be baseball this year and for the time being gives us something to talk about other than Michael Jordan.

The new plan, first reported by USA Today, is similar to one I proposed a few weeks ago.

Mine had four regional divisions — the Northeast, Midwest, West and South — while MLB's plan has three — the East, Central and West. The idea is to reduce travel while we still are dealing with the coronavirus crisis.

The latest MLB plan would place the Cubs and White Sox in a division with seven other Midwest teams: the Cardinals, Indians, Brewers, Twins, Royals, Reds and Tigers. The Braves also would be thrown into the Central because the East already is filled — and apparently it would be preposterous to put them in the West.

Of course, the Braves played in the NL West from 1969 to 1993, and no one seemed to mind. My plan had them in the South with the Astros, Rangers, Rockies, Royals, Rays and Marlins, which also was not ideal. I preferred four divisions to three, but whatever.

No matter how many divisions or where teams play, the bottom line is we need more COVID-19 testing in place before we can contemplate beginning spring training 2.0 and getting the season rolling.

If July 2 is the target date for the opener, workouts need to begin in a month to get pitchers' arms ready.

While MLB's latest plan allows for the possibility of playing before fans with a "percentage of seats sold" if conditions improve later in the year, according to the Associated Press, empty ballparks appear to be the only realistic option.

Fans probably would accept that. According to an NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll, 91% of respondents said it was a bad idea to allow large groups of people to attend sporting events without further testing for the coronavirus.

And if games are played in empty ballparks, players' salaries would have to be reduced. By exactly how much is something they'll need to work out, but if greed prevents the season from being played, the game never will recover. It's also too bad that prospective free agents probably won't be getting \$300 million contracts or 10-year contract offers in the next few years, but that's a problem for another day.

For now, the only issue should be getting back on the field safely and returning some sense of normalcy to our lives.

If MLB goes with the latest plan, we at least can enjoy watching our favorite teams play in familiar environs and perhaps listening to comforting voices such as Pat Hughes describe the action while we sit on our porches on a hot summer night.

So many questions have yet to be answered, even if a proposal is in place.

Until we get some clarity from MLB, we only can guess. And of course, it's not even May and we already have four plans to debate.

At the rate the sports world is moving, I'm guessing the next plan to be leaked will involve playing in Michael Jordan's backyard in Florida.

Cubs, Sox season ticket holders can choose credit or refunds

BY MARK GONZALES

Cubs and White Sox season ticket holders have the option of receiving credit and a 5% bonus or getting a full refund for games postponed in March, April and May because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The credit and bonus for Cubs ticket holders can be applied toward additional 2020 regular-season games, potential 2020 postseason tickets or their 2021 ticket balance, if applicable.

The Cubs set a deadline of 5 p.m. May 6 for ticket holders to choose an option, with

those who don't select one automatically receiving credit and a 5% bonus.

The Cubs have lost 18 home dates so far and had 12 home games scheduled in May. They also lost two games against the Cardinals scheduled for June 13-14 in London considered Cardinals home games.

Cubs single-game ticket holders will receive a refund using the same method of payment. Those who paid cash will be refunded by check.

The Sox notified season ticket holders they have the option of receiving credit for paid tickets, parking and Huntington Bank

Stadium Club passes as well as a 5% bonus credit for games scheduled from March 26 through May 31. The Sox have lost 16 home dates with another 15 scheduled in May.

The credit can be applied to any tickets and parking passes to future regular-season games in 2020 or 2021. Those interested in receiving a refund for regular-season games through May can contact their sales representative or email tickets@chisox.com.

Sox single-game ticket holders for games through May 31 were notified by Ticketmaster about the option to request a refund. Major League Baseball allowed teams to

start constructing refund plans this week. MLB remains committed to playing a regular season, though it would be nowhere close to the normal 162 games. The revenue from ticket sales and television rights fees would help cover the cost of player salaries.

The Cubs said they will make refund decisions on future games on a "rolling basis," and the Sox said they would make decisions as the situation progresses.

The Cubs and Sox are among several teams committed to paying full-time employees and associates through the pay period ending May 22.

SPORTS

Day 50

Since the sports world went mainly dark



WILL GRAVES/AP

Leaders chart path forward for amateur, youth sports

By EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

Doctors, scientists and sports leaders are outlining the path back to playing fields for children in grassroots sports — an exercise that will help inform major organizations on how to get their industries up and running as well amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

From New Zealand to Austria to the northwest corner of Utah, leaders are releasing regulations that have potential to impact everything from workouts at gyms to youth baseball leagues to elite-level training with an eye on the Olympics.

The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee distributed a seven-page set of guidelines of its own this week that called on participants to “self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 twice daily,” as one of several steps in a multilayered return scenario.

“In addition to the logistical challenges of returning to training following COVID-19, there are also ethical and societal considerations that are beyond the scope of this document,” USOPC chief medical officer Jonathan Finnoff wrote in a nod to the uncharted territory that all sports are trying to negotiate.

The guidelines are being developed as some major pro leagues, including the NBA, target return-to-practice dates, while others, such as Major League Baseball, float ideas about starting or resuming their seasons in upcoming weeks. All these plans need some sort of signoff from health and government authorities, who themselves are looking at models of what sports will look like on a grassroots level — a calculation that has potential to impact decisions all the way up the chain of sports.

All entities are developing their plans with the knowledge that lives are at risk and that a single outbreak among teammates or training partners has the potential to shut down a facility — or derail an entire season.

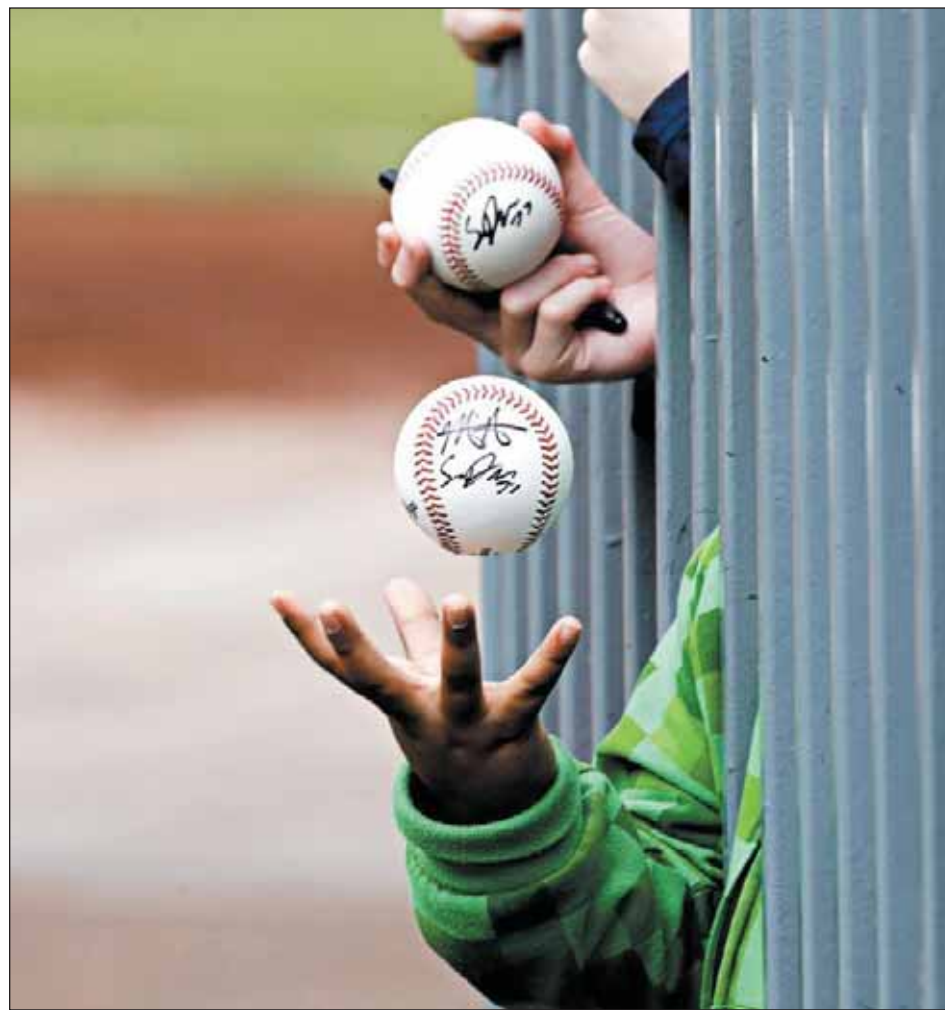
The guidelines reviewed by The AP had several things in common:

■ All returns will begin with individual training or in very small groups.

■ Very few spectators, if any, will be allowed. The USOPC also released a 13-page guide about sports event planning that asks, among other questions, “Can the financial risk be mitigated through means such as event insurance, establishing financial impact timelines for cancellation, reschedule the event for a later date, or negotiate a contract that limits negative financial impact?”

■ Almost every participant will be subject to temperature checks and some sort of verification that he or she is healthy and hasn’t been in recent contact with anyone who has COVID-19.

■ Participants will be grouped in “bubbles” — allowed to train with a specific group of people that will not change until restrictions are relaxed further.



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

The return of some amateur sports may serve as a blueprint for professional leagues.

■ One key facet will be keeping track of it all — a role that private groups such as Utah-based Great Coach are trying to fill by offering apps, blogs and other online solutions that will help monitoring.

“The governors and president can say what they want, but when it comes to kids and amateur sports, the only way it’s going to happen is when parents feel like it’s safe for their kids to play again,” said Great Coach founder Bill Kerig, who estimates 45 million children participate in recreational sports across America.

A few test models are developing in Utah, where health authorities in the Logan area recently put out detailed guidelines of circumstances under which fitness centers can reopen, while organizers around Park City also try to develop scenarios for a return to play.

“The way we approach things is going to be driven by governmental restrictions and the easing of those restrictions down to the county level,” said Luke Bodenstainer, who coordinates youth sports programs as part of Utah’s Olympic Legacy Foundation.

Similar lists of best practices are emerging from points across the globe, all tailored to their specific locales and, in some cases, to specific sports, as well.

The U.S. Tennis Association, for example, released a detailed list of suggestions for grassroots players to return safely to the court. Among them: To avoid possible contamination via tennis balls, players should use their own individually marked set of balls to serve and should use their racket — no hands — to pass the other balls back to their opponents.

New Zealand’s national sports authority released a detailed flowchart last week outlining what sports and recreation would look like under four “alert” levels the country is using to define the stages of return from COVID-19. Austria’s ski team put out its roadmap back to training, which will involve extensive health checks.

But, as Finnoff wrote in his preamble to the USOPC training guidelines, there are no one-size-fits-all answers.

“As a guideline meant to be used by sports as varied as archery and wrestling in locations as diverse as Minot and New York City ... this document cannot be prescriptive,” he said. “Rather, it should spark thoughtful deliberation among athletes, coaches and staff, who will use this information to create their own unique return to training plan that is specific to their situation.”

IN BRIEF

Baseball Hall ceremony moved to '21

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Derek Jeter, Larry Walker and the rest of this year’s Baseball Hall of Fame class will have to wait another year for their big moment at Cooperstown.

The Hall of Fame announced Wednesday that it has canceled the July 26 induction ceremony because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Instead, the class will be included at next year’s induction festivities — along with any additional new choices — on July 25, 2021.

A record crowd of over 70,000 had been expected this summer in an outdoor field at the small town in upstate New York to honor Jeter, the former Yankees captain who came within one vote of unanimous election by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America in January.

Jeter and Walker were to be inducted with catcher Ted Simmons and the late Marvin Miller, the pioneering players’ union head who negotiated free agency and transformed the sport.

“Being inducted into the Hall of Fame will be an incredible honor, but the health and safety of everyone involved are paramount,” Jeter said in a statement released by the Hall.

“I respect and support the decision to postpone this year’s enshrinement and am looking forward to joining current Hall of Famers, fans, staff and my family and friends in Cooperstown in 2021.”

This will be the first year without an induction ceremony since 1960.

■ The Rays are the first MLB team known to plan furloughs of some full-time employees because of the coronavirus pandemic, The AP reported. The Tampa Bay Times reported that the furloughs are believed to involve less than half the club’s 400-to-500 full-time employees. Meanwhile, some members of the baseball operations department are to receive pay cuts starting at 10%.

Golf: The LPGA Tour won’t resume its schedule until the middle of July at the earliest. The next tournament on the schedule had been the NW Arkansas Championship on June 19-21, a week after the PGA Tour hopes to return in Texas. Now the earliest start for the women would be July 15-18 for the Great Lakes Bay Invitational in Michigan. Meanwhile, the PGA of America said it was moving the Women’s PGA Championship from the last week in June to Oct. 8-11 at Aronimink, outside Philadelphia.

Horse racing: Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear announced that he will allow horse racing to begin again in the state, without fans, starting next month. Churchill Downs in Louisville had presented the governor with a “detailed proposal” last week about safely reopening. Beshear said the two sides reached an agreement Tuesday. The track will begin accepting horses in its stable area on May 11. There wasn’t word on when Churchill might actually begin racing. Currently live racing without fans is taking place in Florida, Arkansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma. Santa Anita Park officials met with Los Angeles County Public Health Department on Tuesday with a proposal to return to live racing at the track without fans.

NBA: Scott Perry will remain GM of the Knicks after agreeing to a new one-year deal with the team, according to reports. Perry ran the team’s basketball operations after Steve Mills was fired as president in February. Longtime player agent Leon Rose was hired to replace Mills on March 2, shortly before the season was suspended.

NFL: LB Clay Matthews is filing a grievance against the Rams over \$2 million in unpaid guarantees, ESPN reported. Former Rams Matthews and RB Todd Gurley — who were released by the team March 19 — have publicly vented their frustrations over non-payments. ... Former Jaguars LB Telvin Smith was arrested on a charge of unlawful sexual activity with certain minors. ESPN reported that Smith, 29, is accused of having sex with a 17-year-old girl multiple times, both at his home and in his vehicle in August and September.

NHL: The NHL hopes its players can return to local team training facilities at “some point in the latter half of May,” if local restrictions during the coronavirus pandemic will allow it. “We are not targeting a specific date at this point in time,” NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly told ESPN. “We are hoping for some point in the latter half of May. Remains to be seen.”

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UConn senior Batouly Camara cries while comforted by her mother as she holds a framed jersey presented during a senior ceremony at Gampel Pavilion on Feb. 22 in Storrs, Conn.

WHAT DREAMS MAY COME

Through starting a nonprofit, writing a children’s book and more, UConn’s *Batouly Camara* is working to provide opportunities for girls through sports

By ALEXA PHILIPPOU | Hartford Courant

On the last day of a basketball camp Batouly Camara was holding for 50 girls in her parents’ home country of Guinea back in 2017, the campers kept asking her the same thing: How could *they* become like *her*, a college basketball player at a place like UConn?

Camara advised them to do little things every day, like working on their conditioning. The girls responded that they weren’t allowed to run on their own. How about ball-handling then? But they didn’t all own basketballs.

“It just broke my heart,” Camara told *The Courant* recently in an appearance on the UConn Insider podcast. “It was like me saying to do all these things but you don’t have that same access, resources and opportunities to do what I do. But I want you to dream that dream because it goes far beyond basketball — the sisterhood you build, the lessons you learn.”

Ever since that trip Camara, who recently completed her redshirt senior season at UConn, has dedicated herself to ensuring that young girls and women all over the world have the opportunity to turn dreams into realities. So far, that work includes giving a TedTalk presentation, creating her own nonprofit organization, called Women and Kids Empowerment (or WAKE), writing her own children’s book and more.

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It’s a mission that Camara believes in so deeply because she remembers a time where she wasn’t aware of the possibil-

ities that sports could bring to her. Camara grew up in New York City, but her mother raised her true to her Guinean roots, instilling the importance of education but also one day becoming a wife and mother.

A whole new world opened up to Camara once she started playing basketball at 12. It showed her the power of sisterhood and teamwork. It gave her the freedom to travel, even if it was just to basketball practice. Eventually, her basketball journey took her to Blair Academy, an elite boarding school in New Jersey, as well as UConn, where beyond athletics she was able to get involved with public speaking, service and other leadership endeavors.

But Camara can’t think about all that basketball has given her without recognizing how many girls and women can’t similarly benefit from the formative experiences that sports bring. It’s become a guiding principle for her: Until we all have it, none of us have it.



JESSICA HILL/AP

UConn’s Batouly Camara, right, is guarded by South Florida’s Bethy Mununga in the second half of a game in Hartford, Conn., on March 2.

“Until everyone has that opportunity — I would say a human need to have the ability to play sport in a safe environment and have the ability to just play — then what we have is always diminishing, it’s always leaving, it’s always fleeting if we don’t work to create those same opportunities for others around the world,” Camara said.

Beginning with her time as a student-athlete at UConn, Camara has already made meaningful contributions in that space. WAKE holds global clinics and workshops for kids and women, reaching 890 participants in 10 camps to date. She also has a boarding school in Guinea on the horizon that will offer girls basketball and educational opportunities.

Last month, Camara announced that she had completed a children’s book called “A Basketball Game on Wake Street,” inspired by a pick-up basketball game Camara played in while visiting Dribble Academy in India. One of the kids there invited his friends to play; one communicated through sign language and the other had a prosthetic arm.

The experience left Camara, who often played pick-up games in New York, reflecting on the inclusiveness of sports.

“‘A Basketball Game on Wake Street’ is a summary of my experiences to encourage young girls to give a voice to the voiceless, to say that there is a place for you in sport, you can do this and maybe you haven’t seen it, but here’s a book for

you, here’s that first dream for you, here’s your first image of that because there is a place for you in sports,” Camara said.

The book will soon be sold on Amazon as an e-book and a hard copy will eventually be available.

Aside from finalizing publication details for the book, Camara has kept busy since UConn moved to online instruction last month. She’s been posting workouts and holding an Instagram Live series with various guests to keep people engaged, active and inspired. Most importantly, she’s finishing the last of her schoolwork as she works toward earning her master’s degree in sports management from UConn in just a few weeks.

But as she forges forward into an uncertain post-graduate world, Camara has dreams of her own. Aside from the completion of the all-girls academy, she would like to play professionally. The lessons she learned in Storrs provided a foundation for her next steps.

“Coach [Geno Auriemma] always says, ‘how you do one thing is how you do everything,’” Camara said. “And I’ve realized through my experiences at UConn and the way Coach Auriemma works, do your work with integrity and immerse yourself in it and put your best foot forward, and good things will come from that.”

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ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Kelvin Leerdam, right, of the Seattle Sounders is lucky for an international MLS player — his family joined him in the U.S. last month before travel became a big challenge.

Pandemic puts extra strain on international MLS players

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Kelvin Leerdam has been fortunate compared to many of the other foreign players in Major League Soccer, and it was completely by accident.

Born in Suriname but raised in the Netherlands, Leerdam still makes his full-time home in Europe when he's not playing for the Seattle Sounders. When the school schedule in the Netherlands lined up for his wife and two young children to join him in Washington state for the start of the MLS season last month, Leerdam jumped at the opportunity to bring his family here.

They made it before the COVID-19 pandemic overtook much of the world, making travel a major challenge.

"They were supposed to come here and have a good time," Leerdam said. "Then everything changed."

No other top-flight league in the world has the same geographic diversity as MLS, which had 74 different nationalities represented at the start of the 2020 season, according to data from Sports Reference. The Premier League had 63 nationalities represented among its players for the 2019-20 season. Same for the Bundesliga. Serie A in Italy had 65. La Liga in Spain had 52.

The diversity has been good for MLS, but now it has also been a source of emotional and mental strain during the pandemic, which shut the season down in early March after only two weeks. Foreign players and

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coaches were subsequently stuck in North America, and while in many cases they have their spouses and children with them, they are often separated from other family and loved ones spread around the world.

"We're constantly communicating with them (players). And if there's something they might need, we will work very hard to provide it," said Portland Timbers coach Giovanni Savarese, who has extended family in Italy. "These are times that are very difficult. Our generation has not gone through this type of situation, so every day we have a new challenge. The good thing is that everyone is in constant communication to make sure that we always know if someone is in need of something."

MLS has extended its training moratoriums on several occasions, the latest until May 15. The earliest the league will return to action is June 8. Players have been receiving their regular pay, but there have been conversations about potential salary reductions. The league has asked players to

remain in their local markets, but said it would consider requests for car travel outside the local area.

That's left players and coaches from Europe, Central and South America and even the few from Asia wondering whether there will be an opportunity at some point to go back home.

"I just think that it is a world problem at the minute, obviously. We're all one country right now," Montreal coach Thierry Henry said. "Either way, wherever you are, we're all worried about our families, thinking about how everyone is, making sure we're respecting the rules by staying at home and not passing on that obviously vicious virus. I try to speak with my family as much as I can, and see how they are doing, how they're coping with everything that's happening."

While there have been text threads created and online virtual meetings set up among players, daily and weekly check-ins have become part of the to-do list for coaches. The kinds of interactions that used to happen in the locker room or on the training ground now take place electronically.

Savarese said the Timbers are using an app where players can chat about how they're doing.

"The guys that are coming here from overseas and don't have the greatest support system, it's important for us to reach out to them a little bit more, as opposed to Chris Seitz, who has been here forever and has five kids to keep him busy,"

D.C. United coach Ben Olsen said.

Real Salt Lake newcomer Giuseppe Rossi was born in the U.S. before moving to Italy when he was 12. He's played in the Premier League, La Liga and Serie A in his professional career, but his roots are in two of the major virus hot spots: Italy and New Jersey.

"I have my aunt who lives a kilometer away from my from my cousin, her son, and they haven't seen each other in like a month, a month and a half," Rossi said of his Italian family. "I mean, it's just bizarre. It's crazy."

Savarese is in a similar situation. Savarese was born and raised in Venezuela but his parents are Italian and moved back to their home country. His mind has been split between concern for his family and players here and his extended family in Europe.

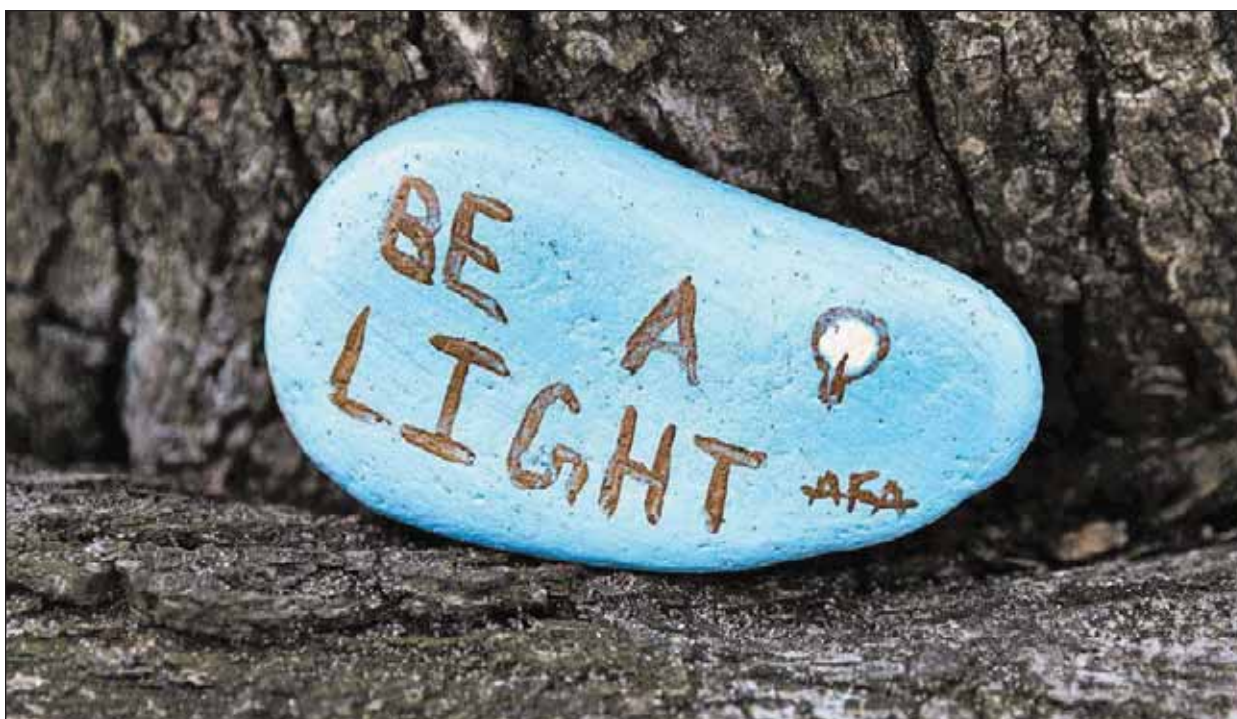
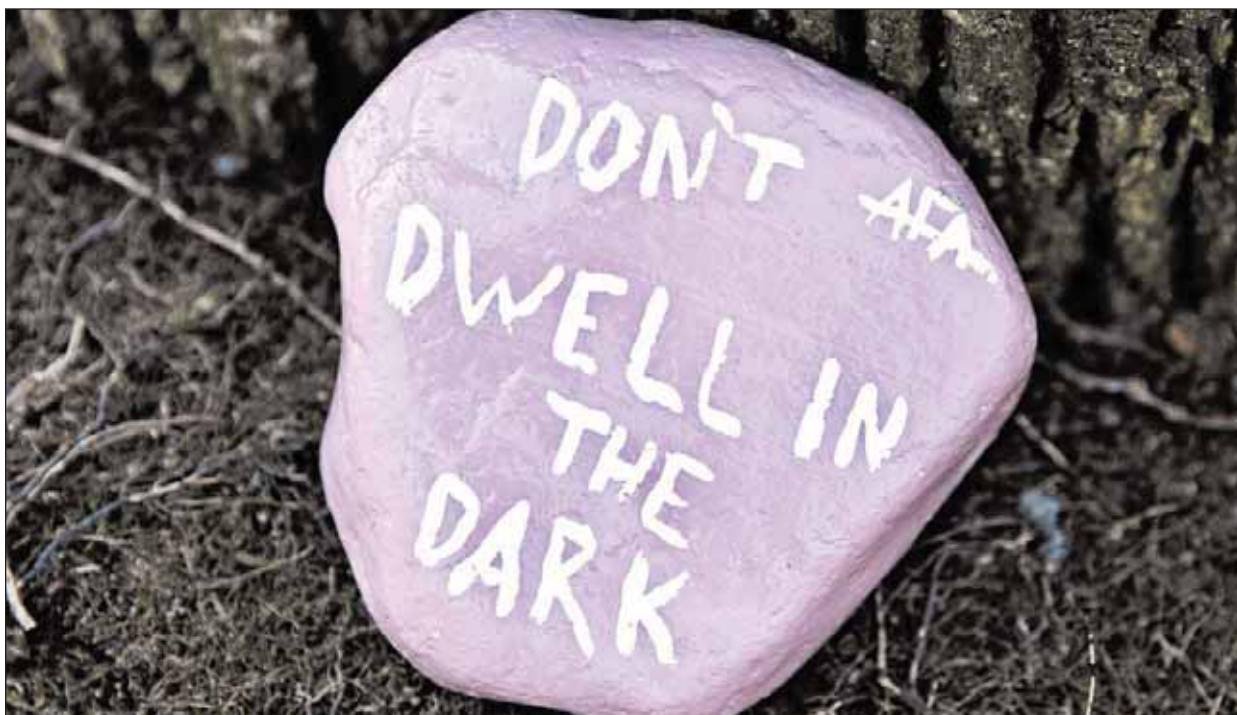
"I have family members that are police, that have to be in the streets of Bologna, where it's very complicated. (They are) afraid in going outside in the street. And seeing how many people have passed, it's incredible," Savarese said. "The situations in the hospitals, it is very worrisome."

"We're connected every day. I have another cousin who is at home as well that is afraid because of a neighbor that contracted the virus. It is a situation that we have to make sure we're in constant communication, that we follow the guidelines, and hopefully this time is going to pass. But it's definitely difficult times."

AP Sports Writer Anne M. Peterson contributed to this report.

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NBA					SOCCER					GOLF					NHL									
EASTERN CONFERENCE					DRAFT INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES					MLS					-LPGA RESULTS, REVISED SCHEDULE					EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC					Berke Alar Macedonia 6-11 1999					Eastern					Jan. 17-20 : Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions (Eun-hee Ji)					ATLANTIC				
Toronto	46	18	.719	—	Deni Avdiija Israel 6-8 2001	Atlanta	2	0	0	6	4	2	Feb. 7-10 : ISPS Handa Vic Open (Celine Boutier)	Washington	41	20	8	90	240	215				
Boston	43	21	.672	3	Brancou Badio Spain 6-3 1999	N.Y. Red Bulls	1	0	1	4	4	3	Feb. 14-17 : ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open (Nelly Korda)	Philadelphia	41	21	7	89	232	196				
Philadelphia	39	26	.600	7½	Darko Bajic Croatia 6-10 1999	Montreal	1	0	1	4	4	3	Feb. 21-24 : Honda LPGA Thailand (Amy Yang)	Pittsburgh	40	23	6	86	224	196				
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16	Philippe Bayeche Italy 6-9 1999	Toronto FC	1	0	1	4	3	2	July 15-18 : Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, Midland CC, Midland, Mich.	Carolina	38	25	5	81	222	193				
New York	21	45	.318	26	Marek Blazejczak Lithuania 6-10 2001	Columbus	1	0	1	4	2	1	July 23-26 : Marathon LPGA Classic, Highland Meadows GC, Sylvania, Ohio.	Columbus	33	22	15	81	180	187				
SOUTHEAST					Adrian Bogucki Poland 7-1 1999	D.C. United	1	1	0	3	3	3	July 31-Aug. 2 : ShopRite LPGA Classic, Sea View Dolce Hotel (Bay Course), Galloway, N.J.	N.Y. Islanders	35	23	10	80	192	193				
Miami	41	24	.631	—	Leandro Bolmaro Spain 6-6 2000	Chicago	0	1	1	1	2	3	Aug. 6-9 : The Evian Championship, Evian Resort GC, Evian-les-Bains, France.	N.Y. Rangers	37	28	5	79	234	222				
Orlando	30	35	.462	11	Vinicius Da Silva Spain 7-0 2001	New England	0	1	1	1	2	3	Dec. 3-6 : Volunteers of America Classic, Old American GC, The Colony, Texas.	New Jersey	28	29	12	68	189	230				
Washington	24	40	.375	16½	Henri Drell Italy 6-9 2000	Orlando City	0	1	1	1	1	2	Dec. 10-13 : U.S. Women's Open, Champions GC, Houston.	WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18	Michele Ebeling Italy 6-9 1999	Philadelphia	0	1	1	1	1	2	Dec. 17-20 : CME Group Tour Championship, Tiburon GC, Naples, Fla.	CENTRAL										
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22	Paul Eboua Italy 6-8 2000	Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	3	5	St. Louis	42	19	10	94	225	193					
CENTRAL					Osas Ehiogator Spain 6-10 1999	Inter Miami CF	0	2	0	0	1	3	Colorado	42	20	8	92	237	191					
Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—	Joel Ekamba France 6-5 2001	N.Y. City FC	0	2	0	0	0	2	Dallas	37	24	8	82	180	177					
Indiana	39	26	.600	14	Miguel Gonzalez Spain 6-7 1999	Western					Winnipeg	37	28	6	80	216	203							
Chicago	22	43	.338	31	Killian Hayes Germany 6-5 2001	Sporting KC	2	0	0	6	7	1	Nashville	35	26	8	78	215	217					
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½	Sehms Hazer Turkey 6-3 1999	Minnesota	2	0	0	6	8	3	Minnesota	35	27	7	77	220	220					
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34	Rokas Jokubaitis Lithuania 6-4 2000	Colorado	2	0	0	6	4	2	Chicago	32	30	8	72	212	218					
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Houston	40	24	.625	—	Arturs Kurucs Latvia 6-3 2000	Seattle	1	0	1	4	3	2	Edmonton	37	25	9	83	225	217					
Dallas	40	27	.597	1½	Dut Mabor Italy 7-1 2001	Portland	1	1	0	3	2	3	Calgary	36	27	7	79	210	215					
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½	Yam Madar Israel 6-2 2000	Vancouver	1	1	0	3	2	3	Vancouver	36	27	6	78	228	217					
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12	Theo Maledon France 6-4 2001	Real Salt Lake	0	0	2	2	1	1	Arizona	33	29	8	74	195	187					
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½	Rokas Jokubaitis Lithuania 6-8 1999	LA Galaxy	0	1	1	1	1	2	Anaheim	29	33	9	67	187	226					
NORTHWEST					Nikola Miskovic Serbia 6-10 1999	San Jose	0	1	1	1	1	5	Los Angeles	29	35	6	64	178	212					
Denver	43	22	.662	—	Aristide Mouahita Italy 6-3 2000	Houston	0	1	1	1	1	5	San Jose	29	36	5	63	182	226					
Utah	41	23	.641	1½	Caio Pacheco Argentina 6-8 1999	Nashville SC	0	2	0	0	1	3												
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½	Joel Parra Spain 6-8 2000	Tentative date for the MLS All-Star Game																		
Portland	29	37	.439	14½	Aleks Pokusevski Greece 7-0 2001	July 29 vs. La Liga MX All Stars																		
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½	Sander Raieste Estonia 6-9 1999	Banc of California Stadium in Los Angeles																		
PACIFIC					N Rogkavopoulos Greece 6-8 2001																			
L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—	Yigitcan Saybir Turkey 6-7 1999																			
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½	M. Simonovic Serbia 6-11 1999																			
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½	Mouhamed Thiam France 6-9 2001																			
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24	Uros Trifunovic Serbia 6-7 2000																			
Golden State	15	50	.231	35	Arnas Velicka Lithuania 6-4 1999																			
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Inspirational stones painted by 14-year-old Abigail Allen are placed around her Rogers Park neighborhood.

Uplifting via an unusual method

Teenager's painted rocks are brightening a Rogers Park street

By **CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI**

The Banksy of Juneway Terrace arrived a couple of weeks ago. That's when everyone on this nook of a street in Rogers Park first noticed the painted stones, placed here and there, into the hollows of trees, at the bases of street lights, tucked between tufts of grass. None of these rocks had been painted with the hand of an obvious artist. Indeed, at first, none of the rocks appeared signed at all, though the intent was clear: to uplift — to offer anyone on Juneway some respite from a pandemic. "To be honest, the first time I spotted the rocks," said Mary Connolly, a longtime Juneway resident, as she gardened, "I thought 'OK, who's leaving trash in my trees?'" She glanced at a small rock that had been nuzzled into the crook of a trunk in front of her home. The stone was painted blue, with yellow script reading: "Would you be mine?" Walking east along Juneway, a rock in front of her neighbor's home read: "Could you be mine?" And then

the rock in front of *their* neighbor's home continued: "Won't you be ...?" The rock in front of the next home concluded: "My neighbor." And the rock after that provided punctuation: a small painting of a red sweater, which was clever. Most of the painted rocks of Juneway, many of the dozens and dozens that have been left since mid-April along the street — the northernmost street in Chicago — have offered garden-variety inspirational messages, such as "Be Strong" and "Balance" and "Friends" and "Live With Passion." Yet as rocks vanished, then were replaced with new rocks, their messages deepened and felt more pointed: "Unplug" and "Let Go" and "Just Mercy" and "Look Around." One rock carried only a Superman logo. Now, Connolly said, the painted rocks of Juneway, "when you walk down the street, wondering about everything happening now, they make you happy, perk you right up."

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Superhero therapist: Admit that grief is real

After 15 seasons, it'll be hard to bid 'Supernatural' farewell

By **DARCEL ROCKETT**

It's funny to think of things pre- and post-. We can recall living in a world pre-coronavirus and now we're trying to imagine a world post-COVID-19 (when public gatherings are once again acceptable and office space is no longer just a funny film, but something workers return to). Unfortunately, that post-world will exist without the CW show, "Supernatural." After 15 seasons, the show created by Eric Kripke will come to an end. Set to not go quietly into that good night on May 18, the pandemic pushed that exit strategy further down the road, but the series finale is coming. And just like the Winchesters, we have to be prepared for life after the fallout. But how does one say farewell to a friendship that has lasted a decade and a half? The regularity of Sam and Dean Winchester battling evil — be it Lucifer, demons, archangels, the apocalypse, or going the way of Cain and Abel at the hands of a God named Chuck — was a balm that SPNFamily could count on weekly. The fights, the family, the fun, "Supernatural" had it all, the serious, the sentimentality and the pop culture gravitas to actually do a crossover with "Scooby Doo." The characters that Jensen Ackles and Jared Padalecki embody are everyday superheroes with skills that don't warrant a cape. Instead, they are underdogs that show up even when the odds are against them. They use knowledge, experience and will to get things done, which usually equates to saving lives and/or the world. That said, there will be tears, emotions and quite possibly seven stages of grief when it comes to an end after hundreds of

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Honestly, 'Dangerous Lies' doesn't know Chicago

New Netflix movie blends in scenes from Vancouver

By **TRACY SWARTZ**

A Chicago-area couple struggling to pay their bills stumble upon a cache of money and jewels in the new Netflix film "Dangerous Lies." "Riverdale" star Camila Mendes plays waitress Katie Franklin, whose husband ("Survivor's Remorse" alum Jessie T. Usher) thwarts a robbery at her diner. Franklin then takes a job as a caretaker for Leonard Wellsley ("Friends" actor Elliott Gould) at his Chicago estate. Wellsley's mysterious death exposes a complex web of murder and deception that causes Franklin to question everyone — including her husband. Though the plot is complicated, one thing is clear: The filmmakers did a poor job of representing Chicago. The movie, available Thursday to stream, was shot in the Vancouver area in the spring of 2019. Canada is often used as a stand-in for Chicago, but the "Dangerous Lies" team didn't put much effort into making Vancouver look like Chicago. The movie begins with Franklin working at the Smile Diner, a real Vancouver greasy spoon known for Canadian comfort food and Chinese dishes. The diner is located in South Chicago in the film. Franklin's husband attacks the diner robber, whose wounds are treated at Chicago Memorial Hospital (where, presumably, he crosses paths with Dr. Richard Kimble from "The Fugitive"). The staffing agency that employs Franklin somehow is located near CTA Green Line tracks in Chicago and near Homer Street in Vancouver. A No. 211 TransLink Vancouver bus passes by as Franklin enters the agency's building. Franklin takes the job caring for Wellsley four months after the diner robbery. Wellsley lives at 127 Queens

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Munn calls out Singer's set absence

For years, filmmaker Bryan Singer's career has been marred by allegations of sexual assault and unprofessional on-set behavior. In late 2017, he was fired from "Bohemian Rhapsody" for allegedly not coming to work and clashing with the film's star, Rami Malek.

While Malek has remained mum on what happened, Olivia Munn, who worked with the director on 2016's "X-Men: Apocalypse," another 20th Century Fox title, called out Singer's "bad behavior" in a recent interview.

According to Munn, Singer walked off set in Montreal to fly to Los Angeles for approximately 10 days to deal with a "thyroid issue," leaving the production to scramble without a director.

"Instead of going to a doctor in Montreal, which is a very high-level, working city, he said he had to go to LA," she told Variety. "And he said, 'Continue, keep filming.'"

"I never thought any of it was normal, but I didn't realize other people also thought it wasn't normal," Munn said. "And the other people who thought it wasn't normal would be people at high levels, people who make decisions on whether to hire this person. But this person is allowed to continue to go on. ... Even before the #MeToo stuff was exposed, there's also just the bad behavior of people getting away with it. And no one in this world is so talented that it merits disrespecting other people and their time."

Netflix plans coronavirus show: Netflix Inc. is working on a new anthology series called "Social Distance" set during the coronavirus pandemic, adapting to the Hollywood's production



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Olivia Munn, shown in February, describes director Bryan Singer's actions on the "X-Men" set in a recent interview.

shutdown by using actors under quarantine. Jenji Kohan, creator of "Weeds" and "Orange Is the New Black," is producing the show, a comedy in which actors will film themselves from their own homes. Writers have begun working on scripts, and production will begin in a few weeks.

"We are challenging ourselves to do something new: To create and produce virtually so that our cast and crew can stay healthy and safe," Kohan said in a statement. "Writers never physically meet during the writing process. Our director, Diego Velasco, directs our talent remotely. Our showrunner, Hilary Weisman Graham, runs production from her living room."

Streaming films eligible for Oscars: Movies that

debuted on a streaming service without a theatrical run will be eligible for the Oscars, but only for this year. The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences announced the change for the 93rd Academy Awards as a response to the coronavirus pandemic. The film academy also said it will condense the two sound categories into one and prohibit DVD screeners in an effort to become more carbon neutral.

April 30 birthdays: Actress Cloris Leachman is 94. Actor Burt Young is 80. Singer Merrill Osmond is 67. Actor Adrian Pasdar is 55. Actress Lisa Dean Ryan is 48. Actor Johnny Galecki is 45. Actor Sam Heughan is 40. Actor Kunal Nayyar is 39. Actress Kirsten Dunst is 38. Actress Dianna Agron is 34.



ASK AMY

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Mom doesn't like gifts from ex's 'friend'

Dear Amy: I am recently divorced. My ex-husband and I share custody of our 8-year-old daughter.

As we were working out the conditions of our divorce, my ex was cultivating a "friendship" with "Cindy," the wife of our workout trainer. At the time, he and I were still intimate sometimes, and the divorce was looking like it would be amicable. Cindy was seeing him regularly. She furnished his new apartment and bought him a new wardrobe. It was weird, but I didn't think too much of it.

One day he told me he had made out with Cindy and that he was afraid that he might end up having sex with her. I asked if Cindy's husband knew, and my ex said no.

I was really upset. I didn't want her husband to get cheated on, and so I told him. I wasn't very tactful. Cindy told him that she was just a friend and that I am blaming her for our divorce. Her husband decided to give everyone the "benefit of the doubt."

I was disgusted. Now, I only interact with my ex regarding our daughter.

Recently, Cindy has been offering to babysit our daughter when my ex picks up work during his custody times. She has also taken to buying gifts for her. I haven't reacted when my daughter told me who is buying her these things. It is really getting to me though. I can't fathom why Cindy is doing this, other than to overcompensate for her behavior.

How should I handle this?

— Unsweetened Momma

Dear Momma: This

episode might be teaching you some important lessons about divorce: You should not sleep with your ex while you are in the process of "working out the details." Continued intimacy does not lead to an amicable divorce — it keeps you involved at a time when you should be learning how to detach from one another.

The second lesson is harder: Your now ex-husband has the right to cultivate other relationships, and unless you two agreed to a limit on friends interacting with your daughter during custody, you are both free to do so.

You seem to know "Cindy" well. You tried to derail the relationship with your ex by reporting it to her husband, but that didn't work out for you.

It ripples to see another woman grow close to your child. But — if these interactions are positive and benign — then you will have to learn to tolerate them. If you suspect that these interactions are not benign, then you should contact your lawyer. Do not discourage your daughter from developing a friendship with Cindy. The last thing you want to do is to encourage her to keep her experiences while with her father a secret for fear of how you might react.

Dear Amy: My husband and I have been married for over 50 years. We were young, and I guess didn't really know each other.

We have little in common. I don't have any feelings toward him.

He will do just about anything for me when I'm ill. We don't argue. But we

don't agree on where to go and what to do on trips. He'd rather walk around while I want to be more active — sailing, hiking and traveling the world.

At times, I've thought of leaving, but I can't afford to live on my own. We went to counseling many years ago, but he wasn't into it, and the counselor focused on my leaving rather than working things out.

I'm not totally unhappy, just very sad. I feel as if my life is wasted. Any suggestions for navigating this long-term relationship with my husband?

— Stuck

Dear Stuck: At the risk of echoing your counselor, I suggest that the relationship you really need to work on is the one with yourself. You can lead a fulfilling life, even with an unfulfilling marriage. Concentrate on becoming the person you've always wanted to be.

Dear Amy: "Overworked" was a hardworking mom who confronted a household mess at the end of her workday.

The mother said: "The sink is full of snacking dishes." Your advice: "They have until 5 p.m. to lie in their own filth."

They might be lazy or irresponsible or returning to childhood to be taken care of ... but they are not pigs.

— Upset

Dear Upset: I think a few parents would beg to differ.

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Chicago artists Tweedy, O'My's and more to perform during virtual benefit concert

By ADAM LUKACH

Chicago's music scene has been making do with livestream concerts during the pandemic shutdown, with bands getting increasingly creative as staying at home persists.

Thursday, we'll get to see one of the best lineups for a digital show yet. A group of Chicago musicians including Jeff Tweedy, Katie Kadan, The O'My's, Ric

Wilson, NNAMDI and more will perform during a virtual benefit concert dubbed "Our City of Neighbors."

The show goes on at 7 p.m. Thursday, and can be streamed at windycityindie.com.

The effort comes from WindyCityIndie, a new local pandemic-support initiative founded by Chicagoans Sonny Garg and Karen Salmon. The idea is

to "support independent musicians by drawing attention to their work," as well as solicit donations to support organizations delivering critical services to the city.

The full list of confirmed acts features Toronzo Cannon, Mariachi Sirenas, The Flat Five, Shawnee Dez, Terriers, Sandra Antonogorgi, Dominizuelan and Jon Langford and Sons — although the website prom-

ises a couple surprises. NBC 5's Matthew Rodrigues will host the event.

Donations from "City of Neighbors" will benefit four organizations: Metropolitan Family Services; Greater Chicago Food Depository; My Block, My Hood, My City; and the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. According to WindyCityIndie's website, the goal is \$77,000, in honor of Chicago's 77 neighbor-



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Jeff Tweedy of Wilco, center, shown performing at Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park in 2016, is one of the musicians headlining "Our City of Neighbors" at 7 p.m. Thursday.

hoods, which would be split evenly among the four groups.

According to the event website, performers were

compensated for the event, however, "some artists have decided to donate their fee back to the cause."

Grief

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episodes.

So for those who are already dealing with enough loss in their lives (loss of jobs, loved ones, normalcy), we talked with Janina Scarlet, a San Diego-based licensed clinical psychologist and author of "Supernatural Therapy: Hunting Your Internal Monsters IRL," a self-help book for "Supernatural" fans about how to get through the void when this staple goes away.

"It was hard enough to face the ending of the beloved series, but to face the ending during a pandemic can feel much more devastating," said the "huge, huge" fan of "Supernatural." "For many people, the show has represented friendship, stability and safety. The show has felt like a sense of a community, a family. It might feel like these support systems will end after the show ends. However, it does not have to be the case. If there's anything the SPN-Family has shown us is that the community is going to be there well beyond the running of the show. No matter what happens, remember that you are a hunter. Stand if you are able, breathe, take a hunter's posture and face your

anxiety, grief and any other experiences you might have as Sam and Dean would. Remember you are not alone. The SPNFamily is here with you and Always Keep Fighting."

The interview has been condensed and edited.

Q: Tell us about the book. What is its goal?

Janina Scarlet: My goal is to essentially help people understand their mental health through the lens of fiction and fandom. The book will feature stories from people worldwide that are going to talk about how "Supernatural" fandom has helped them to face their own mental health difficulties and how we can become our own version of a hunter in real life (IRL). As a psychologist, I see the show as a metaphor for the kind of monsters that we face in real life. The kinds of world-ending catastrophes that Sam and Dean face are not that different from the earth-shattering traumatic experiences that many of us might have gone through. So what we learn on "Supernatural" is that by having a family, which doesn't necessarily mean the family we were born into, can be one of the most helpful things that we can utilize as humans to face our own monsters and by sticking together and remembering what it is we're



Dr. Janina Scarlet, clinical psychologist and author of "Supernatural Therapy: Hunting Your Internal Monsters IRL," shares advice on how fans of the CW series can cope when the finale happens. She believes shows like "Supernatural" can benefit mental health.

fighting for, we can potentially overcome anything.

Q: How can we get through losing "Supernatural"?

JS: I think allowing ourselves to acknowledge that the grief is real because for so long these characters have been our social surrogates, which for many viewers probably allowed them to feel less alone. Getting together with other "Supernatural" fans — whether it's online, watching episodes together at the same time, talking to other members of the Supernatural family — can also help us through this process. I highly en-

courage people to write fan fiction (their own "Supernatural" stories). I find a lot of times when we're able to write fan fiction and be a part of that story, that can allow us to process something really painful or fulfill an unmet need — for example, a need for adventure or friendship that we would otherwise have a difficult time meeting.

Q: What if fan fiction doesn't fill the void?

JS: Most people think that to write something, they have to be almost like Chuck, right? The have to be God to write, but the truth is anybody can write fan fiction, we don't even



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self, and you can have discussions with other members. I think that way that we can keep this fandom alive and maybe even utilize what we learned from the fandom to do good, support other people — to, for example, send positive treats and messages to other people who are struggling as a way of helping people face their own monsters and as a way of showing up for other people in the world.

Q: How is "Supernatural" good for mental health?

JS: I think the series can help us understand that we're not alone; it can help us understand that grief and trauma is something that most people go through — that there are different ways to cope and sometimes like Dean, we might want to try to put a lid on our emotions but over time these feelings catch up to us and the best thing that we can do is find a way to learn from our pain. What we learn from the series is how we face these kinds of monsters by creating meaning in our own life. For example, by standing up for other people or supporting other people who are currently going through a similar kind of struggle.

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Creativity used to keep shows afloat amid crisis

Producers, techs working around forced separation

BY MARY MCNAMARA
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Hollywood is an industry built on the work-around.

Can't actually film a woman tied to the railroad tracks, a guy climbing Mt. Rushmore, a kid playing Quidditch? Then build a set, paint a backdrop, use greenscreen technology.

The actor is too old, too young, too bald — or pregnant? Meet the makeup, hair and costume departments.

So it's not surprising that even before COVID-19 formally shut down film and television productions March 13, the industry was scrambling to figure out how to keep working, together but separately, to ensure that production can resume the moment safety concerns allow.

With TV, any frustration about the wild overabundance of content has turned to list-making gratitude as shelter-at-home orders proliferated and lengthened. And while production stopped, creation has not. Studio equipment was sent to people's homes, security protocols were loosened, computer systems were shored up and everyone, obviously, downloaded Zoom.

Alena Smith was lucky. The showrunner and her team were in the final steps of postproduction on season two of the Apple TV Plus hit "Dickinson."

"All of our editing was done and we had locked picture," she said. "We still had to do color correction, some of the VFX, the score and the final sound mix."

Three weeks into shutdown, only sound mixing remained. The postproduction house Smith uses was closed, she said, "but one of the guys who works there has a stage in his house in Connecticut. He doesn't usually work on the show, but he is now."

Smith and her family were sheltering in Connecticut as well, at her parents' house, where, at the time of this interview, Apple was sending a high-power sound bar and a Blu-ray.

What would normally take two or three days in a studio will take two or three weeks, but it will get done.

"It is ironic that we're doing a show about Emily Dickinson and her need for human connection while [we're] sheltering at home," Smith said. "It's good to know we can do more things remotely than we thought we could, but I don't think anyone would choose to do it this way again."

"Home Before Dark," another Apple TV Plus show, had a very different experience timing-wise. Dana Fox's drama about a dogged girl reporter (based on real-life girl reporter Hilde Lysiak and



Hailee Steinfeld, left, and Wiz Khalifa appear in a scene from the Apple TV Plus hit "Dickinson."

played by "The Florida Project's" Brooklynn Prince) who shakes up a small town premiered during the coronavirus crisis and was shooting the fourth episode of its second season when it shut down.

"It's actually a great time to debut a show," Fox said, "because everyone is watching TV. And as long as the Internet holds, we're all just Zooming."

Fox had an online celebration a few hours before the first episode dropped with the cast and some crew, including executive producer Jon M. Chu ("Crazy Rich Asians"), who directed two episodes. Then to Fox's surprise, her family hosted an online premiere, complete with a red carpet made out of construction paper for her to walk in their home.

"We couldn't have everyone, but there were like 60 people [online]," said Chu, who has been busy developing projects and wasn't slated to direct any episodes in the second season.

"Now, who knows? If one of the other directors has to step away, I might."

That could be a silver lining in a particularly precarious situation. Beyond finishing the scripts for season two, and plotting to ask Apple to greenlight season three so she can work on that as well, there isn't much production work that Fox can do. And when your leading lady and many of her supporting players are aged in the single digits (Prince is 9), appearance continuity can be an issue even without a gap of unknown duration.

"We had to do some extra shoots after Season 1 was done," Fox said, "and when I saw them I thought 'Oh, my God, she's grown up so much.' I am just praying for no huge growth spurt."

For Katie Wech ("Rizzoli & Isles" "Jane the Virgin") the shutdown came in stages. In February, she was in Vancouver, Canada, prepping for the CBS medical drama pilot "Good Sam." It soon became clear that actual hospital locations were not going to be available and other locations were also either balking or shutting down.

"Our hero [main] location was at a university, and when that closed we had to call an audible," she said. "CBS wasn't saying anything yet, but then we heard that all production was shutting down."

As Wech packed, the

situation felt surreal. She stocked up on Clorox wipes and Purell, still plentiful in Vancouver, and flew home to LA, where she is sheltering with her family, which includes three young children.

"Fortunately for me, CBS called and ordered another episode, so I'm working on that," she said, "I don't know if they are trying to stockpile scripts, but for me, it's great to have the chance to dig further into this show."

Wech's children are all finishing the school year online, but as every parent knows, that still leaves a lot of hours in the day.

"I have all these Post-its on the wall," she said. "My 8-year-old saw me staring at them and asked what they were for and I told her they help me figure out story. 'Hmm, let me take a look.' So that's where we are now."

Producer Jessica Rhoades had three shows — "Station 11," Gillian Flynn's "Utopia" and "Dirty John: The Betty Broderick Story" — in production or post and was opening a writers room on a fourth project when the shutdown hit.

"Putting together a writers room remotely is doable, but different," she said. "A lot of rooms are working remotely, but they are established. They have their tone and cadence."

Like Fox and Smith, Rhoades is very concerned for below-the-line workers who cannot, by the nature of their jobs, work when production is shut down. She also feels for anyone who, when pilot season came to an abrupt halt, was in the midst of shooting their first pilot.

"You work so hard to get that break," she said. "We all want to believe we will be able to make those shows, but no one knows."

No matter when the shutdown ends, there will be an unavoidable dip in new content as shows interrupted mid- or pre-production play catchup. That gap, Rhoades said, will no doubt be filled by an explosion of unscripted shows similar to that which followed the writers strike 12 years ago.

"Reality shows are very postproduction-heavy," said Rhet Bachner, who with partner Brien Meagher developed "Shark Tank" and other programming before founding B17 Entertainment, which produces reality content for multiple plat-

forms including Quibi, HBO Max and SyFy.

"There were quite a few projects that we were set up to begin that we could not film, but we are editing all the things we had filmed at the end of last year. And we're developing ways we can shoot remotely."

Said Meagher: "From a nonscripted standpoint, it's a great opportunity. There will be holes to fill this summer and even this fall."

Like Bachner and Meagher, Stephen Lambert, a London-based producer who has launched reality shows in the U.K. and the U.S., including "Wife Swap," "The Secret Millionaire" and "Undercover Boss," is as busy as ever.

"You can carry on editing, you can carry on casting and you can plan everything," he said. "We are doing a lot of pitching. Everything takes a bit longer, and you're doing a lot of FaceTime with people who aren't shaving regularly."

In some cases, Lambert said, even shooting has continued. And at least one of his shows, "Gogglebox," has seen a huge coronavirus-related boost.

"Gogglebox," which is not available in the U.S., features an array of family and friend groups reacting as they watch television — scripted, unscripted and news programs — in their homes. For 15 seasons, it has captivated audiences, made its participants celebrities and spawned multiple knockoffs, including a short-lived U.S. version.

Because the cameras are already installed in the cast members' homes, the program has been able to proceed throughout — and capture their reaction to — the COVID-19 crisis. When cast member Izzi Warner broke down over her fears on a recent episode, fans rallied in support and gratitude, saying she spoke for millions.

While there has been some concern about the lack of social distancing the show requires, Channel 4 recently reassured viewers that most cast members live with each other and are observing self-isolation rules.

So "Gogglebox" will continue, its lively and diverse cast capturing the ever-shifting zeitgeist — recent episodes have included reactions to "Tiger King" and Boris Johnson's hospitalization — and chronicling this unprecedented moment in history.

Lambert, meanwhile, is trying to figure out a way to bring "Gogglebox" to the U.S., although "The People's Couch," a 2016 attempt by Bravo, was canceled after one season.

Perhaps the months American have spent in lockdown, warming their hands at the electronic hearth, will make the next attempt more successful. That would be the ultimate COVID-19 work-around, and a small but sterling silver lining.

Rocks

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The latest also have a signature: "AFA," as in Abigail Allen, the 14-year-old home-schooled student who lives on Juneway Terrace with her family. She figures she's painted 70 rocks in the past couple of weeks, then quietly, stealthily, while Juneway is still, she's darted about with a backpack weighed down with her stones, placing each.

"At first, I didn't think anyone would notice the rocks, then they started disappearing and I got sad because some were my favorite rocks," she said. "Now I think it's OK to take them. I wrote 'Keep me or hide me' on the backs of some rocks."

"When neighbors started asking who was doing it, I added my initials. An artist puts their name on their masterpieces. These are not masterpieces; they're pieces of kindness. I just wanted anyone stressing about the world to realize there is some good still out there."

There's also more to this than warmth and fuzzies.

Painted rocks carrying inspirational sayings, left in public places for anyone to stumble across, have become the 21st-century answer to the message in a bottle, dropped into an ocean. A few years before the pandemic, as the Great Recession began receding, "kindness rocks," as they're often dubbed, became a viral sensation through Facebook, popular with parents, teachers and small municipalities still in need of affordable art projects.

Now, in a pandemic, with swaths of time available to students and parents, and a population eager for any sign of hope, we're seeing a renewed avalanche of kindness. The headlines alone are growing familiar: a second grader in Las Vegas paints rocks for his neighbors; a 6-year old in the Bay Area paints rocks for his neighbors; and a woman on Martha's Vineyard paints rocks to honor front-line hospital responders there. Abigail Allen of Juneway is not even the only child in *Rogers Park* leaving painted rocks.

But like many things inspirational these days, it all leads back to Oprah.

"I realize I'm not the first person to have painted a message on a rock," said Megan Murphy, who lives on Cape Cod in Massachusetts. "I'm probably not even the first person to do this."

Still, her Kindness Rocks Project, founded in 2015, became a kind of catalyst, which itself began a year earlier at Oprah Winfrey's "The Life You Want" arena tour. Murphy lucked into backstage passages.

"I was going through a difficult time, I had a business I was unhappy with and I was finding it difficult to make a change," Murphy said. "I had like five seconds with Oprah. And she told me to be in service of others and I would find my purpose."

"So I went home and started volunteering, started teaching English. I took a trip to India. Then one day on the beach, I found some heart-shaped rocks."

At the urging of her daughter, she added a hashtag to each rock she painted. And a movement was born.

Today, Murphy is a self-described "women's empowerment coach, business mentor, kindness activist, meditation instructor and lecturer," and the Kindness Rocks Project is a trademarked entity that sells \$20 Kindness Rocks painting kits and branded markers.

"It began as a kind of art therapy for me," she said. "But if it's taking off again right now, that's because people are looking for anything they can offer, if even just some small gesture. They need

a way to connect to others."

But is it art? Were you even wondering that?

Lydia Ross, the director of public art for Chicago, has been.

She said when she talks to her art-world colleagues these days, she's been insisting: "The public art canvas of the moment are windows and streets. A boy across the street from me here (in Bucktown) has been writing jokes on huge pieces of paper and pasting them in his living-room window. I mean, if (controversial sculptor) Maurizio Cattelan can tape a banana to a wall at Art Basel Miami and call it art (as he did this past December), I'm not sure how much different that is from a young person who leaves painted rocks or a boy putting up jokes in their windows."

"There's a fine line between saying everything is art and the care and thought that goes into some larger projects, yet the intended outcome can be the same: These kids are putting something into a built environment, with the purpose of communicating to an audience, even if it's a light generous gesture."

"I'm not calling a neighborhood kid with an art project an artist, but I take it seriously."

Some communities have.

In San Antonio, Texas, for instance, park officials have asked visitors to keep their kindness stones to themselves. They see it as littering.

Ann Zediker started the Kindness Rocks Naperville initiative in 2017; it's since become a staple of spring on the Naperville Riverwalk, with hundreds of rocks painted and left for discovery. But getting there meant meeting with the local park district and establishing where rocks should be left (outside of mower trails and away from high spaces) and what kind of messages would be allowed.

She said other than a brief complaint when someone (jokingly) left a rock painted with the message "Hello Stupid" at the end of a driveway, it's been great.

Abigail Allen herself ran into resistance at first.

Inspired by painted rocks she noticed along the shoreline in Western Michigan, she was picking rocks on an Evanston beach when someone called the police to report Allen wasn't socially distancing. Other than that, said her father, Michael Allen, a former pastor, Abigail has experienced nothing but love for her rocks.

"We watch with great delight from our sun-room as people stop, read the rocks, take pictures," he said. "For a while, nobody knew for sure who was doing it. Still, we had a kind of reputation on the street."

Juneway Terrace is tight, intimate, unusually constructed — it's a two-way street for only a hundred feet or so — with houses that somewhat resemble the turrets of castles, minus their castles. There have been cookie exchanges and neighbors making masks for their neighbors.

Juneway is set against Calvary Cemetery (resting place to many a forgotten Chicago mayor), and arty-enough looking that a crumpled White Claw can alongside a rock that reads "FOR-GIVE" comes across like an art installation about the environment.

Denise Martin, who lives a few house down from the Allens, has two of Abigail's rocks nestled between the toes of the stone lions stretching out at the end of her driveway. On a Sunday afternoon, she's just returning from delivering more of Abigail's rocks to friends around Chicago. She put in a special order and gave the teenager \$25.

"It's not like Abigail is charging the city," Martin said. "It's just a very cool thing she's doing."

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Ave., a real Vancouver-area address where filming took place. He gets home delivery of the Chicago Commenter newspaper, which looks an awful lot like the Chicago Tribune.

When Wellsley dies, a van labeled "coroner" and a police car marked "Chicago Metro Law Enforcement" visit his home. The Medical Examiner's office probes deaths in Cook County, not a coroner.

There is some good news. The film does feature a few "L" shots, and no one wears a "Chicago" hat like in "The Princess Switch," another Netflix movie set in Chicago and filmed elsewhere.

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Jessie T. Usher and Camila Mendes star in the Netflix movie "Dangerous Lies."

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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

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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

PIZZA TIME

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

Boggle BrainBusters!
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 = 5 points
8 letters = 6 points
9 letters = 10 points
10 letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING
151+ = Champ
101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31-60 = Garner
21-30 = Rookie
11-20 = Amateur
0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST SIX CHESS PIECES in the grid of letters.

GAME KING MOVE PAWN PIECE BOARD

WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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ACROSS

- My Children"
- Daytime serials
- "Better ___ Ted"
- "___ to Me"; Tim Roth series
- Popular sitcom geek
- Suffix for event or habit
- So. state
- "Matty's Funnies with ___ and Cecil"; cartoon series of old
- Mailman's beat: abbr.
- One of the Obamas
- Shed crocodile tears
- Actor on "Salvation"
- Group of craftsmen or merchants
- Home for the Loudons on "Newhart"
- Do a lawn chore
- "___ Bilko"; Steve Martin movie
- Climbing plants
- Actress on "The Good Place"
- 1956 Liz Taylor/Rock Hudson film
- Actor Tom ___
- Actress/director Ullmann
- Actress Tambllyn

DOWN

- "Woe is me!"
- Purple shade
- Dog restraint
- Outback or Forester
- Miner's discovery
- Letters on a wanted poster
- Animal enclosure
- More devious
- "___ Own"; Ralph Louis Harris sitcom
- Make more plump
- Escape
- Broom Hilda, for one
- Miss Piggy's word for herself
- "The sky's the ___!"
- "___ Lucy"
- Moses or Meese
- Winter Olympics sport
- Actor Peter ___
- The ___ Man; Oz visitor
- Film critic Roger & his kin
- Stitch
- "60 Minutes" journalist Lesley
- Jim Croce's "Bad, Bad ___ Brown"
- Peruvian pack animal
- Delight
- Faucet problem
- "Give ___ Sailor"; Betty Grable/Bob Hope film
- Prohibit
- Prior to

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CATEU
TREXE
XREVOT
ARYPOD

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: When the director asked the movie star to do the scene again, she — — —

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.

Indian city	Not explained	Cat call	Female dancer	Resigned remark	Cake layer	Actress Periman	H. Rider Haggard novel	Related	Cry of success
				6	Undue speed				Play (with)
Football Hall-of-Famer Greasy					"Harper Valley ___"	Multitude	Kook		
Green energy source								2	Legal action
					Trust	Adorable	24 hours		
Coyote calls	3	Cast-of-thousands film	Lowdown						Initial chip
Vice ___					Maiden name indicator	Naval rank	Fitting		Cell phone message
Prefix for center			Prisoner of war						
					Adult-to-be			7	Burden
Norse god of war	Secret store			8					1
						Bread choice			

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Pirates

B	L	A	K	J	O	L	L	Y	
S	L	I	A	S	R	E	G	O	R
L	A	N	D	B	O	N	E	S	P
L	U	K	S	C	O	T	O	L	O
T	N	E	R	R	S	R	A	R	
A	A	C	C	B	A	T	Y	T	
L	P	I	L	C	R	I	U	O	R
S	H	B	U	R	I	E	D	A	O
E	R	U	S	A	E	R	T	R	R

Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes, if any):

- BLACK SAILS
- BUCCANEER
- BURIED TREASURE
- CLIPPER
- CORSAIR
- JOLLY ROGER
- PARROT
- PORT ROYAL
- SKULL AND BONES
- TALL SHIP
- TORTUGA

This is a zigzag word search puzzle. Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle. There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.

ANSWER:
ANSWER:



8 Find differences



WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Tiffany Lonsdale

“Siren” (9 p.m., FREE): In the new episode “The Island,” Ryn (Eline Powell) discovers a refuge providing shelter to some injured mermaids who somehow escaped Tia’s (Tiffany Lonsdale) violent power grab. Meanwhile, Ben and Xander (Alex Roe, Ian Verdun) find themselves caught in a high-stakes battle with Tia’s troops, and Maddie (Fola Evans-Akingbola) tries to placate Robb (Deniz Akdeniz) with half-truths to ensure his discretion.

“Last Man Standing” (7 p.m., FOX): Vanessa (Nancy Travis) tries to recreate a childhood tradition for her girls — without Mike (Tim Allen) — as daughter Eve (guest star Kaitlyn Dever) returns home for a weekend visit in the Season 8 finale, “How Do You Like Them Pancakes?” Meanwhile, Jen (Krista Marie Yu) asks Ed and Chuck (Hector Elizondo, Jonathan Adams) to help her catch an office lunch thief, and Kristin’s (Amanda Fuller) big day finally arrives.

“Man With a Plan” (7:31 p.m., CBS): Taking momentary leave of his husbandly senses, Adam (Matt LeBlanc) buys a boat without even talking to Andi (Liza Snyder), triggering an argument that eventually lands the couple on the couch in the office of their therapist, Dr. Felicia (guest star Merrin Dungey), in the new episode “Couples Therapy.” Kevin Nealon, Kali Rocha, Stacey Keach and Swoosie Kurtz also star.

“Station 19” (8 p.m., ABC): As Andy (Jaina Lee Ortiz) returns to work, she and Jack (Grey Damon) find themselves fighting to save people trapped in a collapsing bowling alley, in the new episode “The Ghosts That Haunt Me.” Elsewhere, Maya (Danielle Savre) gets a visit from her mother, Katherine (Ivana Schein), and Ben (Jason George) confronts Sullivan (Boris Kodjoe) about his drug addiction.

“Broke” (8:30 p.m., CBS): Javier and Elizabeth (Jaime Camil, Natasha Leggero) think it’s high time for both Jackie and Luis (Pauley Perrette, Izzy Diaz) to get back into the social scene, so they set the pair up on blind dates in the new episode “Dates.” Later, Elizabeth has a hard time forging a connection with her nephew Sammy (Antonio Corbo), even though the boy adores Javier.

“Council of Dads” (9 p.m., NBC): In a new episode called “I’m Not Fine,” Robin (Sarah Wayne Callies) wrestles with how a “council of dads” system could work on a practical basis in their daily lives as Larry (Michael O’Neill) undertakes his responsibilities with a disconcerting amount of passion. Thalia Tran also stars.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor-comic Chris O’Dowd.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Model Gigi Hadid; Thom Yorke performs.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Paul Giamatti.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m. 11:36 p.m., ABC): Singer-songwriter Mandy Moore.*

* Subject to change

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THURSDAY EVENING, APR. 30

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS	2	Young Sheldon (N)	Man With a Plan (N) ©	Man With a Plan (N) ©	Broke: “Dates.” (N)	Tommy: “This Is Not a Drill.” (N) ©	News (N) ♦
	NBC	5	Council of Dads: “Pilot.” ©	Blindspot: “I Came to Sleigh.” (Season Premiere) (N) ©	Blindspot: “I Came to Sleigh.” (Season Premiere) (N) ©	Blindspot: “I Came to Sleigh.” (Season Premiere) (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	ABC	7	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N) ©	Station 19: “The Ghosts That Haunt Me.” (N) ©	Station 19: “The Ghosts That Haunt Me.” (N) ©	Station 19: “The Ghosts That Haunt Me.” (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	WGN	9	black-ish ©	black-ish: “Churched.” ©	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)
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		10 Parks That Changed America ©		All the Queen’s Horses	Illinois Country (N) ♦
	CW	26.1	Katy Keene (N) ©		In the Dark (N) ©		Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U	26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall ©		Steve Wilkos Show (N)	Paternity
	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ©
	Bounce	26.5	Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor (PG-13, ‘13) *		“Week Five.” ©		“Not Easily Broken” ** ♦	
	FOX	32	Last Man Standing (Season Finale) (N) Standing	Last Man Standing	(8:01) Mental Samurai: “Week Five.” ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family
Ion	38	Chicago P.D.: “Fagin.”		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago ♦	
Telem	40	Cennet (N) ©		100 dias para enam (N)		La reina del sur 2 (N)	Chicago (N)	
MNT	54	Chicago P.D. ©		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI	Chicago ♦	
UniMas	60	¿Qué culpa tiene	Nosotr.	Nosotr.		Noticiero (N)	Vas con todo ♦	
WJVS	62	Paid Prog.	Light Shined	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Dn. Carson	
Univ	66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Sin miedo a la verdad	Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE		The First 48 (N) ©		The First 48: Killer (N)		60 Days In (Season Finale) (N) ©	First 48 ♦
	AMC		U.S. Marshals (PG-13, ‘98) **		Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes. © (SAP)		Steve Wilkos Show (N)	Star Trek ♦
	ANIM		The Last Alaskans: Arctic Refuge (N)				Yukon Men ©	Yukon ♦
	BBCA		Planet Earth: Africa ©		Planet Earth: Africa ©		Planet Earth: Africa ©	Africa ♦
	BET		♦ B. Brown		The Bobby Brown Story: “Part 2.” ©			Sistas ♦
	BIGTEN		Women’s College Gymnastics From March 23, 2019 at Penn State.				BIG Show	Swimming ♦
	BRAVO		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC (N)		Top Chef (N) ©	Watch (N)
	CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦
	COM		Key & Peele	Key & Peele	Key & Peele	Key & Peele	Key & Peele	Daily (N) ♦
	DISC		Naked and Afraid XL ©		Naked and Afraid XL ©		Naked and Afraid XL ©	Afraid ♦
	DISN		Bunk’d ©	Bunk’d ©	Raven	Roll With It	Gabby	Coop
	E!		The Kardashians (N)		Total Bellas (N) ©		The Kardashians	Nightly (N)
	ESPN		College Football					SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2		The Last Dance		The Last Dance ©		The Last Dance ©	Electronic ♦
	FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News
	FOOD		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Restaurant: Impossible (N) ©			Restaurant ♦
	FREE		♦ (6) Point Break (R, ‘91) ***	♦ (6) Patrick Swayze. © (SAP)			Siren: “The Island.” (N) ©	700 Club ♦
	FX		♦ (6) Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13, ‘17) *** ©				Better (Sea- Breeders)	Better
	HALL		The Secret Ingredient (NR, 20) Erin Cahill. ©				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	HGTV		Flip or Flop	Flip (N)	Flipping (N)	Flipping 101	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)
	HIST		American Pickers		(8:02) American Pickers		(9:05) American Pickers	Pickers ♦
	HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	LIFE		King	King	King	King	King	King ♦
	MSNBC		All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)
	MTV		Jersey Shore—Vacation		Families of the Mafia ©		Families of the Mafia ©	Ridiculous.
	NATGEO		Alaska State Troopers		Alaska State Troopers		Alaska State Troopers	Troopers ♦
	NBCSCH		Chicago Bulls Classic				Be Chicago: Together We Can	♦
	NICK		Shrek (PG, ‘01) ***	Voices of Mike Myers. ©			Friends ©	Friends ©
	OVATION		♦ (6) The Talented Mr. Ripley (R, ‘99) ***	Matt Damon.			Blue Crush (PG-13, ‘02) ** ©	♦
	OWN		20/20: Homicide		20/20: Homicide		20/20: Homicide	Homicide ♦
	OXY		Mark of a Killer (N) ©		Snapped: “Kayla nelson.”		Mark of a Killer ©	Cults ♦
	PARMT		Four Brothers (R, ‘05) **	Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson. ©			The Italian Job (‘03) *** ♦	
SYFY		♦ (5:37) Pitch Black (R) **		(8:05) Lake Placid (R, ‘99) **	Bill Pullman. ©		Vagrant (N) ♦	
TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	
TCM		Network (R, ‘76) ***	Faye Dunaway, Peter Finch. ©			(9:15) Dog Day Afternoon (‘75) *** ♦		
TLC		My 600-Lb. Life: “Supersized: Dominic’s Story.” (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper	My Feet ♦	
TLN		Wealth	Prayer	Such Were Some of You		Life Today	Like You	
TNT		♦ (5:30) Suicide Squad **		Shaq Life (N)	Shaq Life (N)	London Has Fallen (R, ‘16) ** ♦		
TOON		Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	
TRAV		Portals to Hell (N) ©		Ghost Adventures (N) ©		Portals to Hell (N) ©	Portals ♦	
TVL		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	
USA		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		NCIS: “Check.” ©	NCIS ♦	
VH1		♦ (6:30) Rush Hour (PG-13, ‘98) ***	©	(8:45) Rush Hour 3 (PG-13, ‘07) *	Jackie Chan. ©		♦	
WE		Growing Up Hip Hop ©		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop ©	Love- Loc. ♦	
WGN America		How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	
PREMIUM	HBO		♦ (5:50) Long Shot (R) ***		We’re Here (N) ©		Westworld ©	We’re ♦
	HBO2		We’re Here ©		The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13, ‘11) **	Matt Damon.		Bad Educa ♦
	MAX		Collateral Beauty (PG-13, ‘16) **		(8:40) Enemy of the State (R, ‘98) ***	Will Smith. ♦		
	SHO		♦ (6:50) Shameless ©		Penny Dreadful: City	Desus	Californicat.	Desus (N)
	STARZ		♦ (5:49) Superfly (‘18) **		(7:47) Vida	(8:25) Zombieland: Double Tap (R) **		Vida © ♦
STZNC		♦ She’s Having a Baby **		Vertical Limit (PG-13, ‘00) **	Chris O’Donnell.		Dude ♦	



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Irrfan Khan also had roles in “Jurassic World,” “The Amazing Spider-Man” and “Life of Pi.”

IRRFAN KHAN 1967-2020

Indian actor in crossover hit ‘Slumdog Millionaire’

Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Irrfan Khan, 53, a veteran character actor in Bollywood movies and one of India’s best-known exports to Hollywood, has died.

Khan played the police inspector in “Slumdog Millionaire” and the park executive Masrani in “Jurassic World.” He also appeared in “The Amazing Spider-Man” and the adventure fantasy “Life of Pi.” Khan died Wednesday after being admitted to Mumbai’s Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani hospital with a colon infection.

“Irrfan was a strong soul, someone who fought till the very end and always inspired everyone who came close to him,” a statement released by the actor’s team said.

Khan made his screen debut in the Academy Award-nominated 1988 drama “Salaam Bombay!” a tale of Mumbai’s street children. He worked with directors Mira Nair, Wes Anderson and Ang Lee.

In 2018, Khan was diagnosed with a rare neuroendocrine cancer and underwent months of treatment in the United Kingdom.

“I trust, I have surrendered,” he wrote in a heartfelt note after he broke the news of his battle with cancer.

Khan won a number of film awards in India, including a 2012 Indian National Film Award for best actor for his performance in “Paan Singh Tomar,” a tale of a seven-time national champion athlete who quit India’s armed forces to rule the Chambal ravines in central India.

Khan received an Independent Spirit Award for supporting actor in 2006 for the Indian American drama “The Namesake” and a viewers’ choice award at the Cannes festival 2013 for his role in the Indian romantic drama “The Lunchbox.”

Khan also starred in the Hamlet-inspired “Haider,” a Bollywood film set in militarized Himalayan

Kashmir.

Tributes came from Bollywood, including from fellow actor Amitabh Bachchan, who said Khan was an “incredible talent” and “a prolific contributor to the World of Cinema.”

Khan “left us too soon,” Bachchan wrote on Twitter.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted that “Khan’s demise is a loss to the world of cinema and theatre.”

In an interview with The Associated Press in 2018, Khan said: “I’ve seen life from a completely different angle. You sit down and you see the other side and that’s fascinating. I’m engaged on a journey.”

Khan’s last Bollywood movie, “Angrezi Medium,” a sequel to one of his biggest hits, “Hindi Medium” (2017), was released before India went into a lockdown in March because of the coronavirus pandemic.

He is survived by his wife, TV writer and producer Sutapa Sikdar, and two sons.

Moshfegh mines feelings of loneliness again in latest work

BY LAUREN CHRISTENSEN
The New York Times

LOS ANGELES — It was the spring of 2015 in Oakland, California, and Ottessa Moshfegh was all alone.

She had published some short stories and a novella, but it would be months before her first novel, “Eileen,” would earn her a living, a place on the Booker Prize shortlist and a name.

After completing an MFA at Brown and a fellowship at Stanford (where she never felt she belonged), the native New Englander was now living friendless across the bay from San Francisco, on the cusp of completing a story collection, “Homesick for Another World.” Letting go of it, though, afflicted her with a grief so intense she could only overcome it through more writing.

“It was almost like someone had died when I finished that book,” Moshfegh, 38, said in early February over lunch. “My future was so terrifying I needed to write something to get me onto the other side of an experience.”

So she forced her mind into the present using a strict regimen: She’d get down 1,000 words a day, without looking back, “until I’d reached the conclusion of something.”

Once she had she immediately abandoned it in a drawer, only to rediscover it four years and three books later. That manuscript will be published later this year as her third novel, “Death in Her Hands.”

An eerie tour through an aging woman’s psyche as it loosens its grip on reality, the book reads as a noir, a riff on the tropes of detective fiction. But for Moshfegh, it’s simpler than that and more personal.

“I wrote it for myself,” she said. “It’s a loneliness



JESSICA LEHRMAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Ottessa Moshfegh, author of the forthcoming novel “Death in Her Hands,” at her home in LA in February.

story.” The book was originally scheduled to come out this spring, followed by an international publicity tour. In a cruel irony, the reason all that’s been postponed — the social distancing required to contain the coronavirus — is the very reason readers might find this “loneliness story” relatable.

Penguin Press has not specified the new publication date, but it will likely be this summer.

Six years into the game, Moshfegh has built her reputation on characters who exist on the margins of society.

They are murderers, substance abusers, deadbeats, perverts. She reveals them at their least refined: They fantasize about being raped or are themselves violent; they vomit; they release “torrential, oceanic” excrement.

She hopes “Death in Her Hands” won’t inspire the conversations about attractiveness and gentility that have surrounded her previous work.

“People don’t want to talk about how they relate to a character’s more unsavory qualities,” she said. “So they’re like, ‘God, she was really gross.’ Everybody’s so obsessed with being liked.”

Not Moshfegh’s protagonists. McClue, the title

character of her 2014 novella, is a drunk sailor, imprisoned for killing his best friend. Eileen is a solipsistic, laxative-addicted prison clerk-turned-accessory to murder who enables her father’s alcoholism as much as she suffers from it.

Here, a beautiful, tormented 20-something is trying, with the help of prescription narcotics, to black out of life altogether.

Vesta Gul, in “Death in Her Hands,” escapes into delusion. Mourning her controlling, Mr. Casaubon-like husband, Walter, Vesta lives in a secluded lake cabin — inspired, the author said, by an abandoned Girl Scouts camp in Maine that her mother bought in the 1990s. Since adolescence Moshfegh has spent long stretches of time there, by herself, frightened.

“It’s like, ‘The call is coming from inside the house,’” she said. “That’s the scary thing.”

Entering the peak of her career, Moshfegh recognizes the path has narrowed. Vesta’s physical and mental decline — “that’s just around the corner for me, in the grand scheme of things,” Moshfegh said.

Despite earlier attempts to deny that mortality, Moshfegh, now sober and approaching her 40s, feels “more embodied than I expected to be.”

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 30): Expand perspectives and boundaries this year. Your career benefits from organization and consistent action. Collaborate around a shared financial challenge this summer, before a creative flurry produces brilliant results.

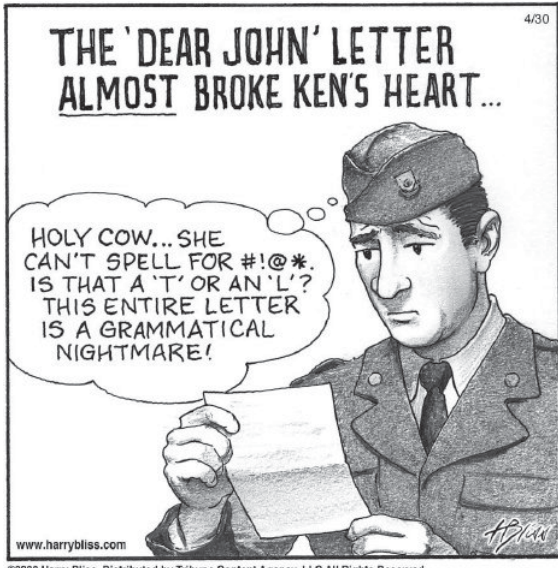
Adjust travels to conditions on the ground.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Take it easy. Handle practical matters first. Forgive miscommunications. Things may not go as expected. Focus to avoid hidden dangers.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Slow and listen. Domestic matters have your focus. If one direction doesn't work, try another. Share patience and compassion, especially with family.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. You're learning quickly, although sometimes the hard way. Adapt communications for blockages or delays. Reschedule carefully. Expect the unexpected. Share vital information with clarity.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Stay practical with finances. Adapt to new circumstances. Estimate what's needed and adjust budgets to suit. A sense of humor is worth gold.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Take charge. Self-discipline is required. Take care of yourself so you can take care of others. Talk is cheap and misunderstandings abundant.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Abandon preconceptions and assumptions. Things may not be as they seem. Defer gratification when needed. Get privately productive.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Revise team strategies to adapt for current changes. Delays, breakdowns or miscommunications could frustrate things. Patiently clarify and untangle. Together, you're a powerful force.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Adapt to shifting circumstances with your industry or profession. Teamwork helps with a test or challenge. Collaborate with your crew to navigate unexpected waters.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 6. Determine the best direction for your educational journey. Review financial and practical considerations. Anticipate changes and wait for developments. Details still need to be resolved.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Strategize with your partner to manage finances. Tempers could be short. Have patience with each other. Some ideas don't work.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Collaboration is key. Keep your cool despite rampant misunderstandings. Provide support and partnership in unexpected conditions. Talk later.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Slow around sharp corners. Watch your step carefully with shifting conditions and terrain. Proceed with caution. Use gentleness rather than force.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, West deals

North		East	
♠ 97532	♥ A J 9 6	♠ 8	♥ 7 4
♦ 10 5 2	♣ 10	♦ A K Q 8 4 3	♣ J
West		South	
♠ Q J 6 4	♥ 10 3	♠ A K 10	♥ K Q 8 5 2
♦ A K Q 8 4 3	♣ J	♦ 7	♣ Q 7 5 3

Aggressive bidding seems to be the norm in the modern game. We must say that aggressive bidding stories seem to be followed by happy endings more often than by sad ones, at least in the literature.

South in today's deal was French star Cedric Lorenzini, a recent ACBL Player of the Year. His three-heart bid was certainly aggressive.

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	3♠*	3♥
3♠	4♥	All pass	

*Natural and invitational

Opening lead: Ace of ♦

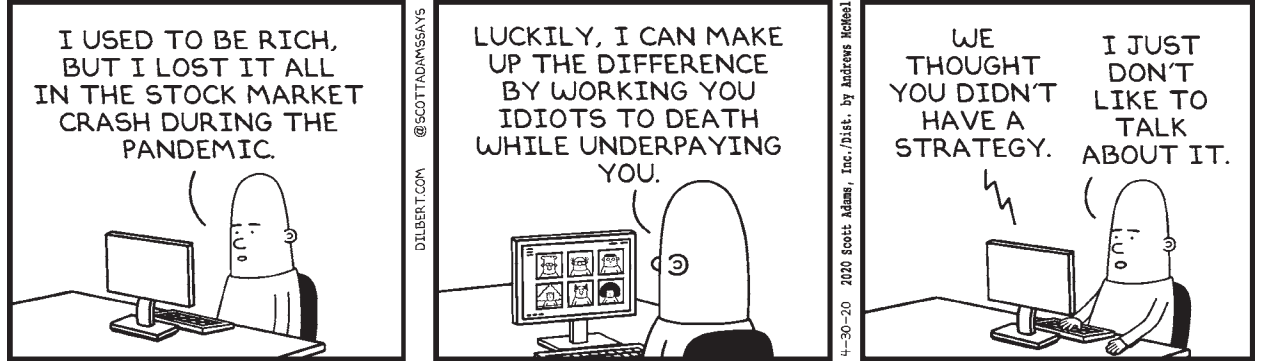
he was in with a chance to score up a game. He might have been doubled, but this deal was played in Paris, and no one doubles Lorenzini in France.

West shifted to a trump at trick two. Lorenzini won with dummy's jack and led a club. East stepped up with his king and led his singleton spade. Lorenzini won with his ace and quickly cross-ruffed five minor-suit tricks ending in dummy. A spade from dummy and East was helpless. East chose to ruff, so Lorenzini played the 10 of spades. He ruffed the ensuing club from East, drew the last trump, and claimed. Just another happy ending!

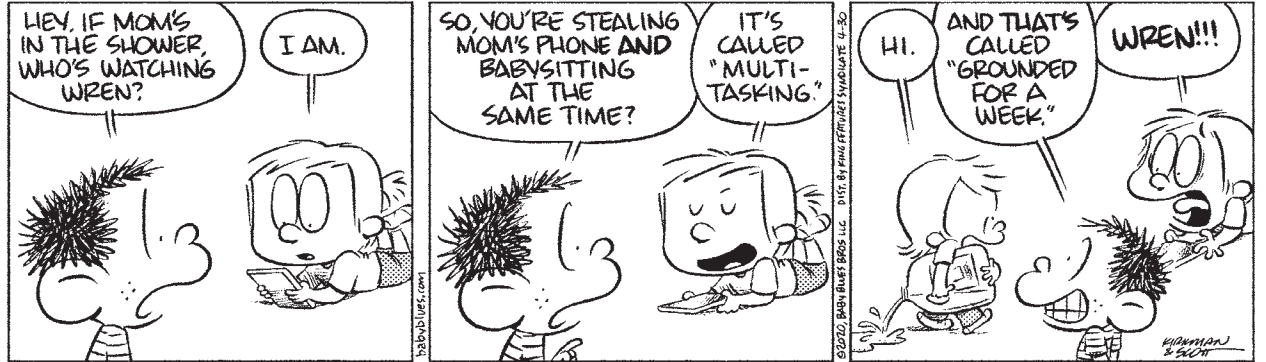
Note that a second trump from East, rather than a spade, would not have defeated the contract. Lorenzini would have won and played the ace, king, and another spade. He would eventually set up dummy's nine of spades for a club discard and make his contract that way.

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

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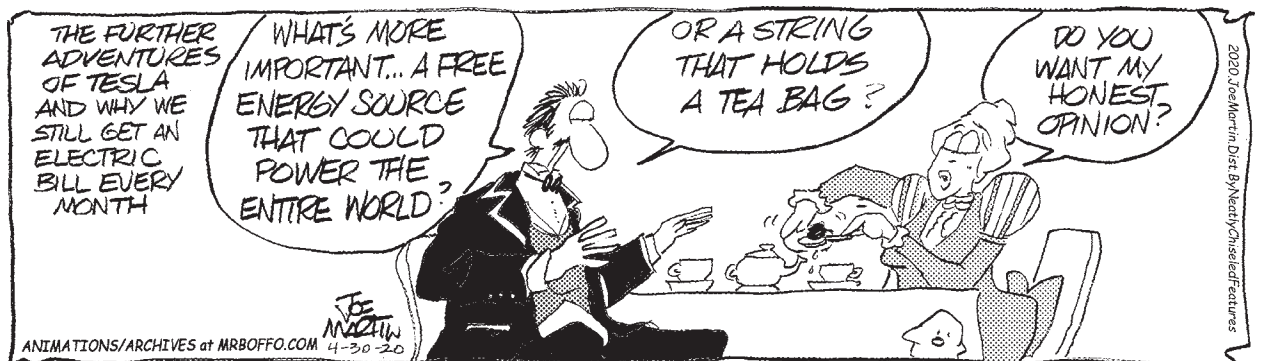
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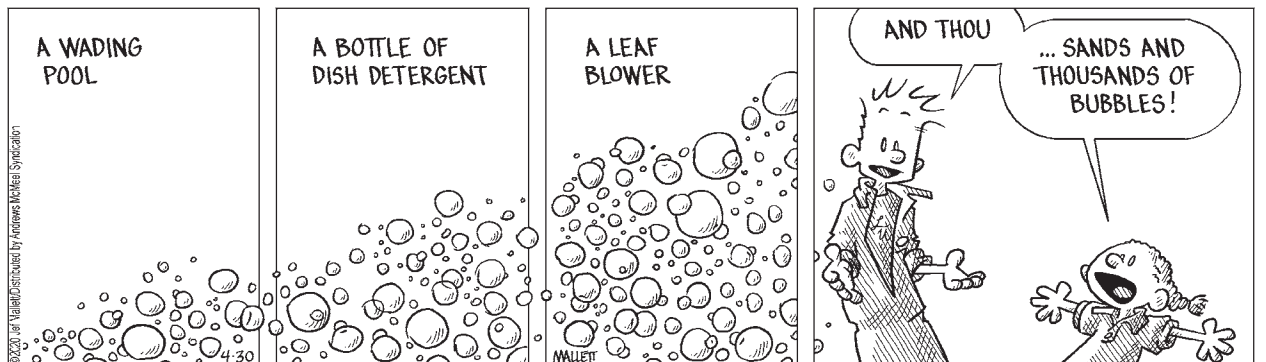
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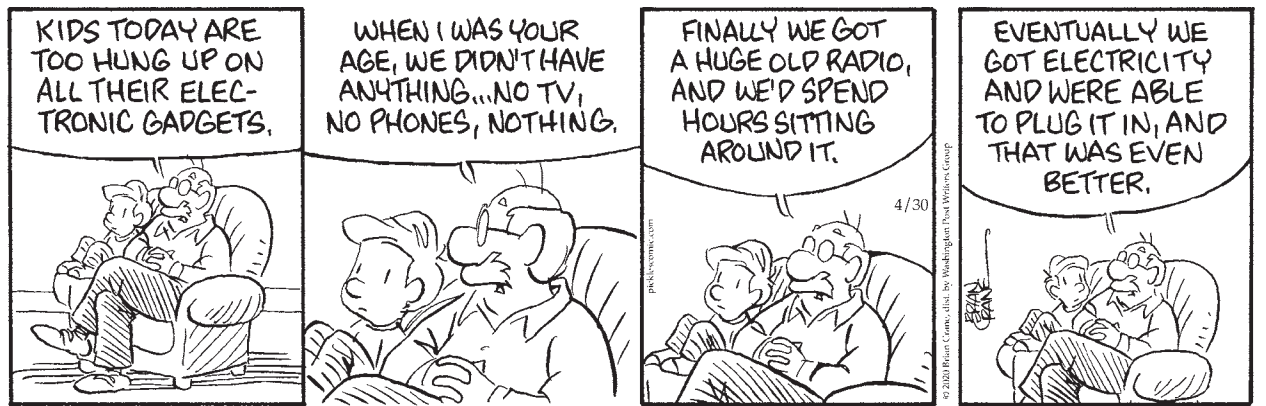
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Classic Peanuts



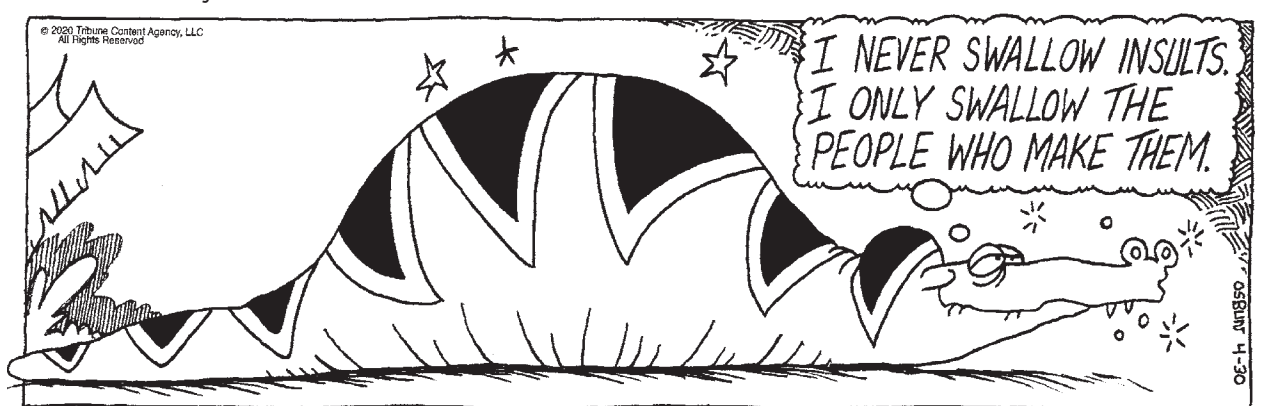
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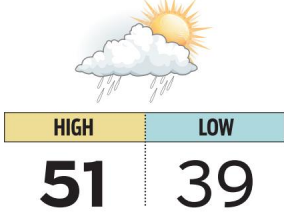
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THURSDAY, APRIL 30 NORMAL HIGH: 65° NORMAL LOW: 44° RECORD HIGH: 91° (1942) RECORD LOW: 30° (1873)

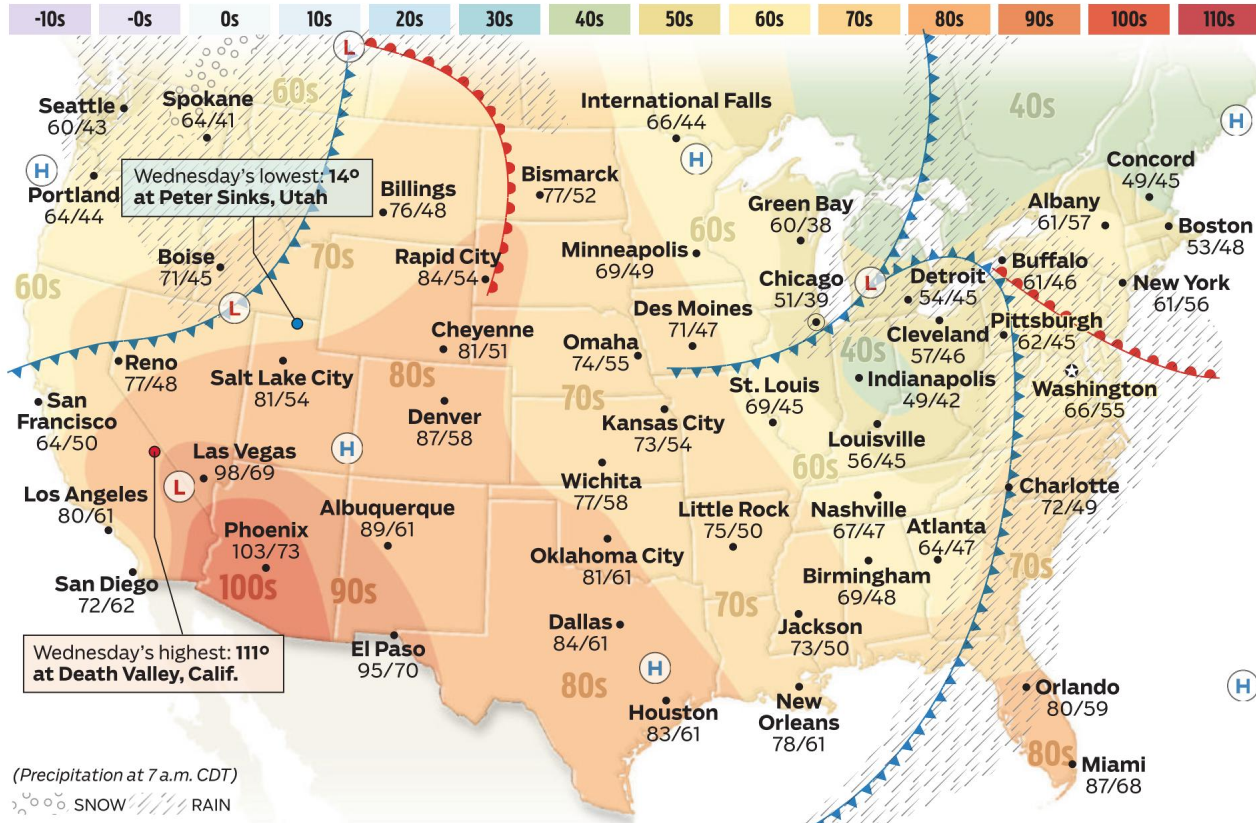
Low pressure departs as rain ends Thursday

LOCAL FORECAST



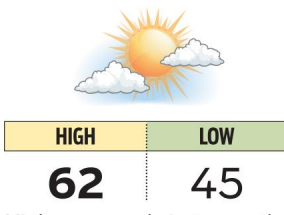
- **Lakeshore Flood Warning for Thursday.**
- The persistent low pressure system finally moves off to the east allowing rain to end most of the area by mid-day.
- Morning showers end for the most part by noon with sun breaking through at least in westernmost sections by the afternoon.
- High temps upper 40s to mid 50s, some 12-15 degrees below normal for this date.
- W winds gusting to 40 mph build damaging waves along the Illinois and Indiana shoreline.
- N winds diminish. Partly cloudy skies overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



The center of low pressure finally slowly drifts off to the east and rain ends from west to east across our area during the forenoon. Clouds eventually break especially in western portions Thursday afternoon ending a nearly 48 hour period of cloudy skies. Our sunshine for April stands at 48% of possible and the normal is 52%. It looks increasingly like this will be the fourth consecutive month of below normal sunshine. The upper air pattern will change drastically by Saturday, with the low pressure system moving off the east coast and a ridge of high pressure building in the Plains, resulting in temps surging back into the 70s here. However, another weaker weather disturbance will be developing to our west that will increase clouds and bring a chance of showers later this weekend.

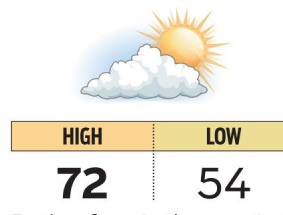
FRIDAY, MAY 1



High pressure brings mostly sunny skies and milder temps for the first day of May. Highs in the low 60s with readings closer to 50° right along the lakefront. Partly cloudy overnight. Easterly component to the winds 8-15 mph.



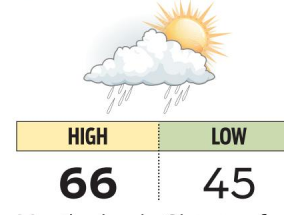
SATURDAY, MAY 2



Peaks of sun in the morning with gradually thickening clouds. Warmer with highs 70-75. Chance of light showers late afternoon into the evening hours. Mostly cloudy overnight. Southerly winds shift west overnight.



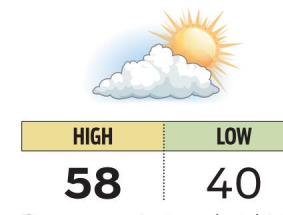
SUNDAY, MAY 3



Mostly cloudy. Chance of showers mainly during the afternoon. High temps in the middle 60s. A chance of showers in the evening, becoming partly cloudy overnight. Light winds.



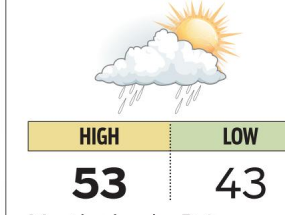
MONDAY, MAY 4



Some morning sun but high and mid-level clouds increase as the day progresses. Highs in the upper 50s with cooler readings at the lakefront. Clouds lower and thicken overnight with a chance of showers toward morning.



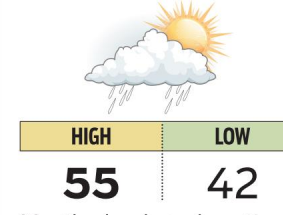
TUESDAY, MAY 5



Mostly cloudy. Rain chances increase by afternoon. Cooler with breezy winds off the lake. Highs 50-55 with readings in the upper 40s at the lakefront. Cloudy with rain likely overnight.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 6



Mostly cloudy and continued rather cool – highs in the middle 50s still well below normal for this date. Becoming partly cloudy overnight. Northerly winds.



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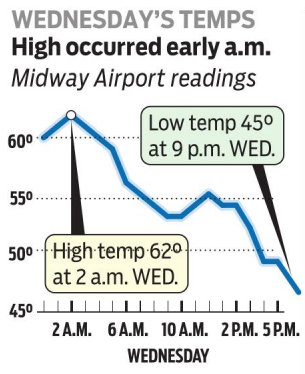
Dear Tom,
 What caused the "Dust Bowl?" Thanks.
 Peter Bedell,
 Chicago's Lincoln Park

Dear Peter,
 The Dust Bowl was the result of four droughts occurring in quick succession, with the worst conditions occurring in 1930, 1934 and 1936. That's the conclusion of a study by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska. While the exact cause is unknown, poor farming practices – namely, the destruction of native prairie grasses – exacerbated the effects of the prolonged dry weather. Without a protective vegetative cover, the soil was vulnerable to winds that raised massive dust storms. The mitigation center believes persistent jet stream patterns that steered rain away from the drought areas are a likely cause of the droughts.

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Rain ends as north winds build lakefront waves; warmup Sat.

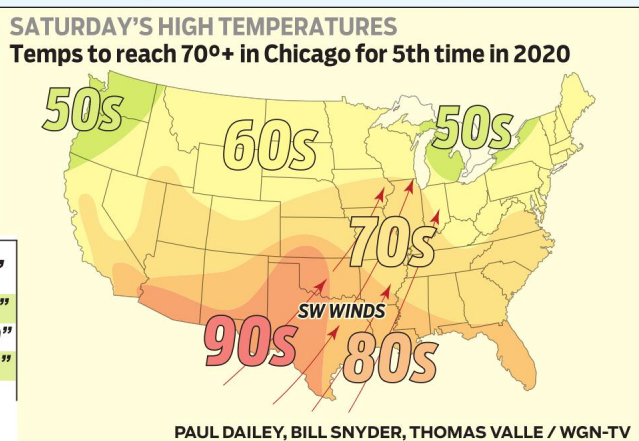
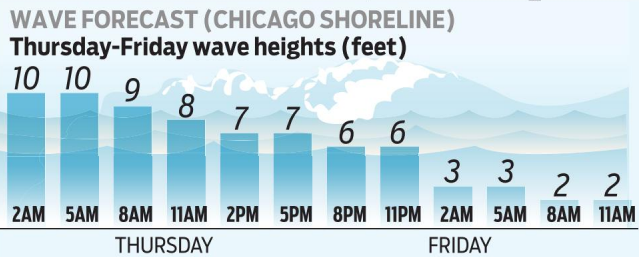


AREA RAINFALL TOTALS
 Through 5 p.m. Wednesday

Libertyville	3.41"	2-DAY TOTALS
Flossmoor	3.40"	
Algonquin	2.88"	OFFICIAL: O'HARE 1.52" MIDWAY 2.10"
Harvard	2.62"	Geneva 2.0" Crystal Lake 1.76"
Poplar Grove	2.36"	Vernon Hills 1.98" Downers Grv 1.60"
Wheaton	2.24"	New Lenox 1.98" Arlington Hts 1.49"
McKinley Prk-Chi	2.24"	Huntley 1.95"

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

THURSDAY
 Lakeshore and river flooding due to heavy rains/strong winds
 — Lakeshore Flood Warnings Thursday



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CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	60	48	Midway	62	48
Gary	63	45	O'Hare	61	48
Kankakee	58	48	Romeoville	60	48
Lakefront	60	44	Valparaiso	60	44
Lansing	na	na	Waukegan	54	45

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.92"	0.12"
April to date	2.68"	3.26"
Year to date	9.73"	9.28"

THURSDAY SUNBURN FORECAST

TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 a.m.	Burn unlikely	
1 p.m.*	Over 60 minutes	
4 p.m.	Burn unlikely	

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind N 16-38 kts.	NNE 4-14 kts.
Waves 8-12 feet	2-4 feet
Wed. shore/crib water temps	53°/51°

WEDNESDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	High
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	0

ILLINOIS AIR QUALITY

Wednesday's reading	Good
Thursday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

SUNSHINE RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	5:47 a.m.	7:48 p.m.
Moon	11:41 a.m.	2:05 a.m.



THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:40 a.m.	7:22 p.m.
Venus	7:28 a.m.	11:20 p.m.
Mars	2:48 a.m.	12:56 p.m.
Jupiter	1:28 a.m.	10:54 a.m.
Saturn	1:44 a.m.	11:19 a.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible
Venus	8:45 p.m. 25° WNW
Mars	4:30 a.m. 16° SE
Jupiter	4:30 a.m. 23° SSE
Saturn	4:30 a.m. 22° SSE

Source: Dan Joyce, Chicago Astronomical Society

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HOME REMEDIES

Put these 4 problem areas on your spring to-do list

BY DIANA CRANDALL
Angie's List

At home, spring isn't just about rolling up your sleeves to dust and polish those hard-to-reach places.

No matter the climate in which you live, now is the right time to give your house a once-over and tackle important spring maintenance before summer settles in.

1. Inspect and clean your roof. April showers bring May flowers — and they also send rainwater rushing over your roof, into your gutters and through your downspouts.

Spring is an ideal time to have a professional check for — and fix — loose or broken shingles, roof leaks and chimney damage. And a good seasonal gutter cleaning will prevent pooling water that can damage your house and attract pests like mosquitoes and termites.

2. Examine your home's exterior. Take a walk around the outside of your



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Cleaning your gutters, checking for roof damage and repairing torn screens are a few ways you can stay on top of spring maintenance at home.

home to search for holes in screens, as well as deteriorating hardware on windows and doors.

While you're at it, look for damage to porches, decks and patios. Has it been a while since you've had your deck treated? If

it's been more than four to six years, tackling this project will help protect the wood from issues like rot, splintering and decay.

Finally, take a look at your siding. Address any loosened panels, water damage or dents as soon as

you can. If the outside of your house looks dirty, give it a wash with the hose. Better yet, have a pro give it a good power washing from top to bottom.

3. Give your lawn and garden some TLC. As

your perennial plants sprout back to life, yank out weeds and address any bald spots in your lawn. Open up closed exterior water lines and check for leaks, or issues with your hoses as you reattach them. Have an irrigation system? Make

sure to turn it back on according to local codes.

If you have big trees on your property, it's not a bad idea to have an arborist come by and make sure they're healthy. Dying trees can create a safety hazard, and pros can often identify and address a problem before it gets worse.

4. Scan your driveway and walkways for cracks and grime. Temperature

swings and tools such as shovels and snowblowers can wreak havoc on concrete and asphalt. Winter and spring storms can also cause a buildup of dirt and sediment in and on your driveway and walkways. Take a look at the surfaces and keep an eye out for cracks, small holes, pooling water or unevenness.

A pro can help with quick repairs to holes or cracks and let you know if there's more serious damage you'll need to address. If you're just looking to brighten things up, consider hosing off or power washing this area along with the exterior of your home.

Try these color combinations from the '80s

BY CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

Black and mauve, red, white and black, black and gold — sound familiar? These are some of the hottest color combinations from the '80s. And now the retro combos have made a comeback.

The '80s: In the 1980s, some of the popular décor trends included a heavy use of mirrors from walls to ceilings. Brass was the luxury finish. And few

color combinations were more popular than black and mauve. Classics such as white, black and red, as well as black and gold, were also on the go-to list. As trends and tastes changed, the color combinations to some became outdated. Fast forward to today, and they are now being viewed as modern and fresh.

Black and mauve: Whether black and mauve, black and blush, or black and powder pink, the pairing of black and pink is a

modern color combination. From living rooms to bedrooms, the contrast of the black and a soft pastel gives the feeling of elegance and luxury. Looking for ways to incorporate the colors into your space? Consider starting with a neutral foundation, such as white or taupe, and then adding black and pink through accents and accessories.

Black, white and red: This color combination is strong and bold. What makes it work? For starters,

black and white are superb foundational colors — they blend well with nearly every color of the rainbow and therefore stand the test of time. When red is added, the colorful pop provides vibrancy and interest, as well as a sense of whimsy.

Black and gold: Black and gold may be a color combination that never quite went out of vogue. Modern, classic, elegant and timeless when paired together, the colors can be dressed up or dressed down. When look-



SCOTT MORRIS/TNS

Black, red and white add a bright color pop to this kitchen.

ing for interesting ways to use the colors, consider finishes, artwork, acces-

sories and even architectural details, such as hardware, handles and trims.

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Expect more from your home

Improve its function as a refuge

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press

When your entire life is happening inside your home, it matters how that space feels and functions.

Interior designers often focused on this even before self-quarantine, asking clients how they spend their time at home and how various rooms might make them happier. These questions get at the real purpose of a well-designed home.

And now they seem more important than ever.

“We’re expecting more from our homes than we ever have before, and they can serve us in more ways than we’ve asked in the past,” says New York-based interior designer Carolyn DiCarlo. “We’ve historically looked to trends or magazines to tell us what to put in our homes. But now is a different time. It’s time to consider our home as our personal place of refuge, and how to make that happen.”

Here, DiCarlo and two other interior designers — New York-based Jenny Dina Kirschner and South Carolina-based Elizabeth Stuart — share advice on how they create homes that make clients’ lives better.

These changes don’t have to be complicated or expensive. They just involve asking the right questions.

First: What do you see when you walk in the door?

Entering our homes after a trip to a store has become newly stressful, but it’s always been important, says Stuart. Improving

the first 4 feet of space when you walk in, Stuart says, can improve the way you feel at home.

Especially if you enter through a garage or mudroom, she says, make sure “that first thing you have when you come home is not chaos.”

Consider creating a neater, cleaner entryway with a bench or chair where you can remove shoes (and use hand sanitizer); dedicated spots for items like keys; appealing lighting; and perhaps a diffuser with a calming fragrance. You can even add easy access to something comforting, like a cold drink.

Plan these spaces with your temperament and wellness in mind, DiCarlo says. For example, those prone to depression might benefit from adding warmer colors.

Next, DiCarlo encourages people to walk through each room of their home and notice: Does it feel unwelcoming or disorganized? Which rooms reflect who you are, or aim to be, and which don’t?

“I look to see where their lack of ease is,” DiCarlo explains. “That’s sort of the meat of how you get into this exploration.”

Kirschner recommends a similar approach and says it often leads clients to realize they want more organization or a less sterile, more welcoming home. Gray is a popular color in decor, but a room decorated mainly in stylish gray and white can feel dreary or cold. If so, add bright



ADAM DICARLO/AP

Interior designer Carolyn DiCarlo chose elements that would enliven the owners in the morning, including a crisp shade of white to make the narrow space feel more expansive, strong lines of black tile and a colorful print of Marilyn Monroe.



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Consider creating a neater, cleaner entryway or mudroom with appealing lighting, a bench where you can remove shoes and dedicated spots for items like keys and bags.

colors by ordering a few new items or bringing in bright pieces from other rooms.

And when it becomes possible to renovate again, consider adding or changing windows. Kirschner

had a client who wanted a more open and airy home. “She had a duplex, so we cut a hole out of the ceiling over the living room to get double height,” and added glass panels along one wall, Kirschner says.

Rearranging your furniture to maximize how much light you get at different times of day can be an easy fix, DiCarlo says.

Also consider: Does your home have a center?

While writing a book about using a home to improve wellness and happiness, DiCarlo has been researching sacred spaces. These spaces always have a fixed center from which to gain orientation, she says, and activity flows in and out of that center.

Your “center” doesn’t have to be the literal middle of your home, she says. It could be a welcoming kitchen at the back. But note the flow of activity and energy in and out of it, and perhaps improve it with things like soothing music and healthy green plants.

What about your stuff? Kirschner says clutter adds low-level stress to many homes, yet people tolerate it because they’re busy and aren’t sure how to address it.

During self-quarantine,

clutter may cause even more stress, so consider eliminating unwanted items and creating better storage systems for what remains, Kirschner says. On the flip side, Stuart says, consider whether some items should come out of storage. Do you have a collection of things that would bring you joy if you put it where you’d see it every day?

Last: Where do you do the things that bring you happiness?

Think about where you like to sit — or where you would sit if you had the right chair, says Stuart. Coffee-lovers can create a cozier place to drink their morning coffee, while book lovers could choose exactly the right chair and ottoman, and place them near the right lamp or window. Whether you love knitting or taking long baths, DiCarlo says, make a space for your favorite thing — even if it’s a tiny area — and enjoy it.

You’re “actually making a place not just for refuge,” she says, “but for ritual.”

Before you decide to transplant, make sure the new site is suitable for the shrub. Research the conditions the plant species needs, especially if it's struggling in the current spot.



MORTON ARBORETUM

Moving a shrub can be a big job — here's how to do it

BY BETH BOTTS

Sometimes a shrub needs a new home. “When a shrub isn’t working where it is, you may be able to give it a new lease on life by transplanting it,” said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist in the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

There can be good reasons to transplant a shrub. It may no longer be getting enough sun because a tree has grown to shade it. You may have realized that it’s being damaged by winter salt applied to a sidewalk or driveway. When you planted it, you may have underestimated how large it would become.

Still, transplanting has its perils. “The plant will be stressed, and you’ll need to give it extra care for a couple of years,” Yiesla said. “It’s not something to do lightly.”

Before you decide to transplant, make sure the new site is suitable for the shrub. Research the conditions the plant species needs, particularly if it’s struggling in the current spot.

Consider whether you can handle transplanting a large shrub. “Many people underestimate how heavy a shrub can be,” Yiesla said. You may need a dolly to

roll the shrub to its new site or a tarp so you can drag it across the lawn.

Dig the new hole first. “Digging will be much easier if you sharpen the shovel,” she said. Make the hole wide and not too deep, more like a saucer than a bucket. Pile the soil on a tarp nearby.

Then dig up the shrub. “It can be a big job, because you want to dig as large a root ball as you can,” Yiesla said.

Push your shovel vertically into the soil in a circle around the shrub. For a young shrub, the circle should be at least 6 inches out from the base; for an established shrub, it may need to be as much as a foot out. Include as much of the plant’s root system as you can manage.

Then dig under the shrub. You may need to cut some big roots with pruners to get the shrub loose, but try to retain as many large long roots as you can.

Carefully lift or roll the root ball from the hole, keeping as much soil around the roots as you can. Cover the root ball in rags, burlap or a plastic tarp to prevent the roots from drying out as you move the shrub.

Set it in the center of the new hole, making sure the

base of the shrub sits at the level of the surrounding soil, or a little bit higher. “Don’t bury it,” Yiesla said. “Planting too deep can keep the shrub from surviving.” Check that the shrub is standing straight, and fill around the root ball with the soil you dug from the hole.

Tamp the soil down and water the root ball generously. Spread a wide circle of mulch around the shrub in an even layer 3 to 4 inches deep.

You will need to water the shrub regularly for at least two full seasons of growth. “It needs help to regrow its roots, because when you dug it up, you cut off most of its root system,” Yiesla said. Don’t fertilize the shrub; that would push it to grow leaves at the expense of rebuilding its root system.

“The key is to think of a transplanted shrub as a new plant, even if you’ve had it for years,” she said. “It needs all the extra care you’d give to a plant you just bought at a nursery.”

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org/plant-advice, 630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org). Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.

What you need to know as you buy a lawn mower

BY TIM JOHNSON

I have decided to start mowing my lawn this year and would like some advice on how to pick a good mower for my needs. I have an average size, low-maintenance bluegrass lawn.

— Jessica Jefferson, Highland Park

There are many mowers to consider. Start by looking for a mulching mower. Mulching mowers are designed to cut the grass clippings from mowing into fine pieces that are returned to the lawn.

There, they can be rapidly broken down by soil microorganisms, which release nutrients from the mulched plant material back into the soil.

Mulching mowers reduce landscape waste going to compost sites and will save you time that would otherwise be spent bagging grass clippings. I use my mulching mower to grind up most of the fall leaves that end up on the grass.

If you have a lot of trees, you will likely need to rake some of the leaves when they are rapidly falling and piling up on the grass before mowing. Leaving too thick of a layer of ground-up leaves on the lawn after mowing can cause problems.

There is little evidence that grass clippings contribute to the buildup of thatch, but if your lawn already has a thick thatch layer, returning clippings may cause buildup to increase. Thatch is a loose, mixed organic layer of dead and living shoots, stems and roots that develops between the blades of grass and the soil surface. Thatch buildup begins when turf produces organic debris faster than it can be broken down.

Thatch that is too thick keeps water, fertilizer and air from penetrating to the



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roots, and can harbor insects and diseases. Roots may begin growing in the thatch layer and will be more susceptible to drought stress. Thatch does not re-wet easily once dry, and once wet stays wet, providing excellent conditions for disease. Power raking can be done to remove a thick thatch layer of ¾-inch or more. Otherwise, core aerate your lawn to help control thatch and improve growing conditions for the grass.

You will get the best results with a mulching mower by mowing on a regular schedule and when the grass is dry to avoid clumping. Mulching mowers with more powerful engines perform better when the grass has gotten tall or is wet. Avoid leaving clumps of grass on the lawn after mowing.

The size and number of obstacles in your lawn should inform your decision about the best size mower to purchase and whether a self-propelled model would be a good choice. Self-propelled mowers are good for lawns that have lots of slopes. I prefer to use a self-propelled mower that is rear-wheel driven as it is easier to maintain a straight mowing line.

You will be able to cut

faster with a mower that has a wider mowing deck. A larger mower is more difficult to maneuver around obstacles such as trees and light poles. Riding mowers work well for very large lawns. Most mulching mowers come with a bag that gives you the option to collect grass clippings. Mowers with bags that attach to the back of the mower are easier to maneuver around obstacles than mowers with bags that attach on the side. There are also good options for battery-powered mowers.

Be sure to keep your lawn mower in good condition with regular maintenance. Quality care includes changing the oil and filter, inspecting and replacing the spark plug, and cleaning or replacing air filters. The air filters plug up more quickly in fall when you are mowing over dry fall leaves. Keep the mower blades sharp by sharpening them after about every eight hours of use.

For more plant advice, contact the Plant Information Service at the Chicago Botanic Garden at plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org. Tim Johnson is senior director of horticulture at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Epoxy garage floor coatings: I wouldn't

BY TIM CARTER
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Q: I've got problems with some of the concrete on the outside of my home as well as in my garage. There are lots of places where the top finish and layer of the concrete has eroded away. I think it's called spalling. It's worse in some areas than others. My biggest question is if I should transform my concrete garage floor by installing a fancy epoxy coating. They look marvelous in my opinion. What are the pros and cons of this? How would you repair all the other wretched concrete outdoors?

A: Unsightly concrete is an increasingly common problem, if my incoming email is any indication.

First let's discuss a few of the primary reasons why spalling happens to some concrete but not to other concrete nearby. That should be your first clue that the problem likely is poor

workmanship.

Concrete is simply artificial rock. Three of the four ingredients in basic concrete are or were rock at one point. The aggregate is small stones. The sand is thousands of tiny pieces of rock in almost all cases. (Some sand is crushed seashells, but this is rare.) The Portland cement is powdered rock, primarily limestone and shale. The only ingredient that's not rock is water. You need the water to ignite the chemical reaction that transforms the powdered Portland cement back into solid rock again.

Here are just a few things that can go wrong with concrete that can cause spalling and the surface to flake off: The concrete can be mixed with too little Portland cement. Or too much water can be added. Also, water added during the finishing process can dilute the amount of Portland cement in the top layer of the concrete. Finally, the concrete may not have been cured im-

mediately after the finishing process ended.

There's a common misconception that de-icing salts ruin concrete and cause it to spall. The evidence does not support this. What I mean is that you undoubtedly have seen lots of concrete sidewalks, floors, patios, etc., that have had de-icing salt spread on them for years, and yet there's no spalling. Why is that?

The reason that concrete survived the de-icing salts is it was mixed, placed, finished and cured properly. De-icing salts can damage weak concrete just like the big bad wolf blew down the straw house made by the little piggy.

Now, a word on epoxy coatings. Think about a new concrete garage floor for a minute. Imagine how good it looks. It's supposed to be maintenance-free for the most part, right? You just keep it clean with soap and water, and it will look amazing for years.

If you decide to apply one of the many magnificent epoxy

coatings, you introduce a wild card into the equation. You hope that the epoxy will hold and won't peel in places. You hope you'll do everything right during the installation process — a process you've never done before, I might add! You possibly create a new surface that requires more work to keep looking nice than your plain vanilla concrete slab. On a personal note, I'd never install an epoxy finish because I don't want more maintenance.

On to the repair. You can repair and resurface your spalled concrete in any number of ways. You can buy products that apply a very thin coating on the concrete. The larger premixed bagged concrete manufacturers make these, as do some other specialty companies. These products do work, but pay close attention to their limitations.

Deeply spalled concrete can be repaired with a concrete overlay. Think of this as just applying stucco to the concrete. You just mix up some sand, a little hy-

drated lime and Portland cement and trowel this onto the concrete. To get this stucco to bond permanently to the spalled concrete, the old concrete must be clean and solid, with all the loose concrete chipped away.

A very important step, taught to me by a very old and wise concrete mason decades ago, is to apply a very thin coat of cement paint to the old concrete before applying the stucco. You want to spritz the old concrete with a little water to make it damp before applying the Portland cement that you mixed with clean water to the consistency of regular paint. It's important to immediately cover the wet cement paint with the stucco mix.

Concrete overlays can range in thickness from 1/8-inch all the way to 2 inches. As the overlay gets thicker, you need to increase the size of the sand being used. Once the overlay approaches 3/4-inch in thickness, you can introduce pea gravel about the size of a pencil eraser.



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Should I pay off credit card debt before applying for a mortgage?

If you're considering applying for a new or refinanced mortgage, thinking through your credit and debt is an important first step. If you're carrying credit card debt, it's natural to wonder how paying it down will impact your application.

Card debt affects your mortgage request in two ways. The first is your credit score. Qualifying for a good mortgage rate doesn't require excellent credit, but it helps. If you can raise your score above 760, or even 780, you'll likely receive the best rate offers.

Whatever your score, consistently paying your cards on time is the No. 1 way to boost your score. That said, how much card debt you're carrying compared to your available credit line, called card utilization, is also a factor. An account with a high credit limit but a small balance is rated more favorably than one that's maxed to the limit.

So paying down a balance can lower your credit utilization and improve your credit score. If your card isn't maxed out, you can also try requesting a credit limit increase. By not adding more debt after the limit is raised, your credit utilization will improve.

The other way card debt impacts your mortgage application is its impact on your debt-to-income ratio, or the percentage of your monthly income that goes to monthly debt obligations. But the minimum monthly payment is what lenders count here, not the full balance. So unless the total minimum payment on all your cards is very high, this may have little bearing on your mortgage approval.

It's also critical to consider your available cash on hand. Paying down card balances will reduce your cash for a down payment and reserve. So if cash is tight, paying down card balances may hurt your application more than help it.

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